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About Town

Post exam party planned

The Manchester Community College Minority Student Alliance will co-sponsoring "The After Exam Jam" Friday, Dec. 23 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Lower Program Center at Manchester Community College. It will be a non-alcoholic dance party with donations of \$3 at the door, \$2 in advance through the Director of Minority Student Programs, Joe Mesquita or MSA members.

Course planned at church

The American Cancer Society will sponsor a free education program for cancer patients and their families, beginning Jan. 11 at St. Bartholomew's Church.

The course will be conducted in six sessions on Wednesday evenings. The title of the course is "I Can Cope." Nutrition, sexuality, daily health problems, practical matters and community resources are topics to be covered.
For more information call the local American Cancer Society, 643-2168.

Multiples to hold party

Santa will be seeing double this year when he drops in on the Mothers of Multiples of Greater Hartford's Holiday Party, Wednesday, Dec. 21. The party will be held at the Manchester Knights of Columbus Hall at 5:30 p.m. Twins and triplets along with their families will gather for a joyful evening of activities, snacks and desserts, a puppet show and a visit from Mr. Claus. For more information about the club, call Bev Woodson, 745-4691 or Cindy Morrissey, 643-5365.

Cheney Tech open house

Howell Cheney Technical School will hold an open house for prospective students and their parents, Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. All classrooms will be open for visitation. Students currently attending Cheney Tech have also been invited to attend with parents and friends.

Blood drive scheduled

Connecticut Valley East Branch of the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the Army and Navy Club on Main Street Thursday, Dec. 29 from 1 to 6 p.m. If it has been 56 days since your last donation, you can safely donate again. Blood is needed in greater quantity during the holidays.

Births

Spears, Ashley Nichole, daughter of Shawn W. and Leanne Cichowski Spears of Vernon, was born Oct. 24 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Cichowski of Manchester. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William A. Spears of Manchester.

De Cormier, Jacqueline Noelle, daughter of Joseph and Teresa Enderlin De Cormier of 116 Hebron Road, Bolton, was born Nov. 27 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leon W. Enderlin of 76 Park St. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George De Cormier of 379 Porter St.

Potterton, Erica Lynn, daughter of Robert S. and Angela Church Potterton Jr. of Storrs, was born Nov. 21 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Clayton and Florence Church of 156 Edgemere Road, Coventry. Her paternal grandparents are Robert and Joan Potterton Sr. of 45 Bolton Branch Road, Coventry. She has a brother, Robert III, 28 months.

Schaeffer, James Walter, son of Thomas G. and Denise Chesky Schaeffer of 57 Campfield Road, was born Nov. 23 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chesky of 118 McKee St. His paternal grandparents are Barbra Schaeffer of the Rockville section of Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Schaeffer of Ellington. He has a brother, Thomas Jr., 4.

Solomonson, Amanda Deborah, daughter of Greg and Lynne Kratenstein Solomonson of 162 Homestead St., was born Nov. 24 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her paternal grandparents are David and Benny E. Solomonson of Homestead Street. Her paternal great-grandfather is Elwyn Roberts of Bidwell Street.

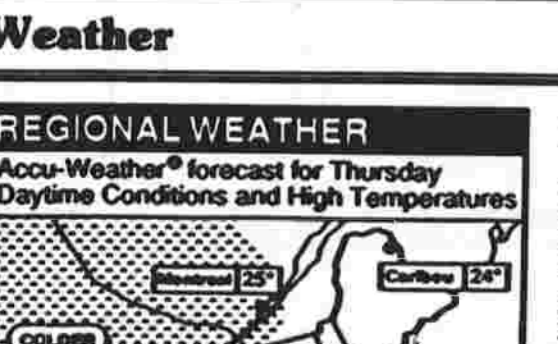
Lottery

Winning numbers drawn Tuesday in lotteries around New England:
Connecticut daily: 523. Play Four: 5280. Lotto: 4-16-16-20-24-37.
Massachusetts daily: 9545.
Tri-state daily: 472, 2940.
Rhode Island daily: 7574. Lot-O-Bucks: 2-3-12-16-27.

Weather

REGIONAL WEATHER

Accu-Weather® forecast for Thursday
Daytime Conditions and High Temperatures



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Chance of snow

Manchester and vicinity: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow showers late at night. Low 20 to 25. Thursday, a chance of flurries in the morning, becoming partly sunny in the afternoon. High 35 to 40. Outlook Friday, partly cloudy and cold. High 30 to 35.
West Coastal, East Coastal: Tonight, cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow showers late at night. Low around 30. Thursday, cloudy, becoming partly sunny and mild in the afternoon. High 40 to 45. Outlook Friday, partly cloudy and cold. High 30 to 35.
Northwest Hills: Tonight, cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow showers late at night. Low around 20. Thursday, a 40 percent chance of snow showers early.



Regional Photo/Manchester Herald

Police Roundup

Kansas man is charged with reckless endangerment

A Kansas man was arrested early this morning and charged with reckless endangerment after he pushed a table into his pregnant wife, police said. John E. Benward Jr., 25, of Kansas, was arrested at 1:18 a.m. today after police were called to investigate a domestic dispute at 40 Breton Road, Benward's father's home, police said.
Benward's wife told police that her husband and his father got into an argument, police said.
Benward's aunt told police that Benward yelled at his wife that they were leaving and pushed the kitchen table into her, police said. Benward's wife, who is five months pregnant, did not want her husband arrested, police said.
John Benward Jr. was also charged with breach of peace. He was held on \$500 cash bond and is scheduled to appear in Manchester Superior Court today.

Current Quotations

"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." — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat, to the Israeli people in his speech at a special session of the United Nations General Assembly in Geneva.

"We shall not negotiate with the PLO under any conditions nor recognize it. From our point of view, the PLO is no partner for any peace process." — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, rejecting Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat's peace initiative.

"We're here, grubby but triumphant! And all on one token." — Richard Temple, one of three subway buffs who claim they passed through all 466 stations in New York City's newly expanded subway system in a trip that lasted nearly 30 hours, setting a transit record.

Corrections

The Manchester Junior Women's Club incorrectly announced the location of its monthly meeting and Christmas Party in a news item published Monday. The party is set for Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Church of Christ, 304 Lydall St.

Public Meetings

- Meetings scheduled tonight.
- Manchester**
Cheney Hall Foundation, Probate Court, 5 p.m.
Republican Town Committee, Lincoln Center hearing room, 7 p.m.
Space Study Committee, Municipal Building coffee room, 7 p.m.
Fair Rent Commission, Lincoln Center gold room, 7 p.m.
- Andover**
Democratic Town Committee, Andover Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Thoughts

Most of us hate to wait. If the line at the bank or the supermarket is long we become anxious. When we hit too many red lights on our way home from work we are upset. If an item has to be ordered from a store, most of us would rather not wait for it to be ordered. It is difficult for us to slow down and enjoy "waiting."
Yet that is exactly what Advent bids us to: slow down and enjoy waiting. It is timely advice just before Christmas when the stores are jammed and the road clogged.
A worthwhile start maybe by having an Advent wreath. Adorn it, or some other arrangement of four candles to mark the weeks of Advent. Light a candle the first week, the two second, and so forth until four candles burn before Christmas. Read the great hymns of Advent and the beautiful prophecies of Isaiah during family devotions each day. Plan to listen to the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah" to hear the prophecies set to unforgettable music. Put up your Christmas decorations very gradually so that there will really be a change in your home on Christmas Eve. Take time to pray and receive Holy Communion. It's hard to wait for Christmas but it's easier to wait with the many traditions of Advent.

Honor Roll

- Bolton Elementary - Center School**
Here is the first-quarter honor roll for Bolton Elementary-Center School.
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LOCAL & STATE

Funding may fall short for some psychiatric services

A mental health crisis intervention center planned for Manchester Memorial Hospital probably won't have round-the-clock staff to aid desperate people at the location they are calling from, an official said.
His comments came during a meeting of area representatives of the Regional Mental Health Board in the Gold Room of Lincoln Center.
Twenty-four-hour mobile service was one of the keys of the committee's proposal. But the cost of such a program is prohibitive, Holzman explained. Mobile service would provide immediate intervention from mental health workers wherever a person experiencing a crisis might be.
Holzman said mobile service would probably only be available for 15 or 16 hours a day.

Also eliminated from the proposal was third-shift coverage of the hospital emergency room by staff from local mental health agencies. Instead, staff would be on call, he said.
In October, state Rep. John W. Thompson, D-Manchester, said the state Department of Mental Health had approved the hospital as a site for the crisis center. The center would enhance existing mental health counseling by offering immediate assessment and treatment for mentally ill people in crisis who don't need hospitalization.
The Department of Mental Health had approved a grant of \$720,000 in October for the center provided an operating agreement could be worked out between the proposal committee and the department. A proposal offered by the committee originally required about \$800,000, Holzman said.
The committee working to come up with a proposal has been meeting to make adjustments to the proposal.
Holzman also said he believes separate funding for case management, or treatment planning for clients, will not be available. In addition, a consultant from the Department of Mental Health recently recommended 15 changes to the proposal drafted by the committee of hospital and agency officials, Holzman said.
The proposal committee will meet with the Department of Mental Health again next week for more negotiations.
The center will serve Manchester, Vernon, Bolton, Hebron, South Windsor, Tolland, Ellington, East Hartford, Glastonbury, Marlborough, Newington, Rocky Hill and Wethersfield.
Those towns are in two "catchment areas," geographic areas defined by the Department of Mental Health. The center is one of three to be funded in the state.
Holzman said he thinks it will take about another month before the Department of Mental Health will approve the committee's proposal. He said he hopes the center will be in operation by the summer of 1989.
Holzman is "cautiously optimistic" the proposal will eventually be accepted.
Judi Beaudreau, a representative from Vernon who attended the meeting, said if the program doesn't get started this year, it will probably never get started because of a large budget deficit predicted for the state in the next fiscal year and beyond.
"It doesn't fly this year it never will," Beaudreau said. "We're talking the next five, six, or seven years are going to be very dry."

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Her decision to leave has nothing to do with the defunct Charter Revision Commission's decision to endorse the concept of switching to a town manager style of government. The selectmen recently voted down the proposal, but a petition is currently circulating to override the veto and bring the issue to a referendum.
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"I'm tired of doing what I'm doing," Pierog said. "I feel I've done my bit for my town."
Pierog's average day would seem to be exhausting. Up around 6 a.m., she is on the road to Hartford before 7 a.m., though she may stop at the Community Hall along the way. She arrives between 7:30 and 7:45 at her accounting job at Coopers & Lybrand, and she takes anywhere between one to six calls about town business while at work. She leaves work 1 1/2 hours later, she says, and is at the Community Hall at 7 p.m. until her work is finished.
"When you see me, I've had no dinner and I've not been home to say, 'Hi dear. I'm your wife.'" she said.
With all that in mind, Pierog has not ruled out running for another political office in the future. For now, Pierog will spend some time with Democratic town leaders trying to identify candidates for

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Pierog's average day would seem to be exhausting. Up around 6 a.m., she is on the road to Hartford before 7 a.m., though she may stop at the Community Hall along the way. She arrives between 7:30 and 7:45 at her accounting job at Coopers & Lybrand, and she takes anywhere between one to six calls about town business while at work. She leaves work 1 1/2 hours later, she says, and is at the Community Hall at 7 p.m. until her work is finished.
"When you see me, I've had no dinner and I've not been home to say, 'Hi dear. I'm your wife.'" she said.
With all that in mind, Pierog has not ruled out running for another political office in the future. For now, Pierog will spend some time with Democratic town leaders trying to identify candidates for



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NO MORE - Bolton First Selectman Sandra W. Pierog Talks Tuesday about her decision not to seek re-election.

Pierog said she wants to spend more time with her family and doing charity work.

CCM seeks more funds to fix roads

HARTFORD (AP) — A study prepared for the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities shows that local roads and bridges are in bad shape and getting worse.
The organization wants state government to double, to \$60 million, the amount going to towns next year for local road and bridge repair.
The CCM study, prepared by transportation economist Richard P. Mudge, estimated it would take \$8.7 billion to bring all locally maintained roads and bridges up to acceptable condition.
Despite mounting budget problems, "we believe the state cannot afford not to address this problem," Middletown Mayor Sebastian Garafalo, CCM president, said Tuesday.
The state faces a \$16 million deficit this year and an unprecedented gap in 1989-90 of \$882 million between requirements to maintain current services and income from existing taxes.
"These roads serve state highways," Garafalo said at a state Capitol news conference. "They're taking a beating."
Deferring maintenance, he said, will only increase costs in the long run.
Further, according to Mudge, driving on poor roads costs Connecticut residents \$100 million a year in increased operating costs. For example, he said, a car traveling at 55 mph costs 3 cents a mile more to operate on a poor road than a good road. That amounts to 60 cents a gallon if the car gets 20 miles to the gallon of gas.
For the average truck, Mudge said, the additional cost was 6.3 cents a mile.
His study found that 36.2 percent of the local roads and 37.9 percent of the local bridges were rated in poor or very poor condition. Another 24 percent of the roads were in fair condition, while another 48 percent of the bridges were in fair condition.
By contrast, only 1.6 percent of state-maintained roads and bridges are in poor condition, Mudge said.

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Monroe residents angry

MONROE (AP) — Residents of a Monroe street, angry about damage done to their household appliances during a power outage last month, confronted Connecticut Light & Power Co. officials at a local meeting, but the utility officials did not say whether they will pay for the damages.

Residents said during a Town Council meeting Monday night that televisions, VCRs and other expensive electronic equipment were damaged Nov. 21 during a brief power outage. They asked CL&P officials, who were giving their biannual report to the council, whether the company was going to reimburse them.

"I want to know who's going to pay for my microwave and television," resident Joseph Sileo said. "A lot of people here lost expensive appliances and we want to know who is going to pay to have these things replaced."

CL&P Superintendent of Operations William Stax said the outage was probably caused by a falling tree limb that made contact with a 23,000-volt line and a 6,400-volt line long enough to send an undetermined amount of electrical current into the homes.



Reginald Pina/Manchester Herald

HOLIDAY DIET — Mrs. Claus, Alycia Carrano, measures Santa's waist to see how his diet is coming along at the Keeney Street School play Tuesday. Santa, played by Mathew Somberg, apparently got stuck in a chimney.

Deaf get office access

Hearing-impaired people may communicate through TTY-TDD equipment in four regional offices of the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, including the Capitol Region office in Hartford.

TDDs are typewriter-like devices that hook into a telephone line, allowing people with access to a similar device to call the commission to send and receive typed messages through the phone lines.

Special TDD telephone numbers are available at each of the regional offices. The Capitol Region office number is 566-7710.

The commission is the state's civil rights law enforcement agency and investigates complaints of discrimination. Complaints may be filed with the four regional offices in Hartford, Bridgeport, Norwich and Waterbury.

Two indicted in scheme

HARTFORD (AP) — Two more people have been indicted in connection with an international smuggling ring accused of relying on South African soldiers to kill endangered rhinoceros.

A federal grand jury sitting in Hartford on Tuesday returned an indictment charging Kenneth R. Hussey, 51, of Rocky Hill, and Joseph F. Riley, 41, of Cromwell, with two counts of participating in the unlawful importation of rhinoceros horns, leopard skins, cheetah skins and AK-47 assault rifles.

Hussey and Riley became the ninth and tenth defendants charged in the case. The original indictment, returned Nov. 17, charged eight people with similar violations.

Those indicted include five Connecticut residents and three South Africans.

Assistant U.S. Attorney James G. Genco said that Riley and Hussey are accused of conspiring to provide another defendant, John C. Lukman Jr., 34, of Newington, with \$45,000 to buy rhinoceros horns.

Club reports on sale

HEBRON — The RHAM Music Boosters Inc. reports it has earned more than \$12,000 from its recent cheese sale. The club credits residents of the regional school district and other area towns with supporting the sale.

The club has donated an Atari ST computer and Epson printer to RIAM High School. The computer is being used by students in the music theory and electronic music courses.

Jean Aldridge is president of the club. Other officers are Robert and Linda Schenck, vice presidents; Suzanne Karenberg, secretary; and Carol Diesel, treasurer. Parents and residents are welcome to attend the regular monthly meetings.

Caucus still angry

HARTFORD (AP) — Leaders of the General Assembly's Black and Puerto Rican Caucus, still angry that one of their members was denied the chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee, have warned Democratic leaders not to count on their unwavering loyalty.

"The one thing we have is a vote," said Rep. William R. Dyson, D-New Haven, who had sought the budget committee chairmanship. "The expectation that that vote can be counted upon as being totally loyal from this point on, I think is an expectation that's not well founded." Dyson said Tuesday.

Caucus members, including the new chairman, Rep. Eric D. Coleman, D-Bloomfield, believe that part of the reason Dyson was denied the appointment was that he is black.

House Speaker Irving J. Stolberg, D-New Haven, who selected Rep. Paul Gianfrido, D-Middleton, over Dyson, denied again Tuesday that race entered into his decision. "Race was not a factor," he said flatly.

Bomb case continued

STAMFORD (AP) — A Superior Court judge has continued the case of an animal rights activist accused of planting a bomb at a surgical instruments company that experiments on live dogs.

Monte Radler, an assistant public defender, told Judge Martin Nigro on Tuesday that Fran Stephanie Trutt, 33, of New York City has asked to be represented by the public defender's office and Radler said he needed time to meet with Trutt. Nigro set a court date for Dec. 22.

Trutt has pleaded innocent to charges of attempted murder, possession of explosives and manufacturing a bomb. She is being held in lieu of \$500,000 bail.

Trutt was arrested last month and accused of hiding a powerful radio-controlled pipe bomb packed with roofing nails in bushes at the Norwalk headquarters of U.S. Surgical Corp. Police said she planted the bomb near the vacant parking space of company Chairman Leon Hirsch.

Electricity use high

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — New England residents used a record amount of electricity Monday night to ward off the season's first blast of frigid weather, utility officials said Tuesday.

The record was set Monday night between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., when electricity demand for the region reached 18,596 megawatts, according to the New England Power Pool, which monitors and coordinates power supplies for New England utilities.

The previous record for electricity demand was 19,500 megawatts, set during a heat wave in August of this year.

The previous cold-weather record of 19,277 megawatts was set on January 14, 1988.

Toxic fumes send many to hospitals

MIDDLETOWN (AP) — Middlesex Memorial Hospital canceled a disaster drill scheduled for today after getting word that was comparable to an emergency practice Tuesday, when 39 workers from two area industries were examined and treated for inhaling toxic smoke or noxious fumes.

The hospital implemented its disaster plan to handle the large influx of patients, although not on a full-scale basis, said Rich Bavasso, a hospital spokesman. He said everything went smoothly.

In the most serious incident Tuesday, an apparent malfunction in a degreasing machine at the Jarvis Airfoil plant in Portland produced a "big puff" of toxic smoke that sickened dozens of workers and sent at least 48 people to area hospitals for treatment.

Thirty of the Jarvis employees were taken to Middlesex, and the rest to Hartford, St. Francis and Meriden-Wallingford hospitals. All were treated and released.

In a second, less serious incident the same morning in neighboring Middletown, nine workers at Prototype & Plastic Mold Co. Inc. some complaining of nausea and dizziness, were examined at Middlesex Memorial after breathing fumes from a concrete waterproofing compound being applied by an outside contractor.

Although none of the industrial workers had to be admitted, Bavasso said many of the Jarvis Airfoil employees became "really sick" from the exposure, vomiting and suffering dizziness. He said all were given oxygen.

Many of the Jarvis Airfoil employees exposed to the smoke reported feeling fine immediately.

began experiencing symptoms hours later. Health officials said that was common for exposure to the chemical involved.

The chemical responsible for the illnesses was identified as trichlorofluoroethane-acetone, a widely used degreasing agent, according to Dennis Crean, administrative director of the Connecticut Poison Control Center.

Inhalation of vapors can cause irritation to the eyes, nose and throat, and to the breathing system, as well as nausea and mild dizziness, Crean said, adding that the symptoms are "rather transient."

Phil DiCara, general manager of the plant, which makes blades and vanes for jet engines, said there was apparently some kind of electrical malfunction in a degreasing unit, which is used to clean parts. He said there was no fire.

"There was a big puff of smoke. It was pungent. It was not very pleasant," he said.

DiCara said only three to four workers were near the machine when the malfunction occurred, and that 10 to 12 workers passed fairly close to the area on leaving the building. But he said anyone who smelled the smoke was taken to the hospital for examination as a precautionary measure.

About 90 people were in the plant when the accident occurred at about 9 a.m., and all were evacuated.

DiCara said the degreasing machine would be removed from the building to be examined.

The problem at the plastics plant in the Westfield section of Middletown was the result of a failure to follow proper chemical application procedures.



Patrick Flynn/Manchester Herald

LIFE SAVER — Firefighters from the Town of Manchester Fire Department demonstrate cardiopulmonary resuscitation to the Shannon family of Manchester Saturday. The family donated money for the doll in memory of Harold Shannon.

Memorial fund buys manikin for adolescent CPR training

By Maureen Leovitt
Manchester Herald

Town of Manchester Fire Department paramedics now have a junior-size dummy for cardiopulmonary resuscitation training, thanks to a local family.

When Harold Shannon died two years ago, his wife, Alice, decided to donate money received in his memory to the fire department. Paramedics from the department had come to her husband's aid before he died, Shannon said.

"I believe in flowers... but I can't see putting the money into them when it can be used for something else," Shannon said Monday at her home in Manchester.

Last Saturday, officials showed the manikin, a "Resuscit Junior," to the Shannon family. Fire Chief John C. Rivosa said the town already has adult-size and infant-size dummies, but the medium-size manikin would be good for teaching life-saving techniques on adolescents.

"It's been a long time in the making," Shannon said, referring to the purchase of the dummy. "I'd just about given up when he (Rivosa) called me."

"I think it's a lot better when you donate," Shannon said. "You don't always know where it (the money) goes when I know where this is. I know it might help."

There is a plaque inside the manikin's storage case in memory of Shannon, his wife said.

Shannon said she knew CPR when she worked at Manchester Memorial Hospital. She's been retired for 13 years, however, so she took another course through the town. She said her daughters have also taken courses in CPR.

Directors OK loan to buy Birch St. lot

By Nancy Concelmon
Manchester Herald

More than two dozen additional parking spaces will be available in downtown Manchester as a result of the Board of Directors' approval of a loan to finance purchase of land.

In the wake of arguments between downtown business owners over loss of parking that will result from Main Street reconstruction, the Board of Directors on Monday approved the funding request from the Parking Authority for a 26-space lot off Birch Street.

The Parking Authority requested \$65,000 to buy land on the south side of Birch Street for 25 to 26 public parking spaces. The land is just east of the right of way into the parking-lot complex between Birch and Oak streets.

"It's a great opportunity for us to pick up 25 to 26 parking spaces," Parking Authority Chairman Bernard Apter said. Earlier in the meeting, Apter, who is also president of the Downtown Manchester Association, spoke in favor of an access road proposed to handle traffic during the reconstruction of Main Street. Opponents of the road say the \$15 million Main Street project will result in the elimination of about 200 parking spaces.

The group of opponents is headed by Dr. Robert H. Fish, a dentist with a Main Street office. Fish is also president of Heritage Group, which owns an office condominium on Main Street.

Heritage has opposed the road partly because it means the elimination of 30 of the group's private parking spaces. Apter has said the Downtown Manchester Association has tried to help Heritage find substitute parking.

"Where's Heritage when I need them now?" he said when he got up to present the proposal for the Birch Street lot.

The Birch Street lot will be paid for with an interest-bearing loan from the General Fund. The annual interest on the loan is set at a rate equal to the average rate of return earned by the town treasury on all other investments.

The Parking Authority's operations are financed by taxes on the Special Taxing District of downtown properties.

Building department to get bigger office

By Nancy Concelmon
Manchester Herald

The Board of Directors has approved a \$14,000 appropriation to expand the building department office, which the town manager says is "jammed to the hilt."

The directors on Monday approved the allocation from the capital improvement reserve fund by a 7-2 vote. Democratic Directors Barbara B. Weinberg and James F. "Dutch" Fogarty voted against the request, saying the board should wait for the results of a study by a nine-member committee appointed to make recommendations on a new municipal building.

The committee, which consists of citizens, was appointed after directors decided not to hold a referendum on a proposal for a \$13 million municipal building.

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"We're just jammed to the hilt in there and can't function," Weiss said.

The proposal for the office that is located on the second floor of Lincoln Center was submitted by Chief Building Inspector Leo Belval.

Plans call for using 91 square feet of hall area in front of the office as a reception and counter area. The existing 120-square-foot reception area will be a work area for individual inspectors.

Weinberg and Fogarty objected to spending \$2,970 to buy 10 movable partitions that would be used to block off inspectors' work areas. The highest cost associated with the project is \$3,000, needed for counters, cabinets, doors and other improvements.

Belval has also proposed creating a fifth partitioned office in the southeast corner of the office to house the department's new computer system, which will be used to process permit information. The department has nowhere to put it, Belval said.

Republican Director Ronald Osella said the portable partitions could be used in the future. Republican Director Theunis "Terry" Werkhoven said workers in the office are practically sitting on top of one another.

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Feds tell housing managers to stop porch-sitting penalty

HARTFORD (AP) — Federal authorities, siding with angry tenants of a low-income housing project, have told the company that manages the project to stop its controversial policy of fining tenants \$25 for sitting on their front porches.

The ban on loitering at the Winter Green Apartments was aimed at reducing stoop-front drug trade, according to the property manager. But it drew an outcry from tenants when it was imposed several months ago.

Under the policy, tenants who were fined three times for loitering on a porch or sitting on a stoop could face eviction. The fines were included in rent bills.

"The porch is part of the unit they are renting and there should not be an additional fee for the use of it," said Robert Donovan, housing management director for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Hartford. He said he thinks the porch-sitting policy violates federal housing rules.

Albert J. Farmer, 73, who moved to the project 15 years ago, said Tuesday that he is "angry and frustrated" at the management company that took over the project in May.

"It's not right for them. They're violating the bill of rights," said Farmer, who has been given an eviction notice for allegedly failing to pay assessments for electric appliances.

On Tuesday, after a story about the policy appeared in The Hartford Courant, Ricard Weaver-Bey, general manager of Greater Hartford Realty Management Inc., said his company had no comment and hung up the telephone.

A worker at a community group working with the Winter Green tenants said a few people were fined under the policy, but he didn't know how many.

The worker, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he didn't think the property manager was still fining tenants for loitering, but some had outstanding rent bills because their rents weren't accepted without payments for the fines.

A meeting between tenants and property managers last month over the loitering and other fees dissolved into an angry shouting match. A number of tenants on Tuesday refused to comment to reporters.

Eric B. Allen, who manages the 32-building, 160-unit complex for Greater Hartford Realty Management, claims the policy worked.

"The idea of imposing fines has changed things," he told the Courant. "We don't have the problems we used to have... The dope dealers are standing by, waiting for us to move out."

But Farmer said Allen is part of the problem.

"Eric is just an agitator and a dictator and has the other people afraid. Everybody is going into the ground like a groundhog, scared," Farmer said.

Donovan said Greater Hartford Realty Management was advised last week that the charges were improper and the company would have to reimburse tenants for any fees that were collected.

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FOR HISTORY'S SAKE — Edward Rowe, left, president of the Manchester Historical Society, admires a plaque on the former silk rail car vault in the Cheney Historic District along with Penny M. Sieffert, publisher of the Manchester Herald, and Richard M. Diamond, New England Division vice president for Scripps League Newspapers, parent company of the Herald.

Old building gets a face lift

The Manchester Publishing Co., publisher of the Manchester Herald, has arranged for the renovation of a building in the Cheney Historic District that was used to store rail cars loaded with valuable raw silk in the heyday of the Cheney Bros. silk production.

State's spending-tax gap estimated at \$882 million

By Judd Everhart The Associated Press
HARTFORD — Tax increases and spending cuts will be necessary to close an \$882 million gap between requirements to maintain current services and existing tax income in the next budget year, says Anthony V. Milano, Gov. William A. O'Neill's budget chief.

Taxes rolling in voluntarily

HARTFORD (AP) — State Tax Commissioner Timothy F. Bannan says extensive publicity about his agency's crackdown on tax delinquents has helped produce millions of dollars more than predicted.

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EARTHQUAKE AID — Margaret Stark of the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston labels packages Tuesday as boxes of medical supplies are prepared for shipment to Armenia to help earthquake victims.

Disabled ham helps victims in Armenia

STONEHAM, Mass. (AP) — From his wheelchair, John Moran is reaching around the globe to help victims of the Armenian earthquake.

Quake relief isn't getting there

MOSCOW (AP) — Relief supplies for victims of the Armenian earthquake are stacking up in Spitak, one of the hardest-hit towns, rather than being rushed out to survivors, the Communist Party newspaper Pravda reported today.

Embassy in Moscow, said today that Soviet rescuers had requested mass quantities of plastic sheets for use as temporary shelters.

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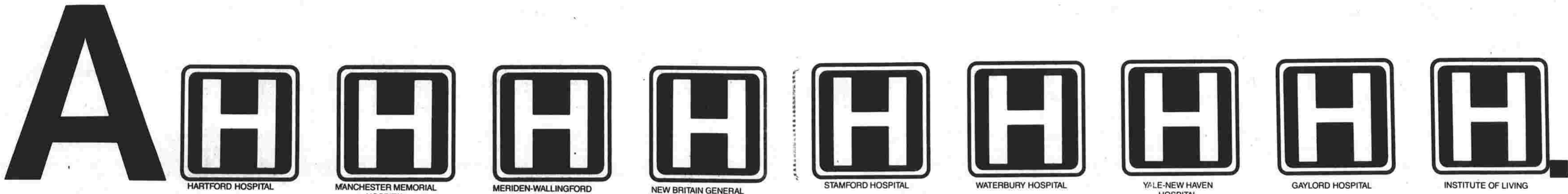
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Article calling Chinese lazy causes furor in government press

BEIJING (AP) — An article accusing Chinese of being lazy is causing a furor in the state-run press, sparking one paper to launch its own attack on the work habits of one-quarter of mankind. "Our offices have turned into free tea houses for tea tasting, newspaper reading and gossip," went the editorial in the Worker's Daily on Tuesday. "Our work-

shops have become clubs for poker, chess, reading and sweater knitting." Another paper, Economic Information, has twice in the last week printed batches of readers' letters about the article. "Our system needs radical surgery if we are going to eradicate this chronic disease," it tells the story that in some

wrote one reader. "We must sweep away the old system that encourages this laziness and push reform to its limits," wrote another. The article that started the ruckus was first published in September in a Singapore newspaper and has since appeared in several Chinese publications. It tells the story that in some

Japanese companies, bosses warn workers exhibiting stolid tendencies: "Do not study the Chinese." "We have no choice but to admit," the article says, "that Chinese are the lazy bones of East Asia." Chinese store attendants ignore customers, its workers read kung fu novels on the job and its public officials spend the whole day "blowing the oar," a Chinese expression for chatting, the article says. "To cure laziness," it says, "we must push reform."

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Yeutter, Skinner tapped for posts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Bush wants to name two of his closest advisers to the Agriculture Department. Yeutter to be his agriculture secretary and Samuel Skinner of Illinois to head the Transportation Department, Bush transition sources say.

Yeutter earlier had publicly expressed reticence about taking the agriculture job, but on Tuesday he told reporters, "I've learned never to say never."

In a 1986 interview, Yeutter said he always wanted to be agriculture secretary, but he abandoned that wish when he became caught up in his role as the nation's No. 1 trade representative. President Reagan named him to that post in 1985.

For the Transportation Department job, sources from the Bush presidential transition team said he has chosen Skinner, head of the Regional Transportation Authority in the Chicago area.

If Skinner and Yeutter gave affirmative replies, announcements on the two Cabinet selections could come today or Thursday, one source said.

Skinner could not be reached for comment Tuesday, although his wife, Sue, said, "I assume he probably will be given the transportation job. 'But I don't think it's been totally confirmed with him yet," she said.

Transition sources said Bush and Yeutter were to talk Tuesday evening about the agriculture post, but Yeutter's daughter Kim Yeutter said her father was attending a holiday party at Bush's house Tuesday night and did not expect to have a formal meeting on the Cabinet matter until today. She said they also met

NATION & WORLD

Safety study suggested

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eighteen citizen groups today called on the Department of Energy to give the public a comprehensive assessment of environmental safety at the government's trouble-plagued nuclear weapons production centers.

The groups, led by the Natural Resources Defense Council, released a letter to Energy Secretary John S. Herrington urging preparation of a "programmatic environmental impact statement" on the entire complex, which involves 17 facilities employing some 100,000 people in 12 states.

"It is time to take the wraps off what has been in effect the Department of Energy's 'Stealth' program and to compel meaningful public scrutiny of its plans for the complex," said Dan W. Reicher, an attorney for the council.

The move came one day after the NRDC and two other groups filed suit to compel the Energy Department to prepare an environmental impact statement on its sprawling Savannah River plant in South Carolina before any of the three weapons reactors there can be restarted.



AP photo

Convict finances play

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The cast of the struggling Broadway play "Checkmate" got some dramatic news: The comedy was bankrolled in part by an accused drug trafficker serving 28 years to life for attempted murder.

Michael Harris, a producer of the play at New York's 46th Street Theater, is an inmate at California's San Quentin Prison, his lawyer, Roger Rosen, confirmed.

The play's manager, Roy Somlyo, said Tuesday he was shocked at the news and had removed Harris' name from the marquee.

"It's quite unenvying to us all," Somlyo said in a telephone interview before going to break the news to the cast.

ON DANCER, ON ZIGGY? — Bells on bob-tailed Ziggy, a 5-year-old great dane regaled as a reindeer, rang as the 165-pound dog and his owner, Jeff Lowe of Columbus, covered the weekend Jingle Bell 5k charity run in a walk rather than a dash.

DALLAS (AP) — Police arrested two suspected drug dealers today after an undercover transaction went awry in a hail of bullets, killing an officer and a suspected pusher and seriously wounding two other suspects, authorities said.

Officer Lawrence R. Cadena, 43, was shot late Tuesday as he attempted to buy cocaine from several suspects in a convenience store parking lot near downtown, said police spokesman Ed Spencer.

He died about 30 minutes later at Baylor University Medical Center from wounds to the chest, abdomen and arms, said Sgt. Jim Chandler.

Jew makes PTL deal

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A Jewish businessman interested in PTL's real estate agreed to pay \$65 million for the assets of the scandal-plagued ministry, but

Military sets fees for care

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Office of Management and Budget is pushing a plan to begin charging military dependents and retirees fees for health care, a proposal that a Pentagon official says "is sending this building bananas."

Free medical care is one of the most highly coveted of military benefits, one that extends into retirement from the armed services.

Military dependents and retirees are allowed to use military hospitals on a "space available" basis, with active-duty personnel having priority. But when dependents or retirees are admitted to a hospital, the only fee they pay is a nominal charge for food while hospitalized.

Outpatient services also are provided free of charge.

The OMB proposal "is currently a matter of serious discussion and nothing has been finalized," a Pentagon official who spoke on condition of anonymity said Tuesday. "But the proposal alone is sending this building bananas."

The source said the problem is not that the proposed fees are unreasonable; it's the idea that any type of fee would be levied at all on the roughly 7 million retirees and dependents eligible for care.

According to Pentagon sources, the plan was advanced by OMB for inclusion in the Defense Department's fiscal 1990 budget proposal, which is scheduled to be submitted to Congress on Jan. 9.

The Pentagon is resisting the idea and betting that Congress — as it did two years ago — will scuttle the plan even if the White House orders the Pentagon to submit it.

Under the plan, military dependents and retirees would be charged \$10 for every outpatient doctor visit up to an annual ceiling of \$100, \$3 to have prescriptions filled, and \$50 for admission to a military hospital.

Men and women on active duty would not be affected, nor would the dependents of enlisted personnel in the bottom four enlisted ranks.

In addition, the plan calls for a doubling of the annual insurance deductible for dependents and retirees who turn to private physicians instead of using military facilities. The so-called CHAMPUS insurance deductibles would increase from \$50 to \$100 for individuals and \$100 to \$200 for families.

Two years ago, when OMB forced the Pentagon to propose a small test of outpatient user fees, the reaction was so vociferous that Congress passed a flat two-year ban of any type of medical care fee.

That ban expires next Sept. 30, when the current fiscal year ends, and thus OMB is prodding the Pentagon to propose a new fee schedule for fiscal 1990.

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Collider research threatened by ants

WASHINGTON (AP) — Researchers who hope to study the secrets of nature at the government's planned \$4.4 billion super collider may first need protection from a venomous ant with a penchant for munching its way through underground cables.

A 10,000-page environmental impact statement on the project says the Texas site chosen by the Energy Department for the research center is in an area infested with the fire ant.

The ill-tempered ant inflicts painful bites, is blamed by local residents for disabling home and farm equipment, and has caused power failures by chewing through underground cables.

Plans call for the super collider to be built in a 53-mile tunnel under what is now farmland in Ellis County, Texas. Subatomic particles will be accelerated to astronomical speeds inside the tunnel and studied by scientists hoping to learn more about the fundamental nature of matter and energy.

Scientists, however, have yet to find a way to eradicate the fire ant.

The Energy Department says special attention will have to be paid at the super collider site to the design of electrical facilities and other underground components; construction practices to protect workers from the ant's painful sting; and development of an environmentally sound pesticide policy.

Texasians who commented on the super collider project to the Energy Department said fire ants "routinely tunnel to water table depths in search of water, chewing their way through underground cables and insulation around wiring en route," the impact statement said.

"Fire ants appear to be attracted to electrical equipment and can cause shorts by chewing through insulation and by crowding into spaces around electrical contacts," the study said.

The study said local utility companies and highway departments have reported problems with damage caused by the ants.

Thirty years of study by federal and state agriculture officials still has not yielded an effective method of eradicating the ant, only control procedures, the study said. A Texas Department of Agriculture representative hoping to learn more about the control programs were only 80 percent effective.

Fire ants also pose a health risk since their bite is painful and can sometimes lead to serious reactions in humans, the study said.

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SCIENCE & HEALTH

Teen abortion rate high

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — American teen-agers have the highest rate of abortion in the developed world, more than double that of teen-agers in most European countries, according to a new U.N. report.

The report released Tuesday by the world body's Population Division also found the United States to have the highest teen-age pregnancy rate, contrasting with declining rates in almost every other developed country.

About 8.4 percent of U.S. females ranging in age from 15 to 19 are becoming pregnant on an annual basis, the highest rate among the nations studied. Hungary ranked second at 8.5 percent.

Japan was lowest overall at 1 percent. The Netherlands was lowest in Europe at 1.2 percent, and most other European nations averaged about 3.5 percent.

In the United States, 4.4 percent of women in the age group studied had abortions on a yearly basis, compared with 2.7 percent in Hungary, 0.5 percent in the Netherlands and 0.6 percent in Japan.

Arctic ozone studied

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists from five nations are launching an intensive effort to find out why the Earth's protective ozone layer is thinning more than expected in the northern regions of the globe.

The \$10 million, six-week research effort starting Jan. 1 will be based in Stavanger, Norway, and involve scientists from the United States, the United Kingdom, Norway, West Germany and Denmark.

Satellite data show an ozone decline of between 2.5 percent and 6.5 percent in the northernmost areas. Scientific theory had expected a drop of only about 1.5 percent.

Dr. Dan Albritton of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Tuesday.

While the so-called ozone hole over the South Pole has attracted the most media attention, Albritton said the northern depletion could have a greater effect because more people live in the North.

Shake the salt habit

NEW YORK (AP) — Shaking the salt habit is tough but medical reasons justify the effort.

According to Family Circle magazine, a taste for salt is acquired and with help from the following tips, you can retrain your palate to like less of it:

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- Wash away salt. You can reduce the salt content of canned items with a quick rinse under cold water.
- Eat potassium-rich foods such as oranges, orange juice, bananas, mangos, dried fruits, cantaloupe, dried peas and beans. These increase sodium excretion.

Diabetes plagues tribe

SACATON, ARIZ. (AP) — Many Gila River Reservation residents feel bound to a destiny.

They foresee themselves rising on a silent morning, shrouded in the warm desert sun, yawning and stretching their arms — with the understanding that they must sink an insulin-filled hypodermic needle into their veins to stay alive.

More than half of the reservation's residents over the age of 35 have been diagnosed as having diabetes, according to Dr. Kermit Smith, coordinator of the Sacaton diabetes program.

"Diabetes has been a part of my family for many years, so I anticipated it in my future," said Ardell Ruiz, a 40-year-old Pima Indian.

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FDA approves 5-minute AIDS test that's 99.6% accurate

By Daniel Q. Honey
The Associated Press

BOSTON — The first five-minute test for AIDS has been approved by the U.S. government, and authorities said it is 99.6 percent accurate and offers the fastest results of any tests for the deadly disease.

The test was cleared Tuesday by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Its maker, Worcester-based Cambridge Bioscience, said it should be on the market in a few weeks.

"This technical advance should help make testing available to all who want to be tested," FDA Commissioner Frank E. Young said in Washington. "It will also be particularly useful in remote areas of the world that lack the facilities for earlier approved tests."

The results of those earlier tests — now the mainstay of AIDS screening — frequently are not available for weeks.

Gary Buck, chairman of Cambridge Bioscience, said the new test, called the Recombigen HIV-1 Latex Agglutination Test,

should be useful anywhere that quick results are important.

"The big boon is that it's fast, and it will be useful in Third World countries and places where lab facilities might be less than ideal in order to screen large populations in a rapid, simple way," said Dr. Paul Skolnik, a virologist at New England Medical Center.

The test is 99.6 percent accurate, Buck said. But the company recommends that as with the current screening test, called the enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay, or ELISA, blood samples that are positive for the AIDS virus be confirmed by a time-consuming, backup test called the Western blot.

The speed of the Recombigen means those who are free of the virus are likely to be given the good news immediately, Buck said. But those who are probably infected will be told further testing is necessary.

Like other AIDS tests, this one checks for AIDS infection by spotting antibodies to the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, which causes AIDS.

"All of the present (ELISA) tests require, under the best of circumstances, three to five hours," Buck said. "This test requires three to five minutes."

Unlike the ELISA, which requires labs and technicians, the new test can be given under crude conditions where even refrigeration is lacking. Experts believe this should make the test useful in places like Africa, where acquired immune deficiency syndrome is widespread and where blood is frequently not screened before transfusions.

Teena Lerner, an analyst at Shearson Lehman Hutton in New York, said the test also may be given in many settings in the United States, such as venereal disease clinics.

"In a lot of the voluntary testing centers, there is a huge proportion of people who don't come back to find the answer," she said. "The ones who are most likely to be positive are the ones who are most likely to chicken out."

Other potential uses include testing trauma patients in emergency rooms and checking organ

donors before transplants.

Buck predicted the test will account for 10 percent to 15 percent of all AIDS testing during its second year on the market. It will be sold to health care professionals for \$10 per test, he said.

Although other companies are working on quick AIDS tests,

Lerner said she believes it will be at least a year before Cambridge Bioscience's nearest competitor wins approval.

The new test is based on a portion of the protein that makes up the outer jacket of the AIDS virus. This protein, which is made through genetic engineering, is coated onto tiny white latex beads. AIDS antibodies in blood are attracted to the protein, and when they come together, the latex beads form clumps.

AIDS is caused by a virus that damages the body's immune system, leaving victims susceptible to infections and cancer.

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OPINION

Downtown road plan isn't new

There is obviously a good deal of feeling among downtown Main Street businessmen against the construction of an access road in connection with the reconstruction of Main Street.

When newcomers to Manchester, or perhaps to the downtown area, say they were unaware until recently that an access road has been part of the plan, that is understandable.

But when people who have been around for a while say they did not know about it, that is very puzzling.

The concept of an access road has been part of the planning at least since early 1983. After a public hearing on a reconstruction plan was held in 1982, the state DOT rejected the plan, saying, in part, that it was too elaborate. DOT insisted on a simpler plan that would move traffic faster along four lanes.

The access road was included in subsequent plans as a means of providing better access to off-street parking to compensate for the loss of parking on Main Street itself.

The access road was part of the plan when another public hearing was held. There was some objection to it then, but nothing like the current outpouring.

More recently, controversy over what path that road should take and whether it would put some businesses out of operation has made headlines repeatedly.

There may be some valid argument now against the road, but the contention that anyone was taken unaware is not valid.

The town administration found a way to finance the town's share of the \$15 million cost, about \$2 million, without holding a referendum on the bonds. Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr. had said very plainly that if the question of funding the project were put to referendum, it would not win support.

What he said might be true today. A referendum might endanger the project.

And given an excuse to do so, the state DOT might scuttle the project and use the federal money elsewhere or go back to insisting on a faster speed limit with four clear travel lanes.

The town directors will be facing a delicate problem if they try now to make major changes in the plan to satisfy everyone who has an interest at stake.



Republicans regroup for 1990

By Bob Conrad

In fairness to the Republicans, who took a heavy hit in their expectations on Nov. 8, it should be noted that they are quietly doing something about it as they dust themselves off and regroup for 1990, a politically critical election year in Connecticut.

A meeting this week at the Waterbury home of U.S. Rep. John Rowland, following one last month at Rep. Nancy Johnson's home in New Britain, demonstrates an itch by a circle of party insiders to get cracking right away on recovery by then, the governor's office will be on the line with all the power that goes with it, as well as control of the Legislature.

No one knows, of course, how long this hopeful effort will go on — Republicans being Republicans — but the who's who at the skull sessions has been sufficiently impressive to indicate a will to put the GOP back in the ball game.

U.S. Rep. Chris Shays is part of it, too, as are leaders of the legislative minority in Hartford — Sen. Reggie Smith and Rep. Bob Jaekle. Add State Chairman Robert Poliner, who says he intends to stay on the job, and the astute political adviser and former state chairman, Brian Gaffney.

The agenda includes the predictable lip-service to strategy for taking on the Democrats during the General Assembly which convenes in January. But the real stuff on all minds is finding candidates who can win — mostly one to promote early-on, the governor. Several sit right there in the circle, which makes the conversation delicate at times.

Mrs. Johnson, the party's senior

and ranking elected official since U.S. Sen. Lowell Weicker's defeat, is a well-known figure. She has been dizzily rumored as almost a declared candidate, she was one who initiated the current leadership talks aimed at finding a real nominee for 1990.

The truth is, Mrs. Johnson has never closed the door on the possibility although it doesn't turn her on. She has sought advice from family and friends, and both sources have reacted coolly. In her frustration over being in the minority for her entire career so far, and weary of the two-year term cycle, she once told me, "I'd like that luxury of a six-year term. That pretty well limits it to the Senate."

Last week, a telling development that will probably keep her in the House instead of flitting with a run for governor came when she won a seat on the powerful House Ways and Means committee. That also killed any likelihood that Gaffney would manage a gubernatorial candidate. He would do it for her, Gaffney told me, but no one else.

One sidelight on Mrs. Johnson's joining Ways and Means is that U.S. Rep. Barbara Kennelly of Hartford, a Democrat who is also mentioned for governor, is on that panel. Though Mrs. Kennelly was never in the state Legislature, and could not therefore run for Governor, she has strong political roots. Now, they can watch each other up close.

Another rumor put Mrs. Johnson in line for a Cabinet post. It was considered highly unlikely, however, that President-elect Bush would take her out of the House, where the GOP

minority is weak enough already, and risk losing the seat to a Democrat in a special election. Mrs. Johnson, flattered by the attention, said no one at all had contacted her about such an appointment.

Other GOP business in the new year will be the election in June of a state chairman. Poliner is not expected to be returned.

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By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — American troops in the Pacific are fed a diet of censored and sanitized news from the Pacific Stars and Stripes newspaper. Serious charges of censorship have been substantiated by a congressional investigation, but it appears the Pentagon will do nothing about it.

The self-funded, Tokyo-based newspaper delivers U.S. and world news to 150,000 American troops stationed in Guam, Japan, Korea and the Philippines. The military supervises and distributes the paper, but is not supposed to interfere with the stories. The paper has apparently dropped by the wayside, along with basic press freedoms.

Our associate Jim Lynch has examined an unpublished copy of the draft report from the General Accounting Office, which was assigned by Congress to investigate the censorship charges.

A panel of journalists appointed by the GAO found that many of the editorial decisions at the newspaper were indefensible. Col. Edwin Montgomery, a former fighter pilot, is the top editor of the paper. He claims that he only edited the stories to correct "inaccurate" or "unbalanced" reporting by the wire services and his own civilian reporters.

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A Virginia liquor control agent saw a newspaper story about a couple's antique collection and noticed an old moonshiner's still in the photo. The agent cracked down on the couple for having an illegal still, even though the still had been soldered closed and the couple had no idea how to make moonshine. Someone should introduce that agent to the Maytag repairman. They have a lot in common.

Jack Anderson and his associate, Dale Van Atta, are syndicated columnists.

BUSINESS

U.S. trade deficit narrows

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit narrowed to \$10.35 billion in October, the smallest imbalance in three months, the Commerce Department said today.

The Commerce Department said that the merchandise trade gap between what the United States imports and what it sells overseas fell by 2.1 percent from a September deficit of \$10.67 billion.

The decline, the second consecutive improvement, was slightly better than many economists had been predicting. For this reason, analysts said it was unlikely that the figure would create turmoil in financial markets. In some months, an unexpectedly bad number has sent stock market prices plunging and pushed the dollar into a tailspin.

The October improvement came from a 1.7 percent drop in imports, which declined to \$38.02 billion, or a seasonally adjusted basis.

This decline offset a smaller 1.1 percent drop in U.S. exports, which edged down to \$11.75 billion.

Factory operating rate high

WASHINGTON (AP) — The operating rate at U.S. factories, mines and utilities in November rose to the highest level in nine years, the government said today in a report likely to heighten concern about inflation.

The Federal Reserve Board said the use of industrial capacity rose 0.2 percentage points to 84.2 percent last month, the highest since 84.3 percent in November 1979. It was the seventh increase in eight months.

As capacity use edged toward 85 percent, economists fear factories will have trouble producing enough goods to meet demand, leading to shortages and price increases.

In an accompanying report, the Federal Reserve said industrial production climbed a brisk 0.5 percent in November following an identical 0.5 percent rise in October.

The Fed's industrial production index now stands at 139.9 percent of its 1977 base, reflecting gains in light truck manufacturing and production of equipment for businesses.

Pepperidge to face fine

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Occupational Health and Safety Administration Tuesday proposed fining a Pepperidge Farm Inc. plant nearly \$1.4 million for exposing workers to dangerous working conditions.

The \$1.384 million fine will be imposed if Pepperidge Farm does not contest it within 15 working days, said Jack Ford, spokesman in Philadelphia for OSHA, an arm of the U.S. Department of Labor.

The Norwalk, Conn.-based company said the fine was "arbitrarily assigned and totally unjustified," and said it would contest the alleged violations.

There have been eight proposed fines higher than the Pepperidge Farm proposal, according to Frank Kane, OSHA spokesman in Washington.

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RAVENSWOOD, W.Va. (AP) — A Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp. official says he has no indication that the proposed sale of the Ravenswood facility will affect the restart of an idled production line.

"As of now, the buyer has asked us to continue work on the potline," said Pat Gallagher, Kaiser's Ravenswood spokesman.

A union official at Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp.'s Ravenswood plant on Tuesday said the proposed sale of the facility might be a bad idea.

The sale of the plant to Stanwich Partners Inc. of Stamford, Conn., announced Tuesday, will delay restarting the production line, said Dan Stidham, president of United Steelworkers Local 568.

About 1,800 of the plant's 2,300 workers belong to the union.

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Open Forum

Holiday apple fling

One 14-ounce jar spiced apple rings
One 32-ounce bottle apple juice
One 25-ounce bottle cranberry juice cocktail
1 cup water

4 to 5 inches stick cinnamon
Peel from 1 orange
One 750-milliliter bottle champagne or one 25-ounce bottle ginger ale
Cinnamon sticks (optional)

Drain apple rings, reserving syrup. In a 3-quart container combine reserved syrup, 2 cups of the apple juice, cranberry juice cocktail, water and stick cinnamon. Cover and chill 24 hours. Remove cinnamon. Chill, covered, up to 2 weeks.

In a 4-cup ring mold freeze a little of the remaining apple juice just until slushy (about 30 to 45 minutes). Using a hors d'oeuvre cutter, cut orange peel into stars. Press stars into slushy juice in mold. Center apple rings over stars. Freeze until firm. Add remaining apple juice to mold. Freeze up to 2 weeks.

To serve, unmold ice ring; place in a large punch bowl. Add syrup mixture. Slowly add champagne or ginger ale. Serve immediately with cinnamon stick stirrers, if desired. Makes 24 (4-ounce) servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 73 cal., 0 g pro., 14 g carb., 0 g fat, 0 mg chol., 2 mg sodium. U.S. RDA: 29 percent vit. C.

Spiced eggnog cocoa

One 16-ounce can instant cocoa mix
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon ground mace
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice

1 quart dairy eggnog, or one 32-ounce can eggnog, or three 12-ounce cans evaporated milk

In a 4-quart airtight container combine cocoa mix, mace, allspice and nutmeg. Cover; store at room temperature. To serve, in a 4 1/2-quart Dutch oven bring water to boiling. Stir in cocoa mixture and eggnog or evaporated milk. Heat through. Makes 16 to 18 (6-ounce) servings.

For individual servings: For each serving, in a saucepan bring 1/2 cup water to boiling. Stir in 1/4 cup cocoa mixture and 1/4 cup dairy or canned eggnog or evaporated milk. Heat.

Nutrition information per serving: 210 cal., 5 g pro., 30 g carb., 0 g fat, 42 mg chol., 140 mg sodium. U.S. RDA: 14 percent riboflavin, 17 percent calcium.

Fudge ecstasies

One 12-ounce package (2 cups) semisweet chocolate pieces
2 squares (2 ounces) unsweetened chocolate
2 tablespoons margarine or butter
1/2 cup all-purpose flour

1/4 teaspoon baking powder
Dash salt
2 eggs
2/3 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup chopped nuts

In a heavy medium saucepan heat 1 cup of the chocolate pieces, unsweetened chocolate and margarine until melted, stirring constantly. Transfer to a large mixer bowl to cool slightly. Stir together flour, baking powder and salt. Add eggs, sugar and vanilla to chocolate mixture and beat well. Add flour mixture and beat until well mixed. Stir in remaining chocolate pieces and nuts. Drop by heaping teaspoons onto a lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake in a 350-degree F oven for 8 to 10 minutes or until edges are firm and surface is dull and cracked. Cool on cookie sheet for 1 minute. Remove and cool thoroughly on wire rack. Makes 36.

Nutrition information per cookie: 105 cal., 1 g pro., 11 g carb., 7 g fat, 15 mg chol., 18 mg sodium.

Cheese ball with everything

2 cups shredded Swiss cheese (8 ounces)
2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese (8 ounces)
One 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup dairy sour cream
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
One 2-ounce jar diced pimiento
2 tablespoons sweet pickle relish

10 slices bacon, crisp-cooked, drained and crumbled
1/2 cup finely chopped pecans
Dash salt
Dash pepper
1 cup chopped parsley
1 tablespoon poppy seed
Assorted crackers

Let Swiss and Cheddar cheeses come to room temperature. In a large mixer bowl beat together cream cheese and sour cream until fluffy. Beat in Swiss cheese, Cheddar cheese, onion, undrained pimiento, pickle relish, half the bacon, 1/2 cup of the pecans, salt and pepper. Cover and chill until firm. Shape into 1 large or 2 small balls on waxed paper.

In a small bowl combine remaining bacon, pecans, parsley and poppy seed. Turn mixture out onto clean sheet of waxed paper. Roll cheese ball in seed mixture to coat. Wrap and chill. Let stand 30 minutes at room temperature before serving. Serve with crackers. Makes 1 large or 2 small cheese balls.

Nutrition information per tablespoon: 80 cal., 3 g pro., 1 g carb., 5 g fat, 13 mg chol., 7 mg sodium.

Recipes from Better Homes and Gardens

Entertaining made easy

NEW YORK (AP) — Consider a new approach to holiday entertaining this season: the dessert party.

A dessert party is easy to organize. Simple but elegant desserts can be prepared before the party begins; some even a day in advance.

Here are some suggestions from the Cognac Information Bureau:

- Plan to serve three to four desserts for a party of 10 to 12 guests; four to five desserts for a group of 20 to 25. If you'd like to invite more guests but feel pressed for cooking time, ask your guests to bring a favorite dessert to add to your festive spread.
- Plan ahead. Good organization will save time. Make detailed lists of everything you have to do — from inviting the guests to planning the decorations.
- Entertaining provides a wonderful opportunity to test your creative energies. Prepare a festive holiday centerpiece; decorate your living room with touches of ribbon and holly; use lit candles and tapers; and lights down low to create a warm and glowing environment.

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Cereal is entertaining, not nutritious

POST CRUNCHY STARS CEREAL
TOAST CE- REAL, \$2.69 a 12-oz. box.

Bonnie: Shame on Jim Henson! Given his reputation for quality kids' entertainment, you'd think he'd only agree to endorse a high-quality cereal. Unfortunately, it's not true. Next to the picture of the popular Muppet character, the Swedish Chef, this box sports a label saying no artificial colors. But after scrutinizing the tiny print on the side, you'll discover it contains artificial flavor, bad-for-your-heart coconut oil, and the questionable preservative BHA.

If that weren't enough, about 35 percent of this cereal's calories come from nutrient-deficient

Supermarket Sampler
Carolyn Wyman & Bonnie Tandy Lebling

sugar. Rice Krispies, Special K, or even Crispix may not be as appealing to Muppet fans but each has less than a third of the sugar of Crunchy Stars.

Carolyn: The back of cereal boxes are newspaper front pages for elementary school breakfast readers. Crunchy Stars has one of the most amusing box backs I've read in a long time. Would you believe a card trick designed for fish or instructions on extracting diamonds from the cardboard box?

In mocking reference to the

frequent reference health-conscious food manufacturers make to the bad ingredients their products don't contain, Crunchy Stars boasts "No dorknuts, trombones, broccoli, she trees or venetian blinds." I like their attitude and their cereal's not bad either.

WEIGHT WATCHERS ROASTED PEANUTS, \$2.49 for a 12-oz. box of six, 7-oz. pouches.

Carolyn: If you've ever questioned the important role fat plays in the taste of food, try these. After "de-fattening", these peanuts are only a shadow of their former selves. Puffy, dry and tasteless, the thing these peanuts most closely resemble are wood chips. If you're watching your weight, it would be better to eat one regular peanut than a bagful of these.

Bonnie Tandy Lebling is a registered dietitian. Carolyn Wyman is a junk food fanatic.

Menus

Senior citizens

The following meals will be served at Mayfair Gardens and Westhill Gardens the week of Dec. 19 through 23 to Manchester residents who are 60 or older:

Monday: Cranberry juice, Salisbury steak with brown gravy, parsnip noodles, whole baby carrots, wheat bread, ambrosia pudding.

Tuesday: Chicken noodle soup, baked chicken, mashed potatoes, cupri vegetables, pumpernickel bread, raisins.

Wednesday: Juice, pork cutlet with onion gravy, sweet potatoes and applesauce, zucchini and summer squash, rye bread, cherried applesauce.

Thursday: Cranberry juice, turkey with gravy, bread stuffing, mixed vegetables, cranberry sauce, wheat bread, sweet potato tart.

Friday: Cheese and crackers, baked stuffed chicken, fiesta rice, whole baby carrots, dinner roll, chocolate eclairs.

Meals on Wheels

The following meals are to be served to Meals on Wheels clients the week of Dec. 19 through 23. The hot noon meal is listed first, the cold evening meal second.

Monday: Chopped sirloin with gravy, Spanish rice, carrots, Chicken sandwich, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Veal steak with tomato sauce and cream sauce, cheese, whipped potatoes, wax beans, Egg salad sandwich, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Boneless pork loin with gravy, whipped potatoes, zucchini, Turkey sandwich, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Pot roast with gravy, baked potato, cauliflower, Chicken salad sandwich, fruit, milk.

Friday: Baked white fish with newburg sauce, boiled potato, spinach, Tuna salad sandwich, fruit, milk.

Manchester schools

The following lunches will be served in the Manchester public schools the week of Dec. 19 through 23:

Monday: Vegetable soup, hot dog or chili dog on a roll, corn chips, orange smiles.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, dips, potato puffs, broccoli, bread and butter, chocolate pudding.

Wednesday: Shells with meat sauce, tossed salad, bread and butter, apple crisp.

Thursday: Sliced turkey with gravy, cranberry sauce, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread and butter, fruit.

Bolton schools

The following lunches will be served in the Bolton Elementary and Center schools the week of Dec. 19 through 23:

Monday: Apple juice, spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, Italian bread, carrot cakes, green beans, cupcake.

Tuesday: Pizza with meat and cheese, hot vegetable, fruit. Principals will serve lunches in all schools.

Wednesday: Fruit juice, lasagna, garlic bread, green salad, peanut butter cookie.

Thursday: Fish nuggets, potato puffs, applesauce, cookie.

Friday: Fruit juice, meat and cheese pizza, salad with dressing, fresh fruit.

Coventry schools

The following lunches will be served in the Coventry elementary schools the week of Dec. 19 through 23:

Monday: Pasta with meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread, fruit.

Tuesday: Cheeseburger, potato puffs, fruit.

Wednesday: French bread pizza, salad, fruit.

Thursday: Fish and cheese on roll, vegetable, fruit.

Andover Elementary

The following lunches will be served at Andover Elementary School the week of Dec. 19 through 23:

Monday: Bacon burger, sliced potatoes, mixed vegetables, spice cake.

Tuesday: Hot dog on a roll, baked beans, carrots, applesauce.

Wednesday: Cheese pizza, juice, salad, Christmas ice cream.

Thursday: Grinders, chips, cole slaw, peaches.

Friday: Soup, grilled cheese, vegetable, juice cups.

Friday

Orange juice, baked macaroni and cheese, green beans, peanut butter brownie.

Chicken nuggets with dips, potato puffs, sliced carrots, pudding with topping.

Sliced baked ham, macaroni and cheese, broccoli spears, pineapple crisp.

Fish and cheese on a roll, alphabet fries, green beans, cupcake.

Pizza with meat and cheese, hot vegetable, fruit. Principals will serve lunches in all schools.

Fruit juice, lasagna, garlic bread, green salad, peanut butter cookie.

Fruit juice, meat and cheese pizza, salad with dressing, fresh fruit.

The following lunches will be served at Coventry High School the week of Dec. 19 through 22. No lunch will be served Dec. 23.

Monday: Pasta with meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread, fruit.

Tuesday: Cheeseburger, potato puffs, fruit.

Wednesday: French bread pizza, salad, fruit.

Thursday: Fish and cheese on roll, vegetable, fruit.

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DEAR BRUCE: Unfortunately, I know of no way that you can patent your recipe. Even if you could, a minor variation such as adding or deleting a spice could change the formulation and bypass the patent.

You can, however, be creative and think of a very catchy and appropriate name that you can protect. But in

FOCUS/Advice

Car gives mom more time with family

DEAR MR. ROSS: Frankly, I'm all worn out from working three part-time jobs and trying to raise five children without a car. It's a long story, but it's only with the Lord's help that I get to where I'm going, whether it be by walking, running or riding the bus.



Thanks A Million
Percy Ross

Normally I'm the kind of person who helps others. Not so much with money, but with my time and kind words. At present I'm working for a stroke victim as her aid in the afternoons, six days a week. I also care for an 88-year-old woman with lupus. They're both wonderful ladies and have come to depend on my services.

Then, in the evening, I work as a janitor for minimum-wage and am required to get from each job site on my own. I get home about 9:30 p.m., hit the bed and rise at 5:30 a.m. to start the day again.

I'm without a husband and without child support. Mr. Ross, a car is not something I want, but rather something I need. The time I'd save in trying to get around could actually be spent with my five kids, which would be a godsend. I realize you're under no obligation to anyone, so I thank you for listening and any help you may offer.

MRS. K.L. DAVENPORT, IOWA



Dr. Gott
Peter Gott, M.D.

Psoriasis aided in various ways

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am one of those seniors plagued with psoriasis. It's mainly in my scalp and seems to build up overnight. Can you suggest any relief?

DEAR READER: Psoriasis is a chronic skin disease of unknown cause, characterized by scaling patches of various sizes.

Lubricants, cortisone cream and shampoo have been used for years to treat psoriasis, with inconsistent results.

Recently, three new treatments show promise. Methotrexate, a drug that interferes with the rapid proliferation of skin cells, aids some patients. It is taken orally. The medicine is dangerous and can cause liver damage.

Psoriasis and ultraviolet A light, or PUVA, therapy is generally successful. A psoralen drug called methoxsalen is given orally; this is followed by exposure of the affected skin to ultraviolet light. The doses of the drug and the light must be carefully adjusted to the individual. Remissions may last several months. However, a very serious drawback is that some people are apt to develop skin cancer from the UV light exposure.

Inotretinoin (Acetane) given orally is often highly effective in treating psoriasis. However, the substance is extremely toxic to unborn children; pregnant women must not use it.

Because treatment methods vary, all patients with psoriasis should be under the care of dermatologists. You can obtain appropriate care from such a skin specialist.

For answers to your medical questions write to Dr. Peter M. Gott, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, Ohio 44141. Letters of general interest will be answered in the column.

DEAR MRS. L.: And listen I did, because it sounds to me like you're juggling a schedule which would put a lesser person in the grave. So, whether you walk, run to take the bus, get right over to Lajack Auto Plaza where I've made arrangements for you to pick up an '83 Ford Escort.

And to get you started on the right road, Lajack Auto Plaza has a great offer to pay your car insurance — for which I say THANKS A MILLION. Let me remember that it's the combined efforts of us all that get the job done.

DEAR MR. ROSS: This is a letter requesting a minimum of help for a special 10-year-old neighborhood boy. During the school session last year he became very stressed and withdrawn. He started missing a lot of school and had multiple bruises.

A week after speaking with his teacher and principal, he was taken from his home and into the custody of his grandmother. Much to our delight, this summer he returned home. He and my son are good friends and

and see that he gets a new skateboard with the check I'm sending. And might I suggest he leave it at your house, lest his father takes to tyranny again and destroys this one, too.

DEAR MR. ROSS: As an American, I feel I'm entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. To me, happiness is defined as a new Mercedes. I don't have the means of securing one, but you do. So as my fellow American, I feel you should fork over and buy me one. I welcome your thoughts.

MR. H.P. SANMATEO, CALIF.

MRS. D.A.: ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILL.

DEAR MRS. A.: Frankly, I don't see that my replacing this boy's skateboard is going to create a monster. The school, the teachers and principal, our local police department and the juvenile authorities could really use your example to remind the children of needs during these days of inflation and stress. Surely some of us could pool our resources and replace it. But I replacing it would be the best example for all.

DEAR MR. P.: I doubt you'll roll out the red carpet for my answer because even though I do believe in life and liberty, I don't feel you need a new Mercedes in which to pursue happiness.

MINNEAPOLIS: Millionaire Percy Ross is internationally known for his philanthropic work and likes to encourage others to help solve problems for those in need. Write to Ross in care of the Manchester Herald, P.O. Box 32000, Minneapolis, Minn. 55431. Include a telephone number if you wish. All letters to sent to Ross are read. Only a few are answered in this column, although others may be acknowledged privately.

DEAR MR. P.: I have read many articles about how much it would cost to hire professional help to do all the jobs a wife does — a cook, housekeeper, chauffeur, tutor, etc. but I've never read anything about how much it would cost to replace a good husband.

We've never had to hire a carpenter, mechanic, plumber, painter, electrician or gardener. At today's prices, do you realize how many thousands of dollars this saves us every year?

My husband also works full time. Besides doing all those things, he's a wonderful lover and my best friend.

LUCKY IN OREGON

DEAR LUCKY: You are indeed lucky to have a husband who has the last two virtues you hit the jackpot in my book.

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The enrollment agreement probably said that your wife was expected to dress professionally, and she was warned repeatedly that she would have to live with the consequences. How does one argue with that? I don't think you have grounds for complaint.

What I do suggest is that your wife consider growing up. In the adult world, dress codes are very common. One does not wear jeans and a torn T-shirt to the board room. She may feel that she's expressing her individuality, but unless she is properly groomed, she will not be welcome in many job situations.

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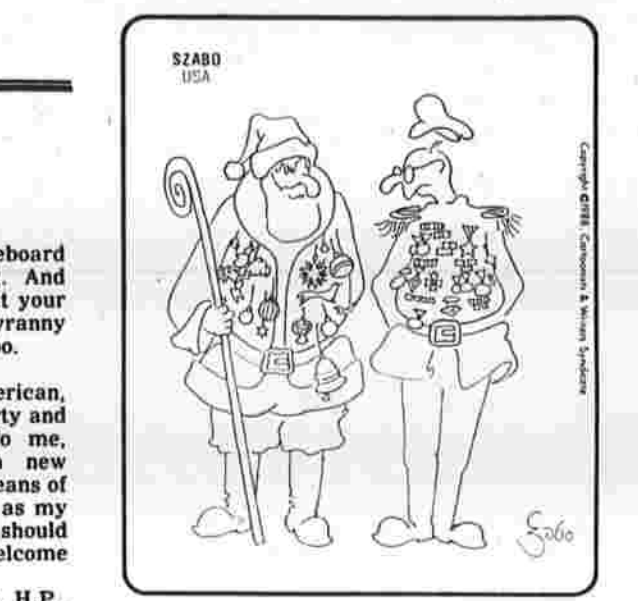
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WIT OF THE WORLD



PEOPLE

Prince stars in concert

LONDON (AP) — Prince William, Britain's 6-year-old future king, demonstrated a regal calm as he starred in his school's Christmas carol concert.

Without a trace of nervousness, the fair-haired son of Prince Charles and Princess Diana sang "Silent Night" with two of his schoolmates Tuesday. He and the class sang more than a dozen other carols.

William's parents and his 4-year-old brother, Harry, were in the audience of 650 parents, families and friends at London's Palace Theater, and joined in tumultuous applause at the end of the concert. William started at Wetherby School in west London in January 1987.

Jailhouse wedding held

GRETNA, La. (AP) — Debra Murphree, the tattooed prostitute who said she posed nude for evangelist Jimmy Swaggart, was married in jail to a man she met there before her recent release.

Wearing a conservative white dress, the 28-year-old Murphree became the bride of Samuel W. Travis, 32, of Metairie, in a ceremony Tuesday in the Jefferson Parish jail in suburban New Orleans.

"Well, I'm happy, you know. I'm very much in love, and this is what I wanted," Murphree told reporters after the wedding behind bars.

Travis is serving time for a 1986 conviction for cruelty to a juvenile and is scheduled to be released in October.

Murphree was released from the jail Nov. 16 after serving three months on a prostitution charge unrelated to the Swaggart scandal. The mother of three said she and her husband plan to start a new life in her home state of Indiana.

Fonda wins in suit

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court ruled in favor of actress Jane Fonda in a lawsuit by her former business manager, who said he was entitled to 10 percent of her earnings from the movie "Coming Home" and other projects.

Fonda denied she had agreed orally to continue to pay proceeds to Richard M. Rosenthal after firing him in May 1980.

On Tuesday, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled that if it existed, was unenforceable because it wasn't in writing.

Singer talks about Orbison

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Rock superstar Tom Petty confesses he felt like just another weak-kneed fan when he met music legend Roy Orbison a year ago.

"I was always a tremendous fan of his," Petty said of Orbison, who died of a heart attack at age 32 last week in Hendersonville. "You're always nervous when you meet someone like that."

The singer and guitarist, known for songs such as "Refugee" and "Don't Come Around Here No More," was among those who attended a memorial gathering Tuesday night in Los Angeles planned by Orbison's widow, Barbara.

Petty and Orbison, with Bob Dylan, ex-Beatle George Harrison and Electric Light Orchestra alumni Jeff Lynne, made up the Traveling Wilburys, whose album of the same name was in the top 10 when Orbison died.

"It was just a thrill. We were all in awe of Roy, and we told him so every 10 minutes," Petty said. "That's the one thing I feel great about... that we loved him and hugged him all the time."

Nancy gives final party

WASHINGTON (AP) — Joined by merry NBC weatherman Willard Scott playing Santa Claus, Nancy Reagan laid out her final White House Christmas party for the children of the diplomatic corps.

The first lady, clad in a signature red dress, sat among the squirming and giggling crowd of some 370 children on Tuesday and watched as dancers, dressed as the California Raisins with red noses, cavorted to and fro to the tunes of Christmas carols set to Motown rhythm.

"We'll be thinking of you, ... we'll both be thinking of you, and this year, next year," Mrs. Reagan told the gathering in the East Room.

"Best wishes for a Merry Christmas for all the years to come."

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BRIDGE
By James Jacoby

For some "out of this world" partnerships I know of, there are probably as many ways of describing 13 cards as there are hues in a rainbow. Although we like to keep bridge simple, we cannot entirely disregard useful bids. Here's one that is easy to remember.

North's jump to three diamonds (East's opening bid suit) told his partner that he had four-card support for hearts, 8-11 high-card points and a singleton. It wasn't hard for South to figure out that the singleton was probably in clubs, so he had an easy bid of four hearts.

South won the ace of clubs and played the ace of hearts. When the queen appeared, declarer saw that he could not afford to draw trumps. He would then need East to hold the ace of spades. So he played the jack of diamonds. East took the ace and played back the queen of spades, covered by South's king and West's ace. West played a second spade, won by East's jack. On the third spade, declarer ruffed with the 10 of hearts and drew trumps to make the contract.

East could have done better by playing a low spade after taking the diamond ace. South would still go up with the king. Now, after winning the second spade, East would have the Q-8 over the dummy's 10-6-5 and should play back the king of clubs. That would stop declarer from taking 10 tricks. I leave it to you readers to figure out how declarer can always do better by first playing to the king of hearts in dummy.

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

NORTH	15-14-11		
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♥ K J 8 2			
♦ R Q 4			
♣ 5			
EAST	10-9-8-7		
♠ Q J 8 7			
♥ 7 5			
♦ A 10 6 3 2			
♣ K 7			
SOUTH	10-9-8-7		
♠ K 9			
♥ A 10 6 4 3			
♦ J			
♣ A 9 6 4 2			
West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

*Special partnership meaning
Opening lead: ♠ Q

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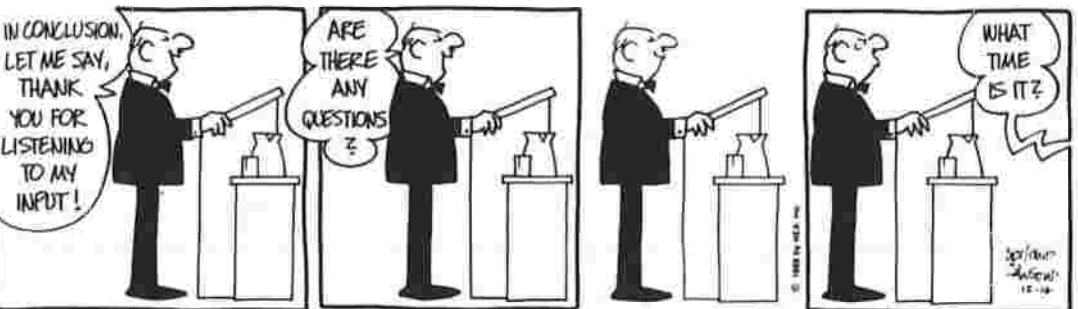
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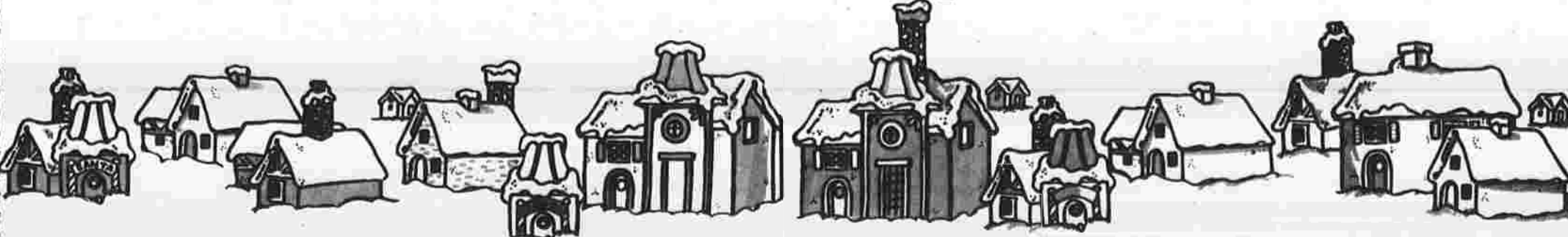
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LOOKING TO PASS — Atlanta's Antoine Carr applies pressure to Chicago's Michael Jordan, right, in their NBA game Tuesday night in Chicago. The visiting Hawks prevailed, 106-88.

Lakers' defense stops Cleveland

By The Associated Press

Magic Johnson had seen the movies and he was wary.

"We saw a lot of film of them getting layups and dunking on people," Johnson said of the Cleveland Cavaliers. "We didn't want to happen to us. They have a very good transition game."

Johnson scored 31 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and had 13 assists Tuesday night, leading the Los Angeles Lakers past Cleveland 111-102. It was his sixth "triple-double" this season and tied his career record.

"What we were able to do was take good shots and get back on defense," Johnson said. "The Lakers have won eight of nine while Cleveland lost eight of 10 in its last 19 regular-season games."

"Their big people were playing up so high. It was hard to get back on the double team," Cleveland center Brad Daugherty said. "They were just a little bit smarter than we were."

Hawks 106, Bulls 88: Dominique Wilkins scored 30 points, including six during a 16-0 run that gave Atlanta a 69-58 lead early in the third period.

The Hawks led 53-45 at halftime and after Chicago's Michael Jordan scored the first basket of the third quarter, Atlanta went on its decisive streak. Glenn Rice had four points, four assists and two steals in the burst and finished with 16 points.

Jordan scored 28 for the Bulls, who had won six straight at home. **Pacers 115, Hornets 104:** John Long scored a season-high 25 points. Vern Fleming had a career-high 13 rebounds with 10 points and 12 assists and Indiana was 16-for-16 from the foul line in the fourth quarter.

Kelly Trips scored 26 points for visiting Charlotte. **Bucks 109, 76ers 91:** Jack Sikma scored a season-high 26 points and Ricky Pierce scored 19 as Milwaukee won at Philadelphia. Charles Barkley had 21 points and 14 rebounds for the 76ers, but was charged with two technicals after fouling Sikma and was ejected with 3:36 remaining. Sikma made both free throws, giving the Bucks a 99-85 lead.

Knicks 121, Nets 100: Charles Sanders to stay in school

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Helms Trophy winner Barry Sanders says he's going to do his running next year at Oklahoma State, not in the NFL.

Sanders emphatically denied any intention of trying to enter the NFL draft next season and forego his senior year with the Cowboys.

"I'll be an Oklahoma State next year," said Sanders who earlier this month won the Helmsman Award as the nation's outstanding college football player.

Why not expand NFL playoffs?

By Dave Goldberg
The Associated Press

Just before the New Orleans-San Francisco game last Sunday, there was this suggestion from a guy from Philadelphia:

"Why break ties for wild cards? Why not just let all the teams with that record in and let the extras play division champions with the poorest marks — like an 8-8 team from the AFC West — on the first weekend of the playoffs?"

Indeed, why not?

As long as it doesn't get like the NBA and NHL, in which almost everyone makes it, it makes as much sense as the current system.

Granted, there's some fun in the present method.

But what sense does it make when Houston, which would have clinched a wild-card berth had Cleveland beaten Miami on Monday night, now must beat the Browns on Sunday to be sure of getting it?

What sense does it make that Philadelphia could beat Dallas and still be out of the playoffs when, right now, the Eagles hold the second NFC wild-card spot?

NFLPA trying to settle labor dispute

By David Ginsburg
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The NFL Players Association borrowing a few pages from the contracts of the National Basketball Association and major league baseball, has presented management with a proposal aimed at ending a two-season labor dispute.

The proposed four-year contract was sent Tuesday to management chief negotiator Jack Donlan. Under the plan, any unsigned veteran with six or more years of NFL service would become an unrestricted free agent. The number of years required for unrestricted free agency would be reduced in the

subsequent years of the contract, down to three by Feb. 1, 1992.

The NBA instituted a similar plan earlier this year. In addition, players whose contracts expire prior to becoming unrestricted free agents may elect to submit to salary arbitration, a system used in major league baseball.

"The NFL has always taken the position that they are unique, that they need special laws and exemptions," union chief Gene Upshaw said. "We don't believe that. We don't believe that they should be treated any differently from any other sport."

"We don't see where everything here (in the latest proposal) is etched in stone, but it is a

framework," Upshaw added. "This addresses our number one concern — at some point in a player's career, he will have an opportunity to be a free agent."

The NFL Management Council, in a brief statement, said, "We are studying the NFLPA proposal. We will not comment until we have reviewed it and communicated privately with the NFLPA and Management Council Executive Committee."

The owners' group recently gave the union a proposal of its own, one that would allow clubs to protect a certain number of players and allow the rest to become unrestricted free agents.

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second spot would go to San Francisco via the fourth tiebreaker — a better record than Philadelphia against common opponents, 5-3 to the Eagles' 5-4.

The next day, Maxwell was annoyed that the league's expertise could be questioned by a mere fan who happened to make a phone call.

He was right. But, in fact, the system is so complex that it took him five days to figure out that the 49ers were on the verge of clinching.

Moreover, the NFL, which isn't starting for help, could have found a different communicator for the Redskins-Cowboys games. On the season's final two Sundays, there's no reason for Maxwell and his AFC counterpart, Peter Abitante, to be anywhere but the office. They are about the only people in the world who understand the system and can answer tie-breaker questions in a snap.

Now, if Philadelphia beats Dallas by 49 points and Minnesota loses to Chicago by 50, which one makes the playoffs?

They go to the tiebreaker No. 9. Flip a coin.

"Their proposal is the same one they put out there September seventh (1987), except it's gotten crazier because it's gone from three years (duration) to six years to 10 years," Upshaw said.

The union's counterproposal was accompanied by a two-page cover sheet noting the prosperity that pro baseball and basketball are enjoying, despite comparatively more liberal free agency plans.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Husky women triumph

STORRS — The University of Connecticut women's basketball team ran its record to a 29-28 romp over Fairfield Tuesday night at the Field House. Kerry Bascom had 27 points. Kris Lane and Laura Lishness 12 and freshman Meghan Pattison 10 for the Huskies. Fairfield falls to 3-5.

Orel adds SI award

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pitcher Orel Hershiser received another award when he was named Sports Illustrated's Sportsman of the Year.

Hershiser, 23-8 with a 2.26 earned run average this season, completed the year with a record 59 consecutive scoreless innings.

He then was voted the Most Valuable Player in both the National League playoffs and the World Series as the Los Angeles Dodgers upset the New York Mets and Oakland Athletics.

Dooley to step down?

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Several newspapers reported Georgia head football coach and athletic director Vince Dooley will announce his retirement from coaching Wednesday but will remain as athletic director.

There was no confirmation from the university, although one member of the University of Georgia Athletic Board told a newspaper the 56-year-old Dooley, who has coached Georgia football for 25 years and won 200 career football games, would announce "what his future holds tomorrow."

The Athens Daily News, in stories for its Wednesday editions, said Dooley was expected to tell his football players of his decision at a team meeting already scheduled to start with lunch at noon Wednesday, as the Bulldogs prepare to begin preparation for their Gator Bowl game against Michigan State in Jacksonville, Fla.

Dooley intends to coach the Bulldogs in the New Year's Day game, the newspaper said.

Missouri to name Stull

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Even with final contract details yet to be ironed out, Texas-EI Paso football coach Bob Stull is making no promises about success in his new job with the University of Missouri.

"Trust me, I'm no miracle worker," Stull told reporters at Lambert Airport in St. Louis early today. "I just want to build a solid program."

Stull is credited with turning UTPE around in three years from a 16-game loser to a 16-game winner. The Miners, 10-2, are headed to the Independence Bowl on Dec. 23 against Southern Mississippi in the first out-of-town bowl game in the school's history.

Stull also was head coach at the University of Massachusetts for two seasons and has a career record of 31-26 in five seasons.

At Missouri, he would replace Woody Widenhofer, who resigned under pressure in November after compiling a 12-31-1 record in four seasons, including 3-8-1 this season.

Sluocum to keep it clean

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M football Coach R.C. Sluocum wants it in his contract that he gets fired immediately if he is caught cheating.

He also wants well-intentioned Aggie supporters to know they won't be excluded from his bold approach to honesty.

"If you do anything to hurt this university, we'll sue you," Sluocum said Tuesday as he outlined his plans for replacing Jackie Sherrill as head coach.

Sherrill resigned Monday amid controversy after a former player charged that Sherrill paid him \$4,000 in exchange for his silence concerning alleged rules violations.

Sluocum and new athletic director John David Crow emphasized they would not tolerate any violation of NCAA rules.

Gehrig Award to Bell

OXFORD, Ohio (AP) — Houston Astros third baseman Buddy Bell was named the 24th winner of the Lou Gehrig Memorial Award.

The award is presented by the Phi Delta Theta national collegiate fraternity and given annually to a major league player who best exemplifies the image and character of Gehrig.

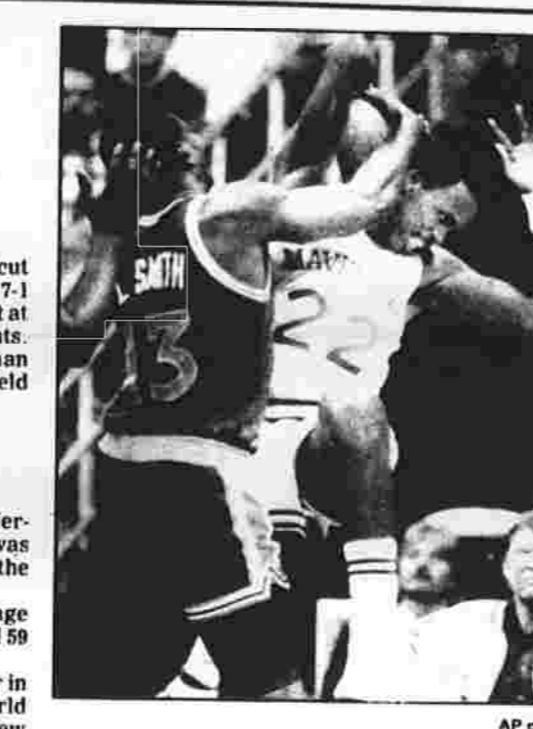
Bucs, Parker, reach accord

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Pirates and Dave Parker quietly settled a lawsuit over Parker's admitted past drug use, apparently closing a 3½-year-old public record on cocaine use among some of baseball's biggest names.

Pirates president Carl F. Barger said Tuesday that the out-of-court settlement with Parker avoids a repeat of the September 1985 federal trials that damaged the game through confessions of drug use by several major leaguers, including Parker and New York Mets star Keith Hernandez.

"The settlement is a good thing for us and baseball," Barger said. "Barger said the Pirates received "a very significant concession" on Parker's 1978 contract, which required the Pirates to pay him \$5.3 million in deferred payments through the year 2007.

Parker, now with the Oakland Athletics, played for the Pirates from 1973-83.



LOSS BALL — Dallas' Rolando Blackman (22) and Golden State's Larry Smith (14) battle for the ball in their game Tuesday night in Dallas. The Mavs won, 117-111.

Wiking players charged

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota Vikings players Anthony Carter, Carl Lee and Darryl Harris and one of the player's wives were arrested after a skirmish outside a nightclub.

Carter, a wide receiver, and Lee, a defensive back, were arrested on disorderly conduct charges, while Harris, a running back, was arrested on a charge of obstructing the legal process.

Jazz activate Hansen

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Jazz has waived second-year forward Scott Roth and activated veteran guard Bobby Hansen, who has been on the injured list since breaking his left hand Oct. 21 in a preseason game against Philadelphia.

The 6-6 Hansen was activated just in time to play in the Jazz' upcoming six-game road tour, beginning Wednesday night in Boston.

Berry on injured list

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Forward Walter Berry was placed on the injured list Tuesday because of a sprained left ankle and a bruised left knee. The New Jersey Nets announced.

Forward Keith Lee was activated from the injured list to replace Berry on the roster. Lee, who missed all of last season with a leg injury, had been sidelined since Nov. 22 with turf toe on his right foot.

Berry, who had missed the last three games with the knee problem, sprained the ankle in practice Monday. He had started 17 of the 18 games he appeared in this season, averaging 12.2 minutes per game.

Padres re-sign Gwynn

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tony Gwynn, a three-time National League batting champion, signed a contract extension Tuesday with the San Diego Padres that will pay him \$2 million in 1991.

The deal also includes an option for the 1992 season that would also pay him \$2 million.

Gwynn, 26, was signed through the 1989 and 1990 seasons at \$1 million per year before agreeing to the extension, worked out in negotiations between the player's agent, John Boggs, and interim club president Dick Freeman.

Mavs waive Alford

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks activated forward Roy Tarpley off the injured list Tuesday and waived second-year guard Steve Alford.

Alford, a 7-foot forward, missed 14 games with a leg knee injury. He underwent arthroscopic surgery to repair the torn cartilage. He won the NBA's sixth man award last year with his work off the bench.

Alford, Indiana's 1983 Mr. Basketball and a two-time All-American at Indiana University, was a second-round draft choice in 1987.

Alford averaged 2.1 points a game as a rookie last year, but was averaging less than one point a game this season.

MHS girls win a thriller

WEST HARTFORD — As far as opening games go, this one was a thriller.

Under second-year Coach Joe DePasqua, who took last season off due to back problems, the Manchester High girls' basketball team began the campaign with a dramatic victory.

A hoop by Indian senior guard Tina Stone with 48 seconds left put Manchester ahead for good as it held on for a 44-43 victory over Hall High in a CCC inter-divisional battle.

"We had opening game jitters," DePasqua, whose team led 36-24 after three quarters, said. "We played as rough as the driving conditions."

Manchester 1-4 will host cross-town rival East Catholic Thursday night at 7:30 at Clarke Arena. Hall is 1-1.

Two minutes after one turn before the Indians assumed a 22-15 halftime advantage. Stone led Manchester with 12 points while junior center Kathy King added eight points and seven rebounds.

Seniors Amy Mann and Lisa Carter chipped in with six points each.

H.S. Roundup

Nikki Schaller tallied a game-high 21 points for Hall.

The Manchester junior varsity squad also won, 62-13. Amy Shumaker had 16 while Cheryl Fowler added 12.

MANCHESTER (40) — Tina Stone 6 (10-10), Carrie 3 (0-0), Tony King 4 (0-1), Trileo D'Connell 2 (1-2), Tommie Dieterie 1 (1-2), Beth O'Brien 0 (0-0), Cheryl Fowler 0 (0-0), Jodi Widmer 0 (0-0), Toni 2 (2-4).

MANCHESTER (40) — Nikki Schaller 10 (2-2), Rochel Smith 10 (2-2), Tommie Dieterie 4 (1-2), Kate Gollhofer 0 (0-0), Michelle Robinson 0 (0-0), Yanke 0 (0-0), Jill Michalski 0 (0-0). Halftime: 22-15 Manchester.

Eagles whipped

It was a long evening for the East Catholic High girls' basketball team.

The Eagles fell behind Berlin High early and never got untracked as they bowed, 59-25, in a non-conference game Tuesday night.

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Pete Fongemie, who was 15-6 a year ago, is also one of the top juniors and will wrestle at 120. The other key juniors are Walter Lee (112) and Corey Craft (119).

Sophomore newcomers are juniors Greg Ferguson (125) and Aris Leonard, who is battling junior Jordan Grossman at 152.

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Daily double lifts the Red Wings

DETROIT (AP) — Bob Probert is back and Paul MacLean is getting comfortable. That daily double is paying off these days for the Detroit Red Wings.

Probert scored third goal with 7:13 remaining in the third period Tuesday night and set up MacLean's second, power-play goal of the game with 3:06 left as the Red Wings fought off stubborn Minnesota for their third straight victory, a 5-4 decision over the North Stars.

Probert, who rejoined the Red Wings on Nov. 27 following his training camp suspension for violating team rules, wasn't talking after his performance.

But Coach Jacques Demers supplied the superlatives.

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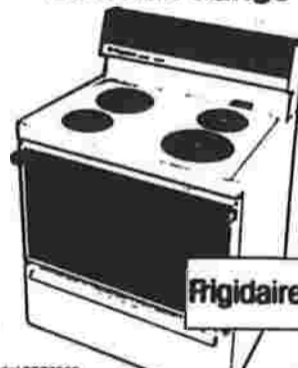


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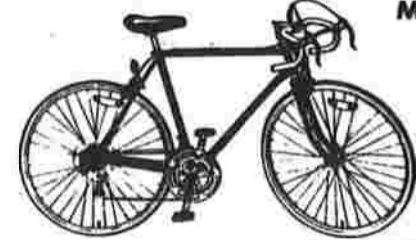
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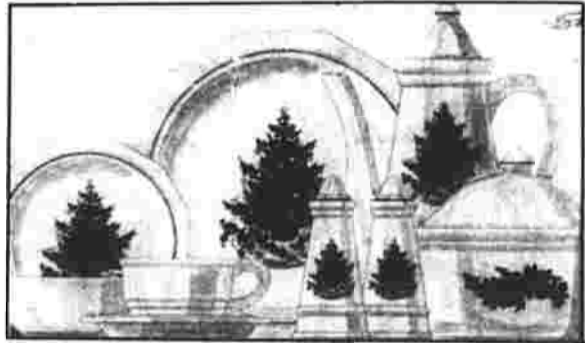
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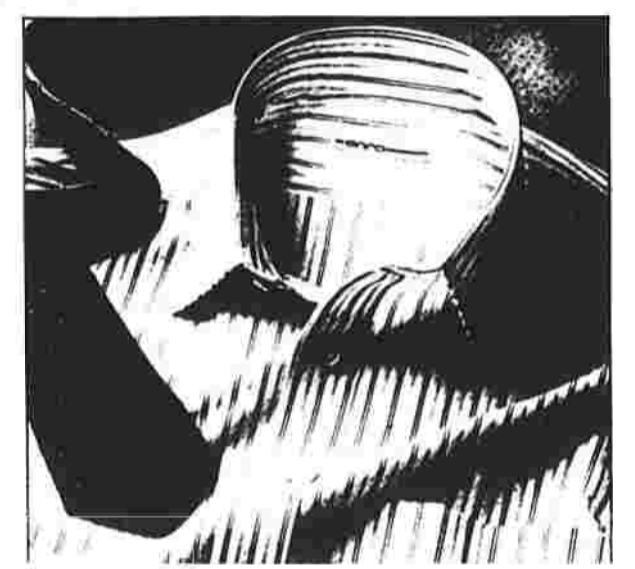
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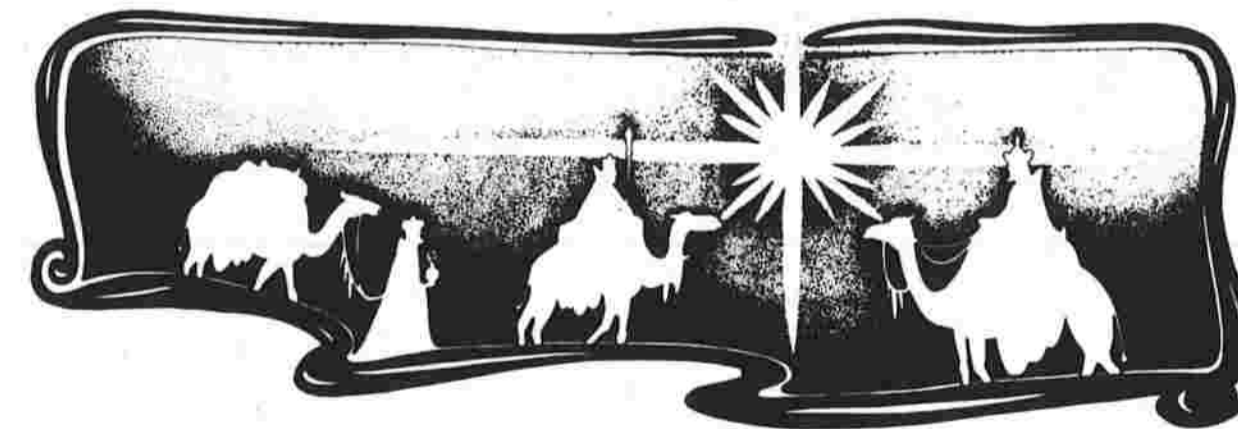
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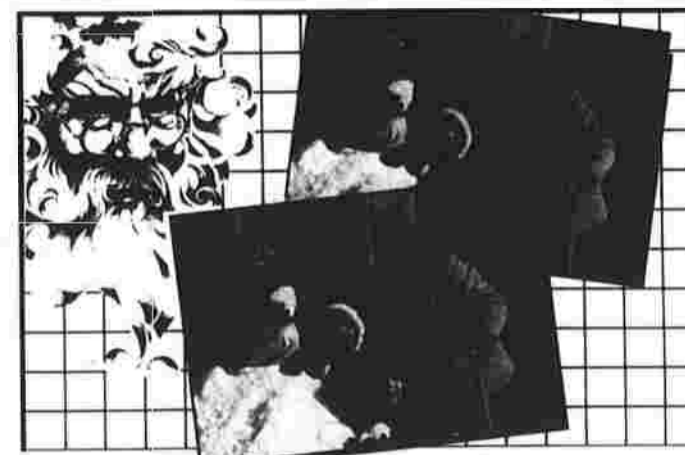
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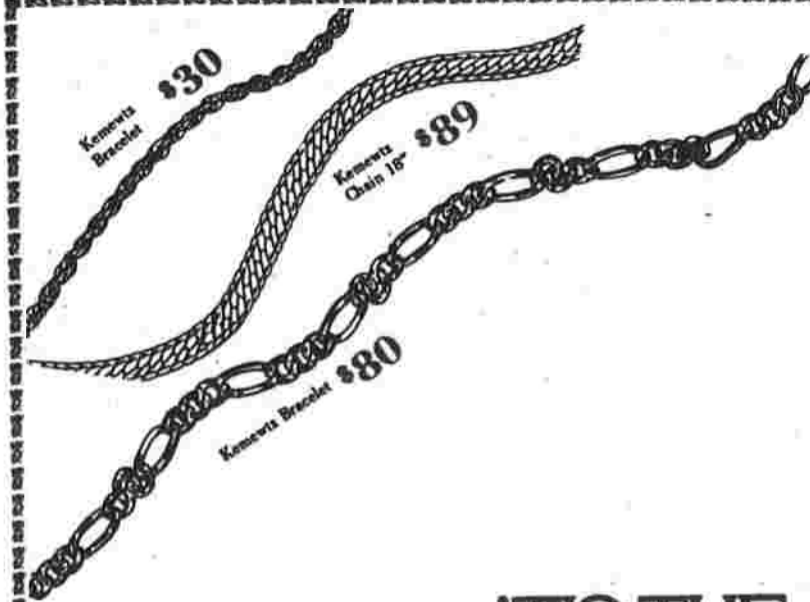
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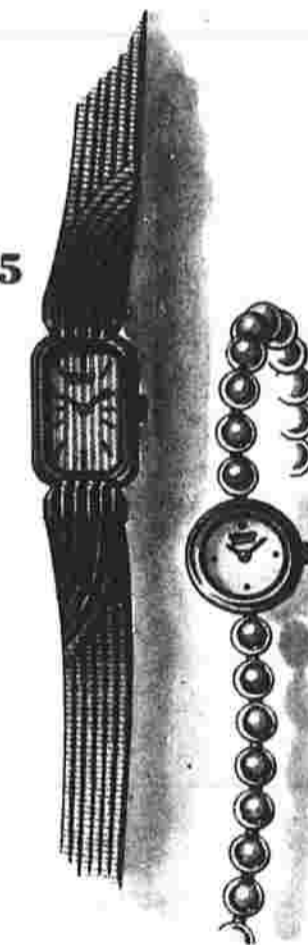
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Manchester officials were reluctant to use expensive snowblowers. A man severed his partially severed right hand while using a snowblower. The name of the man was not available.

The man was identified as Francis Hoss, a spokesman for the Center in Hanover. He could attempt to sue the manufacturer, Avering, a St. Francis spokesman said. The man was in good condition.

Two other people were released from the hospital after injuries at St. Francis. A spokesman said Peter's spokesman.

Manchester officials urged people to be careful in a news advertisement. "even when the blade can turn and clog is removed," officials said.

The season which dumped snow on parts of the state resulted in 407 motor vehicle accidents and heart attacks, officials said.

Avery said that at Memorial Hospital, heart attack victims could not be treated because of the weather.

Manchester officials said this morning, Manchester Superintendent, were out sanding the streets this morning. Icy spots from the police in To

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Park

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Waning interest in cross-country skiing at Wickham Park. Officials to close the park on Wednesday.

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