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Friday, Feb. 17, 1989 Manchester, Conn. — A City of Village Charm 30 Cents



WEAVING BETWEEN THE LINES — Frances Sablitz of 79 Trebbe Drive weaves a basket during a Manchester Senior Citizens' Center advanced weaving class on Thursday. Sablitz and the rest of the class were weaving Easter baskets.

DMR budget criticized as too low

By Andrew J. Davis Manchester Herald
About 50 to 75 Manchester-area people are expected to plead for more funding for group homes at a meeting Tuesday on the proposed budget for the state Department of Mental Retardation.

Polish dissidents still inside church

By The Associated Press
The church leaders made some concessions, agreeing to turn the heat on at St. Michael and open the church's kitchen to the protesters.

Product Show set for spring after year's hiatus

By Nancy Concelmum Manchester Herald
After a year's hiatus, the show of shows for area merchants has been tentatively scheduled for mid-May in Manchester.

U.S. trade deficit in big decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit shrank to \$17.34 billion in 1988, the first annual decline since 1980, as a surge in exports offset a relentless climb in imports, the government reported today.

North trial lawyers behind closed doors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawyers for Oliver North and the government met behind closed doors today in a behind-the-scenes courtroom battle over how much to disclose about the Iran-Contra scandal.

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# RECORD

## About Town

### Day care group to meet

The Family Day Care Providers Association will meet Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall of St. Mary's Church, 41 Park St. The program will be a Tupperware Party fund-raiser.

### YWCA classes still open

The following YWCA Winter Youth Programs have available spaces. Call the YWCA, 647-1437, to register.

Junior Chets, Grades 1-5, Tuesday, March 14, from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. for 3 weeks, cost \$16.  
Kinderworking, Wednesday, from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m., and Wednesday, March 15 for 3 weeks, cost \$14.

Beginner Needlepoint, grades 1-5, Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m., 3 weeks, cost \$15.  
Needlepoint II, grades 1-5, Wednesday, March 15, from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m., 3 weeks, cost \$15.  
Weaving, grades 1-5, Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m., 3 weeks, cost \$14.

Basketweaving, grades 1-5, Wednesday, March 15, from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m., 3 weeks, cost \$14.  
Judo and Karate, ages 5 to adult, are also being offered on Fridays and Saturdays for 6 weeks beginning in March, and for 8 weeks beginning in April. Tang Soo Do Karate for ages 6 and up will also be offered on Thursdays in March and April.

### 'Amadeus' auditions set

The Little Theatre of Manchester is holding auditions for a production of "Amadeus," Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the theater's workshop, 71 Hillard St. All roles are open including interesting non-speaking roles. Adults of all ages are needed.

### Take a Sunday stroll

The Hockanum Linear Park Committee will sponsor a walk Sunday along the Hockanum River at 1 p.m. The walk will start at the parking lot located at Marcus Communications, 275 New State Road. Rain date will be Feb. 26.

### Agoraphobics get support

People who experience panic and/or anxiety attacks when leaving their homes are invited to attend the Monday meetings of the Manchester Area Agoraphobics Together Evening Support Group. The meetings are held at the Concordia Lutheran Church, 80 Pitkin St. in Room 7 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. For more information and free literature call the Mental Health Association of Connecticut, 528-1970.

### Pageant contestants sought

The committee of the Miss Manchester Scholarship Pageant is seeking contestants for this year's pageant scheduled for April 1. Contestants must be between the ages of 17 and 26 and reside, work or attend school in Manchester, Bolton, Coventry, East Hartford, or South Windsor. Each contestant must possess a performable talent. The winner of this pageant is eligible to compete in the Miss Connecticut Scholarship Pageant, a Miss America preliminary. For more information, call Donna Mercier, 646-2666, Charlene Benito, 646-7791 or Tom Ferguson, 646-8894.

### Obtain scuba certification

The Manchester Parks and Recreation Department is offering scuba certification for residents ages 16 to adult on Thursdays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. from March 2 to April 13. The course will be held at the Eastside Recreation Pool. A \$65 registration fee is required plus \$80 for open water dives July 14 through 16. Medical forms are required. For more information, call the Manchester Recreation Department, 647-3089.

### W.A.V.E.S. host conference

The six New England units of WAVES National are hosting a conference for their units at the New England Center of the University of New Hampshire in Durham, N.H., June 9 to 11. The objectives of this conference are to make members aware of the benefits available to women in the military. Workshops are scheduled for Saturday, June 10, with speakers on pertinent subjects. The invitation is extended to all former and present Sea Service Women (USN, USNR, USCG and USMC). For further information, contact Shirley Gilroy, 79 Otcott Drive, Manchester, 06040.

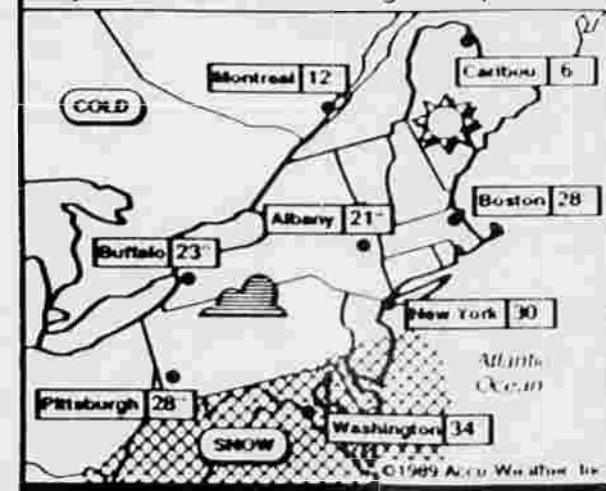
### Lottery

Winning numbers drawn Thursday in lotteries around New England.  
Connecticut daily: 407. Play Four: 6441.  
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Tri-state daily: 597, 9092.  
Rhode Island daily: 9828. Lot-O-Bucks: 8-14-18-28-30.

### Weather

#### REGIONAL WEATHER

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



LUCKY WINNERS — Peggy Forman, left, accepts a set of Mickey Mouse ears from Gayle Trabitz of AAA Travel as she prepares to take her family to Disney World after winning a contest sponsored by AAA Travel, the Manchester Herald and merchants. Tom Zerio, center, received a duplicate vacation, because the winning ballot was chosen from a box at his firm, A. Raymond Zerio & Sons, Inc.

## Families to visit Disney World

Two local families will be traveling to Disney World in Orlando this year thanks to a contest sponsored by 19 participating merchants, the Manchester Herald, and AAA Travel. A ballot bearing the names of Peggy Forman and her husband, David, a mechanic for the Manchester Police Department, was drawn on Wednesday afternoon. "We were very excited," Forman said. "I've always been a finalist in the Herald contests, but had never won." The Formans' two daughters, Jessica, 8, and Kara, 2, thought the prize sounded fine. In fact, after the family picked up the prize letter, Kara was somewhat disappointed to find they were headed for home. "She couldn't understand why we weren't packing and leaving right away," said her mother. Winning the contest had been a major goal, said Forman. She had filled out all 19 of the entry ballots each time the two-page advertisement ran in the newspaper. She then visited each merchant involved, to deposit the ballots in the appropriate boxes. "I was there so often, people started wondering if I worked there, I think," said Forman. Since the winning slip of paper had been deposited in a contest box at A. Raymond Zerio & Sons, Inc., a floor covering firm on New State Road, the Zerio family is also entitled to a free, five-day stay in Orlando. Beverly Zerio, who owns the firm with her husband, Peter, said the trip would go to their son, Thomas, and his wife Carol Zerio. They will take their daughters, Jenna, 3, and Samantha, 1.

## Obituaries

### Henry A. Hicks Jr.

The American Legion Post 102 will hold a service for Henry A. Hicks Jr., 79, who died Wednesday (Feb. 15, 1989) at Manchester Memorial Hospital, tonight at 7:30 at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St. The funeral will be Saturday at 9:15 a.m. at the funeral home, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. in St. James Church. Burial with military honors will be in the veterans' section of East Cemetery. Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m.

### Mary Mahaffey

Mary (Freburn) Mahaffey, 90, of Manchester, wife of the late William David Mahaffey, died Wednesday (Feb. 15, 1989) in a local convalescent home. She was born in Boston, Mass., and lived in Manchester for most of her life. She is survived by a son, John E. Murphy of Seminole, Fla.; a daughter, Sallyann Lewis of Laurel, Md.; a sister, Amelia McGann of Manchester; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. The funeral will be Saturday at 8:30 a.m. from the John F.

### Deaths Elsewhere

Tierney Funeral Home, 219 E. Center St., followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 9 a.m. at the Church of the Assumption. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery. Calling hours are Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice, or the Committee for the New Ireland, 735 New York Ave., 6th Floor, Washington, D.C.

## Thoughts

One day Jesus was walking to the home of a Jewish official who was concerned about his daughter's health when a woman afflicted with long term hemorrhaging came out to the crowd and touched the hem of his garment. Even in the midst of being jostled by the crowd Jesus was aware of the touch and looking at the woman said, "Your faith has made you whole." This passage not only tells us of God's desire to heal us but that he notices when we reach out to even the lightest touch. It tells us that the God who created our immense and beautiful universe can be approached by the neediest person. You do not need to be a titled noble, or someone who has large deposits in a bank and can afford \$1500 dinners with the president, or who can pass a security check by the FBI. The creator of the Universe is not surrounded by detachments of security guards to keep people at a distance. The Creator of the Universe has come in disguise and walks among us. His healing word is available to whoever would come to Him. God is not distant but near and approachable. When we reach out God stops and speaks to us as Jesus did to the woman.

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## Holiday Closings

Monday is Washington's Birthday, a legal holiday.

Federal, state and municipal offices: All are closed Monday.  
Post offices: Closed Monday. There will be no mail delivery.

Libraries: Mary Cheney and Whiton Memorial Libraries in Manchester, Bentley Memorial Library in Bolton, Andover Public Library and Both & Dimock Memorial Library in Coventry will be closed Monday.

Department of Motor Vehicles: Closed Monday. Auto emissions testing stations will be closed Monday.

Retailers: Most will be open Monday.  
Schools: All will be closed Monday.  
Banks: All will be closed Monday.

Liquor: Package stores will be open Monday.  
Garbage collection: There will be curbside pickup Monday in Manchester and Bolton. The Manchester landfill will be open. The Coventry landfill will be closed.

Emergency numbers: In Manchester, for highway: 647-3223; for sewer and water: 647-3111; for refuse: 647-3248.

Manchester Herald: The Herald will publish a Monday edition and its offices will be open.

## College Notes

### Honored at Marist College

Katharine Pappas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pappas of 8 Harvard Road, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Marist College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She is a senior majoring in communication arts. In addition, she was recently inducted into the Marist Chapter of Alpha Chi, the national college honor scholarship society.

### Simler on dean's list

David A. Simler of Edmund Street has been named to the dean's list at Hartford State Technical College for the fall term.

### Five on dean's list

Five Manchester residents have been named to the dean's list at St. Joseph's College, West Hartford, for the fall semester. They are: Alyce M. Davis, Hemlock Street; Judith A. Diana, S. Main Street; Stacy L. Giguere, Phoenix Drive; T. LaFrance, Oak Street; and Christine N. Tkaczuk, Croft Drive.

### Makes dean's list

Lee McKinney, of Manchester, has been named to the full-time dean's list at Middlesex Community College for the fall semester.

### Inducted into fraternity

Christine Roy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roy of 63 Constance Drive, a senior at the University of Connecticut, was recently inducted into Beta Alpha Psi, a national honors accounting fraternity. She has also been named to the dean's list for the fall semester.

### Lassow on dean's list

Brent L. Lassow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Lassow of 30 Helaine Road, has been named to the dean's list at Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., for the fall semester.

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# LOCAL & STATE



HELLO IN THERE — Fred O'Neal of Hartford, an employee of Southern New England Telephone Co., works to repair service to a customer Thursday. Service for dozens of area customers is checked from the box at Main and Delmont streets.

## Tenants settle rent disputes in private prior to hearings

Tenants scheduled to have public hearings over rent increases with the Fair Rent Commission Thursday were able to settle their complaints in private before the meeting.

In a related matter, the commission will ask the opinion of John Cooney, town attorney, whether the terms of the settlements should be public record and if the agreements should be on file with the commission. The statute only states that an agreement between two parties needs to be in writing, signed by the parties and witnessed by the conciliators, he said.

Camposo asked Ronald Kraatz, town Health Department director, to secure a legal opinion from Cooney on the matter. Frank Napolitano, commission member, also asked whether commission members can share information from conciliation efforts with each other to help in settling future cases, Camposo said.

In the other case, Mitchell V. and Bridget Holloway, of 128 Spruce St. said their landlord, Edward G. Saller, of Hebron, wanted a rent increase of \$175 as of Jan. 1. The Holloways said they had an oral monthly lease agreement with Saller that called for paying \$350 for their five-room apartment if they helped to renovate it.

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## Nursing home owners temporarily halt layoffs

By Maureen Leavitt  
Manchester Herald

In what a union organizer called a bittersweet victory Thursday, administrators at Meadows Manor Convalescent Center agreed to temporarily reinstate 10 workers who were laid off.

The home's administration agreed to rescind the layoffs to comply with a contract which specifies that the workers get three weeks notice before they are laid off. An equal amount of workers will probably be laid off after 21 days, according to the agreement.

The union, which represents 254 employees at the center, held a news conference Thursday afternoon at the home on Bidwell Street to announce the administration's plan. In addition, the union announced it will withdraw an unfair labor practice charge against the home's administration.

Maryann Allen, a union organizer with the New England Health Care Employees Union, District 1199, said administrators from the home met with her Wednesday and agreed to reinstate the 10 employees that received layoff notices two weeks ago.

Those employees will receive full back pay, Allen said. The plan to rescind the layoffs is a step toward complying with the union's contract, Allen said. She said the layoffs would cease until March 7, when administrators and the union are to meet to discuss the contract.

"It's not the end," Allen said. "It's a bittersweet victory. What we really need is to try to achieve that people are permanently left at staffing levels."

The union charged that the home's owner, the Ohio-based Healthcare and Retirement Corp. of America, violated the contract by not giving the union sufficient notice of the layoffs and laying off senior employees over probationary employees.

Before the news conference Thursday, 184 unionized employees voted unanimously that the union withdraw charges which were filed with the National Labor Relations Board.

On Monday, employees and union organizers claimed the death of a 72-year-old patient and an injury to another occurred because of staff cutbacks.

Valek Kallnowski died at Manchester Memorial Hospital Saturday night after he choked to death while being fed dinner. The union claimed he choked to death partly because aides who were experienced in feeding him were not available and because a machine which aids in respiration was in a locked room.

In another incident in the East Building, employees claimed Aveda Brewer, 88, fell down a flight of stairs last Thursday because there was not enough staff to supervise her.

Cynthia Denne, supervisor of the state Department of Health Services said the two incidents are being investigated. Administrators at the home have refused to comment on any aspect of the labor dispute or the current compromise. They have referred all questions to Owens Illinois, the parent company for

HCR. Sam P. Allen, director of communications at Owens Illinois, said Thursday afternoon he would not comment on the situation.

During the 21-day hiatus, organizer Allen said she hopes the union can convince the home's administration to keep staffing levels to where they were before the layoffs.

In addition, she said the union will seek support from the state Department of Health Services, patients' relatives, local legislators and Mayor Peter P. Di Rosa Jr.

Union representatives Wednesday discussed with administrators how the cutbacks have affected staffing schedules. Allen said the staffing cutbacks took place in the home's East Building, which presently houses 114 patients.

Allen said during the third shift, only four nurse's aide are on duty in that building, which means one aide must care for 28 patients. The union has insisted the state minimum staffing codes must be increased to provide adequate care to convalescent home patients.

The code is generally too low," Allen said. "The people who do the work daily just can't give the type of loving care that the patients deserve."

Thursday morning, Allen and four employees from the home met with a representative of Frederick G. Adams, the commissioner of the state Department of Health Services. The union is hoping to meet with Adams in the near future to discuss changing the state health codes.

## Integration plan for retarded gains support in Manchester

By Andrew J. Davis  
Manchester Herald

The Manchester Association for Retarded Citizens has formed an education committee to support integrating mentally retarded students into local schools. Laurie Pryko, executive director for MARC, said the committee was formed because integrating mentally retarded students into classroom settings in local schools is "another critical issue." She declined further comment, saying she did not have much information because the committee was just starting.

According to a MARC newsletter, the committee was formed to support the Connecticut Association for Retarded Citizens' position on integrated education. Margaret H. Dignoli, executive director of CARC, said the organization supports integration of mentally retarded students in local classrooms when possible. Integrated classrooms benefit mentally retarded people because they do not learn normal social behavior in classrooms for those with disabilities, Dignoli said. Students without disabilities also benefit because they learn how to socialize with handicapped people, she said.

"People grow up in an unreal world when they grow up in an isolated environment. Dignoli said. "And kids in isolation are not equipped for the real world. Segregation of students defeats the main purpose of education." CARC is pushing for mandatory integration of mentally retarded students, said Dignoli. She said many school districts are moving the students into local schools where they will be taught in both special education classes and regular classes when appropriate, said Dignoli. If the student is at his grade level on a certain subject, he will be taught in a regular classroom, but if that student needs special help, he will be taught by a special education teacher, he said.

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### Proposals sought for park work

By Alex Grell  
Manchester Herald

The town has invited nine firms to submit cost proposals by March 3 for planning improvements to the town's portion of the Hockanum River Linear Park.

One Manchester firm, Fuss and O'Neill, consulting engineers, is among those invited to submit a proposal.

The town has been allocated \$1.4 million as its part of a state grant for improvements to the Hockanum River Linear Park, which also lies in Ellington, Vernon and East Hartford.

Manchester also has received a \$50,000 federal grant for a study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the feasibility of dredging Union Pond to make it suitable for boating and fishing.

Consultants submitting proposals are expected to provide all needed landscape architecture, engineering, master planning, and preliminary as well as final designs based on a master plan for the park that was developed by a consultant hired in 1981 for the state Department of Environmental Protection.

The consultants would be expected to work in cooperation with a citizens' advisory committee that has been studying the park development.

William O'Neill, a principal in Fuss and O'Neill, is a member of that committee. According to town Director Barbara Weinberg, chairman of the committee, O'Neill distanced himself from the committee's deliberations recently because his firm is one of those invited to submit a proposal.

The request for proposals says the town wants plans for a system of hiking trails along the length of the river, the Union Pond area, the Gorge Park and the area at the site of the former Laurel Lake.

For the Union Pond area, the town wants a design to provide restoration of skating areas and of a boat launch area with the possibility of a fishing pier. Along with that, relocation of the parking area should be explored, according to town specifications.

Other requirements in the Union Pond area are planning for a community recreation area at the northwest side of the pond, the request calls for developing a master plan for hiking trails and cross-country skiing trails, along with parking facilities.

At the Gorge area, just south of North Main Street, the request calls for planning of landscaping, parking, and installation of benches at a scenic overlook area.

### New hospital for children is proposed

NEWINGTON (AP) — Officials from Hartford Hospital and Newington Children's Hospital, hoping to combine their resources in pediatric medicine, have submitted an application to the state Commission on Hospitals and Healthcare to build a \$100 million children's hospital.

"Each year many children in Connecticut are transferred from one hospital to another for specialized care," a John Menichetti, president and chief executive officer at the children's hospital, said Thursday. "This adds unnecessary stress for the patients and the families."

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NEED MORE MONEY — The mayors of Connecticut's four largest cities joined Thursday in assailing the proposed state budget as insufficient to meet the needs of their communities. Meeting in New Haven, from left, were Carrie Saxon Perry of Hartford, Joseph Santopietro of Waterbury, Brian DiLieto of New Haven and Thomas Buccì of Bridgeport.

### Four big city mayors attack state budget, ask greater aid

NEW HAVEN (AP) — A strong belief that in only three months, the mayors of four of Connecticut's largest cities have mounted a joint attack on the proposed state budget.

Democratic mayors Thomas Buccì of Bridgeport, Carrie Saxon Perry of Hartford and Republican Mayor Joseph Santopietro of Waterbury, gathered at City Hall in New Haven on Thursday to announce their united stand, which they called a milestone.

"If there is one positive thing that has come out of the governor's budget, it is that it has brought us together," Perry said. "It's much easier if we are not coming in with competing agendas."

The mayors said they were in agreement that Gov. William O'Neill's proposed 1989-90 budget does not provide the support the cities need in areas such as crime, housing and education.

But they did not delve into any specifics, and the mayors said they do not see eye to eye on the toughest issue facing the state government — how to raise more revenues.

"We're unified in this regard — we need more money to avoid raising property taxes substantially," DiLieto said.

DiLieto said the lion's share of state aid "should go to those communities which have the most problems."

While the budget would increase state aid to all four cities, the mayors said the additional funding would not be great enough for the communities to make any headway in dealing with their many social ills.

"To maintain the status quo is to fall behind," DiLieto said. "If the cities are unsuccessful in winning more state assistance, and property taxes have to be increased further, you're going to be causing chaos," Santopietro said.

Buccì said the spending proposal fails to take into account the many new problems facing the state's poorest cities.

Buccì said he did not see anything in the budget to back up the state's position.

"Statistics show that available contraceptives encourage casual and promiscuous sex," the bishops said. Abortions, it said, "are a horrendous, doubly-destructive method of controlling birth."

The statement was issued by the Hartford Archbishop John F. Whealon, and Bishops Daniel Reilly, Edward Egan, Basil Losten, and Auxiliary Bishops Peter Rosazza and Paul Lovrede.

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### School renovations set for completion

By Andrew J. Davis  
Manchester Herald

All major work at the five Manchester schools undergoing renovations should be completed by mid-March, says the chairman of the town Building Committee.

But the chairman of the Board of Education's building and sites-transportation committee said he is not as optimistic.

Paul Phillips, chairman of the town Building Committee, and John Lareau, project manager for the Building Committee, said the contract work at Bowers School, Waddell School and Manchester High School should be finished by March 15. The schools are part of a five-school, \$8.9 million renovation project.

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### Coventry school budget intact after 2 reviews

By Maureen Leovitt  
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — The Board of Education took a second look at the proposed \$8.1 million school budget Thursday but made no cuts.

The focus of the board's review was funding requests for computers and textbooks. School Superintendent Nathan Chesler said today. He said that six new computers, including printers, would cost about \$20,000.

Chesler has proposed a \$9,148,595 budget for the 1989-90 school year, up 11.9 percent from this year's budget of \$8,138,124.

Board member Elin Sullivan said the board is looking closely at the request for new textbooks as a possible area to cut.

But she added no decisions have been made on whether any of the budget items would be cut.

STORRS (AP) — The University Senate has adopted a resolution opposing the governor's budget for the University of Connecticut, saying it fears the spending plan will lead to higher tuition and fees.

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### Fortunetellers' return

HARTFORD (AP) — A mother and daughter accused of swindling thousands of dollars from clients of their fortunetelling business have returned to the state after spending several weeks on the run.

Mary Eghninn, 22, and Gardenia Eghninn, 43, who had fled to New York for a court appearance Jan. 31 and had been considered fugitives, said they were convinced by a man they called the "king of the gypsies" and his wife, a Waterbury fortuneteller, to flee to Toronto.

They were rearrested Thursday when they appeared in Superior Court and bond for each was raised to \$300,000. They held in lieu of bail at the state prison for women in Niantic.

NEW HAVEN (AP) — A man wearing earnings and pancake makeup held up a branch office of Connecticut National Bank and fled with a cash bag that exploded in a cloud of red dye, police said.

The explosion of the dye pack knocked the robber to the ground as he was jumping into his getaway car, police said. The robber then flung the bills covered by the telltale dye out the window as he sped off, police said.

Police said the man got away with about \$600. The robbery occurred at 4:14 p.m. Thursday after the man gave a checkup note to a teller who handed him the booty-trapped bag, police said.

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### LOCAL & STATE

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### Waste case ends

HARTFORD (AP) — Three defendants charged in a federal lawsuit with dumping dental waste in Willington have agreed to pay \$150,000 to clean up two dump sites, the Environmental Protection Agency announced Thursday.

Benco Dental Supply Co. will reimburse the federal Superfund \$60,000 for the clean up, the EPA said. Also, Leventhal Dental Supply Co. will pay \$59,000 and Elsie Bourdeaudouh will pay \$40,000, the EPA said.

The settlements were in a consent decree filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Hartford. The public will have 30 days to comment on the settlements before they are passed to a judge for final approval.

The wastes cited in the lawsuit were waste dental amalgam, which consists of used dental fillings, and excess and scrap dental amalgam. The EPA's primary pollutants are mercury and silver, the EPA said.

The Bourdeaudouh family processed amalgam at two Willington sites, extracting silver and mercury. The processing occurred at the so-called Bourdeaudouh site from 1969 to 1973 and at the Kapiros site from 1974 until 1984.

The EPA on June 3, 1988, had reached settlements with 58 small waste generators who used the Willington dump sites. The EPA has sued seven parties that didn't settle, including the three named in Thursday's agreements. The EPA is continuing its lawsuits against the four remaining parties that have not settled.

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# ATION & WORLD

## Threat to bomb planes over book taken seriously

LONDON (AP) — Authorities said they were taking "extremely seriously" a threat in India to bomb British Airways flights because of the controversy over Salman Rushdie's book "The Satanic Verses."

Britain protested to Iran after Ayatollah Khomeini urged Muslims to kill Rushdie, an Indian-born British citizen, because he wrote a book that religious zealots say slanders Islam. Iranian religious leaders have offered a \$5.2 million bounty for the killing of Rushdie.

West Germany today announced it was recalling its senior diplomat from Tehran to show its "deep consternation" over the death threat, which it said posed "an encumbrance for German-Iranian relations."

An Italian magazine today

quoted Iran's ambassador to the Vatican as saying that publishers planning an Italian edition of the novel should be killed and he would be willing to personally carry it out.

Rushdie, 41, and his wife, American novelist Marianne Wiggins, remained under police guard today at an undisclosed site in Britain for fear of their lives.

In Iran today, President Ali Khamenei demanded that Britain explain why it permitted the publication of the book, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The agency, monitored in Cyprus, quoted Khamenei as saying during prayers in Tehran that "the British government must respond and explain why it has allowed one of its dependents to make such a blunder."

"This wretched man (Rushdie) has no choice but to die because he has confronted himself with a billion Moslems and with the imam (Khomeini)," the president was quoted as saying.

It said demonstrators shouted "Death to Britain and America!" Iranian leaders declared today a "day of anger" against the novel.

In Montreal, Transport Secretary Paul Chanon said Thursday that his officials in London, British Airways and security services were evaluating the threat.

"We are taking it extremely seriously," he said.

United News of India said a man claiming to speak for the previously unknown "Iranian Guards" telephoned the news agency's Bombay office Thursday and threatened to bomb

British Airways planes unless Rushdie emerged from seclusion.

The airline tightened security on flights from London to Asia.

In Washington, the State Department said Thursday it was "appalled" by the Iranian death threats and denounced such actions as "completely irresponsible."

Seven people have been killed in Pakistan and northern India since Sunday in protests by Islamic fundamentalists over the novel, which has been banned in Iran, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Egypt and South Africa.

More than 150,000 copies of the book have been sold in Britain and the United States. But the threats against Rushdie and his U.S. publisher prompted Waldenbooks, the largest U.S. bookseller, to remove copies of the

book from its stores' shelves Thursday.

The New Zealand office of Rushdie's publisher today said it had received unspecified threats.

The Italian magazine "39 Giorni" quoted Iran's ambassador to the Vatican, Salman Ghaffari, as saying that the publishers of the Italian-language edition of the novel should be killed and he offered to do it himself.

The Arnoldo Mondadori Editore Spa publishing house said it would release the edition of the novel next week.

In Cologne, West Germany, the owner of the German-language rights to "The Satanic Verses," Kiepenheuer and Witsch, said

today it would not publish the controversial book out of concern for the safety of its employees.

The British Foreign Office in London on Thursday summoned Iran's lone diplomat in Britain to say that Khomeini's threats on Tuesday was "totally unacceptable."

The Foreign Office also said it had shelved plans to expand diplomatic relations with the Islamic state.

In Cairo, Egypt, a leading Islamic theologian who opposes the book said Khomeini erred in ordering death squads against Rushdie first without giving the writer a chance to repent his alleged crimes against Islam.

## Brisk sales for controversial book

By Bill Sliva  
The Associated Press

The nation's largest bookseller, Waldenbooks, ordered "The Satanic Verses" off store shelves for fear that threats of violence against the book's author and publisher might extend to its employees.

But the book was missing from many bookstore shelves today for another reason: Sales were booming.

"This is not a freedom of speech issue — the sole reason is the protection of our employees," Bonnie Predd, executive vice president of Waldenbooks, said after the chain ordered its copies removed from display Thursday.

"We've fought long and hard against censorship," Predd was quoted as saying in today's editions of The New York Times. "But when it comes to the safety of our employees, we sometimes have to compromise."

Telephone calls by The Associated Press to Waldenbooks stores nationwide Thursday night found that the Salman Rushdie novel, which provoked the Iranian leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, to call for the author's death, was available for sale on request in a few stores, but was not on display.

Employees answering the telephone at most stores said they had been instructed by corporate headquarters to say "No comment" to any questions about the book.

Other booksellers said they couldn't keep up demand for "The Satanic Verses," which was selling poorly before the death threat.

"We had a display of it for three weeks and it just sat there," said Carolyn Fenton, manager of Bookstop in Alamo Heights, a suburb of San Antonio, Texas. "I can't

remember selling one off it. Then, like that, they were gone."

Brian Weese, general manager of Encore Books, a Harrisburg, Pa.-based chain of 47 stores, said his outlets have sold out their allotment.

"The fast-shaking is happening elsewhere, thank God," Weese said. "The ironic thing is that it's working against what Khomeini and others want to accomplish. It's picked everyone's interest and sparked the sales, rather than forcing people to remove it and not sell it."

Seven people died this week in Pakistan and northern India during riotous protests against the book, which some Moslems say blasphemes the prophet Mohammed. The book has been banned in several countries with mostly Moslem populations.

Today was to be the start of an 11-city promotional tour of the United States by Rushdie, but the book's U.S. publisher, Viking Penguin Inc., canceled the tour because of the threats, Rushdie, 41, said.

Viking Penguin executives were wearing bulletproof vests at the office, the Daily News in New York reported today, citing unidentified sources. And Thursday the company received its ninth bomb threat since December. Workers were sent home and told to stay there today, too.

The novel, published in Britain in September, has been available in the United States for several weeks.

About 10,000 copies of the book were distributed to Waldenbooks stores in 660 cities nationwide, Predd said. A memorandum authorized by Harry Hoffman, president of the Stamford, Conn.-based company, was

sent to all the stores ordering the book off the shelves, she said.

Viking Penguin began a second printing of the book last week, according to a company spokesman. The first run was 30,000 copies.

"We're printing to meet demand," the spokesman said Thursday. He asked that his name not be used, citing the bomb threats at the company's New York headquarters.

He said the \$19.95 hardcover has hit five regional best-seller lists — in this week's Chicago Tribune and The Boston Globe and next week's San Francisco Chronicle and The Washington Post.

A fast-selling book usually gets special treatment from retailers — window displays, a separate table or a prominent place on shelves. Some booksellers said the uproar wouldn't deter them.

"No book should be banned from sale for the ideas it contains," said Michael Bills, manager of The Harvard Book Store in Cambridge, Mass. He said an unidentified person called him Tuesday to urge that an "offensive" Rushdie display be removed from the shop window, but he refused.

Of five large midtown Manhattan bookstores, only a Barnes & Noble outlet on Fifth Avenue had copies left Thursday.

"I don't have it in the window, but I have it prominently displayed on both floors," said Alex Ostrowsky, the store's assistant manager. "There's some concern, but it's not stopping any kind of merchandising."

Norma Carmona, manager of the Classic Book Shop, a block away, said she scrounged up 15 copies of the book Wednesday morning but they were sold in hours.

"Everybody's talking about it, everyone wants to read it," she said.

IN HIDING — Indian-born author Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses," shown in his home in London last month, is in hiding after Iranian leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, called for his death.



AP photo

## Fungicide Captan banned on 42 crops

WASHINGTON (AP) — The EPA is forbidding use of the fungicide Captan on tomatoes, potatoes, soybeans and 39 other crops, but other favorites such as apples, grapes and corn are among the two dozen foods exempt from the new rules.

The Environmental Protection Agency said in its announcement Thursday that it decided against an outright ban, such as it had proposed in 1985, because "the benefits of some uses of Captan outweigh the risk from dietary exposure."

Where it may continue to be used, the risk of a person getting cancer from such exposure is less than one in 1 million, the agency said. The EPA estimates that about 10 million pounds of the chemical is used each year.

Captan was classified by the EPA as probably causing cancer because exposure to the chemical had caused laboratory mice and rats to develop tumors.

Some environmental groups have urged the government to ban the chemical altogether and expressed disappointment in the EPA decision. "We are now telling people to wash their fruit

and write your congressman," said Rick Hind, a spokesman for the U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

The EPA began looking into the possible dangers of Captan in 1980 and suggested four years ago that the risk of cancer is significant enough that a ban might be warranted.

But John Moore, EPA's acting deputy administrator, said Thursday that studies since 1985 have shown the health risk to be "considerably less than once thought." "We are looking at theoretical lifetime cancer risks that are 100 to 1,000 times lower than we previously projected," he said in a statement.

Moore said the agency's decision to allow continued use of Captan on some food products "is based on data which are a more realistic reflection of the actual residues of this pesticide found in the diet."

Officials said the exposure estimates used four years ago were based on an assumption that 100 percent of each crop received maximum exposure to the chemical. Since then actual field data have shown the exposure estimates to be much lower, the EPA

corn, tangerines, tomatoes, turnips and watermelon.

The chemical may continue to be used, although in some cases at lower doses, on almonds, apples, apricots, blackberries, blueberries, cherry (plant-bed only), cherries, dewberries, eggplant, grapefruit, grapes, green onions, lettuce, mangoes, nectarines, peaches, pears (post harvest only), peppers, pineapples, plums, raspberries, spinach, strawberries, taro, and tomatoes (plant-bed only).

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## 'Cave in' on trade charged

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration flunked its first world trade test by caving in to pressure from abroad and cutting back on duty levels for imported sport utility vehicles and vans, critics say.

At issue was a decision Thursday in which the Treasury Department scaled back a Customs Service ruling and said only some foreign-made sport utility vehicles and vans will be reclassified as trucks.

The Customs Service in January had said it would classify all the vehicles as trucks, upon which a 25 percent duty is imposed, rather than as cars, subject to a 2.5 percent duty.

After Thursday's reversal, U.S. carmakers and members of Congress from auto-making states said the Bush administration let itself be swayed by foreign lobbyists.

"The Bush administration clearly caved in to pressure from the Japanese," said Sen. Donald Riegle, D-Mich. "This decision hurts America — it costs us money and jobs."

Michigan's other senator, Democratic Carl Levin, saw it the same way: "In its first major action on trade, the Bush administration has put the wrong foot forward."

The Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association, which represents domestic carmakers, said the original ruling to boost duties had been the correct one.

"The Customs Service ought to decide U.S. trade practices, not foreign manufacturers," the association said.

Foreign automakers were more conciliatory, but said none of the affected vehicles should be subject to 25 percent duties, which they characterized as a new tax by the "no-new-taxes" president.

They also raised the specter of higher sticker prices on both imported and domestic sport utility vehicles and vans.

Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A. congratulated Treasury "for courage in the face of massive political pressure from Detroit" but said none of the vehicles should be classified as trucks.

Carl Bartsch, a spokesman for Nissan Motor Corp. in USA, said the Treasury ruling "reduces but does not eliminate the economic harm brought by the tax."

Laura Segal, speaking for American Suzuki Motor Corp., said the ruling "probably will mean overall more expensive sport-utility vehicles being imported, which will be followed by more expensive domestic sport-utility vehicles."

The Treasury Department, meanwhile, characterized its decision as a technical matter based on "legal classification issues" rather than a reflection of U.S. trade policy.

"A concrete plan of action was



AP photo

EYE TO EYE — President Bush, Child, Joy Hall, 11, of Baltimore, to the welcomes the National Easter Seal White House Thursday.

## Radio-cassette link to bomb to bring new security rules

MONTREAL (AP) — A worldwide aviation agency will study ways to screen radios, tape players and other seemingly harmless devices that could be used to smuggle a terrorist bomb aboard an airplane.

The 33-nation council of the International Civil Aviation Organization ordered the study the same day British authorities in Lockerbie, Scotland, said the bomb that brought down Pan Am Flight 103 was hidden in a radio-cassette player.

U.S. and British aviation authorities requested the two-day session that concluded Thursday in Montreal following the Dec. 21 bombing over Scotland that killed 259 people on the plane and 11 on the ground.

The council ordered its staff to investigate what measures could be taken to prevent further terrorist sabotage aboard aircraft, and said it will make those recommendations in several months to the 169-member International Civil Aviation Organization, the air affiliate of the United Nations.

The council condemned "all acts of unlawful interference against international civil aviation" and urged member nations to intensify their air travel safeguards.

Channon, speaking at an earlier news conference Thursday

agreed to by the members of ICAO, which was our goal," U.S. Transportation Secretary Samuel K. Skinner said at a closing news conference.

British Transportation Secretary Paul Channon described the meeting as marking "a new era of international cooperation to combat the terrorist threat in civil aviation."

A resolution adopted by the council commits the organization to review whether more intensive measures are needed to detect sabotage devices, especially explosives.

It urges quicker research and development on detection of explosives and on security equipment.

The organization's staff also will be considering whether new steps are needed to increase the screening of passengers and their bags as a security measure, to consider the security problem of cargo, mail and courier services using passenger aircraft, and the issue of controlling access to airports.

The staff also will be looking at the security problems posed by radios, computers and other electronic equipment in which explosives or components can be hidden.

Channon, speaking at an earlier news conference Thursday

after the announcement of the latest findings in the Flight 103 investigation, said, "This is further evidence of the extent of this serious problem."

"To ban radios altogether would be a very drastic step," the British official said. He said, however, it is a question that may have to be considered.

Alan McArtor, the outgoing administrator of the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, said new guidelines were issued Thursday in Washington after the Lockerbie announcement.

"The guidance is more a sense of vigilance than anything else," he told reporters. "To be extra vigilant, possibly X-ray in two dimensions to look for hidden cavities."

McArtor said that while passengers can expect their electronic equipment to be checked more rigorously, an outright ban on carrying them is unlikely.

"I have not asked for any banning of electronic equipment nor have I heard it," he said.

The organization's staff also will be considering whether comprehensive screening of checked baggage and the screening of passengers and hand baggage need new standards or recommendations.

## Air pollution level during last summer showed big jumps

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air pollution last summer was the worst of the decade and the number of cities where ozone exceeded federally approved levels jumped 41 percent, according to preliminary federal figures.

"This new information shows the clear fallacy in industry arguments that America's air pollution problems are solving themselves," said Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., who made the figures public on Thursday.

A year ago the Environmental Protection Agency listed 68 cities that had exceeded ozone levels considered unsafe under federal standards. Last summer the number jumped to 96 metropolitan areas plus two areas considered to be rural.

The House subcommittee on health and environment, chaired by Waxman, had requested the data from the federal agency.

EPA officials said the data were only preliminary and had not been thoroughly analyzed. But they acknowledged the findings indicate a significant increase in urban pollution in 1988 and suggested that when the final numbers are evaluated from all monitoring points the number of cities where pollution exceeds federal standards could exceed 100.

The preliminary data submitted to Waxman's subcommittee show peak daily ozone pollution levels last summer were on average 5 percent higher than in 1987, which had been widely regarded as having the worst ozone pollution this decade. Last summer's levels of ozone, a key component of smog, were on average 14 percent greater than those in 1987.

Waxman called the data startling enough to affect the congressional debate on how to strengthen federal air pollution law.

"I expect this data to give a strong boost to congressional efforts to establish long overdue new pollution control requirements for the automobiles, factories, power plants and other pollution sources which contribute to the urban smog that now afflicts almost every major American city," said Waxman.

Waxman's subcommittee has scheduled a hearing later this month on the health impact of the

air pollution. He said the latest EPA data indicate that more than 100 million Americans now live in cities with levels of ozone or carbon monoxide pollution that exceed what the federal government considers safe.

Ozone pollution, caused by a variety of emissions from cars and trucks as well as industrial plants and factories, causes coughing and chest pains and has been linked by some scientists to permanent lung damage.

According to the EPA findings, two-thirds of the agency's 323 monitoring sites reported higher ozone pollution levels last summer than in any other summer this decade.

The information, which was collected by the EPA from state and local air pollution control agencies, covered the period from April through October, 1988. The EPA suggested that the hot summer contributed to the ozone problem.

The additional areas that were classified in 1988 as exceeding federal ozone pollution levels were:

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# Medicaid expansion: \$13.2 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government and the states would have to spend at least \$13.2 billion more to expand the Medicaid program to cover the poor, according to a coalition led by the American Medical Association.

The coalition proposed such a plan Thursday to cover the estimated 11 million people whose incomes are below the federal poverty level but who do not now qualify for the health assistance program.

"Medicaid simply does not work adequately in its current form," said James R. Tallon Jr., majority leader of the New York State Assembly and chairman of the coalition's committee on Medicaid. "We call for a system that truly cares for the needs of the poor."

Though Medicaid was established as a federal state program to serve the medical needs of the poor, fewer than half of the 33 million Americans below the poverty line are covered by the program, the coalition said.

Eligibility varies from state to state, and as health-care costs have soared, states have trimmed growth in their Medicaid costs by restricting eligibility.

As a result, the average income threshold for eligibility in 1988 was \$4,792 gross annual income for a family of three — 49 percent of the federal poverty level of \$9,690, the report said. In Alabama, the state with the lowest income threshold, a family of three can earn no more than \$1,416 a year to qualify for Medicaid.

The coalition, called the Health Policy Agenda for the American People, said its plan to expand the Medicaid program and improve benefits would cost \$13.2 billion to \$28 billion above current Medicaid expenditures, with most of the additional cost borne by the federal government.

"We are placing before the people a tough statement that there is an unmet need; it is well documented; the program is falling substantially short — it covers fewer than half the poor in the country — and that's going to have to fall to government," Tallon said.

New resources have to be made available because we have a system that's crumbling," he said.

In fiscal 1988, the federal government spent about \$30.5 billion and the states spent about \$29.5 billion on Medicaid.

The coalition proposes to: — Establish a standard benefits package states would be required to provide. That would add \$6.5 billion for a "median" package and up to \$21.5 billion for a package that included more services.

— Set income eligibility for the program at no less than the federal poverty level, and require eligibility for those with incomes above the poverty level who have extraordinary medical costs.

— Raise reimbursement rates for physicians and hospitals at the level of Medicare rates, which would cost an additional \$4.4 billion.

— Reimbursement rates have dropped so low that at least a quarter of the nation's physicians don't treat Medicaid patients. Raising rates would "encourage greater participation by health-care providers and more fre-

quent, appropriate visits by patients to physicians' offices for preventive care," the group said.

The report by the coalition, which represents both business and labor interests, stayed away from any recommendations on requiring employers to provide health insurance to their employees. Without such a requirement, some employers who now provide insurance coverage for employees who would be covered by the expanded Medicaid program might drop the private coverage, potentially adding more than \$5 billion to the cost of the expanded program.

However, the coalition noted that requiring employer-based health insurance for all employees and their dependents would provide coverage to 5.6 million uninsured workers below the poverty line. That would reduce the cost of the expanded program by an estimated \$4.6 billion, the group said.

Currently, some 35 million Americans have no health insurance.

# Prince Charles, president dine at Camp David tonight

WASHINGTON (AP) — Britain's Prince Charles is planning a talk with President Bush over dinner tonight about protecting the environment, one of the future king's favorite causes, before he flies to sunny Florida for two days of polo.

Bush, who had met the prince during two previous royal visits in 1981 and 1985, was likely to listen sympathetically to his guest's views.

The president last week reaffirmed his campaign pledge to clean up the environment, although he said solutions for problems of toxic waste disposal, global warming and acid rain must avoid "stifling the economy."

Embassy spokesman Francis Cornish said the dinner table talk at Camp David won't be frivolous, if the prince has his way. "The Prince of Wales is a serious-minded person," Cornish said. "I'd be surprised if it's not a substantive discussion."

Bush and his wife, Barbara, invited the prince and British ambassador Sir Antony Acland to a small, informal dinner party at Camp David, Md., where the Bushes will be spending the weekend.

British officials said Prince Charles' concerns about the environment probably would

# Floods recede in Tennessee, Kentucky

By The Associated Press

Flood waters have begun receding in Tennessee and Kentucky, but one town of 400 people remained surrounded today by swirling, muddy water and officials in both states said damage was heavy from a week's worth of relentless rain.

Tennessee Gov. Ned McWhorter asked the U.S. Small Business Administration on Thursday to designate eight middle Tennessee counties as flood disaster areas. Kentucky officials said they would seek similar federal relief.

"We hope the worst of it is over and think the worst of it is over," Kentucky Gov. Wallace Wilkinson said after touring some of the hardest-hit areas of his state. Kentucky officials estimated that at least 1,000 people were forced from their homes by rising waters in most of the river systems in the western two-thirds of the state.

In Tennessee, officials said Valentine's Day flooding in Wilson County damaged 66 businesses and 28 homes around the city of Lebanon, causing an estimated \$1.9 million in damage.

A week's worth of rainfall, measuring more than 10 inches in some places, also flooded roads, forced schools to be closed and claimed at least three lives.

A day of respite from the rain Thursday provided the break forecasters said was needed. Most of the major streams were expected to crest on Thursday or early today.

"It sure looks like it's over, barring anything unforeseen," said Alex Beauvois, forecaster for the National Weather Service in Louisville, Ky. He said today's forecast called for one-fourth to one-half inch of rain or less.

In Tennessee, the rain-swollen Obion River burst through a levee in rural Obion County early Thursday, sending a three-foot wall of water through rivers and forcing 377 people from their homes, officials said.

At least 43 homes, seven mobile homes, two churches and a fire station were saturated with water after the levee burst sometime during the early morning hours, said Cecil Whaley, operations officer for the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency in Nashville.

"A lot of the homes had up to 50 percent damage," Whaley said. "It could be quite a while before they get back into them."

In Boston, Ky., about 30 miles south of Louisville, flood waters turned a river into a community of 400 people on an island.

The Rolling Fork of the Salt River neared a crest of 92 feet on Thursday, three-tenths of a foot over its previously record high.

"We're locked in," said Joe Sims, 35. "It's the nearest thing to suffocating."

The only way out of a town was by boat or helicopter. Residents couldn't even walk out.

On Thursday, residents strolled in the sunshine — the first break from rain in four days — and picked up supplies at the town's only open store, all the while casting weary glances at the waters that were still rising around them.

"We've got plenty of food. As long as nobody gets sick, we're all right," said Betty Vandiver, who has lived in Boston for 32 years.



MOVING OUT — Scott Woods wades through flood waters in Frankfort, Ky., Thursday. He was helping neighbors load the truck in the rear with household items.

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# OPINION

## Sidewalk crew good proposal

The proposal by the town administration to hire a crew of three persons to make spot repairs in sidewalks is one that deserves serious consideration by the town's Board of Directors.

The bad condition of many town sidewalks has been bothering residents for a long time. For a number of reasons, some walks have deteriorated to the point where it has been necessary to replace them.

One of those reasons is that it has not been possible for the town, using outside contractors, to keep up with relatively minor repairs as they are.

Hiring and equipping an in-house crew to make spot repairs may permit the town to get small sidewalk problems solved before they get big.

Certainly, the move would not eliminate the need for hiring a sidewalk contractor now for major repairs.

But it could reduce the need for such repairs in years to come. And in the meantime it could also reduce the town's vulnerability to suits over injuries suffered in falls on faulty sidewalks.

Before the directors approve the addition to town staff at a time when they have to budget so carefully, they have to satisfy themselves that the apparent advantages are real and will not be offset by the start-up cost and the ongoing cost of maintaining the crew.

One thing that might help them make a decision would be to look back at other instances in which the town has put on work crews for specific purposes to see if the move appears to have paid off.

## Balance needed in athletics

Proposition 42 doesn't have anything to do with taxes or rates, except in a very indirect way. Nevertheless, much will be heard about it before the academic year becomes much older.

Proposition 42 is a bit of scholastic legislation devised by the National Collegiate Athletic Association to insure a better academic image among the colleges and universities which are members. The NCAA hopes to accomplish that by toughening entrance standards so that something more than athletic talent will be needed to gain admission.

For some time now there has been a deal of criticism because entrance requirements for skilled athletes had been lowered to the point of being virtually meaningless. The idea, of course, was to attract athletes whose abilities on the football gridirons and basketball courts and in other athletic areas would enhance the prestige of colleges and universities.

At first not much attention was given to what was happening, but inevitably it became apparent that the campuses were attracting splendid athletes, all right, but leaving them with nothing to build productive lives upon after their playing days.

In the view of critics, this was sheer exploitation, besides being unfair to other students who had to meet stiff scholastic entrance requirements.

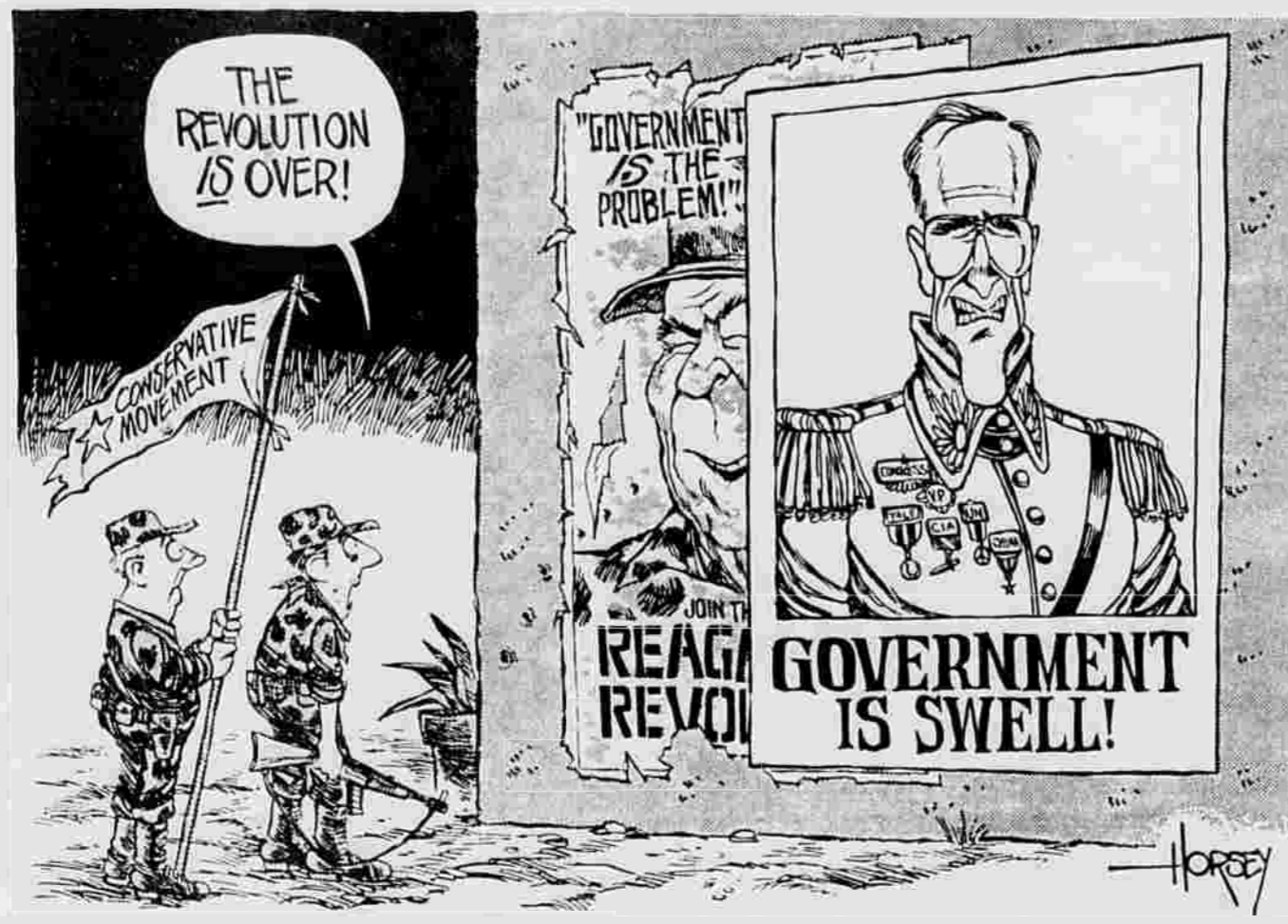
The reply to critics was Proposition 42, which will deny scholarship aid to athletes who are unable to achieve modest scores on relatively easy entrance tests.

Somewhat a balance has to be struck. The most important first step, perhaps, is to take the ultimate decision out of the hands of the NCAA and place it where it properly should be, in the administration offices of the universities. Many factors enter into a balanced education, and if those who govern the colleges and universities can't place admissions on a just and equitable basis, who can?

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## Saving water: a new approach

By James F. Meehan

You need not be a weatherman to know something is afoot. Skiers, ice skaters, and those who usually sustain a severe case of cabin fever this time of year will tell you there is something screwy with the weather. January brought only inches of precipitation and hardly any snow. The snow packs of northern and western Connecticut are non-existent. This balmy winter follows a fairly dry and hot summer. Unless there is a significant and sustained snow fall, or an extremely wet spring, a number of Connecticut communities could face water supply problems this fall. Nor will buckets of rain solve the water problems of some of the more arid regions of this state. Connecticut's sustained economic growth has put pressure on our wells, aquifers and reservoirs. This, combined with pollution, is quickly causing many to reevaluate the perception that water in the Northeast is a cheap and ever-renewable resource.

It is against this backdrop that the state's first comprehensive water conservation policy was announced by Gov. William A. O'Neill. The governor's plan is pending in response. First, water utilities would be required to offer, at no cost to consumers, plumbing devices that would save water in homes. Second, inefficient plumbing devices, such as toilets that use more than 1.6 gallons per flush, would be barred from sale in 1991. Third, state facilities were ordered to take steps to conserve

### Open Forum

#### No help at MHS, just homophobia

To the Editor:

In June 1988 I graduated from Manchester High School. In September 1988 I entered a prestigious freshman and by November I had begun to proclaim myself publicly as being homosexual. College provided an atmosphere of freedom that had not existed in Manchester, as I was virtually unknown and open to pursue an identity with which I was comfortable. Faced with the opportunity to no longer hide my true nature and be honest with myself and the people around me, I finally emerged from the closet. My attitude was, I believe, quite healthy. I recognized both the positive consequences of pursuing a gay lifestyle and my personal strengths that would enable me to endure any difficult times.

At school I was free to assert my sexuality and I began to wear a pink triangle (the symbol of gay pride), yet I was still troubled by, and even resentful of the situation at home in Manchester. In reviewing my childhood and the educational environment in which I was raised, I saw a town characterized by both conservative and homophobic values. Any mention of homosexuals by my peers, siblings, or even teachers was often derogatory. No one wanted to be characterized as a "fag" or "queer." Those that were often found themselves ostracized and burdened with this antagonism besides any other problems of adolescence.

My real concern was with the high school. Sex education had made little if any mention of homosexuality, and there was no support offered openly or confidentially by either the social worker or school psychologist. After reading Kinsey's 1948 report, which estimated that 10 percent of the population was homosexual, I real-

ized that of the 1,500 students, there were approximately 150 homosexuals. I was not speaking up. The reasons for this were clear: the fear of these students of the consequences of coming out; the failure of the school to distribute information about homosexuality, and the apathy of the administration as a whole toward these students and their predicament.

When I was told by the adviser for the high school newspaper that an article about my experiences would be deemed unacceptable by the administration, I realized the seriousness of the situation. This severity was echoed by my parents' flat refusal to allow me to include my name in this letter. The issue of homosexuality is not one that will disappear, and not until it is addressed by our educators and society as a whole will there be any improvement in the position of homosexuals everywhere. It is the responsibility of both schools and families to provide an environment for these individuals in which others will accept them and they will be able to accept themselves.

(name withheld by editor)

#### Retreat can offer new hope, courage

To the Editor:

Ten years have passed since the Bishop's Pastoral Statement on Handicapped People and eight years since the International Year of Disabled Persons. Handicapped people joyfully awaited the removal of architectural barriers and the dissolution of attitudinal barriers. Some changes have taken place; others are very slow in coming.

Ten years ago, at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat in Farmington, a new ministry was begun to serve handicapped people and senior citizens. Throughout the past decade,

## Nail glue hazardous to health

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — It is painful to listen when Dana Colla speaks. Her words come through the telephone like a scratched record. She says her job took away her voice.

White Colla worked as a manicurist in Arizona beauty schools and salons, she gradually lost her voice. Today, she cannot speak above a raspy whisper. She has trouble swallowing and even sleeping. Her doctors say she suffered what appears to be permanent neurological damage from the tools of her trade — chemicals used to create beautiful fingernails.

She recently reported on the potential danger of ingredients in makeup, sculptor nails and other beauty products. Our report brought silent sufferers forward. They spoke of ailments ranging from allergic reactions, such as headaches and rashes, to memory loss and breathing problems.

The reactions to beauty products are not universal. Some stem from individual allergies to a product, others are the result of misuse or prolonged exposure and still others may be the result of toxicity.

Colla told us she began working as a cosmetologist six years ago. Every day she worked with numerous chemicals when she created and applied artificial fingernails for her clients. Her speech problem was random at first. Then she started choking on hard food and suffering from headaches and insomnia.

Colla made the rounds of neurologists, speech therapists and other doctors. At one point, her problem was diagnosed as stress, and she was put on anti-depressant drugs. But two doctors, in separate examinations, finally reached a surprise conclusion — constant exposure to the chemicals in nail glue and other substances on the job robbed Colla of her voice. "I believe it is a medical certainty that there is a causal link between the exposure and these symptoms," said Dr. Michael Gray, an occupational health specialist who examined Colla last year.

She has sued the companies that manufactured and distributed the products. Attorneys for the companies declined comment on the suit.

Colla struggled to voice her pain in a conversation with our associate Scott Sleek. But in a letter, she had no trouble describing her anger. "I have never left hand-painted fingernails on my hands, and I am someone who is getting rich selling these products that are not properly labeled. It doesn't seem fair," she said.

The lax labeling issue is at the heart of the cosmetics debate. Retail products frequently carry ingredients labels, but wholesale containers do not. Men and women working in beauty salons are at the highest risk because of constant exposure to chemicals and because they may not know what is in the products they use.

Some chemicals found in cosmetics and hair products have been linked to cancer, birth defects and nervous system disorders. Those ingredients are rarely banned. The Food and Drug Administration has no authority to test cosmetics for safety before they are put on store shelves for sale. It can only investigate a product after someone complains.

Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., is waging a campaign to tighten regulation of the cosmetics industry. Wyden found one tragic case in which a woman wearing hair glass ignited her head when she lit a cigarette. She was permanently scarred.

Cosmetic companies can voluntarily register their products with the Food and Drug Administration, but less than half do. Wyden's committee has pledged to get better labeling on wholesale salon products.

#### Striking Japan

In his recent visit to Washington, Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita said Japan is willing to help relieve the debt burden of developing countries. He found a conciliatory George Bush. Behind the smiles of the two leaders was a grim reality. The Japanese now finance 40 percent of the U.S. budget deficit. That gives them the power to manipulate the dollar and the American stock exchanges. Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady privately believes the Japanese are already doing that. So Bush is the first president since World War II who can't afford to antagonize the Japanese.

Lucille A. Zimnoch  
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#### Letters to the editor

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

The Herald reserves the right to edit letters. In the interests of brevity, clarity and taste.

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

# BUSINESS

## IN BRIEF

### Ownership vote delayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Jim Wright postponed until after President Bush's trip to Asia a floor vote on legislation that would require disclosure of foreign property ownership in this country.

The House had been set to vote next Thursday on the bill, which would require foreign owners of American property to provide information about their holdings to the government.

But Wright's office said Thursday that the White House indicated it hoped there would be no vote on the bill until after Bush returns from next week's trip to Japan, China and Korea.

### Fortune back on Eastern

MIAMI (AP) — Texas Air Chairman Frank Lorenzo has told Eastern Airlines officials to allow copies of the Feb. 27 Fortune magazine on the airlines fleet even though that issue carries a less-than-flattering profile of him, Eastern officials said this week.

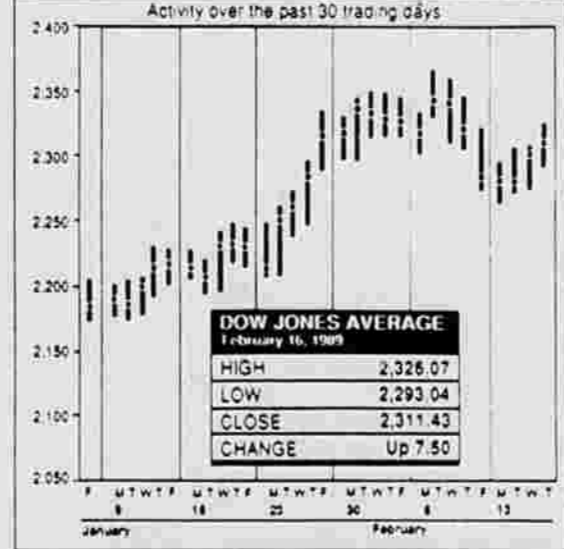
The airline had ordered the biweekly business magazine pulled from its fleet of more than 200 aircraft because it contains a cover story calling Lorenzo, chairman of Eastern's parent company, one of "America's toughest bosses."

Lorenzo personally instructed that Fortune be put back on the planes, "Eastern spokesman Robin Matelli" said. He knew nothing about the original decision to remove it. He said he had no business taking it off in the first place. Lorenzo is saying we're not in the business of censorship.

The earlier order had come from middle managers in Eastern's aircraft services support department, Matelli said.

According to a report in The Miami Herald, a brief directive to aircraft service managers around the country said: "It's imperative that the current issue of Fortune magazine be removed immediately from all Eastern aircraft."

## MARKET REPORT



### GM earnings soar

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. has reported its fourth-quarter 1988 earnings soared 67.5 percent over the same period the year before, and last year's profits set a company record, based in part on record overseas net income.

The nation's largest automaker said it earned \$1.39 billion, or \$4.25 a share, in the final three months of last year, compared with \$826 million, or \$2.36 per share, during the same time in 1987.

For all of 1988, GM said it earned \$4.86 billion, or \$7.17 per share, up 37 percent from 1987 earnings of \$3.55 billion, or \$5.03 a share. GM's previous annual earnings record was \$4.5 billion in 1984.

The figures for earnings per share are on the basis of a 2-for-1 stock split that was declared Feb. 6 and will be paid March 31. Last year's annual figures reflect the effect of a \$224 million accounting change that boosted earnings, the company said.

## First serious signs of inflation appear

By John Cuniff  
 The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Signs of inflation are showing up in many of the smaller businesses of America, where economic stresses sometimes make their first appearance.

Some are reporting small increases in wage pressure, which has been at minimal levels through most of the six-year-old economic expansion. Plans to raise prices are on a sharp ascent. Actual price increases are rising also.

The evidence is contained in the latest quarterly economic survey of small and independent businesses, ranging from proprietorships to companies that just fall to make listings of the 1,000 largest companies.

The survey, conducted by the National Federation of Independent Business, "shows the worst set of inflation numbers in the expansion," said economist William C. Dunkelberg, who analyzes and interprets the data.

Dunkelberg, dean of Temple University's school of business and management, said first-quarter plans to raise prices are expected to be 37 percent and jumped 5 percentage points from fourth-quarter levels to 30 percent of all companies in the survey.

The latest percentage contrasts with only 19 percent in July 1986. Levels in some categories were even higher — 38 percent among wholesalers, followed by manufacturing at 27 percent and professional service firms at 26 percent.

Actual price increases rose to 29 percent, indicating that companies were following through on plans. Although that percentage was exceeded briefly early in 1988, Dunkelberg pointed out that it was close to the highest since 1981.

The data, gathered from more than 2,000 written responses from 500,000 business members of the federation, led Dunkelberg to conclude that "Although not rampant, the pace of price increases clearly continues to gain momentum."

He said overall price increases in the general economy once again may be held down by falling oil prices, but that "without energy or food prices declines,

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1989's inflation rate will clearly be above the 1988 experience. He estimated the first-quarter inflation level would amount to 4.9 percent on an annual basis, compared with a 1.68 percent increase in the consumer price index of 4.4 percent.

In spite of some evidence of rising wages, Dunkelberg said, "there is no evidence that gains are alarming," he added, however, that as inflation rose labor would demand larger wage increases, "unless the feel can be fudged out of the rather imprecise earnings being posted by many of our companies."

The index, adjusted to eliminate seasonal variations, reached 102.8 early in the first quarter, compared with 102.9 in the previous quarterly measurement in October 1988. It is based on the year 1982 equals 100.

The index, begun in the fourth quarter of 1974, reached its highest point, 108.7, in the first quarter of 1984, rising from the all-time low of 81.1 in the second quarter of 1980. Since 1984, the index has dropped no lower than 99.5.

An important factor in helping the index retain strength were views on the economic outlook. Twenty-two percent said they anticipated an improved economy in the next six months, up 3 percentage points from the earlier quarter.

At the same time, negative views shrank. Only 12 percent said they expected business conditions to deteriorate in the first half of the year.

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## Handgun manufacturer aims at untapped female market

By Sue Fohlgren  
 The Associated Press

DALLAS — The color brochure features a lavish fur draped across a polished table, next to a single white rose, a brass lamp and a small, rosewood-handled revolver.

Advertising for Smith & Wesson has taken a feminine tone since the nation's largest handgun manufacturer focused on women as consumers and introduced its latest line of pistols: the LadySmiths.

Handgun critics say the company and organizations like the National Rifle Association are peddling fear for profit by marketing handguns for personal safety.

But Smith & Wesson officials say they're simply meeting demand.

"We're in the business to serve people," said T. Stephen Melvin, president of Smith & Wesson in Springfield, Mass. "Women have been left to buy men's guns and there's been a void in the market."

Robert "Bob" Hass, vice president of marketing for Smith & Wesson, said the new line was developed after years of study and surveys of potential women gun owners.

"About four years ago, there was a real interest in guns among women, but they weren't buying handguns. A Gallup survey showed 12.1 million women bought handguns in 1986,

but millions more were undecided and wanted more information before buying or using guns, he said.

"We're trying to interweave the sale of the gun with the safety aspect of handguns," Hass said. "We think women, as well as men, have a perfect right to self-protection."

Smith & Wesson introduced four LadySmiths — 38-caliber revolvers styled to be lightweight and easy-to-handle — at a recent trade show in Dallas.

The gun manufacturer also announced it is setting up a toll-free number March 1 for women to call and talk to female gun specialists. Pamphlets packed inside LadySmith cases refer women to gun training courses, most certified by the NRA.

"Women are feeling very concerned about self-protection and a lot of them think a handgun will help them in that area," said Tracey Martin, manager of education and training for the NRA.

But Handgun Control Inc., a non-profit group based in Washington, believes the NRA and Smith & Wesson are preying on a fear of crime among women to boost sales in a market that was dwindling in the early 1980s.

"It's pretty shameless of the NRA and gun makers to increase sales with this type of thing," said Handgun Control spokesman Barbara Lautman.

"It's true that there has been a trend among women to buy handguns over the past few years," Ms. Lautman said. "But it's fostered a lot by a fear campaign by the gun lobby."

Ms. Lautman said established by Sarah Brady, the wife of former White House press secretary Jim Brady, who was wounded during the 1980 assassination attempt on then-President Ronald Reagan.

Ms. Lautman said advertisements produced by NRA and other pro-gun interests often feature women and children as victims of brutal crimes and that not even law enforcement officials can keep them safe, but owning a handgun will.

A January 1988 NRA ad shows a broken-heeled pump beneath the message: "He's followed you for two weeks. He'll rape you in two minutes. Who cares?" Another depicts a stocking-masked bandit with the question, "Should you shoot a rapist before he cuts your throat?"

"Last night I was raped," reads a May 1985, NRA advertisement which shows a photograph of a disheveled woman with a black eye. "Where were the police?"

Smith & Wesson defended handgun marketing and the LadySmith line.

"From our studies, we've learned crime is a major attitude in America," Hass said. "It's on people's minds and, in specific, on women's minds, they have a perfect right to do that."

"We aren't going out with scare tactics," Melvin said.

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# Islanders finally find some holes against Millen

By Ken Rappoport  
The Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Greg Millen has been a tough target for the New York Islanders this season.

But Thursday night they finally found the range against the St. Louis Blues' goaltender.

"I didn't think we would ever score against St. Louis," Islanders Coach Al Berman said after a 3-2 victory at the Nassau Coliseum. "The thing that made it satisfying was that everyone pitched in."

In two previous games, Millen was in goal for 8-0 and 5-0 St. Louis victories, stopping 55 shots in all. On Thursday night, Millen gave up six goals on just 23 shots and

even needed relief help at one point.

My job is to stop the flood-gates," said Millen who leads the NHL with six shutouts. "I wasn't very successful tonight."

To other NHL action, it was Montreal 7, Philadelphia 4, and Vancouver 3, Quebec 2.

Millen's shutout string against the Islanders had reached 128 minutes and 37 seconds before Bryan Trotter broke the spell at 6:37 of the first period. Trotter's goal was the 48th of his career, tying him with Darryl Sittler for 17th place on the all-time list.

"That was a big goal for us," Berman said. "because it gave us confidence that we could score against Millen. Also, it sent a

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message to Millen. Maybe he was thinking the same thing, too."

The Blues, 2-0-8 in their last 10 visits to the Nassau Coliseum, hung tough for the first period, though, and came out with a 1-1 tie, thanks to Paul Cavallini's goal at 18:51.

The Islanders took charge of things in the second period with four goals as Reed Larson scored the tie-breaker and Pat LaFontaine, Alan Kerr and Randy Wood followed with goals for a 5-1 Islanders lead.

Brett Hull scored a pair of third-period goals for the Blues,

but these were offset by LaFontaine's second goal of the game and 82nd of the season and a goal by Brad Dalgaard.

LaFontaine led the Islanders with two goals and two assists. Larson had two goals and two assists.

"We didn't want to be embarrassed again," Larson said. "We're pros and we were angry tonight. We didn't want to look bad against Millen again. That was motivation enough."

With the victory, the Islanders broke out of a tie with the idle Toronto Maple Leafs for the worst record in the NHL. The Blues lost their third straight.

Canadiens 7, Flyers 4: Shayne Corson scored twice as Montreal earned its first victory in Philadelphia in five years.

Nordiques remained four points behind Hartford in the Adams Division.

McEnroe wins

MILAN, Italy (AP) — John McEnroe got a birthday cake with 30 candles for his birthday. Sunday showed a sellout crowd that he's not over the hill.

McEnroe celebrated his 30th birthday Thursday with a 6-2, 3-0 victory over Michael Stich of the Netherlands to advance to the quarterfinals of the \$482,500 Stella Artois indoor tennis championships.

McEnroe received applause from the sellout crowd of 8,000 at the Palatstuzen Arena as well as the cake.

Volunteers are needed

WILLIMANTIC — Volunteers are needed for the 10th Annual Windham Invitational Special Olympics Swim Meet at Windham High on Saturday, March 4.

Over 150 athletes with mental retardation from eastern Connecticut are expected to register for the event. Approximately 300 volunteers are needed for this Special Olympics event.

If interested in volunteering, contact Ron Adams at 425-2608 or Geri Wine at 425-9111. All volunteers will be provided with a lunch from McDonald's and a souvenir Windham Special Olympics t-shirt.

Poloist takes first place

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Jim Poirot of Manchester was the winner of the 200 yard freestyle with a time of 1:42.71 for Michigan State University's men's swimming team in a recent win over Ferris State and Eastern Michigan. The Spartans are 9-3 for the season.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

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## Eagle girls drop finale

LEDYARD — It was a battle to the wire with host Ledyard High subduing East Catholic, 56-48, Thursday night in the regular season finale for both girls' basketball clubs.

East finishes up 8-12 while the Colonels head into postseason play at 16-4. East will see action in the first round of the All Connecticut Conference Tournament Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. at Xavier High in Middletown against either St. Joseph of Trumbull or

Mercy High.

Ledyard had a 16-13 lead after one period and 30-23 halftime. East slimmed the deficit to 40-34 after three periods. The Eagles drew within 44-40 in the final stanza, but couldn't come any closer.

Kate Reynolds poured in 27 points and Kris Bell 13 in the final quarter, but 44-41 came in the final minute.

Margaret Riley grabbed nine rebounds for East.

Ledyard also took the junior varsity game, 39-24. Fag Oliveira had 12 points for the young Eagles.

EVY (140) — Shari Blackman 1 2/2, Kris Bell 5/13, Amy Cockey 0/0 0, Kate Reynolds 11/5-27, Jen Coffey 0/0 0, Lisa Petersen 4/0/8, Totals 23-16.

EAST CATHOLIC (48) — Heather Gunn 2/0-4, Korie Mazzilli 8/2-21, Margaret Riley 2/2-6, Laura McPherson 6/0-15, Jennifer Chaves 0/0 0, Kelli Bender 3/0-6, Stephanie Bechtold 1/0-3, Sue Figueroa 0/0 0, Totals 31-49.

3-point goals: EC—Mazzilli, McPherson, L. Bell 2; Ledyard—Bell 2.

## SCOREBOARD

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NY Rangers 22 10 6 66 213 199  
Philadelphia 22 10 6 66 213 199  
New Jersey 21 27 10 55 213 240  
NY Islanders 21 27 10 55 213 240

Adams Division  
Montreal 22 11 8 22 173 173  
Buffalo 22 11 8 22 173 173  
Quebec 21 21 10 55 213 240

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE  
Detroit 26 24 9 61 228 238  
Chicago 21 31 7 49 227 248  
Minnesota 18 24 5 41 163 237  
Winnipeg 18 24 5 41 163 237

SMITHSONIAN CONFERENCE  
Calgary 41 11 8 96 260 168  
Edmonton 29 25 6 64 226 227  
Vancouver 29 25 6 64 226 227  
Winnipeg 18 24 5 41 163 237

THURSDAY'S GAMES  
Montreal 7, Philadelphia 4  
New York Islanders 3, Los Angeles 2  
Pittsburgh 7, St. Louis 3  
Chicago at Detroit, 7:35 p.m.  
New Jersey at Winnipeg, 8:35 p.m.  
Washington at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

### Canucks 3, Nordiques 2

Quebec  
First Period—Quebec, Podobny 31 (Chase, 2) 1-0  
Second Period—Vancouver, Tanti 23 (Sako, Borel), 1-0  
Third Period—Vancouver, Nordkja 14 (Lester, 1), 1-0  
Total—Quebec 2, Vancouver 3

Shots on goal—Quebec 10-10-30, Vancouver 10-10-30

### Transactions

BASEBALL  
SEATTLE MARINERS—Named John Holmstrom, pitcher, to one-year contract.

TEXAS RANGERS—Announced that OS ANGELES DODGERS agreed to terms with Eric Davis, pitcher, on a three-year contract.

MONTREAL EXPOS—Signed Brian Holman, pitcher, to a one-year contract.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Named Don Wakarusa, medical consultant.

BASKETBALL  
National Basketball League  
L.A. Clippers—Named Bob McLeod, assistant coach.

FOOTBALL  
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Named Herb Addelman, general manager, and Paul Lunnon special teams coordinator.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Named David Mervin, running back, and Marvin Marsh, running back.

### Big East standings

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Pittsburgh 19 13 2 .591  
North Carolina 19 13 2 .591  
Virginia Tech 19 13 2 .591  
Wake Forest 19 13 2 .591  
Duke 19 13 2 .591  
Georgia Tech 19 13 2 .591  
Miami 19 13 2 .591  
Florida State 19 13 2 .591

### How Top Twenty fares

How the Associated Press' Top Twenty college basketball teams fared Thursday:  
1. Arizona 19-13 beat Southern California 92-89  
2. Missouri (21-5) did not play  
3. Michigan State 19-13 beat Michigan State 78-77  
4. Syracuse (21-5) did not play  
5. Louisville (18-5) beat Florida State 78-77  
6. Virginia Tech (19-9) beat Wake Forest 78-77  
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## 'NO MORE BLOODBATHS'

Gorbachev asks Bush's help in ending war in Afghanistan

MOSCOW (AP) — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev has appealed personally to President Bush to help bring peace to Afghanistan now that the Red Army has withdrawn, a top Kremlin diplomat said Friday.

Both the diplomat and a Soviet general acknowledged at a news conference that the Soviets are worried about continued bloodshed in Afghanistan, but rejected any parallels between their pullout and the 1973 withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam.

"The Americans simply fled and abandoned everything when they left Vietnam," said Gen. Valentin I. Varennikov, deputy defense minister and chief of Soviet ground forces. "We did not abandon anything. We were not in a rush."

Alexander A. Bessmertnykh, Soviet first deputy foreign minister, said an "individual message" from Gorbachev to Bush, sent Thursday, seeks U.S. backing for Kremlin suggestions on how to achieve a political settlement in Afghanistan, including a halt in arms supplies to the U.S.-backed insurgents and the establishment of a broader-based government.

"We are proposing that we assist in a cease-fire," said Bessmertnykh, referring to the joint superpower action sought by Gorbachev. "We consider that the United States and the Soviet Union can always play a positive role."

In what appeared to be a wide-ranging Kremlin effort to prevent the violent overthrow of the pro-Moscow government of President Najib, the Soviets also sent messages to France, Britain, West Germany and Italy asking them to give humanitarian and economic assistance to Afghanistan, Bessmertnykh said.



AP photo  
**WEEKLY DOGFIGHT** — An Afghan acts as a referee as two dogs lock in battle during weekly dog fights in Kabul, Afghanistan, Friday. The fighting is broken up before the dogs get injured. Despite food shortages and the withdrawal of Soviet troops, this aspect of life in Kabul continues normally.