



# RECORD

## About Town

### Program to honor Dr. King

The Manchester Intercultural Council will hold the 8th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Program and Potluck Supper Thursday, Jan. 12 at South United Methodist Church, 1228 Main St., at 6 p.m. The theme of this year's program is "A Celebration of the Man and His Dream." The program will focus on the teachings of Dr. King and the diversity of the Manchester community. Dorothy Selinger will be the guest soloist. Those wishing to attend should bring a main dish (a casserole, salad or dessert) to feed 10 people. Call Gladys Stringfellow, 648-9943, or Mary Jaworski, 643-4938, if you plan to attend.

### La Leche meeting set

The January meeting of the Manchester Evening La Leche League will be held Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at 4 Locust St., South Windsor. The topic of the meeting is "Advantages of Breastfeeding to Mother and Baby." Many mothers have found that breastfeeding is uniquely suited to meet both the physical and emotional needs of their baby. Mothers, grandmothers, infants and toddlers are all welcome. For further information, call Carol at 644-4109 or Kathy at 646-7277.

### Senior clinics scheduled

A blood pressure clinic will be held Wednesday, Jan. 4, at the Manchester Senior Citizens' Center from 9 to 11 a.m. for those whose last names begin with the letters A through K. A blood pressure clinic will be held at Westhill Gardens, 24 Bluefield Drive, from 9 to 10 a.m. A blood pressure clinic will be held Wednesday, Jan. 18, at the Senior Center from 9 to 11 a.m. for those whose last names begin with the letters L through Z.

### Depression group meets

Depression Anonymous, a support group for those suffering from depression meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Lowe Program Center of Manchester Community College, Room CL121A. The group follows the 12-step program modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous. No dues or fees are required. For more information call Marie B. at 644-9046.

### Club donates gift money

Ladies of the GOP Bowling League contributed \$100 for gifts for the Armenian earthquake victims. The league collected the funds during their annual Christmas Party at Arcadia Restaurant Dec. 16.



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**DRIVE COORDINATOR**—Heidi Peltier, a sixth-grade student at Washington School, is coordinating the school's efforts to collect food for the Manchester Area Conference of Churches' Seasonal Sharing Appeal. Peltier, the publicity chairman for the student council, is pictured with Ray Gardiner, the council's adviser.

## Public Meetings

Meeting scheduled tonight.

### Manchester

Human Relations Commission, Municipal Building coffee room, 7:30 p.m.

### Coventry

Water Pollution Control Authority, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.  
Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.

## Weather

**REGIONAL WEATHER**  
Accu-Weather® forecast for Wednesday  
Daytime Conditions and High Temperatures

**Chance of showers**  
Manchester and vicinity: Tonight, mostly cloudy, breezy and mild. Low around 40. Wednesday, mostly cloudy and mild with a 50 percent chance of showers. High around 50. Outlook for Thursday, partly sunny but cooler with the high in the lower 40s.

**West Coastal, East Coastal:**  
Tonight, mostly cloudy, breezy and mild. Low 40 to 45. Wednesday, mostly cloudy and mild with a 50 percent chance of showers. High around 50. Outlook for Thursday, partly sunny but cooler with the high in the lower 40s.

**Northwest Hills:** Tonight, mostly cloudy, breezy and mild. A chance of showers after midnight. Low around 40.



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**A GIFT OF TOYS**—The Manchester Police Department donated toys to the Manchester Area Conference of Churches' Seasonal Sharing Appeal. From left: William Daley, president of the police union; Nancy Carr, executive

director of MACC; and Jon Hawthorne, chairman of the children's Christmas party, look over the toys. The toys will be distributed to needy families with the Christmas baskets on Thursday.

## Obituaries

### Edith Reed

Edith (Green) Reed, 80, of Manchester, died Monday (Dec. 19, 1988) at home.  
Born in Brookline, Mass., on Dec. 24, 1907, she lived in Glastonbury before moving to Manchester eight years ago. At the time of her death, she was employed as a secretary in the Reinsurance Department at the Connecticut General Insurance Co., Bloomfield, for 18 years. She was a communicant of St. Bridget Church.

She is survived by two sons, Roland E. Reed of Philadelphia, Pa., and Stephen E. Reed of Hawaii; five daughters, Leslie Dawn of Hawaii, Elise Denning of Montreal, Canada, Judith DiRenzo of Wyomissing, Pa., Lynn Reed of Malvern, Pa., and Dana DiBona of Philadelphia; two brothers, Herbert Green of Chestnut Hill, Mass., and Robert E. Green of Foxboro, Mass.; two sisters, Margaret H. Benjamin of Wollaston, Mass., and Alice A. Green of Chestnut Hill; four granddaughters and several nieces and nephews.  
The funeral will be Thursday at 8 a.m. at the Bell-O'Dea Funeral

Home, 376 Washington St., Brookline, Mass.; with a Mass of Christian burial at 9 a.m. at St. Lawrence Church, 774 Boylston St., Brookline. Burial will be in the Holyhood Cemetery, Brookline. Calling hours are Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the Newtonington Children's Hospital, 181 E. Cedar St., Newtonington 06111.

**Lillian May Slater**  
Lillian May Slater, 106, of Newtonington, formerly of Avondale Road, died Monday (Dec. 19, 1988) at Hartford Hospital. She was the widow of Burton Slater.

Born in Mount Beacon, N.Y., Aug. 9, 1888, she had been a resident of Manchester for many years before moving to Newtonington.  
She is survived by a son, Frederick Slater of Cranbury; a daughter, Mrs. Anna Wallace of Newtonington; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.  
The funeral will be Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. from the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. at St. Bridget Church. Burial will be in St. Bridget Cemetery. Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the Newtonington Voluntary Ambulance Service, Main Street, Newtonington 06111.

### Erik Masse

Erik Oliver Masse, 9, of East Hartford, son of Philippe Masse of Manchester, died Saturday (Dec. 17, 1988) at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, Torrington. He was born in Manchester.  
Besides his father, he is survived by his mother, Barbara (Bevins) Masse of East Hartford, with whom he lived; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Aurele Masse of North Charleston, N.H.; his maternal grandmother, Barbara Bevins of Forest Park, Ga.; several aunts, uncles and cousins.  
A Mass of Christian burial will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Bernard Church, the Rockville section of Vernon. Burial will be in Grove Hill Cemetery. Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Ladd Funeral Home, 19 Ellington Ave., Rockville.

## Public Records

### Warranty deeds

MultiTech New England Inc. to Daniel L. and Michelle A. D'Esopo, Oak Grove Farms Condominium, \$121,900.  
Melinda D. Lawler to Barry F. and Jean C. Callahan, 333 Hilliard St., \$123,900.  
Jay J. and Mary K. Brand to Barry R. and Carol D. Carlson, Southfield Green Condominium, \$143,000.  
Barney T. Peterman Sr. and Barney T. Peterman Jr. to Jack A. and Lori P. Moreau, Thurston Heights, \$285,000.  
Sylvester J. and Laura A. Buttone to Sylvester, Laura and Karen G. Buttone, Brook Haven Condominium, no conveyance tax.  
Violetta Construction Co. Inc. to Kevin A. and Judith C. Kando, Tudor Court Condominium, conveyance tax, \$128,700.  
Jack A. and Lori P. Moreau to Barney T. Peterman Sr. and Barney T. Peterman Jr., 291 Porter St., \$220,000.  
MaryAnn Z. Waickowski and Stanley A. Waickowski, two parcels, Woodbridge Street, \$287,000.  
Jane E. Cunningham and Deanna M. DiStasio, 100-102 Summit St., \$165,000.  
Andrew Analsdi Sr. and Andrew Analsdi Jr. to James A. and Joy C. Balcome, Lookout Mountain, \$342,900.  
Elliott L. Randall Jr. and Karen J. Randall to Peter S. and Shiu-Yu Giannola, 3 Green Road, \$148,000.

MultiTech New England Inc. to John H. Mumford and Alison P. Gracie, Stonebrook Condominium, \$129,937.  
Wayne A. and Kay A. Girouard to David M. and Jane M. Wolanin, 12 Hyde St., \$126,900.  
Stephen G. and Sharon W. Linder to Anne F. Moriarty, Manchester Gardens Condominium, \$64,900.  
Wesley R. Rhula and Lucienne A. Rhula to Stanley and Mary Z. Waickowski, 158 Tanner St., \$154,000.

### Quitclaim deeds

Ellen Donadio and Lenora R. Donadio to Jay J. and Judith C. Kando, Southfield Green Condominium, no conveyance tax.  
Monique S. Toth to Robert M. Masson, one-half interest in Oakland Terrace Condominium, no conveyance tax.  
Robert M. Masson to Elaine A. Masson and Robert M. Masson, one-half interest in Oakland Terrace Condominium, no conveyance tax.  
Gary M. Carton to Sherry D. Carton, Charter Oak Street, no conveyance tax.  
Johanna Gremmo to Felix Gremmo, East Millin Turnpike, no conveyance tax.  
William J. and Mary J. Gelinias to Mary Gelinias, Joseph Street, no conveyance tax.  
Paula P. Leone to William P. Leone, 62 Kingswood Drive, no conveyance tax.

## Police Roundup

### Police search for man after alleged beating

Police said they are searching for a local man who allegedly beat his wife with a telephone receiver and threatened to stab her with a knife. Police applied for an arrest warrant Monday for Anthony Carrington, 35, of 54 Ruby Drive, on charges of second-degree assault against his wife and threatening, according to the police report. Carrington's wife suffered a cut to the lobe of her ear, police said. Upon searching the house, police discovered Carrington had escaped in his car, police said.  
After searching for Carrington and not finding him, police applied for a warrant for Carrington's arrest, police said.

### Police arrest man, woman following disturbance

A Manchester man and an Enfield woman were arrested Monday night after they were involved in an argument, police said.  
Michael L. VanCamp, 38, of 32 Cottage St., and Kathryn McGann, 36, of Enfield were arrested on charges of breach of peace, police said.  
Police said McGann went to see VanCamp at his apartment and after a heated argument she struck him in the chest.  
VanCamp became angered and grabbed McGann by the front clothing, picked her up and shoved her out the front door of the apartment, police said.  
Both VanCamp and McGann were released on \$250 bond, according to police. They are scheduled to appear in Manchester Superior Court today.

### Vernon man charged with trespass, assault

A Vernon man was arrested Monday night after he allegedly struck a man he was visiting in the face and neck, police said.  
Arbit, 45, of 88 W. Main St., in the Rockville section of Vernon, was arrested and charged with first-degree criminal trespass, third-degree assault and breach of peace, police said.  
Police said they responded to a report of a fight on West Middle Turnpike.  
While being transported to police headquarters, Lisbon, 45, assaulted and pushed a police officer at Manchester Memorial Hospital for an examination, police said.  
Police said they then held Lisbon on \$5,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in Manchester Superior Court at a later date.

## Lottery

Winning numbers drawn Monday in lotteries around New England:  
Connecticut daily: 097. Play Four: 0699. Massachusetts daily: 5886. Tri-state daily: 392, 9556. Rhode Island daily: 8469.

## Thoughts

In his book REACHING OUT, Henry Nouwen tells of Nan-in, a Japanese Zen master of the late 19th century. When a university professor came to inquire about the ways of Zen, the academic spent so much time explaining his interest and the urgency of his questions, that the master was hardly able to speak.

Later, Nan-in served tea. He poured until the cup overflowed and the tea ran out over the saucer and across the table into the lap of his startled guest. "Stop!" yelled the professor as he jumped to his feet. "Stop!"

"Like this cup," said Nan-in quietly, "you are over-full of opinions and speculations, how can I show you Zen, unless you first empty your cup?"  
At Christmas it is so easy for us to be like the self-important professor who visited Nan-in. We are so concerned with the giving of gifts, and with those gifts say about us, that we have no room to receive anything from anyone else. Is it possible in this last hectic week to empty our cups and make a space? Is it possible to make room for the people in our lives, the friends and neighbors and loved ones? What a wonderful gift that would be!

Rev. Dr. William C. Trench  
Pastor, North United Methodist Church

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# LOCAL & STATE



CAROLING IN THE COLD — The Salvation Army band leads residents in the annual carol sing Sunday in front of the creche at Center Congregational Church, 11 Center

St. Singers braved the cold to entertain each other with the holiday spirit.

## PZC OKs HMO on Hartford Road

By Nancy Concelman  
Manchester Herald

The Planning and Zoning Commission Monday approved plans to convert the former Multi-Circuits building at 130 Hartford Road into a 13,496 square-foot medical complex that is scheduled to open in September 1989.  
The building will house a Kaiser Permanent health maintenance organization, which will provide inpatient medical care to an estimated 10,000 Manchester area customers within five years after it opens, company officials have said.  
Vincent Amrhein, project architect, presented the plans to the commission.  
As conditions of approval, the PZC required that lights in the complex parking lot be designed to match others in the Cheney Historic district and that signs be subject to the Cheney National Historic District Commission's review before approval.  
The historic commission on Dec. 2 unanimously approved Kaiser's plans for changes to the

outside of the building, which include adding a vestibule for access to the lower level and two handicap ramps.  
The PZC also followed the historic commission's recommendation that materials used for a new gutter match the existing trim in color and design.  
Plans for the facility were filed in October by Foundation Health Plan of Connecticut, which operates 10 HMOs in the state. The PZC and historic commission are required to review plans for changes to the building's exterior because it is located in the

historic district. Most of the work on the building involves renovations to the inside.  
A lounge, radiology lab and storage space for records are proposed for the first floor. Amrhein said. Offices and examining rooms will be located on the second floor, he said.

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## School board expels gun-toting student

By Andrew J. Davis  
Manchester Herald

The Board of Education sent a message to students that guns will not be tolerated in school by voting to expel a Manchester High School student Monday who allegedly brought a pellet gun to school last month, said Board Chairman Richard W. Dyer.  
The 17-year-old male student was suspended for 180 school days, or the remainder of this school year and the first half of next school year, said Dyer. Under state statute, 180 school days is the maximum a student can be expelled from school.  
The board voted 7 to 1 to expel the student, Dyer said. Board member Terri A. Bogil was absent from the meeting.  
The student, whose name was not released, allegedly brought a .357-magnum pellet gun into

school, said Dyer. Though it was a pellet gun, the school board still felt it was a dangerous weapon, he said.  
"We will not tolerate guns, dangerous weapons, violence or any intentional (dangerous) actions," said Dyer. "It was an operable pellet pistol that could kill someone."

The board agreed not to pay for alternative education for the student for the rest of the year, though it is allowed under state law, said Dyer. The board did vote to pay for the student to be privately tutored the first half of next year, he said.  
Board member Gloria D. DeLaFera cast the dissenting vote because she felt the board should not pay for the student's education during the expulsion period.  
"I don't think the message was strong enough," she said. "Any kid, any student bringing a lethal weapon into school should be expelled. We're talking guns, not pea shooters."

The student allegedly pointed the gun at another student, school officials have said. The classroom teacher did not see the incident, school officials have said.  
Students later agreed to halt the protests while a committee of students and faculty worked out a compromise on the proposal. Officials later allowed students to wear the hooded sweatshirts as a compromise was worked out.  
Ludes said at a Dec. 12 Board of Education meeting that school officials erred in implementing the rule without warning. The school board voiced its support of the new rule at that meeting.

## Manchester schools join national program

By Andrew J. Davis  
Manchester Herald

Manchester is one of six local school districts to join a national education "network" to train teachers and administrators, said John W. Brubacher, a professor at the University of Connecticut.  
Other communities involved in the network, which is based at UConn, are Hartford, Windham, Enfield, Glastonbury and South Windsor, Brubacher said.  
The network brings in the experience of a much wider base of school systems," he said. "You have the experience of school systems throughout the country to draw on."

training of teachers and administrators," said Kennedy. "The school district's strength is the practical part. We find a strength in bringing them together."  
Since the network has been formed nationally, Kennedy said it will help Manchester. Town school personnel also are involved in two other local university partnership programs that help train administrators, he said.

The basis of the network, which was started earlier this school year, is to bring together the resources of school districts nationally with local districts to better train teachers and administrators, Brubacher said.  
"School districts and universities have to work together more efficiently," said Brubacher. "To really make it effective, it has to be an equal partnership when we both do those things collaboratively, the one who benefits most is the student."

The network will provide constant communication between participating school districts and universities, Brubacher said. Also, local school districts will be able to reap the benefits of national education research conducted at the universities, he said.

Other universities involved in the network are: Fordham, Indiana State, Michigan State, Brigham Young and the University of Maine, he said.  
Manchester School Superintendent James P. Kennedy said his district decided to join the network to enhance the training of school personnel.  
"What the university has to offer is the theoretical part of

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## 'Frightening' road repairs worrying area communities

By Andrew J. Davis  
Manchester Herald

The price of road repairs in area towns has reached such high levels that the towns will need increased state assistance to foot the bills, area officials say.  
Manchester Town Manager Robert B. Weiss said that towns will not be able to repair roads with local funds.  
"I think towns, without question, would not be able to handle (the cost of repairs)," said Weiss. "I don't see the town resources being... elastic enough."

Coventry Town Manager John Ellessner called the \$196 million price tag to fix roads in his town a "frightening figure." That cost for road repair in Coventry was maintained by developer Gary Pierce and the Municipalities study on how much it will cost to fix town roads and bridges.  
The CCM study, released last week, was prepared by transportation economist Richard P. Mudge. It estimates it will take \$8.7 billion to bring all locally maintained roads and bridges up to acceptable levels.

It will cost Manchester more than \$67 million, if town officials immediately began to fix all town-controlled roads and bridges needing repairs, said CCM Public Relations Manager Kevin Maloney. Bolton's road problems can be solved for \$27 million, while Andover's total road repair cost reached more than \$6 million, the report states.  
"Obviously that is a frightening figure," said Ellessner. "It's phenomenal."

Though the figures are taken from a January state Department of Transportation study, Ellessner said the total has not been reduced significantly over the year because new roads have been added.  
"It's too large a problem to ignore but it's too large a problem to do in a decade," he said. "Roads get to the point where you can't fix them. The total cost to all the citizens will be higher if it's not done soon."

Coventry is looking into starting a 10-year plan to fix local roads, Ellessner said. This year, about \$216,000 has been budgeted to pave or repave town roads, he said.

## Commission to rethink sidewalk delay approval

The Planning and Zoning Commission may rescind its approval of a deferral of sidewalks within a Birch Mountain Road subdivision because of the Board of Education's concern about children's safety.  
At the commission's Monday meeting, members said they would examine the 148-lot subdivision planned by developer Gary Pierce and the Mary Chamberlain Development Co. of Windsor to determine whether sidewalks are needed for about 14 homes that front Birch Mountain Road.

The PZC in June approved the subdivision and deferrals on one side of each of the roads off Birch Mountain Road. Planning Director, Mark Pellegrini said grading for the walks is available but installation would be expensive.

The Board of Education, which feels that sidewalks are necessary for the safety of children walking to and from bus stops, asked the commission to withdraw its approval of the deferrals.  
Acting PZC Chairman Ronald Gates, who was acting on behalf of absent chairman Alfred W. Sieffert Sr., said he wanted the Board of Education to give the PZC its rules on picking up school children for future deferral requests.

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# Crisis grows over shortage of volunteers

HARTFORD (AP) — A shortage of ambulance volunteers has created an emergency medical services crisis in some parts of the state and lives are being lost, legislators and officials have been told.

"Patients are dying in the field because the ambulances aren't getting out," James Cooper, emergency services coordinator for Danbury Hospital, said Monday.

"They can't wait five years for statistics to be gathered. ... We can't afford to allow people to continue to die," Cooper said.

Cooper addressed a meeting of about 20 legislators and a dozen emergency service providers. The meeting was organized by the Northwest Regional Council of Emergency Medical Services to share concerns about staffing shortages and align support for legislative countermeasures.

"There are (many) things that will help, but recent times have had minimal staffing problems that will now face extinction," said Roger Corrigan, the Northwest Regional Council director. "This problem has been coming for a long time."

The council covers 51 ambulance services in 41 towns in the primarily rural western and northwestern sections of the state.

Corrigan reported the results of a survey of government officials and medical providers that addressed the causes and effects of the volunteer shortage. Among the findings:

• The traditional volunteer recruitment pool is dwindling because of a 17 percent drop in the number of 18-24 year olds — the age at which many volunteers are recruited — and an increase in the number of working women.

• More workers commute to neighboring towns, where employers are less likely to release employees to respond to ambulance calls.

• Most people who live in small towns from urban areas don't understand the volunteer tradition or feel a sense of responsibility toward neighbors.

• Volunteers are afraid about transmission of the AIDS virus through physical contact with patients.

Sen. James H. McLaughlin, R-Woodbury, said he will incorporate comments from Monday's forum into legislation he will present to the Public Safety Committee in January. If volunteers can't be found to provide emergency services, state and local governments will have to pick up the tab, he said.

"We're killing the goose that laid the golden egg," McLaughlin said.

# Bridge problems told by motorists

NEW HAVEN (AP) — At least four motorists failed to realize that the Chapel Street bridge was out of service and two nearly drove into the Mill River in the months before a car carrying four East Lyme youths plunged into the river, killing the passengers, according to a published report.

The New Haven Register also reported in today's editions that a consultant warned city officials nine months before the fatal accident on Nov. 13 that New Haven urgently needed a bridge safety inspection program.

The bridge has been out of service for months and swung into a position perpendicular to the road to allow boat traffic to pass safely.

Authorities have said that the car carrying the four from East Lyme drove through a gap in the concrete barriers at the end of the street and into the river. Their bodies were found more than four days later.

City officials have said they don't know who moved barriers that had completely blocked the river, but they said they're certain New Haven public works employees weren't responsible.

The Register reported that a videotape made by an amateur filmmaker, still photographs in the newspaper's library, city and police records indicate that the blocks were moved at least three times in the past year.

Two motorists said they drove through a gap in the barriers in late October and early November and almost ended up in the river. Two others said they were stopped only by the barriers after they failed to see signs warning that the bridge was out.

Susan Parks of Hamden said she stopped her car within a few feet of the 15-foot drop to the water on Nov. 11 as she was heading home after having dinner in New Haven.



Patrick Flynn/Manchester Herald

SING-ALONG — Phyllis Bourneau leads a group of children through a song Monday at St. Maurice's Church in Bolton. The children are, from left, Kevin Gasper, 4; A.J. Nelson, 4, who is partly hidden; and Katie England, 4.

# State gives verbal OK to Coventry boating law

By Jacqueline Bennett  
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — The state Department of Environmental Protection has verbally approved a town ordinance that sharply restricts the speed of motor boats on Coventry Lake during Sunday afternoons. Town Manager John Ellessor said.

"I have received verbally through state Rep. Edith Prusse's office that the state DEP did approve our boating ordinance with some amendments. They approved our Sunday afternoon quiet hours."

Ellessor told the Town Council Monday night during a regular meeting at the Town Office Building.

The boating ordinance passed by the council establishes controversial quiet hours from noon to 4 P.M. on Sundays from May 15 to Oct. 15. During the so-called quiet hours, the speed of motor boats is restricted to 6 mph.

Proponents of the quiet time said it would give sailboats and rowboats a chance to use the lake. The ordinance was passed in response to complaints from residents about excessive numbers of high powered boats traveling at high speeds and recklessly, especially on the weekends.

The presence of a state boat launch off Lake Street makes Coventry Lake a public water way, therefore the ordinance had to be approved by the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Prusse, D.Columbia, who represents the 8th Assembly District, and state Sen.

Marie Herbst, D.Vernon, of the 35th District, have lobbied the state DEP to increase supervision of the state boat launch site and approve the town ordinance restricting use of the lake.

Ellessor said Prusse's office also told him the state is committed to repairing the boat launch and wants to discuss with town officials possibly closing the launch area when it is full with boats in season.

In other matters, the council voted 6 to 0 to table action on an ordinance to establish the chairman of the Town Council as the town's chief elected official. Member Mark Soltyz was absent.

"I think we should table action on this until the next meeting. I think we need a full council," said member Peter Halvorson. He noted a number of different opinions about the ordinance were discussed at a public hearing about it prior to the regular council meeting.

The council also decided to delay adoption of an ordinance that would stiffen rules for use of the town landfill and increase fees.

"I have reservations that some of the definitions (in the ordinance) are unclear," said Ellessor. He also said he is concerned that due to a low turnout at a recent public hearing on the ordinance, many townspeople are unaware of it.

"I have a feeling that when it becomes enacted, there's going to be a riot at the landfill," Ellessor said.

# 8th appoints Mace district fire chief

By Alex Grell  
Manchester Herald

John Mace was named fire chief of the Eighth Utilities District Fire Department Monday night and will assume his new duties Jan. 1.

Mace, 34, of 104 Irving St. is a deputy chief of the department for three years and a member of the department since November 1976.

He works as a plant protection supervisor at the International Fuel Cells Division of United Technology Corp. in South Windsor. He supervises fire protection, medical emergencies, and plant security.

As deputy chief, he has been in charge of the fire department's dispatch operation and has served as a training officer and communications officer. Before being named a deputy chief, he was a lieutenant with Engine Co. 2 of department.

Mace will replace Harold Toppliff Jr., who said he resigned as chief because of new responsibilities in his job as supervisor of a crew of electronic technicians.

Lenders, in announcing the appointment of Mace, said that the title of assistant chief Frank Mordavsky will be changed to administrative assistant chief. He will continue to be responsible principally for maintenance of equipment and buildings.

# 8th directors continue Irving St. sewer plan

By Alex Grell  
Manchester Herald

Directors of the Eighth Utilities District voted Monday night to continue planning for a sewer line to serve residences in the Irving Street area after owners of nine homes there indicated by a show of hands that they are still interested in the service.

Four residents opposed the sewer and three were undecided. About 25 residents attended a public hearing on the sewer at the district firehouse on Main Street at 10:30 p.m. Monday.

The project combined with a planned sewer for North Main Street residents as a means of attracting lower bids.

One resident, Pat Martin, of 183 Irving St., asked Lombardi if it would not be less expensive to link the few of the houses a sewer he said was installed in Woodland Street. Lombardi said he would investigate that possibility further, but has no ability to find any plan that shows the Woodland Street sewer Martin referred to.

# Economic and welfare commissioners named

HARTFORD (AP) — Gov. William A. O'Neill, in a cabinet shuffle, he said would "allow Connecticut to remain on top."

He named Stephen B. Heintz to the position of economic development commissioner.

To replace Heintz as head of the Department of Income Maintenance, O'Neill on Monday chose Lorraine M. Aronson, who has served as deputy education commissioner since 1983.

"Both of these individuals are proven managers and I am confident they will provide both agencies with strong leadership," O'Neill said in a statement released by his office.

"I have been weighing this decision very carefully because of the importance of both positions. I feel I have found the right combination of moves that will allow Connecticut to remain on top in both areas," the governor said.

# LOCAL & STATE

## Yale gets \$8.6 million

NEW HAVEN (AP) — Yale School of Medicine researchers have been given a \$8.6 million federal grant to study physical problems that may cause schizophrenia, a severe mental illness.

The grant was awarded by the National Institute of Mental Health for a five-year study to be directed by Patricia S. Goldman-Rakic, a professor of neuroscience.

"We expect exciting progress in our efforts to understand and conquer this devastating disease during the years ahead, and we believe the Yale students will make valuable contributions to those efforts," said Dr. Lewis Judd, NIMH director.

Schizophrenia, a severe mental disorder, is characterized by a disintegration of the thinking process, a loss of contact with reality and loss of emotional responsiveness.

Nearly 3 million Americans will develop schizophrenia during their lifetimes, according to national estimates. Nearly 100,000 schizophrenic patients are treated in public mental hospitals on any given day.

## Surgery for archbishop

HARTFORD (AP) — Roman Catholic Archbishop John P. Whealon was admitted to St. Francis Hospital Monday and underwent cancer surgery today, his spokesman said.

Whealon announced last week that he will undergo surgery for removal of an intestinal cancer growth. He underwent similar surgery in 1984, but the cancer has a history of recurring every three to four years, Whealon said.

## Group home strike averted

NORWICH (AP) — Health care workers at several group homes for the mentally retarded, buoyed by proposed contract negotiations, have called off a threatened strike Monday.

Union officials called off the threatened strike Monday after Colchester-based Whole Life Inc. operators of the group homes, agreed to start contract negotiations Jan. 5.

The workers, members of District 1199 of the Hospital and Health Care Workers Union, voted 60-9 last week to authorize a strike.

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# Sudden death of prosecutor stalls Enfield corruption trial

HARTFORD (AP) — Reeling from the sudden death of the prosecutor handling the complicated Enfield corruption trial, Hartford State's Attorney John M. Bailey searched his staff for a replacement and faced the possibility of a mistrial in the case.

"We didn't have any volunteers," Bailey said Monday. "It's so shocking. Our staff met this morning and we just couldn't believe it."

Daly, a former assistant corporation counsel in East Hartford, was familiar with municipal planning and zoning procedures. No other prosecutor in his office has that kind of background, Bailey said.

"That is a problem," Bailey said. "These are involved cases. But I still feel we will have competent counsel to go forward."

He said he hoped to name a replacement for Daly after a staff meeting Tuesday.

Daly gained convictions in the first two grand jury cases last week, when a former Enfield town planner and a Suffield real-estate broker were found guilty of five extortion- and bribery-related charges.

"The only alternative was a mistrial," Tatolain said. "It's unfortunate for my client, but it's certainly not unfair. It was nothing that was within anyone's control. What a depressing time."

Still facing trial are William J. Boudah, former planning and zoning commission chairman; Neil H. Ellis, a Manchester developer and owner of the Journal Inquirer; and Leonard Seader, also a Manchester developer and a former chairman of the Manchester Board of Education. Ellis and Seader are to be tried together.

"Since approximately two-thirds of the case has already been presented and it's a court trial, not a jury trial, there could be a possibility we could continue," Bailey said. "We'll have to read the entire transcript. But I'm not saying that after we read the transcript we won't make another decision."

Daly had called four witnesses in the Castle trial, but two key prosecution witnesses remained to be called, Bailey said.

The additional two trials could be delayed for months by Daly's death, Bailey said.

Daly's lengthy involvement in and thorough knowledge of the complicated grand jury cases will make him difficult to replace,

# Leopard rug illegal

NEW HAVEN (AP) — An Oregon man indicted in a federal case for allegedly smuggling a leopard rug from Ohio to Connecticut, a federal prosecutor said Monday.

Martin C. Sher, 43, of Seaside, Ore., entered the guilty plea Monday. He faces up to one year in prison, a fine of \$100,000, or both, said U.S. Attorney Stanley A. Twardy, Jr.

Sher was indicted along with several Connecticut residents and South African citizens on charges of smuggling expensive products made from various endangered species into the United States.

Among the items allegedly imported were rhinoceros horns and leopard rugs.

The other defendants are scheduled to stand trial March 6, 1989 in New Haven.

# Stratford Theatre sold

STRATFORD (AP) — The Stratford Theatre, a landmark in the town center for more than half a century, has been sold to a fraternal group, ending its history as a community movie house.

The two-story red brick building was sold to the Scottish Rite Masons for \$420,000. Leo Lohrman, a member of the group, said the group has 4,000 members in southern Connecticut and will use the theater as a gathering site.

The theater has been showing movies since 1928.

Lohrman said the inside of the theater will undergo "extensive renovations," but the exterior will remain mostly unchanged.

Lohrman said Scottish Rite Masons have no connection to Scotland and described the group as a ritualistic, benevolent, fraternal organization.

# Heater cause of fire

WATERBURY (AP) — Fire officials say a malfunctioning kerosene heater may have caused the fire that killed a 66-year-old Waterbury man.

John Mitchell was killed in the fire Sunday. Mitchell, whose body was found in a second-floor bedroom, was apparently using a space heater located on the first floor to heat his house.

"The house was filled with soot," Waterbury Fire Marshal Anthony Zapone said Monday.

Zapone said the soot may have been caused by an improper mixture of fuel in the heater. An autopsy was being conducted at the University of Connecticut Medical Center in Farmington.

"We're checking the space heater now and we're awaiting word from the medical examiner," Zapone said.

# Residents heavily debate law to name chief elected official

By Jacqueline Bennett  
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — A public hearing to discuss an ordinance that would establish the chairman of the Town Council as the town's chief elected official drew about a dozen residents with a big difference of opinion Monday night.

The ordinance is designed to make it easier for the town to become involved in many state assistance programs, which require that a chief elected officer of the town be designated. The state Housing Partnership program is one such program.

"This is an expedient way to get around changing the Town Charter," Robert Olmstead, a former Republican chairman of the Town Council said during the hour long hearing at the Town Office Building. "Let's make sure we're not giving the chief elected official power to do something the council has not acted upon. This is fraught with danger," he said.

The council will vote on the ordinance at its next meeting in January.

Former Councilman Phillip Bouchard, also a Republican, asked the council to deny the ordinance. "I believe it is unwise

for the council to create elective positions nor do I believe the council has any statutory or charter authority to do so," said Bouchard.

Bouchard said the designation of a chief elected official would be in conflict with the Town Charter because it does not give "the power of elected appointment" to members of the council, nor do state statutes. Bouchard suggested instead a Charter Revision Commission be formed to create the position of mayor, a proposal that would then be voted on by all the townspeople.

"This way a chief elected official could be established without jeopardizing the rights of the electorate," Bouchard said.

The town currently operates under a town council-town manager form of government. The council is elected and appoints the manager. The seven-member council is currently ruled by a Democrat majority, headed by chairwoman Joan Lewis. She was elected to that position by fellow council members, not the voters. Each council member has equal power.

Following the advice of Town Attorney Abbot Schwebel, in November the council proposed

the ordinance to establish a chief elected official, saying many directives from the state call for a chief elected official to take action.

The state Housing Partnership program requires a chief elected official to appoint members of a committee to study and recommend areas in town that could be developed for affordable housing.

Stands on whether to support the chief elected official ordinance and the Housing Partnership program appeared to fall along party lines, with most Republicans opposing both and most Democrats supporting both. Residents have petitioned the council's decision to join the Housing Partnership program to town meeting. A special town meeting will be held on the matter Thursday night.

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# 'Wood chipper' case moved Crafts' lawyers may still ask dismissal

By Larry Rosenthal  
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Attorneys for accused murderer Richard Crafts agreed with prosecutors on the transfer of the case to Stamford, but they said they still may seek to have the charge dismissed on the grounds Crafts cannot get a fair trial a second time.

Superior Court Judge Barry R. Schaller, who presided over Crafts' first trial in New London, on Monday ordered the case moved to Stamford — a location recommended by both the state and the defense — after defense attorneys withdrew a request for dismissal.

Schaller's ruling, which ended his involvement in the case, was the second change of venue granted in the 2-year-old case.

In the dismissal motion they withdrew, Crafts' attorneys had claimed the extensive publicity surrounding the case made it unlikely an impartial jury could be seated anywhere in Connecticut.

Thomas Farver, one of Crafts' two public defenders, said it was likely the motion would be resubmitted to the court in Stamford.

"I prefer to come in with as strong a case as we can," he said. "Without elaborating, Farver also said, "There are some other

avenues to be explored."

Farver said the agreement to move the case to Stamford did not mean the defense was conceding that Crafts, 50, of Newtown, can still get a fair trial. He said it only meant that defense attorneys believe the potential for getting a fair trial is the greatest in that judicial district.

Crafts, who has been in prison since his arrest in January 1987, is charged with murdering his wife, Danub-born stewardess Helle Crafts, by unknown means in November 1986, and of disposing of her body with a chain saw and wood-chipping machine.

No body was ever found — only body fragments the state says are from the remains of Mrs. Crafts. As a result, the prosecution has the double burden of proving that Mrs. Crafts is dead and that her husband killed her.

Defense attorneys have appealed Schaller's refusal to lower the \$750,000 bond.

Crafts' first trial was moved from Danbury to New London because of pre-trial publicity. It ended in a mistrial on July 15 after 17 days of jury deliberations when a juror who had been the lone holdout for acquittal refused to go on — despite a request to do so from the judge.

In seeking to have the murder charge dismissed, defense attorneys had the University of Connecticut's Institute for Social Inquiry poll state residents about their knowledge of the Crafts case.

The defense would not disclose the results of that survey Monday, although Farver said the poll "certainly has indicated that the fairest area of the state would be Stamford."

A source said last week that the poll results were favorable to the prosecution's claim that an impartial jury could be seated in Connecticut.

Farver said the poll results were not disclosed because the defense may want to use the information to support future motions.

The decision to agree to Stamford as the site for a second trial was based on a combination of factors, including a review of the poll results and of news clippings, Farver said.

The defense had subpoenaed 23 newspapers and Connecticut television stations for information showing the extent of news coverage given the Crafts' case. Cameras were allowed in the courtroom during the first trial. State's Attorney Walter Flanagan and defense lawyers said they believe the trial could get under way this spring.

Farver said he had not yet received transcripts of the first trial, which stretched from April 4 to July 15.

# Diner serves food, matchmaking

PLAINVILLE (AP) — At the Main Street Diner, "Catch of the Day" doesn't necessarily mean a menu item. It could mean a spouse.

Romance was the house special at the diner Sunday night when waitress Ann Rope married steady customer James Beck. It was the first wedding on the diner premises, but it was the sixth time owner George Elides, 47, has successfully played cupid with his clientele during eight years in business.

Two of the couples he introduced were at the wedding Sunday night. Steady customers Sharon and Robert Knowles said they were "set up" by Elides and have been married five months. Regulars Dick and Jane Brown were introduced by Elides and have been married for eight years. Mrs. Brown attributed the romances spawned by Elides to "the environment of the diner."

"This diner here is like a family — friendly, I

want people to come back," said Elides, who said he is preparing to play matchmaker again soon with other customers.

The new Mrs. Beck, 36, has worked part-time at the diner for about three years. The couple decided to marry there "because this is where we met," she said.

Their romance began shortly after Beck, a Floridian, got lost while driving from Hartford to Southington two years ago and stopped at the diner. "This is the first place I went in Plainville. Everybody was pretty friendly," recalled the groom.

Ann Beck said it was Jim's southern accent that initially sparked her interest. But, she said: "George is the one who said I should go out with him. He said he was a real nice guy and I should give him a chance."

# Animal activist is arraigned

NEW YORK (AP) — A Queens woman charged with placing a bomb outside a Connecticut surgical company in November was ordered held without bail at her arraignment in federal court in Brooklyn on charges she possessed two other bombs in her home.

U.S. Magistrate Carol Ann imposed the order of detention without bail Monday for Stephanie Trutt, 33, an animal activist. Miss Trutt had been in custody on \$500,000 bail in connection with the state charges in Connecticut.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Leslie Caldwell had argued against bail, saying Miss Trutt was a risk of flight and a danger to the

community.

Her attorney on the federal charges, Lawrence Kessler, said it was not clear yet what jurisdiction, the federal government or Connecticut, would prosecute first.

Miss Trutt was arrested Nov. 11 after police said she allegedly placed a radio-controlled pipe bomb packed with roofing nails in her bathroom when they searched her apartment after her arrest in Connecticut.

Court papers said the task force also discovered the slaps of papers with instructions on how to make pipe bombs and roofing nails, similar to the ones attached to the bomb found in Connecticut.

If convicted of the federal charge, she faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

She was charged with attempting murder and possession of explosives.

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# NATION & WORLD



LOUD AS YOU CAN SHOUT — Ryuta Sasahara, a 27-year-old teacher, shouts at the top of his lungs into a sound measuring meter during the 8th annual Year-End Loud Voices Contest in Tokyo today. Sasahara shouted out 36 other contestants to win the first prize of \$400.

# Clothing cost decline drops inflation to 3%

By Matt Yancey  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Inflation decelerated last month to an annual rate of just 3 percent, the government said today, as clothing prices fell for the first time since August and food prices stabilized for the first time since last February.

The Labor Department said its Consumer Price Index, after seasonal adjustments, rose just 0.3 percent in November, compared with a 0.4 percent gain a month earlier. Before the seasonal adjustments, prices rose just 0.1 percent, the department said.

The new figures slowed the annual inflation rate from 4.6 percent for the first 10 months of the year to 4.4 percent for the first 11 months.

With only December left, another month similar to November could enable the Reagan administration to finish its last year in office meeting its inflation target of 4.3 percent for 1988.

Food prices, which had risen at an annual rate of 10.9 percent from April through September because of the summer drought, were unchanged in November after rising only 0.2 percent in October, the government said.

Clothing prices that had jumped a total of 4 percent in September and October with the introduction of new back-to-school and fall fashions fell 0.3 percent last month.

"Widespread promotional sales for footwear and women's, and girls' clothing were largely responsible for the November decrease," the Labor Department said.

Only the departing Reagan administration and a handful of other optimists expect inflation to go lower next year. Many of the rest say an increase can be headed off only if the Federal Reserve Board initiates a growth-threatening cut in the money supply.

Allen Sinai, chief economist for The Boston Co., a New York consulting house, predicts the U.S. annual inflation rate will rise to 5.5 percent the first half of 1989 and possibly to 6 percent by the end of the year without action by the Fed.

The odds are that the inflationary spiral will intensify before it lets up, ... until basic policy changes are taken to slow the economy," he said. "This means tighter fiscal policy and tighter monetary policy or some combination thereof."

The government reported last Friday that wholesale prices in November rose only 0.3 percent — an annualized rate of 3.3 percent — despite large increases for gasoline and home heating oil.

But the consumer price survey, more accurately than the wholesale index, reflects increases in service costs, such as higher wages needed to attract and retain workers in fast food chains and data processing.

In tight labor markets such as New England with unemployment rates averaging below 4 percent, employers are finding they have to pay a dollar, two dollars or even three dollars above the \$3.35 minimum wage to attract entry-level workers.

That phenomenon has yet to filter up to similar-sized increases for higher skilled workers, whose fear of a repeat of

# Skinner gets Cabinet post; 2 blacks being considered

By Tom Raum  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President-elect Bush was poised today to name Chicago mass transit official Samuel Skinner as his transportation secretary, and sources said an additional Cabinet appointment would likely add the first black to the new Cabinet.

Two blacks are in line for Cabinet posts, according to sources who spoke only on the condition of anonymity: retired three-star Army Gen. Louis W. Becton as secretary of veterans affairs, and medical educator Louis Sullivan as secretary of health and human services.

The sources suggested at least one of these appointments would be announced today along with that of Skinner.

The appointment of Jack Kemp to head the Housing and Urban Development Department was announced Monday, cheering conservatives who have long viewed the New York congressman as a champion of their causes. But Kemp said he does not plan to be conservative in approach when it comes to fighting for housing programs "that work."

"I want to wage war on poverty. I don't want to wage war on Congress," the nine-term congressman said. "I want it known that you cannot balance the budget off the backs of the poor."

Bush called Kemp, a former rival for the Republican presidential nomination, a "man of ideas" who will lead his administration's war on poverty.

Asked if he had assurances that the former professional football quarterback would shed his critic's role, Bush said: "I hope he hasn't shed it. ... I want the objectivity of his judgment, and knowing Jack, I'll get it."

Kemp long has been an advocate of urban enterprise zones to spur investment in inner cities and has called for selling public housing units to tenants at low cost. He said he would be an activist HUD secretary.

As of Monday, the vice president had filled eight Cabinet posts and had six to go.

His prospective choice for transportation secretary,

Skinner, is chairman of the Regional Transportation Authority of Northeastern Illinois, the nation's second largest mass transportation system.

A former U.S. attorney in Chicago and a pilot, Skinner, 50, was Bush's campaign director for Illinois.

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Congressional sources, meanwhile, said transition aides were searching for candidates for the Interior Department beyond four names backed by Western Republican lawmakers. One source said former Louisiana Gov. David Freen had been mentioned.

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He did not elaborate, but the disclosure seemed to knock some contenders out of consideration, including former Louisiana Rep. Henson Moore.

Others said to be on a "short list" of contenders for the energy post include John Deutch, a Democrat who was an undersecretary of energy under President Carter and now is provost of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Peter Johnson, former head of the Bonneville Power Administration; and John Aherne, a physicist and former member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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SAMUEL SKINNER  
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DON'T BLAME HIM - Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis gestures after receiving a framed gift of 11 bumper stickers representing each of the 10 states and the District of Columbia that gave Dukakis majorities in the Nov. 8

presidential election. Each bumper sticker begins, "Don't blame me..." Dukakis received the gift Monday in Boston prior to the Electoral College voting.

### Byrne bows out but 18 run in race for mayor of Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) - Eighteen candidates will vie for the mayor's office, but the failure of ex-Mayor Jane Byrne and another former Democratic powerhouse to go after the Republican nomination leaves the GOP without a big-name contender. Mrs. Byrne, a Democrat in the city's top post from 1979 to 1983, sent word through her daughter to waiting reporters at the Board of Elections on Monday that she would not pursue the Republican nomination, as had been rumored. "Jane Byrne is not a candidate. Merry Christmas," Kathy Byrne told reporters, then departed. Edward Vrdolyak, a former Cook County Democratic Chairman turned Republican who also was said to be considering a bid, sent an aide to tell reporters minutes before Monday's filing deadline for nomination petitions that he, too, is not interested. Seven Democrats and 11 Republicans filed petitions to appear on the ballot in the Feb. 28 primary election. The April 4 general election will decide who will complete the remaining two years of the late Mayor Harold

Washington's four-year term. Independent candidates have until mid-January to file. On the Democratic side, Mayor Eugene Sawyer, named to the post by the City Council after Washington died of a heart attack in November 1987, will square off against Cook County State's Attorney Richard M. Daley, son of the legendary Mayor Richard J. Daley, and Alderman Timothy Evans. Sawyer and Evans, who are black, are battling to represent the black community, although Daley also has begun campaigning hard for the black vote. Chicago is slightly more than 40 percent white, 40 percent black, 15 percent Hispanic and less than 5 percent of other races. Other Democratic candidates are aldermen Lawrence Bloom and Juan Solis, former State Sen. James Taylor, and Sheila A. Jones, a follower of political extremist Lyndon LaRouche. No Republican has been elected mayor since William Hale "Big Bill" Thompson left office in 1931, but a white Republican made a strong showing against Washington in 1983, when Washington

became the city's first black mayor. Mrs. Byrne was derailed in her 1983 re-election bid when she and Daley split the white vote, allowing Washington to take the Democratic nomination. The decisions by Mrs. Byrne and Vrdolyak not to run was a disappointment for GOP leaders. Party slate-makers had passed over all the other candidates who appeared before them at a recent meeting to leave the door open for Vrdolyak. Cook County Republican Chairman James Dvorak said he had been told Ms. Byrne was likely to enter the race, and he had expressed support for a Vrdolyak bid, calling him the best potential candidate and "a man of vision." "Leaders in the Republican party urged me to consider a candidacy and I did so as a courtesy to my party," Vrdolyak told reporters through an aide. "Instead I will concentrate my time and energy on my law practice and on assisting to build the Republican party in Chicago and Cook County."

### Cost of quake deals a blow to Gorbachev's reform plan

MOSCOW (AP) - Soviet officials say the immense cost of rebuilding cities from the rubble of the Armenian earthquake will slow Mikhail S. Gorbachev's efforts to achieve social and economic reforms. Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Batulin told reporters in the Armenian capital of Yerevan on Monday that housing construction will begin next month in the cities and villages destroyed in the Dec. 7 quake, Tass reported. The quake, which measured 6.9 on the Richter scale, leveled the cities of Leninakan, Kirovakan and Spitak, as well as up to 100 villages, and left more than 500,000 people homeless.

Prime Minister Nikolai I. Ryzhkov, who heads a Politburo commission overseeing relief efforts, was quoted by Tass as saying reconstruction will cost much more than the \$8.3 billion originally estimated. He called the destruction "enormous" and said the disaster and relief effort dealt a palpable blow to the national economy and Gorbachev's campaign for change, Tass reported. The cost of rebuilding "will affect the implementation of the social programs being carried out in the course of economic reform in the U.S.S.R.," Ryzhkov said. Leninakan and Kirovakan will be rebuilt on the same sites, while Spitak will be shifted to a spot where there is less danger of another earthquake, according to Ryzhkov. New buildings will not exceed three to four stories. Almost every building of more than five stories collapsed in the quake, and officials all the way up to Gorbachev have criticized shoddy construction they say contributed to a death toll in the tens of thousands. The Communist Party daily Pravda estimated Monday that 40,000-45,000 people were killed in the quake, at least 10,000 fewer than an earlier toll of 55,000 given by Soviet officials.

was nearing completion. Within days, Pravda said, only men involved in rebuilding the area should remain. Batulin told the Politburo commission overseeing relief efforts that 70,000 people have been evacuated from the quake zone and that 33,000 have been relocated to holiday resorts. The bodies of thousands of people still buried in the rubble pose the threat of epidemic, and Radio Moscow said survivors in the area were given medicine "to make them more resistant to infectious diseases." No survivors have been found since Saturday, but there has been no official announcement of an end to the search. Because of the staggering damage done by the quake, "all

houses, factories and farms have to be built anew," Radio Moscow said. V. I. Chernovyanov, deputy chairman of the Soviet agriculture committee, said preliminary estimates show it will cost \$5 billion just to rebuild wrecked farm buildings, barns and other rural facilities. Gennady A. Yagodin, the government's top education official, told reporters that "practically all the schools were destroyed," including a Leninakan polytechnical institute that collapsed, killing 1,000 students and teachers. Children must be sent to other areas because the quake wiped out 300 educational institutions, from preschool to technical institutes, he said.

### NASA agenda includes Mars mission, station

WASHINGTON (AP) - NASA is laying the groundwork to send the next generation of astronauts beyond the Earth's orbit early in the 21st century, with missions to Mars and a space station on a Martian moon among the possibilities. In a report released Monday, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said the nation must make a "modest investment of resources" during the 1990s to prepare the nation for a range of opportunities in space. "This ability is critical to United States leadership in space," said the report titled, "Beyond Earth's Boundaries: Human Exploration of the Solar System in the 21st Century."

The report examined several strategies for exploring the inner reaches of the solar system, including establishing a manned lunar observatory, setting up a space station on the Martian moon Phobos or sending astronauts to the red planet itself early in the next century. The ambitious blueprint addresses President Reagan's directive on space policy issued last January. The directive sets as a long-range goal "to expand human presence and activity beyond Earth orbit into the solar system."

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VOTES FOR HIS BROTHER - Prescott S. Bush Jr., of Greenwich, casts his ballot for his brother, President-elect George Bush, as Connecticut's eight members of the Electoral College met in Hartford Monday.

### 'Felt great' says Bush to vote for his brother

By Judd Everhart The Associated Press HARTFORD - Prescott S. Bush Jr. says his brother, President-elect George Bush, will be a great president with "a whole of good administration" for the next four years. Prescott Bush of Greenwich led Connecticut's eight Electoral College members Monday in casting presidential ballots for Bush and Vice President-elect Dan Quayle. "I felt great. I enjoyed signing that more than I've enjoyed signing anything in my life," Bush said after casting his ballot in the brief ceremony in the state Senate Chamber.

"I think you're going to see a whole of good administration." Connecticut's balloting went as planned: eight votes for Bush and eight votes for Quayle. Bush beat Democrat Michael Dukakis in Connecticut's popular vote on Nov. 8, 79,241 to 67,534, to win the state's eight votes in the Electoral College. The electors, five men and three women, dropped their ballots into an ornate box made from wood from Connecticut's storied Charter Oak, a tree in which Connecticut's charter from England was hidden in 1687. The tree in Hartford fell during a storm in 1856. Before the balloting, the eight electors picked Bush as chairman, and he presided during the voting for his brother and Quayle. "It's a day we have long hoped would happen," he said before casting his ballot. "My brother is going to be a very great president."

"I think the United States is in very good hands. He's already made people around the world very, very comfortable," he said. Although Bush said he never had any inkling that his brother would go so far when they were growing up, "I always felt that whatever he did, he would do very well."

Bush, 66, is 22 months older than the 64-year-old president-elect. They grew up in Greenwich and are sons of the late Prescott S. Bush, who represented Connecticut in the U.S. Senate from 1963 to 1963. The junior Prescott Bush still lives in Greenwich, as does his mother. Bush said he had received about 10 letters from various groups around the country urging a vote of no confidence in Quayle and said he "threw 'em all in the wastebasket."

"To send me a letter like that I think is the most ridiculous thing in the world," Bush said. "If they think I'm not going to back my brother up when he's worked hard to pick a man he thinks is going to be the best vice president, they're crazy. Maybe they are."

In 1982, Prescott Bush Jr. challenged incumbent Lowell P. Weicker Jr. for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate. He qualified for a primary against Weicker, but later, reportedly at the behest of the White House, dropped his challenge and Weicker was re-elected. This year, Weicker has been mentioned for a possible post in the Bush administration. Prescott Bush said he had no feelings on that, adding that he does not give his brother advice on such matters. In addition to Bush, Connecticut's electors were: Judith E. Gott of Branford, the town's first selectwoman; Robert H. Kriebel

of Old Lyme; Kaaren Page of Prospect; Dorothy C. Archibald of West Hartford; Myron J. Poliner of East Hampton, brother of state GOP Chairman Robert S. Poliner; William H. McCabe of Winsted; and H. Randall Pease Jr. of West Hartford. Electors - one for each congressman and senator a state has - are selected by party officials.

### One surprise vote in Bush's win

By William M. Welch The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A West Virginia elector who says the nation has "outgrown" the Electoral College provided the only surprise during the constitutional ritual of electing George Bush as the nation's 41st president. Margaret Leach switched her Democratic ballot - voting for Lloyd Bentsen for president and Michael Dukakis for vice president - as she and 537 other electors carried out their constitutional duty. "I wish I had voted for Kitty Dukakis now," she said. "The Electoral College vote set the stage for another suspense-free ceremony on Jan. 4, when a joint session of Congress meets and Bush, as vice president, is to open the sealed ballots and formally declare himself the president-elect. Although other electors voted as expected, many agreed with Leach about the antiquated but

constitutionally required Electoral College system devised by the Founding Fathers two centuries ago. Nevada elector Eileen Schouweiler called it "silly" and "archaic." "However," she added, "I suspect it will be with us for a long time to come." After casting their votes for Dukakis and Bentsen, Wisconsin's 11 electors voted 9-2 to pass along some unsolicited advice to Congress in the form of a resolution urging the Electoral College be scrapped. "The system is fatally flawed," said elector Lawrence Longley. "We should not be in a position to decide upon who should be president. It should be decided most appropriately by the American people." Although the Constitution does not require electors to vote as their state's voters directed, there have been few deviations over two centuries of elections. Before Leach's change, there had been only eight "faithless electors." Democratic electors in New York and Minnesota, and a Republican in Texas, didn't carry through with suggestions that they might cast symbolic votes for another candidate for president or vice president. "I have reservations about Mr. Quayle," said Texas elector William F. Spivey Jr. "But our president (Bush), who I do not have reservations about, has seen fit to choose him, so I'm going to go with what he says. I should have abstained, probably."

Some states carried out brief ceremonies steeped in history, while others made a party of the event. Still others got the formalities of voting and paper-signing over within 10 minutes. Dukakis, governor of Massa-

chusetts, telephoned electors pledged to him in Iowa and addressed a ceremonial gathering of his electors in the Statehouse in Boston. "I'm sorry I'm not here in another capacity," Dukakis said. "But I want you to know there's nothing that compares to running for the presidency of the United States. I wish the president-elect well," he added. "But I also know there were some things we were fighting about in the campaign that are going to be there on January 20th, and they're important."

Bush and Quayle will be sworn into office Jan. 20. Many electors said they had received mail from people urging them to deny Quayle his election as vice president. Some said they were "I'm not real happy with the selection of Quayle," said elector Tommy Thomas, a former Florida state Republican chairman who voted for Quayle anyway.

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# OPINION

## Mapping wetlands good idea

Manchester's request that the state fund a comprehensive map of wetlands under state and federal jurisdiction is a good idea.

With such a map on record there should be no doubt about what can and what cannot be done on those lands, or any doubt about when a permit from federal authorities is and is not needed.

Local officials fall a little bit short of saying that the town filled in wetlands near the sewage treatment plant without proper federal authority because of the lack of such a map. That work resulted in a federal fine of \$200,000 against the town.

If everyone involved — town, state officials, federal officials, consultants and contractors — had taken a more cautious approach when the improvements to the plant were planned, the costly fiasco could have been avoided even without clear mapping.

But as one town official put it, a map labeling the land as federal wetlands would have been a red flag.

As long as the state Department of Environmental Protection and the federal Environmental Protection Agency have different criteria for wetlands the opportunity for confusion exists.

The problem with the town suggestion is that it calls on the state to provide funds to municipalities to make the studies of the lands at a time when the state is facing a staggering budget deficit.

It could be that the cost will exceed the benefits in tight financial times.

The very least the state should do, however, is to consider the proposal and determine whether the savings that will be realized from avoiding troublesome problems are enough to justify the initial expense.

## Open Forum

### MEA offers thanks for breakfast helpers

The Manchester Education Association wishes to publicly thank those who supported our "Breakfast with Santa." This event is held annually to raise money for scholarships for deserving Manchester High School seniors.

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We commend your civic interest and the support you so generously have offered during this holiday season.

Betty Kirby  
Second vice president  
Manchester Education Association

### Smokers are urged to kick the habit

To each and everyone that attended the free "Fresh Start" non-smoking clinic, may this be your best Christmas ever.

Some of you have already been "smoke free" for over a year. As a volunteer, in conjunction with the American Cancer Society, I say congratulations and Merry Christmas.

Our next clinic will be Jan. 18, 19, 23, 25 at the Bolton Library. Contact me, Jack Lappen, at 643-4263 or call 643-2168 to register. It's your life.

Jack J. Lappen  
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## Reagan claims the successes, blames others for the failures

By W. Dale Nelson

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan is leaving Washington as he came rattling at insiders who he says try to impose their personal agenda on the nation and thwart efforts to combat communist tyrannies abroad. He takes credit for progress in areas ranging from nuclear arms reduction to deregulation of business.

As for things that went wrong, well, they were somebody else's fault. "Since Congress changed the budget law, federal spending has in fact quadrupled, and it has come right out of your pocket," he told listeners to his weekly radio address Saturday.

The day before, in a speech at the University of Virginia, he blamed the "on-again, off-again" record of Congress for the failure of his policy on supporting anti-communist rebels in Nicaragua.

And on Wednesday, he said a "Washington colony," operating through an "iron triangle" of members of Congress, the news media and special interest groups, was stifling efforts to wipe out the budget deficit.

To some, the "iron triangle" phrase was reminiscent of the speech in 1961 in which Dwight Eisenhower, the last president before Reagan to complete eight years in office, inveighed against the power of the "military-industrial complex."

"He is raising a flag to a system that we are a part of and that we

participate in because that's the way business is done these days," said White House spokesman Mark Feltwater, adding that the president was sharing "some of the lessons he's learned from his eight years."

Some parts of the lesson weren't entirely clear. Reagan did not say what he meant by a special interest group, for instance, although it's a term he often uses to describe people who are against things he's for.

The next event on Reagan's schedule after his "iron triangle" speech was a friendly get-together with members of the Business Government Relations Council, a group of corporate lobbyists.

Or, some might say, a special interest group. It was clear that Reagan's views on many issues have changed little since he campaigned for the presidency as an outsider who argued that government was part of the problem rather than a solution to the problem.

In Charlottesville, he also inveighed against "the notion that judgeship should be used to further privately held beliefs not yet approved by the people."

The remark was an agile twist given that Reagan ran for the White House in 1980 and 1984 on platforms calling for the appointment of judges who would overturn the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade ruling that legalized abortion. Polls repeatedly have shown that the decision is supported by most Americans.

In 1986, he crisscrossed the country

arguing for the election of a Republican Senate that he said would, among other things, confirm the kind of federal judges he favors. But when his nomination of conservative jurist Robert Bork to the Supreme Court ran into a buzz-saw of opposition, he charged that his opponents were politicizing the judicial selection process.

As for foreign policy, the president told the University of Virginia students, "It's precisely where Congress and the president have worked together, as in Afghanistan and Cambodia, or resolved differences, as in Angola, the Persian Gulf, and many aspects of U.S.-Soviet relations, precisely there, our policies have succeeded, and we see progress."

"But where Congress and the president have engaged each other as adversaries, as over Central America, U.S. policies have faltered, and our common purposes have not been achieved," he said.

The president did not mention Lebanon, where in 1982 the Republican-controlled Senate and Democratic-controlled House joined in placing limits on the president's policy of using U.S. Marines to oversee the withdrawal of Palestinian guerrillas and invading Israeli troops from Beirut. The Marines were withdrawn after a suicide car bomber killed 241 of them in 1983.

W. Dale Nelson covers the White House for The Associated Press.

## Inspection or lack of to hurt all

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — The Agriculture Department is setting a line of boloney about its plan to reduce federal inspection of processed meats such as the cold cuts on your Christmas party platter.

Last month, the Agriculture Department served up its own recipe for misinformation when it announced that its so-called "Inspection Processing Inspection" program would free inspectors to focus on problem meat plants.

The plan really does — and the Agriculture Department admits this — is cut by half the ranks of 2,200 federal inspectors currently assigned to approximately 6,200 processing plants. Plain and simple, the government is gradually getting out of the meat inspection business.

The remaining 1,100 inspectors will split their time between daily visits to plants with poor records and random visits to plants with better records. Those random visits could be as infrequent as once a month, and those are at plants which formerly had an on-site inspector every day.

The new procedure covers only plants where processed meats such as sausage and meat pies are produced, not slaughter houses. The USDA has a friendly proposal that would trust slaughter houses to inspect themselves for contaminated meat.

The new program for processed meats is supposed to focus inspectors on plants that are still using stone-age technology. The industry cheerleaders at the USDA think that the high-tech meat factories with their quality control systems can be trusted to produce safe meat without USDA inspectors bothering them on a daily basis.

USDA officials and their friends in the meat industry want you to believe that the newer plants will stay on their best behavior between inspections because the financial cost of being inspected is so high.

When the program was tested in plants in Tennessee, Illinois, North Carolina and South Carolina, inspectors told our associate Stewart Harris that the plants became dirtier and the chances for tainted meat products increased.

Although the responsibility for producing clean meat will fall on the shoulders of company-paid quality control workers, there is nothing in the proposed rules to protect those workers from being fired if they do their job too well. A USDA official told us that the department does not have the authority to protect company whistle blowers.

As a holiday gift to the meat processors, the USDA wiped the slate clean of any record of past performance flaws. On Nov. 1, even the most abysmal purveyors of contaminated food became eligible for the relaxed inspection schedule until they prove themselves untrustworthy. Consumer advocates are afraid that even the worst plant can put on a good act long enough to qualify for periodic inspection and then relax its standards.

The USDA's proposed regulations may eliminate one of an inspector's best tools — the hunch. It is unclear under the rules whether the inspectors will have the freedom to revisit plants where they suspect there are problems. During the test run of the program, inspectors complained they had to stick to a computer-generated schedule. Lester Crawford, head of USDA Food Safety Inspection Services, has promised that his inspectors will be allowed to follow their instincts, as long as they check with a supervisor first.

Unless USDA gets stiff public opposition, the new inspection method could be implemented by the middle of next year. The USDA is taking public comments on the proposal until Feb. 2. Citizens can tell the USDA what they think by writing: FSIS Hearing Clerk Linda Carey, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

### Lawless Lebanon

A source who has just returned from Beirut tells us that violence is close to erupting again in strife-torn Lebanon. The Christians have formed their own government in east Beirut and the Moslems have set up a rival government in west Beirut. Both are maneuvering to control the national bureaucracy. The Moslems control the central bank and have cut off money to the Christians. But Christians have retaliated by blocking food shipments to the Moslems. The Christians have a strong military force and may try to seize the bank by force. The Moslems could then request the intervention of the Syrian occupation army.

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

# BUSINESS



## IN BRIEF

### Vernon man awarded

Vincent Striano of Old Town Road, Vernon, recently received Metropolitan Life's super starter award for placing more than \$5,000 of first-year commissions during his first three months with the company.

Striano was appointed in August. He is an account representative with the Metropolitan's Manchester office.

### Remington loses lawsuit

KODIAK, Alaska (AP) — A Kodiak fisherman wounded when a rifle discharged accidentally has been awarded \$724,000 by a U.S. District Court jury in Anchorage, Alaska.

Dana Campbell claimed the rifle, with a Remington Model 700 action, was defective, and fired as he closed the bolt while on a trip to Africa in 1985. The bullet struck him in the left foot, causing serious injury.

Campbell said he bought the rifle in 1984 at a gun show in Anchorage.

He sued Remington Arms Corp., seeking lost earnings and medical expenses.

Several reports prepared by Remington between 1978 and 1984 were introduced during the trial. The reports were based on customer complaints of Model 700 bolt action rifles firing unexpectedly when bolts were opened or closed or when safety catches were released.

The federal jury returned its verdict earlier this month.

### Woman of enterprise

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Despite her blindness, Sydney Stoepelwerth, 50, a former teacher, owns an oil production company and fulfills 50 speaking engagements a year. She is one of the winners of "Women of Enterprise" awards organized by Avon Products Inc. and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Stoepelwerth, a University of Kansas graduate, became blind in her 20s. She started an oil wildcatting business in 1977 and eight years later also formed a motivational speaking company. She travels extensively and says she regards her blindness only as an inconvenience, not a difficulty.

## Two top attorneys back bank ethics law

By Dean Golembeski  
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — A proposal that would require banks to alert attorneys about attorneys with potential financial problems has drawn the strong endorsement of the two leading Connecticut attorneys.

Searle Pinney, chairman of the Statewide Grievance Committee, and Howard M. Gross, treasurer of the Connecticut Bar Association, both spoke at a public hearing Monday in favor of the proposed practice rules change.

The proposed rule would require banks to notify the grievance committee when an attorney has overdrawn funds from clients' accounts. The intent is to prevent attorneys from embezzling any client funds.

Another rule change under consideration by the Rules Committee would permanently disbar attorneys who embezzle clients' funds.

"We like the rule that it blows an early, distant warning signal," Gross told members of the Superior Court's Rules Committee.

The rule changes were proposed in the wake of two recent cases in which attorneys were accused of stealing thousands of dollars from clients.

Danbury Probate Judge Richard L. Nahley was found to have embezzled at least \$3 million from clients of his private law practice. He hung himself in a Washington, D.C., hotel room several days after disappearing from the state in November 1987.

The second case involves William Buzanoski of New Britain, who has been charged with five counts of first-degree larceny after allegedly stealing \$350,000 from clients who invested in a land deal. He was last seen on Sept. 20 after grievance proceedings were initiated.

Most of the half-dozen people who spoke at Monday's public hearing spoke at length about Nahley's case. They said the proposed changes, particularly the notification of embezzled accounts, would prevent most abuses.

The Nahley case would have been exposed much earlier if the rule had been in effect," Gross said.

Gross said the proposed rules would give Connecticut a system similar to one in operation in New Jersey, where officials have "almost completely stopped" embezzlement by attorneys

because the state bar association monitors overdraft reports from banks each year. But Pinney said it was unlikely the "numbers would be so astronomical it can't be dealt with."

"I don't see it as a major burden. I see it as a tremendous opportunity before it's too late. You can catch the horse while its halfway out of the barn," Pinney said.

Donald E. Baker, a senior vice president at The Connecticut Bank and Trust Co., said banks could help monitor attorneys if all attorneys used a similar account for handling clients' funds. He said if such accounts were called "Attorney-Client Accounts," to distinguish them from attorney's payroll and personal accounts, it would make it easier for banks.

Pinney also proposed that law students and practicing attorneys be required to take bookkeeping courses to prevent misuses of clients' funds. He said some of the state's roughly 10,000 attorneys "are not sophisticated in the area of accounting and keeping records."

Pinney said he expected the committee to conduct a hearing on his proposal at a later date.

Beckwith told the committee that he didn't think the proposed rules were tough enough. He noted that real estate transactions resulting in overdrafts would be exempt under the proposed rules. He suggested that all overdrafts be reported to the Rules Committee.

Beckwith also expressed concern that the Statewide Grievance Committee would be burdened with

the stock and profited when the price rose by selling their shares and warrants, he said. Roberts and the defendants variously used false statements and manipulations to inflate the price, the suit said.

Mascolo allegedly became chairman of a company Hughes acquired as a vehicle to inflate the stock price, Schwartz said.

Mascolo, who practices law in Waterbury, was a probate judge, an elective position, in the city from 1971 to 1978. He has long been active in local Democratic politics.

The four brokerage offices have agreed to suspensions ranging from 12 to 30 months, Schwartz said, and were enjoined from violating securities laws. The defendants did not admit wrongdoing by the consent agreements.

About \$280,000 in profits were to be disgorged, and the government is seeking to recover the rest of the money, he said.

## Power plant votes due

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two issues critical to New England — the restart of the Pilgrim nuclear power plant in Massachusetts and delays in a low-power testing license for the Seabrook, N.H., reactor — are set to come to a vote this week before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

NRC officials said Monday that the Pilgrim restart question and the issue of whether the financial woes of Seabrook owners should continue to delay low-power testing for that plant were tentatively scheduled for a vote Wednesday.

Massachusetts officials led by Gov. Michael S. Dukakis and backed by community activists and environmental leaders are fighting both the licensing of Seabrook and the reopening of Pilgrim. Pilgrim, the 670-megawatt plant in Plymouth, Mass., has been idle since Boston Edison Co. closed it down in April 1986 for what was to be a relatively brief time period. But a series of management and safety problems emerged, keeping the plant closed for more than 2½ years.

Boston Edison officials say the plant now is ready to reopen. The shut down has cost Boston Edison an estimated \$600 million, including \$35 million in safety enhancements and \$250,000 a day in replacement power costs, according to Pilgrim spokesman Dave Tarantini.

"We feel confident in the physical plant that it is in fact and has been ready to start up," he said.

But the Dukakis administration and local residents argue that Pilgrim should remain closed because there are no adequate emergency evacuation plans in place for the suburban towns south of Boston that surround Pilgrim. The Federal Emergency Management Agency said last year that current plans are inadequate.

NRC officials could agree to a resumption of full commercial operations, deny the restart request or allow Boston Edison to start up the reactor only for 5 percent power tests.

Meanwhile, the commission also is expected to vote Wednesday on what is considered by plant supporters and opponents as the final regulatory obstacles preventing Seabrook from receiving a low-power testing license.

Both Seabrook issues are tied to the financial stability of the plant's owners.

In September, the commission ordered Seabrook officials to prove they could cover the costs of decommissioning the reactor if the plant received the testing license but never obtained a full commercial operating permit. The commission is expected to rule on whether it is satisfied with Seabrook's plan.

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**VANDALISM** — Cut off tree limbs surround a tree decorated by Cub Scouts on the corner of Volpi and Birch Mountain roads in Bolton. Vandals cut off the tree's branches after Cub Scouts decorated the tree with food for birds.

**Tree**

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for about one year or something." Douglas T. Cheney, a Bolton selectman, and Sandra Pierog, the town's first selectman, were unaware of the vandalism to the tree. They did not know of any other incidents of vandalism occurring in the town over the weekend. Pierog, although surprised at the nature of the vandalism, said that she had warned Muro against placing decorative objects at that intersection. "They had proposed building a big tree reindeer and I suggested that anything left there that was movable would grow feet and walk off," Pierog said on Monday. Muro said that because of Pierog's warning, she was prepared for the tree to be stolen. "If someone had taken the tree, if it wound up in someone's living room, that is one thing," Muro said. "But this kind of vandalizing I was not prepared for." Muro's original proposal was to plant a tree at the corner, to try to identify what she considers a relatively barren spot. The Board of Selectmen turned down this proposal, stating that the tree might obscure a stop sign at the intersection. To Pierog, the chopping off of the Christmas tree limbs seemed an isolated incident of seasonal vandalism, similar in nature to the smashing of pumpkins at Halloween. Muro is hoping that Pierog is right. After discovering the vandalism, she had decided to take all of the Scouts' decorations and hang them on the town Christmas tree, at the Bolton Green. "I didn't want to put up another tree, and put my son and the other boys through this again. It could happen again and again," she said on Monday afternoon. But at an impromptu Cub Scout meeting, called for Monday afternoon to assess the damages, the boys voted to put about half of the decorations on the "overgrown topiack," as one boy called it, and on a limb lying nearby. "I think we wanted to do that so that people would be able to see our tree and see what someone had done to it," said Justin.

**React**

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DiRosa Jr. said they support that idea because it would eliminate the wide difference among local motor vehicle taxes, which are based on each town's mill rate. "I don't think it's a fair tax," DiRosa said. "The car is worth the same amount of money." Bekech said the current tax bill for a \$12,000 car registered in Manchester would be about \$476 per year. That number is arrived at by multiplying the assessed value of the car, 70 percent of the price, by 56.7 mills, the town's current mill rate. DiRosa said he doesn't believe the establishment of a state tax would have a dramatic effect on revenues in what promises to be a tight budget year because of the state budget deficit, estimated to be in the hundreds of millions of dollars. "I don't think it's going to mean a whole lot of difference for revenues," DiRosa said. But Thompson said a statewide tax could hurt towns if the state doesn't guarantee revenues equal to or above those currently earned. The existing motor vehicle tax generates an estimated \$210 million per year for municipalities throughout the state. About 14 percent, or \$6 million, of Manchester's revenues come from its motor vehicle tax, Bekech said. Manchester "just couldn't survive without that," Thompson said. "The trick is getting a statewide tax that would be close to the tax existing in the towns."

**Law**

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son, control, and jurisdiction. Democratic Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr. said today that he has received conflicting opinions from lawyers on the question of whether Cummings can attend the meetings and still have them qualify as caucuses, exempt from the requirement that they be held publicly. He said a conservative reading of the law by O'Brien is that meetings with Cummings present are not caucuses. But DiRosa said one lawyer told him the law is so vague that attendance by the party chairman may be permitted. DiRosa is awaiting an opinion from Town Attorney John Cooney. DiRosa called the issue a minor

**Study finds benefits in composting**

**HAMDEN (AP)** — A laboratory experiment that examined composted sewage sludge has found that a commonly used pesticide readily decomposed, but another organic pollutant produced by industry remained virtually intact. The results of the experiment at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station could be important as Connecticut seeks ways to dispose of the 60,000 tons of sludge generated annually, said Kenneth D. Racke, the scientist who conducted the research. Racke said his experiment should lead others to examine pollutants in sewage sludge before the material is composted and distributed as a soil enhancer to simulate plant growth. Racke said the findings suggest that communities using composted sewage would be "wise" to

test their sludge to determine the type and resiliency of pollutants. "No one has really looked at how they break down and what pollutants are in there," said Racke, who has since left the experiment station to become a senior research chemist with Dow Chemical Co. in Midland, Mich. Currently in Connecticut, the cities of Greenwich and Bristol compost their sewage sludge, using a mixture containing leaves or woodchips. A number of other communities are constructing compost facilities, Racke said. The bulk, or roughly two-thirds, of the sludge generated by municipal wastewater facilities is incinerated each year, he said. But composting could become the preferred disposal means of the future due to a host of environmental concerns, including the fact that the composted material can be recycled as a soil enhancer, Racke said. "Concerns about air and water quality, problems with disposal of ash from incinerators, a growing shortage of landfill space, and a new emphasis on recycling have all increased interest in composting as an alternative means of disposal of organic waste," Racke wrote in the latest issue of the Experimental Station's "Frontiers of Plant Science" bulletin. Racke experimented in his laboratory with a compost mixture of woodchips and sewage sludge in which he introduced two common pollutants — carbaryl and phenanthrene. Carbaryl is a commonly used pesticide, while phenanthrene is a polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon that is a byproduct of some industrial processes in which heating or burning occurs, Racke said Monday.

**Accord**

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letter. Tripp insisted he was out of order because no letter was part of the resolution and because Tripp had no copy of it. Negotiators for the towns and the district have agreed to submit the request for legislative action with the understanding that if they do not settle disputed points in the overall accord they will not support the charter changes. That procedure was worked out in order to meet the state's Dec. 23 deadline for submitting the request while other matters are still in dispute. The letter says, "Both sides are of course hopeful that a withdrawal will not be necessary, but we want to be sure that everything is in place prior to passage of this Special Act by the General Assembly." The letter will be signed by Town Manager Robert Weiss and by district President Thomas

Landers. The next negotiating session is set for 4:30 Wednesday and the town negotiators have indicated they are prepared to make proposals that involve concessions. Town directors, with little discussion, unanimously approved the resolution at a 5 p.m. special meeting Monday. The district directors acted at their regular meeting Monday night. After the district directors had voted to add the resolution question to the agenda for action, Tripp said, "You have just put us out of the sewer business." Tripp was the only director to vote against the resolution. The main provisions of the changes requested in Public Act 200, which deals with the district's authority, would fix the boundaries of district jurisdiction and make it clear that the district can be consolidated with the town only if the district voters approve the consolidation. The boundary issue is one of the matters on which the town and district negotiators have not reached final agreement. At one point Tripp said, "They (town) don't plan to settle with us." He contended that what has come to be called "the third draft," a district draft of the proposed agreement, was to be a final offer. At the meeting of town directors, Director Stephen Cassano asked if passing the resolution would take away the town's bargaining power by removing the Dec. 23 deadline problem. And Stephen Penny, a lawyer representing the town in negotiations, said he would share Cassano's concern except that accord seems to be "very close now."

**SPORTS**

**Wilbur Cross rips Manchester in thriller**

By Jim Tierney  
Manchester Herald

Fourth-year Manchester High boys' basketball Coach Frank Kinel, on the heels of a superb 28-4 season and Class LL state tournament semifinal berth, felt his club was prepared to test the treacherous waters of the unparalleled talent level of downstate basketball in the Indians' season opener. As far as choosing a formidable opponent, Kinel and Manchester certainly dove right in to shoot first and answer questions later. The Indians entertained, perhaps, the best high school program in the history of the state in Wilbur Cross of New Haven. There were many questions surrounding this unique encounter — the first regular-season meeting ever between the two

schools. The most important of which was, "Could Manchester compete with Cross and gain some respect from the downstate schools?" Kinel had all of his questions answered. Trailing by as many as 21 points early in the third quarter, Manchester gallantly fought back in the final stanza. A 12-foot baseline shot by junior Chuck Little (a transfer from Hall High of West Hartford) with eight seconds left gave the Indians a 78-78 lead. But Cross sophomore guard Manny Williamson, who scored 20 points, streaked down court and sank a 16-foot bankshot with two seconds left as the Governors pulled out an 80-79 win before a raucous crowd Monday night at the Civic Arena. Kinel said, "He (Williamson) is a tough



**CLOSE ENCOUNTER** — Manchester High's Jason Goddard, left, battles Troy Streater of Wilbur Cross for the ball in Monday night's game at Clarke Arena. Goddard had 23 points but the Governors eked out an 80-79 victory.



**GOING UP** — Manchester High's Cory McGee (33) looks to shoot over Cross' Robert Moore in Monday's action at Clarke Arena. McGee had 13 points for the Indians.

A nightmarish first half saw Manchester commit 18 turnovers (12 in the second quarter) against Cross' unrelenting fullcourt pressure. After trailing, 29-23, after one quarter Manchester fell behind 54-37 at halftime. Junior Dwayne Davilla had 18 of his team-high 22 points in the first half for Cross. Manchester senior Jason Goddard tallied 15 of his game-high 23 in the opening 16 minutes. "We talked a lot about the pressure (at half) and what we were going to do against it," Kinel explained. "We made a change that I thought helped. We were still talking about winning, believe it or not." Salsbury knew he made a near-fatal mistake at halftime. "I never compliment my team at halftime," Salsbury said. "We have a very young and small team (only one Cross starter was over 6 feet). They played so well in the first half and I complimented them. I could see it was a completely different team (after half). They lost all zip."

"I think you saw the demise of a Cross team," Salsbury continued. "It was like two different teams. Superman went in at halftime and came out like Clark Kent. And, I have myself to blame." Joe Dease hoop gave the Governors their biggest lead of the game, 62-41, with 5:34 left in the third quarter. Cross led, 78-57. Salsbury's 23-year record ran to 431-100 with the win. He said, "Manchester was a beaten team." referring to his club's 21-point lead at one point. "But we let them back in the game. (And) they had the momentum and played well. To their credit, (Manchester) said if Cross is stupid enough to let us back in the game, then we'll take it. And if they had won, they would have deserved it." Manchester saw the win slip away on Emmanuel Williamson's bucket with two seconds left. What can't be taken away, though, is the excitement that has been generated. "The crowd of 850 — very good by today's standards — saw high-velocity basketball. I hope they come back," Kinel said. Manchester has given them good reason to return.

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**AMBITIOUS COACH** — Manchester High Coach Frank Kinel put Wilbur Cross on the Indians' schedule for a purpose. The big game Monday night excited everyone.

Why did Frank Kinel schedule Wilbur Cross for Manchester High's basketball opener? That raised some eyebrows: most coaches would rather schedule a "softie" who would allow his club to get off on the right foot. Not Kinel. No, the fourth-year Indian coach instead opted to schedule a team that owns nine state championships, three runner-up finishes and 16 District League championships under the legendary Bob Salsbury. Cross had already launched its season with two wins, over Brien McMahon of Norwalk (68-77) and Norwalk High (66-69). Norwalk eliminated Manchester in last year's Class LL semifinals by a 26-point spread. Why did Kinel do such a thing? All your answers were vividly on display Monday night at Clarke Arena. All you had to hear was the reverberation of the crowd noise bouncing off the walls — the decibel level was something — and you fully understood. "There was excitement in the air. There were students in the student body section, not a bunch of empty bleachers, and they were imploring their team with the cry of "Defense, defense" in the waning minutes of Monday's titanic struggle with Cross. The Governors won, 80-79, but don't fret. There will be plenty of victories for Manchester High in this 1988-89 basketball season. If the Indians play with the same level of intensity as they did in the second half against the Governors, after exorcising

themselves of opening night jitters and the prospect of playing "the Wilbur Cross," then they'll be just fine, thank you. "It was not just an opener, it was a big game," Kinel said afterwards. "That's exactly what he had in mind from the outset when Wilbur Cross was put on the schedule. The Governors weren't the first choice; Kinel talked to Warren Harding of Bridgeport, another state basketball power, about a matchup, only to be deferred. Deferred, maybe, deterred, not on your life. "We'll try to make a change or two (with the schedule) to make it as interesting as possible for the players and the fans. As a coach, you know the fans and players enjoy big games. We don't have a lot of flexibility (in the schedule) but I do have some ideas," he added. One objection Kinel had in mind beforehand was gaining Manchester, and basketball in the area in general, a measure of respect. Manchester posted a 20-4 mark a year ago, shared the CCC East

Division championship with East Hartford, and was a state Class LL semifinalist. It was the first time in over three decades Manchester had put a team in the semifinals. Yet when the pre-season schoolboy polls came out, teams in the area were shrugged aside like they didn't exist. "We're trying to prove basketball around here is competitive with anyone in the state. Just look at the polls. Eighty to ninety percent are from downstate. It's hard for us (in the area) to get credit unless we play nicely like that." That's why Wilbur Cross was the opener. Manchester's showing earned the Indians respect. "I would have liked the 'W' (win)," Kinel said, "but I hope this game does give us some respect." Salsbury's 23-year record ran to 431-100 with the win. He said, "Manchester was a beaten team." referring to his club's 21-point lead at one point. "But we let them back in the game. (And) they had the momentum and played well. To their credit, (Manchester) said if Cross is stupid enough to let us back in the game, then we'll take it. And if they had won, they would have deserved it." Manchester saw the win slip away on Emmanuel Williamson's bucket with two seconds left. What can't be taken away, though, is the excitement that has been generated. "The crowd of 850 — very good by today's standards — saw high-velocity basketball. I hope they come back," Kinel said. Manchester has given them good reason to return.

**Offensive Carbonneau trips up Whale**

**MONTREAL (AP)** — In other years, Guy Carbonneau might have blocked the shot and prepared to break up the next play. But the Montreal Canadiens' center is a more confident, more aggressive performer offensively this season. He gathered in the puck at the Montreal blue line and a few seconds later whipped a backhander between the legs of Hartford goaltender Mike Liut. That broke a tie at 17:17 of the second period provided Montreal with a 2-1 victory Monday night over the Hartford Whalers. The Canadiens, with 11 victories and two ties in their last 13 games at the Forum, moved 13 points ahead of the Boston Bruins atop the Adams Division. "I knew I wouldn't have a chance to go to my forehead," explained Carbonneau, who broke down the left wing and waited until he reached the middle of the left faceoff circle before muscling the shot beyond Liut. "Lately, I've been having a lot of success with my backhand. I just felt it was an appropriate shot for the situation." Carbonneau, a swift-skating center more noted for his blanket coverage of high-scoring opponents, has been timely with his production in many of the Canadiens' first 36 games. His goal against Hartford was his 13th of the season, a pace that would see him score 29 in a full schedule, surpassing his career-high of 24. "It's just having more confidence in myself," explained the quiet Carbonneau, who is increasingly looked upon by his teammates for his solemn leadership. "I'm more relaxed now when I have the puck." Liut wasn't at peace with himself as he replayed the goal. "It was a bad, bad goal," muttered the dark-haired, lanky

netminder with a shake of his head. "He was on his forehead, coming down the wrong wing, and I was sure he was going to send it across to (Ryan) Walter." Instead, he threw it right at me. I'm really up on it." Claude Lemieux of the Canadiens and Kevin Dineen had scored early in the first and second periods, respectively, to create the 1-1 tie. Lemieux had a role in the Dineen goal, too, because he was off serving a double minor. He was first assessed a hooking penalty 15 seconds from the end of the first period, and when he berated referee Denis Morely, an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty was added. The Whalers scored 35 seconds from the end of the first minor. The Lemieux infraction also enabled them to complete killing off the final half-minute of a five-minute penalty to Grant Jennings, the result of rudely showing Mike Keane into the boards. The Montreal rookie slightly separated his right shoulder on the play, which would be out at least two weeks. The Whalers managed only three other shots at Patrick Roy in the middle period, and the Montreal netminder handled a couple of difficult shots among the 11 he faced in the third period to stretch his unbeaten string at the Forum to 14 games — 12 victories and two defeats since the start of the season. "Most of the night, the defense did a great job of clearing the rebounds," Roy said. Hartford, 0-3-1 in its last four games, returns home Wednesday night to face the Boston Bruins at the Civic Center. The Whalers are now tied for third place in the Adams Division with the Buffalo Sabres, who tied the Edmonton Oilers at 5-5 Monday night.

**Coghlan retires**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Eamon Coghlan, the indoor record-holder in the 100-meter race and seven-time winner of the Wanamaker Mile, announced his retirement from track competition Monday. "I will not be running competitive track any longer," Coghlan, 36, said. "I will not be running indoor or outdoor track in 1989. However, if my training is such that I can compete on a high level in road races, I will pursue a schedule of road races in 1989." Coghlan's condition will depend on how well he recuperates from a Dec. 4 auto accident. He was not seriously hurt, but he did suffer a hairline fracture of the right leg, superficial bruises of the left arm, and neck and back injuries. "I feel bad about being forced to walk away from the indoor circuit prematurely," he said. "I'm very disappointed I can't run. I just wanted to run the indoor season on a high level — I wanted to go out on a high note. I wanted that more than anything else."

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Howe is still active player with Alumni

Hockey legend Gordie Howe will be showcased for area hockey followers January 21 at the Hartford Civic Center when he leads the Whalers Alumni against the New York Rangers Alumni as part of Hockey Week in Hartford. The 60-year-old Howe still possesses some of his God-given skills as demonstrated only last Friday night when he played a major role in the Whaler Alumni's opening exhibition game of the season in Bridgeport. The Hall of Famer, who earned that distinction during his 25-year career defense and offense, contributed four assists in an 11-4 decision over a young and talented Park City squad of schoolboy and prep school coaches. Now in his sixth season, the Whaler Alumni has raised over \$25,000 for youth hockey programs in Connecticut plus \$37,000 for the UConn Children's Cancer Foundation. The date with the Rangers will be the first against a National Hockey League Alumni squad as all previous games have been played against all-star squads selected from the sponsoring home teams. Besides the legendary Howe, one-time member of the Whalers who reside in Connecticut and take the ice with the Alumni include high-scoring Andre Lacroix and Garry Swain, both successful in business ventures, as well as Tom Earl and Doug Roberts. Earl, business manager at Westminster School in Simsbury, also coaches the beautiful ice skating arena at Connecticut College in New London and also coaches the varsity hockey team. Norman Barnes and Tom Rowe are both on the road as salesmen but find time to suit up with the Whaler Alumni for the Friday night games, eight being scheduled this season. Former Whaler captain Russ Anderson, Gerry McDonald and Mike Veisor are all involved in the automobile sales and/or management while Mary Howe is busy in real estate and management. Paul Hurley, who travels down the Massachusetts Turnpike from Boston to play in an investment broker. Jim Troy, when not traveling around the country as vice president of the World Wrestling Federation, sports player-agent Garry Howatt and big Bill Bennett, owner of a sporting goods business in Rhode Island, are other WHA or NHL Whalers who come back and dress in the green and white uniform. "Anytime I can help the sport of hockey I will," Gordie Howe said. "It's great to see the fellows that I played with over the years staying in the sports and getting out and helping raise money for the various groups that promote youth hockey in Connecticut." The Whaler Alumni, organized at the start of the 1984-85 season by Howard Baldwin and Tom Howe, the latter serves as president, boasts a most imposing record, 25 victories in 27 starts, including one loss and one tie. Currently, the Alumni boasts an 18-game winning streak, undefeated over the last three seasons. The winning streak will no doubt be seriously threatened by the Rangers who have indicated they will bring in Hartford former standouts Anders Hedberg, Ulf Nilsson, Rod Gilbert, Gilles Villeneuve, Pete Stelmokas, Pat Hickey and Dave Maloney. Prior to the Whaler-Ranger Alumni tilt, prep schools representing Loomis Chaffee and Westminster will meet at noon. The same night, Wayne Gretzky will make his lone appearance of the season in Hartford with his Los Angeles Kings' teammates against the Whalers.

Russell in line for Georgia job

ATLANTA (AP) — The head football coach's job at the University of Georgia belongs to Erik Russell, if the long-time defensive aide to retiring Coach Vince Dooley wants it, according to published reports. Now head coach at Georgia Southern, which lost the NCAA Division I-AA title game to Furman on Saturday night, Russell will have "the right of first refusal." The Atlanta Constitution, in today's editions, quoted sources close to an eight-man search committee as saying "That's been a foregone conclusion from the beginning. He's earned that." "Russell is the legitimate candidate," The Daily News in Athens — site of the university — today quoted a source close to the athletics department as saying, "Everybody on the committee wants him. There was a motion as early as last Thursday to make him a firm offer." Russell, however, said he hasn't been contacted. "We don't have anything set up," Russell said Monday night in Montgomery, Ala., where he is coaching the Gray defense for Sunday's Blue-Gray college all-star football game. "If someone knocks on my door, you have to be polite and see who it is. But right now, no one's knocked." Meanwhile, Denver Broncos coach Dan Reeves, a Georgia native, said he was contacted over the weekend, but declined to pursue the job. Another frequently mentioned name is North Carolina State's Dick Sheridan.

Vikings gain the home field edge

By Mike Nodel  
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Walker Lee Ashley is rarely used in passing situations because the Minnesota Vikings doubt whether he "can cover" and think he's "a little slow." He is used in running situations because he hits like a hammer. And the Vikings certainly expected a run Monday night when the Chicago Bears needed only a chip-shot field goal to take a late lead. The Bears, who trailed only 21-20 at the time, tried to fool the Vikings but instead looked foolish, as Mike Tomczak passed right into the arms of a surprised Ashley. The backup linebacker then looked plenty fast in racing 94 yards for the clinching touchdown in a 28-27 victory that gave Minnesota the home-field advantage in next Monday's NFC wild-card game against the Los Angeles Rams. "I saw the receiver I was supposed to cover (fullback Brad Muster) block, so that freed me up just drift into coverage," said Ashley, who snuffed out the Bears' attempt to rally from a 21-0 deficit. "I saw the ball and said, 'Just catch it. Just catch it.'" After making his first career interception, the fifth-year pro went to the left sideline, saw Joey Browner block Tomczak, and was gone for the longest pickoff play in team history. Ashley might never have gotten the chance to make the play had he not had a heart-to-heart chat with Coach Jerry Burns before the game. "They don't think I can cover," Ashley said. "They think I'm a little slow, that some backs can outrun me. That's the reason they don't play me in passing situations. 'I think I should be playing a little more, so I talked to Burnett earlier today and told him I wanted to play more. He said he'd try to get me in the game more.'" Why would the Bears pass on third-and-2 from the 8, when Kevin Butler, who had made 10 straight field goals, could have given them a 23-21 lead at the two-minute warning? "I made the call at the goal line," Chicago coach Mike Ditka said.



WINNING TD — Vikings' linebacker Walker Lee Ashley returns an interception 94 yards for a touchdown, giving Minnesota a 28-27 win over the Chicago Bears in Monday night NFL action in Minneapolis.

First, Ditka grabbed the rookie and shook him and then he went back twice more to yell at Stinson. The Bears responded to that kind of enthusiasm with 20 straight points, including Tomczak's 76-yard touchdown pass to Dennis McKinlon and Neal Anderson's 51-yard scoring run. "We did something special. I think we really saw something," Chicago's Mike Singletary said. "We came up short, but it was a great learning experience." The Vikings learned something, too. Wade Wilson learned that being named to the Pro Bowl was no guarantee of being Minnesota's full-time quarterback. He threw touchdown passes of 3 yards to Steve Jordan and 18 yards to Alfred Anderson, but when he struggled in the second half, Burns brought in former starter Tommy Kramer.



STICKS UP — Toronto's Ed Olczyk, left, and St. Louis' Sergio Tomassio joust during their NHL game Monday night in Toronto. The Maple Leafs won, 4-3, in overtime.

Armstrong winner in debut behind bench for the Leafs

By Bob Greene  
The Associated Press

George Armstrong was worried about being booed. And when his debut as NHL coach was over, he remembered the past. Armstrong waited until seconds before the first puck was dropped before taking his position behind the bench. "I didn't want to get booed in my first appearance, so I thought if I waited until the puck was dropped, (the crowd) wouldn't get a chance," he said. Armstrong, 58, took over the Maple Leafs after John Brophy was fired earlier Monday. In 1987, when the Leafs lost to the Stanley Cup, Armstrong was the captain and Johnny Bower was Toronto's goaltender. "We didn't start out great but it was just like in the old days when Johnny Bower was in the nets," Armstrong said after Toronto's 4-3 victory over the St. Louis Blues. "Our goaltender held us there." "The players were excited and gave the puck away unnecessarily in the first period. It was understandable. They were nervous — just like I was." Al Secord's power-play goal with 2:29 remaining in the third period snapped a 3-3 tie and Toronto goalie Ken Wreggett kept

Players upset as Chargers ax Saunders

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Chargers coach Al Saunders isn't bitter about being fired after a rebuilding season, but several players say his dismissal was unfair. "My regret is that we weren't able to finish what we started. We hope that we laid the groundwork for a strong future for the San Diego Chargers," Saunders said after being informed of his dismissal during a meeting Monday with club owner Alex Spanos. "I know that this team, in the future, will be an outstanding one," Saunders said. "The young talent is here, and I'm sure that with a few select additions in a few critical areas, this football team will be a successful one in the future." Saunders, who was publicly critical earlier this year of the players he was supplied by team management, posted a 17-22 record in 2½ years. Though the Chargers won four of their final six games, they finished fourth in the AFC West with a 6-10 record. "This is a tough business... it's just one of those things. I'm not bitter at all," said Saunders, the club's seventh head coach, who refused to discuss details of his conversation with Spanos. Players rose to Saunders' defense when told of his firing while cleaning out their lockers. The Chargers beat Kansas City 23-14 in Sunday's season finale. "We were starting to come together as a young team," guard Broderick Thompson said. "I don't think it was fair, but... I don't sit (in) on the board meetings and make those decisions. 'I feel bad for Al,' guard Dennis McKnight said. "I don't think it was totally his fault, but I think he knew when he took the job that someday, if things didn't go well, he would get the credit." Punter Ralf Mojsiejkowski said he thinks Saunders deserved to resign next season. "I think it's an injustice because of the youth we have on this team. A lot of things have happened (to contribute to the team's losing record in recent seasons), and the reasons for them haven't been Al's fault. We're finally blending together as a young team."

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the Leafs in the game, especially in the first period. With the victory, Toronto ended an 0-9-1 slide. "I'm happy for the fellows inside (the dressing room)," said Armstrong. "There was no big strategy. I just wanted them to play the way they know how to play and to play with effort." "This is no picnic for me," Armstrong said to reporters of his first post-game meeting with the media. "I'm just happy that we won the hockey game." St. Louis goaltender Vincent Riendeau stopped a Tom Fergus shot and Secord, with Gord Roberts draped all over him at the front of the crease, got the blade of his stick on the rebound to send it into the net. Vincent Damphouse, Chris Kotsopoulos and Darren Veitch also scored for Toronto. Tony McKenney, Herb Raglan and Tony Hrkac scored for St. Louis. **Boston 5, Oilers 5:** In Buffalo, Jimmy Carson's goal with 54 seconds remaining in the third period pulled Edmonton into a tie with Buffalo. Carson's second goal of the game and 29th of the year came on a 6-on-4 advantage through the third period. Edmonton, already on a power play, pulled goaltender Gene Fuhr for an extra skater with 1:53 left in regulation. Buffalo took a 5-3 lead at 7:03 of the third period. But Edmonton knotted the score on goals by Esa Tikkanen and Carson. Edmonton never led in the game. **Rangers 3, Capitals 1:** Kelly Kistio's goal 27 seconds into the third period broke a tie and gave the New York Jets home victory over Washington. Kistio scored from the bottom of the right circle, converting a perfect pass from John Odrognick to finish off a 2-on-1 break. Rookie Tony Granato gave the Rangers an insurance goal at 9:13. It was Washington's 18th goal, among NHL rookies. Michel Petit also scored for New York, while Washington's Geoff Courtнал scored his 19th goal. **Columbus 5, North Stars 1:** Rookie goaltender Troy Gamble, playing in only his second NHL game, kicked out 30 shots as Vancouver snapped a two-game losing streak by crushing visiting Minnesota. Gamble, a second-round draft choice three years ago, worked on a shutout until Brian MacLellan scored a power-play goal for the North Stars midway through the third period.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Baseball clinic set

The Manchester Little League is sponsoring a youth baseball coaching clinic for Little League managers and coaches, and those interested in coaching, on Saturday, Jan. 14, 1989, from 9 a.m. to noon at Highland Park School.

Parish player of week

NEW YORK (AP) — Robert Parrish, who averaged 22.5 points and 13 rebounds as Boston beat division leaders New York and the Los Angeles Lakers, was named NBA Player of the Week for the period ending Dec. 18, the league said Monday.

Mets sign Leach

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Mets relief pitcher Terry Leach agreed to a one-year contract for \$310,000 on Monday. Leach, 24-9 lifetime in six major-league seasons, made \$190,000 last year. He was one of 11 Mets eligible for salary arbitration.

Twins sign Tim Laudner

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Tim Laudner, who batted .251 with 13 homers and 54 runs batted in for the Minnesota Twins in 1988, agreed Monday to a two-year contract, his agent said.

NHL cites Hextall

MONTREAL (AP) — Philadelphia Flyers goalie Ron Hextall, who led his club to three consecutive victories while extending his personal unbeaten string to 10 games, was named the NHL Player of the Week for the period ending Dec. 18.

Little Louie has seen it all

St. John's Carmeseca comes out with a new book business, but it's always been a game. I hope when you read this, you'll get the feeling that basketball isn't the end of the world. "Could I start too late? Probably not. Too much pressure," he said. "You're always coaching, always recruiting, always thinking... It took me 30 years just to get a five-minute radio show." Carmeseca's book isn't one of those tell-all tales. Nor is it a grand expose, like "Season On The Brink" was of Bob Knight. Carmeseca is a Knight what Santa Claus is to the Grinch. Louie doesn't say bad things about people. New York Gov. Mario Cuomo did the forward for Carmeseca's book, and he writes: "It's not only his players whom Louie makes better, it's everybody he knows. When friends cause him pain Louie's memory absolves the culprits" and transforms their ugliness "into displays of admirable spirit..." "I know I should be on a horse," he said. He moved out from behind the rostrum and wandered around the room, now at ease and pure Louie, tossing one-liners and rambling on. "Why the book after 40 years of coaching? I'd like to tell people what a great, great feeling it is to coach," he said in his low, scratchy voice. "It always was a game to me. It's become a



GOING HOME — Patriots' rookie John Brophy cleans out his locker at Sullivan Stadium Sunday afternoon. The Patriots were eliminated from the NFL playoffs Saturday when they lost to Denver.

Top two are familiar

NEW YORK (AP) — Tennessee and Louisiana Tech, the two schools that have dominated women's college basketball most over the last decade, held the top two spots in The Associated Press poll.

Leafs fire John Brophy

TORONTO (AP) — John Brophy, who was given a Christmas deadline to improve Toronto's record, was fired as coach of the Maple Leafs. His departure ended a two-year tenure as coach which included runs-in with owner Harold Ballard. Brophy was replaced on an interim basis with former team captain George Armstrong.

Jockey suspended for life

CHICAGO (AP) — Jockey Geary Louviere was suspended for life for using an electric prod during a race last week at Balmoral Park, authorities said. The suspension, which applies to riding and all other aspects of the sport, was issued during a stewards' inquiry, a preliminary step in the Illinois Racing Board's disciplinary process, said Joseph Simopoli, deputy director of the board.

MHS girls come back to down South Catholic

HARTFORD — With ailing senior point guard Tina Stone out of the lineup, the Manchester High girls' basketball team was out of sync early on. But the Indians gathered themselves together and remained unbeaten with a 43-38 verdict over host South Catholic Monday night in non-conference action. The Indians (3-0) are now idle until Tuesday, Dec. 27, when they oppose cross-town East Catholic in the opener of the Ellington Holiday Tournament at Ellington High. South squares its mark at 2-2 with the loss.

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MANCHESTER (AP) — Lisa Cartier 5-9 10, Amy Manno 5-7, Kelly King 12-4, Tommie Dyer 2-12, Tricia O'Connell 3-11, Beth O'Brien 2-12, Shelly Elliott 1-12, 15-25. SOUTH CATHOLIC (AP) — Ann Kelly 5-9 11, Judy Roberts 0-0-0, Sue Rohan 5-4 14, Sheri Murphy 11-23, Tracy Foster 2-7 2, Marg Corcoran 0-0-0, Chris Roches 0-0-0, Totals 15-21 2. 3-point field goals: South-Hickey, Hoffmeier 19-17 South. COVENTRY (AP) — A well-balanced attack led Coventry High to a 56-29 victory over Bacon Academy Monday night in Charter Oak Conference girls' basketball action. "We really well," DePasqua added. Coventry led at all turns, 12-6, 28-15 and 42-23. "Our defense was also in twin digits for the Patriots with 12. Coventry led at all turns, 12-6, 28-15 and 42-23. "Our defense was also in twin digits for the Patriots with 12. Coventry led at all turns, 12-6, 28-15 and 42-23. "Our defense was also in twin digits for the Patriots with 12.

Boys Swimming Eagles dunked

MIDDLETOWN — East Catholic High boys' swimming team saw its record dip to 0-2 Monday night as it bowed to host Middletown High, 94-78. East is now idle until Friday, Dec. 30, when it visits Windham High. Freshman Neil Freemer was a double winner for East taking the 200 and 500 freestyle. Steve Abele won a free white Matt Martin was also a double winner for the Eagles, amassing the 1000 fly and 100 backstroke.

Illinois survives major scare with its win over Missouri

ST. LOUIS — Fifth-ranked Illinois has survived its first scare of the season and senior Lowell Hamilton thinks the Illini will be all the better for it. "It was good experience to have a game like this," Hamilton said after an 87-84 victory Monday night over the 10 Missouri. "It was like proving something to ourselves. When we get down 10 (points) or more, we can't worry about that." Illinois boosted its record to 8-0, its longest winning streak in two seasons. Missouri fell to 9-3 in the only game involving ranked teams. But the Illini, except for senior forward Kenny Battle's 28 points, respectively. Mattia Jacobson was pulled through. Illinois trailed 39-21 late in the first half and lagged behind 39-32 after scoring the period's last 11 points. Illini coach Lou Henson blamed the Big Ten team's lackluster start on poor shot selection and a multitude of mistakes that included four offensive fouls. "Missouri made us play poorly," Henson said, however. "The New York Jets did a much better. Overall, we had an excellent (final) 30 minutes. Our guys worked hard." Tyson Irvin, a 6-foot-6 senior guard, was the chief instigator of Missouri's strong opening half, scoring 12 of the Tigers' first 16 points and totaling 18 in overtime. Missouri used an 11-1 sprint to open a 39-21 cushion after the first 15:44. Doug Smith's only field goal, a shot from 3-point range, launched Illinois' comeback. Kendall Gill's two foul shots capped the period's last 11 points, and the Illini's Larry Smith hit a layup at the finish. "The game was afterword locked in nine more ties. Illinois built five-point leads on three occasions, but Missouri each time after Illinois built an 83-79 lead with 2:25 left on Battle's three-point play. Lee Coward's 3-point shot and Doug Smith's stuff shot off a fast break gave Missouri its last lead at 84-83. 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# KC Chiefs turn to Peterson to turn things around

By Doug Tucker  
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — As Carl Peterson takes command of the Kansas City Chiefs, Coach Frank Gansz is not alone in fearing for his job.

Every employee is going to be put under a microscope, says the new chief operating officer of one of the NFL's most persistent failures.

"When I say I want to scrutinize and analyze the organization, I mean all of it," Peterson, 45, said Monday. "I've had the opportu-

ity to have experience not only on the football side, but the business side, marketing and public relations. If I feel it's necessary, I may bring in some people who I know that could help."

Speculation about Gansz and his staff was rampant all over Arrowhead Stadium. Peterson, who helped bring championships to Philadelphia in two different leagues, has never worked with the Chiefs' beleaguered field boss.

A loss Sunday to San Diego played Gansz' two-year record as head coach to 8-21, including

a 4-1-1 log this season as the Chiefs became the NFL's only team without a victory on the road.

As director of player personnel for the Philadelphia Eagles, Peterson developed a close association with former Eagles' coach Dick Vermeil, who is now working as a network analyst.

But Peterson chose not to tip off his thinking about a coach. "I've already begun a thorough, in-depth evaluation of the current situation of all aspects of the Chiefs' organization," he

said. "Obviously, the on-field success begins with players and coaches. Once I get through that process I will make some decisions about what the next steps should be."

Gansz met with the players Monday morning in what one termed a "very business-like" atmosphere.

"He didn't say much about it one way or another," said all-pro safety Deron Cherry.

As president and general manager of the Philadelphia/Baltimore Stars, he put together the USFL's most successful franchise. The Stars played in all three USFL championship games and won the final two.

In Kansas City, Peterson takes over one of the NFL's least successful franchises. Since 1971, the Chiefs have made only one playoff appearance while finishing last or next-to-last nine times in the AFC West. Poor drafting, questionable trades, front office squabbling and team dissension have led to the firing of four head coaches since 1974.

The Chiefs have had only two winning seasons since 1976. "It is obvious there is much to do. I'm anxious to begin," Peterson said.

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### How Top 20 rated

How The Associated Press Top Twenty college basketball teams fared Monday:  
 1. Duke (6-0) did not play.  
 2. Kentucky (6-1) did not play.  
 3. Syracuse (6-1) did not play.  
 4. Iowa (6-0) did not play.  
 5. Illinois (8-0) beat No. 10 Missouri 81-64.

### Women's Top 20 poll

The nation's Top 20 women's basketball teams compiled by the Greenberg & The Philadelphia Inquirer on the votes of 40 women's coaches showing first-place votes in parentheses:  
 1. Tennessee (6-0) did not play.  
 2. North Carolina (5-1) did not play.  
 3. Auburn (5-0) did not play.  
 4. Georgia (4-1) did not play.  
 5. Florida State (4-0) did not play.  
 6. Ohio State (4-1) did not play.  
 7. Louisville (3-1) did not play.  
 8. Louisiana State (3-1) did not play.  
 9. North Carolina State (2-1) did not play.  
 10. South Carolina (2-1) did not play.  
 11. Kansas (2-1) did not play.

### Big East standings

Team	W	L	Pct.
Seton Hall	12	6	.667
St. John's	11	7	.610
Providence	10	8	.556
Connecticut	9	9	.500
Pittsburgh	8	10	.444
St. John's	7	11	.389
Seton Hall	6	12	.333

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## Students respond to code

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to you concerning our recent change in our outerwear policy and the students' response to this. To all students who were walking out of classes and picketing in front of the school, I have to wonder what you were thinking. Your point of outrage towards the new policy is weak. What you succeeded in doing is blowing this whole ordeal out of proportion. You made our administration look bad, when in reality what they did was for your own protection.

Your very selfish remarks not only hurt our administration but our school's prestige as well. Manchester High School has something for everybody. Our administration, guidance department, and teaching staff do have the students' best interests in mind. What you accomplished in doing is publically

humiliate our school and diminish its prestige. Just think for a moment how a school looks when its students get on TV and cry about something as unimportant as whether they can wear a jacket in school.

If any of you students are going to use the line that your locker isn't a safe place to keep your \$300 leather jacket your ignorance is bliss. If you have ever actually looked at your locker you would notice a small hole where a padlock could be used. This article isn't being written to put anybody down; it's just simply stating that you should use your head in the future.

Unfortunately for some of you kids who were jumping in front of TV cameras and talking to reporters it might be too late. If you ever have a legitimate student body boycott something, the press is going to write you off as a bunch

of troublemakers. Wasting your own credibility and the school's credibility is definitely not wise. I'm not writing this article to give the administration a pat on the back either, but they publically apologized for their mistakes on the issue. If you students want some respect in the future I would suggest that you do the same.

— Ian Greenwald

To the Editor:

An announcement on Tuesday, Dec. 6, about change in the dress code at Manchester High School caused widespread anger within the student body. Yet, throughout the affair, the student council co-presidents and the vice president were nowhere to be found. These legitimate student body leaders, in order to improve relations between the students



NEW OFFICERS — Elected officers for Sock-n-Buskin drama club.

## Sock-n-Buskin is oddest club

Sock-n-Buskin, the drama club at Manchester High, is one of the oldest clubs in school. They have been going strong for over 75 years. Each year the club puts on two shows, one in the fall and one in the spring.

In May the club puts on what are called "one acts." One acts are usually produced, acted, directed and sometimes written by the students," said actor Matt Clough. The group meets at the beginning of the year and elects officers who immediately start work on the upcoming performance which is usually about 8 weeks away. The executive board is a fully constructed theatrical production. "Jawitz puts in roughly 100 hours of his own time to work with the set and crew per show.

The week of opening night, better known as tech week, is the most hectic time of the show. Rather than following the normal schedule of rehearsals which is put in the main office of the club, the actors and crew go home and come back at around 5:30. They then take care of all the last minute changes with the script and with the set, and hold dress rehearsal. This goes on until about 11 p.m. or so. "There is a lot more involved when putting on a show than people may think. Much time and effort is put in by everyone. It's hard work, but it's worth it," said Becki Lamoureux, a member of the cast for the latest performance.

For one congregant, Matt Clough, it's a lot more fun than it sounds. "I feel I'm gifted," he said. "I've got the best of both worlds, an all-around view of life... The blacks went through slavery and the Jews went through the Holocaust. Both went through trouble sometimes."

Hall talks of all Jewish holidays and said he has put up with a lot of good-natured teasing from friends and acquaintances.

"When I told people I was Jewish, they said, 'I thought Sammy Davis Jr. was the only Jew.' I've got people who crack jokes. You've got two strikes against you; you're black and Jewish." They're close friends and so I laugh at it," he said.

much more attractive packaging," said Sheridan, who is spending about \$30,000 Irish pounds (nearly \$1 million) to modernize the farm. "The emphasis all the time, every single day, is better quality. I am ensuring that my market will be there."

Welcome to the brave new world of the Irish potato industry, launching the prides of legend into the 21st century.

Ireland's potato farmers, who have a most colorful past, are fighting for a future dimmed by imports and a drop in demand.

In the 19th century, potatoes were the staple food of Ireland and blight caused a cruel famine. Lately, the Irish have strayed to such exotic foods as pasta and farmers are trying to woo them back by, among other things,

developing better-looking potatoes. "What is a good-looking potato? 'What's a good-looking man?'" responded Kevin Burke, general manager of Irish Potato Marketing Ltd. in Dublin, about 30 miles southeast of Wilkinson. "Very subjective," he concluded.

The ideal spud is said to be large, well-rounded and shallow-eyed.

Presentation matters, too. Farmers are packaging their products better, offering consumers cleaner potatoes in smaller quantities and more uniform sizes.

They are investing in better machinery and storage facilities, breeding higher-yield varieties that are more resistant to disease and will deliver larger crops per acre. They now export, to counter

imports from other Common Market countries, and support development of a potato processing industry.

Experts say the effort is paying off.

Gerry Doherty of the government's Department of Agriculture and Food said a long decline in output is stabilizing. The total was 400,000 tons last year and is expected to be about 370,000 for 1988, he said.

Imports are expected to be 30,000 tons this year and exports 13,000. A ton of potatoes brings about 90 pounds (\$140).

Potatoes have been grown in Ireland for more than 350 years and are woven into its culture and history. They have inspired dozens of poems and songs. They conjure many images, warm as Irish stew or wrenching as famine and emigration.

"So great has been its influence that the potato and the Irishman are often considered as somewhat synonymous," potato expert Edward McGovern wrote.

Spaniards brought potatoes to Europe from Peru in the 16th century. English explorer Sir Walter Raleigh usually gets the credit for introducing them to the Emerald Isle.

Ireland was the first European country to grow potatoes on a large scale. By the early 1840s they were the main food for one-third of its 8 million people.

Planting reached a peak of 2.5 million acres in 1845 but blight destroyed the crop and caused the Great Famine of 1845-1849, a catastrophe that killed an estimated 1 million people and caused another million to leave.

Emigration continues and the birth rate is declining, so Ireland's population now is but 3.4 million and potato acreage is a mere 75,000. Commercial growers, one tens of thousands, number only 6,000.

Burke, the Dublin potato dealer, said Ireland's entry into the European Economic Community in 1973 "has created competition, and a lot of people were not ready to cope."

"People are now eating things which are considered alien to the Irish character, such as pasta and rice," he said.

Use of potatoes for industrial alcohol and animal feed has declined. With more women working and incomes growing, fewer potatoes are peeled and cooked at home.



## Commentary about smoking

Smoking. It's not a glamorous habit. Not only does it make you look ugly, it makes you smell like a cigarette. It's hazardous not only to your health but also to your love life, and it's just as addictive as other drugs (heroin, cocaine). As pathetic as it sounds, \$1 million people still pay over more than \$3 billion to smoke 600 billion cigarettes every year.

According to a student poll of 100 students at MHS, 25 girls and 13 boys said they smoke, while 31 girls and 31 boys said they don't smoke. We also asked them if their parents were smokers: 44 answered yes, and 45 said their parents were non-smokers: 10 of whom claimed their parents had quit.

As you can see there are more girls than boys that smoke and a slightly higher number of parents that don't, (though there is still that half that does.)

So why do we smoke? After asking MHS students, I concluded that most start smoking in junior high years because, "it's cool," or their parents do it. For that half that try it, it becomes a habit and within a few weeks they're hooked. "I have been smoking since seventh grade," says senior Lori Giguere.

So if so many teenagers are smoking these days because they start too young, or because their parents do it, maybe a little nudge from the young will decrease the number of smokers. For those of you who aren't aware of why smoking isn't "cool" here are a few good reasons.

After you light up a cigarette your eyes become irritated and bloodshot. Within a month the tobacco begins to stain your teeth and brown your fingertips. Before long, everything around you smells just as stale as you do; your carpet, your clothes, the sofa, your pets, and even the people around you. The carbon monoxide in cigarette smoke also reduces the amount of oxygen in your blood. After a few months of smoking, this can lead to acne, accelerated hair loss and brain blood vessels. This is not a pretty sight, at all.

Smoking is hazardous to your love life. In a recent poll conducted throughout the United States, guys preferred to go out with girls who do not smoke. But here is the problem: female smokers outnumber male smokers by 20 percent.

Even if smoking doesn't kill you, you'll never be quite as healthy as someone who has never smoked. Smoking depletes your body's supply of minerals and vitamins so it will probably take you longer to recover from an ordinary cold or flu. Don't forget smoker's cough (hack) and reduced lung capacity. In other words, unless you put out that cigarette, your chances of getting that sports scholarship are gone.

Cigarettes are deadly. There are over 4,000 chemicals in every single cigarette. Numerous

## Note to readers

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## Students protest war

On Saturday, Dec. 3, at noon on the New Haven Green, students from high schools and colleges across Connecticut gathered to demonstrate against the U.S. war in El Salvador. Among those who participated were students from Manchester High School, Mark Harvill and William Stearns.

Students spoke out for the end of the tortures and murders of civilians by the Salvadoran military. These activities are being funded by the more than 1.5 million of our tax dollars that the United States is spending on the government of El Salvador every single day. This government we are supporting is really only the military hiding behind the facade of democracy. In a democracy, there are no death squads.

Students are calling for a cutoff of this aid, which provides over half the country's budget, so that those in power would have to negotiate with the opposition in the civil war. Such a move would be a step towards a truly democratic system. At a time when death squad killings are on a sharp incline, this demonstration was another reminder that we won't stand for U.S. war in El Salvador.

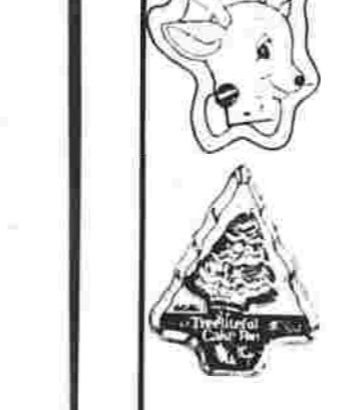
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## James Ludes receives scholarship award

James Ludes, a senior student of Manchester High School, recently was awarded a William Randolph Hearst Foundation Fellowship Scholarship. Out of 104 participants, student-leader Ludes won this \$2,000 scholarship to the college or university of his choice.

The scholarship includes a one-week internship to be held from Jan. 24 through Feb. 2 in Washington, D.C., all expenses paid. Included will be briefings by the Department of Defense, State Department, meetings with Supreme Court justices, and an internship with a senator.

Each school was allowed to nominate one person. Ludes was selected to take the test by the executive board of the student council. He then took a test consisting of multiple choice questions concerning current events. Ludes says it was "almost a who's who in United States history." He plans to attend either Providence College or Trinity College, Middletown, Conn., or Siena College, where Mr. Race's advanced placement U.S. history class for being his biggest influences. "I owe a lot to



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## Marghru Barlow is experienced novelist

Marghru Barlow is a 16-year-old junior at Manchester High School. For eight months she persevered in writing a novel titled Devils Mill. This book is about the phenomenon of devil worship. It is a battle between good and evil. It involves action, romance, and even bloodshed. The 255 page book is "not that long, but it is fairly thick," according to Barlow.

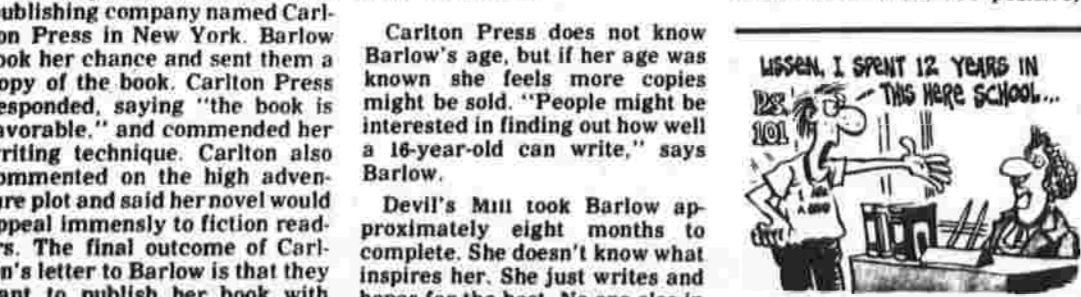
One day Barlow read about a publishing company named Carlton Press in New York. Barlow took her chance and sent them a copy of the book. Carlton Press responded, saying "the book is favorable," and commended her writing technique. Carlton also commented on the high adventure plot and said her novel would appeal immensely to fiction readers. The final outcome of Carlton's letter to Barlow is that they want to publish her book with them. To promote her book it will

cost Barlow \$10,200. If her book becomes a success, and all the copies published are sold, Barlow will receive \$16,768, making a profit of \$6,488.

Barlow has received several opinions from other people who have read her book and have said her novel is good and interesting. Barlow herself thinks it is a fairly good book for someone her age and she is very proud of her accomplishment.

Carlton Press does not know Barlow's age, but if her age was known she feels more copies might be sold. "People might be interested in finding out how well a 16-year-old can write," says Barlow.

Devil's Mill took Barlow approximately eight months to complete. She doesn't know what inspires her. She just writes and hopes for the best. No one else in her family writes, but she did



comment on her brother's weird imagination.

Barlow started writing in the fifth grade. She was told to write a one page story "on that yellow paper," replies Barlow. It ended up being 11 pages. She has been writing ever since. Barlow has written two other books, Edge of Insanity (236 pages) and Beyond the Gates (approximately 300 pages). Her opinions about these books are positive,

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# Heart patients 'born again'

By Kay Bortlett  
The Associated Press

It's a brand new contest with a \$10,000 first prize, but you may be glad that you are not an entrant. On the other hand, all who have been nominated are glad they are in the running.

The award: Heart Patient of the Year.

Some 100 hospitals are participating, nominating those men and women who essentially become "born again" heart patients after suffering heart attacks. Nearly 1.5 million Americans suffer heart attacks each year and about 450,000 have second heart attacks.

Nominees, chosen by their doctors, are people who have altered their lives considerably through diet, exercise, medication (including aspirin), quitting smoking, avoiding stress, and if applicable, trying to go from Type B to Type A.

Dr. Robert C. Schlant, a professor of cardiology at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, says he agreed to serve on the advisory committee because the recognition could stimulate other heart patients to follow his physicians' advice.

"Sometimes it's rather discouraging to see how people are living after their recovery," says Schlant, a heart disease specialist who has served as president of the Association of University Cardiologists and chairman of the council on clinical cardiology for the American Heart Association. "They may stop smoking for a while, but then a year later, they are back on cigarettes."

"We're doing rather miserably in getting people to alter their lifestyles. In an ideal world, this contest will also get some people to alter their lives before any thing happens. After all, everything we do, bypassing, other surgeries, after-care treatment, is secondary and palliative. It's primary prevention that is needed."

One of the nominees already announced is Achilles "Kelly" D'Aprile, now 48, who is in far better shape than he was four years ago when he suffered a heart attack. He gave up the pack of cigarettes a day he was smoking before, lost about 35 pounds, and he now jogs to work out stress.

"The hardest thing was realizing I had a heart attack," says D'Aprile, owner of a deli and liquor store in Weathersfield. "I'd never been in a hospital before. I got chest pains going to visit somebody in the hospital. At the time I was working 16 to 18 hours a day. I ate all the

butter, breads and meats I wanted. I had to make a major adjustment to try and not be such a Type A personality with workaholic tendencies."

D'Aprile has even created a low-cholesterol special sausage for his deli customers, and with other veal and chicken.

Schlant notes that most heart patients do, in fact, end up more active and stronger than before. There are exceptions. Herman Rice, 67, of Litchfield Heights, Md., suffered too much damage when he had a major attack in 1982. But the doctors call him their miracle patient.

Rice worked on an assembly line at a meatpacking plant when he fell such pain in his forearms that he asked the foreman if he could see the nurse.

"I was never what you would call the athletic type, but now I wouldn't miss it."

Mrs. Mike collapsed on the job during a stressful day at work and her husband, Mike, called for anyone with knowledge of CPR.

"They practically had the shovel out," she says. "The CPR and prayers pulled me through. The priest gave me the last rites."

Dr. Raymond Bahr, director of the coronary care unit at St. Agnes Hospital, says he decided to nominate patients because of the transformations he saw in some.

# Trash doesn't lie

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Trash does not lie, says archaeologist William L. Rathje, a professor who gives his students academic credit for digging up garbage.

People say they don't drink much alcohol, but you can, "if they eat a lot of healthy foods, but they don't," he has concluded.

While the truth is in the trash, Rathje says few people hold their breath long enough to dig for the evidence.

Rathje has some of his students at the University of Arizona learning more than they might want to know about garbage.

"And the sad thing about that is they are the easiest to recycle," he says.

"Burying garbage causes it to decompose quickly. We dug up a T-bone steak from 1970 that, I swear, if we brushed the dirt off and cooked it, you would eat it," Rathje says. They know it was 1970 from newspapers and other dated items nearby.

In spite of their faults, this country will never be without a true picture of modern society, or as Rathje puts it, "to see the American lifestyle from the back end."

They have buried a few myths along the way.

"Americans eat everything on their plates. Wrong. Ten percent of all waste in landfills is edible, Rathje says. "The average household throws out 15 percent of the food it buys."

Landfills are overflowing with fast-food wrappers. Not so. They amount to one-quarter of 1 percent. Newspapers take up 15 percent of the space in the nation's dumps, more than any other single material.

"We do run across some bad stuff, but you just put on your gloves, hold your nose and get through it as fast as you can," says Rathje, speaking at a conference of the Ohio Alliance for the Environment.

"The first half was 1970 and it smells pretty bad," he says, "after that, you can't smell it anymore."

Rathje and his students sift through curbside trash in Tucson and dig into landfills around the country to get the true picture of modern society, or as Rathje puts it, "to see the American lifestyle from the back end."

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NO ONE HURT — A firefighter inspects a truck after it landed on its roof today during an accident at Tolland Turnpike and Oakland Street. The two occupants of the truck, Philip J. Bahler and David Barstow, of Bahler Brothers Landscaping of South Windsor, were not seriously injured, police said. The truck flipped over when its brakes failed as it turned onto Interstate 84, police said. Related photograph on page 12.

## Rail tracks studied for mass transit

By Nancy Concelmon  
Manchester Herald

The Greater Hartford Transit District is studying a railroad line that runs through Manchester and surrounding towns as a possible future link to Hartford for commuters, a district official said today.

The federally funded study will help the district determine if development patterns along rail lines throughout the greater Hartford area could produce enough riders to make a transit system cost effective, said Paul A. Ehrhardt of Simsbury, chairman of district.

The district will also ask towns to consider changes in land-use patterns that would enhance such a system, he added.

Phase one of the study, which involves mostly research, is being funded through a \$40,000 grant from the federal Urban Mass Transit Administration. The Knox Foundation of Hartford provided \$10,000 in matching funds, Ehrhardt said. The district expects to complete the first phase by April of next year.

Josh Howroyd, an alternate on Manchester's Planning and Zoning Commission, told commission members about the study at Monday meeting. Howroyd said

he learned of the study through his interest in transportation issues. He served on the town's now defunct Transportation Commission.

Through the study, the district will be able to assess current and future transportation needs of towns along the rail and come up with a long-term plan for a transit system into Hartford, Howroyd said. The district could recommend the creation of a rail system or use the land, currently owned by Conrail, for a special bus route, Howroyd said.

"The study's not jumping to any conclusions on what mode of transportation is best," he said. "They see this resource there that could be used."

The district is studying about 10 miles of rail that run from the north end of Manchester to Wickham Park, into East Hartford and to Union Station in Hartford, Howroyd said. Part of the rail is also in South Windsor. The Manchester section is about three miles long and runs along Parker and North Main streets and Tolland Turnpike, he said. Part of it is used for freight service, he said.

The district is also studying a portion of rail that runs from

## Cosmonauts home safe after delay

MOSCOW (AP) — A Soyuz space capsule carrying a Frenchman and two Soviets who had spent a space endurance record landed safely today after a three-hour re-entry delay caused by an overloaded computer, Tass said.

The official Soviet news agency said the craft, which separated on schedule from the Mir space station earlier today, touched down at 12:57 p.m. Moscow time about 60 miles from the Baikonur space center in Soviet Central Asia.

"Immediate medical check-ups showed the cosmonauts are feeling well," Radio Moscow said.

The landing ended mankind's longest space mission. Vladimir Titov and Musa Manarov marked one year in orbit on Tuesday. Jean-Loup Chretien of France, who came down with them, spent nearly a month aboard the Mir.

Radio Moscow said Titov and Manarov were undergoing tests to determine how well they had endured their lengthy flight. Soviet officials have said the ability of cosmonauts to endure long periods in space is a key to a manned flight to Mars they hope will take place shortly after the turn of the century.

Titov and Manarov replaced a crew including cosmonaut Yuri Romanenko last December and went on to break Romanenko's record of 326 days in space.

The official Tass news agency said the crew switched to a back-up computer program after a fault developed in the operation of the on-board computer. The main engine fired to slow the capsule at 12:08 p.m., and the living quarters and instrument module were jettisoned, Tass said.

As expected, radio contact with the craft was lost between a height of 90 miles to 50 miles because the craft was enveloped by a plasma cloud. The capsule's parachutes opened at a height of about six miles.

Soviet television reported before today's touchdown that "automated telemetry showed an overload in the computing complex," of a system aboard the Soyuz TM-6 capsule. It provided no details.

It was not clear whether re-entry was computer-guided or

## \$70,000 reward to find gun-toting 'Santa Claus'

By Mark Seavy  
The Associated Press

WEST HARTFORD — Santa Claus came to West Hartford, but instead of bearing gifts he wielded a gun and snatched more than \$700,000 from two Dunbar Armored Security Inc. guards outside a bank.

Dunbar has authorized a \$70,000 reward for information leading to the arrests of the robbers.

Police and FBI officials said a man dressed in a Santa hat, white beard and trench coat and bearing a silver revolver took two sacks of cash from the guards outside a United Bank branch in the Corbin Corner shopping plaza shortly after 9 a.m. Tuesday.

"This is not a joke. Get up against the wall. Give me the bags of money," the robber told

## Cookies sweeten inmates

By Nancy Pappas  
Manchester Herald

There were 5,000 cookies in the Dubaldos' living room Monday night but no one was overindulging. The sweets there were meant to be bagged, not bitten.

For four years, Donna and Edward DuBaldo, of 37 Diane Drive, have collected thousands of homemade cookies for the inmates of the Hartford Correctional Facility and the facility's annex. Each inmate receives a plastic bag with a six-cookie assortment and a Christmas card, designed by Donna DuBaldo, written in both English and Spanish.

Friends and relatives have gathered each year to help the DuBaldos bag all of these cookies. But with the rise in the jail's population has come an increased demand for the cookies.

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COOKIES FOR CHRISTMAS — Bill Kimball, front, of Tolland and Peter Dubaldo of Irving Street package cookies and Christmas cards for inmates Monday.

## \$13.6 million winner needs financial help

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Richard VanDeBoe quit his meat-packing job and planned to buy a house with his girlfriend when he won a \$13.6 million lottery. But then, his debts, his ex-wife and his estranged wife caught up with him.

VanDeBoe and his girlfriend, Kelly Elsinga, received their first \$10,750 lottery payment Tuesday, but most of VanDeBoe's \$253,375 share was withheld under a court order.

And he'll need more than the \$21,000 he was left with just to pay taxes next spring, his lawyer says.

VanDeBoe bought the winning \$1 ticket for Loto America's Dec. 3 drawing. When he claimed the

jackpot two days later, he told a news conference he gave the ticket to Ms. Elsinga as a Christmas present after he knew it was a winner.

"I'm scared, happy — everything all at once," said Ms. Elsinga at the news conference. "We're just one big happy family, happier now."

At the time, VanDeBoe said they would buy a house and Christmas presents for her two children.

"I'm supposed to work tomorrow but I'm not going back," VanDeBoe, who lives in suburban Norwalk with Ms. Elsinga and her children, said at the time.

But soon, the estranged wife came forward, claiming he gave the ticket to Ms. Elsinga to avoid having to pay her a cut of the winnings. They were married in 1981, separated three months later and never got divorced because "we could never afford one," said Kandy McCullough VanDeBoe.

Then, the former wife showed up, also questioning his motives, saying VanDeBoe was years behind in child support payments for their three children.

## Walter cares for grandsons

Editor's note: This is the eighth in a series of vignettes on people in the Manchester area who need assistance during the holiday season. The vignettes are provided by the Manchester Area Conference of Churches.

"Walter" is head of a four-member, intergenerational family consisting of a grandfather, son and grandsons. When his disabled son was hospitalized again, Walter took in his young grandsons. The tag in transfer of aid to dependent children has made it very difficult for Walter to manage. The phone has been disconnected and Christmas looks bleak.

Badly needed: warm clothing, shoes, and boots for the whole family (shoes and boots sizes 5 and 12, small and medium shirts). "Walter" is a member of more than 300 families receiving help through the MACC Seasonal Sharing Appeal, Box 773, Manchester, 06040. Donations are still being accepted.

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