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Mall site apartments up for OK

By Nancy Concelman Manchester Herald

Developers of a planned 1,000-unit apartment project near the \$70 million mall in Buckland will seek approval tonight to begin the work.

The project is one of three major developments that will be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission at a meeting beginning at 7 in Lincoln Center.

The commission also is scheduled to review plans for a proposed 278-unit development of Slater Street and a request for a special exception permit for a 104-room suite hotel at 191 Spencer St.

Public hearings on the hotel and 278-unit project are scheduled to begin at 7. The final plan for the first phase of the 1,000-unit apartment project near the mall site will be reviewed at a regular meeting.

The Trammell Crow Co. of Dallas, a partner in the development of the 380-acre mall site, plans to build 508 of 1,000 proposed apartments. Phase one of the company's project would cover 33.3 acres of the 55-acre site.

A wetlands-erosion control permit must also be approved before work can begin. The commission in January decided a public hearing wasn't necessary for the wetlands permit because proposed work would not have a significant impact on the wetlands.

Ravenswood Properties Inc. of Cheshire has submitted a preliminary plan of development for the 278 units proposed for 20 acres at 159 Slater St., northeast of the Pavilions at Buckland Hills.



FIRST TIME — Peggy O'Connor, right, of Enfield, a student at the Creative School of Hairdressing at 808 Main St., gives her first haircut to Ann Mule, also of Enfield.

Without his job, say friends, Noren had no reason to live

By Mark Seovy The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Richard C. Noren told state legislators that his job as Superior Court judge was his life and friends say it was something he couldn't live without.

Noren, who withdrew his bid for reappointment last week in the wake of allegations of public drunkenness, was found dead Sunday, an apparent suicide, state police said.

Noren fought for his job and reputation before the General Assembly's Judiciary Committee, but on Thursday delivered a letter asking Gov. William A. O'Neill to withdraw his nomination for reappointment, saying he did so "with a heavy heart."

Hearings before the committee focused on Noren's drunken driving arrest in February 1986.

drunk before he drove home. "I felt very deeply that this could happen," said Erwin G. Neumann, a close friend of Noren's referring to the suicide.

He was forced to decide to take his own life. The whole thing was turned into a crusade against drunken driving. I don't condemn it, the fight against drunken driving, but you can't kill people for it."

Many Woodstock residents remembered Noren fondly. "He was extremely bright and very caring about environmental issues and very interested in government activities at all levels," said former Woodstock First Selectman Clarence H. Child, who attended Woodstock Academy, a quasi-public high school, with Noren. "I thought he was a person who cared a lot

Relative found body of embattled judge

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Noren initially told legislators he had been sober at the time of arrest, but later admitted that he was drunk.

"He was devastated to lose his job and to see that his reputation was being stripped away," said Harry S. Gaucher Jr., a retired Windham County state's attorney, who knew Noren for 18 years.

"It was apparently more than he could bear. He was married to the law."

Noren was also confronted with a letter sent to committee members alleging that he was seen publicly drunk twice in the last six months. One Woodstock official said she once saw Noren

by introducing private livestock farms in mountainous regions. State-run farms there have not been profitable.

Isoeliani attributes apparent affluence in Georgia to the fact that many Thlisi residents have maintained ties to their ancestors' villages. Such ties, he said, give them access to the agricultural products of those rural communities.

While the government handles economic problems, poor Bezo Amashkeli, first deputy chairman of the Rustaveli Society — set up to deal with Soviet cultural and environmental issues — credits his group with successfully halting construction of a railroad through Georgia because of potential environmental damage and population displacement.

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New taxes, budget cuts prepared

By Judd Everhart The Associated Press

HARTFORD — After months of preparation, Democratic Gov. William A. O'Neill is ready this week to unveil a 1989-90 budget of about \$7 billion calling for hundreds of millions of dollars in higher taxes that will take effect April 1.

O'Neill wants the taxes to take effect before the 1989-90 year begins July 1 to help wipe out the current year's anticipated deficit of \$170 million.

He's combining the tax increases with spending cuts and wants to keep growth in spending to 10 percent or less, over the 1988-89 budget that totaled \$6.3 billion.

Wednesday's midday address to a joint session of the House and Senate will be the governor's ninth budget message, and the first in six years that he's had to call for higher taxes. Over the past several years, the state has been able to cut taxes as it rolled up more than \$1 billion in surpluses.

O'Neill has refused to say which taxes he wants to raise, but administration officials and legislative leaders say a good chunk of the package will center on eliminating exemptions from the sales tax.

Some items now exempt are non-prescription drugs, newspaper and broadcast advertising, clothing costing up to \$75, heating fuel and meals costing less than \$2.

Other plans reportedly include changes in the way the corporations tax is collected and changes in how the capital gains tax is paid. Collections of those taxes changed dramatically as a result of federal tax reform.

The governor has said he's ruled out a state personal income tax, which he has long opposed, an increase in the 7.5 percent sales tax, and large-scale state employee layoffs.

Typical of O'Neill's less-than-specific comments about his budget plans were those at week's end when he was asked for details and about having to raise taxes April 1.

"It's a distinct possibility, of course. We will be making the official recommendations next Wednesday and at that particular time we will be calling for various changes and some taxation and some increases and explaining some of the cuts that have been made."

"The overall proposition is to balance the state budget and run the state of Connecticut and that's what I'll be discussing in detail next Wednesday," O'Neill told reporters.

Ten days ago, he summoned legislative leaders to the Governor's Mansion to discuss, in very general terms, his budget plans. Afterward, some of those leaders said O'Neill would be calling for tax increases of at least \$600 million.

In addition to the current year deficit of \$170 million, O'Neill administration officials say that the gap between spending required to maintain current services and income from existing taxes for 1989-90 will be \$882 million.

Anthony V. Milano, the governor's budget chief, said last week that O'Neill had managed to get that number down somewhat, meaning that his combination of tax increases and spending cuts for the 1989-90 budget will total less than \$882 million.

Republican lawmakers have vowed to fight any tax increases. They say the state can freeze spending levels, and if more money is needed in a particular

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Rescue plan in the works to aid S&Ls

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is putting together a plan to bail out the savings and loan industry, and many are predicting he'll ask taxpayers and financial institutions to share the cost of paying off billions of dollars in borrowing.

Bush, who spent the weekend at the presidential retreat in Camp David, Md. listening to advice from top advisers, could make his decision known as early as today.

White House aides, speaking on condition of anonymity, say they do not expect the final package to include a much-criticized proposal to levy a fee on depositors of about \$2.50 for every \$1,000 in their accounts.

Instead, trade association officials and members of Congress who have spoken with the Treasury Department predict the plan will feature these elements:

• Borrowing, in the form of bonds, of about \$50 billion over the next three years.

• Money from a mixture of sources, including taxpayer dollars and insurance premiums from S&Ls and banks, to pay \$7 billion to \$9 billion in annual interest on the bonds.

• An administrative reshuffling that would include a separate apparatus to sell off insolvent S&Ls, a recapitalized insurance fund for healthy S&Ls and a regulatory agency, perhaps under the control of the Treasury Department.

There has been little disagreement over borrowing the \$50 billion cleanup money. The much more difficult problem is figuring out how to pay the interest on the bonds.

Instead of the deposit fee, insurance premiums paid by the institutions — currently 83 cents per \$1,000 for banks and \$2.08 for S&Ls — probably will be increased.

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MHS NIPS RAMS AT WIRE

Goldston's hoop lifts the Indians

By Jim Tierney Manchester Herald

VERNON — The silver screen couldn't have filmed a more dramatic and appropriate final scene to the Manchester-Rockville CCC East Division encounter Friday night.

There was one shining star with several fine supporting roles for the Indians. Manchester senior Cory Goldston (career-high 35 points, three 3-pointers) capped off a sensational evening by following his own missed shot and sinking a layup as time expired giving the Indians a thrilling 72-70 win.

Down by 15 points (63-48) following a three-point play by Goldston with 7:37 left in the game, the Rams valiantly fought back.

After Rockville's Dave Mitchell (team-high 23 points) sank two free throws to tie the game at 70-68 with 44 seconds left, Manchester spread the floor and waited for the last shot.

"There's no one else I'd rather see have the ball as time was running out," Manchester Coach Frank Kinel said of the 6-2 Goldston.

Goldston began his move from the top of the key with eight seconds left and launched a 15-footer from the right of the foul line. As his shot bounced in and out of the basket, Goldston raced around the baseline, retrieved the rebound and laid the ball in with one second left.

"Cory's tough in the clutch," Kinel said, recalling Goldston's last-second heroics in Manchester's Class LL quarterfinal win over Danbury last year. "It (the final sequence) was sheer determination. He was tough all night long."

Manchester, which has won three in a row, is now 6-2 in the CCC East and 8-5 overall. The win also qualifies the Indians for the state tourney. Rockville slips to 5-3 in the league and 5-8 overall. Manchester's next game is Tuesday when it hosts Ferni High at 7:30 p.m.

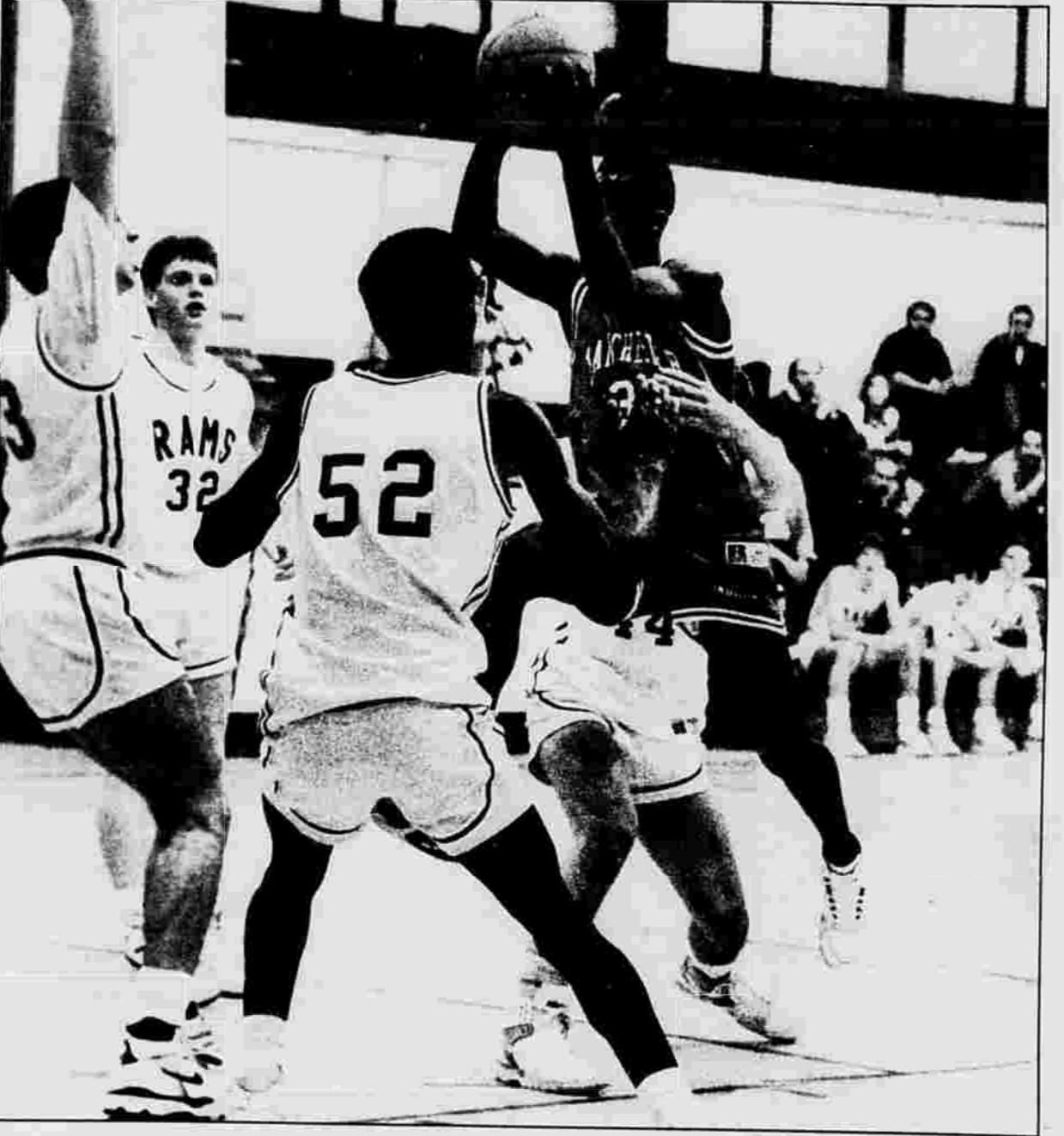
Senior Jason Goddard, the team's leading scorer and rebounder, sat out the game due to an ejection incurred against East Hartford on Tuesday night. A couple of freshmen from Benet Junior High, Jeff Ross and Jim Anselmo, along with junior point guard Erik Johnson, also displayed fine efforts.

"They sure didn't play like freshmen," Kinel said. Johnson scored nine points in his starting role. "I'm very happy with him (Johnson). He's been the difference in us playing better the last few games."

The game plan for Manchester was shoot first, ask questions later. With 6-6 Gilbert Eddy, 6-4 Roman Fivacek and 6-4 Dave Harmon (20 points) dominating the boards at both ends for Rockville, Manchester knew it had to run all night.

"The whole premise of the game was that we were just going to run and run and run," Kinel explained. "We felt that if we got to the fourth quarter, they'd be more tired than we were. If we stopped and played a half-court game I really feel that we didn't have any chance."

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GOING UP — Manchester High's Cory Goldston starts to go airborne as Rockville High's Gilbert Eddy (52) looks on during Friday night's game in Vernon. Goldston netted 35 points, including the final two, in the Indians' 72-70 victory.

Capitals blank the Whalers

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Bengt Gustafsson scored a second-period goal and Pete Peters made 31 saves for the Capitals as they blanked the Whalers 1-0 Friday night.

Gustafsson put Washington in front with his 15th goal of the season 1:28 into the second period. Mike Gortner poked the puck away from Hartford defenseman Randy Ladouceur behind the Whalers' goal. Gustafsson retrieved the puck at the goal line, skated in front of the crease, deked Mike Lind down and slipped the puck around the (fallen) goalie.

For Gustafsson, the Capitals' second-leading scorer, it was his first goal since he was traded to Washington from the Whalers in a trade last season.

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RECORD

Obituaries

Edward F. McNamara

Edward F. McNamara, 88, of Glastonbury, formerly of Manchester, husband of Katherine Johnson McNamara, died Thursday (Feb. 2, 1989) at a local convalescent home.

Born in North Brookfield, Mass., July 20, 1900, he was the son of the late Jeremiah and Mary Elizabeth (Donnelly) McNamara. He lived in Manchester for 16 years before moving to Glastonbury 29 years ago. He graduated from Dartmouth College, class of 1922, and had served in the ROTC during World War I. He was employed for the W.T. Grant Co. for 38 years, and was regional manager in Hartford for 16 years. He was active in the Hartford Retail Trade Board, the Hartford Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Johnson, Pa. Lions Club, a life member of the Elks Lodge, and a 42-year member of the Manchester Country Club.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas E. and Dorothy McNamara of Ashland, N.H.; a sister, Mary E. Dufault of Brookfield, Mass.; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was today. Burial will be in the St. Joseph's Cemetery, North Brookfield. The Glastonbury Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the Glastonbury Visiting Nurses Association, 647 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury 06033, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Janice M. Chesters

Janice M. Chesters, 64, of Wethersfield, mother of Mark L. Chesters of Bolton, died Saturday (Feb. 4, 1989) at Hartford Hospital.

Besides her son, she is survived by her mother, Mary C. Reed of Willimantic, two other sons, David E. Chesters in Florida and John R. Chesters stationed in West Germany, two daughters, Joanne C. Gyure of Columbia and Marsha C. Reed of Wethersfield, a sister, June R. Penkus of Astoria, N.Y.; six grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Potter Funeral Home, 486 Jackson St., Willimantic. Burial will be in the New Willimantic Cemetery. Calling hours are Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 310 Collins St., Hartford 06105.

About Town

Koffee Klatch planned

The monthly Koffee Klatch will be held Wednesday at the First Congregational Church, 171 Main St., Coventry, serving from 1 to 1:30 p.m. Eat all you want from a variety of sandwiches, desserts, tea and coffee. Donations are \$2.50. Chowder or salad is 50 cents extra. The Koffee Klatch is sponsored by the Friendly Circle of the First Congregational Church.

Depression discussed at group

Depression Anonymous, is 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 CL242, second floor. The group follows the 12-step program modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous. No dues or fees are required. For more information, call Marie B., 644-9046.

Jaycees meeting set

The Manchester Jaycees will hold their monthly meeting Wednesday at the Knights of Columbus, 138 Main St., at 7:30 p.m. The Jaycees is a community service organization and welcomes new members to its organization.

Ramp-It meeting planned

Ramp-It, a disability rights' group in the greater Manchester area is holding a community meeting concerning affordable accessible housing options for people with disabilities in Connecticut. The meeting will be Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Lowe Program Building cafeteria at Manchester Community College. For more information, call Lynda, 648-4452, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunset Club to meet

The Sunset Club will meet Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Manchester Senior Center, 549 E. Middle Turnpike.

'Older Adults set meeting

The membership meeting of the Manchester Community College Older Adult Association will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Lowe Program Center of Manchester Community College. After a short business meeting, Roland Chirba, professor at the college, will present a slide show and lecture of a sojourn in Morocco. The meeting is open to the public.

Pinochle scores posted

Here are the scores from the Manchester Senior Pinochle Club which played Feb. 2: Jess Dalley, 638 points; Gert McKay, 630 points; Fred Gleim, 616 points; Marie Ballard, 609 points; Alice Raymo, 606 points; Don Anastasio, 603 points; Peggy Vaughn, 586 points; Bud Paquin, 587 points; Edith O'Brian, 581 points; Walter Delisle, 580 points; and Peter Castella, 575 points.

Games are played every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the Army and Navy Club. Play is open to all senior members.

'Women's Aglow lecture set

The Women's Aglow Fellowship of Manchester will host speaker Joan Disbrov Thursday, Feb. 16, at the First Federal Savings Bank, 344 W. Middle Turnpike, Disbrov, president of Manchester Aglow, is married with two sons. She is a registered nurse and has been a social worker. She will give her testimony of God restoring the value of her soul. For information, call Jimmy, 871-1606, or Joan, 423-5692.

Eva Snyder

Eva (Hirshberg) Snyder, 89, of West Hartford, widow of Abraham Snyder and mother of Dr. Herbert Snyder of Manchester, died Thursday (Feb. 2, 1989) at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Besides her son and his wife, Miriam Snyder, she is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Thelma and Nathan A. Sigal of Bloomfield, three sisters, Bertha Katzman of Hartford, Rose Goldberg of West Hartford, and Fannie Feldstein of Windsor; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was today. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. A memorial period will be observed at her daughter's home at 14 Wyndcliffe Park, Bloomfield, through Wednesday.

Memorial donations may be made to the Mount Sinai Hospital, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Truman F. Custer

Truman F. Custer, 82, formerly of Glenwood Street, died Sunday (Feb. 5, 1989) at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Beatrice (Monat) Custer.

He was born in Manchester on Aug. 7, 1906 and was a lifelong resident. Before retiring in 1971, he was employed by the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Co. for 35 years, and was also employed at the former Cheney Bros. textile manufacturing. He was a parishioner of St. James Church.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, David G. Custer of Willington; a sister, Helen Monat of Manchester; a brother, Edward Custer of Dunedin, Fla.; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., with a Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. in St. James Church. Burial will be in East Cemetery. Calling hours are Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m.

P. Richard Petit

P. Richard Petit, 53, of Adams Street, died Sunday (Feb. 5, 1989) at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Born in Lawrence, Mass., he had lived in Manchester for the last three years. He was a self-employed computer consultant.

He is survived by three daughters, Pamela Lotblad of Brookline, Mass., Melinda Pett of Chelsea, and Robin Pett of Westford, Mass.; a sister, Anita Howard of Manchester; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home, 318 Burnside Ave., East Hartford. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m.

Harold F. Casey

Harold F. Casey, 67, of East Hartford, died Friday (Feb. 3, 1989) at home.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine (Amoroso) Casey of East Hartford; a son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Barbara Robbins of Manchester; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathleen and Kenneth Smith of Manchester, and Robin and Gregory Hill of Milton, Vt.; a sister, Velma Guston in Oregon; two brothers, Burley Casey and Earl Casey, both in Oregon; and two grandchildren.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Wesley Memorial Church, 110 Ellington Road, East Hartford. Burial will be in Veterans Memorial Cemetery, East Hartford. Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Callahan Funeral Home, 1602 Main St., East Hartford.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wesley Memorial Church.

Mary Casey

Mary (Sylvester) Casey, 81, of Glastonbury, wife of John H. Casey and mother of William E. Casey of Coventry, died Thursday (Feb. 2, 1989) at home.

Besides her husband and son, she is survived by her mother, Helen (Hickey) Sylvester; three daughters, Mary Ellen Aronson of Monson, Mass., Suzanne Casey of New Hartford and Kathryn Casey of Natick; three other sons, Joseph Casey and John H. Casey, both of New Hartford and Charles Casey of Natick; and a grandson.

The funeral was today. Burial was in Green Cemetery, Glastonbury. The Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Naubac Ave., Glastonbury, was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 40 South St., West Hartford 06110.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of John Fischer who passed away February 6, 1981.

You left a beautiful memory, a sorrow too great to be told, but to us who loved and lost you, your memory will never grow old.

Sadly missed by,
Wife Anna and Son George

In Memoriam

Susan Lacey Brown
March 13, 1963 — February 6, 1988

You watched out for us in life, and you're looking after us now, our guardian angel.

We miss you, Sue.

Love,
Julie and Noah

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank all units connected with 911 for responding so quickly to an emergency call to our home, February 1. It was greatly appreciated.

Mrs. George Cune

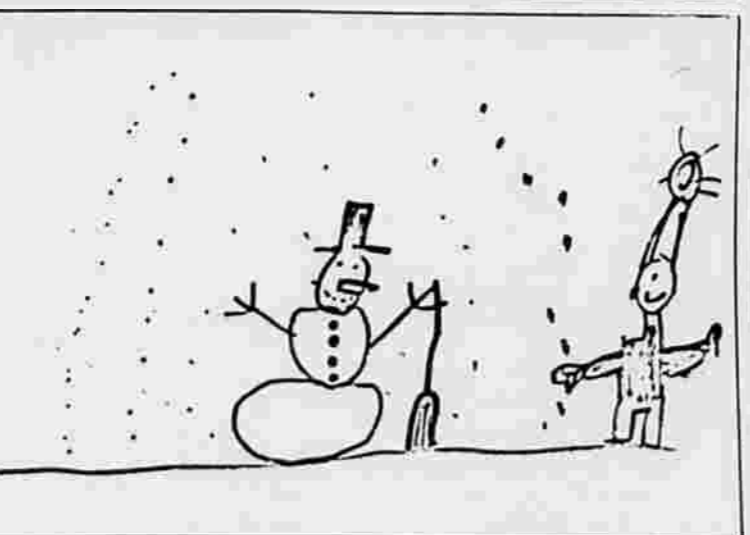
Weather

Chance of snow

Manchester and vicinity: Tonight, partly cloudy, low 20 to 25. Wind west 10 to 15 mph. Tuesday, cloudy periods with a chance of flurries. High near 30. Outlook Wednesday, partly cloudy with a high in the 30s.

West Coast, East Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 20 to 25. Wind west 10 to 20 mph. Tuesday, cloudy periods with a chance of flurries. High 30 to 35. Outlook Wednesday, partly cloudy with a high in the 30s.

Northwest Hills: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 5 to 15. Wind west 10 to 15 mph. Tuesday, cloudy periods with a chance of flurries. High near 30. Outlook Wednesday, partly cloudy with a high in the 20s.



Today's weather picture was drawn by Mike Masse, 10, a fourth-grader at the Cornerstone Christian School.

Police Roundup

Man injured in accident

COVENTRY — A Willimantic man involved in a one-car accident on Route 31 Friday night was listed in stable condition this morning at Hartford Hospital.

Ruth V. Dowd, 71, of 140 Charter Oak St., died Saturday (Feb. 4, 1989) at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Manchester on Dec. 6, 1917 and was a lifelong resident. Before retiring, she was taken from the scene of the accident to Coventry in a Life Star helicopter, police said. They said his car collided with a utility pole in front of Jim's Supply Co. around 10 p.m.

The Coventry Volunteer Fire Department responded to the accident and had to pry open the car with the jaws of life to free Yates, police said.

The extent of Yates' injuries was not available this morning, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Police said Yates was not wearing his seat belt at the time of the accident, and his car was not registered or insured.

Argument precedes arrest

A Massachusetts man was arrested Saturday after employees of a Manchester automobile dealership said he struck a worker with his car while attempting to leave without paying a repair bill.

Mark Alexander, 25, of 45 Old Village Road, Northampton, was arguing with an employee of Mortuary Bros., an auto dealership at 515 Center St., over repairs to his car when he tried to leave, police said. An employee was supposed to accompany Alexander on a test drive, but Alexander and his wife climbed into the car, locked the doors, and drove out of a service bay, police said.

An employee stopped in front of the car as Alexander attempted to leave and Alexander's car struck the employee at about 10 mph, knocking him down, police said.

The worker was not injured, according to police. Alexander was charged with first-degree reckless endangerment and was released on \$1,000 non-surety bond, police said. He is scheduled to appear in Manchester Superior Court today.

Current Quotations

"God is with us. The people are with us. We will win the war," Afghan President Najib telling members of his People's Democratic Party that Marxist government will survive attacks from rebel forces after the withdrawal of Soviet troops later this week.

"The views are pretty spectacular." — Barbara Bush commenting on her first two weeks in the White House.

"Thank God it did get a little bit colder. As soon as it rained, it pushed everyone inside." — Toni Reyes, manager of the Scorpion Bar in New Orleans, reporting a weather-related rise in business during Mardi Gras celebrations.

Lottery

Winning numbers drawn Saturday in lotteries around New England.

Connecticut daily: 111. Play Four: 4960. Massachusetts daily: 2082. Megabucks: 7-14-19-23-27-29.

Tri-state daily: 563, 2257. Megabucks: 7-9-16-28-30-40.

Rhode Island daily: 1841. Lot-O-Bucks: 4-7-8-30-40.

Public Meetings

Meetings scheduled tonight.

Manchester — Planning and Zoning Commission, Lincoln Center hearing room, 7 p.m.

Coventry — Town Council, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m. Planning and Zoning Commission, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m. Drug and Alcohol Council, Second Congregational Church, 7:30 p.m.

Thoughts

Have you opened your Bible and read something from it today? If you haven't, do it, perhaps right after supper.

Drew Smith
Saint Mary's Episcopal Church

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LOCAL & STATE



HASTY RENOVATION — Manchester developer Gerald P. Rothman renovated this historic house at 571 Tolland Turnpike without the required building permits, the chief building inspector said. Rothman won't be cited or fined for the illegal work because he agreed to apply for the permits.

19th-century home renovated without town building permit

By Nancy Conzelman
Manchester Herald

A local developer began renovating a historic house off Tolland Turnpike without the required building permits, but he has not been fined or cited, the chief building inspector said today.

Manchester developer Gerald P. Rothman began working on the sandstone house at 571 Tolland Turnpike last spring but a Friday inspection revealed that he never took out building permits for some of the renovations, including roofing and other cosmetic improvements. Chief Building Inspector Leo Belval said.

The house was built around the mid-1800s, according to the Manchester Historical Society. Rothman's work was the subject of an article run last April in the Herald.

Rothman called the illegal work an oversight. Belval said. The developer will not be penalized because he has since applied for the proper permits.

Layoffs prompt complaint

By Maureen Levitt
Manchester Herald

The union representing workers at the Meadows Convalescent Center on Bidwell Street says it plans to file a complaint with the National Labor Relations Board because it was not notified in advance of planned layoffs.

Maryanne Allen, organizer for the New England Health Care Employees union, District 1199, said today some employees had received notice of their layoffs last night and this morning. Union officials said Friday they had become aware of the company's plans.

Allen said the union should have been notified of the pending layoffs and was planning to file charges with the National Labor Relations Board.

"We are taking steps to protect our members," she said.

Allen said she had received word this morning that some relatives with patients at the home were planning on removing them. She did not know how many of the 254 unionized workers at the home, including nurses' aides, laundry, dietary, and housekeeping staff, would be affected by the layoffs.

Martin Meighan, a senior administrator at the home, said he was not authorized to comment on the situation, and referred all questions to the company which owns the home, located in Ohio.

A representative at the corporate headquarters in Ohio this morning said he was not aware of the layoffs.

A news conference scheduled for 3:15 this afternoon at the home will offer more details to employees on the layoffs. Allen said. She said she would be at the conference, along with Meadows' representatives, employees and also relatives of patients living at the home.

Allen said the layoffs came as a surprise to the union because she said administrators from the home had recently been meeting with union officials about increasing staffing at the home.

She said administrators at the home did not have any information for her on the impending layoffs on Friday.

"This comes as a complete surprise," Allen said.

In July 1988, about 30 nurses at the home, which is located at 333 Bidwell St., protested understaffing. At the time, aides said sometimes they had to care for 16 patients per shift when the normal workload is 10 patients.

Aides also said they had to work overtime and were asked by supervisors to shorten their vacation time.

A similar protest in January 1987 attracted about 25 nurses aides, cleaning crew workers and union organizers, who said workers were burned out.

FILE PHOTO/MANCHESTER HERALD



Patrick Flynn, Manchester Herald



Patrick Flynn, Manchester Herald

Newspaper reverses its stand, urges adoption of income tax

NEW HAVEN (AP) — The New Haven Register on Sunday called for the adoption of a state income tax, saying there is something fundamentally wrong with the way Connecticut raises and spends its money.

"Citizens of Connecticut are not taxed fairly, nor is the state's money spent in the most efficient manner to meet its citizens' most compelling needs. An income tax is an essential step in correcting this misalignment of Connecticut's taxing and spending" is the newspaper editorialized.

The Register, a family-owned newspaper until its purchase in 1988 by Ingersoll Publications Co., had previously been a staunch opponent of a state income tax. In 1973, it took a leading role in opposition to a state income tax that was passed and then repealed within weeks.

In an editorial it promoted on its front page, the Register on Sunday said the state's current budget crisis highlights what is wrong with Connecticut's system of government.

"A main way for the state to meet its commitments is to tax those who have and serve those who have not. The present fiscal crisis the state faces emphasizes its failure to do either," the editorial said.

With the state facing a budget deficit of more than \$100 million this year and a shortfall of more than \$800 million in the year starting July 1, former House Speaker Irving Stobger, a New Haven Democrat, has filed legislation to institute a state income tax. But Gov. William O'Neill has said he will look elsewhere to fill the budget gap and would veto any income tax bill.

The newspaper said the state's reliance on a 7.5 percent sales tax and local property taxes, both of which are "hurting the poor and middle class while being kind to the well-off," has produced stunning inequities.

The property tax rate in wealthy Greenwich is one-third of what it is in New Haven, the nation's seventh poorest city, the editorial noted.

High property taxes have forced middle-class homeowners in five cities such as New Haven making it harder for them to attract and keep businesses and leaving them "saddled with the increasing social ills and responsibilities as regional centers with an ever-shrinking ability to pay for services."

Wife charged with murder

NORWALK (AP) — A 24-year-old woman was to be arraigned today in Superior Court for her husband during an argument, police said.

Dila Berisha of Norwalk was charged with murder in the death of her husband, Mir Berisha, 33, who was shot one in the head with a .38-caliber handgun, died shortly before 6 a.m. Finch said.

"She called up at about six o'clock this morning to report that she had shot her husband," Finch said.

Her husband, shot once in the head with a .38-caliber handgun, died shortly before 6 a.m. Finch said.

"She claimed what prompted her to do this is that she has been the victim of several beatings" by her husband, Finch said.

Mrs. Berisha is being held on \$50,000 bond and was to appear today in Superior Court in Norwalk, Finch said.

Adult day care needs volunteers

Jefferson House Adult Day Health Center is seeking people to work as day-care volunteer assistants at its East Hartford satellite office, which will open at 40 Butterfield Drive on March 1.

Duties will include recreational activities, escorting clients and visiting clients. For more information, call Concetta Franchetti at 646-2680.

The center is a division of Hartford Hospital and serves people age 60 and older.

Band students from grades 8 through 12 will perform in the annual Tri-Band Concert Thursday, Feb. 30, 3 p.m., in the Budy Auditorium at Manchester High School.

The concert will feature more than 250 students from Bennett and Illing Junior High School Concert bands, the Manchester High School Marching Band, Manchester High School Jazz Ensemble.

The performers will be directed by guest conductor Anthony Maello, a professor and director of bands at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., where he conducts the Symphonic Band and Jazz Ensemble and teaches several conducting courses.

Maello conducted musical activities for the Gold Medal Ceremonies of the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y. He is president of the National Association of Jazz Educators, New York State Chapter, a clinician with the Yamaha Company, and has appeared through-out the United States, Canada, Mexico, England, Europe and the Bahamas.

The concert is free and the public is invited. There will be a reception in honor of Maello immediately following the concert.

Quick action helps save 9-year-old boy

ANDOVER — The quick thinking of three town teenagers saved the life of a nine-year-old Andover boy Saturday.

Kevin Byam of Bailey Road, was playing ice hockey with his brother, Mark, 13, Joshua Neva, 13, and David Rivard, 14, said Kevin's mother, Constance Byam today. While chasing a hockey ball, Kevin fell through the ice on a pond near his home.

"They were playing hockey," she said. "They were playing with a ball. There was one area of the pond. He went over too fast ... and went (under the ice)."

The three other boys formed a human chain and were able to pull Kevin quickly out of the pond, said Constance Byam.

"I was numb all day yesterday thinking of what happened," she said.

The quick action of the boys could have averted disaster. Police and fire officials said they did not respond to the scene.

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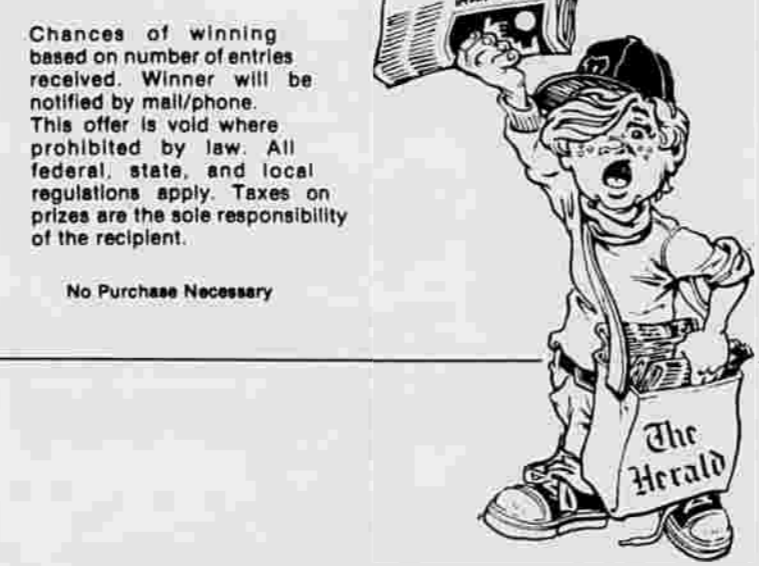
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Boys arrested in Bridgeport

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — A 10-year-old boy was arrested after allegedly smashing 28 bags of crack in a garbage can, police said.

Police said the 16-year-old was arrested outside the D and L Amusement store in Bridgeport on Saturday and was charged with possession of narcotics after he tried to hide the crack in a garbage can.

Also arrested in a separate incident was a 12-year-old boy who police said was stopped in Bridgeport while driving a stolen car. Inside the car, police also found a loaded .38-caliber revolver, police said.

Both youths were turned over to juvenile authorities, police said.

Beer drivers end strike

ORANGE (AP) — Drivers for a major regional beer distributor were expected to be back on the job today after ratifying a new contract to end their strike.

Warehouse employees and drivers voted 94-37 Saturday for the new three-year contract which includes hikes in daily wages and vacation pay.

More than 200 drivers and warehouse workers at Diello Distributors of Orange walked off the job after midnight Tuesday, when the previous contract expired.

Diello is the supplier in Fairfield, New Haven and Middlesex counties for such major brands as Budweiser, Michelob and Heineken.

"The whole package was good," said Charles Pappas, a Diello driver for 36 years. "We're glad it's over."

In addition to wages hikes, the contract calls for a management union committee to review delivery sites that drivers identify as dangerous. Pappas said.

'Absolute proof' of bug

NORWALK (AP) — An animal rights activist says she has "absolute proof" that an electronic listening device was planted in the Friends of Animals office.

Pricilla Feral, president of Friends of Animals, said the proof came in the form of an electronic "bug" found behind a telephone circuit board on Friday in the office's utility room by Tactical Research Devices, a Brewster, N.Y., firm specializing in finding electronic listening equipment.

Feral said the discovery supports the findings of a private detective. The detective reported on Jan. 23 that there was an "85 to 90 percent" chance the offices were bugged.

"What we have is absolute proof," Feral said. "What we had before was a strong indication."

There was no evidence who placed the device in the office, Feral said.

Youth arrested in slayings

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — A 16-year-old Bridgeport youth has been arrested and charged with murder in the slayings of two men earlier in the week, police said.

Michael Constantopoulos surrendered to Acting Sup. of Police Anthony Fabrizi on Saturday in connection with the slayings which occurred Thursday night in Black Rock, a quiet residential part of the city.

"Through a friend of the family, we arranged for the boy to surrender," Fabrizi said. "The whole thing started over a girlfriend and went on from there."

Constantopoulos is accused of gunning down Reginald Hilliard 21 and Shontel Gray 17, both of P. T. Barum Apartments in Bridgeport, with an U2 machine gun after he quarreled with them.

Hilliard was found shot to death in the driveway next to Constantopoulos' house Thursday. Gray's body was discovered the following morning a couple blocks away on the porch of a home, police said.

Waterbury is growing

HARTFORD (AP) — Waterbury has overtaken Stamford to become Connecticut's fourth-largest city, according to population estimates released by the state Department of Health Services.

The estimates, released Friday, showed that the state population stood at 3,224,400 in July 1988, an increase of 48,440 people and 1.5 percent over July 1, 1987.

Waterbury's population grew by an estimated 2,250 people to hit 109,500, Stamford, which had an estimated 1,080 residents to reach 109,570, the agency said.

The estimates showed Bridgeport remaining as the state's largest city, with 142,710 residents, followed by Hartford at 133,870 and New Haven at 127,750.

Relative found Judge Noren's body

WOODSTOCK (AP) — Richard C. Noren, who last week abandoned efforts to be reappointed a Superior Court judge amid allegations of public drunkenness, was found dead, an apparent suicide, state police said.

A relative discovered the body at 11 a.m. Sunday in the judge's car, parked in a red barn by the old white farmhouse in Woodstock where Noren grew up and had lived alone since the death of his elderly mother in November 1987, state police said.

Noren, after fighting his job and reputation before the General Assembly's Judiciary Committee in two hearings, on Thursday delivered a letter asking Gov. William A. O'Neill to withdraw his nomination for reappointment, saying he did so "with a heavy heart."

On Wednesday, Noren made his last appearance before the committee, telling lawmakers that he was willing to do anything to save the job he said was "the honor of a lifetime."

"I have often said, and not entirely facetiously, I would like to have on my tombstone the epitaph, 'He was a good judge,'" Noren told the committee.

Flexible piping had been rigged from the exhaust of Noren's 1987 Chrysler to the passenger compartment, and his death was considered a suicide, said a state police spokesman, Sgt. Scott O'Mara. An autopsy was scheduled for today. Noren was dead when emergency medical technicians from the Woodstock Volunteer Ambulance arrived at the scene.

Sgt. Robert J. Slattery, a state police spokesman, declined to comment on whether a note, which he said he was informed of, was left with the body.

O'Mara said Noren was seen last at 8:30 p.m. Saturday by a relative who lived across the street from Noren's farmhouse on Route 198 in Woodstock, a rural community of 5,750 people spread across 61 square miles.

Another relative visiting the judge Sunday morning called state police at

10:04 a.m. after finding him in one of the two barns by Noren's home, a white clapboard house with green shutters.

Hearings by the legislature's Judiciary Committee in the past two weeks had focused on Noren's arrest on a drunken-driving charge in February 1988.

At the initial hearing two weeks ago, Noren told the legislators that he had been sober, but had refused a breath test because he feared that his use of a breath freshener would produce a false reading. He said he did not ask for a blood or urine test. But some lawmakers said the story was not credible.

In the second hearing last Wednesday, Noren admitted that he was drunk on the night of his arrest, but denied that he had lied during the initial hearing. Noren then was confronted with a letter sent to committee members by an official from Woodstock, his hometown, who said he had served nine years as a drunk twice in the past six months.

"I deny vehemently that either of those things happened," Noren told the committee.

Noren's denial was made under oath and after the hearing, Rep. Richard D. Tuliano, D-Rocky Hill, co-chairman of the committee, said a lawyer would be sent to obtain a copy of Tuliano's letter to the restaurant. He said if Noren had lied, he could face a perjury charge, but that matter was more costly than the judge's withdrawal on Thursday.

"It's just a tragedy. That's all you can say," Tuliano said Sunday after he was informed of Noren's death.

Jon Sandberg, the governor's press secretary, said O'Neill was informed about the death on Thursday, but called it a terrible tragedy.

Noren had been a judge since 1980. Before that he had served nine years as a Superior Court clerk and four years as a Navy lawyer. He was



AP Photo

APPARENT SUICIDE — Superior Court Judge Richard C. Noren, found dead Sunday, an apparent suicide, history a question as he appeared before a legislative committee Wednesday, the day before abandoning his effort to be reappointed in the wake of allegations of public drunkenness.

graduated from Harvard College and George Washington University Law School.

The damaging letter concerning the allegations of public drunkenness in a local restaurant had been sent to Rep. Edith Prague, D-Columbia, who has spearheaded a legislative campaign against drunken driving.

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Medical malpractice claims decline 30%

HARTFORD (AP) — State court officials say the number of medical malpractice cases in Connecticut have taken a "remarkable turn" downward after soaring to peak levels in the mid-1980s, according to a published report.

The number of medical malpractice suits filed in the state dropped from 1,474 in 1987 to 377 in 1988, a decrease of 30 percent, David Jackson, deputy director of caseload management for Connecticut's Superior Court, said in the report, published in the Connecticut Law Tribune.

"There's something happening," Jackson said. "The trend has taken a remarkable turn."

The report pointed out that the drop in medical malpractice claims coincided with the General Assembly's 1986 and 1987 adoption of tort reform laws which, among other things, reduced frivolous claims and to reduce excessive attorneys' fees.

But the report cautioned that there is debate whether the new laws actually caused the decline.

Cloning the issue is an increase in other tort claims — including product liability and vehicular liability claims — despite the tort reform laws.

The total number of tort claims rose about 14 percent, from 13,754 in 1985-86 to 15,774 in 1987-88.

One explanation for the difference is a tort reform rule that pertains only to suits against health care providers. The rule requires that lawyers must have a "good-faith belief" that negligence occurred in their client's treatment.

Virginia D. Roddy, director of legal affairs for the Health Care Provider's New Haven, said that rule has caused plaintiffs' lawyers to be more cautious and has reduced frivolous claims.

"That won't stop everybody, but clearly if you are bringing a case, you're going to think to yourself, 'Do I have a good-faith reason?'" she said.

Stanley A. Jacobs, a New Haven

lawyer who won the biggest malpractice award in state history, \$9 million for a child's brain trauma case, disagreed. He said the new rule merely "caused a change in the way attorneys' attorneys to get an expert's opinion before they pursued a case."

Michael P. Koskoff, a Bridgeport good expert so we can have confidence it is malpractice," Jacobs said.

Another tort reform rule that might have played a role is the Collateral Source Rule, which cuts jury awards by deducting from them the amount of outside payments plaintiffs receive, such as workers' compensation. The smaller jury awards mean smaller fees for lawyers, who generally accept malpractice cases on a contingency basis, the report said.

John A. Conroy, a Bridgeport lawyer who represents plaintiffs, said malpractice claims may be decreasing simply because physicians and hospitals are more careful as a result of the legacy of malpractice litigation.

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The paper said Soviet troops had by Sunday removed defensive checkpoints on the Salang Highway to about 50 miles north of Kabul at the southern end of a tunnel that cuts through some of the roughest terrain on the

withdrawal route.

Pravda said insurgents did not fire on Soviet convoys as they moved along the highway, the only land route to the Soviet border from Kabul. But four avalanches crashed down on retreating columns Sunday, killing three Soviet soldiers and injuring a fourth, the paper said.

Three officers were also injured by "terrorist grenades" in a Kabul suburb Sunday as the Soviets handed over motor vehicles to the Afghans, the news service checkpoints on the Salang Highway to about 50 miles north of Kabul at the southern end of a tunnel that cuts through some of the roughest terrain on the

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MOVING EXPERIENCE — A parade of houses on wheels moves along Broad Street in Columbus, Ohio, Saturday. They're the first of 20 houses that are being moved to city-owned lots for renovation and sale to first-time home buyers.

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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A 3½-year separation has ended for Sharon Kowalski and Karen Thompson, lesbians who have been fighting in court over who should be able to care for Miss Kowalski since she came out of a coma five months after the accident, which was caused by a drunken driver.

She has been in various nursing homes and hospitals since the accident and has lost the use of her limbs with the exception of her fingers on her right hand. She whispers, but communicates most of the time by shaking her head, or typing on a computer.

Ms. Thompson has charged that Donald Kowalski and his wife, Della, have not provided adequate care even though it has been directed by a physician. The Kowalskis say Ms. Thompson exaggerated their daughter's ability to communicate and her potential for rehabilitation.

Ms. Thompson, 41, was allowed to see Miss Kowalski, 32, under an order from St. Louis County District Court Judge Robert Campbell. The judge has consis-

Wright gambling on strategy to win pay increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Jim Wright is gambling on a congressional pay raise strategy that would give lawmakers a 51 percent increase Wednesday and reduce it to 30 percent the next day.

Wright's planned parliamentary maneuver Thursday is risky, because it would require a two-thirds vote in favor of a 30 percent raise, coupled with a ban on fees for speeches, articles and appearances.

First, the speaker must survive a challenge that opponents of the raise could bring to the floor today. The proposed resolution would take effect on Monday.

Wright makes his move on Thursday, its success or failure would be less important than what he would do next.

The Senate voted 95-5 last Thursday to reject the entire raise for Congress and other federal officials, but it automatically Wednesday under a special procedure unless the House also turns it down.

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The Senate Armed Services Committee, meanwhile, is expected to vote by midweek on the nomination of former Sen. John G. Tower to be secretary of defense. The vote will take place after the panel receives an FBI report on what congressional sources say are new allegations of drinking and other problems by the Texas Republican.

The 51 percent pay raise for Congress and executive branch political appointees could remain in effect for some time if the two groups are unable to resolve their differences.

Wright emphasized last week that his proposal, while it would raise pay by an increase of at least a dollar-for-dollar tradeoff — for House members who would reach a maximum of \$28,850 — 30 percent of salary. A Common Cause study showed that 198 House members were at or near the limit in 1987.

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Proposed tax on advertising receives a chilly reception

HARTFORD (AP) — There's an old expression in politics that you shouldn't pick a fight with someone who buys ink by the barrel. If state Sen. William DiBella believed it, he probably wouldn't have been in Florida this past weekend researching a tax on advertising.

DiBella, a co-chairman of the General Assembly's tax-writing committee, said he and other Senate Democrats plan to propose a tax on advertisements in newspapers and on television and radio stations. The revenue from the tax would be set aside for expanded programs to combat drug abuse.

DiBella, D-Hartford, said he went to Florida to learn about that state's brief — and unsuccessful — experiment with a similar tax. The Florida tax was imposed two years ago, and was repealed under pressure from advertisers, retailers, broadcasters and publishers.

In Connecticut, newspaper publishers are already fixing for a fight.

"Certainly we're opposed to it," said Eliot White, publisher of the Record-Journal of Meriden and president of the Connecticut Daily Newspaper Association.

White said the tax would set off a chain reaction — retailers would cut back on their advertising, forcing newspapers to raise their subscription prices and to print smaller papers, in turn reducing the amount of news they provide their readers.

DiBella is undaunted by the prospect of battling the media.

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OPINION

It's time the corps did its job

The Windham Board of Selectmen had a good idea when it decided to sue the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers over the long delay in deciding whether to issue a wetlands permit to allow for the reconstruction of Route 6.

The question of what to do about the road, which is important to the economy of eastern Connecticut, has been hanging fire for much too long.

People on both sides of the issue deserve some action.

There were many reasons for the early delays in resolving the need for a good road through eastern Connecticut. It was originally to have been an extension of Interstate 84. When that plan met strong opposition, I-84 was drastically rerouted.

But once the decision was made to reroute I-84, improvements to Route 6 to compensate for the loss should have come about more quickly.

It has been almost a year since the Army Corps of Engineers held public hearings on the request by the state Department of Transportation for a wetlands permit. And the corps now says no decision will be made until the spring.

The decision is important enough to warrant careful consideration. But a year is much too long, particularly in view of the fact that the decision by the corps may not, in itself, finally settle the matter of what to do about the road.

Windham First Selectman Norman French put it well when he said, "The time has come (that) the army did its job."

Two other projects have priority over the Route 6 question, one of them the interstate highway that will connect I-84 in Manchester to I-91 in Windsor. The corps may have its priorities right, but something is certainly wrong with the procedure that has held up a crucial decision on Route 6 for so long.

Letting the entire project die by default of action is not one of the acceptable options.

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

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State gasoline levies range from 7.5 cents per gallon in Georgia to 29.9 cents a gallon in Wisconsin, but even the combined federal-state tax burden does not come close to the tariff imposed in virtually all other industrialized nations.

In Great Britain, West Germany, Italy, France, Japan and scores of other countries, gasoline prices range from \$2 to \$4 per gallon — principally

because of government taxes of \$1 to \$2 per gallon.

With President Bush and members of Congress under growing pressure to deal with the federal deficit, a higher gasoline tax appeals to many as a relatively painless means of generating additional government revenues.

Some experts have proposed increases of 10 cents to 25 cents, while others have suggested hikes of 50 cents for the imposition of an additional 10 cent levy annually for 10 years.

One advocate of that approach is Jessica T. Mathews, vice president of the World Resources Institute here. Like many others who have studied the issue, she notes that the increase probably would be more palatable if all of the revenues were dedicated to deficit reduction rather than funding new government programs. Indeed, Mathews proposes labeling the tariff as the "National Solvency Tax."

Other supporters of the general concept include Alan Greenspan and Paul Volcker, the current and immediate past chairmen of the Federal Reserve Board; Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee; Drew Lewis and Robert Strauss, the Republican and Democratic co-chairmen of the National Economic Committee; and Lee Iacocca, board chairman of

the Chrysler Corp. The initiative is not free of flaws, however. Among those most adversely affected would be low-income people who spend a disproportionately large share of their budgets on gasoline, and residents of rural areas who drive longer distances than do city motorists. But reimbursement arrangements surely could be devised to minimize the impact of the higher tax on those groups.

By dampening demand for gasoline, the increased tax would reduce imports of crude oil — an especially salutary development at a time when this country has revived, after a nine-year hiatus, the debilitating practice of relying upon more oil from other nations than it produces domestically.

Two-thirds of the oil we use — more than 25 percent of all the oil burned in the Free World — goes into transportation in this country, notes energy consultant Melvin A. Conant. Gasoline accounts for 44 percent of all domestic oil consumption.

Finally, a higher gasoline tax carries virtually no administrative costs because the existing levy, the bureaucrats who administer it and the government forms that record it are already in place. All that needs to be changed are the numbers.

Robert Walters is a syndicated columnist.

Japanese will soon own U.S.

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government cannot continue squandering money and living on borrowed money without risking a crash that could spread economic devastation, political chaos and incalculable misery.

Already, Japanese investors finance 30 percent of the U.S. budget deficit. They are also buying up America's farms, factories, banks and businesses at an alarming rate. The Japanese are astonished at how eager Americans are to sell their birthright for pottage.

Yet, President Bush is trying to tell associates that Japanese acquisitions in this country are good for America. Congress is preparing another irresponsible budget that will compound the debt problem. The nation's political leaders seem oblivious to the compelling evidence that this catastrophe is just around the bend if they don't curb spending.

Both the new president and the new Congress also seem quite content to finance their overconsumption by selling off America to foreign investors. If foreign acquisitions continue to increase at the same rate as they have during the past five years, the United States will be completely foreign-owned before America's leaders open their eyes.

The Japanese are eagerly investing the profits they earned here by using U.S. properties. The fruited plains and amber waves of grain that Americans inherited from their ancestors are acquiring new owners. Yet, the greedy Americans continue to gorge themselves on Japanese imports.

They take their example from their leaders who, year after year, have spent more money than they have brought in. All too much of their tax revenue has gone for foolish and frivolous extravaganzas. Now, Congress is back at work on another overstudied budget larded with waste.

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

NATION & WORLD

Woman named to board

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — A Washington lawyer has become the first woman ever appointed to Harvard University's governing board in the school's 383-year history, a school spokesman said today.

The Harvard Overseers on Sunday afternoon unanimously approved the appointment of Judith Richards Hope to the Harvard Corporation, the school's governing board.

Hope, 48, is an attorney specializing in transportation law for the Los Angeles-based firm of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky and Walker. She is the daughter-in-law of comedian Bob Hope. She met her husband, Anthony J. Hope, while both were students at Harvard Law School in the early 1960s, and they have a son who is a Harvard sophomore.

The appointment was reported in today's Harvard Crimson, the school's student newspaper. School spokesman Peter Costa confirmed the story this morning.

Hope, a 1960 graduate of Wellesley College, served as a domestic policy adviser to President Gerald Ford. Last year, she served as general counsel to the presidential campaign of Sen. Robert Dole and in 1984 she served as co-chair of Lawyers for Reagan-Bush.

Skinheads cause violence

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A rise in racial violence by young "skinheads" shows that "hate crime is a bigger problem than we ever suspected," the head of a national monitoring group says.

Pat Clark, the director of Klanwatch, said skinheads helped revive the white supremacist movement in 1988. A report released by her group today said white youth gangs attacked blacks, homosexuals, Jews, Asians, Hispanics and Indians last year.

Blacks were victims of 56 percent of the hate crimes reported to Klanwatch in 1988. Jews were victims of 27 percent. The other 17 percent fell into other categories, the report said.

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Bush ethics chief maintaining dual role

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's point man for ethics policy says he plans to remain chairman of a multimillion-dollar communications company while serving in the White House, a dual role that would have violated Reagan administration policy.

C. Boyden Gray, who has been Bush's counsel since 1981, says he plans to continue serving as chairman of the family-owned company, Atlanta-based Summit Communications Group Inc., although he has asked not to receive any reimbursement for doing so, according to The Washington Post and The New York Times.

Bush has said repeatedly that he wants tougher ethical rules than those he inherited from his predecessor. The White House, through spokesman B.J. Cooper, declined to comment Sunday on Gray's plan.

The Reagan White House had a policy that no White House officials should accept outside earned income or serve on the boards of outside corporations, but a campaign pledge in July that his appointees would not accept any outside income, but he did

not address the problem of serving on outside corporations' boards.

Last week, Bush appointed an eight-member commission to review government ethical standards, including conflict-of-interest law. Bush has not yet named a White House ethics officer, but Gray has been serving informally in that role since before the inauguration.

Gray, who has an unpublished telephone number, could not be reached for comment, according to the White House. His deputy, John P. Schmitz, was suffering from back problems and was unavailable, said Schmitz' mother.

Gray told the Post he has avoided conflict-of-interest problems by receiving himself since 1981 from any matters concerning communications. He also said he had no conflict of interest because he had added the executive or operating officer. He said he devoted four to six days a year to overseeing the company.

Ninety-three percent of the company's stock is owned by a trust administered by Gray and his brothers, the Times reported.

Nebeker declined to say what Gray should do about his chairmanship of

Summit to meet White House ethics standards, saying, "I'm not prepared to make any suggestions to him at all."

Peter F. Watson, who worked with Gray on presidential transition matters, defended Gray.

"All I can say is, during the several meetings I participated in with him and his staff dealing with ethics issues, I have never seen anybody more concerned not only with strict compliance with ethics issues but indeed, nobody was more sensitive as to the appearance issues as well," Watson said.

"Specific communications issues did come up during transition and he immediately advised everyone in the room that he was not to be involved in those issues," said Watson, an attorney who now works for the Overseas Private Investment Corp. "I personally witnessed him removing himself from any deliberations for appointments on the FCC."

Timothy Murs, who worked on the FCC transition, also attacked to Gray's recusal from communications matters. "C. Boyden Gray had several conversations with me about the FCC," he said.

White conservatives dominate 'Nightline,' says liberals' study

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ted Koppel said he welcomed a study released today that found his late-night news show, "Nightline," favors white conservative men as guests, but he added the report's authors were wrong to criticize the show.

The guest list merely reflects the government that "Nightline" covers, he said.

The study of almost 2,500 guests over more than 850 episodes of the ABC-TV show found that 89 percent were men and 92 percent were white.

It also found that the 9-year-old news interview program virtually ignored labor unions, environmental and consumer advocates, anti-war activists, the working class and those whose views oppose U.S. foreign policy.

"I like studies like this," Koppel said. "I'm happy to see them, whether they are from the right or the left. They do give us an opportunity to re-examine what we do, how we do it."

"And sometimes it's quite true we get into a rut."

The survey, commissioned by the liberal media watchdog group Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting, was conducted by Boston College sociologists William Hoynes and David Croteau.

"Nightline," which has won more than 5 million viewers nightly, is widely perceived as one of television's most influential news programs.

The findings challenge "Nightline's" reputation for impartiality, said Jeff Cohen, executive

director of FAIR.

"When you see the same pattern week after week, it becomes a political bias," Cohen said.

Although welcoming the study, Koppel challenged its implications.

"I think FAIR makes a great mistake — (when it concludes) that simply by looking at a guest list, you know what the substance of that program was," Koppel said. "We are accused of putting on the establishment. Yes, we are guilty. That is what we do."

He said his guest selections simply reflected former President Reagan's conservative appointees and that a liberal administration would yield a biased guest record in the opposite political direction.

"What you do bring on the 'Nightline' is U.S. foreign policy and hold them to account, which is what we try to do on this broadcast," Koppel said.

"And never is it suggested that I might ask (the guests) a tough question once in a while. Never is it even suggested that if you were to critique U.S. foreign policy, you don't bring on the opponents of U.S. foreign policy and let them speak their minds."

"Nightline" Executive Producer Richard Kaplan also criticized the study, but conceded that it pointed out a narrow focus regarding guests.

Kaplan said he gave copies of the report to his staff.

The study examined 40 months of "Nightline" episodes from January 1985 to April 1988.



MIRACLE MAN? — Dr. Milton Reder prepares some cotton swabs with a cocaine solution in his New York City office recently. His use of cocaine as a treatment for pain has spurred the New York state Health Department to contemplate court action against him, despite testimonials from satisfied patients David Brenner and Rex Reed.

His cocaine treatment keeps patients coming

NEW YORK (AP) — A Park Avenue physician says he's still getting new patients despite allegations that his prescription of cocaine to treat pain is medically unsound.

Sony Bono and comedian David Brenner, Bono, mayor of Palm Springs, Calif., said Sunday he was unsure whether Reder used cocaine to cure his excruciating back pain in 1988, but had no qualms about recommending him to friends.

"I guarantee you'd get less drugs from him than you would from a general (doctor)," Bono said in a telephone interview with the newspaper.

"I don't think it's any illegitimate practice... He's not trying to turn you into an addict or anything like that," Bono said. Reder calls cocaine "the best local anesthetic there is" but says he'll shift to another substance if necessary.

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Democracy dead in Manchester

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Why bother to have a public hearing if it is a foregone conclusion that the appropriation will be passed?

I guess democracy is dead in Manchester. Let's hope the "Agenda for the Future Group" can restore it by the year of 2010 A.D.

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Support beneficial to wrestling team

To the Editor: To Len Aueter, Jim Tierney and our friends at the Manchester Herald: It is difficult to put into words how much appreciation and gratitude that myself, coaching staff, wrestlers and fans have for your excellent coverage and grace support.

Once again it was our good fortune through your work and dedication to keep the Town Wrestling Series Team Trophy here at Manchester High School. In addition to the championship itself, the regular articles and the feature story, we are extremely proud of our accomplishments and your coverage has allowed others to follow our success.

The efforts of our wrestlers result in competition that goes too fast. The net efforts of individuals for each season and careers are soon passed by. However, through continued journalistic support we can always look back, capture our greatest moments with pride and humble ourselves in reviewing our defeats. We who are connected with the Manchester Wrestling program thank you once again for your help and continued support. As always, I remain most sincerely yours in sport.

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In Great Britain, West Germany, Italy, France, Japan and scores of other countries, gasoline prices range from \$2 to \$4 per gallon — principally

Japanese will soon own U.S.

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government cannot continue squandering money and living on borrowed money without risking a crash that could spread economic devastation, political chaos and incalculable misery.

Already, Japanese investors finance 30 percent of the U.S. budget deficit. They are also buying up America's farms, factories, banks and businesses at an alarming rate. The Japanese are astonished at how eager Americans are to sell their birthright for pottage.

Yet, President Bush is trying to tell associates that Japanese acquisitions in this country are good for America. Congress is preparing another irresponsible budget that will compound the debt problem. The nation's political leaders seem oblivious to the compelling evidence that this catastrophe is just around the bend if they don't curb spending.

Both the new president and the new Congress also seem quite content to finance their overconsumption by selling off America to foreign investors. If foreign acquisitions continue to increase at the same rate as they have during the past five years, the United States will be completely foreign-owned before America's leaders open their eyes.

The Japanese are eagerly investing the profits they earned here by using U.S. properties. The fruited plains and amber waves of grain that Americans inherited from their ancestors are acquiring new owners. Yet, the greedy Americans continue to gorge themselves on Japanese imports.

They take their example from their leaders who, year after year, have spent more money than they have brought in. All too much of their tax revenue has gone for foolish and frivolous extravaganzas. Now, Congress is back at work on another overstudied budget larded with waste.

Members of Congress expect to report also said skinheads were linked to murders in Portland, Ore., San Jose, Calif., Las Vegas and Reno, Nev., and two-thirds of the racial assaults documented by Klanwatch last year.

Klanwatch monitors white supremacist activities for the Southern Poverty Law Center.

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Support beneficial to wrestling team

To the Editor: To Len Aueter, Jim Tierney and our friends at the Manchester Herald: It is difficult to put into words how much appreciation and gratitude that myself, coaching staff, wrestlers and fans have for your excellent coverage and grace support.

Once again it was our good fortune through your work and dedication to keep the Town Wrestling Series Team Trophy here at Manchester High School. In addition to the championship itself, the regular articles and the feature story, we are extremely proud of our accomplishments and your coverage has allowed others to follow our success.

The efforts of our wrestlers result in competition that goes too fast. The net efforts of individuals for each season and careers are soon passed by. However, through continued journalistic support we can always look back, capture our greatest moments with pride and humble ourselves in reviewing our defeats. We who are connected with the Manchester Wrestling program thank you once again for your help and continued support. As always, I remain most sincerely yours in sport.

Barry Bernstein
Head Wrestling Coach
Manchester High School

Cut pay in half; double legislators

To the Editor: Legislators are overworked, underpaid, and overindulged. The president, however, needs to get a 50% raise and not be allowed to take money for speaking engagements. This solution is not only wrong but will create an opposite result.

The answer to the problem lies in "Common Sense." We should cut the pay in half, and double the size of Congress. This would double the workforce, give people better representation, and cut down on a legislator's power, making it less attractive to sell influence. The lower pay would make for a larger turnover in Congress; people would only serve a short amount of time. Special interest would not have people staying in office for 50 years.

Congress could meet for shorter terms. With the large workforce, the terms could be finished in four months. There would be no need for congressmen to own two homes. He could have another job in the community that would support his family.

Redistricting would not be a problem as each Congressional district could be a congressional state.

With advances we have made in telecommunications, the representative form of government is becoming obsolete. In the not far future we will have the ability to watch both sides of a bill debated on TV and vote on each bill using our telephone. Then a true democracy will exist.

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Elephant kills trainer

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A 3-ton elephant knocked down and then fatally crushed an animal handler at Busch Gardens Sunday in what police called "an act of elephant aggression."

Joe Allen, 33, was returning the 17-year-old, male breeding elephant to its barn at about 2:30 p.m. when the handler was knocked down and the animal then used its head to crush the man with its full weight, said Sgt. James Preston.

"It's an act of elephant aggression," Preston said. Trainers told police the head-crush maneuver is an offensive technique used by elephants in the wild.

The man was pronounced dead at Tampa General Hospital.

Pakistan tests missile

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan's military chief says the country has test-fired its first homemade long-range surface-to-surface missile and plans to manufacture its own tank within two years, official media reported today.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mirza Aslam Beg said two missiles with ranges of 50 miles and 180 miles respectively and a capability to carry payloads in excess of 1,000 pounds were tested. The government-controlled Pakistan Times said Beg reportedly made the disclosure Sunday at a military academy seminar in Rawalpindi. He did not say when the missiles were tested.

Skinheads cause violence

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A rise in racial violence by young "skinheads" shows that "hate crime is a bigger problem than we ever suspected," the head of a national monitoring group says.

Pat Clark, the director of Klanwatch

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area, it can be shifted from a less important area in the budget.

They want O'Neill to concentrate on spending cuts, or at least more modest increases, rather than boosting taxes.

"The only responsible way to resolve the budget crisis is neither quick nor easy," said Senate Minority Leader Reginald J. Smith, R-New Hartford. "It involves first spending within your means. It cries out for leadership, not reactionary tax increases."

"I think it's time we put our Governor Bill down away, you know, the one you wind up and it raises your taxes," said Smith, who has been mentioned as a potential gubernatorial candidate in 1990.

The governor has already ordered spending cuts of 3 percent in the current year, designed to save \$65 million.

Also at the Capitol this week, the Government Administration and Elections Committee plans a public hearing on bills aimed at liberalizing state election laws.

One to be aired Monday would reduce, from 20 percent to 10 percent, the amount of support a candidate would need among delegates at a nominating conference to qualify for a primary

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mall. The developers propose one, two and three-bedroom high-rise condominiums and about 50 modestly priced town-houses and rental units.

But the developers decided to withdraw the application because of questions over Red Stone Road, which would provide access to that site and a few other area developments, including the Red

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The society created a demographic fund in Georgia to encourage growth. It pays 75 percent of all home construction costs for families with three or more children.

Amashkeli said.

There are, however, indications of limited independent political activities here.

In early December, four Georgians were arrested for taking part in a nationalist demonstration in the city of Kutaisi. Ekspres-Khronika, an unofficial weekly newspaper distributed in Moscow, said the four were sentenced to between 12 and 18 months.

The Rustaveli Society was formed in March 1988 by cultural government and business leaders.

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about people. He had a willingness to give time to organizational activities."

Noren, 47, was a 18-year member of both the Woodstock Academy's Board of Trustees and the Woodstock Conservation Commission. An avid collector of historical maps, Noren was also a member of the Woodstock Historical Society who led a crusade to preserve a one-room schoolhouse in this rural town of 5,750 in Northeast Connecticut.

"I often think of his dedication and love for Woodstock," Woodstock First Selectman Douglas M. Cutler said.

He shared his love for his hometown with his work in the judiciary. Noren became the chief clerk of the judicial district in Windham County in 1971 and continued in that capacity until he was appointed a Superior Court judge in 1980.

During his 8½-year judicial career, attorneys characterized Noren as a "scholar of the law" who was more than equal to the job whether it involved civil or criminal law.

"He was a prodigious worker so that whatever research was required, he was equal to it," Gaucher said. "He was innovative when it was appropriate. I think that in time he would have been recognized as one of the great jurists of our time."

Noren, a 1959 graduate of Woodstock Academy, received a bachelor's degree from Harvard College and a law degree from George Washington University Law School. He served as an attorney in the Navy from 1967 to 1971.

A lifelong Woodstock resident,

against the winner of the nomination. Another bill would provide for public financing for campaigns for candidates for governor and other state offices who agree to limit total campaign expenditures.

On Tuesday, the Committee on Substance Abuse will hold a hearing on a variety of drug-related bills, including the "grass tax" bill that would impose a tax on marijuana and other drugs. The idea is to be able to nail drug dealers for financial penalties as well as criminal penalties.

Also Tuesday, the General Law Committee will hold a hearing on a bill banning the sale, consumption and possession of alcohol on public college campuses.

The Energy and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public hearing Thursday on a bill prohibiting the transmitting of unsolicited advertising materials through "fax" machines. Another bill at that hearing would bar the phone company from charging for directory assistance calls when the number is not in the customer's local phone book.

On Friday, the Judiciary Committee holds a hearing on the gay rights bill, which would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Arctic front hangs over much of U.S.

By Mitchell Landsburg The Associated Press

Frigid air cloaked the nation today, turning highways into icy demolition derby courses, leaving snow in unlikely places and forcing a camp of nudists in Texas to decide they couldn't bare it.

The arctic front that spilled out of Alaska last week remained stalled over virtually the entire nation, forcing temperatures below normal just about everywhere but Florida. Forecasters said relief is at least several days away.

In Arkansas, churches canceled Sunday services to spare worshippers the danger of traveling on icy roads. Public schools throughout central and northern Texas, as well as at least two Texas colleges, canceled classes today for the same reason, and more than a dozen schools were closed today in New Mexico.

Four-wheel-drive vehicles were used today to rescue more than 20 people from a hilltop country club near Austin, Texas, where they had been stranded since Saturday by icy roads.

Humane Society members had gone to the Barton Creek Country Club on Saturday for a fundraiser, said Michele Kaufman, chairman of the event.

"We had a great time and raised a lot of money," Ms. Kaufman said.

The weather has contributed to at least 46 deaths, most of them on icy roads, in the lower 48 states since the air spread from Alaska on Tuesday.

Among the latest victims were three people killed Sunday night on icy roads in Kentucky and a man who froze to death beneath a freeway overpass in Salt Lake City earlier in the day.

Accidents on slick roads also were blamed for four deaths in Louisiana, including two people who died when an 18-wheel truck spun out of control on an icy bridge just east of Monroe and rammed their vehicles.

In addition, four teen-agers competing in a Wisconsin ice-fishing derby were found dead of

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carbon monoxide poisoning Sunday after they left propane heaters running overnight in a wooden shanty. The overnight temperature near frozen Harpt Lake was about 16 below zero.

A Texas boy died at a Grand Junction, Colo., hospital late Sunday after being trapped beneath an avalanche earlier in the day. Two other boys were buried but managed to escape from the snowslide at Mount Crested Butte in the central Rockies.

At least 13 cities posted record low temperatures today, according to early reports, and at 2 a.m. EST the official low for the lower 48 states was 44 degrees below zero at Craig, Colo. In California, Sacramento's 28 degrees early today broke a 98-year-old record for the date and San Francisco's 35 degrees shattered a 100-year-old record.

On Sunday, low temperature records were reached or tied in at least 30 cities, from the Pacific to the Plains.

In Denver, it was 24 below zero Sunday, the city's coldest temperature in 26 years. At 1 p.m., the thermometer crept to 1 degree, breaking a 76-hour streak of subzero cold. The nation's low Sunday was 46 below zero at Wisdom, Mont.

It was minus 21 at South Lake Tahoe, Calif., and parts of the San Francisco Bay area remained coated in snow, astonishing long-time residents.

"You could only find a scene like this on a postcard," said Timothy Waters, a 77-year-old ranch resident at the Point Reyes National Seashore just north of the Golden Gate. "It's just extraordinarily beautiful. Our family can't remember snow like this in 40 years."

Persistent snow in Chicago forced the temporary closure of Midway Airport and the closure of two runways at O'Hare International Airport, causing 40 flight cancellations and numerous delays.

Cool, drizzly weather in New Orleans didn't stop 11 scheduled Mardi Gras parades, but it did contribute to sales of hot drinks in Bourbon Street bars.

Reagan is celebrating his 78th birthday today

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former President Ronald Reagan, busy lining up work and visiting old haunts since leaving office two weeks ago, is celebrating his 78th birthday today with a talk to college students and a private party.

He planned to detail his retirement plans during a 20-minute speech at the University of Southern California — his first public appearance since a spotted airport homecoming rally Jan. 20.

Tonight, he planned to celebrate his birthday with his wife, Nancy, and about 100 friends at a party at the ritzy Bistro Gardens restaurant in Beverly Hills.

"The change of address hasn't caused any slowing down of their schedule," said Reagan's spokesman Mark Weinberg. "They are very active and on the go."

The former president has already signed a book deal worth up to \$7 million, lined up a \$50,000-per-speech lecture contract and opened his Century City offices, where a variety of offers are pouring in.

Social demands include a Feb. 23 Palm Springs gala honoring Elizabeth Taylor and a private welcome home dinner Feb. 25.

About 200 friends will toast the Reagan return at Syrian-born businessman's Mouaffak Al Mi-

Hearing is scheduled over classified data

WASHINGTON (AP) — The judge at Oliver North's trial scheduled a closed-door hearing today reportedly to hear concerns of the intelligence community about classified information in the Iran-Contra case.

U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell scheduled the hearing at the request of the head of the prosecution team, John Kecker, who apparently was acting on behalf of the intelligence community in the Bush administration's handling of the Iran-Contra affair. If they were not exposed to North's unimmunized congressional testimony in 1987, they likely will be placed in a pool from which a jury is to be chosen later this week.

Thirty-two people have been approved for the jury pool since the trial began last Tuesday and Gesell wants to have a group of 45 from which to choose 12 jurors and six alternates.

"made strong objections late last month to Attorney General Dick Thornburgh over classified information that would be presented in the case and said it warranted blocking the trial. Thornburgh rejected the NSA's suggestion."

Gesell's remarks today came as 30 additional prospective jurors were sworn in, some of whom will undergo questioning on how much they know about North and the Iran-Contra affair. If they were not exposed to North's unimmunized congressional testimony in 1987, they likely will be placed in a pool from which a jury is to be chosen later this week.

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The National Security Agency

Huskies find themselves among 'Big Least'



Chris Nelson/Special to the Herald

PROVIDENCE — It was pay back time for the University of Connecticut Huskies in their rematch with host Providence College Saturday afternoon. However, they ran out of Big East funds and now find themselves a member of the "Big Least."

co-habiting with Villanova in a tie for seventh place with a conference mark of 3.5 and 12-6 overall. Boston College (1-7 and 8-10) has a firm resting spot in the Big East cellar.

In their first meeting on Jan. 7 at the Civic Center, the Huskies blew a 16-point lead in the second half and dropped an 80-78 decision.

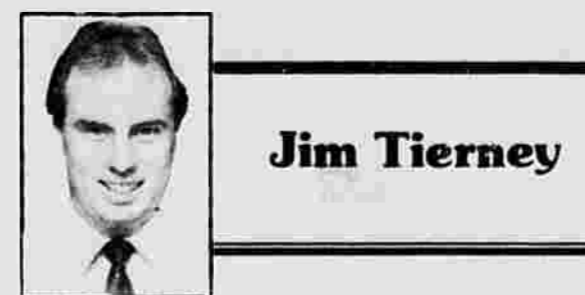
In a game which was extremely crucial for UConn, the Huskies' money man, 6-11 senior Cliff Robinson, sprained his ankle with 2:03 left in the first half. He played only three minutes in the first half in this nip-and-tuck battle. Junior point guard Tate George also injured his ankle in the opening 20 minutes, although, his wasn't as serious and he played 19 minutes of the second half.

The bad news on the horizon is that, though George will play against Georgetown Wednesday night at the Civic Center, Robinson probably will not.

The Friars' newly risen star Cal Foster, a 6-5 transfer from Vincennes (Ind.), Junior College, cashed in on Robinson's absence inside during the second half. Foster rang up 11 of his team-high 17 points in the second half as Providence pulled away from the gallant Huskies, 65-61, before the second largest crowd (13,168) ever to view a college basketball game at the Providence Civic Center.

This game was sliced right out of the Big East textbook.

Emotions were high in this back-and-forth contest. UConn was able to shut down the Friar



Jim Tierney

guards — Carlton Screen, Eric Murdock and Matt Palazzi — in the first half and dictate the tempo of the game. The trio combined for just nine points in the first half.

"The tempo was 100 percent ours," UConn Coach Jim Calhoun said. "If you had told me this morning that the score would be in the 60s, I would have said we won. We did a good job defending them outside."

One of the main reasons for the Huskies' suffocating defense was the play of 6-2 freshman guard Chris Smith, who also guided UConn on the offensive. Smith, who was a perfect 4-for-4 from the field in the first 20 minutes, tallied a career-high 17 points, including 2-for-2 from 3-point range. The silky smooth Smith, out of Kolbe Cathedral High in Bridgeport, raised several eyebrows, particularly those of Friar Coach Rick Barnes.

"He (Smith) certainly is going to be a tremendous player in this league," Barnes said. "I'm really impressed with him. He's going to be a good one."

A 3-pointer by Phil Gamble (13 points on 5-for-17

shooting) just before half tied the game at 33 at the intermission. Gamble was 2-for-9 from the floor in the second half.

As much as the Huskies didn't want to use Robinson's injury as an excuse, the results during the second half were obvious.

"Without Cliff, they overplayed our guards," Smith said. "We needed Cliff inside to open things up."

Gamble was even more straightforward.

"You have to miss him (Robinson) because he does a lot for us," he said. "It's tough when he comes out because he's our main man down low."

A Robinson layup, two of his four second-half points, put UConn ahead by three (48-46) with 8:52 left. This was a big advantage according to the guidelines for this encounter. UConn's final lead (55-58) was after a driving layup by George with 3:55 to go.

Despite the huge loss of Robinson, what Calhoun said afterwards was true.

"The game was winnable with or without Cliff," he said. "Obviously, we're going to need Cliff to be a good team. But that's not the reason we lost. We lost because we were ahead by three and didn't execute."

In this supposed season of emergence for the Huskies after their stunning NIT victory last March, a couple of cold, hard facts are staring them in the face.

No. 1 is that, with eight conference outings left, they are headed for a spot in the dreaded 8-9 game in the Big East Tournament and No. 2, they are headed for another NIT appearance.

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MY PAL — Oakland A's relief pitcher Dennis Eckersley has his arm around Justin Lickas of Marlborough as his father, Mike, snaps the photo at the Illing V Card Show Saturday.

Baseball card collecting is now a big business

By Paul Orta Special to the Herald

It is an old story to baseball card people: your mother threw out the entire collection. You had 'em all. Mantles, Roses, Benge. The same cards that card dealers today sell for hundreds of dollars.

Kids aren't flipping their cards in school yards for "keepees" or using clothes pins to attach them to bicycle wheels these days. The hobby has turned into a big business. Sixty dealers paid up to \$100 for each of the 102 tables at the Illing V Card Show held Saturday and Sunday at the Manchester High cafeteria.

Baseball card dealers travel the show circuit, buying, selling and trading memorabilia at prices that at times seem as inflated as the salaries paid to the players. One dealer was asking \$150 for an autographed 1989 Fleer Billy Ripkin — a card that has been pulled off the market due to a profane comment written on the marginal player's bat handle.

"The hobby is getting so much publicity you could go to a show every weekend all year," according to Patrick Samzo, owner of "Fielder's Choice," a baseball card shop located in the Manchester Mall. "The New York Times has a weekly column on baseball card collecting," he adds.

Baseball card collecting isn't just kid stuff any more. People who lost the cards of their youth and others who are building now



Patrick Flynn/Manchester Herald

LOOKING IT OVER — Joseph Moucci, left, of Hartford and Albert Moucci look over some of the baseball cards that were for sale at the Illing V Card Show.

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Starling earns respect in ring; wins WBC title

By Ed Schuyler Jr. The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Mark Breland impressed his friend Marlon Starling with respect from Britain's Lloyd Honeyghan.

Now the two new welterweight champions appear headed for a showdown for the third time.

Tyson, the undisputed heavy-weight champion, said after watching Breland beat the South Korean Lee at Caesars Palace.

Breland, 147 of New York, went after the wide-open Lee, 146. He knocked him down with a combination to the head only 34 seconds into the fight and stopped him 20 seconds later.

Breland has often been criticized for lack of fire in his performances.

"I felt real nasty," the 25-year-old Breland said. "I felt like an animal. I felt great."

The 30-year-old Starling, of Hartford, Conn., and Honeyghan made no efforts to hide the ill feelings they held for each other before the fight.

"I was going to get my respect from Lloyd in the ring," said Starling, who weighed 146 one-half pound less than Honeyghan.

Starling told one of his handlers before the fight: "He hates me, but I guarantee you by the middle of the fight, he'll want to be my friend."

The right side of Honeyghan's face was badly swollen, his right eye was almost closed and he was bleeding from the nose when the fight was stopped at 1:19 of the ninth round, just moments after Honeyghan had been knocked down.

Honeyghan, who planned to go to the Diana Ross show after the fight, went instead to a hospital for precautionary X-rays.

"I felt sorry for him after the fight," Starling said Sunday. "I wish Marlon Starling all the best in the future." The 28-year-



AP photo

LANDING ZONE — Marlon Starling, right, lands a right hand on Lloyd Honeyghan on his way to winning the WBC welterweight title Saturday night in Las Vegas. Starling won on a ninth round TKO.

old Honeyghan said after the match. "I think he is a true champion. I beat Donald Curry and now I consider Marlon Starling the true champion."

Honeyghan became undisputed welterweight champ by stopping Curry in the sixth round on Sept. 27, 1986. He relinquished the WBA and IBF titles.

Starling, who outpointed Simon Brown, the current International Boxing Federation welterweight champion in 1985, won the WBA title by knocking out Breland in the 11th round Aug. 22, 1987. He kept that title until he was defeated by Starling Sunday.

"I wish Marlon Starling all the best in the future," the 28-year-

White's appointment step forward but there's still plenty more to do

By Hot Bock The Associated Press

The appointment of Bill White as president of the National Baseball League was a bold step forward by baseball, a statement that in this sport at least, a man's race is entirely secondary to his sport, a black man can be in charge.

For that, Peter O'Malley and the search committee must be applauded, despite their disingenuous insistence that White's color had nothing to do with him

getting the job.

O'Malley would have you believe that White's race is purely coincidental, that the stimulation of baseball's long-dormant potential by Al Campanelli's sociological observations almost three years ago, had nothing to do with selecting an economically so that a whole class of this nation's people may step forward.

So, for the first time, a major sports league has a black as its

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High School Roundup

Manchester runners second best

GLASTONBURY — With Will Rivera leading the way with two meet records, Manchester (4-38-3) and the 3200-110-13-3 with teammate Zack Allaire third in the latter event with a personal best clocking of 10:13.6. Dave Chabral was fifth (10:35.2) and Todd Liscomb sixth in the event.

East Hartford High took team honors with 98 points with Manchester runner-up with 92 points. Glastonbury High was a distant third with 79.5 points.

The Indians Rivera won the 500-meter run with a time of 1:09 and the 300-meter dash with a clocking of 37.72, both meet records.

"We had outstanding performances throughout the meet," Manchester Coach George Sutor said.

The Indians Rivera won the 500-meter run with a time of 1:09 and the 300-meter dash with a clocking of 37.72, both meet records.

The win lifts the Eagles to 7-10 for the season and, more importantly, means they need to win just one of their closing three games to qualify for the state tournament. East hosts St. Bernard at team basketball on Wednesday night at 7 hosts St. Joseph on Saturday night and winds up its regular season Feb. 18 at Leydard High.

"It was a very big win, a crucial win," said East Coach Donno Ridel. "It was crucial in that we needed this one for the state tournament, and the league tournament."

The ACC Tournament is scheduled Feb. 20 and 22 at Xavier High in Middletown with the top four teams in the five-team ACC invited. East, with the win, is now in third place.

East, 2-4 in the ACC, and Sacred Heart, 11-5 overall and 1-4 in the conference, were within three points of each other most of the way. Sacred Heart had an 18-16 lead after the first period, and it stayed a two-point game for two more periods. It was 41-39 going into the final eight minutes where East stayed 29-28 advantage.

"We finally took the lead with a little over three minutes remaining (49-48)," East Coach Donno Ridel detailed. "The defense turned it up a notch in the final four minutes and the only point Sacred Heart scored was on a foul shot."

East senior Karen Mozdierz was 10-for-10 from the foul line down the stretch, finishing a perfect 16-for-16 run route to a career-high 26 points. Margaret Riley came up with 11 rebounds while Maura McPadden, Kelli Bender and Barbara Chorazyewski turned in solid defensive performances. Heather Oisinski had 11 points, three steals and ran the offense well.

East was outscored from the field 22-19, but won at it the foul line where it was a splendid 21-for-28.

Heather Dahill netted 23 points to lead Sacred Heart. Kim Cyranek netted 26 when Sacred Heart beat East (48-42) on Jan. 14, was held to one point in the rematch.

Sacred Heart took the junior varsity contest, 33-30. Peg Oliveira had 12 points for young Eagles.

Craig Hempstead garnered second placement in the 1600 (4:38.3) and the 3200 (10:13.3) with teammate Zack Allaire third in the latter event with a personal best clocking of 10:13.6. Dave Chabral was fifth (10:35.2) and Todd Liscomb sixth in the event.

Duong Hemmanah was third in the 45-meter hurdles with a time of 1:04.4 with teammate Steve Jones sixth. Harold Barber was fourth in the 45-meter dash while Mark Todd was third in the 100-meter run in 2:08.8. Dwyer was fifth in 2:52.2. Dwyer was fourth in the 800-meter run in 2:13.3 and Todd fifth in 2:14.8.

Dave Campbell was sixth in the shot put with a toss of 12.67 meters and Vyen Phan was sixth in the long jump at 18.95 meters. The X 400 relay of Dan Chesney, Joyner, Hemmanah and Yven Phan was fourth in 4:10.2 while the X 1 1/2-lap relay of Barber, Kevin Colletti, Gerry Hollis and Ed Saunders was fourth in 4:17.1.

East Catholic's Heather Oisinski, shown in a file photo, had 11 points and directed the offense superbly as the Eagles upset Sacred Heart, 59-49, Saturday night.

THE WINNER — Mark Calvacchia...

reaches on the 18th hole after winning the 1989 Los Angeles Open at Riviera Country Club Sunday. It was Calvacchia's second tournament win of the season. He finished at 112-under-par 272 to claim the \$100,000 first-place prize.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Aris Leonard selected

Manchester High School outfielder Aris Leonard was one of 16 players who will represent the U.S. High School All-Star District baseball team that will play in Japan this summer.

Gold medal to Walliser

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — Switzerland's Maria Walliser added a gold medal to her impressive collection of trophies Sunday, winning the women's downhill by 1.5 seconds over Canada's Karen Percy at the World Alpine Ski Championships.

Walliser, successfully defending the title she won at the last World Championships in 1987, burst down Vail Mountain's International course in 1 minute 46.38 seconds.

Percy's time was 1:48.06, just one-hundredth of a second in front of bronze medalist Karin Dedler of West Germany.

Course workers did an admirable job of clearing the course of two feet of fresh snow that fell in a 72-hour period ending Saturday night. Walliser's winning time was comparable with training times held on a clear, icy course last week.

Officially, three feet of snow fell at nearby Beaver Creek, forcing postponement of the men's downhill from Saturday until Monday.

Joe Morrison is dead

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Joe Morrison, head football coach at South Carolina and a star for the New York Giants during the 1960s, died Sunday night of heart attack. He was 51.

Morrison, had been playing racquetball at the university and was found collapsed in the shower. Providence Hospital spokeswoman Dawn Catalano said.

"He was not feeling well, apparently went to the shower and was found in the shower collapsed when they started CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) on him," she said.

She said Morrison was alive, but unconscious when he was brought to the hospital at 8:44 p.m. EST. He was pronounced dead at 9:03 p.m.

Catalano said Morrison, who played in the NFL for the football Giants from 1959 to 1972 as a running back and an end, had a history of heart problems and previously had been hospitalized for that condition.

Davis Cup team wins

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Having put away Paraguay, the United States Davis Cup team now will take on Ecuador.

Teen-agers Andre Agassi and Michael Chang won singles matches Sunday to complete the American team's 5-0 first-round victory over Paraguay. The United States, seeking its first Davis Cup title since 1982, advances to the quarterfinals against France in San Diego April 7-9.

"We're going to go all the way this year. That's our goal, and I think it's a realistic goal," said Ken Flach, who teamed with Robert Seguso for a doubles victory Saturday that clinched the match.

France, which beat Israel in the first round, is led by Yannick Noah and Henri Leconte, both ranked in the top 12 in the world.

Van Horn wins IBF title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Darrin Van Horn won the International Boxing Federation Junior middleweight title with a unanimous 12-round decision over defending champion Robert Hines Sunday.

Van Horn, a 28-year-old junior at the University of Kentucky, used an effective defense and sharp counterpunching to beat the 27-year-old Hines of Philadelphia. Forcing a split pace, Van Horn prevented Hines from setting up the right jab and straight left hand.

Van Horn, 153 1/2, is 38-0 with 24 knockouts. Hines, 24-2-2 with 16 knockouts, lost in his first title defense.

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Sonics pull out a victory as Celtics fade at finish

NBA Roundup

By Dave O'Hara
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Like the old gray mare, the Boston Celtics ain't what they used to be — "We played like a bunch of rookies," veteran sharpshooter Danny Ainge said Sunday night after the Celtics blew a seven-point lead with just under four minutes left in an 89-87 loss to the Seattle SuperSonics.

On the road last Tuesday, the Celtics blew an 11-point fourth quarter lead while sticking with five veteran players in a loss against Washington.

Lightning struck a second time as first-year coach Jimmy Rodgers went with Kevin McHale, 31, Robert Parish, 35, Dennis Johnson, 34, James Worthy, 29, and youngster Reggie Lewis, 22, the entire fourth period while Seattle substituted freely.

The Sonics, dropping under 50 again with a 22-23 record, faded badly, scoring just one point in the last 3:58 while Seattle's Dale Ellis scored 8 of his 30 before Derrick McKey sank two free throws with six seconds left.

Boston was guilty of three turnovers on steals and one on a second violation when Kevin McHale was unable to meet the ball past midcourt with 55 seconds remaining.

"The problem is we're trying to be robotic in those situations, trying to make the plays happen instead of taking what the defense gives us," Ainge said. "We get so conscious of trying to get the ball inside that we have breakdowns."

"We are too good a team to be playing like this, a bunch of veterans playing like rookies."

The SuperSonics, 9-0 in games in which opponents have scored under 100 points, gave the Celtics little down the stretch.

"This is a very smart basketball team. They have a very good front court. We're not used to the kind of defense they're running," Rodgers said.

"We are too good a team to be playing like this, a bunch of veterans playing like rookies."

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THE WINNER — Martina Navratilova climbs over the net after beating Lori McNeil in the women's singles final of the Pan Pacific Tennis Tournament Sunday in Tokyo. Navratilova won 6-7, 6-3, 7-6.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Siena five tops Hartford

LOUDONVILLE, N.Y. (AP) — Sophomore guard Marc Brown scored 21 points as Siena rallied for its 10th straight win, a 82-72 victory over Hartford in an ECAC North Atlantic Conference game Saturday night.

The win was the 21st in a row at home for Siena, now 15-3 overall and 10-0 in the NAC. Hartford fell to 8-12 and 4-7.

Siena coach Steve Mackay added 17 and 12 rebounds for Siena, while teammates Jeff Robinson had 12 points and Tom Hueter had 17 points. Ron Moyer had 15 and Lamont Middleton added 13.

Yale trips up Columbia

NEW HAVEN (AP) — Dean Campbell scored 22 points to lead Yale to a 62-46 victory over Columbia Saturday night.

Columbia closed to within 45-40 with 1:30 left, but Yale led three straight points over the next four minutes to seal the victory. Mike Ryan added 13 points and St. Davies, 10, Travis McCready had 12 and Stu Davies, 10.

Central fire is beaten

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Vaughn Luton scored 27 points to lead Robert Morris to an 81-71 victory over Central Connecticut State University in a non-conference game Saturday night in a 134-116 victory over the New Jersey Nets.

The win was the Colonials' seventh in a row, giving them their second seven-game win streak this year. The Colonials, 17-4 overall, Central Connecticut, now 9-12, was paced by Bryon Heron, with 29 points.

Joyner-Kersee sets mark

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Jackie Joyner-Kersee set an American record of 71.81 seconds in the 60-meter hurdles Sunday at the Mobil Invitational, breaking the record of 7.88 seconds she set last year at the same meet.

Joyner-Kersee, who won gold medals in the heptathlon and long jump at the Seoul Olympics, led from start to finish in setting her third American record in the event.

Said Anita of Morocco, who holds four world outdoor records, made a bid for the world indoor mark in the 5,000 meters, but started his kick too late. He ran 13:22.56, but said afterward he felt he could have broken the record of 13:20.4, run by Tanzanian's Sulaiman Nyamathi in 1981.

Porsche wins at Daytona

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Porsche regained its hold on the Daytona 24 Hours as Derek Bell of Britain, Bob Wollek of France and American John Andretti on Sunday won the closest finish in the 22-year history of the race.

The Porsche 962 prototype, a model no longer being produced by the German factory, has now won four of the last five 24-hour events at Daytona's 3.8-mile road circuit.

The winners, outlasting and outrunning state of the art Jaguar and Nissan prototypes, gave Porsche its 12th Daytona 24 Hours victory in 13 years.

A Jaguar XJR-9 broke Porsche's string last year and an XJR-9 co-driver by Steve Cobb, John Nielsen of Denmark, Andri Wallace of Britain and Jan Lammers of The Netherlands, battled for the lead through the final four hours.

Wollek drove the final two hours in the 962, crossing the finish line in 26:56.5 seconds ahead of Lammers in the second-place car. The winners completed 621 laps and covered 2,210.76 miles.

The winning car average 92 mph.

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Huskies

If this is the future scenario for the UConn Huskies, it will be most unfortunate. After they won the NIT, the Huskies immediately made their No. 1 goal this season to make the NCAA Tournament. Their whole year revolves around this.

UConn must win at least five of its remaining Big East games to have any chance at the NCAA tourney. If not, this season will be looked upon as a failure. The Huskies may have been branded "winners" too quickly, especially by the media.

The NIT would pose a psychological problem for the Huskies and they would surely have motivational problems.

And now, unfortunately, UConn has fallen into the "Big Least."

Jim Tierney is a sports writer for the Manchester Herald.

Baseball

SANDWICH — Derrick McKey, center, of the SuperSonics heads to the bank between Celtic defenders Reggie Lewis, left, and Kevin McHale during Sunday's game at Boston Garden. Seattle won, 89-87.

collections have returned to the hobby in droves. "Only the 1960's and '60's are getting harder."

"Baseball cards are collectable for all ages because it is easy to get started," Sanzo, who opened his store in September but returned to collecting five years ago, said. "But the 30-to-40 year-old age group seems to have extra money and is looking for something to invest in."

As far as investing goes, baseball card collecting is very much like the stock exchange — anticipation and speculation determine success. Johnny Bench's rookie card nearly doubled in price (\$85 to \$165) after he was elected to be Hall of Fame last month. Other cards have not fared so well. Investors who speculated on former Red Sox slugger Sam Rice's career may be stuck with worthless cardboard.

Finding the valuable cards — particularly those issued in the 1960's and '60's — is getting harder. "It's safe to say that half of the cards from the '60's and '60's were thrown away," Sam Adams, a dealer from Newburgh, N.Y., said in five years as a dealer, Adams has seen a "large demand, more collectors and more dealers. The day of finding shoe boxes or attics full of garbage has passed."

The publicity has lightened the marketplace but hasn't left the kids out in the cold. Zeb Sanzo, 18-year-old son of the Manchester card dealer, is one who isn't phased by the inflated prices. Sanzo has been collecting four years and is currently buying unopened packs of 1989 Fleer in hopes of landing the coveted 1989 Reggie Rice rookie

SCOREBOARD

Hockey

NHL Standings

| TEAM | W | L | T | Pts | GP |
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| Pittsburgh | 18 | 14 | 4 | 34 | 36 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 18 | 14 | 4 | 34 | 36 |
| Philadelphia | 27 | 24 | 3 | 57 | 54 |
| New Jersey | 25 | 20 | 4 | 54 | 49 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 22 | 23 | 11 | 55 | 56 |

Wales Conference

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| Montreal | 21 | 11 | 4 | 46 | 36 |
| Buffalo | 23 | 13 | 10 | 56 | 46 |
| Boston | 22 | 14 | 10 | 54 | 46 |
| Quebec | 15 | 24 | 7 | 37 | 46 |

Campbell Conference

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| Detroit | 11 | 27 | 8 | 30 | 46 |
| Louisville | 13 | 25 | 8 | 34 | 46 |
| Manitowish | 14 | 23 | 9 | 37 | 46 |
| Chicago | 14 | 24 | 8 | 36 | 46 |

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| Chicago | 14 | 24 | 8 | 36 | 46 |
| Los Angeles | 13 | 24 | 9 | 36 | 46 |

Red Wings, Jets 2

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| Detroit | 1 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Minnesota | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |

First Period: Detroit, Golin 1:31 (Penalties: Shepley, 7:45; Winslow).
Second Period: Detroit, Barry 17:30 (Graves Oates), 3:05; Detroit, Krentz 20:00 (Oates, Barry), 7:45; Detroit, Yermolenko 21:00 (Chabot, Barry), 14:25; Detroit, Yermolenko 22:00 (Chabot, Barry), 14:25; Detroit, Yermolenko 23:00 (Chabot, Barry), 14:25.

Third Period: Detroit, MacLean 30:00 (Zverev, Golin), 10:30; Detroit, Yermolenko 31:00 (Chabot, Barry), 14:25; Detroit, Yermolenko 32:00 (Chabot, Barry), 14:25.

Final Score: Detroit 3, Minnesota 2.

SuperSonics 89, Celtics 67

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| Seattle | 89 |
| Boston | 67 |

Box Score: Seattle: 41 points, 43.8% FG, 37.0% 3PT, 81.8% FT, 37.0% Rebound. Boston: 50 points, 42.5% FG, 36.0% 3PT, 81.8% FT, 37.0% Rebound.

Blues 5, Blackhawks 4

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| St. Louis | 5 |
| Chicago | 4 |

Final Score: St. Louis 5, Chicago 4.

NBA Results

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| Supers 89, Celts 67 |
| Blues 5, Hawks 4 |
| Knicks 101, Pistons 98 |
| Trail Blazers 107, Rockets 97 |
| Warriors 113, Kings 105 |

Radio, TV

Tonight: Baseball Tournament: Boston College vs. Harvard, ESPN, 8 p.m.

Sunday's college hoops scores

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| Georgetown 49, Villanova 55 |
| La Salle 77, American 61 |
| Florida 70, Alabama 62 |
| Florida State 70, Wake Forest 61 |
| Arizona 82, Kansas 77 |
| Duke 82, North Carolina 66 |
| North Carolina 87, Virginia Tech 74 |
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| Virginia Tech 74, North Carolina 87 |
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NEW YORK — After decades of studying wildlife in an unspoiled area of Antarctica, scientists have begun a new, unenviable line of research: the effects of an oil spill.

Adelie penguin chicks are expected to leave their nests for the first time in a few days, awaiting their parents' return. Scientists are concerned that birds may freeze to death if the oil as they land on water or drench into their feathers.

Scientists have already seen the impact of oil on the continent of Antarctica. In the past few years, researchers have found thousands of dead penguins, seals, and other animals. The oil spill is expected to cause even more damage.

More trouble at school: Math scores indicate a deeper problem

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NEW YORK — "A Nation at Risk," the landmark federal report that condemned mediocre in America's schools nearly six years ago, shocked the nation into a flurry of reform.

But three new reports describing the sad state of U.S. students' abilities in mathematics might be even more cause for alarm.

On the surface, the reports released last week revealed little we haven't heard before. Repeatedly during the last decade, international comparisons have shown U.S. students lagging behind other youngsters in math.

Back pain can often be eased by stretching your time in bed

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NEW YORK (AP) — Getting out of bed in the morning is an agonizing experience for many low back pain sufferers, but fitness specialists recommend a new strategy to ease the pain.

Both Moriarty and Letella recommend that people with back problems consult their physicians before starting the exercise program.

Letella says that "like any exercise, the work should be preceded by a warm-up." "First rock your head gently forward and backward, then side to side on the pillow. The action stimulates movement in the cervical vertebrae (neck) and spine. Repeat 10-20 times."



MUSICAL ROBOT — Wabot II, a Japanese robot, plays a keyboard to create original music as part of an exhibit at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry.

U.S., Soviet explorers aim to bridge the Bering Strait

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By John-Thor Dahlburg
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — A dozen U.S. and Soviet adventurers will set off next month on a 1,200-mile two-month ski trek from Siberia to Alaska with the aim of reviving among the region's native peoples contacts frozen by the Cold War.

"This is a chance to travel the world," said Paul Schurke, 33, of Ely, Minn., co-leader of the "Bering Bridge" expedition and a veteran of several Arctic trips.

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| Monday, Feb. 6 | West Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina |
| Tuesday, Feb. 7 | West Virginia Tech vs. Virginia Tech |

FOCUS/Advice

Teen is worried about little girl's crush

DEAR ABBY: I've been helping a friend with some carpentry work at his house lately, and I've noticed that his 12-year-old daughter has a crush on me. I'm 18, so the most attention I paid to her was to let her help me with some small jobs and engage in some man-to-kid conversations during the breaks.



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

Today, while I was bent down trying to shoestring, she grabbed me around the neck and tried to kiss me. I quickly pulled away by standing up and getting out of her reach and went right back to work.

Other girls have had crushes on me and got rather aggressive, but I've never had a girl this young come on to me the way this girl did. Now I worry that one day she might do this to the

word, get herself raped.

I think nature is sending this little girl mixed signals, and I don't know whether to tell her parents or to tell her myself. I don't want to get her in trouble with her parents, but I'm not sure it's my place to tell her what could happen if she tries to do what the wrong guy. What is your advice? CONCERNED

DEAR CONCERNED: First tell her

that you think she's a nice little girl, and you were quite upset when she tried to kiss you because she could get into a lot of trouble with that kind of behavior. Tell her that you don't have time to explain the danger of that kind of conduct, but you are going to ask her parents to have a talk with her. Then tell her parents.

This child doesn't need punishment — she needs to be warned. Please take my advice. If she were your child, I'm sure you would want her to know.

DEAR ABBY: I had to write and tell you about my story of love and forgiveness. I am white and my wife is black. Fifteen years ago, when we got together, my wife was pregnant and married, my mother disowned me and cursed my wife's existence. She never acknowledged any of my three children. She just cut me out of her life as though I had died.

Two and a half years ago, my

mother was stricken with a debilitating form of cancer, and it was obvious that she would have to go to a nursing home. Although there are five of us siblings in the family, none of the other four volunteered to take her. My wife came forward and said no one in her family would go to a nursing home as long as we had a home.

At first it wasn't easy, but my wife and mother eventually developed a very special relationship. When my mother couldn't dress herself, my wife dressed her, and when Mom couldn't feed herself, my wife fed her. During those two years, my wife never complained.

Mom told my wife many times how sorry she was for all the years she wasted. Best of all, our children grew to know and love their grandmother before she died. I feel very blessed. Sign me.

BLESSED IN THE MIDWEST

Taxpayers 'Bill of Rights' applauded by tax preparers

Starting at different dates throughout this year, you, a taxpayer, will be armed with several valuable new weapons which defend yourself in your annual battles with the formidable Internal Revenue Service.



Sylvia Porter

Late last year, Congress passed the "Taxpayer Bill of Rights." This was a New Year's gift to long-suffering taxpayers who believe they've had "less than a fair shake" from federal tax collectors," reports James Ivers, associate professor of taxation at American College in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

"If you've ever felt you've come up short at tax time, you now have the legal right to negotiate with the IRS for payment of income taxes on the installment plan," Ivers explained. Previously, that was only done at the whim of the agency. The taxpayer, of course, will have to pay interest on taxes outstanding during the year, but that amount is far less than the severe penalties normally imposed on tax delinquents.

Under another section of the "Bill of Rights," part of the Revenue Act of 1988, you, as taxpayers, will have a more powerful ally within the IRS. Ivers applauds a significant broadening of the powers of the "Taxpayer Ombudsman" who directs the IRS's problem-resolution program.

"If too-zealous collection tactics and other forms of IRS harassment cause severe hardship," Ivers said, "the ombudsman now has statutory authority to issue so-called 'taxpayer assistance orders' which can correct wrongful acts by the agency. He can even order a lien on property lifted." But Ivers cautioned that the IRS still has the last word. According to the bill, any taxpayer assistance order can be "modified or rescinded by the IRS district director, service center director, compliance center director, or regional director of appeals."

Still another long-overdue protection will prohibit the IRS from evaluating the performance of field agents based on dollar collection quotas. Setting such quotas is believed to have been a common practice in the IRS. The new provision should reduce intimidation of taxpayers to extract unfair, unreasonably large settlements.

Citing the "Bill of Rights," taxpayers may now also sue the IRS for up to \$100,000 if they feel they've been victims of overly aggressive or illegal enforcement tactics. "That's after all other administrative remedies have been exhausted by the taxpayer," Ivers pointed out. He cautioned, however, that if the court decides a civil suit is frivolous or groundless, it can hold the taxpayer to pay up to \$10,000 in fines to the government.

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PEOPLE

Star wants to go home

LONDON (AP) — British actor Malcolm McDowell, separated from his American wife, actress Mary Steenbergen, says he wants to return to his homeland after a 10-year stay in the United States.

"I have always loved America but there's only so much sun one can take," the star of such films as "A Clockwork Orange" said Sunday while on a brief visit to London. "Although I don't think anybody knows me here nowadays, I would really like to work much more in England and get back to my roots again."

McDowell, 45, lives in Santa Monica, Calif. Mrs. Steenbergen, 35, lives in Santa Barbara with their two children, Lilly, 8, and Charlie, 5.

Ballerina in Soviet Union

LONDON (AP) — Ballerina Natalia Makarova says her first trip to the Soviet Union since defecting 19 years ago was better than she could have dreamed, despite the sadness of having to leave her mother again.

"The welcome I received was beyond any expectation. It couldn't even have been like that in my dreams," Makarova said on her arrival Sunday at Heathrow Airport.

The 48-year-old ballerina defected in 1970 to perform modern dances not staged in the Soviet Union. During her two-week visit, she appeared in her native Leningrad three times with the Kirov Ballet, where she rose to fame in the 1950s and '60s.

Makarova also saw her mother for the first time since defecting. "It was sad in the end because I had to leave," she said.

Nussbaum to help others

NEW YORK (AP) — Hedda Nussbaum, the battered former companion of convicted child killer Joel Steinberg, says she wants to "reach out and help battered women."

"I hope I've begun to do that," Ms. Nussbaum was quoted as saying in this week's People magazine. "I've gotten over a hundred letters of support. Only three of them were negative."

Selleck cheers fans

CINCINNATI (AP) — Actor Tom Selleck cheered a small group of loyal fans who braved freezing temperatures to wait for a glimpse of the star outside a jail where he was working on a film.

"Hello, hello, nice to see you all," Selleck said Saturday leaning out the front door of Cincinnati Workhouse during a break in filming "Hard Rain." Selleck plays a man sentenced to prison after being framed by corrupt police. He was wearing blue prison jeans and shirt and had a glob of purple makeup over his right eye.

"I'm supposed to look like I've had a fight," he explained, before going back inside the 120-year-old prison.

All filming in Cincinnati is being done inside the Workhouse, where a cellblock has been renovated for the movie, said Ellen Pastermack, a spokeswoman for Walt Disney Productions, which is making the film.

Our Language

Commence begins or makes a start. If you've never used this verb, now is a good time to commence.

Someone reluctant to speak or reserved is reticent. A reticent person isn't necessarily cold, though, even if this adjective contains ice.

QUESTION: The person who presides over the Senate is in the vice president's absence is the president pro tem. What does that actually mean? Shouldn't it be pro tem?

ANSWER: Pro Tem is correct, although pro term sometimes appears in print by mistake. The Latin pro tempore, shortened to pro tem, means "for the time being," or just a temporary term.

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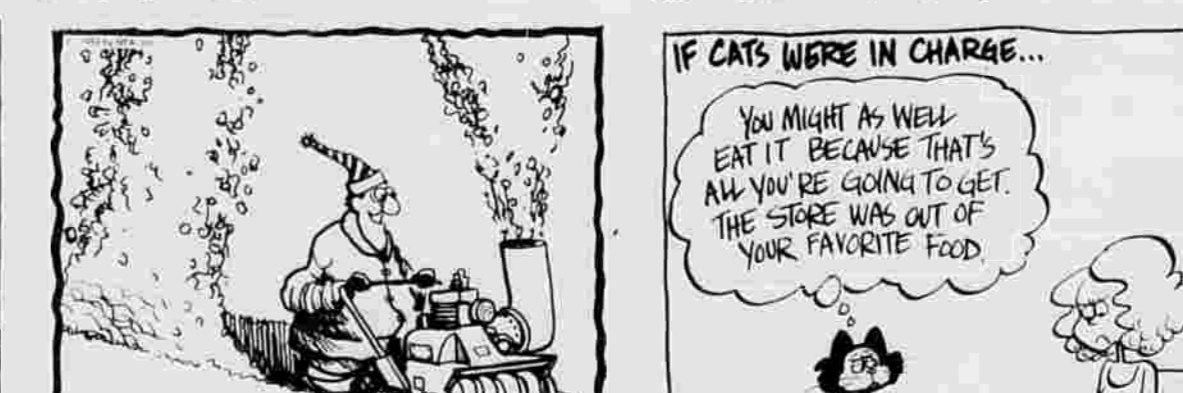
Bridge

By James Jacoby

One of the more unusual recent bridge books is Allan Falk's "Spring Challenge" (Granovetter Books, 15 Village View Blvd., Ballston Lake, NY 12019, \$11.95 postpaid). It is a fictional account of a team match played in the finals of the prestigious summer North American Championships. This week we will look at some of the interesting problems depicted.

Against four spades, West leads the king of hearts, and defender East needs to convey to West that the best defense is a diamond switch at trick two. When East eventually wins the ace of spades, he will get West back on lead with another heart and get a diamond ruff. Obviously it would not be enough to simply play the deuce of

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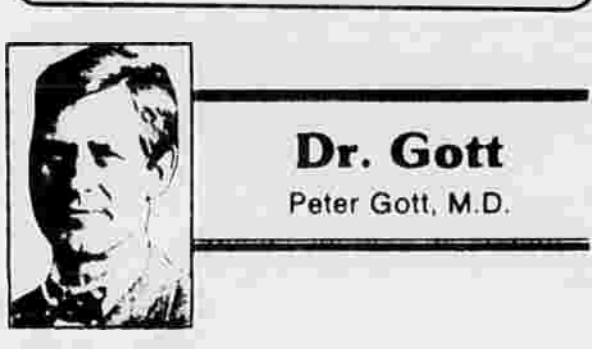
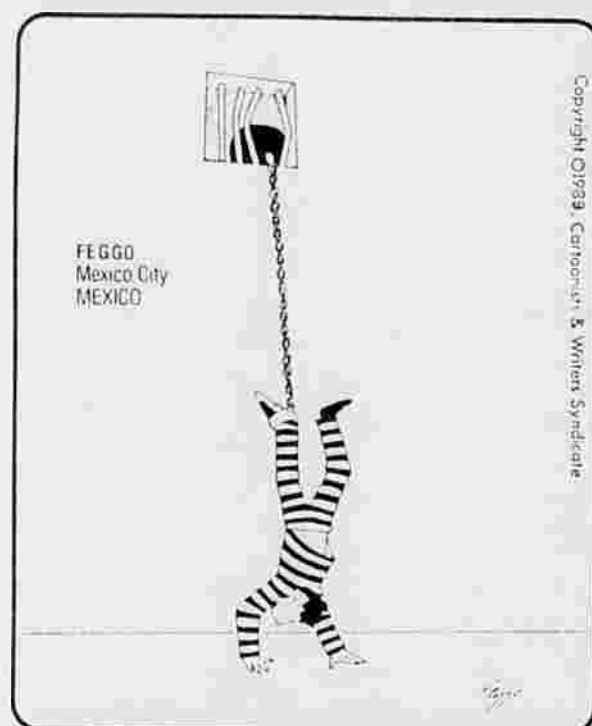
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WIT OF THE WORLD



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It's cholesterol that causes woes

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently read a book that says it is chlorine in our water, rather than cholesterol, that causes arteriosclerosis. Is this true?

DEAR READER: False. No reputable scientific study has linked chlorine in drinking water to arteriosclerosis, the progressive blocking of arteries that comes with the aging process. Cholesterol seems to play a much more important role by acting like sludge in a pipe, attracting blood cells and calcium to form an obstruction that reduces blood flow.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm pregnant and don't want to keep the baby. What are my options legally?

DEAR READER: Your two options are abortion and adoption. Abortion is an emotionally charged issue and I don't choose to detour the process. Suffice to say that abortion is legal in the United States and, with the guidance of your family doctor or organizations such as Planned Parenthood, you can be referred to the appropriate facility. Medically speaking, abortion is safe only when performed early in pregnancy, usually during the first trimester (first three months).

Adoption is a viable alternative. The procedure usually works as follows: Once you have tested positive for pregnancy, ask the doctor to refer you to an adoption agency. Or, if you wish, refer yourself. Most cities and many religious groups have such organizations. Agencies work in different ways. Some will put you on a list and agree to place the baby soon after delivery. Most reputable agencies will try to pair you with prospective parents before you give birth. The prospective parents will usually pay for your prenatal and obstetrical charges. You may even get to know the parents to satisfy yourself that your baby will have a stable home. You may play a large role in selecting the adoptive parents if you wish. In addition, some adoption agencies arrange for pregnant women to live with out-of-town families during the last weeks of pregnancy when they may be embarrassed by the changes taking place in their bodies.

Upon delivery, you will be asked to sign a legal document releasing the child to its new parents. I am not against abortion. However, there are thousands of childless couples who desperately would like to adopt newborns. I believe that adoption is a sadly under-utilized option for pregnant women. By giving up your baby to a loving couple, you will be saving a precious life and performing an act of great generosity. Out of your despair, you will be giving enormous happiness, and you'll be secure that a part of you is being loved and cared for.

Do you have medical questions you would like answered in this column? Write to Dr. Peter M. Gott, P.O. Box 9148, Cleveland, Ohio 44101. Letters of general interest may appear in the column.

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