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1988 VW GTI, 1.6V, white, \$12500. Stock Number-0740. Limon Volkswagen, Route 83, Vernon, 649-2638.

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1984 Mercury Capri, brown, \$3895. Stock Number-0756. Limon Volkswagen, Route 83, Vernon, 649-2638.

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About Town

Club meets tonight

The East of the River Diabetes Club will hold its annual holiday party today at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Manchester Memorial Hospital. Nancy Egelhofer, dietician, will lead a discussion and answer questions concerning holiday foods. Marie Seybolt, social worker, and Fran Idzikowski, a registered nurse who is a diabetes teaching nurse at the hospital, will also take part in the program. Refreshments will be served.

Grange plans open house

Coverity Grange No. 75 will hold an open house Thursday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall on Route 44. There is no charge. There will be a video tape of entertainment by Connecticut Grangers taken while they were attending the New England Lecturer's Conference in Rindge, N.H.

Bridge game results posted

The following are the results of the Dec. 5 and 12 games of the Manchester AM Bridge Club. The Dec. 5 games were for the open pair club championship and overall winners were Linda Simmons and Peg Arsenaux.

Dec. 5 North-south: Al Berggren and John Greene, first; Hal Luca and Carol Luca, second; and Linda Simmons and Peg Dunfield, third. East-west: Frankie Brown and Faye Lawrence, first; Murray Powell and Barbara Phillips, second; Joe Bussiere and Harvey Sirota, third.

Pinocle Club lists winners

Manchester Senior Pinocle Club has announced its winners for the Dec. 8 games at the Army & Navy Club. Play is open to all senior members and is held each Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Winners were: Ann Wajda, 623; Walter Delisle, 622; Bud Pasquin, 608; Floyd Post, 604; Jennie Starke, 602; and Julian Sirota, 590.

Holiday concert planned

Coverity High School will present "An Evening of Holiday Music" Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. The school band, dance band, polka band and chorus will perform. Donation is \$2 and the profits will benefit the band's 1989 summer tour of England.

Holiday concert scheduled

The RHAM High School Music Department will present its annual Winter Concerts Monday and Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m. The program will be the same both nights to allow for adequate seating. Tickets are \$1 and may be obtained through any RHAM music student or by contacting the music department.

New Year's party set

The American Legion will hold a New Year's Eve Gala Party Saturday, Dec. 31 at 20 American Legion Drive. There will be a roast beef dinner at 9 p.m. with an open bar and dancing to follow with the Dabulo Brothers Orchestra. Donations are \$50 per couple. Hats and favors will be provided and champagne at midnight. Tickets are now available from post officers, visit the American Legion to make reservations, or call 646-7961.

Lottery

Winning numbers drawn Monday in lotteries around New England: Connecticut daily: 413. Play Four: 8421. Massachusetts daily: 4608. Rhode Island daily: 3544.

Weather

REGIONAL WEATHER Accu-Weather® forecast for Wednesday Daytime Conditions and High Temperatures. Map showing weather conditions across the Northeast region with various weather icons and temperature readings.

Obituaries

Concettina Lopes

Concettina (Intagliata) Lopes, 73, of 108 Bramblebush Road, died Monday (Dec. 12, 1988) at Manchester Memorial Hospital. She was the widow of Giuseppe Lopes. She was born in Manchester and grew up in Italy. She returned to Manchester in 1947. She was formerly employed at the former Manchester Modes. She was a member of the Church of the Assumption, the Ladies Guild of the Church of the Assumption and the Regina d'Italia Society.

Allen Lucas

Allen H. Lucas, 54, of 591 Adams St., formerly of East Hartford, died Sunday (Dec. 11, 1988) at his home. He was born in Stafford Springs and lived in East Hartford for years before moving to Manchester. He was employed by East Hartford Housing Authority of the town of East Hartford for the last 14 years. He was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Army.

Mary M. Bannerman

Mary M. (McGonigal) Bannerman, 83, of East Hartford, wife of John Bannerman and mother of Gordon Bannerman of Manchester, died Monday (Dec. 12, 1988) at home. Besides her husband and son, she is survived by two other sons, David Bannerman of South Windsor and John Bannerman of East Hartford; a daughter, Mrs. Jay (Rosemary) Smith of Enfield; two sisters, Agnes Hardie and Elizabeth Thomson, both of Glasgow, Scotland; and several nieces and nephews.

John L. Merrick

John L. Merrick, 56, of East Hartford, husband of Joan (Lynch) Merrick and brother of August Merrick of Coventry, died Monday (Dec. 12, 1988) at Hartford Hospital. Besides his wife and brother, he is survived by three daughters, Patricia Merrick, Irene Merrick and Diane Merrick, all of East Hartford; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Stephen and Jean Merrick of East Hartford.

Daniel C. Beebe

Daniel C. Beebe, 60, of the Rockville section of Vernon, husband of Mary (Blake) Beebe, died Monday (Dec. 12, 1988) at home. Besides his wife, he is survived by two brothers, Kenneth Beebe and George Beebe, both of Manchester; four sisters, Bernice Hagenow and Mildred Co-wles, both of Manchester, Ruth Donnelly of Enfield and Marilyn eyes of Meriden; two sons, Daniel Beebe and Daniel Beebe, both of Rockville; two daughters, Margaret Beebe of East Hartford and Carol Beebe of Rockville; and three grandchildren.

John J. Kashady

John J. Kashady, 79, of Stafford Springs, brother of Anna Jones and Margie Litvinchik, both of Manchester, died Sunday (Dec. 11, 1988) at home. Besides his sisters, he is survived by his wife, Margaret (Kurek) Kashady of Stafford Springs; a daughter, Cynthia Swallow of Wellfleet, Mass.; two

Fire damages goods at Penney warehouse

A fire at the J.C. Penney Distribution Center Monday caused the evacuation of about 40 people but resulted in no injuries, said Thomas O'Marra, spokesman for the Eighth Utilities District Fire Department. The fire started in the returns section of the warehouse, which is located on Tolland Turnpike, at about 5:08 p.m., O'Marra said. It was confined to the warehouse and did not affect the store. About 600 cubic feet of merchandise was consumed in the fire, O'Marra said. Preliminary reports indicate a conveyor belt malfunction could be the cause of the fire, but it is still under investigation. O'Marra said.

Anthony Provenzano

LOMPOC, Calif. (AP) — Mobs-ter Anthony "Tony Pro" Provenzano, the man Teamsters leader Jimmy Hoffa was en route to meet when he vanished, died of a heart attack Monday, He was 71 and had been serving a 20-year prison term for racketeering. Provenzano died at a hospital near the federal prison at Lompoc, Calif. In his heyday in the early 1960s, he ruled Teamsters Local 560 in Union City, N.J., then the nation's third-largest local.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Mildred New, who passed away October 12, 1985. What would we give if we could see her smile. Hello Mildred in the same old way. To hear your voice to see your smile. To sit and talk with you awhile. Though absent, you are always with us. Still loved and missed and ever dear. Lovingly missed by your Loving Husband Oliver

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In Loving Memory of our Mother and Grandmother. Hilda Johnson, Aug. 17, 1901 - Dec. 12, 1987. We think of her in silence, and make no outward show, but what it meant to lose her no one will ever know. To us she is forgotten, but in our hearts she will always stay, loved and remembered every day. With love, Daughters, Clara, Marie & Lillian Grandchildren, Craig, Kim & Pam

Booklist

The following books have arrived at Whiton Memorial Library, 100 North Main St.: Nonfiction Alexander — The home doc-cov-er handbook Anderson — A history of their own Angell — Season ticket Barnes — Forgive us our disagreements Bakos — Appointment for murder Bernstein — Love in the Promised Land Collins — A musical summer: the '90s Condon — Hard candy Crane — Detroit Culler — Brown water, black bears Davidson — Love in the Promised Land Donaldson — John Cheever Donovan — Confidential secretary Fenimore — What do YOU care what other people think? Fitch — The automobile eye Goulden — Fit to print Grauer — Drugs & the law Gutman — Beyond diplomacy Hiphorn — The Duchess of Windsor Hough — A woman's moment Houk — Season of glory Hunter — Catfish Kleinman — A deadly silence Manchester — The last lion Martin — Golgo

Thoughts

Today we celebrate St. Lucia — the patron of light. Her feast day came on the shortest day of the old Julian calendar. From the 13th on the light grew longer. Her story is short. She was a martyr during the 4th Century during the terror of Emperor Diocletian. According to legend, she was killed by her fiancé who had turned her name into the Roman authorities after Lucia had given her dowry to the poor. During the Middle Ages her name was invoked for all those who had any eye problems since the light of her faith gave true "insight." In Medieval Sweden, when food was scarce, it was said that a beautiful maiden "robed in white and crowned with light" could be seen moving over the frozen lakes and fields distributing food to the poor. Lucia came to stand for the focus of the church's ministry to the poor and starving. She was the living witness to the Lord's command to feed and clothe the needy. In a society of abundance and greed, Lucia reminds us of our call to make a national priority of the needs of the poor.

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The Rev. Dr. Kim-Eric Williams Concordia Lutheran Church

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MHS rule supported by board

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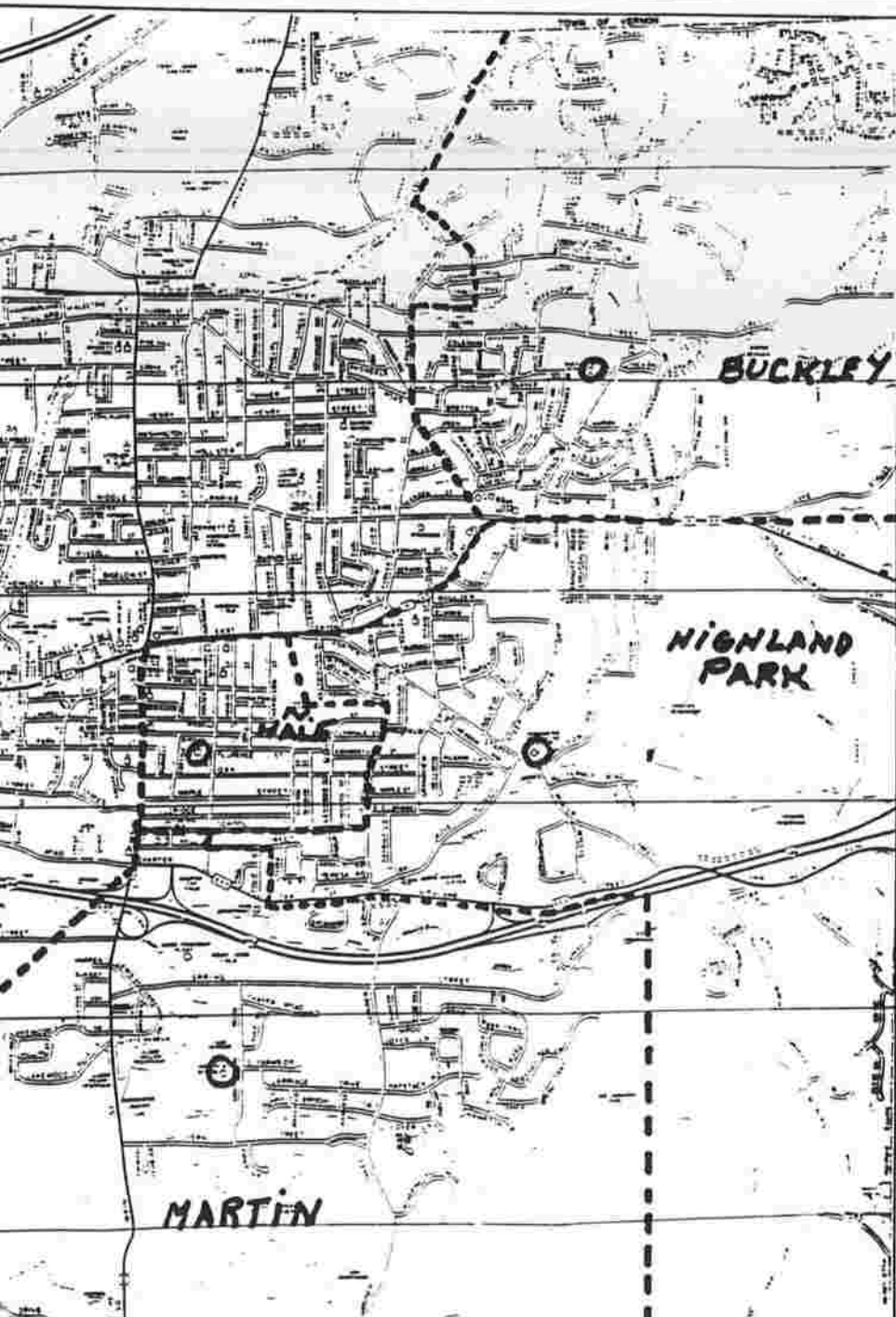
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NEW PLAN — Map details revised boundary lines for four school districts. The boundary lines for Nathan Hale, Buckley and Martin schools were changed to accommodate the opening of Highland Park School in September 1989.

School boundaries defined

The Board of Education Monday approved a revised re

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Rec sets holiday hours

The Manchester Recreation Department has announced holiday hours for its four recreation centers, East Side Rec at 22 School St., the Community "Y" at 78 N. Main St., Mahoney Recreation Center at 110 Cedar St. and Highland Park Community Center at 397 Porter St.

Hours are: Dec. 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Christmas, Dec. 26 to 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 31 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed New Year's Day; and Jan. 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 to 10 p.m.

There will be no recreation programs in the schools or swimming at Manchester High School during the school vacation from Dec. 26 to Jan. 2. Programs will resume Jan. 3.

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Rhodes scholar named

MIDDLETOWN (AP) — A black South African from the ghetto of Soweto, who denied enrollment in school until he was 13 and who graduated from Wesleyan in 1987 has been named a Rhodes scholar.

Isaac Shongwe, president of his class at Wesleyan and captain of the soccer team, was one of five students from Connecticut colleges to be named winners of Rhodes scholarships to Oxford University on Sunday. The other four were all from Yale.

"The honor that goes along with it (the Rhodes scholarship) has given me the courage to reevaluate my commitment to the struggle," said Shongwe, 26.

Shongwe was born in the South African ghetto of Soweto. He was raised by his mother until her death when he was 10. Two years later, his grandparents moved away, leaving him alone in a hut with no electricity. He paid rent and food bills by working various odd jobs.

Officials identify body

NORTH STONINGTON (AP) — One of two burned bodies found in a road last month has been identified as that of a 39-year-old Boston man, state police said.

The body was that of James E. Sanford, who was from the Roxbury section of Boston, said state police. They said they didn't know Sanford's exact address.

Sanford and another black man were murdered before their bodies were set on fire, state police have said. The other man has not been identified.

No arrests have been made in the case.

Moratorium bid aired

COVENTRY — A bid calling for a moratorium on development in town was submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission Monday night by Lawrence Bates, president of a citizens' group calling itself Citizens Advocating Sensible Expansion (CASE).

The request was submitted as a formal application during the meeting at the Town Office Building, originally billed as a public hearing. A hearing on the request will probably be held in either January or February, said PZC Chairman Jonathan Kresberg.

The request calls for a moratorium on the development of condominium and apartment complexes, commercial developments, and zone changes until the town's Master Plan of Development is updated. The plan is being reviewed by Town Planner Diane Blackman for updating. It was last revised in 1978.

GOP wants welfare law enacted soon

By Judd Everhart
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — U.S. Rep. John G. Rowland, R-Conn., and the state House and Senate Republican leaders say Connecticut could comply with a new federal welfare reform law a year in advance and qualify for additional federal funding.

The Republican lawmakers also want stricter job training requirements for welfare recipients to break the cycle of poverty that's carried on one generation to another," said House Minority Leader Robert G. Jaekle, R-Stratford, on Monday.

Stephen B. Heintz, the state welfare commissioner, said he did not oppose the GOP proposals, but said nothing could be done until regulations accompanying the new law are written, which won't happen before next year.

Rowland, at a state Capitol news conference with Jaekle and Senate Minority Leader Reginald J. Smith, R-New Haven, called the program "a bridge into the workforce" for welfare recipients.

When Congress passed the law this year, it was estimated that welfare rolls, specifically those on the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program, would be reduced by one-third. In Connecticut, there are 35,000 to 37,000 families in the program in a given month, a state welfare official said.

Rowland, Smith and Jaekle said that by moving up the timetable by one year and having the program in place by Oct. 1, 1989, the state would be reimbursed for 60 percent of its AFDC expenses. At present, Connecticut is reimbursed for about 50 percent, or \$10.6 million annually,



THEY'RE GAME — Joe Keller, left, president of the Manchester Lions Club, and Ed Rowe, president of the Manchester Historical Society, examine the "Game of Manchester" after the Lions gave a certificate of appreciation to the society. The society provided historical information for the game and also sold the games for the club. The Lions used the profits to establish a scholarship fund. Games are still available at Lenox Pharmacy, Luz Children's Museum, Manchester Glass, Manchester Historical Society, Manchester Wallpaper & Paint, Marlow's, Marvin's and Westway Pharmacy.

Waterbury man wins

NEWINGTON (AP) — A 61-year-old Waterbury man who lost his retirement benefits when his former employer went out of business claimed his half of a \$2 million "Lotto" game prize, state lottery officials reported.

Thomas F. Kelly lost his benefits when Century Brass in Waterbury shut down in 1985. He currently works as a janitor at Waterbury's City Hall.

Kelly said he planned to use the \$981,208 he won in Friday's drawing to find a new apartment and help out his two children and three grandsons.

"When I do get ready to retire, this will be a nice little cushion for me," he said Monday.

Kelly's prize will be paid in 20 annual installments. His first check was worth \$39,248.

Protesters convicted

HARTFORD (AP) — Three people with disabilities have been convicted of creating a public disturbance during a protest at the Greyhound Bus Lines terminal here in September.

Superior Court Judge John L. Langenbach handed down guilty verdicts Monday against Clayton Jones, 40, of East Hartford; Eugenia Evans, 43, of West Hartford; and Linda Hanscom, 28, of Manchester.

Jones was fined \$5 and Hanscom \$10, said Assistant State's Attorney Seymour A. Rothenberg. Evans received no fine because she spent six days in jail before trial, he said.

The three were among eight people who participated in a demonstration at the bus terminal as part of a national day of protests organized by a group called ADAPT: Americans Disabled for Accessible Public Transportation.

Jones, a paraplegic who chained his wheelchair to a bus, said Greyhound discriminates against people in wheelchairs by requiring them to travel with assistants and present letters from physicians giving them permission to take the bus.

Council seeks funds

The Manchester Council on Substance Abuse plans to apply to the Connecticut Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission for \$5,350 to fund alcohol-free graduation parties at three schools and for Manchester Safe Rides.

About \$2,600 of the grant would be used for networking and professional development training for providers and leadership training to youth and youth leaders.

Parties at Howell Cheney Regional Vocational Technical School and Manchester and East Catholic high schools require about \$1,800 in funds and Safe Rides requires about \$500. The remaining \$450 is needed for administrative expenses.

Cafeteria to be closed

The Manchester Memorial Hospital cafeteria will be closed to the public Thursday evening and next Tuesday evening, Dec. 20, because of special events.

The senior citizens' meal program will not be held on those evenings, including Christmas.

Expressway route OK'd

NEW BRITAIN (AP) — After a six-month delay, the state Department of Transportation can get back to work on the last leg of the Central Connecticut Expressway.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which halted construction on the three-mile highway segment in June, has decided the original route proposed by the DOT is the best, Christine Godfrey, a corps spokeswoman, said Monday.

The decision follows an examination of alternatives that had raised the ire of New Britain officials because they had threatened areas such as the Stanley Municipal Golf Course, the former K mart shopping plaza and several homes.

It will be at least spring before construction on the highway is resumed, however, because the route to take is only the subject of the dispute between the corps and the DOT.

Court won't review case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has declined to review a case brought by a man convicted of a New Britain murder who argued that his constitutional right to a speedy trial was denied.

The court, without comment Monday, let stand a lower court ruling that said the 18 months William Flowers spent behind bars awaiting trial was not a deprivation of his constitutional rights.

Flowers, 55, is serving a 25-year-to-life sentence at the Somers Correctional Institution for the 1981 shooting death of Lee Jones after an argument.

In January, U.S. District Judge Peter C. Dorsey ordered Flowers released from prison, saying that he was forced to wait too long for trial. During his pretrial detention, Flowers, unable to post bond, had repeatedly asked to be brought to trial.

Plane lands on course

GREENWICH (AP) — A pilot who said it was his first day doing traffic reporting escaped injury when his single-engine plane made an emergency landing on a golf course, officials said.

The two-seat Cessna 152 piloted by Leonel Sanchez, 21, of White Plains, N.Y., developed engine problems at about 5:32 p.m. Monday and landed in a clearing near the 14th tee at the Round Hill Club, police said.

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In addition he said the purpose is to address an impending crisis of having no place to dump trash unless the town begins to control waste disposal now. The current estimated life of the landfill on Route 31 in South Coventry is between six to eight years, according to Town Engineer Dom Bonarruto.

Under the new ordinance, residents will not be charged to dump separated household waste free of charge. Businesses will be charged \$50 a year in addition to a per load fee. Developers will pay \$60 per month per vehicle, plus a use fee at the time of each disposal. The commercial user charge would be \$360 per year per vehicle, plus a use fee at the time of disposal.

Resident Richard Frye questioned the clarity of the definition of some terms in the ordinance such as separated waste. "You're asking us to discuss now what is at best a mirage," he said.

His comment came after Town Manager John Ellessner explained the term will be defined

Jury convicts two in Enfield bribes

HARTFORD (AP) — A former Enfield town planner faces up to 45 years in prison after he and a real estate broker were convicted trying to extort \$27,000 in return for approval of plans to renovate a carpet mill into apartments.

The corruption investigation that led to the convictions also involves charges against Manchester developers Nell Ellis and Leonard Seader, whose cases are pending. Ellis is a co-owner of the Journal Inquirer newspaper and Seader is a former chairman of the Manchester Board of Education.

Monday's convictions of the former town official, Paul W. Fox, and Suffolk real estate broker Edward Lynch were the first to result from a grand jury investigation of alleged corruption in Enfield.

The Superior Court jury found Fox guilty of criminal attempt to commit first-degree larceny by extortion, conspiracy to commit first-degree larceny by extortion and criminal attempt to commit bribery.

The jurors returned their verdict after 4 1/2 hours of deliberations. Judge Barry R. Shaller set sentencing for Jan. 19. Fox faces a maximum jail sentence of 45 years, while Lynch could be sentenced to up to 40 years in prison. Both men also face possible fines, said Assistant

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Manchester cops get \$45,000 from arrest

By Maureen Leavitt
Manchester Herald

The Manchester Police Department will receive \$45,000 from a real estate sale in conjunction with a drug raid on a Florence Street home last year, said U.S. Attorney Stanley A. Twardy Jr. this morning.

The Tri-Town Narcotics Task Force, comprised of police officers from Manchester, South Windsor and Vernon, arrested Linda E. Bennett and her husband, Marnee W. Bennett of 54 Florence St. Oct. 6, 1987, on charges of possession of more than a kilogram of marijuana with intent to sell, possession of drug paraphernalia, operating a drug factory and cultivation of marijuana, police said. Police said they seized about 30 marijuana plants and a large amount of processed marijuana from the home at the time of the arrest.

Capt. Joseph Brooks of the Manchester Police Department said this morning he had just learned of the forthcoming money.

Twardy said the state has seized \$15 million in the last three years and has shared \$5.5 million with state and local authorities.

Landfill ordinance discussed at hearing

By Jacqueline Bennett
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — About a dozen residents turned out for a public hearing Monday night on a proposed ordinance that would stiffen rules for use of the town landfill and increase fees.

"Our goal is to give the town more control and eliminate out-of-town dumping," said R. Max Ferguson, co-chairman of the Solid Waste Management Committee, during the meeting at Captain Nathan Hale School.

That committee helped draft the ordinance.

In addition he said the purpose is to address an impending crisis of having no place to dump trash unless the town begins to control waste disposal now. The current estimated life of the landfill on Route 31 in South Coventry is between six to eight years, according to Town Engineer Dom Bonarruto.

Under the new ordinance, residents will not be charged to dump separated household waste free of charge. Businesses will be charged \$50 a year in addition to a per load fee. Developers will pay \$60 per month per vehicle, plus a use fee at the time of each disposal. The commercial user charge would be \$360 per year per vehicle, plus a use fee at the time of disposal.

Resident Richard Frye questioned the clarity of the definition of some terms in the ordinance such as separated waste. "You're asking us to discuss now what is at best a mirage," he said.

His comment came after Town Manager John Ellessner explained the term will be defined

Directors narrowly OK plan for Center Springs lodge

By Nancy Concelman
Manchester Herald

The Board of Directors Monday narrowly approved construction of a lodge at Center Springs Park for \$182,450, after some members said that the building is unnecessary and in a poor location.

The low bid proposal on the building, submitted by Zanolungo of Ashford, was accepted by a 5-4 vote. Democratic Directors Stephen T. Cassano, Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr., Kenneth N. Tedfors, James F. Fogarty and Mary Ann Handley voted in favor of the proposal. Republican Directors Geoffrey Naab, Ronald Oestla, Thomas Werkhoven and Democratic Director Barbara B. Weinberg voted against it.

The town received three bids for the project, ranging from a low bid of \$182,450 from Zanolungo to a high bid of \$284,982 from DMC Construction Co. of Manchester. Aldrich Construction Co. Inc. of Manchester submitted a bid of \$185,100.

The advisory committee working on the lodge project considered only Aldrich and Zanolungo because DMC's bid was above the \$230,000 cost estimate for the project. State funds will pay for the bulk of the project.

The advisory committee recommended Zanolungo's proposal because of the lower cost per square foot, exterior appearance, quality of materials and other factors. Planning Director Mark Pellegrini said.

Zanolungo's proposal calls for a 4,352-square-foot, two-story building containing office, meeting and storage space. The lodge will be located where the rest rooms now stand. Demolition of the rest rooms is included in the cost. Aldrich proposed a 5,944 square-foot building.

The lodge is to serve as a community room and as temporary administrative offices for seven employees of the Recreation Department because of the reopening of Highland Park School. It will also include rest rooms, a kitchen and a warming hut for skaters, according to the proposal.

Naab argued that there wasn't

Board approves river grant plan

By Nancy Concelman
Manchester Herald

Plans to spend a \$1.4 million state grant to connect portions of the Hockanum River Linear Park trail and upgrade three areas along the trail were approved Monday by the Board of Directors.

The proposal made by the Hockanum River Linear Park advisory committee will now go to the state Department of Environmental Protection, which will write a grant agreement.

The board's approval was unanimous, despite Republican Director Geoffrey Naab's complaint about a proposal to spend a portion of the grant on a set of stairs from the Union Street Bridge down to the river and a second set up the other side.

In November, the directors approved spending \$63,200 for a parking lot near the bridge. The state is to provide the concrete and a concrete walkway along the river. The money will probably be reimbursed under the grant.

Improvements to the former Laurel Lake, an area near the town landfill off Olcott Street, and Gorge Park, near the former Eighth Utilities District sewer plant, also are part of the recommendations.

Pellegrini said the committee hopes to do most of the work in 1989.

Republican Director Ronald Oestla asked that connecting portions of the trail to create a system from East Hartford to Vernon be given high priority.

"We should not be distracted by these three proposals," Oestla said.

Fogarty knocks staff for delaying contract

By Nancy Concelman
Manchester Herald

Members of the town staff got a tongue lashing from a town director Monday, who claimed they were guilty of delaying the hiring of a consultant to study the environmental effects of expanding the golf course at the Manchester Country Club.

At Monday's Board of Directors meeting, Democratic director James F. "Dutch" Fogarty said the country club management wants to meet with directors on the status of its lease with the town for the golf course. The Country Club owns the clubhouse and the town owns the golf course land.

The current lease expires in 1991.

The Country Club management requested one- or two-year extension on its lease to make improvements, but the future of the lease is up in the air until the town studies the feasibility of adding as many as 10 holes to the golf course.

Fogarty said he found out two days ago that the contract with GHR Engineering of Lakeville, Mass., the consultant hired to do the engineering portion of the study, has not been finalized yet. The study is being funded by a

Experiment in courts saves time and money

HARTFORD (AP) — An experimental program designed to ease the caseload in Connecticut courts by using an independent hearing officer to resolve civil cases is working, saving time and money, according to backers of the program.

Donald B. Reder, executive director of the Alternative Dispute Resolution project, said that people involved in lawsuits often lose their ability to communicate with one another. By agreeing to use ADR, barriers are broken down and a quick resolution of the case is more likely, he said.

In ADR, plaintiffs and defend-

Directors table action on dump ordinance

By Nancy Concelman
Manchester Herald

Town Director Kenneth Tedford asked on Monday that a separate classification for firms dumping out-of-town garbage in the landfill be included in a proposed ordinance that would raise tipping fees and strengthen penalties against violators.

The Board of Directors tabled a vote on the proposed ordinance after Lee O'Connor, superintendent of the Highway and Sanitation Division, said the ordinance as proposed would not prevent a local recycling firm from dumping residue from what the town says is out-of-town garbage in the landfill.

The firm, N S Realty of 260 Tolland Turnpike, filed a suit in Hartford Superior Court against the town for barring it and two trash hauling firms from dumping in the landfill. The town charges that N S Realty is dumping residue there from garbage that originates in 28 Connecticut towns and Springfield, Mass.

A Hartford Superior Court judge has issued a temporary injunction against the town which allows the company to continue

Hearing is postponed in wood chipper case

HARTFORD (AP) — Attorneys for Richard B. Crafts have filed a motion for a change of venue in a case they are unsuccessful in getting a murder charge against the former airline pilot dismissed.

A scheduled hearing Monday on the motions was postponed a week.


Crafts, 50, a former airline pilot, is accused of killing his 39-year-old wife, Helle, in November 1986 and disposing of her body with a wood chipping machine. His first trial ended in a mistrial July 15, following 17 days of jury deliberations, when a holdout juror refused to deliberate any further.

Crafts has remained in prison since his arrest in January 1987. Crafts' attorneys have subpoenaed 25 Connecticut newspapers and four television stations to obtain information showing the extent of coverage Crafts' first trial received.

Thomas Farver and Gerard A. Smyth, who are serving as public defenders for Crafts, claim publicity about the case has been so extensive that it would be unlikely that an impartial jury could be found.

The attorneys said a request for

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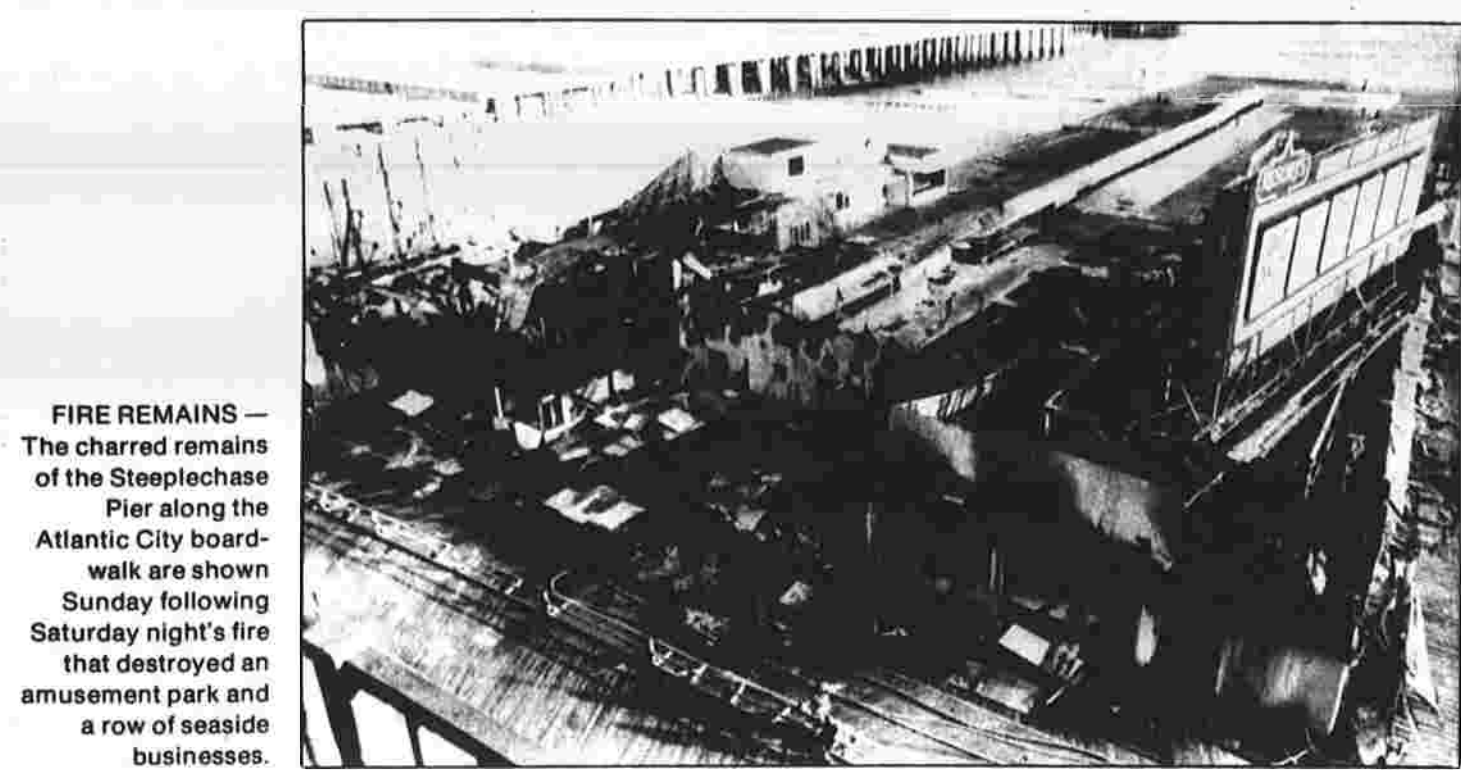
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FIRE REMAINS — The charred remains of the Steeplechase Pier along the Atlantic City boardwalk are shown Sunday following Saturday night's fire that destroyed an amusement park and a row of seaside businesses.

Atlantic City's old-time piers fading

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — The fabulous piers of Atlantic City are falling victim to fire, disrepair or commercialization. Gone are the days when they featured big bands and ballrooms, aquariums, church concerts and diving horses.

When Steeplechase Pier burned down Saturday, the resort was left with only four piers. Only one can be called commercially successful.

The gaming halls that opened during the past 10 years are now Atlantic City's main tourist attraction. But back in the late 1800s, the resort's piers — with the soft, white-sandy beaches and ocean — were the lure.

The book "So Young, So Gay," a collection of Atlantic City historical facts, tells of numerous piers built and rebuilt since 1880, mostly for entertainment purposes such as concerts.

"Atlantic City doesn't seem to be a resort for piers anymore," said Atlantic City historian Adrian W. Phillips. "I think the

temperament of Atlantic City has changed, and I just don't see the piers coming back."

Saturday's fire at Steeplechase Pier caused more than \$1 million in damage, but shut down only a fast-food restaurant facing the Boardwalk and a heliport. The pier, closed to the public in 1986, was once known as "the funny place" for its variety of amusements and theater acts.

"It had a variety of slides, rides and novelty features that kept everybody entertained," Phillips recalled. "It was famous for that enormous Chesterfield cigarette sign with thousands of lights."

If the remnants of the pier are demolished as expected, four will remain.

Garden Pier holds the city's art and historical museums and a small outdoor theater area. It is in need of repair, although plans are under way to refurbish it, said Phillips.

The old part of the famous Steel Pier overlooking the ocean is being demolished,

although owner Donald Trump has said he will eventually rebuild and widen what remains as an extension of his massive Taj Mahal casino project.

Central Pier is now used mostly as a lucrative billboard location and for storage, although souvenir and arcade machines are out front near the Boardwalk. A tower that once gave tourists a bird's-eye view of the city is rapidly deteriorating.

He said one of the airline's Boeing 707s was clipped by a taxiing Aeroflot jet on Sunday but was not seriously damaged.

Ground crews scurry among the mass of parked aircraft with the few rolling stairways available.

French and German teams who arrived with search dogs Saturday said they had to wait an hour to get off their planes and four to five hours for their donated cargo to be unloaded.

Crates of supplies flown in by more than 40 foreign aircraft were stacked around the airport late last week for trucks, buses and helicopters to take them to the stricken areas.

Air traffic controllers spoke politely in broken English to foreign air crews, then broke into heated shouting with fellow Armenians, all taxed to the break-

Flood of relief overwhelms area hit hard by quake

YEREVAN, U.S.S.R. (AP) — A worldwide outpouring of aid has overwhelmed the backward, mountainous region hit hardest by the Armenian earthquake, clogging Yerevan's airport and the two crude highways that link it with the devastation.

Cars, trucks, buses and cranes creep slowly day and night up the narrow, winding roads across the Caucasus range to the stricken area about 50 miles away. The sound of honking horns and grinding engines breaks the mournful silence of stricken villages and cities.

Foreign aircraft bringing in blood, medical supplies, food, clothing and rescue equipment wait hours to be unloaded at the airport in Yerevan, the capital of Soviet Armenia.

At night, an eerie calm is enforced in Yerevan by dozens of army tanks and armored personnel carriers patrolling areas that have been the scene of ethnic protests for the past nine months.

Last Wednesday's earthquake has demanded the attention of most authorities, but Armenians campaigning for control of the contested Nagorno-Karabakh region in neighboring Azerbaijan have continued to demonstrate.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov confirmed that the dismissal of charges on Monday that activists had been arrested in Yerevan a day earlier.

The undeveloped road system linking the capital with the north and a spate of winter storms have further complicated relief efforts.

The shorter of the two rutted mountain roads connecting Yerevan and Spitak, which was nearly destroyed in the quake, was closed Sunday and Monday by a heavy snowfall and a string of accidents.

The route between Spitak and Leninakan, another city hit hard, was closed to all but military vehicles to ease traffic jams caused by the dispatch of heavy equipment and the arrival of fellow Armenians seeking to help out.

ing point by overwork and personal tragedy.

"Our nation is so undeveloped we can't even receive help properly," lamented an exhausted dispatcher on the verge of tears. She said she had been working for three days, relieved for only a few hours to sleep in a nearby office while other exhausted workers took her place.

Refugees from the earthquake area cluster to sleep around the information desk of Aeroflot, the Soviet airline. The entire city transport system has been commandeered to convey supplies to the earthquake zone, and owners of private cars in the capital have been patrolling the streets offering rides to the homeless packs seeking refuge.

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Justice has surgery

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan was reported in satisfactory condition today following surgery to remove his gall bladder.

No malignancy was detected in the surgery Monday afternoon, court spokeswoman Toni House said. "He is in good condition this morning, doing very well," she added.

Brennan, 82, was originally diagnosed as having pneumonia when admitted to the Bethesda Naval Medical Center last week. He had been suffering from chills and fever.

Namibia accord signed

BRAZZAVILLE, Congo (AP) — South Africa signed a peace agreement with Angola and Cuba today calling for the withdrawal of 50,000 Cuban troops from Angola and independence for South-West Africa.

Officials for the three countries signed the accord at a ceremony attended by host President Denis Sassou-Nguesso of Congo and Chester Crocker, the U.S. assistant secretary for African affairs who mediated the negotiations.

North closer to trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Major obstacles to an Iran-Contra trial of Oliver L. North were removed when the judge in the case sharply restricted the number of classified documents the former White House aide may use for his defense.

By deciding to bar as evidence more than 90 percent of the classified documents North wanted to disclose, U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell greatly increased the chances that the case will go to trial, possibly late next month.

Gesell's ruling diminishes the possibility that President Reagan's refusal to release virtually all the secrets sought by North would force dismissal of charges on the ground that the former National Security Council aide couldn't get a fair trial. The judge harshly rebuked North for demanding "disclosure of masses of classified material which under no conceivable version of a defense could have any utility whatsoever."

U.S. teachers frustrated by lack of support

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than half of the nation's teachers say they see evidence of child abuse, poor nutrition and parental neglect in their classrooms, according to a national study.

"Teachers repeatedly made the point that in the push for better schools they cannot do the job alone, and yet there is a growing trend to expect schools to do what families, communities and churches have been unable to accomplish," said Ernest L. Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

The foundation's survey of 22,000 teachers found a sense of frustration among teachers, both at "the lack of support they receive from parents" and from a feeling of "powerlessness in teaching," he said.

"Large majorities of teachers find poverty, poor health, undernourishment and neglect to be problems at their schools," he said.

Teachers from every state were canvassed in twin surveys

conducted by mail in the spring and fall of 1987. The findings were released Sunday.

Among them:

- 90 percent said lack of parental support was a problem at their schools.
- 89 percent said there were abused or neglected children at their schools.
- 89 percent said poor health was a problem for their students.
- 68 percent said some children were undernourished.

Mary Hatwood Futrell, president of the National Education Association, said the report underscores the need for parental involvement.

"I wish I could sit down with every parent in America and emphasize how important they are to their children's education," Ms. Futrell said. "Parents are a child's first — and potentially the most influential —

Homeless congregating in subway

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Dozens of homeless people have erected a subterranean city in downtown subway station, using about 50 old refrigerator cartons to shelter them from the numbing cold.

Terry Ryan said he doesn't care that the potted flowers in front of his box are dead from the cold.

"At least I'm warm," he said Monday.

Ryan is one of an estimated 10,000 homeless people in Philadelphia. About 50 have been sleeping in cardboard refrigerator boxes in the dank station below the ornate Academy of Music, home of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

The structures at the Walnut-Locust Station of the Broad Street Subway began going up about Thanksgiving. Although homeless people often congregated in subway stations in previous years, this is the first year such a vast conglomeration of cardboard shelters has been erected.

Ryan, 19, is proud of his particularly large living quarters. He has used wire and two metal poles to combine several smaller boxes into a 7-by-14-foot shelter and tacked up plastic sheets to cut down drafts. With this much room, Ryan invited three other men and one woman to live with him.

"These are my people," he said. "We help out each other. Everybody down here are protective of each other."

Plunging temperatures — it was just 13 degrees here early today — have added urgency to the plight of the homeless. In recent days, the city has sent out



LONELY SPACE — A homeless man sits in an unused area of the Subway in Philadelphia Monday night. Though record low temperatures many of the homeless have left the streets.

in January.

"I want to learn the culinary arts," he said.

Lisa Culpepper, Rodriguez's 19-year-old girlfriend, also lives in the box. "We met a while back, then met up again down here," Rodriguez said.

Danny, the newest roommate, had been in a home with Rodriguez as a child and met up with him again about a week ago.

Unlike Ryan, who was wearing a trenchcoat, and Rodriguez, who sported a Notre Dame jacket, Danny had on only a dress shirt and sweat pants Monday night. The 19-year-old, who declined to give his last name, said he leaves the box as rarely as possible, "because it's cold even down here."

The men said they are comfortable with their shelter. "There's no rats or anything," Rodriguez said. "And most of the others are older people so no one bothers us."

Even so, the nearest public toilet is five blocks away, he said.

"Most of the older people can't make it that far, so they just go on themselves," he said. "That makes the place stink."

One city doctor has been pushing for a portable toilet to be placed in the station. Dr. Miguel A. Cories, a contract physician with the city's Department of Public Health, is one of several doctors who stop in the station each night to check on the health of the people staying there.

"They desperately need a toilet down here," he said. "They've already got running water," he said, pointing to a spigot against the wall. "Now if we can only find someone who'll donate one for us."

Cortes said many of the older people urinate in their pants, "then they get the chills and pneumonia."

Children, ambassador talk of world peace

CHESTERFIELD, Mo. (AP) — Seven-year-old Ben Oberkell had an answer.

"Peace is like a light that shines like a candle in someone's heart," the youngster said.

Having peace inside you is like "floating on a cloud, playing with friends," said Trisha Guenther, 7.

Herder was struck by the children's simple eloquence.

"I feel very quiet and relaxed," he said. "I feel happy because I am in the company of good friends I like so much, and in this circumstance I feel the importance of peace."

Herder's visit and gifts were in response to a letter written to Honecker by 7-year-old Brett Fornelli, Megan's brother and a participant in a project called Kids for Peace. The project began last spring when 170 children from the St. Louis area wrote letters to leaders around the world. The children wrote to promote world peace and to request that kids everywhere share video programs to promote the cause.

The first set of letters was mailed in May. Since then, the children have received responses from educators, television stations and government officials.

Signal mix-up cited in rail crash

LONDON (AP) — A triple train collision that killed 36 people and injured more than 100 in south London may have been the result of a signal mix-up caused by work being done on the line, railway officials said today.

Opposition politicians and consumer groups said lax safety measures and overcrowded trains were underlying causes of Monday morning's rush-hour accident.

Rescue teams worked through the night to clear debris from the crash, Britain's worst rail disaster since 1975. Two wreaths hung near the spot where workmen broke up the wreckage.

More than 110 of the estimated 1,500 passengers on the trains were hospitalized, 32 suffering serious injuries including multiple fractures, crushed abdomens

and amputations, hospital and ambulance officials said.

Tracks remained blocked this morning.

The British Railways Board said in a statement today that preliminary investigations suggested the collision may have been due to a signal failure associated with modernization of the line's 40-year-old signaling equipment.

The crash occurred on the tracks near Clapham Junction in London, one of Europe's busiest rail stations.

A crowded commuter train plowed into the rear of a crowded stationary train. An empty freight train coming in the opposite direction on a parallel track then plowed into spillover wreckage from the first crash.

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Ex-lover testifies Steinberg erratic

NEW YORK (AP) — A defense lawyer prodded Joel Steinberg's former live-in lover to admit his behavior became more bizarre as his cocaine use increased before the death of the 6-year-old girl they raised.

"Joel was verbalizing a lot of peculiar ideas, unusual things, telling me stories that seem pretty improbable today," Hedges Nussbaum testified Monday at Steinberg's murder trial.

"Things that made no sense," asked defense attorney Ira London.

"Yes," replied Ms. Nussbaum, who lived with Steinberg for 12 years until Lisa Steinberg's death.

Steinberg, a disabled lawyer, is charged with fatally beating his illegally adopted daughter, Lisa. Prosecutors also allege he beat Ms. Nussbaum.

Interest in the case has become so widespread that much of Ms. Nussbaum's testimony has been carried live on local television. CNN carried some of Monday's testimony nationally.

Ms. Nussbaum's lawyers on Monday released copies of hundreds of support letters they say she has received since taking the stand.

"I can't tell you how much my heart has ached for you... There are so many women across America who are cheering you on," wrote one woman from Pennsylvania.

Another writer called her "an inspiration to all battered women and children across the nation."

Under a fourth day of cross-examination, Ms. Nussbaum said Steinberg's behavior became more erratic and bizarre in the two months before Lisa's death. "He told me a number of people were starting at him and trying to hypnotize him. He also told me he thought people had been trying to hypnotize him for years, even back when he was in the Air Force."

She said Steinberg told her she was not her parents' natural child and that "my father had made a deal with someone in Europe" to get her as a baby.

Ms. Nussbaum also said Steinberg called the Manhattan district attorney's office anonymously in 1984 to complain "that I was involved with a cult."

She said the cult supposedly hypnotized people and used them sexually, and Steinberg thought she was in the group's thrall.

"Did you believe you were being manipulated by a cult?" London asked.

"I believed it," she said, adding she now believes Steinberg used these stories to control her.

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JOEL STEINBERG on trial for murder

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Solutions: One easy, one difficult

A federal commission has concluded that the shortage of nurses would be less severe if hospitals allowed nurses to be nurses and not call upon them to do the work of higher-priced medical technicians and the work of clerks.

Meanwhile, a survey of teachers conducted by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching indicates that many teachers would like to be permitted to be teachers and not be expected to take on the impossible burden of full responsibility for all aspects of child rearing.

There are differences between the two conclusions, of course. The observation about the nursing shortage has an economic base. The observation about teachers has a sociological base. But in both cases, the inference is clear.

There is only so much that people can do if they are expected to do it well.

If the conclusion about nurses is correct, the solution seems simple.

The commission concludes that in the effort to reduce costs, hospitals have laid off too many non-nurses, both support-staff members who did paper work and higher-priced technicians such as respiratory and physical therapists.

The workload of those former employees has been thrust on the nurses, obviously making the job less attractive than it once was.

A new look at hospital budgeting may be in order.

The problem for teachers is more subtle. More than half the teachers surveyed said they saw evidence of child abuse, poor nutrition and parental neglect.

The result is a feeling of powerlessness among teachers that cannot be cured by higher pay or smaller class sizes or awards for dedicated service.

The solution has to come from the home.

Whither Canada? That is the question millions of Americans, as usual, have not been asking in recent weeks, as Canadians fought a bitter election campaign over the fate of a free trade agreement with the United States. But at least some have felt guilty about it. Now that Canadians have implicitly approved the agreement by re-electing Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, we can put all thoughts to Canada aside without guilt.

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It was the conceit of the treaty's opponents that free trade is a nefarious plot by Americans to swallow Canada in our embrace and turn it into a 51st state. It was the conceit of the treaty's supporters that this was the last thing any Canadians would wish. In reality, there can't be 100 Americans with the slightest desire to make Canada the 51st state. So, doctor, whence this recurrent nightmare? Well, it doesn't take a Ph.D. in psychology to realize that Canadians mock horror at the thought of being swallowed by the United States actually makes a deep desire for precisely that. They protest too much. Their lips say "no, no," but their eyes say "yes, yes."

Anyone who has ever conversed with Canadians will have witnessed their psychological torment. They combine a deep professed disdain for the south of the border, our crime, our squalor, our imperial bravado, our skeletal social welfare system — with an even deeper need



...THE KINDER, GENTLER NATION IN A DISPOSABLE SOCIETY...

Hey, Canada: Come to Uncle

By Michael Kinsley

Whither Canada? That is the question millions of Americans, as usual, have not been asking in recent weeks, as Canadians fought a bitter election campaign over the fate of a free trade agreement with the United States. But at least some have felt guilty about it. Now that Canadians have implicitly approved the agreement by re-electing Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, we can put all thoughts to Canada aside without guilt.

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It was the conceit of the treaty's opponents that free trade is a nefarious plot by Americans to swallow Canada in our embrace and turn it into a 51st state. It was the conceit of the treaty's supporters that this was the last thing any Canadians would wish. In reality, there can't be 100 Americans with the slightest desire to make Canada the 51st state. So, doctor, whence this recurrent nightmare? Well, it doesn't take a Ph.D. in psychology to realize that Canadians mock horror at the thought of being swallowed by the United States actually makes a deep desire for precisely that. They protest too much. Their lips say "no, no," but their eyes say "yes, yes."

Anyone who has ever conversed with Canadians will have witnessed their psychological torment. They combine a deep professed disdain for the south of the border, our crime, our squalor, our imperial bravado, our skeletal social welfare system — with an even deeper need

Exceptions 'hide' abortion industry

To the Editor:

I followed the abortion argument between Lynn Axiak and Brenda Kuhl in the "Open Forum" with interest. Please allow me to offer a few thoughts on the subject.

Both women quoted polls to buttress their position regarding abortion, which were correct within their context. Sixty percent of the public opposes a constitutional amendment outlawing abortion. On the other hand, 60 percent of the people believe that abortion on demand is bad. What does this tell us? Frankly, it tells us that when it comes to abortion, Americans don't know what they're talking about. What we have in our country today is a huge abortion-on-demand industry that hides behind the "rape, incest and life of the mother" exceptions Americans have been assuming their uneasy consciences with.

In any event, we shouldn't attach much significance to public opinion polls. Only four months ago they had Michael Dukakis holding a 10-point lead over George Bush. Far more certain than the caprices of the public is God's promise that as we sow, so shall we reap. It would be nice if, as Kuhl seems to believe, 15-year-old girls who kill their unborn children go to happy, productive lives. Unfortunately, she hasn't a shred of evidence that this is true. Such biased, tear-eyed reasoning is published resorted to by pro-abortionists in place of facts. This is understandable since the facts are usually against them. As for Kuhl's statement that Planned Parent-

hood values human life. Planned Parenthood abortions performed over 90 thousand deaths last year. For them to say, in spite of this, that they are "pro-choice" is on the same order as saying that Arabs are "pro-choice."

There is a poverty worse than not having any money. Pro-abortionists fail to perceive this because when their arguments are stripped bare, the bottom line is the love of money; and how do you put a price tag on life? After all, one can't buy a new pair of boots with life.

A "doctor" who kills 12-week-old fetuses would kill 12-week-old newborns. A woman who'd kill her own child will see no wrong in killing someone else's. A nation that has no respect for the genesis of life has no respect for the rest of it.

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To whom did kids give their thanks?

To the Editor:

I am pleased that the school administrators of Manchester public schools take strong, decisive action when the safety and/or welfare of our children is in question. I have noticed that school policies regarding areas of potential harm to our children are always clearly stated and rigorously and fairly enforced. Our teachers and administrators not only deserve awards for excellence in educational skills, which they have received, but also should be given an award for backbone.

The school administrators did not err when they requested students not to wear outerwear in school buildings

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Cocaine appetite unchecked

By Jack Anderson and Joseph Spear

WASHINGTON — When the Reagan administration tried to pressure Colombia earlier this year to crack down on the cocaine industry, then Attorney General Edwin Meese personally delivered the message to Colombia's President Virgilio Barco.

The Colombian leader listened politely and then cited the terrible price Colombia has paid in human life to fight the drug cartel. "This is what Colombia has sacrificed in the fight against drugs," Barco said quietly. "What has the United States sacrificed?"

The answer was unspoken. To date, most Americans have not been willing to sacrifice their appetite for cocaine. As Barco told Meese, the Medellín drug cartel of Colombia is kept in business by the U.S. citizens, who buy 80 percent of the cartel's cocaine. The depressing truth is that the American people put up most of the cash that the Medellín cartel uses to corrupt governments, hire assassins and undermine law enforcement throughout the Western Hemisphere.

In a series of columns, we have exposed how the cartel has unraveled the social fabric of Colombia. What has happened in that embattled country, we warned, is beginning to occur in the United States.

The people who are not getting enough credit are the thousands of Colombian officials who have put their lives on the line, who have rejected the fat bribes and have risked retribution to fight against the deadly drug cartel.

Hundreds have paid the ultimate price. At this writing, the toll of Colombian murder victims is 57 judges and supreme court justices, 250 journalists and more than 1,000 mayors, city council members and drug enforcement officers.

Ver, indeed, the unsung heroes, the Colombian narcotics agents deserve the most credit. Their average annual pay, in U.S. terms, is a sparse \$3,500. Early last one of them has been approached with an offer that is hard to refuse: "ploma a plote," lead or silver, a bullet or a bribe.

Ver, incredibly, few of them have taken the cartel's money. Their refusal not only endangers their own lives, but puts their families at risk.

The cartel's enforcement agents stand in the way. The chief enforcement goons for the cartel, Jose Rodriguez and Emilio Escobar, would just as soon kill a person as swat a fly.

Yet the drug officers continue to press the battle against the cocaine kingpins. Already this year they have destroyed more than 600 cocaine labs and seized more than 15 tons of the drug.

The under-equipped Colombian army is desperately trying to keep up the pressure on the cartel. But the multi-billion-dollar drug consortium can afford to buy the latest sophisticated equipment, transportation and weapons from suppliers in the United States, and the poor army is no match for it.

With no military radar and few helicopters, the Colombian air force is no match either for the narco-trafficors who hide out in the mountains and jungles. The government has issued warrants for the arrest of Escobar and Rodriguez, but the two killers have eluded the dragnet.

The United States has contributed a paltry \$11 million to help the Colombians in their fight against the drug combine. What the Colombians need is more assistance and fewer lectures.

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The Federal Open Market Committee, headed by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, meets eight times a year to set guidelines for monetary policy consistent with the bank's job of promoting non-inflationary growth.

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Gerber awaits damage report on installation in Soviet Union

TOLLAND (AP) — The earthquake in Armenia has placed new urgency on a plan for Gerber Garment Technology Inc. to install computerized equipment and trained workers this year.

Officials of Gerber Garment Technology Inc. learned Monday that the factory in Kirovakan was heavily damaged in last week's earthquake and that some of their new friends probably perished.

Bill Mangino, Gerber Garment Technology's manager of sales application, returned late last month from an 11-month trip to the Soviet Union. He spent five months training workers at the plant in Kirovakan in the use of computer-aided design and manufacturing equipment.

"I was quite shocked," Mangino said, describing his reaction to last week's earthquake, which killed tens of thousands. "I had a lot of friends there that I worked with and spent a lot of time with."

Two other Gerber workers also spent time in Kirovakan, he said.

James Arthurs, executive director of Gerber Garment Technology's international division, said his company received a telex message from a Japanese associate in the retooling of the factory in Kirovakan.

"It's a real miracle to escape death there," wrote M. Wakamatsu, an official of the Juki sewing machine company, which worked with Gerber Garment Technology on a \$10 million retrofitting of the 6,000-employee plant.

Wakamatsu said the 12 Juki employees with whom Gerber worked survived, but many Armenians who were employed by the factory are dead, and the plant was heavily damaged.

Arthurs said.

Mangino and Arthurs said the company planned to continue trying to contact people overseas to find out the extent of damage and death at the factory, where Gerber Garment Technology installed about \$2.5 million in equipment.

Gerber Garment Technology, a subsidiary of South Windsor-based Gerber Scientific Inc., and Juki were invited by Soviet officials to help them improve the quality and quantity of the garments produced in their factories. Arthurs said.

He said Gerber supplied nearly \$5 million worth of computerized equipment to five Soviet factories, the largest in Kirovakan.

Gray resigns from UTC board

FARMINGTON (AP) — Harry J. Gray, whose deal-making helped build and redefine United Technologies Corp. into a defense and industrial giant, has ended his 17-year association with the company by resigning from the board of directors.

Although he retired as the company's chairman two years ago, Gray continued to sit on the board. He would have had to retire from the board next November when he turns 70, the mandatory retirement age for UTC directors.

He said in an interview Monday in his Farmington office that his investment group, Harry Gray, Mel Klein & Partners, takes up so much of his time that he missed last month's UTC board meeting.

Gray's partnership, which had raised about \$550 million in capital, was a co-investor in a group that lost in the feverish bidding for RJR Nabisco.

"In thinking over the requirements of times on something like RJR Nabisco... I decided that, in all fairness to the partnership and in all fairness to UTC, we probably were going to get into time conflicts," Gray said.

He sent his letter of resignation late last week to Robert F. Chiarelli, his successor as UTC chairman and chief executive officer. The resignation was accepted Monday after Gray spoke with Chiarelli by telephone.

"United Technologies will miss Harry's advice and counsel," said Larry Bigamian, a UTC spokesman, adding that Gray was "in large measure responsible for United Technologies becoming the company it is today."

Gray was hired in 1971 as president of Connecticut's largest company, then known as United Aircraft and known mainly for aerospace products such as Pratt & Whitney jet engines, Sikorsky helicopters and Hamilton Standard propellers.

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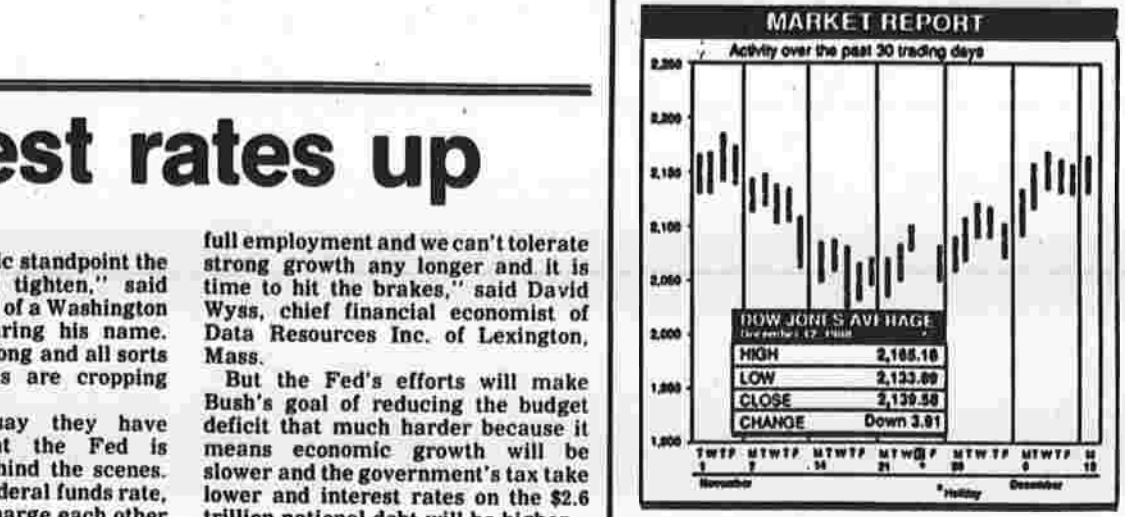
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IN BRIEF

Retail sales jump 1.1%

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retail sales jumped 1.1 percent in November, the government said today, as retailers headed into the final week and a half of the crucial Christmas shopping season.

The Commerce Department said sales rose \$1.5 billion to a seasonally adjusted \$138.1 billion. That followed an even bigger 1.6 percent rise in October, the strongest in eight months. October had previously been estimated as a 0.9 percent increase.

Both months were bolstered by a surge in car buying, but even excluding autos, sales rose a strong 0.9 percent in November and 0.8 percent in October.

Sales at department and other general merchandise stores shot up 1.1 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted \$15.8 billion, following a 2.6 percent rise in October.

FCC eases ownership rule

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Communications Commission will examine on a "case-by-case basis" requests to waive its rule prohibiting direct ownership, operation or control of both a radio and television station in the same market.

Although the panel stresses it is retaining the "one-to-a-market" rule, Monday's decision drastically relaxes the restriction on common ownership of commercial television and radio stations in the same market.

The one-to-a-market rule prohibits ownership of a radio and VHF television station or any broadcast operation and a daily newspaper in the same market. Exceptions to the 1970 rule are considered only when it involves a joint television station and radio stations in the same community.

No final deal on Seabrook

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Nearly three months after utility officials hoped to complete the deal, there still is no final agreement for picking up Seabrook payments being skipped by one of the stalled nuclear power project's owners, and one temporary arrangement now has lapsed.

Few of the owners have agreed to make up the shortfall until a long-term contract is completed, and these contributions will be repaid with interest to the contributing joint owners," Seabrook spokesman Ron Sher said Monday.

Sher would not say which owners now are making more than \$1 million a month in payments being skipped by Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Co., owner of the fourth-largest Seabrook share.

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Arafat

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The speech, which also included an appeal to Israel, expanded on Palestinian proposals for Middle East peace and appeared to be a bid to gain U.S. support.

"I ask the leaders of Israel to come here, under the sponsorship of the United Nations, so that, together, we can forge that peace," Arafat said.

"I say to them: 'Come, let us make peace. Cast away fear and intimidation. Leave behind the specter of the wars that have raged continuously in the furnace of this conflict for the past 40 years.'"

He said the Palestine National Council at its Algiers meeting in November had rejected terrorism in all its forms, "including state terrorism."

Israel said after that meeting that the council had not recognized Israel explicitly and the declarations did not warrant opening a dialogue with the PLO, which it views as a terrorist group.

Earlier in his speech, Arafat thanked countries that supported his right to address the world body after the United States denied him a visa, preventing him from speaking at U.N. headquarters in New York.

He also thanked the countries of Western Europe and Japan for their recent stand following the Palestine Liberation Organization's declaration of independence in Algiers last month.

Arafat, whose movements are usually kept secret for security reasons, was heavily guarded this morning as he entered the Hotel Intercontinental, where the Palestinian delegation to the General Assembly has its headquarters.

Surrounded by his own security men and Swiss police, he waved to supporters crowding the lobby but said nothing to reporters.

In Israel, radio reports said that after Arafat's speech, the United States would announce it accepted the Palestine Liberation Organization as a partner in Middle East peace talks.

The reports on Israeli radio and army radio said the PLO chief's speech was submitted to American officials and Arafat agreed to change the language to meet U.S. conditions of recognizing Israeli and renouncing terrorism.

At the U.N., European headquarters, preliminaries of the debate began with presentation of a committee report on the Palestinian question.

Quake

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Hope dwindled for those still trapped in the ruins, and the smell of decaying corpses filled the air by day. Temperatures plummeted below freezing at night.

Shelter and salvage equipment were in short supply and the rescue effort was being carried out mostly by friends and relatives using little more than their bare hands and small tools.

Only two roads and one rail line were open to the quake-stricken region, hindering the delivery of heavy rescue equipment like cranes and bulldozers. Many supplies were arriving by helicopter and parachute.

In hard-hit Leninakan, a city of 250,000, remaining residents are beginning to suffer from a lack of drinking water, sewage and garbage-hauling facilities, and transport, said the newspaper Sovetskaya Rossiya.

It said it was understandable that officials responsible for such services were in a state of shock, "as practically everyone lost families," but said the lack of action could not continue.

In some towns, no one was organizing relief efforts because all the officials had been killed by the quake, Soviet television reported.

Ten people were pulled alive from the rubble Monday, bringing the total rescued in all areas to 5,398, Ryzhkov said. About 1,000 people were rescued in Spitak, a city of 25,000 that was almost totally destroyed.

The influx of aid from around the world overwhelmed the backward, mountainous area hardest hit by the disaster.

"Our nation is so undeveloped we can't even receive help properly," said one air traffic controller on the verge of tears at the airport in Yerevan, the Armenian capital 50 miles to the southeast.

The earthquake destroyed hundreds of recently constructed apartment buildings in the cities of Leninakan, Spitak, and Kirovakan and destroyed 28 villages.

"We believe gross violations were permitted" in planning and building the apartment buildings that collapsed, Ryzhkov told reporters in Yerevan on Monday.



CROSSED SIGNALS — Dave Foreman of 299 E. Middle Turnpike and Bob Leger of 239 E. Middle Turnpike, employees of the Manchester Police Department, repair a crossing signal Friday at the intersection of Middle Turnpike and Main Street. The two said the signal was damaged recently when a trailer truck struck the pole.

Pre-winter Arctic blast catches many unprepared

By The Associated Press

A mass of Arctic air moved out to sea today after leaving in its wake a frigid reminder of what winter has in store for Connecticut, stalling cars and buses, freezing pipes, causing scattered power outages and catching some homeless shelters unprepared.

Snow was forecast today for much of the state, but meteorologists at the National Weather Service said Connecticut would only receive a dusting, with no measurable accumulation likely.

Temperatures plunged to below zero overnight, but the Weather Service said today would mark the start of a warming trend.

At Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, the mercury dropped to minus 3 degrees at 5:40 a.m. Monday, exceeding by 2 degrees the record low for the date set back in 1922.

The record low Monday at Bradley was the third lowest December reading through the 12th of the month since the National Weather Service began keeping records in 1905, according to meteorologist Bob Woodard. The coldest December day on record in Connecticut was on Dec. 30, 1917, when the mercury plunged to 18 degrees below zero.

The cold snap taxed heating systems throughout the state, causing a cold-weather record for electricity usage between 11 a.m. and noon Monday, said Jeffrey R. Kotkin, a spokesman for Northeast Utilities. He said usage peaked at 5.93 million kilowatts, breaking the previous cold-weather record of 5.83 million kilowatts set on Jan. 14 of this year.

The warm-weather record, set this August, is 6.35 million kilowatts, Kotkin said.

AAA of Hartford and the Connecticut Motor Club reported Monday receiving more than 2,000 trouble calls by noon, most of them requests to jump-start cars.

"I don't think a lot of people expected this," said Elke Martin of the Connecticut Motor Club. "But then, I don't know how you can be prepared for single-digit temperatures."

In Norwalk, public and parochial schools were closed for the day Monday after the brake lines in about 22 buses froze, and crews couldn't get enough thawed in time to provide service even for a delayed start.

Some homeless shelters said the early cold snap gave them no time to get ready for winter.

"We haven't even gotten the hats and gloves that have been donated out to the people," said Judy Moriarty, program director for the Gateway Community Center and an advocate for the homeless in Stamford.

"We just started to collect them ... you know with the Christmas season and all ... and we didn't expect this cold," she said. "Northeast Utilities reported several thousand scattered power outages early Monday morning, when the temperatures were at their lowest, and Kotkin said many could be linked to the cold weather."

Firefighters in several towns struggled Monday in the freezing cold to put out blazes. In Waterbury, firefighters battled an early-morning blaze that destroyed a Friendly's Restaurant off Interstate 84.

Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr., the only director to comment on the issue, told downtown business owners that any delays or revisions in the project could kill it because funds would not likely be available again from the state. The project is being funded mostly by the state.

If canceled, the town would likely have to repay \$2 to \$3 million it already spent on design and other costs, he said.

"We are no longer at the crossroads," DiRosa said. "We are at the end of the line."

intersection of Middle Turnpike and Main Street. The two said the signal was damaged recently when a trailer truck struck the pole.

Pierog

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manager style. The Board of Selectmen recently vetoed the commission's proposal over Pierog's objection, but a petition is being circulated to override the rejection.

Pierog said she has not ruled out running again sometime in the future but for now, she has had enough.

"I'm just taking a vacation. I don't want to rule that (running again) out," she said.

Kennedy said the redrawing of district lines may only be the first step. Because enrollment increases are projected to come in the Nathan Hale, Wadell School, Verplanck School and Robertson School areas, other boundaries may have to be redrawn to fill Highland Park.

He said the board's long-range planning committee would have looked into redrawing lines for Bowers School between Middle Turnpike and East Center Street and possibly Robertson's boundaries.

However, continued negotiations produced a settlement.

The only one who seemed unhappy with the new pact was Tucci.

Tucci, who has voted against similar pacts over the last year, including the recent settlement with the board's paraprofessional union, said he was uneasy about giving such high raises. He said they were not in line with contracts given in the private sector.

"I'm uncomfortable with it," Tucci said. He added that taxpayers also would be unhappy with the settlement "when they get the bill."

Board member Francis A. Maffe Jr. said he was happy with the new pact because the board probably would have lost it if it went to arbitration.

Maffe said teachers in other areas have had higher salary increases than the raises approved in Manchester.

"We felt, if we had to go to arbitration, it would definitely cost us more money," he said.

The NCAA isn't saying what it will do, but UNLV officials expressed optimism the organization will settle for a courtroom victory and drop any punitive action against Tarkanian.

"It's obvious that the principle that the NCAA is seeking has been upheld," UNLV President Robert Maxson said. "However, after 12 years, I would expect the NCAA not to pursue any action against Jerry Tarkanian."

"Coach Tarkanian has surely been through enough during this period of time and I have every reason to believe the NCAA will honor our appeal that they not pursue this matter."

Whether Tarkanian can even be suspended remains unclear, because the long-time coach is still protected by a state court injunction against the university suspending him.

Tarkanian's attorney, Mark Solomon, said the decision will not immediately affect Tarkanian because the injunction forces the university to have provided the coach due process before making any attempt to suspend him.

Dick Schultz, executive director of the NCAA, declined comment on Tarkanian's future, saying the NCAA's infractions committee will meet at a

Housing Schools

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Highland Park as proposed. Also, new pupils in the Squire Village complex on Spencer Street will be sent to Highland Park, Kennedy said.

Kennedy also rescinded his recommendation to put a one-year moratorium on the student transfer policy, which allows parents to have their children attend any elementary school as long as there is room and parents provide transportation. After the meeting, Kennedy said he changed his mind about suspending the policy because he did not think it was needed, the policy was not suspended in previous school closings, and because he did not sense board support.

Pat Noonan of 180 Wells St. said she will take advantage of the rescinding of the transfer policy and have her daughter attend Nathan Hale next year.

"It's a very good school," she said. "It's worth staying."

The board also voted to go forward with plans to make Nathan Hale a "magnet" school. A magnet school is one with a specialized curriculum that would attract students townwide.

School officials have said it could be over two years before the school would accept about 100 less students. The school now has about 450 students, but that number will be reduced to a projected 364 students next year.

Next year, Highland Park has a projected enrollment of 213 students, while Martin School will have about 286 students, down from its current total of 312 students.

Buckley School, also affected by the redistricting plan, would enroll 322 students, down from 433 students.

Actual enrollment may change, though, depending upon how many people take advantage of the transfer policy, Kennedy said. He said the school administration would begin polling parents immediately and results should be available in February.

"I can't tell you either way how that's going to come out," he said.

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The start of the "Irish Connection" in regards to the Manchester Road Race was started in 1978 when John Treacy made his debut but the first native of Ireland with world-class credentials, to compete in the local Thanksgiving morning race was Pat McMahon. A member of Ireland's Olympic team in 1968, McMahon placed second in both the 1968 and 1970 runs behind Amby Burfoot and John Vataha. McMahon was teaching high school in Massachusetts at the time.

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Tucci, who has voted against similar pacts over the last year, including the recent settlement with the board's paraprofessional union, said he was uneasy about giving such high raises. He said they were not in line with contracts given in the private sector.

"I'm uncomfortable with it," Tucci said. He added that taxpayers also would be unhappy with the settlement "when they get the bill."

Board member Francis A. Maffe Jr. said he was happy with the new pact because the board probably would have lost it if it went to arbitration.

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Vaughn doing well at Trinity

Matt Vaughn, who specialized in floor generalship and effective three-point range marksmanship last season with Manchester High's basketball team, has won a spot in his freshman year with the Trinity College varsity this season. He's the first local player with the Bantams since Mike Mistretta.

While not a double-digit pointmaker like in high school, Vaughn has adopted himself creditably under the coaching eye of Stan Ogronik with solid performances.

Ogronik, who turned out one state championship team and had four finalists while coaching at East Catholic High, is now in his eighth season at Trinity, one of the powerhouse under his guidance in New England ECAC Division III competition. Three times Ogronik's collegians captured divisional honors while compiling a record of 125 wins and only 46 defeats. The current squad is well on its way to another winning season with Vaughn in a key role.

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Tarkanian's fate in the NCAA's court

By Tim Dohnborg

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — After losing in the nation's highest court, Nevada-Las Vegas basketball Coach Jerry Tarkanian now finds the ball firmly in the NCAA's court.

Tarkanian, who lost a U.S. Supreme Court ruling Monday against the NCAA's suspension of him, now must wait and see if the NCAA follows through on its original plan to order UNLV to suspend him from coaching for two years for alleged recruiting violations.

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Sherrill ends era at A&M

By Michael A. Lutz

The Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Texas A&M, in the wake of the resignation of Jackie Sherrill, is starting a new athletic era under new head coach R.C. Slocum and new Athletic Director John David Crow.

The Jackie Sherrill era ended Monday when he resigned as head coach and athletic director amid accusations he paid "hush" money to a former player during an NCAA investigation.

Sherrill led the Aggies to three straight Cotton Bowl appearances and compiled a 53-27-1 record in seven seasons.

But the Aggies were placed on probation in September for violating NCAA recruiting guidelines.

Controversy emerged again last month when former A&M running back George Smith claimed he received more than \$4,000 from Sherrill to keep him quiet about NCAA infractions.

The Aggies still are investigating the latest charges to the NCAA although Smith has recanted his statements.

"Because of my great love for this school and its people, I am removing myself from my position at Texas A&M," Sherrill said in a prepared statement.

"I have remained in my position because I felt it has been a period that has needed my complete interest and full cooperation due to the continuing national attention that has been paid to this matter."

"Now, it is with all this in mind, and with the best interest of Texas A&M uppermost in my thoughts, it is time for us to come to a mutual parting of the ways in order for everyone concerned to get a fresh start," Sherrill said.

Sherrill resigned with a five-year rollover contract worth \$250,000 per year. A source close to the A&M athletic department said Sherrill received a \$1.5-million settlement to end his relationship with the school.

A&M president William Mobley launched an in-house investigation of Smith's allegations which, if proved, could have put A&M in jeopardy of losing NCAA's death penalty for a violation while under probation.

"I have agreed with Mr. Sherrill that his best interest, and that of the University, will be best served by this action," Mobley said.

Aside from the prepared statement, Sherrill said he would not discuss the Smith case.

"I will refrain from discussing this matter until it is completely resolved and all parties are vindicated, as I strongly believe they will be," Sherrill's statement said.

Sherrill's decision "should not be interpreted as pre-judging the outcome of the ongoing investigation of recent allegations," Mobley said. "I will continue to be guided in this matter, and all other university matters, by the principles of due process, fairness and integrity."

Players heard of the resignation in a meeting with Sherrill on Monday.



PULLED DOWN — Miami's Mark Clayton (83) is pulled down by Cleveland Browns' Harford Dixon during first-quarter action Monday night at Joe Robbie Stadium. The Dolphins won, 38-31.

Dolphins play the spoiler with win over Cleveland

By Fred Goodall

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Don Shula teams aren't accustomed to playing the role of spoiler. Then again, this hasn't been an ordinary year for the Miami Dolphins.

Desiring for their worst finish since 1968, the Dolphins surprised Cleveland 38-31 Monday night to end a five-game losing streak and shove the Browns into a must-win situation to make the NFL playoffs.

"It makes me feel a little bit better about our football team," said Shula, whose team has battled adversity on and off the field during what he has described as his toughest year as a coach.

"It's been a tough five weeks, but I never gave up on this team," he added. "And the team didn't give up on themselves."

Dan Marino passed for 404 yards and four touchdowns against the NFL's second-ranked pass defense, and Lorenzo Hampton dived 1-yard for the game-winning TD with 34 seconds left to help Miami, 6-9, end its longest losing streak in 21 years.

Cleveland, 9-6, can still clinch a wild-card playoff berth with a victory over Houston next Sunday, but will miss post-season play for the first time in four years if the Oilers win.

"The main thing right now is we have a one-game season and we have 59 seconds left."

"Strock came in and did a helluva job. I'm glad he did a good job and we won," said Shula, who released Strock, a 15-year veteran, during training camp. "He's been in those situations before and done a good job, too. But I don't think Dan (Marino) wanted to be outdone."

It took Marino 25 seconds to bring the Dolphins back. He began the march with a 13-yard completion to Mark Clayton, who had eight receptions for 108 yards, and then found Banks, who caught six passes for 118 yards, streaking up the left sideline ahead of Browns cornerback Harford Dixon.

"They doubled Clayton inside," said Banks, a former Cleveland player. "When that happens, they come outside to me."

Marino's four-touchdown performance gives him 12 TDs in his last three games and a NFL-high 26 for the season. His 428 yards passing also led the league and put him over 4,000 for a record fourth time.

Clayton caught scoring passes of 11 and 9 yards from Marino and Jim Jensen and Hampton both scored on a 2-yard reception for the Dolphins, who played for the second straight week without star receiver Mark Duper.

Duper was suspended for 30 days for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy.

minutes Monday and discussed the situation. Maxson issued a brief statement saying the school had not seen a copy of the high court's order.

"I'm not sure what will happen," Rothermel said in a telephone interview before his meeting with Maxson and Tarkanian. "I don't know what the decision means in terms of what the NCAA is able to do, or will choose to do."

The loss of Tarkanian would be a major blow to the university's basketball program. Tarkanian had a record of 501-166, an .825 percentage, going into this season, his 20th. This season's team is 2-2.

Tarkanian's teams have been consistently ranked in the nation's top 10. Tarkanian came to Nevada-Las Vegas in 1973 after rejuvenating a lackluster basketball program at Long Beach State.

He performed a similar transformation at Nevada-Las Vegas, building a 385-89 record at the school in 14 seasons. His teams have made two trips to the NCAA Final Four, in 1977 and 1987.

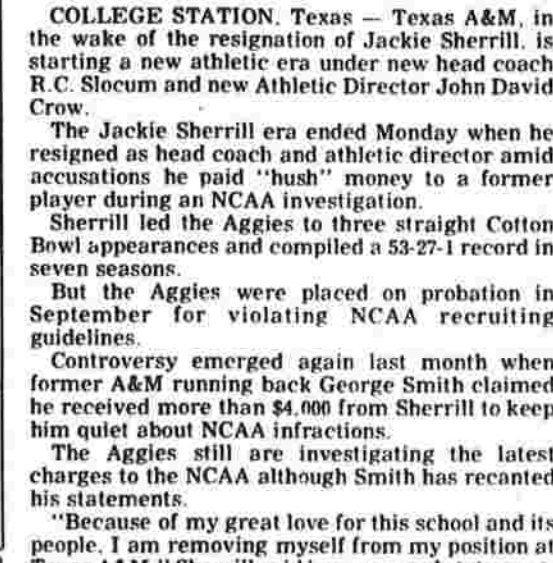
The Rebels have achieved celebrity status in their town where pizzazz is the norm. The 18,500-seat Thomas & Mack Center, also known as Tark's Shark Tank, was built to handle the crowds that clamored for tickets to see Tarkanian's teams play.

"We didn't expect this, although losing was always a possible outcome," Rothermel said.

The high court ruled Monday that the NCAA had the right to order the school to suspend Tarkanian for two years when the Runnin' Rebels were placed on two years probation in 1977 for a series of recruiting violations.

Tarkanian challenged the suspension in state district court and the Nevada Supreme Court, winning in both courts. The NCAA then appealed the suspension issue to the U.S. Supreme Court, with that case being heard Oct. 5.

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Dartmouth gets past Hartford

HARTFORD (AP) — Jim Barton scored 19 points, including two free throws during

Wolverines are devouring cupcake foes on slate

By Harry Atkins
The Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — A steady diet of cupcakes is making Michigan look a little sickly. The second-ranked Wolverines, playing their ninth game in 18 days, were sluggish Monday night but still had enough to beat Eastern Michigan 80-57. It was Michigan's third successive victory over a Mid-American Conference team. The Wolverines beat Central Michigan by 46 points and Western Michigan by 47 last week. Other cupcakes among Michigan's victims include Grambling,

NCAA Hoop

When people slow down on you, it doesn't look so good. But the bottom line is it's a victory and a decisive one and we have to be pleased with it. It was the first defeat in six starts for the patient, pressing Huskies who had wins over Detroit and Indiana State despite starting two freshmen and two sophomores. "I don't care if Michigan was sluggish or not," Eastern Michigan coach Ben Baum said. "There's just so many things that a 6-foot-8 player like me would be patient and take our time. There are going to be close games, there are going to get used to that."

AP college hoop scores

By Lewis Witham
Take the number of professional fights won by Mike Tyson, divide by the points awarded for recovering a fumble in the opposition's end zone, multiply by the number of pins in duckpin bowling, and add the number of teams which qualify for the NFL playoffs. PAYOFF: The above answer is also the number of regular-season games played by each team in a professional league. Which one?

Footbal

Chris Ray places 77th
SPARKS, Nev. — East Catholic High School sophomore Chris Ray, representing the Willamette Athletic Club, finished 77th in the TAC/USA Junior Olympic National Cross Country Championships at the Wildercrest Club last Saturday in Iowa City. The Hawkeyes won, 86-71.

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NHL standings

Wales Conference	Pct.	GP	GA
Pittsburgh	11	17	127
NY Rangers	11	24	128
Philadelphia	17	20	126
NY Islanders	7	20	126

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Montreal	19	4	131
Boston	13	14	127
Hartford	13	14	127
Quebec	10	19	145

Basketball

NBA standings

Eastern Conference	Pct.	GP	GA
New York	13	4	124
Boston	10	10	124
Philadelphia	10	10	124
Charlotte	5	12	124

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New England	10	5	66.7	15	24
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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Huskies host Fairfield

STORRS — The University of Connecticut (4-1), coming off an emotional win over Virginia after being buried by Purdue less than 48 hours before, will try to maintain its emotional high tonight at 8 as the Huskies host Fairfield University (1-5) at the Field House in Storrs. The Stags go into the game minus 6-6 forward Harold Brantley, out with a sprained left foot suffered in the first half against Manhattan last week. They were also missing previously 6-7 Tom Squert (out indefinitely with a stress fracture) and 6-7 Ed Newman (out with a dislocated knee cap).

Chris Ray places 77th

SPARKS, Nev. — East Catholic High School sophomore Chris Ray, representing the Willamette Athletic Club, finished 77th in the TAC/USA Junior Olympic National Cross Country Championships at the Wildercrest Club last Saturday in Iowa City. The Hawkeyes won, 86-71.

Bush accepts arbitration

NEW YORK (AP) — Randy Bush, who batted .261 with 14 home runs and 51 runs batted in during 1988 for Minnesota, and then became a free agent, Monday accepted the Twins' offer to arbitrate his 1989 salary. The Major League Baseball Players Association said.

MacLean player of week

MONTREAL (AP) — Right wing John MacLean of the New Jersey Devils, who scored seven goals, including hat tricks in consecutive games, was named the NHL player of the week Monday for the period ending Dec. 11.

ND, UCLA in Top Twenty

NEW YORK (AP) — Notre Dame and UCLA are two very familiar names in college basketball, especially during the 1970's and 1980's. It seemed appropriate, then, that the Fighting Irish and Bruins should break into The Associated Press Top Twenty in the same week this season.

Jazz able to withstand the Heat

By Bob Black
The Associated Press
SALT LAKE CITY — Utah Jazz coach Jerry Sloan had one thing to say to his team during a timeout early in its game with the Miami Heat. "When they (the Heat) went up 9-2, I called a timeout and said 'If you guys don't want to go in the record book, you'd better get your butts in gear,'" said Sloan, whose Jazz recovered for a 110-94 victory over the Heat Monday night. Miami's 17th straight loss.

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Calendar

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Girls Basketball
Manchester at Holy Cross, 7 p.m.
Berthel of East Catholic, 7 p.m.



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Depth a problem for EC matmen

By Jim Tierney
Manchester Herald
For Santos Corpus, beginning his 17th year as the East Catholic High wrestling coach, receiving a commitment to the sport from underclassmen has led to tough times for the Eagle matmen.

MCC suffers heart-breaking loss

By Jim Tierney
Manchester Herald
It was a heart-breaking loss for the Manchester Community College men's basketball team Monday night against Becker Junior College. MCC dropped a 68-67 overtime decision to Becker at East Catholic High School. MCC's loss tallied a team-high 19 points.

Patriots upended

COVENTRY — Unable to get off of the gate early, Coventry High was visiting Portland High construct a 17-6 first-quarter lead en route to a 57-39 verdict Monday night in Charter Oak conference girls' basketball action.

Rec Hoop

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FOCUS/Advice

Children separate fun toys from duds

By the Editors of Consumer Reports

At holiday time, selecting appealing toys and games at the store is generally an easy task. Much harder is choosing one that will be played with long after New Year's.

To help separate the fun stuff from the duds, the editors of Penny Power magazine, a Consumer Reports publication for young people, enlisted the aid of 23 kids, aged 8 to 13. Their mission: Spend a day playing with each of 10 popular toys and then rank them in order of preference.

The testers' overall favorite was the Aero Turbo Hopper, about \$50 from Tyco. It's a speedy and nimble remote-controlled car, with controls simple enough for even the youngest testers. The toy responded easily to such tricky maneuvers as parking it in its box for driving it around the pylons that come with the set. The Aero Turbo Hopper can be set for fast or slow speed, and requires eight AA batteries and one 9-volt battery. Rechargeable batteries will also work.

Consumer Reports

The second place finisher was VCR California Games, about \$40 by Epyx. It's a board game that utilizes a video-tape of dating, exciting stunts. Racing down the California coast on the gameboard, the players hit the VCR play button each time they land on a square. The video shows a daredevil on a surfboard, skateboard, BMX bike or surf sailer attempting a difficult stunt. Will it be a smash or a crash? Success earns the players cash to continue on their way. The testers loved the tape's music and 200 stunts — more than the game itself. Some stopped playing the game and just enjoyed watching the tape.

Before the test, the youngsters had rated Crossfire, a \$25 game by Milton Bradley, next-to-last in appearance. He's the fast-paced furious action

betting on whether another player would admit to sneaking a peek at a sister's diary or choosing a friend last for a team.

A remote-controlled toy skate-boarder, RC Radskate (about \$55 from Matchbox) finished in sixth place. It wasn't as speedy or maneuverable as other remote-controlled vehicles and you may get only 40 minutes of play before you need to replace the \$7 worth of batteries.

The seventh-ranked Real Ghostbusters Dodge in the Dark Driving Game (about \$20, by Parker Brothers) was found to be too repetitive to be much fun. Eighth-ranked Turbo-Rubs (\$15, by Milton Bradley) was too difficult and many lost interest after a few rounds of play. Ninth-ranked Program A Sketch (about \$11, by The Ohio Art Co.) was criticized for being hard to set up and its final designs not worth the effort.

As a continuing resurgence of popularity in video games, especially among young boys. Led by Nintendo products, this area has the biggest effect in sales and will continue, he says.

Last year's home video game sales were estimated at more than \$1 billion.

Board games will continue to be strong. Pictionary, from The Games Gang, has been a sales leader, he says, with nearly 11 million copies sold since it was introduced.

The Games Gang now follows up with Baldersk, promoted as "the hilarious bluffing game," based on definitions for zany, yet real words. There's now a second edition of Pictionary and a junior version.

"Back to basics" toys remain popular, like the "good play" line of Fisher-Price products, make-believe-type toys and "construction" toys, from Duplo and Lego and Tyco as well as Fisher-Price.

On this theory that "everything old is new again," Creative Playthings is re-introducing some of its more popular outdoor wooden playground sets and accessories.

"All an adult needs is one block of wood," says David Hessel, executive vice president of Creative Playthings. "Children will be creative through their own imagination and limit play, explaining Lechhead, director of the university's Center for Cognitive Research Processes.

The best toys, he says, are low cost, low tech toys that offer imaginative play — unpainted wooden blocks that help teach geometric patterns and mathematical concepts and the educational toys often bore children quickly, says Susan Brodekamp

WIT OF THE WORLD



ALL DECKED OUT — Dolly Parton and Bob Hope are suited up for Hope's upcoming Christmas Special on Saturday. The pair prepared for the show by taping Sunday aboard the Royal Viking Sun, which is docked at the Port of Miami.

PEOPLE

Lucas sues over program
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — George Lucas' film company is suing a firm that sells a computer instructional program called "Temples of Doom," saying it violates a copyright on his Indiana Jones movies.

Lucasfilm Inc. filed the suit Friday in U.S. District Court against Solar Systems Software. The lawsuit said Lucasfilm has a trademark for the "Temple of Doom" name and design, and used it to sell products like puzzles, books, comics and video games.

Jones, a mythical archaeologist and adventurer played by Harrison Ford, was the central character in Lucas' "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom," and "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" is due out in May, the lawsuit said.

"The 'Temples of Doom' package pictures a character resembling Jones wearing a snap-brim fedora, leather jacket and shoulder bag, the suit said. The program teaches people how to use financial spreadsheet programs, said Lucasfilm lawyer Neil Shapiro.

The suit seeks \$50,000 for alleged copyright infringements on each Lucasfilm trademark product, plus damages equal to three times the profits from the computer program, and a court order prohibiting future infringements. It did not list the total number of alleged infringements.

Jennings doing fine
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country music star Wayne Jennings was "doing just fine" after 3 1/2 hours of triple bypass heart surgery, a hospital spokeswoman said.

"There was no evidence of a heart attack," Bridget Dolan, the Baptist Hospital spokeswoman, added after Monday's operation.

The 51-year-old singer, who had an angioplasty in October, was hospitalized Sunday morning after having chest pains while traveling to a concert in Bristol, she said.

Jennings' wife, singer Jessie Colter, and son were with him at the hospital, and the entertainer was in good spirits before surgery, Ms. Dolan said.

Firm signs picture deal
LOS ANGELES (AP) — The film company put together by pop music seductress Madonna has signed a two-year, five-picture deal with Columbia Pictures.

Madonna, who formed Siren Films in January 1987, will star in most, if not all, the movies, said Siren vice president Carol Lees. Lees said the first project will be a musical. No details or financial terms were disclosed.

FOCUS/Holidays

Holidays bring out worst in shoppers

OXFORD, Ohio (AP) — The holiday season can bring out the worst in Christmas shoppers when it comes to irrational buying, according to a Miami University marketing expert.

"When we feel depressed by the season, it's not uncommon for us to go out and buy items we don't want or need, just to pick up our spirits," says Jack Gifford, chairman of the university's marketing department.

Another holiday buying trend, he says, indicates shoppers also find it much easier to spend lots of money on several smaller items and avoid the

Video games still hot item for gift giving

Many people find their will power to follow through on the resolutions begins to falter by early February because of a complex mind game called "self-handicapping," says Richard Sherman, professor of social psychology at the university.

"Self-handicapping gives people an excuse so that if a situation fails, it's not their fault," Sherman explains. "For example, Debbie could get a date if she lost weight. However, if she loses the weight and still can't get a date, she no longer has a ready excuse. Having an excuse for failure is much less threatening than thinking we are not capable of succeeding."

Just a few years ago, video games were considered an outdated fad. While consumers had paid \$3 billion a year for games and game cartridges in 1985, industry experts say that 1986 sales had fallen to about \$100 million, with manufacturers letting \$35 game cartridges go for \$5 or less.

That year, however, Nintendo, a subsidiary of Nintendo Co. Ltd. of Japan, began test-marketing a new game system that had been a runaway success with the Japanese. The Nintendo Entertainment System, essentially a small computer, control panels and game cartridges containing computer chips, offered more intricate games with high-quality graphics and sound.

Folks in this country liked it, too, and Nintendo, Atari and Intellivision, makers of the most traditional Christmas decorations of all the tree," she says, "will surely catch everyone's eye."

Some ideas for decorating the tree: dolls and figurines, Christmas dresses, stuffed animals and miniature wood rocking chairs, snowmen, gingerbread teddy bears and wood crannies, birds-of-love ornaments and hand-painted angels, blue and gold ornaments and white candles.

Bells are festive ornament
With jingle bells and church bells, festive bells and ornamental bells, the image is sleigh and holiday-happy.

The seasonal association with bells goes back centuries, when churches used bells to call the people to prayer. Essayist Charles Lamb was later to call bells "the music bordering nearest heaven."

The Riverside Church in New York City has 74 bells, weighing 40,000 pounds, and is believed to be the largest carillon in North America by total weight. The carillon at the Kirk-in-the-Hills near Detroit has 77 bells, according to Terry Mayer, president of the Metropolitan New York chapter of the American Bell Association International and a designer of bell jewelry.

Pre-ried bow for women
A suggestion for a gift for women coping with arthritis comes from a New York maker of fashion apparel and accessories.

The company, Irwin Taylor, has designed pre-ried bow ties in which the bow is sewn together so the physically challenged women don't have to take on the sometimes formidable task of tying knots.

The adjustable neckband fastens securely and easily with a Velcro closure and is available in an assortment of colors and prints.

Office tools disguised
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Office equipment is disguised as food in L.I. Fridge, a miniature refrigerator filled with office tools from Bantering Enterprises.

It comes in three colors — pistachio, strawberry and french vanilla.

Road atlas redesigned
A compact road atlas of the United States, Canada and Mexico, is designed to fit into the car glove compartment, or Christmas stocking. The Rand McNally atlas is roughly 4-by-9 inches.

Bird shelter-hedder
Westhampton Greenery in Westhampton Beach, N.Y., has a "Birdhouse in the Hamptons," a bird shelter-hedder that comes with a package of birdseed and a pocket-size book of poetry and prose about birds that sing.

Cloudhopper among gifts for the affluent

DALLAS (AP) — That winter wish list for well-stocked wallets, the Neiman Marcus Christmas catalog, this year reflects that not everything is better in pairs, providing a lift for Yuletide spirits with a "his-or-hers" hot-air balloon.

But for conspicuous holiday consumers, the catalog that introduced his-and-hers camels, dirigibles and spangled cats is not saying that thoughtfulness is out of vogue with the affluent.

Featured in the catalog is the Neiman Marcus Cloudhopper, a 30-foot-tall hot-air balloon that fits into an automobile trunk and fits onto the back of a car as a whole unit.

"Not all the catalog gifts are for loners. But like an upscale 'Easy Rider,' a customer can take to the road riding a limited edition Harley-Davidson motorcycle," says company spokesman Pat Zajac.

"Only one can ride in it. Of course, if 20 people want one, that's no problem. We are prepared to provide as many Cloudhoppers as the public wants."

Construed by Per Lindstrand of Thunder and Colt Balloons, England, the "fantasy of free-flight" sells for a mere \$15,000.

"We always look for things that are unexpected, unusual," says Ms. Zajac, "and this is the world's first backpack balloon."

"It's the most compact balloon ever offered to the public," she says. "It's a backpack balloon that fits in the trunk of a car as a whole unit."

Malcolm has supplied her with her own violet motorcycle.

The wanderlust may strike Thunder and Colt in a more down-to-earth way.

For \$25,000, you can take a 10-day bicycle tour of Italy's Tuscany Region on custom Cinelli touring bikes, which may be personalized with your monogram or family crest.

The romantic tour for two, "The Tuscany Gran Turismo" comes with a deluxe motor coach and a driver-guide to accompany the riders, who can room at luxurious country inns and villas through the trip.



IN OVER HIS KNEES — Vincent Perkins unloads Christmas trees from atop a flat-bed trailer load of hundreds of the holiday evergreens in Portland, Maine, Saturday. Perkins and his grandfather sell the trees at the same spot in Deering Oaks Park every December.

IN BRIEF

No candles please
NEWTON, Mass. (AP) — A few tips to reduce the risk of a Christmas tree fire: Before buying a cut tree, strike the butt sharply against the ground. A shower of needles means the tree is dry, a potential hazard.

Before placing the tree in water, make a fresh checkerboard to expose new wood for better water absorption.

Keep the water reservoir of your tree stand full. A fresh tree can drink several gallons of water in the first few days indoors.

Keep the tree away from a fireplace, radiator or other source of heat.

Never use lighted candles on or near a tree or other evergreens.

Don't burn Christmas greens in your fireplace. The sparks they throw are a dangerous fire hazard.

Traditional tree trimmings
A twist on the traditional is suggested for holiday tree decorations this year.

Part the fun in decorating for Christmas is doing the unexpected," says Bette Rosenberg, home fashions director for Spiegel, catalog merchandiser and marketer.

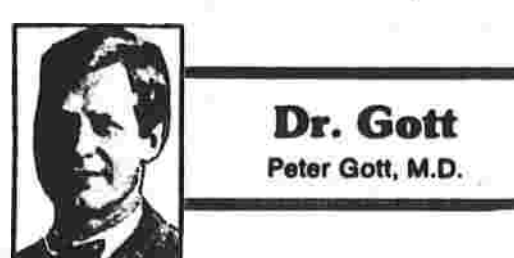
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Personal check for a present is humbug in couple's eyes

Dr. Gott
Peter Gott, M.D.

Doctors suggest taking out tonsils

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have large tonsils which get infected easily. Several doctors have recommended their removal. At my age (63) what can I expect from surgery?

DEAR READER: Tonsils are lymph glands at the back of the throat. Although they are more likely to be inflamed in children, adults can suffer from the painful sore throat of tonsillitis. If the tonsils become infected with strep bacteria, the inflammation must be treated aggressively with appropriate antibiotics to avoid the consequences of rheumatic fever or kidney inflammation (nephritis).

Children usually outgrow the tendency to tonsillitis. Removal of tonsils in an operation performed far less frequently today than it was years ago when tonsillectomies were so common as to be almost a rite of passage from childhood to adulthood.

Sometimes, adults experience repeated tonsillitis. In such cases, tonsillectomy should be considered as a means of removing chronically infected tissue. Despite your age, this operation might improve your life. If the doctors agree that your tonsils should come out, I say "go for it." After uncomplicated surgery, you should feel like a new person.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For the past year I have had a painful fungus infection of the lower rectum and anal area. A dermatologist has treated me with ketoconazole, hydrocortisone cream and injections, with no result. Is cancer a danger?

DEAR READER: Cancer does not ordinarily follow fungus infection, even the severe type that you describe. I'm more concerned that your dermatologist has been unable to clear up your troublesome problem.

I suggest that you request a referral to a proctologist, a specialist in difficult diseases of the lower bowel. A second opinion wouldn't hurt and it might enable you to obtain some much-needed relief.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My aged parents adopted a child. He had thick curly hair from babyhood until he turned 12. Now he has no hair anywhere. He's sick bald. Our doctor says it's nerves. What would you say?

DEAR READER: Hair loss has many causes. These include inheritance, certain illnesses (particularly those associated with fever), nutritional deficiencies (such as vitamins and minerals) and skin diseases.

I suspect that your adopted brother lost his hair because of a condition called alopecia universalis, a rare ailment of unknown cause producing complete loss of body hair.

"Nerves" seems an implausible explanation. Your brother should see a dermatologist for an examination and for advice about what might be done to correct his problem.

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: With Christmas just around the corner, I'll bet many of your other readers are struggling with this issue. For years, my in-laws have sent us checks for Christmas instead of "tangible" gifts, and now my husband refuses to go along with it, saying it is too cold and impersonal. I heartily agree. But why should I run around shopping for personal gifts for each of them, then go through the trouble of gift wrapping and mailing them on time (we all live in different states), only to receive a check or two in return? None of them are incapacitated or very old, and they have as much time as we have.

Neither my husband nor I is difficult to buy for; we have always enthusiastically thanked them for gifts in the past. So, I thought I'd send them a list of practical gift ideas (titles of books, sizes and colors of desirable items of clothing) that they could shop from.

If, upon receiving the lists, they still choose to send money, can I tell them in the future they should contribute the money to a charity in our name? I'd rather do that than get more checks. It really bugs me to get money from close relatives because they don't know what we need or want and don't bother asking.

THE OREGON INITIATIVE
DEAR OREGON: Accept the checks graciously, and be grateful if you were remembered at all. (Lots of people aren't.) Don't complain, and don't send any lists.

DEAR ABBY: I have the perfect solution for "Brentwood Data Bank."

HAPPY MOUNTAIN MOM, AUBERRY, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: Can you stand one more letter about smoking, and how difficult it is to quit? They say that "cold turkey" is the hardest way, but I did it, and there was nothing to it.

On March 20, I had my first date with a very young 15-year-old woman. I was 15 months older. We met for lunch, and from the tone of her voice when she asked if I would be seated in the non-smoking area, I knew how the lady felt about smokers. Well, I quit cold turkey at that very moment.

Was it worth it? You bet it was. We were married on Nov. 19, and we're still honeymooning. Sign me up.

HAPPY IN HOUSTON
"How to Write Letters for All Occasions" includes sample letters of congratulations, thank-yous, condolences, resumes and business letters, even how to write a love letter! It also includes how to properly address senders, government officials, diplomats and others. To order, send your name and address, a money order for \$2.99 to: Abby's Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 467, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Woman's Health
The most common symptom is hot flashes or flushes — a wavelike sensation of heat that may cause heavy perspiring. About 80 percent of menopausal women have hot flashes, and to some, they are just a minor problem. Yet other women have hot flashes that are so intense and frequent that they disrupt sleep. Hot flashes, which may continue for many years, can be controlled by estrogen replacement therapy (ERT), which replaces the hormones naturally produced before menopause. Two hormones and other symptoms, and progesterone, a hormone which helps prevent cancer of the lining of the uterus (endometrium).

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