INVITATION TO BID

The Manchester Public Schools solicits bids for IN-SIDE PAINTING ARTS for the 1989-91 school years. Sealed bids will be received until March 13, 1989 at 2:00 p.m. at which time they will be publicly opened. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Specifications and bid forms may be secured at the Business Office, 45 N. School Street, Manchester, Connecticut.

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Business Manager

039-02

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b) Westbrook Estates, from a parcel between Camp Meeting Road and the south end of Clark Road. To contain five building lots and two wetlands parcels. Applicant Bolton Associates (Jack Dequattro.)

R.E. Gorton,
Chairman

047-02

INVITATION TO BID

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Sealed bids will be received at the above address until 7:00 P.M. on March 6, 1989, at which time they will be publicly opened, read aloud and recorded.
Bids shall remain valid for thirty (30) days from the bid opening date. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason deemed to be in the best interest of the District.

EIGHTH UTILITIES DISTRICT
Joseph Tripp
Fire Commissioner

Dated at Manchester, CT 06040 this 15th day of February, 1989.

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BRAND New listing. Well maintained 7 room Split level on Bryan Drive in Manchester. One full bath and 2½ baths, fireplace, central air, 20x40 inground pool. 140x170 lot. One car garage. $169,900. Jackson & Jackson Real Estate, 647-8400.

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21 HOMES FOR SALE

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MANCHESTER. Six room, three bedroom Colonial in excellent condition. Large living room with fireplace, formal dining room, sunny south facing kitchen with sliding glass doors onto deck. Walk-in closet off large master bedroom, 1½ baths, oak floors, slate foyer. Aluminum siding. Fenced in back yard. For sale by original owner. Principals only. $164,900. Call 646-6287 for appointment.

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22 CONDOMINIUMS FOR SALE

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MANCHESTER. Two bedroom Townhouse with family room in convenient area. $695 per month. Call D.W. Fish, 871-1400 or 643-1591.

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FOR Sale. 1986 Suzuki Quad Sport 230. $1200 or best offer. 871-0014.

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Inflation rapid in January

By Nancy Benac
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumer prices, propelled by higher costs for food, fuel and a variety of other items, rose 0.6 percent last month for the biggest jump in two years, the government reported today.

The rise in the Labor Department's Consumer Price Index followed moderate increases of 0.3 percent in both November and December.

The January price increase, which is seasonally adjusted, would amount to an annual inflation rate of 7.2 percent if the pace for the first month of 1989 held throughout the year.

Higher prices for gasoline, poultry, fish and eggs, coupled with a sharp advance in tobacco prices, accounted for nearly all of the acceleration.

Consumer prices advanced 4.4 percent last year, the same rate as in 1987, but analysts are expecting the pace to quicken this year.

Worries about spiraling inflation intensified earlier this month after the Labor Department reported that wholesale prices shot up an unexpected 1 percent in January, largely due to rising food and energy prices.

Today's report showed that at the consumer level, food costs jumped 0.7 percent in January after rising 0.3 percent in December. Energy costs overall rose 0.8 percent after a 0.3 percent decline in December.

Excluding those two volatile categories, other consumer prices rose 0.5 percent in January.

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Bush's trip shows off U.S. power

By Terence Hunt
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush set out today on a hectic five-day trip to Japan, China and South Korea to demonstrate that "the United States is an Asian power."

Bush and his wife, Barbara, departed before sunrise in a light drizzle aboard Air Force One, heading for a refueling stop in Anchorage, Alaska, en route to Tokyo. In Anchorage, Bush will give a speech outlining themes of his trip.

The overseas trip comes with Bush barely in office for a month, and with most aspects of the new administration's foreign policy still officially under review.

But Brent Scowcroft, the president's national security adviser, on Tuesday disputed suggestions that Bush is making the journey before he has a cohesive foreign policy in place.

"The president is not trying to make quick headlines," Scowcroft said. He said Bush wants to develop policies that "will aid us in where we think we'd like to be at the end of the century."

Over the next five days, Bush will travel 18,095 miles. He'll spend 36 hours on his plane before returning to Washington on Monday night.

Because of the 14-hour time difference with Washington,

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TODAY

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Reginald Pinto/Manchester Herald

SALES BLOSSOMING — Karen Chorches, chairwoman of the eighth-annual Daffodil Days Sale for the Manchester unit of the American Cancer Society, calls patrons from her home Tuesday. She hopes her committee will sell 9,500 bunches of daffodils by next month.

Oh, yes, it's daffodil time again, and Karen Chorches is calling

By Maureen Leavitt
Manchester Herald

When Karen Chorches picks up the phone this time of year, people know what she's calling about.

"Oh, it's daffodil time; isn't it?" is the reply she hears.

Chorches is chairwoman of the annual daffodil sale for the American Cancer Society's Manchester Unit. She has chaired the event since it began in 1981.

This year the group hopes to take enough orders to sell 85,000 of the bright yellow flowers when they arrive from Washington state on March 29, Chorches said.

The flowers are being sold in bunches of 10 for $3.50. Chorches said at a flower sale committee meeting at her Carpenter Road home in Manchester Monday night.

Chorches, who said she makes a pest of herself this time of the year to aid the cancer cause, has already sold 1,000 bunches.

Last year, just more than 85,000 spring flowers were sold to raise $23,000. This year the goal is to raise $29,000. The daffodil sale is one of the American Cancer Society's largest fund-raising events each year.

Many people volunteering for the event find the cause justified, as they have lost relatives and friends to the killer disease.

"It's a good cause," said Carey B. Downes, of Vernon, who is volunteering for the event for the first time this year.

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Bolton votes on charter May 1

By Maureen Leavitt
Manchester Herald

BOLTON — Proposed charter revisions will be presented to voters for approval May 1, the election day of the municipal election.

The major charter-revision proposal made by the now-defunct Charter Revision Commission is to change the town's selectmen form of government to a town manager style of government. Other proposed charter changes include increasing the size of the board of selectmen from five to seven members and eliminating the Board of Finance.

At Tuesday night's meeting in the Community Hall, the Board of Selectmen took two votes.

First, the board voted 3-2 that the charter issue be decided by one question: to accept or reject the Charter Revision Commission's final revision submitted to the board. The board will meet March 7 to decide on the actual language of the question.

Next, the board voted unanimously to put the question on the May 1 ballot instead of holding a special referendum. The board must submit the referendum question to the secretary of the state's office 45 days before the election.

Selectmen revealed Tuesday that Town Attorney Richard L. Barger has ruled that changes made by the Charter Revision Commission at its Nov. 21 meeting were invalid.

The revisions made two major changes at that meeting — the elimination of the power of Annual Town Meeting voters to specifically reduce the budget and making selectmen positions volunteer.

Selectman Michael A. Zizka had said at a Board of Selectmen meeting in December he did not believe the commission had the

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HMO buys site, resets opening

The Kaiser Permanente health maintenance organization has bought the former Multi-Circuits Inc. building at 130 Hartford Road and plans to open its outpatient facility this November.

Company officials have said the organization could serve up to 10,000 Manchester-area members within the next five years. Kaiser's East Hartford HMO serves about 3,000 Manchester members, according to Kaiser officials.

Manchester native Dr. Wayne Rawlins will head a team of four Kaiser doctors. Rawlins, certified in internal medicine, is a partner in the Northeast Permanente Medical Group and has been associated with the company since 1984.

The Planning and Zoning Commission and the Cheney National Historic District Commission approved renovations plans for the two-story building last December. Kaiser plans to rebuild the interior. Offices and a lounge, radiology lab and storage space for records will be added, plans show.

Construction is scheduled to begin next month and be completed by October, the news release said. Company officials had originally predicted a September opening. Marshall Erdman & Associates Inc. of East Windsor is the architect for the project.

Kaiser will operate a group-model HMO, which means members pay a flat fee for outpatient care within the facility. Members of Individual Practice Association HMOs pay the flat fee but go to different physicians in the area for care.

The California-based Kaiser Permanente serves about 5 million members nationwide. The Hartford-based Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Connecticut Inc. serves about 34,000 members in the Hartford area. Kaiser has other HMOs in Connecticut in East Hartford, Farmington, Windsor and Stamford.

Site sought for vote on sewer deal

By Alex Girelli
Manchester Herald

Voters of the Eighth Utilities District will be asked soon, perhaps on March 13, to say whether they approve of a proposed landmark agreement between the town and the district over fire and sewer jurisdiction.

The district directors Tuesday night authorized district President Thomas Landers to find a location for a special district meeting on March 13 or as close to that date as possible.

The directors themselves plan to act on the agreement when they meet again Monday. Landers said he will try today to get all the documents and maps that are part of the agreement to the district directors so that they can study them before Monday's meeting.

Copies of two documents were not available Tuesday night when the directors discussed the agreement. One of the documents is the map showing sewer jurisdiction boundaries of each government. A final version of the map was given to Landers Tuesday morning after the town agreed that two properties on the north corners of Main Street and Middle Turnpike would come under district jurisdiction.

A last-minute problem had arisen when Landers and attorney Kevin O'Brien, a town negotiator, disagreed about what negotiators had decided concerning the properties.

The other document not available Tuesday night was a legal description of the town-owned firehouse property the district would acquire if the agreement is approved. John D. LaBelle Jr. said he had made a one-word error in the description and had discovered it earlier in the day.

While the district voters will be asked at the meeting to decide on the agreement, the directors decided Tuesday to hold separate special meetings on other questions related at least indirectly to the agreement.

They set March 20 as the tentative date for a meeting on authorizing funds for the conversion of the former Willis garage at 19 Main St. to district offices.

Director Andrew Katkaukas said he wanted an early vote on that question so that the district can invite bids before contractors fill their construction-season schedules.

Another matter that will have to wait, probably until the May 24 annual district meeting, is a vote on using funds from the sale of the former Keeney garage property on Tolland Turnpike to buy fire apparatus, probably a mini-pumper to serve the district's Buckland area.

The property would be sold if the town-district agreement is implemented.

Under the agreement the district would take over an existing firehouse on Tolland, and the property would be combined with some town-owned property and put on the market.

Landers has wanted an early

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Public vents anger over doctor's view

By Nancy Pappas
Manchester Herald

Telephones at the hospital, the doctor's office and the medical society have been ringing steadily as area residents vent their anger over statements made in favor of an assassination by a medical director at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

The hospital received nearly 40 calls on Tuesday from people who were angry about a position taken by Dr. Ali Imran Hashmi, medical director of respiratory therapy there, according to Andrew Beck, hospital director of public relations.

Hashmi, a native of Pakistan, is president of the Islamic Society of Hartford. He told the Manchester Herald in an interview published Saturday that he supported the assassination of Salman Rushdi, author of the controversial novel "The Satanic Verses," which has offended many Moslems.

The chairman of the hospital's board of trustees, William R. Johnson, has said that the hospital's ethics committee would need to initiate any formal inquiry into Hashmi's statements. That committee met at noon Tuesday.

It was a regularly scheduled meeting, said Beck, who would not reveal what was discussed.

Hashmi has been director of respiratory therapy at the hospital since July 1987. He supervises

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International criticism ignored by Khomeini

By The Associated Press

President Bush and a host of authors expressed outrage at Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's call for Moslems to kill novelist Salman Rushdie. Iran's largest trading partner reportedly considered imposing an economic boycott.

Iran's fundamentalist parliament today said the hostile Western reaction proves opening contacts to the rest of the world was wrong.

Iranian leaders who have begun courting the West are "not totally with us in ideology," Tehran Radio quoted him as saying.

Khomeini did not name the leaders.

In Bonn, a television network said the West German Cabinet met today and discussed "further measures" against Iran. "If the mullahs adhere to the execution order against (Rushdie), then economic relations will longer be ruled out," the ZDF network reported.

It provided no further details of the possible sanctions.

West Germany, Iran's biggest trading partner, already had decided to remove its ambassador from Tehran for consultations as part of an action by the 12 European Economic Community countries.

Literary figures, including American authors Norman Mailer, Susan Sontag and William Styron, expressed indignation at Khomeini's threat and at decisions not to publish or sell Rushdie's "The Satanic Verses."

American authors planned to read from Rushdie's novel in New York today and march to the

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About Town

Garden club set to meet

The Perennial Planters Garden Club will hold a meeting on Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Bonnie Lindland, 225 Timrod Road. Herb Phalzgraf, master gardener of Tolland County Extension Service, will talk about "Soil Preparation." Bonnie Lindland will be hostess and co-hostesses will be Dottie Lord and Millicent Jones.

Science demonstration set

Keeney Street School PTA is sponsoring a program titled "Science Discoveries and Inventions," Wednesday, March 1, at 1:30 p.m. at the Keeney Street School. Through visual demonstrations and experiments it will be shown how modern machines and appliances were invented and how they work.

Consumer advocate speaks

The Women's Club of Manchester will host Cynthia Bercowetz, "Tell it to George," Monday at 8 p.m. at Community Baptist Church, 585 E. Center St. Anyone interested in attending this meeting should call Lynn Prior, 649-4290.

Library hosts sci fi talks

Samuel R. Delaney's book "Nova" will be discussed at the next Science Fiction Book Discussion series at the Andover Public Library Wednesday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. The book discussions are free and open to the public. The library has multiple copies of each book in the series. Those interested in attending the discussion are encouraged to pick up a copy of the book in advance. Call the library for more details, 742-7428.

Learn your best colors

Manchester Memorial Hospital is sponsoring a two-session workshop called "At Your Best," that will explore what images clothes, hairstyle, makeup and accessories can project to others. It will be held Thursday, March 2 and March 9 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the hospital. The cost is $15. Workshop leader is Marji LeBlanc, a professional makeup artist, certified color consultant and figure-fashion expert. For a free brochure or to register, call the hospital's Health Education Department, 643-1223, or 647-6600.

Britania chapter to meet

The Britania Chapter of the Daughters or the British Empire will meet Thursday, March 2 at 11 a.m. at Community Baptist Church, 585 E. Center St. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Robert J. Taggert and Mrs. Edwin Foster.

Attend health care clinics

Community Health Care Services will hold office hours at the Hop River Homes in Andover Monday from 1 to 2 p.m. Residents in Andover and Coventry are eligible to receive blood pressure checks, tine tests, throat cultures and health guidance. In addition, CHCS will sponsor a Well Child Clinic Wednesday, March 1, from 8:45 to 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Route 31 in Coventry. All preschool residents of Andover and Coventry are eligible to attend and receive all immunizations and routine physicals. Children are seen by appointment only. For an appointment or further information, call 228-9428.

Concert choir to perform

The Elizabethtown College Concert Choir of Pennsylvania will perform Saturday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of Wapping Community Church, 1790 Ellington Road, South Windsor. The concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be accepted.

Senior programs slated

Exercise class will be held at the Manchester Senior Center Wednesday, March 1 and Friday, March 3 at 1:30 p.m. The "Smoking Cessation program will be held at the center Monday, March 6, from 1 to 3 p.m. And, a blood pressure clinic will be held at Westhill Gardens, 24 Bluefield Drive on Monday, March 6, from 9 to 10 a.m.

Club hosts membership tea

The Manchester Junior Women's Club will hold a Membership Tea Thursday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. Join them to learn about club activities and programs. For further information, call 646-8817 or 643-8957.

Attend pancake festival

Friendship Lodge 145 A.F. & A.M. is sponsoring its annual Pancake Festival Sunday, March 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 25 E. Center St. Eat all the sausage and pancakes you can eat. The cost is $3 for adults and $1.75 for children under 12.

NEW HAT TO WEAR — State Rep. James R. McCavanagh, D-Manchester, accepts a helmet that marks his rank as an honorary fire chief in the Eighth Utilities District Fire Department. The 12 on the helmet is for McCavanagh's 12th Assembly District. Making the presentation are Fire Chief John Mace, left, and Thomas Landers, district president. Landers issued a proclamation making McCavanagh the honorary chief, saying that he is a strong proponent of public safety, that he has engedered cooperation among emergency services in Manchester, and has protected the integrity of the district.

Obituaries

Ella E. Curtin

Ella E. Curtin, 96, of Windsor, aunt of Frank W. Curtin of Manchester, died Monday (Feb. 20, 1989) in Windsor.

Besides her nephew, she is survived by a niece, Cecelia A. Curtin of East Hartford; and another nephew, David P. Curtin of Peekskill, N.Y.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in St. Gabriel's Church, Windsor. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, East Hartford. Calling hours are Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford.

Anna C. Donovan

Anna Catherine Donovan, of West Hartford, died Monday (Feb. 20, 1989) at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford.

She taught in the Hartford, Manchester and the Terryville section of Plymouth school systems.

She is survived by several cousins.

The funeral will be Thursday at 9:30 a.m. from the Ahern Funeral Home, 180 Farmington Ave., Hartford, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. in the lower church of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford. Burial will be in St. Patrick Cemetery, East Hampton. Calling hours are Thursday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Jean Fox

Jean (Bairowski) Fox, of Bloomfield, sister of Dorothy Aughenbaugh of Coventry, died Tuesday (Feb. 21, 1989) at Mount Sinai Hospital, Hartford.

Besides her sister, she is survived by a brother, Peter Borofsky of Hartford; five other sisters, Agnes Kushman of Ashford, Helen Krist of Bloomfield, Lucy Donlon of East Hartford, Margaret Jacques of Windsor and Louise Nowak of Wethersfield; and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Thursday at 8:45 a.m. at the Carmon-Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave, Windsor, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 9:30 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church, Bloomfield. Burial will be in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bloomfield Ambulance Association, in care of the Bloomfield Police Department, Park Avenue, Bloomfield 06002.

Mary A. Majowitz

Mary A. Majowitz, 67, of Coventry, died Tuesday (Feb. 21, 1989) at Windham Community Memorial Hospital, Willimantic.

She was born Feb. 29, 1921, in Windsor, and was a fomrer resident of East Hartford, moving to Coventry three years ago. Before retiring three years ago, she worked for Aetna Life and Casualty, Hartford, in the Personal Financial Security Division. She was a communicant of St. Mary's Church, Coventry.

She is survived by two son, Andrew Majowitz III of Orlando, Fla.; a daughter, Sandra Mangiafico of Coventry; a brother, William Lewis of Windsor; three sisters, Ann Leonard of Kensington, Helen Bojarski of Manchester and Olga Majewski of Plam Beach, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Saturday at noon in St. Mary's Church, Route 31, Coventry. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Calling hours are Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon at the church. The Potter Funeral Home, Willimantic, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the Newington Children's Hospital, 181 E. Cedar St., Newington 06111.

Isabel Kay

Isabel (McCullough) Ferguson Kay, 90, formerly of Manchester, died Sunday (Feb. 19, 1989) in Washington, D.C. She was the widow of John Kay.

She was born in Plain City, Ohio, on July 13, 1898, and she had lived in Manchester for 30 years before moving to Washington two years ago. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Manchester.

She is survived by two daughters, Marianne Garn of Sarasota, Fla., and Susan Howard of Chesy Chase, Md.; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

A graveside service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in East Cemetery. There are no calling hours. The Watkins Funeral Home, 142 E. Center St., is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the Presbyterian Church of Manchester, 43 Spruce St., Manchester 06040, or to the Presbyterian Home of Washington, D.C., 305 Military Road N.W., Washington, D.C. 20015.

Barbara Hoar

Barbara (Grisel) Hoar, of 365 West St., Bolton, died Tuesday (Feb. 21, 1989) at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete. The Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., is in charge of arrangements.

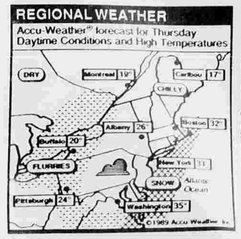
Current Quotations

"What I got from it was that there has been a very unfair treatment of this man by rumor and innuendo, over and over again rumors surfacing with no facts to back them up." — President Bush saying an FBI report showed no reason to delay the confirmation of John Tower as defense secretary.

"It isn't censorship we're taking about. It's fear and terrorism. It's the example that was set. I think it was shameful for a major book chain to pull a book because of succumbing to threats." — Author Norman Mailer commenting on the decision by some major U.S. bookstore chains to pull "The Satanic Verses" from their shelves after Ayatollah Khomeini's death decree against its author, Salman Rushdie, and anyone who knowingly publishes the book.

"Let me stress that the current rate of inflation, let alone an increase, is not acceptable, and our policies are designed to reduce inflation in coming years." — Chairman Alan Greenspan telling the Senate Banking Committee that the Federal Reserve will push interest rates higher to curb the rise in prices.

Weather



Chance of snow

Manchester and vicinity: Tonight, cloudy and colder. 50 percent chance of snow. Low 25 to 30. Thursday, mostly cloudy and blustery with a chance of flurries. High around 30. Outlook Friday, mostly cloudy. A chance of snow. High in the mid to upper 20s.

West Coastal, East Coastal: Tonight, cloudy and colder. A 60 percent chance of snow. Low 25 to 30. Thursday, mostly cloudy and blustery with a chance of flurries. High around 30. Outlook Friday, mostly cloudy. A chance of snow. High around 30.

Northwest Hills: Tonight, cloudy and colder. A 30 percent chance of snow. Low 15 to 20. Thursday, mostly cloudy and blustery with a chance of flurries. High around 25.

Today's weather picture was drawn by Stevie Butler, 9, a fourth-grader at Bowers School.

Police Roundup

Man charged in burglary

A Rocky Hill man arrested earlier this month by Manchester police on two burglary charges was arrested again Monday on charges he burlgarized another house, police said.

David W. Monroe, 35, of 4 Bel Air Circle, was charged with second-degree burglary and third-degree larceny in connection with a break-in at 99 Dale Road on Nov. 20, police said.

A silver serving set valued at $1,290 and $500 in cash were reported stolen from the home, police said.

Monroe was arrested Feb. 7 in Willimantic on buglary and larceny charges in connection with two local burglaries during September, police have said.

Monroe was also charged Monday with sixth-degree larceny by possession in an unrelated crime, police said.

When police apprehended Monroe at his home, they found him in possession of nine cartons of cigarettes, police said.

Police said the cigarettes were stolen from Caldor department store in Rocky Hill, where Monroe works.

Monroe was released on a $5,000 non-surety bond and is scheduled to appear in Manchester Superior Court March 8.

Public Meetings

Meetings scheduled tonight.

Manchester

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

Bolton

Conservation Commission, Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission hearing, Community Hall, 8 p.m.

Coventry

Board of Tax Review, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.

Correction

The Associated Press erroneously reported Tuesday that a Fort Wayne, Ind., bookstore was convicted of violating obscenity laws in a case questioning the application of a state anti-racketeering law.

The case against the store, Fort Wayne Books, is still awaiting trial. The Supreme Court said Tuesday that states may use their anti-racketeering laws to crack down on adult book stores.

Lottery

Winning numbers drawn Tuesday in lotteries around New England.

Connecticut daily: 421. Play Four: 9337. Lotto: 1-7-15-21-28-39.

Massachusetts daily: 4752.

Tri-state daily: 564, 1554.

Rhode Island daily: 4402. Lot.-O-Bucks: 4-15-16-24-28.

Thoughts

Surely one of the things that we need to be alert to, as we grow older, is the solidifying of our preconception about life, about human relationships and events. It seems that, almost without knowing it, we become less and less flexible in our ideas, our reactions.

What's bad about this is that our lives are less creative, less fun, and life was not intended to be dull and dry and fun-less.

Our need is to continually challenge our preconceptions in all areas of our lives. It doesn't matter if you've held a certain idea for 30 years! Challenge it! Allow yourself to be open to a new perspective. Who knows, if you really do that, you might find that later life comes upon you with an unanticipated joy, and you find your creativity and zest returning.

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LOCAL & STATE

Education budget may escape cuts

By Andrew J. Davis
Manchester Herald

With a proposed loss of $661,000 in state aid scaring the Board of Education, school officials asked the Board of Directors Tuesday night not to cut its $40.5 million budget proposed for 1989-90.

Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr. may be ready to comply.

DiRosa said after a joint meeting between the school board and directors that there probably would not be any major reductions in the school board's proposed budget. He said that with Gov. William A. O'Neill's proposed reduction in state aid to school districts, it may be difficult to cut the budget further.

"The problem is that it's such a huge cut," said DiRosa, a Democrat. "It's difficult to just go into the drawer and find that kind of money. It's a substantial amount of money. I can almost predict there won't be any drastic or dramatic cuts in this budget," he said.

DiRosa said he was not sure if there would be any tax increase or how much, if any, would be cut from the school board budget. The directors will vote on the school board and town budgets in May.

The proposed school budget is 12.3 percent higher than the $36 million budget for 1988-89. School officials had predicted $12.1 million in general state aid before the proposed reduction in state aid was announced.

"It's a question on whether the public wants to continue to pay for what they're used to getting," said DiRosa.

Republican Director Ronald Osella, though, said reducing the budget may be necessary. "It may have to come from staff," he said.

James P. Kennedy, school superintendent, said school officials are working with various state education agencies to have the money restored. But if the reduction occurs, he said the money will have to come from other sources.

"Our needs haven't changed," he said. "Just because there is less state aid, the needs haven't changed."

But Kennedy warned that if the money is restored, either locally or by the state, it would cost "someone something somewhere."

The school board earlier this month reduced the budget by $130,575 before presenting it to the directors. School board Chairman Richard W. Dyer said the board purposely reduced items in the budget and not staff and programs.

"We felt we could make those sacrifices," he said.

The reductions the school board has already made include more than $91,000 in equipment reductions.

Kennedy told the directors that all the money in the budget request was necessary and the budget was not "padded" to withstand a reduction.

"The budget's here because it's what we think is needed," he said.

Costs such as salaries and out-of-district placement of students resulted in two of the biggest increases, Kennedy said. An increase in teachers' salaries requires more than $1.7 million in new funding.

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WOW — Teri Cerasoli of 347 Keeney St. and her daughter, 9-month-old Stefanie, stand near the root of a century-old willow tree that was uprooted by Tuesday's high winds. The tree sounded like thunder when it fell, missing their home by about 20 feet, Cerasoli said.

If you sue, we'll sue, says DiRosa

The town may countersue opponents of the Main Street reconstruction, who have threatened to sue the town and state for approving an access road without an environmental impact study, Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr. said today.

DiRosa and state officials have said any delay in the project could jeopardize state and federal funding and kill the project. The town would probably have to pay back nearly $900,000 in federal and state funds already spent for design, according to DiRosa.

"Anybody we owe money to, we'll sue for the damages," DiRosa said.

Main Street merchant George Marlow and members of the Heritage Group, which runs the Heritage Place office condominium on Main Street, voted last Tuesday to sue the town and state Department of Transportation in an attempt to halt work on the $15 million project.

Manchester attorney Bruce S. Beck said last week he hadn't decided where and when to file the suit but may file it in federal court. Beck could not be reached for comment this morning.

Beck has said a proposed access road, which would run along the north-south leg of Purnell Place, was approved in plans without an environmental impact study. He and Dr. Robert H. Fish, who heads the Heritage Group, claim the road would harm the downtown economy because it would require eliminating parking spaces and demolishing or moving part of a building at the corner of Purnell Place and Oak Street that Marlow owns. Heritage Place could lose 20 to 30 parking spaces, Fish has said.

DOT officials have argued that the study is not required.

The decision to sue came after the Board of Directors on Feb. 7 approved an appropriation of $2.3 million, the town's share in the project cost. Fish and members of A Downtown Association to Preserve the Thoroughfare testified against the project at the public hearing before the directors.

James Rice, deputy commissioner of the DOT's bureau of highways, said last week the DOT would appeal if a judge granted an injunction against the work. The project is scheduled to begin in spring 1990, the date of the scheduled opening of the new Buckland mall. Downtown merchants have said they fear that the road project occuring at the same time as the mall opening would further hurt business.

Sump-pit problem solved at school

By Andrew J. Davis
Manchester Herald

School officials hope problems of a contaminated sump pit at the Keeney Street School are solved now that the pit has been cleaned and a policy has been established to deal with future complaints.

Two committees were formed in November by Richard A. Cormier, director of pupil personnel services and special education, after parents complained about a musty atmosphere at the school. Parents complained in October 1987 that their children were becoming ill because of allergy-aggravating problems with the sump pit.

The committees reported to Cormier earlier this month. He said Tuesday there have been no further complaints and school officials have handled the problem properly.

"To the best of my knowledge we've done what we're supposed to do," he said.

Keeney Street Principal Francis J. Amura headed a committee to solve the problem.

The second committee, headed by Lynn Gustafson, coordinator of school nursing, investigated setting a policy to deal with future problems.

The sump pit contains valves for steam pipes. It was holding stagnant water, mold and spores. Condensation from pipes was be dripping into the pit causing it to become moldy, Gustafson said Tuesday. The pipes have been wrapped to prevent further dripping, she said.

Workers drained the pit, put rust inhibitor on the pipes, replaced damaged carpeting and tiles, and aired out the pit during last week's school vacation, said Gustafson. A broken air blower in the classroom was fixed, she said.

School officials will have the sump pit tested by an industrial health expert in the next few days, Gustafson said.

"It really looked nice," Gustafson said of the pit. "They've done a good job in cleaning (it)."

Gustafson's committee has set a chain of command for any future problems. One of the parents complained that they had to go to school, town and state health officials before the problem was addressed.

The parents who complained were on one of the two committees, Gustafson said.

In October 1987, the town's health department inspected the school but found only a dusty carpet. A later inspection by the state Department of Health Services found more problems.

Complaints will now be filed with Gustafson, Cormier, the town health department, and Wilfred Dion, supervisor of school buildings and grounds. That group will meet within five days of receiving the complaint and will conduct an epidemiological study, if necessary, Gustafson said.

School officials will periodically review the situation with the person making the complaint. If the complainant is not satisfied with the group's work, a hearing before the Board of Education may be requested, she said.

Marie LeMay of 115 Diane Drive, one of the parents who complained, would not comment since she has not seen the final committee reports.

"We're hopeful but we haven't heard," she said today. "We're just all kind of waiting."

Colleges enrolling more minority students

HARTFORD (AP) — Connecticut colleges are accepting and graduating more minority students than ever, but state education officials are worried that minority students aren't pursuing teaching careers and aren't reaching their educational potential.

In the fall of 1988, 17,711 minority students attended private and public colleges in Connecticut. They represented 10.7 percent of the total enrollment and a 21.8 percent increase over 1987 levels, the Department of Higher Education said Tuesday.

Of 26,877 degrees awarded, 2,022 went to minority students, an increase of 5.4 percent from 1987.

State officials, however, were troubled by several statistics. Blacks and Hispanics continue to be underrepresented in mathematics, science, engineering, and education, officials said.

State officials fear those low enrollments will worsen existing shortages of minority teachers.

"Our good news is tempered by concern," said Norma Foreman Glasgow, commissioner of higher education. "We are gratified that more minorities are entering higher education and earning degrees, adding to the diversity of our colleges and workforce.

"On the other hand, too many minority students are concentrated in too few fields of study. They are not realizing their full potential."

Statistics showed that:

■ the number of degrees awarded to blacks decreased 2.2 percent from 1987 to 1988. The number of degrees awarded to Asians and Hispanics increased.

■ the number of Asian students continues to climb rapidly. Since 1976, Asian enrollment has increased almost 400 percent, from 762 to 3,563.

■ of 724 bachelor's degrees in education awarded in 1988, only 16 went to blacks and Hispanics.

■ of 496 doctoral degrees awarded, only seven went to blacks.

■ of the 165,803 students enrolled in Connecticut colleges and universities, 8,920 were blacks, an increase of 17.4 percent; 4,830 were Hispanics, an increase of 28.7 percent; 3,565 were Asians or from the Pacific Islands, an increase of 28.1 percent; and 398 were American Indians or native Alaskans, a decrease of 2 percent.

Members don't attend meetings, says PBC chairman, who quits

BOLTON — The Board of Selectmen Tuesday appointed a new member to the Public Building Commission after the chairman resigned, complaining about frequent absences of commission members.

The selectmen Tuesday unanimously accepted the resignation of Ronald A. Heim, but did so with regret, according to Selectman Douglas T. Cheney. Democrat James Bousfield was appointed the commission's newest member. Cheney said.

The new chairman will be determined by the members of the committee.

In a letter to the selectmen, Heim said his post has taken up too much time because the commission is understaffed. Cheney said a clerk is available for PBC meetings, but meetings are seldom held because of absenteeism.

The five-member commission often does not have a quorum at meetings, preventing it from taking action on projects, Cheney said. The Public Building Commission must vote on town building projects that cost $10,000 or more.

"He (Heim) has not been able to effectively have a meeting," Cheney said.

Absenteeism has been a problem off and on for the past six months, Cheney said. Heim and member Arthur E. Mensing have attended most meetings regularly, but members Philip A. Pineo, Joseph F. Loersch and Jose R. Ramirez have been absent from many meetings, he said.

Loersch has been ill, Cheney said, and Ramirez, appointed by the selectmen last June, hasn't been sworn in yet. Cheney said he didn't know why Pineo hasn't attended some meetings.

The selectmen will have to "put a bug in Art Mensing's ear" to get him to call a meeting because action is needed on a few projects, including asbestos abatement in schools and the replacement of Bolton High School roof, Cheney said.

If the commission does not meet and act on these projects soon, one of the selectmen may have to serve temporarily on the board, Cheney, a former chairman of the PBC, said the selectmen have asked him to serve but he hasn't decided whether he would accept the post.

"Let's find out what the circumstances are," Cheney said.

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No time for budget

Directors of the Eighth Utilities District Tuesday night tabled consideration of a budget request for the district's public works operation, because there were many other items to consider.

The public works budget, along with the fire protection budget, will be considered at a meeting set Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the district firehouse, 32 Main St.

The budget for administration was considered Feb. 14. No firm decision was made on the administrative budget request of about $500,000.

When the directors have set a budget recommendation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, it will be presented to the district voters May 24 for action.

The budget for the current year is $1,513,476, supported by a 6.5-mill tax rate. It was approved without opposition at the annual meeting last May.

Court rejects appeal

HARTFORD (AP) — Two high school students accused of murdering a homsexual man in Wethersfield last year have lost their appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court to be tried in state court as youthful offenders and thus avoid public trials and possible long prison terms.

The nation's highest court on Tuesday refused to disturb a November ruling by the Connecticut Supreme Court that Sean G. Burke, 18, and Marcos J. Perez, 17, both of Hartford, cannot appeal the denial of youthful-offender status until after trial.

"I guess I'm not surprised," said Steven Sellers, head of the appellate unit in the chief state's attorney's office. In fact, prosecutors were so certain the appeal would be rejected that they waived their right to file an opposing brief.

Burke, who was 17 when he was arrested in June, and Perez, who was 16, are charged with felony murder and first-degree robbery in connection with the death of Richard F. Reihl, 33, in May.

State may sue society

HARTFORD (AP) — The Connecticut Humane Society has deluded donors with false claims of poverty and should be fined and will be sued, if necessary, acting state Attorney General Clarine Nardi Riddle says.

Ms. Riddle also said Tuesday she'll seek changes in the way the society reports its finances so people aren't tricked into thinking they are contributing to a penniless charity.

Gov. William A. O'Neill called Tuesday for prompt action. He and several legislators said they're watching the unfolding investigation into the society's fund-raising tactics closely.

The society's Executive Director August Helberg contends the society has done nothing wrong. He said he hasn't heard from Ms. Riddle and won't comment further until he does.

Ms. Riddle said she wants to meet with Helberg and other society officials to get them to change their financial reporting methods. If that fails, she said, she'll file suit to force changes.

Patrick Flynn/Manchester Herald

WASH OUT — J.R. Chevalier of 28 Clinton St. braves high winds and pounding rain as he makes his way down Main Street Tuesday afternoon. The rain is expected to change to snow late tonight. There is also a chance of snow on Thursday.

Coventry fills seats

COVENTRY — The Town Council voted Tuesday to appoint Republican Bertha Rappe to fill a vacanct on the Town Hall Space Committee. The council also named Pauline Arendt, an unaffiliated voter, and Jessie Marshall, a Republican, to the Arts Commission, and appointed Phillip Carpenter, unaffiliated, to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The council also reappointed Republican Herman Dahl and Kertu Kersen, unaffiliated, to the Arts Commission and Helen P. Dahl, unaffiliated, as an alternate to that commission. Terrence McCarthy, unaffiliated, was reappointed to the Insurance Advisory Committee. Reappointed to the Library Building Committee were Democrats Michael Donohue, Joseph Fowler and William Hoffman and Republicans Betty Messier and Linda Polcari, and Sharon Chesler, unaffiliated.

Dumping fees hiked

HARTFORD (AP) — The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority has approved increases in trash-dumping fees at waste-to-energy plants in Hartford, Bridgeport and Wallingford.

The board of the CRRA Tuesday also said the Wallingford plant is going to need an infusion of money, perhaps as much as $8 million in new bonds, because costs are outstripping revenues.

The board approved increases in per ton dumping fees for the next fiscal year. The increases, which will take effect July 1, are: from $35 to $45 a ton at the Mid-Connecticut Project in Hartford; from $45.70 to $53 a ton at the Bridgeport plant; and from $41 to $45 a ton at the Wallingford plant.

Official opposes board

HARTFORD (AP) — State Transportation Commissioner J. William Burns says that re-establishing the Transportation Accountability Board to oversee contracts awarded by his agency would be a waste of money.

Burns, testifying Tuesday before the General Assembly's Transportation Committee, said that during it 17-month life, the board did little to save taxpayers money and was nothing more than another layer of bureacracy.

The board, created in 1985 when the Republicans controlled the General Assembly, was dismantled two years later with the Democrats back in control. This year, Republican lawmakers have introduced a bill re-establishing the panel.

Burns testified that the board never did anything worthwhile and re-establishing it "would be a terrible waste of money."

"You're telling us you're perfect, or almost perfect?" asked Rep. Elinor F. Wilber, R-Fairfield.

Klan looks to state

SHELTON (AP) — The leader of one of the nation's largest Ku Klux Klan factions says the organization may soon field a candidate for public office in Connecticut.

James W. Farrands of Shelton, buoyed by the election of ex-Klansman David Duke to a seat in the Louisiana legislature last week, said politics are part of his master plan for the KKK.

"I've said all along that you cannot have a Klan that's in a cow pasture," Ferrands said. "You have to have a Klan that's in the halls of Congress."

Farrands, 55, is imperial wizard of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, one of the largest of the 42 groups formally known as the Klan in America.

Irving St. sewers get directors' OK

Planning for a sanitary sewer in the Irving Street area, including a section of Lockwood Street, will go forward as the result of a decision by the Board of Directors of the Eighth Utilities District Tuesday night.

Six Lockwood Street property owners had petitioned the board to have the portion of the sewer that would serve their properties omitted from the plan.

The directors voted to instruct Lombardi Associates of Vernon, consulting engineers on the project, to complete the final design.

Director Lorraine Boutin offered an amendment to the motion to ask the firm to provide alternate designs for the sewer with and without the Lockwood Street section, but she was the only one to vote for the amendment.

Directors Samuel Longest and Joseph Tripp both complained that the board had voted earlier to have the design completed by last night. "We wanted the engineering done," Tripp said.

District President Thomas Landers said he asked Lombardi to hold off after opposition to the sewer plan developed and he was asked to survey residents who would be assessed the cost, roughly $7,000 per property.

John D. LaBelle Jr., district legal council, said there had been a holdup over whether the district would get a right of way for the line over property owned by Raymond F. Damato.

Before the vote on completing the engineering plans was taken, Landers reported on the survey, saying that of 38 who responded to a district questionaire, 18 said they wanted the sewer. Seventeen said they did not, and three did not answer the question.

But 20 said they did not favor the sewer at the estimated cost of $7,000 per property. 12 said they did and six were undecided.

Arguing in favor of going forward, Longest said, "If we don't build the sewer now, the same people will be back in the future looking for sewers."

The directors had been reluctant to take on the expense of designing the sewer without some assurance that property owners want to proceed with it. But several discussions have not resolved that question.

Boutin said the directors had reached the point where they had to make a decision to bear the engineering costs and put the question to the property owners when firm constuction estimates are available.

A formal public hearing on the sewer will have to be held when the design is completed.

Plans for memorial shown to directors

Plans for a statue to honor Eighth District volunteer firefighters were described to district directors Tuesday night.

Voters will probably be asked at the district's annual meeting to budget for the memorial.

The estimated cost is $38,500.

The memorial would be erected in connection with the 100th anniversary of the district fire department, celebrated last year.

Wallace J. Irish Jr., a member of the committee planning the memorial, said he did not favor trying to finance the monument by donations, something he said would take a couple of years.

The planned statue would be of a firefighter holding a child in his arms. The statue, the pedestal on which it would stand, and the base under the pedestal, would be of Barre gray granite. The monument would be about 14 feet high and weigh more than 11 tons.

The memorial committee has planned tentatively to locate the monument in the south end of Robertson Park. But Eighth District Director Joseph Tripp suggested Tuesday night that the corner of Hilliard and Main streets, on the former Willis garage property, might also be considered. The Willis property is to be converted to district offices.

Irish was asked by the directors to continue to search for locations.

Kevin G. Keena, of K.G. Keena Memorials Inc., 470 Center St., said the monument could be completed in about 10 weeks after details were approved. He suggested that one face of the pedestal could be engraved with a dedication to volunteer firefighters, and another with names of former fire chiefs. A third might be devoted to a fire prevention message and the fourth to the emblem of the department, he said.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL — This is a sketch of a proposed statue to honor volunteer firefighters who have served the Eighth District Fire Department in its 100-year history. The planned memorial was described Tuesday night to district directors. The estimated cost is $38,500.

State to face collective bargaining

HARTFORD (AP) — After a year in which the state was rocked by a four-month strike at the Electric Boat shipyard, state negotiators are gearing up for what may become the year of the state government contract.

More than a quarter or 12,400 of the 52,780 unionized employees facing contract negotiations this year are employed by the state.

"Some years are hotter than others for specific kinds of contracts," said Mary M. Sullivan, a regional economist with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in Boston. "In this region this year it's a big state government year. State government contracts are usually on a three-year cycle and this is the third year."

Many of the 54 contracts set to expire this year in Connecticut cover telephone communications employees, utilities and construction workers, and state government employees.

Last year, the state was beset by strikes, including a four-month walk out by 10,000 workers at the Electric Boat shipyard in Groton involving a dispute over wages. The strike ended with a settlement in November.

There also was a seven-week strike by 2,200 auto workers at Textron's Lycoming Division in Stratford that was settled in July and a one-day walkout in March by some Stop & Shop employees.

Regionally, contracts covering 90,000 state employees are set to expire this year, including more than 55,000 in Massachusetts and 12,400 in Connecticut.

In state government, a three-year contract covering 7,500 workers in the state departments of mental retardation, mental health, health services and children and youth services expires June 30.

Thomas H. Barnett, a spokesman for the state Department of Administrative Services, which handles contract negotiations, said talks began Jan. 24 on a new contract.

"It's still early in the process, but we're always hopeful," Barnett said.

Other state contracts set to expire include those covering 2,000 professors at the state's regional community colleges, 1,600 professors in the state university system and 1,300 employees in the state Judicial Department.

In New England, about 350,000 workers will face contract negotiations this year, according to Anthony J. Ferrara, regional commissioner for federal labor bureau. Nationally, 36 percent of the 8.6 million workers under major collective bargaining agreements are scheduled to begin negotiations.

Chief among among the contracts being negotiated this year in the state's private sector is one covering 9,700 Southern New England Telephone Co. employees, including installers, telephone operators, cable splicers and clerical workers.

SNET spokesman Barbara Levy said informal discussions have begun between the company and the Connecticut Union of Telephone Workers Inc. on a new contract that would replace a two-year deal set to expire Sept. 16.

Levy declined to comment on the talks and James Grimberg, a union spokesman, did not return a telephone call to his New Haven office seeking comment Tuesday.

The state's booming construction industry also faces negotiations on new three-year contracts with unions representing 9,950 carpenters, joiners and general construction laborers.

Grace Laconche, a spokesman for the Laborers International Union of North America in Hartford, said contracts are set to end March 31 and that negotiations were expected to begin in late April. She declined further comment.

On the local level, three of state's largest school systems must negotiate new teacher contracts. The contracts would cover 1,300 teachers in Stamford, 1,100 in Bridgeport and 1,100 in Waterbury. All three contracts are set to expire June 1.

Board to hear charges against judge

NEW HAVEN (AP) — The state Judicial Review Council will hold its first-ever public hearing Thursday when it considers the case of a New London judge accused of misconduct as a result of comments he made to a newspaper about two sex crime cases involving juveniles.

Superior Court Judge Seymour L. Hendel of New London filed a written response to the charges in which he denied that his remarks represented a violation of any standard of judicial conduct, according to the council.

Hendel has said his comments were taken out of context, but he has refused to elaborate. His attorney, James Greenfield of New Haven, said Tuesday it would be inappropriate for him to comment until the hearing Thursday at the Treadway Hotel in Cromwell.

The council's executive director, John D. LaBelle Sr., of Manchester, also said that Hendel's written defense would not be made public until the hearing.

Several New London area residents filed complaints with the review board over comments the judge was quoted as making last August to a columnist for The Day. After a day-long, closed-door hearing in January, the council found that there was probable cause to believe Hendel was guilty of misconduct.

The judge came under fire for remarks he made about the cases of a 22-year-old Massachusetts man accused of sexually assaulting his stepdaughters, 7 and 8, and a 39-year-old Groton man charged with engaging in sex acts with a 12-year-old boy he enticed with money.

In both instances, the defendants were allowed to plead guilty to a single count of risk of injury to a minor and Hendel gave them suspended five-year prison sentences, with orders to undergo treatment as sex offenders.

In the case of the older man, who was charged with second-degree sexual assault, Hendel was quoted as saying: "There was no force used. It was just masturbating the kid. If it wasn't for the disparity in age, we might not have heard about it. For all I know, the kid might have enjoyed it. I don't think he's going to become a homosexual because of it. It was not a gross case."

In the case against the stepfather, who was accused of two counts of first-degree sexual assault and two counts of risk of injury, Hendel said less serious, second-degree charges would have been more appropriate because, he said, "there was no force."

While saying it was "a very bad case" because sexual intercourse occurred, Hendel was quoted as saying he felt compelled to accept a plea to lesser charges because the children's mother said she did not want the stepfather to go to jail because it would hurt the youngsters.

Sewer-line study set for Tolland Turnpike

The Eighth District Board of Directors voted Tuesday to go forward with engineering studies for a sewer line to serve Tolland Turnpike when the road is reconstructed from North Main Street to Deming Street.

District President Thomas Landers cast the only no vote. The five other directors at the meeting voted in favor. One director, Ellen Landers, was absent.

The town had asked the district to consider installing a sanitary sewer as part of the reconstruction project. William Camosci, town director of engineering services, said he has asked all utilities to submit plans now if they want to make installations, in order to avoid having to tear up the road after it is reconstructed.

Landers said that in his opinion the district is not ready to sewer all of the length of Tolland Turnpike now, but Longest disagreed.

"We do have to cooperate with the town on this," Longest said.

Director Andrew Katkauskas asked Longest if installing a sewer while the road is being reconstructed would save on excavation costs.

Longest said it would.

He also said that some data on test borings to be made by the town would be available to the district to help in the engineering.

The directors voted to ask Lombardi Associates of Vernon, consulting engineers, to design a sewer.

The reconstuction plan met with opposition from some Tolland Turnpike residents when it was first proposed. As a result, the plans were curtailed. A planned bicycle path was eliminated and it was decided to keep the reconstruction within the existing 50-foot right of way, reducing the need to take roadside property.

The state project is being engineered by town forces and final engineering plans should be submitted to the state Department of Transportation by June, according to Camosci.

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Support mounting for Tower

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats were keeping their own counsel today in advance of a committee showdown on John Tower's nomination as defense secretary, but Republicans were falling into line after a fresh show of support from President Bush.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said this morning on NBC's "Today" program that he believed the tide was turning in Tower's favor, adding, "So far there has been no substance to this veritable blizzard of allegations that we have seen."

"We ought to have a unanimous vote" for Tower, Senate Republican leader Bob Dole said Tuesday, as Armed Services Committee leaders announced a closed-door session today on the nomination and a possible vote Thursday.

But Sen. Alan Dixon, D-Ill., said on NBC this morning he had reservations about taking a vote Thursday.

"I'd have to say there's a lot of hearsay and innuendo in there (the FBI's latest background report on Tower's activities), on the other hand, there are some substantive things that I think need further evaluation," Dixon said.

The report included some damaging allegations, Dixon said, including "recent statements, not things from the 1970s, unfortunately by people that refuse to be identified." The allegations were mostly regarding Tower's personal actions rather than his business connections, he said.

McCain said he had reviewed the FBI's findings on allegations of drinking problems, womanizing and financial irregularities, and saw nothing to disqualify the former senator from the Pentagon job.

"We've been at this now for 10 weeks. We're starting to affect national security. This process could go on forever. We need a secretary of defense," McCain said today.

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., the committee chairman, declined Tuesday to say how he intends to vote, saying: "I want to hear what other people think, too."

Sen. Tim Wirth, D-Colo., circulated a letter he wrote four days ago to the Denver Post in which he said he was "troubled" by some allegations against Tower. An aide said he had no further information on Wirth's views.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., said he had read a portion of the FBI report and was reserving judgement until he had read it all.

AP photo

HIGH-TENSION RESCUE — Patterson Fire Capt. Greg DeLuca, top, and another firefighter help rescue Robert Mahnick, 41, of Baden, Pa., center, from his ultralight aircraft. Mahnick was burned when his plane became entangled in a high-tension power line, leaving him hanging upside down for about 45 minutes Monday in Chippewa Township, Beaver Falls, Pa.

Water shortages plaguing a large section of world

By William C. Hidlay
The Associated Press

Italian priests are leading prayers for rain, Argentina is rationing electricity and reservoirs in the United States are dropping as seemingly unrelated weather in several regions of the world has led to drought.

The problem is critical in southern Europe, where about 25 percent of the normal amount of rain has fallen since Dec. 1, and in the South American countries of Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay, officials say.

In northwestern Spain, drinking wells have dried up in some towns in Galicia and potable water has had to be brought in by truck. Water is being rationed in other towns in the region. Weather records in Oviedo, the capital of Asturias, show it's the worst drought since 1876.

Electricity in Buenos Aires is shut off for up to three hours a day in different sections of the capital because river levels are too low for hydroelectric plants to operate at full power.

In the United States, the Agriculture Department's chief meteorologist, Norton Strommen, said a recurrence of last year's severe drought is unlikely. However, the Northeast coast has had a dry winter and officials in New York and Boston are worrying about water shortages.

Extremely dry weather has also hit southern Florida, and water usage is being restricted in several towns along the Gulf of Mexico. Severe to extreme drought conditions are also persisting in large sections of the country's Midwest and West, turning the winter wheat crop yellow in some areas.

Peter Newhouse, a cereal crop expert at the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization in Rome, said the agency is worried the droughts will hurt the world's grain production.

"This year is crucial more than any other year because poor crop production in the last two years has brought stock levels down nearly to those of the world food crisis in the early 1970s. An unprecedented 200 million tons are needed to re-build stocks to the minimum levels needed for global food security," Newhouse said.

Most of Africa, where large regions are perennially parched, is enjoying a relatively wet year, however, with replenishing rains falling even in the normally dry Sahel region south of the Sahara Desert.

"Africa has been, for the most part, pretty good," says Dave Miskus, a meteorologist with the U.S. Climate Analysis Center in Washington, D.C. "The only really dry area has been southern Zimbabwe and northeastern South Africa."

But along the Mediterranean coast of Europe, the skies have produced little — if any — rain since Dec. 1, forcing some cities in Italy to ration water and prompting priests to add weekly prayers for rain to Roman Catholic church services.

Rainfall has ranged from less than 10 percent to less than 50 percent of normal in Spain, Portugal, Italy, Yugoslavia and Greece, weather officials say.

"Those areas along the Mediterranean coast should be getting most of their rain (at this time of year), but that whole region has been extremely dry. Some parts of Italy have had no precipitation at all since Christmas," said Miskus, who tracks worldwide weather patterns.

New wrinkles develop in religious-displays case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is hearing a case that could offer new guidance to communities on the recurring question of whether the Constitution bars religious displays in public buildings.

This time, there are some new wrinkles.

First, the case spotlights not one holiday-time religious display, but two — a nativity scene inside the main entrance of the Allegheny County Courthouse in Pittsburgh, and a Hanukkah menorah at another public building a block away.

The case also presents Justice Anthony M. Kennedy with his first opportunity to consider how high a wall the Constitution requires between government and religion.

The court hears oral arguments on the case today, and is expected to reach a decision by July.

The nativity scene is part of the Pennsylvania county's Christmas card program. Local officials say it is donated each year by a Catholic men's organization, which permits it to be exhibited along with a sign with its owner's name on it.

The controversy began when the American Civil Liberties Union asked for the removal of the nativity scene in 1986 by the county commissioners.

They replied that the display endorsed no particular religion, and simply expressed the wish of "Good Will to All Men."

A later complaint filed by the ACLU also sought to bar officials from displaying a menorah outside the City-County building, and the two cases were eventually combined into one. The menorah, a nine-branched candelabrum, was loaned by a Jewish organization.

In their brief, county lawyers rely on a 1984 decision allowing communities nationwide to include nativity scenes in officially sponsored holiday displays.

In that ruling, the high court let Pawtucket, R.I., officials place a creche in a Christmas display because such decorations as Santa Claus, reindeer and snowmen were also included.

But lower courts have treated the 1984 decision as a narrow one, and have disallowed various Christmas displays deemed too religious.

The ACLU said in its brief in the Pittsburgh case that county officials have tried to cloud the issue with references to "wreaths, trees and Santa Clauses" displayed by various offices in the courthouse.

"In fact, there is but one subject of the display, a free-standing nativity scene framed by potted poinsettias and greens," the ACLU said.

In a 2-1 decision, the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals held that local officials, because of the Pittsburgh display, "have tacitly endorsed Christianity and Judaism and have therefore acted to advance religion." The decision meant the displays could not be shown during the holiday season last year.

The first weather satellite, TIROS 1, was launched in 1960 from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Dodd urges officials to accept a Central American peace plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush must back last week's agreement reached by five Central American nations or lose an opportunity to help shape the accord, Sen. Christopher J. Dodd warned.

The Bush administration has given a lukewarm response to the surprise agreement, which outlines democratic reforms in Nicaragua in conjunction with the elimination of rebel forces who have fought to overthrow the Sandinista government there.

But Dodd on Tuesday praised the pact as "historic" and said it goes far beyond past peace attempts because it does not link democratic reforms in Nicaragua to a cutoff of U.S. aid to the Contras.

The agreement "is something that ought to be applauded by this country and embraced and enhanced and built upon rather than being treated in a backhanded fashion," said the Connecticut Democrat, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations western hemisphere subcommittee.

The presidents of Nicaragua El Salvador, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Honduras signed an accord last Tuesday that calls for campaign reforms and an earlier election by five Central American nations in concert with a dismantling of the U.S.-backed Contra forces that have been trying to overthrow the leftist Sandinista government since 1981.

Dodd said because the plan is not linked to a Contra aid cut off, it can go ahead without support from the United States.

"Frankly, this particular proposal is going to go forward regardless of what the United States does. I would hope in the coming weeks we respond more positively than we have since the agreement was reached," he said.

Last week, Bush said Americans "have to be wary" about promises by Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega. "Claims like this have been made at one time only to see those claims repudiated. Promises made and promises broken," the president said.

Dodd said a rejection of the accord would be a lost opportunity for the Bush administration to help shape the plan and address security concerns such as assuring that there will be no Soviet military buildup in Nicaragua. He said it could also hurt the United States with its allies in the region.

Leader vows to fight Paraguay's drug woes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Bruce A. Morrison, the first U.S. lawmaker to visits Paraguay since the coup there earlier this month, says the South American nation's new leader is vowing to rid the country of its reputation as a haven for "thieves and scoundrels."

The Connecticut Democrat said Tuesday that he met for an hour last week with Gen. Andres Rodriguez, who ousted President Alfredo Stroessner in a coup Feb. 3.

"In our conversation, the provisional president was very specific. He even assured me that he is willing to receive requests from those who hunt war criminals, because he wants to end Paraguay's historic reputation as a haven for ex-Nazis, drug dealers and Third World dictators," Morrison said.

"He wants to change the reputation of Paraguay as a refuge for thieves and scoundrels to a very different, more positive place," he said.

The congressman said Rodriguez also promised to help fight drug trafficking. Paraguay is known as a key money-laundering center for cocaine profits.

But Morrison, who later in the day briefed State Department officials on his visit, cautioned that the Bush administration should "base its policies toward Paraguay on future actions," not promises.

"I'm not in any position to make a judgment about what's inside his head. I think we have to judge him by the actions he takes," Morrison said. "There have been steps, and they're not insignificant."

Stroessner came to power in a 1954 coup and used torture to repress political opposition in his early years of power. Later, he eased up on the most blatant human rights violations, relying on harassment, detentions and explusions.

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Parties leave Parliament

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Members of every opposition party walked out of Parliament today to protest the government's acceptance of $470 million from Union Carbide for the 1984 Bhopal gas leak, which killed 3,400 people.

The government had settled for the amount after suing the Danbury, Conn. based corporation for $3 billion for the world's deadliest industrial disaster. Opposition legislators yelling "surrender to multinationals" left Parliament after House Speaker Balram Jakhar refused to admit a censure motion against the government's acceptance of the Supreme Court's Feb. 14 order that instructed Union Carbide to pay the $470 million as full and final settlement.

Madhu Dandavate, the leader of the opposition in Parliament and a member of the Janata Party, said: "What we are talking about is very basic. The fundamental right to human life has been violated by the Supreme Court order."

Jakhar, a member of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party, scheduled a special discussion later today on the Bhopal settlement "in view of the extreme importance of the matter."

System overhaul needed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Experts inside the Internal Revenue Service are recommending a thorough overhaul of the 150 separate civil penalties that can be imposed on people who make tax mistakes.

Although the proposals have not been approved by the IRS or higher federal agencies, most of the suggestions have been endorsed by IRS Commissioner Lawrence B. Gibbs. He says the present crazy-quilt penalty system is difficult for taxpayers to understand and the IRS to enforce.

"While the merit of each individual penalty can be defended, when taken together they sometimes produce unintended results and have a combined impact that can be too severe," Gibbs said Tuesday.

$1 billion in heroin seized

NEW YORK (AP) — In the largest heroin raid in U.S. history, police and federal agents tracked $1 billion worth of the drug from Southeast Asia to two homes in New York City, where it was hidden inside hundreds of tires.

The 800-pound seizure made the notorious "French Connection" case seem modest by comparison, and showcased the rise of Asian drug smugglers, authorities said Tuesday.

U.S. Attorney Andrew Maloney said "Operation White Mare" and some other recent cases provide "clear proof that the Chinese are responsible for 70 to 80 percent of the heroin that is smuggled into New York."

INS detains refugees

BAYVIEW, Texas (AP) — At least a dozen Central American refugees have been detained and hundreds more kept waiting under a new federal immigration policy of quickly evaluating applications for political asylum.

The new policy went into effect slowly Tuesday, the day after it was announced by Immigration and Naturalization Service officials who said they wanted to discourage Central Americans from entering the United States with "frivolous" applications for asylum.

By Tuesday afternoon, only 45 Central Americans, half from Nicaragua, were under review while 200 others waited to be processed.

North's trial begins

WASHINGTON (AP) — The former chairman of the House intelligence committee is the first witness called by Iran-Contra prosecutors intent on showing that Oliver North subverted democracy by lying about his secret support of Nicaraguan rebels.

Associate independent counsel John Keker told jurors in his opening statement Tuesday that Lee Hamilton's panel wanted to know what North was doing in 1985 following news reports he was helping the Contras in defiance of a congressional ban on helping the rebels.

"You'll hear Lee Hamilton say that there is a difference between keeping secrets and telling lies and you don't have to tell lies to keep secrets," Keker told the jury.

Japan offers apology

BEIJING (AP) — An official Chinese newspaper today accused Japan's prime minister of trying to whitewash Japanese aggression during World War II.

Japan's ambassador to China apologized for any misunderstanding over Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita's statement and said Japan recognized the great harm it inflicted on other Asian countries during the war.

The China Daily commentary criticized Takeshita's speech last week to Japan's Parliament, in which he said future historians must decide whether Japan was the aggressor in the war.

The newspaper said it was surprised that Takeshita "should make such cynical utterances" and "would rather resort to sophistry than speak the truth."

Rebels make a new offer

OAXTEPEC, Mexico (AP) — A month after offering to participate in national elections, El Salvador's leftist rebels say they will lay down their weapons if the armed forces are cut and next month's presidential vote is postponed.

Leaders of the country's political parties, to whom the rebel Farabundo Marti Liberation Front made the offer on Tuesday, said it seemed to reflect a sincere guerrilla desire for peace.

They said in a resolution that they would today meet with President Jose Napoleon Duarte and ask him to immediately engage the rebels in talks.

SCIENCE & HEALTH

Chemotherapy isn't needed

BOSTON (AP) — A federal recommendation to give chemotherapy to all victims of early breast cancer will mean needlessly treating 65,000 women at a cost of $338 million to improve the outlook for just 5,000 others, a new analysis concludes.

Until recently, drug and hormone therapy were given exclusively to women whose tumors had spread to their lymph nodes. Those whose cancer had not visibly progressed beyond their breasts were treated with surgery and radiation therapy alone.

However, four new studies suggest that even those with early breast cancer could benefit from chemotherapy drug treatment. The therapy somewhat improves their chances of remaining cancer-free during the years immediately after their surgery, although there is no evidence that they ultimately live any longer.

Three of the studies, conducted in the United States, were the basis of an unusual recommendation last May by the National Cancer Institute. Without revealing details of the studies, the agency sent letters to cancer specialists suggesting that they give drug therapy to all breast cancer patients.

'Greenhouse' action urged

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation should react to the greenhouse effect on global warming by using natural gas instead of coal and by developing "safe and publicly acceptable" nuclear power, a House panel was told.

Robert M. White, president of the National Academy of Engineering, said Tuesday these are among measures needed to prevent further build-up of greenhouse gases that could be responsible for global warming.

White and three other witnesses cautioned that scientists still do not know whether burning of fossil fuels and other human activities will cause significant temperature changes, leading to heat waves and drought.

One witness, University of Virginia professor Patrick J. Michaels, told a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee it would be more prudent to await more study before making drastic policy decisions.

"Our policy should be commensurate with the state of our scientific knowledge," the professor of environmental sciences told the energy and power subcommittee.

Few take diabetes tests

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — Barely half the nation's adults have been tested in the past year for diabetes — the third leading killer disease.

A survey by the Gallup Organization — commissioned by Upjohn Co. — found that 48.5 percent of the 1,004 adults questioned had not followed the call for annual blood screening made last year by the American Diabetes Association and the National Institutes of Health. People over 40, overweight and with a family history of diabetes are targeted as most at risk.

An estimated 12 million Americans have diabetes but only half know it. Left untreated, diabetes can damage blood vessels and nerves, leading to kidney disease, gangrene and blindness in addition to heart attack and stroke.

Group fights drug lollipops

WASHINGTON (AP) — A health research group today asked the Food and Drug Administration to stop experiments in which children facing painful medical procedures are given lollipops laced with a powerful narcotic.

Public Citizen Health Research Group, in a letter to the FDA, said the drug in the form of a lollipop sends children "a dangerous message" about drugs being candy and is of "dubious clinical need or safety."

However, both the FDA and the Anesta Corp. of Salt Lake City, established by anesthesiologists and the University of Utah to test and develop an oral form of the drug, defended the study and discounted the potential for drug abuse.

The narcotic, fentanyl, has been approved by the FDA as an injectable drug. In the FDA-approved study, it is mixed with sweeteners, mounted on a stick like a lollipop and administered orally to children before they are given general anesthesia or undergo a painful diagnostic procedure.

Computerized city a first

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Santa Monica residents can fire off a complaint to City Hall, look for a job or check to see if the latest best seller is at the library, all by tapping a few computer keys.

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Zoo finds 2nd condor egg

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Two eggs laid by captive pairs of endangered California condors have been placed in incubation while anxious scientists wait to learn whether either one is fertile, zoo officials said.

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OPINION

Assault guns make it easy to kill people

Semiautomatic weapons are a big problem in this country. And the problem is growing.

A semiautomatic rifle was used last month by a drifter in Stockton, Calif., in a schoolyard filled with children. In a matter of minutes he killed five children and wounded 29.

On Valentine's Day in Washington, 13 people were killed or wounded by gunfire.

One might hope that in President Bush's vision of a kinder and gentler America there would be no room for semiautomatic rifles. But that is not the case.

Bush and the first lady are divided on this issue. Mrs. Bush has said that she fears guns and "absolutely" believes semiautomatic weapons should be outlawed. But the president has said that he will "strongly oppose" any effort to outlaw semiautomatic rifles.

Although police today have their hands full with the volume of crime committed without semiautomatic weapons, Bush has said, "Let them enforce the law. It's hard, very hard to do, but that's my position and I'm not going to change it."

If the danger were arson would Bush look for better performance by firefighters as the solution?

Dozens of states, and Congress, are now weighing measures to outlaw a variety of semiautomatic weapons.

The issue is not the lawful use of rifles or shotguns by hunters and sportsmen. Nor is this part of some nefarious plot to entirely disarm gun owners. The issue is military assault rifles that hold multiple-cartridge clips.

Los Angeles deserves special attention. Police Chief Daryl F. Gates, an adviser to the Bush campaign on drug abuse and crime, favors legislation to limit the sale and import of assault weapons.

The Los Angeles proposal would ban the sale to the public of assault rifles, although they still could be owned by licensed dealers, law agencies, the military and museums. The proposal is sound. If the measure passes there, perhaps similar laws will gain momentum.

While it is true that "guns don't kill people, people kill people," guns make it easier. They sanitize killing. They make killing people much simpler, easier, and less messy and personal than, say, chasing someone down with a tire iron or hatchet.

And semiautomatic rifles make it easier still.

— Norwich Bulletin

O'Neill to blame for fiscal woes

The relationship between taxpayers and elected officials is contractual. Lawmakers are entrusted with the power and authority to manage prudently the public's contributions toward the common good.

The state of the state in 1989 reveals that for all their hard work, taxpayers have been ill served by the administration of Gov. William O'Neill, whose careless management has driven Connecticut to the brink of fiscal insolvency.

The governor likes to talk about "compassion" and "meeting our commitment," as though there suggestion that taxes are too high is an indictment of the greedy, selfish taxpayers.

The fact is that the major tax increases to be recommended by O'Neill could have been softened if not avoided by more prudent administration.

— Waterbury Republican

"Maybe a little global warming would be a good thing."

Brown gets good marks here

By Bob Conrad

The new Democratic national chairman is just fine with leaders in Connecticut, though belatedly in some cases, and he'll be even bigger if he can fix it so the party elects a president once in a while.

They are impressed so far by Ron Brown, the Washington lawyer who was elected by acclamation earlier this month. He says he'll be dropping by on his get-acquainted tour of states.

"He's one tough guy — smart and quick and fair," says U.S. Sen. Chris Dodd, the state's senior senator. Dodd knows Brown, who had no opposition when the Democratic National Committee installed him as successor to Paul Kirk.

The senator says Brown is skilled in politics, is "nobody's man but his," and is what the party needs now. He was hoping to bring him here for the Jefferson-Jackson-Bailey dinner next month but it didn't work out.

Dodd wants the party to retain its system of awarding seats at national conventions to its upper echelon of elected officials — a bloc of so-called super delegates. He would like to see those conventions moved to May instead of being held in mid-summer. Then, somewhat like the Connecticut system, he would have candidates who are endorsed by the convention compete in primaries on the same day in the nation's 435 congressional districts. That would determine the nominee.

Democratic State Chairman John Droney agrees now with the positive assessment of Brown. Droney had reservations at first. He insists on keeping the super-delegate system and he believes Brown buys that. Droney was not satisfied with Brown's responses before the DNC meeting, in letters or telephone conversations. He is now.

Droney is pretty well sold on Brown, too, as national chairman. "He's very articulate," said Droney last week. Then Droney paid Brown the ultimate compliment, coming from one versed in basic politics: "He's a real pro."

Building trades labor leader Bill O'Brien, one of Connecticut's seven voting members of the DNC, admits he, too, had reservations about Brown as one he feared would be too liberal. "He's got to be someone who can reach middle America," said O'Brien, adding that after talking with Brown he is convinced the new chairman "can move in all directions." The key, said O'Brien, is that Brown accepts the super-delegate system.

Dodd, Droney and O'Brien agreed in separate conversations last week that the 1988 presidential campaign headed by Michael Dukakis was a disaster. They blame the way he was chosen, the string of primaries and the campaign as much as they hang it on the person of Mike Dukakis.

But U.S. Rep. Sam Gejdenson of this state's 2nd Congressional District, and the dean of the House delegation from Connecticut, says it wasn't the process. He said Dukakis was a disappointing candidate who rolled over in the final weeks of the campaign. He likes Brown's looks as chairman.

Dodd adds another touch. He agrees that Dukakis turned out to be a poor candidate. But he says it would have been almost impossible for a Democrat to win last year, given the nation's prosperity, the momentum from Ronald Reagan's popularity and the comparative quality of the candidates.

"We suffer from a lot of things," Dodd said during an interview at his office in Wethersfield. He conceded that the system is probably skewed in favor of nominating a liberal, but he said Democrats have been successful with other liberals in recent history.

Brown will have to address the task of registering more Democrats, and then making sure they get to the polls when it counts. Republicans have been overtaking the Democrats in the registration game lately. And fund-raising must be a priority for Brown, Dodd added.

But like the others, he believes Brown is up to it.

Political notes

■ A by-product of the DNC meeting in Washington was a private talk Droney had with Speaker-at-Large Irv Stolberg, a voting delegate from this state. Droney believes he convinced Stolberg he had no hand in the coup at the Legislature that ousted him as speaker. Nor could he have stopped it, Droney told Stolberg. "If I was coming after you, I'd have told you, eyeball to eyeball," Droney quoted himself as telling Stolberg. "I like the guy," the chairman added.

■ U.S. Rep. John Rowland of Waterbury predicted in New Britain last week that John Tower would not make it as secretary of defense in the Bush Cabinet. Rowland admitted he was out of his 5th District to test the waters for a run for the GOP gubernatorial nomination in 1990.

■ The non-partisan National Review called U.S. Rep. Barbara Kennelly of Hartford one of 31 "designated hitters" in Congress who are influential and sought after though they are neither elected party leaders or committee chairmen. The Democrat is on the House Ways and Means Committee.

Bob Conrad, a Bristol resident, writes weekly about Connecticut politics.

Armitage apologizes for Japan

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — Richard Armitage, reportedly George Bush's choice for assistant secretary of state for Far East and Asian affairs, played the groveling apologist for Japan, when even Japanese officials were too embarrassed to make excuses for themselves.

The incident involved the 1987 scandal in which a Japanese company sold secret submarine technology to the Soviet Union. Armitage's conduct then shows he may not be the tough policy maker the United States needs now to meet the galloping economic threat of Japan.

Armitage served for years in the Defense Department as assistant secretary for international affairs, with a special interest in Asia. His boss, then-Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, led the public outcry over the illegal sale of submarine propeller milling equipment to the Soviet Union by Toshiba Machine Co., which is 51 percent owned by the Japanese high-tech giant, Toshiba Corp.

Highly classified reports by the Central Intelligence Agency and the Defense Department said the equipment allowed the Soviets to build quieter submarines capable of avoiding detection — an advantage that the United States will spend anywhere from $8 billion to $60 billion to overcome.

Congress was furious. Some members smashed Toshiba radios with sledgehammers on the Capitol steps. The Senate swiftly passed, in a 92-5 vote, a ban on the sale of all Toshiba products in the United States. But the House did not pass a similar bill, so it died.

Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, then put the sanctions in last year's massive trade bill. Garn was stunned to learn, behind closed doors, that the Reagan administration didn't want the sanctions.

Weinberger, the outraged critic of Toshiba, was by then out of office, and his successor, Frank Carlucci, was in a touchy position. We reported during Carlucci's confirmation hearings that he had been president of the now-defunct trading arm of Sears, Roebuck, called Sears World Trade. The company was a partner in legitimate ventures with the same Japanese trading company that Toshiba used to deal illegally with the Soviets. Because of our columns, Carlucci was forced to promise the Senate that he would stay out of the Toshiba case.

Armitage was left to draft the Defense Department position on the proposed Toshiba sanctions and he fell in line with the administration. On Feb. 8, 1988, he wrote a private letter to key members of Congress pleading for leniency for Toshiba. Then he went out on a limb, implying that the effect of the Toshiba sale was negligible: "Despite allegations of tens or even $100 billion in damages, our Navy cannot determine the direct costs of diversion to U.S. national security because the Soviets had quiet propellers three years before the first diversion ..."

Even Japanese officials were startled. They had already convicted people for the crime, forced the resignation of Toshiba Machine Co. executives and made extensive public statements promising never to let it happen again. Now America war backing off.

Garn was equally confused when he learned about Armitage's letter. In a closed-door House-Senate conference on the trade bill on March 31, he said he was "embarrassed" by the administration: "I think I can speak with some authority, being a Republican who has supported this administration rather overwhelmingly for the last seven years. ... I am frankly tired of them lobbying me (against the Toshiba sanctions). I am tired of their letters and all falling into line. It is too bad they could not have had that kind of unanimity on other issues over the years. They might have accomplished a great deal more."

Garn said the administration was issuing press releases that read as though they were written by the Japanese trade ministry.

The sanctions amendment passed anyway, banning all Toshiba Machine Co. sales in the United States, and most Toshiba Corp. sales to the U.S. government for three years.

Even so, the Reagan administration — aided by a $4 million lobbying campaign by Toshiba and American companies — won an important victory. The Toshiba Machine Co. will lose an estimated $200 million in sales annually. But the parent corporation got off easy. The loss of U.S. government contracts may amount to $200 million a year. But Toshiba still boasts $3 billion a year in sales of consumer electronics and other products in the United States.

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

Open Forum

Changes in town displace wildlife

To the Editor:

I have been a resident of Manchester for 15 years. During this time I have seen some exciting changes that have made this town very much feel like my hometown, especially the sincere attempts to preserve Manchester's heritage. I have watched concern for the homeless increase, as well as increased programs for drug-related issues for our children — to name a few of the social problems that are important to me.

But some of the recent changes "blowing in the wind" reflect an insensitivity to the sacredness of the very land upon which we drive, bicycle and walk. I have seen open spaces disappear with the town's newest condominiums, hills ravaged under the mighty bulldozers for the latest housing developments, streams conduited underground for a potential road. And most of all, I have seen our wildlife begin to diminish — one by one, as we take by public domain their homes.

This is now a very personal issue for me as my land now sits on the edge of a new proposed subdivision — called the Deerfield Subdivision on Gardner Street. Yes, as neighbors we have rallied enough support for a public hearing. But will anyone really listen? Will anyone really care that many animals' and birds' homes will be demolished without a thought to their needs? Somehow the dollar speaks louder than the sparrows' song here on Gardner Street. Somehow I think we are giving our children a very different sense around heritage.

It seems more and more of a reality that what is occurring was predicted by Henry David Thoreau: "I am monarch of all I survey. My right there is none to dispute." So we told our Indian chiefs, hidden among broken promises. And we took the land, and claimed it as ours and sent them away to the reservations. Now we say to the wildlife: We are monarchs of all your lands and we will send you away to extinction — heritage is for picture books.

As a member of Growth Facilitators, a private counseling service in Manchester, I feel a responsibility to express concern for what appears to be a change in values in the town of Manchester. Someone has to speak for the soon-to-be-displaced deer, fox, owls, raccoons, opossums and chipmunks, to name a few affected. Their cries fall on deaf ears, it seems. Who owns the wildlife?

Thelma Sherwood
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Russians, puppets win war in press

To the Editor:

The Afghan freedom fighters have accomplished something magnificent. They have halted the onward rush of communist aggression, a consummation devoutly wished by almost every politician in every speech made since World War II ended.

And how has the press greeted this achievement? Largely by playing up not the victory but the dissensions among freedom-fighter groups. The zenith in this respect was your front page of Feb. 18, half-filled with a photograph of a dogfight and a caption standing, "Despite food shortages and the withdrawal of Soviet troops, this aspect of life in Kabul continues normally." And above all, the word "Bloodbath" in a type known in newspaper circles as "Second Coming type."

The Russians and their puppet government in Kabul have been licked militarily, but they are on their way to winning the propaganda war.

Rhea Talley Stewart
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Correction

Dr. Ali Imram Hashmi was quoted in a Manchester Herald story on Saturday, Feb. 18, about local reaction to Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini's death decree against Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses." The publication date was given incorrectly in a letter to the editor published Tuesday.

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BUSINESS

Brady defends Bush proposal to rescue S&Ls

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady was headed to Capitol Hill to defend President Bush's plan for the savings and loan industry amid criticism that it provides too little money and is based on rosy economic projections.

Brady's appearance today before the Senate Banking Committee is the first congressional hearing on the plan since the president proposed it two weeks ago.

The White House Office of Management and Budget released figures Tuesday showing that the administration is assuming long-term interest rates will fall 3 percent in two years to the lowest point in 20 years, and that savings and loan deposits will grow at an annual rate of 7.2 percent even as the government will be curbing high-flying, fast-growing institutions.

"These assumptions are highly optimistic, exceedingly optimistic," said Bert Ely, a financial institutions analyst in Alexandria, Va. "They're just not realistic."

Meanwhile, the House Ways and Means Committee was to hear from Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Chairman L. William Seidman, who under Bush's plan would oversee deposit insurance for both commercial banks and S&Ls.

Bush proposes spending $126 billion through 1999, about half of it from taxpayer funds. However, analysts say if the administration's interest rate projections are off, as they believe, the government will have to spend hundreds of millions of dollars more per year to finance the rescue program.

Also, if the deposit growth is lower than predicted, then insurance premiums paid by the industry will fall far short of the $32 billion projected over the next decade. That would mean taxpayers would have to pay more.

Bush's plan calls for raising $50 billion by selling bonds over the next three years. The bonds will be sold in an off-budget arrangement, which means the government will have to pay more in interest than on normal Treasury borrowing.

The OMB plan shows the special S&L bonds carrying a rate 0.3 percentage points higher than long-term Treasury rates. That's "a shade optimistic," according to Robert Litan, a banking expert with the Brookings Institution.

More importantly, however, the government shows long-term Treasury rates falling from about 8.2 percent now to 6.2 percent in 1991, which would be the lowest rate since 1968.

"To say that that's optimistic is the understatement of the year," Litan said.

Analysts said the deposit growth projections are in line with the rate of the past 10 years, but are likely too high if the administration follows through with other parts of its reform program. S&Ls under the Bush plan would not be allowed to grow unless their owners put up more of their own money.

"There's no way thrift deposits are going to grow that fast in light of the capital requirements," Ely said.

Feds rap review in futures board

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Chicago Board of Trade should broaden its review of futures contracts, daily trading activity and traders in order to do a better job of detecting abuses, a government agency has concluded.

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission, which reviewed the activities of the world's largest futures market from July 1987 to April 1988, said the board's routine computer surveillance program was inadequate.

The CFTC called for modifications to the program.

A similar criticism was levied by the agency in its last review of the board of trade in 1986, but received little public attention. However, the latest report comes as a federal grand jury in Chicago is reviewing evidence from a two-year FBI undercover investigation of widespread alleged abuses at the board of trade and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

In reaction to the FBI investigation, Congress is closely scrutinizing both the Chicago markets and the commission's oversight of them. The agency's legislative authorization expires Sept. 30 and Congress may demand reforms before passing it.

In response to the report, board of trade officials noted that the exchange's directors voted earlier this month to spend $1 million this year to improve the exchange's computerized trade reconstruction system, which is designed to catch improper trades.

IN BRIEF

Olds dealer runs contest

Bob Riley Oldsmobile Inc. of 259 Adams St. is among Oldsmobile dealers throughout Connecticut and western Massachusetts participating in the Olds Dealers/G. Fox Sweepstakes.

The second round of the contest is under way until March 4. The drawing for a new car or a $15,000 shopping spree at G. Fox & Co. will be held in mid-March. Entrants must quote the last line of "Quasimodo" in the Cutlass Calais TV commercial.

How-to seminars planned

Beginning Monday, Grossman's at 145 Spencer St. will host a series of free how-to seminars on home-improvement projects.

The seminars will be held Monday through March 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., with this schedule: Feb. 27, flooring; Feb. 28, furniture refinishing; March 1, gypsum; March 2, kitchen planning; March 3, paneling, planking and framing; March 6, power tools; March 7, windows; March 8, bath fixtures; March 9 ceilings; and March 10, interior doors.

No federal deals for Talco

HARTFORD (AP) — A Berlin, Conn., company has been barred from federal contract work until 1991 after a federal administrative judge determined the firm violated federal payroll rules.

Talco Insulation Inc. failed to pay its employees the required prevailing-wage rates for this region, and it deliberately falsified its payroll records on a number of federally financed projects from 1981 through 1983, according to a ruling last September in a U.S. Department of Labor proceeding against the company.

David W. DiNardi, a federal administrative law judge, in September ordered a three-year "debarment" of the company, barring it from participation in federal contracts and subcontracts until 1991.

DiNardi also ordered that 16 workers receive a total of $80,424 in back wages.

Firm to move operations

REDDING (AP) — The Gilbert & Bennett Co. has announced that it will relocate its wire- and wood-fencing manufacturing operations to three of its plants in Georgia, Illinois and West Virginia.

The move will affect 140 manufacturing employees in the Georgetown section of Redding. The company said it didn't know how many of the workers would be laid off and how many would be transferred.

Furniture maker cuts back

NORWICH (AP) — Helikon Furniture Co. Inc. is laying off 65 employees as of April 24, citing the declining demand for the expensive office furniture it manufactures.

The layoffs represent nearly a quarter of the work force at the plant, which is located in the Taftville section of Norwich.

Sales of less expensive furniture are growing, while demand for the higher-quality goods manufactured in Norwich has declined, Helikon President Frank E. Novakowski said Monday.

Novakowsky said the company's traditional customers were Arabian oil barons, who came on hard times in the 1970s, and then Wall Street brokerage firms, which can no longer afford to decorate their offices with expensive furniture.

Fed faces inflation threat by slowing rate of growth

By John Cunniff
The Associated Press

Business Mirror

NEW YORK — To lean into the winds of inflation, even taking the risk that the economy will fall flat on its face. To reinforce economic reasoning and bolster its strength when political spending dreams get out of hand.

These are two of the historic missions of the Federal Reserve, an always controversial, often misunderstood, sometimes misguided powerhouse.

It has no set image. To some people, including the presidents who nominate its chairmen, it is an arrogant bully; to others, it is a nervous nellie, its worry-red eyes seeking economic dangers hidden from the perception of others.

In this regard, it has been accused of removing the punch bowl just as the fun begins — which is to say that at the height of the economic celebration it seeks to keep its head so that everyone can drive home safely from the party.

It reports to Congress, but some congressmen have railed against it and had no impact at all. It keeps secrets; rarely is there a leak of inside discussions. And seldom does it explain its moves in great detail.

Oddly, the Fed's reticence gets it more space in the media than almost any member of Congress or any Cabinet officer could command. It also is the subject of endless speculation in the investment and political communities.

Generally, it maintains an intellectual aloofness from political assaults. On the other hand, it has been accused again and again of timing its economic moves to help re-elect the incumbent party — of creating election year booms.

The Fed thus has many faces and many images at different times, but not now. Seldom has its mission been more explicit; It is going to face down the threat of inflation by slowing the American economy's growth rate.

Moreover, it intends to get the job done before inflation does work its way into the economic marrow. Not forgotten is the 1970s experience, when the Fed, for whatever reasons, allowed inflation to gather such steam it took the highest interest rates of the century and a deep recession to stop it.

As usual, it has supporters and dissenters, and sometimes the two are combined. Wall Street is said to gain confidence from the Fed's position on inflation, but some of those Wall Streeters are attracting the money of clients with forecasts of economic growth much higher than that prescribed by the Fed.

Many people, including respected economists and even President Bush, feel the inflation danger is overstated. By his actions as chairman, Alan Greenspan couldn't disagree more: relentlessly, he has forced up interest rates.

Such action, it often is contended, threatens to replace one danger, inflation, with another, recession. Judging by its actions, the Fed agrees that there are indeed two dangers, and that recession is the more acceptable.

So far, the Fed's anti-inflation policy not only hasn't stopped the economy in its tracks but hasn't been able to slow the growth rate to a target of only 2.5 percent or thereabouts. Many economists still expect growth of 3.5 percent this year.

As the Fed seems to view the situation, growth at 3.5 percent would so stress on the nation's plant capacity and labor force — in both instances compelling the use of the least efficient of each — that price increases would follow.

But critics, as there always are when the Fed is involved, contend that by raising interest rates the Fed will force companies to forego investments in greater plant capacity and more efficient technology and methods.

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District

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vote on using proceeds from any sale of the property for fire apparatus.

But Landers agreed that linking all three questions in one meeting might cloud the issues and "kill the deal" (the agreement with the town).

Director Samuel Longest said Alan Lamson, architect for the Willis conversion, has said that going to bid early on the conversion could save several thousand dollars.

Before the special meeting on the agreement, the district directors plan to hold a couple of informal meetings, probably in the district firehouse at Main and Hilliard streets, to explain terms of the agreement.

The directors of both the town and the district have approved the agreement in principle, but have not formally voted on it. Mayor Peter DiRosa said today the town directors will not vote until after the district voters have acted.

Bolton

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authority to make the changes because they were made after public hearings and without consulting the selectmen.

Barger agreed in a letter to the board dated Feb. 15.

Barger also said the ballot could be broken down into several questions, but that the questions should be carefully drafted so that if just some of the revisions passed they would be workable.

In addition, Barger said the revisions, if passed, would be effective immediately.

The board had asked the secretary of the state to offer legal opinions on these questions. The secretary of the state, in turn, referred the questions to Barger.

Tuesday night, First Selectman Sandra W. Pierog and Zizka voted that the referendum pose several questions about specific charter changes so the revision would not be rejected on an all-or-nothing basis.

However, Selectmen Lawrence A. Converse III and Carl Preuss felt there was no need to present voters with numerous questions.

Selectman Douglas T. Cheney had the swing vote on the issue, siding with Preuss and Converse.

"Let's not break it down like we have to spoon-feed them," Preuss said.

Zizka said, "I think that giving the voters a series of choices better serves the people."

In addition, Zizka said that if the revision didn't pass and a new revision committee were formed in the future, it would not have any direction because it wouldn't know why the people rejected the previous proposal.

The selectmen voted 3-2 against the charter changes Dec. 6. Cheney, Converse and Preuss voted to reject the revisions mainly because of the town manager proposal.

After the board rejected the revisions, revision commission members petitioned to override the selectmen's rejection. They collected 300 signatures, more than the required 10 percent of eligible voters, to force a referendum.

Inflation

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Last month's advance left the price index at 121.1 percent of its **1982-84** base, meaning that a hypothetical selection of goods costing $100 during the base period would have cost $121.10 in January, 60 cents more than in December.

Unlike other figures in the report, the overall index is not adjusted for seasonal fluctuations.

In another report today, the Labor Department said Americans' average weekly earnings, after adjusting for inflation, increased 0.6 percent in January after falling 0.3 percent during the previous month.

Average weekly earnings were $329.48 in January, 4.3 percent higher than a year earlier.

January's 0.6 percent increase in consumer prices was the biggest jump since a 0.7 percent rise in January 1987.

One of the biggest increases came in costs for tobacco and other smoking products, which jumped 4.7 percent.

Even in advance of today's CPI figures, worries about inflation had been heightened by earlier reports showing that the economy entered 1989 with strong momentum and by January's sharp jump in wholesale prices.

"The inflation rate is edging up and that's going to continue," David Wyss, an economist with Data Resources Inc.

Doctor

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a staff of respiratory therapists who work with patients, Beck said. It is a part-time position, requiring about 10 hours each week, he said. He also has staff privileges at the hospital, which means he can refer patients to, and treat patients in the hospital.

The hospital issued a strongly worded statement Tuesday, saying that the administration and medical staff were concerned about Hashmi's remarks and were anxious to hear his explanation of them.

Those who have called the hospital have been polite, Beck said. When they hang up, "they are still angry, but they are glad to have said their piece," he said.

Those who have called Hashmi's office, at 771 Main St., East Hartford, have not been so polite, said the receptionist there. The woman, who would not give her name, said that the office received a large number of harrassing telephone calls on Tuesday.

Hashmi is on vacation and his partner, Dr. Thinh Van Nguyen, is busy covering both his own patients and Hashmi's. So the staff has been handling the calls themselves, the woman said.

Staff members complained to East Hartford police Tuesday about the telephone calls, according to Sgt. Robert Rioux. However, there is little the police can do, he said. Telephones are tapped so that harrassing callers can be located only in situations where people are threatening to kill people or bomb a business, he said.

The Hartford County Medical Association has received a number of telephone calls about Hashmi, said spokeswoman Melissa Williams. The telephone rang constantly on Monday, when the office was officially closed, she said.

"I was here, and I expect that the calls were all about Dr. Hashmi," Williams said. "But I knew if I started answering them, I wouldn't get any work done."

The association, which is a private, professional group, does not reveal whether a complaint has been brought against a particular doctor, said Ann Luby, who supervises the complaint and peer-review process.

About 45 written complaints are received annually against the 1,800 members of the association, she said. The process of investigating these complaints takes an average of three months, but may require as much as eight months to resolve, she said.

In a small number of cases, the association's board of directors decides to suspend or expel a doctor from the medical association. If this occurs, a doctor may not treat patients in local hospitals, but may continue to operate within the confines of a private office.

Satanic

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United Nations in support of the author.

Khomeini refused to withdraw the death threat after Rushdie, a British citizen who was born into a Moslem family in India, issued a statement from hiding apologizing that his novel had offended Moslems.

Major U.S. booksellers such as Waldenbooks, B. Dalton and Barnes & Noble have withdrawn the book from their shelves, citing threats.

That has left only independent bookstores to continue to stock the novel that many Moslems consider sacrilegious.

Despite the controversy, the book will debut as No. 2 on The New York Times Book Review's best-selling hardcover fiction list in the March 5 issue.

The paper ran a full-page ad today by the Association of American Publishers, the American Booksellers Association and the American Library Association that says: "Free people write books, free people publish books, free people buy books, free people read books."

In the Netherlands, more than 800 Dutch writers, artists, publishers and journalists today took out a half-page ad in national newspapers asking their government to break diplomatic ties with Iran if the execution order is not rescinded.

Publishers in France, West Germany, Greece and Turkey have cancelled plans to publish the book, whose author was born a Moslem in India and is a naturalized British citizen. "The Satanic Verses" has been banned by at least seven countries, including India, Pakistan and Egypt.

No matter how offensive Rushdie's book may be to Moslems, "inciting murder and offering rewards for its perpetration are deeply offensive to the norms of civilized behavior," Bush said Tuesday.

AP photo

OPPOSES LAW — Richard Paukner, a spokesman for the Connecticut Motorcycle Riders Association, urges members of the Legislature's Transportation Committee to reject a bill that would require motorcyclists to wear helmets. Dozens on motorcyclists descended on the Capitol Tuesday to speak out against a helmet law.

'Yuppie welfare'

Business lobbyists oppose parental-leave bill

By Judd Everhart
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Business lobbyists say a bill requiring private employers to give employees unpaid leaves for family illness or the birth of a child would unnecessarily burden smaller companies and allow government to intrude in private business affairs.

One opponent labeled the bill "yuppie welfare."

But the bill's backers told the General Assembly's Labor Committee that the measure was needed to protect employees and their families.

The bill would extend to workers in the private sector those leave protections now enjoyed by state employees as a result of a 1988 law.

Under the bill, an employer would have to grant to any worker up to 24 weeks of unpaid leave during any two-year period as the result of the birth or adoption of a child or the serious illness of the employee's child, spouse or parent.

"Children are our future and we can't afford to risk their futures," said Senate President Pro Tem John B. Larson, D-East Hartford, the bill's chief sponsor. "We can't ignore the need for bonding. Mother and child need to learn about each other."

Business groups said they oppose the idea of making leave policies mandatory.

Annemarie H. Riemer of the Connecticut Business and Industry Association said allowing companies to work out leaves based on an individual employee's needs works best.

"There is no single solution that fills everyone's needs," Riemer said. "Spreading work among remaining employees may not be feasible if their skills don't match those required for the vacated job, or if they are already working at full capacity."

She said that smaller businesses could be immobilized should more than one employee take a leave at the same time.

Fredrica Gray, head of the state's Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, said the bill would "eliminate the almost impossible task of choosing between (one's family) and one's job."

Diane Orlowski, a Hamden businesswoman who spoke on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Businesses, said the real worry of most working parents is adequate and affordable day care, not unpaid leaves of absence.

"Parental leave can best be termed yuppie welfare," she said.

Trailer parks fear age law

GROTON (AP) — Two trailer-park owners in Groton are among several in Connecticut scrambling to ensure that a federal law prohibiting discrimination in housing based on age doesn't mean their parks will have to start accepting families with children.

The two Groton park owners are trying to take advantage of exemptions in the new federal law, which goes into effect March 12, by drafting regulations prohibiting future tenants from bringing children along.

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development are scheduled to meet next month with the staff of U.S. Rep. Sam Gejdenson, D-2nd District, to discuss the law's impact on mobile-home park tenants.

The law is part of the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, which prohibits discrimination against children and handicapped people. The act doesn't pertain solely to mobile homes — it involves all housing — but park owners and their tenants have been among the first to react.

Carl Harris, an equal opportunities specialist with HUD, said executive summaries of the legislation distributed months ago spurred some park owners to take action to keep their communities childless.

Harris said he has already received about a dozen inquiries from trailer owners who said they have received notice of new restrictions on the number and age of future tenants.

He said park owners are taking advantage of exemptions in the law for parks designated as senior citizen or adult communities.

A park qualifies as an adult community if 80 percent of its homes are occupied by at least one person 55 or older. A senior citizen designation requires 80 percent of the units be occupied by at least one person 65 or older.

Joseph M. DeNorbrega, owner of Groton Mobile Home Sites and Sales, sent a letter to his tenants Feb. 14 telling them that, for new trailer owners, at least one of the occupants must be at least 55 years old, no more than two people can occupy one unit, and none can be between the ages of 5 to 21.

Cal Ackley, an owner of Ackley Brothers High Rock Trailer Park, said he recently sent a similar notice to his 260 tenants.

Ackley, whose park has always been an adult community, said many park owners can't afford to have large families as tenants because of the increased need for sewage and water facilities.

Bill would set campaign ethics

HARTFORD (AP) — State lawmakers who say they were targets of distortions and half-truths during the 1988 campaign, want to put an end to political mudslinging with a code of ethics for candidates.

"The First Amendment gives us the right to lie," Rep. Joel N. Gordes, D-Colebrook, said Tuesday. "But does it also give us the right to get away with it? I don't think so."

Gordes and Rep. Margaret S. Gill, R-Wilton, are backing legislation that calls for candidates to agree voluntarily to a code of ethics. Those who agree would be subject to fines if they violate the code.

Gordes is still fuming over a campaign brochure, distributed by his Republican opponent three days before the November election, accusing him of, among other things, voting to put prostitutes, kidnappers and burglars back on the streets.

He testified before the government, administration and elections committee in support of the bill, introduced by Gill.

Gill had been accused of opposing a bill that would have required the state Department of Health Services to record on land records all polluted wells. It later turned out that her Democratic rival had confused the votes taken on a bill with those taken on an amendment.

Under Gill's anti-mudslinging pro posal, candidates for the General Assembly would be asked to voluntarily sign codes of ethics voluntarily, essentially promising not to misrepresent such facts as military records, educational experience, endorsements, voting records, attendance records, place of residency and occupation.

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Daffodils

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"My father had it (cancer) and I know plenty of people who have it." Although Downes had is volunteering to fulfill a college course requirements, she said she plans to volunteer for the event again next year.

Chorches said recently her mother died of cancer, and she has some friends suffering from the disease.

Another volunteer, Don A. Carpenter, of 175 Green Manor Road, is noted by Chorches and other volunteers for delivering flowers to out-of-the-area destinations such as East Longmeadow, Mass.

He said his mother died from cancer when he was 16 years old.

Many area businesses pay for daffodils which are then delivered to hospitals and nursing homes, homeless shelters, and to Meals on Wheels clients.

The flowers are a bit late arriving this year. The sale date was originally March 16 and 17. But an Arctic deep freeze which left temperatures in Alaska well below zero has delayed the growing season in Washington, Chorches said.

The flowers will be delivered March 30 and 31, Chorches said. If an order for 10 or more bunches is placed, volunteers will deliver the flowers. Otherwise, patrons can pick up their flowers at the American Cancer Society, 243 E. Center St.

The daffodil is a sign of hope, Chorches said. When the flowers first arrive, they resemble stalks of green asparagus. The following day, when the flowers open, the sight is breathtaking.

"It's like somebody smiling, such a happy yellow color," Chorches said. She said the event is fun and uplifting.

"Usually there are so many negatives to this disease that this is a positive," Chorches said.

The deadline to order the flowers is March 17, Chorches said. To place an order, to volunteer to take orders, or deliver flowers March 30 and 31, call Chorches at the society's Manchester office, 643-2168.

Bush

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Bush will arrive in Tokyo at about 1 p.m. local time on Thursday with much of the work day ahead of him. However, his body clock will tell him that it's 11 p.m. Wednesday at home.

It is unusual for an American president to travel overseas just 33 days after his inauguration but Bush decided to go to Tokyo to represent the United States on Friday at the state funeral of Emperor Hirohito, who died of cancer at the age of 87 on Jan. 7.

Scowcroft said the trip underscores the strategic importance of the three nations that Bush will visit, as well as "the growing importance of the U.S. relationship to Asia as a whole, and to point out again that the United States is an Asian power."

The trip gives Bush an opportunity to highlight the American profile in Asia before a dramatic new chapter in Sino-Soviet relations. In May, Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev will go to Beijing for talks with Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping — the first such summit in 30 years.

Hirohito's funeral is expected to draw representatives of 154 countries, including 55 heads of state.

Taking advantage of the gathering, Bush will hold more than a dozen 15- to 30-minute meetings in Tokyo with kings, presidents and prime ministers from around the world.

Scowcroft said Bush will meet with the leaders of Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Singapore, Pakistan, Thailand, West Germany, France, Belgium, Turkey, Brazil and Nigeria. More meetings will be added.

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FOOD

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REAL FOOD FOR REAL PEOPLE —

BACK-TO-BASICS UPDATED FOR TODAY

After the flurry of interest in "nouvelle" dishes, most of us are rediscovering the pleasures of honest eating — foods that satisfy both the body and the soul and, perhaps, spark memories of childhood. Unlike our mothers or grandmothers, however, we simply can't spend hours preparing these heartwarming family favorites.

The solution? Use modern methods and appliances to shortcut the process, creating the same tasty results. And, of course, choose only first quality ingredients — some rules never change.

Lean beef and natural cheese are building blocks for so many updated classics. Both provide solid amounts of the beneficial protein necessary for growth and maintenance of muscle and other tissue, not to say energy. This savory Poached Beef, for example, accompanied by a zesty Mustard Sauce, proves you needn't devote half a day to produce a flavorful, nutritious roast.

Because savvy cooks, thrifty with both time and money, take advantage of opportunities to "piggyback" recipes, Quick Classic French Onion Soup is based on the beef poaching liquid plus only a very few other ingredients. Mellow, nutty Jarlsberg — a gift from Norway and, with good reason, our most popular imported cheese — melts quickly and smoothly to provide a golden crown, along with plenty of bone-fortifying calcium. Serve as an elegant first course for company or, with a fresh green salad, a perfect light lunch or supper.

Marinate versatile, relatively inexpensive top round steak to tenderize and enrich the flavor. Then broil for twenty minutes or less and combine with peppers, Jarlsberg — or zippier Nokkelost, another Norwegian cheese delicately seasoned with cloves, cumin and caraway — in hollowed out breads or rolls for hearty Spiced Cheese and Beef Steak Sandwich. It makes great sports party munching ... or treat the family to a super sandwich.

A tempting variation on that all-American dessert, fragrant Baked Apples Norwegian-Style owe their special appeal to yet a third cheese from Norway: golden brown, naturally sweet Gjetost with more than a hint of luscious caramel. The microwave, of course, telescopes cooking time.

An easy, streamlined version of the traditional pot pie, Speedy Sirloin Steak Casserole once again marries lower fat, lower calorie meat with Jarlsberg — a lower fat, lower calorie cheese since it's made from part-skim milk. Refrigerator pie crust eliminates messy dough making.

Inspired by the quintessential comfort food, Mini Beef and Cheese Meatloaves are ready — start to finish — in under 15 minutes, thanks to your microwave. Here Nokkelost, also a part-skim milk cheese, supplies most of the seasoning, enhancing versatile ground beef.

POACHED BEEF WITH MUSTARD SAUCE

Preparation time: 10 minutes
Cooking time: 40 to 50 minutes

2 1/4-pound boneless beef chuck shoulder roast
2 tablespoons olive oil
4 cups water
1 can (10-1/2 ounces) condensed beef broth
1 cup dry white wine (or unsweetened apple juice)
2 cloves garlic, minced
1-1/2 teaspoons dried thyme leaves
1/2 teaspoon cracked black pepper
Mustard Sauce

Tie boneless beef chuck roast with heavy string at 2-inch intervals. In Dutch oven, brown roast in oil over medium-high heat until all sides are browned. Pour off drippings.

Add water, beef broth, wine, garlic, thyme and pepper. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 1 8 to 2 2 minutes per pound. Temperature will register 140°F.

Remove roast to serving platter. Cover tightly with plastic wrap or aluminum foil and allow to "stand" 10 minutes before carving. During standing, roast will rise approximately 10 degrees in temperature to 150°F for medium-rare.

Remove string. Meanwhile use 1 cup poaching liquid to prepare Mustard Sauce.* Carve roast into thin slices and serve with sauce. Makes 6-8 servings.

*Reserve remaining poaching liquid to make Quick Classic French Onion Soup.

Mustard Sauce

Preparation time: 3 to 5 minutes
Cooking time: 5 minutes

2 teaspoons cornstarch
1 cup beef poaching liquid, strained and divided
1 to 2-1/2 teaspoons Dijon-style mustard
2 teaspoons chopped parsley

Dissolve cornstarch in 1 tablespoon poaching liquid. Combine cornstarch mixture, remaining poaching liquid, mustard and parsley. Cook and stir over medium heat until sauce is clear and slightly thickened, about 3 to 5 minutes. Yield: 3/4 cup.

QUICK CLASSIC FRENCH ONION SOUP

Preparation time: 10 minutes
Cooking time: 40 to 45 minutes

1 pound yellow onions, thinly sliced
1 teaspoon sugar
2 tablespoons olive oil
5 cups beef poaching liquid,* strained
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
4 French bread slices, cut 1/2 inch thick and toasted
6 ounces Jarlsberg cheese, thinly sliced

In Dutch oven, cook onion and sugar in hot oil over medium heat, 15 to 20 minutes or until deep golden brown, stirring frequently. Slowly add poaching liquid and pepper; bring to boil. Reduce heat; cover and cook slowly 20 minutes.

Ladle soup into deep 1-1/2-quart ovenproof casserole or tureen, or 4 individual ovenproof bowls. Place bread slices on top of soup; top with cheese.

Place soup under broiler, 3 to 4 inches from heat; broil 3 to 5 minutes, until cheese is lightly browned and bubbly. Makes 4 servings.

*Reserved from Poached Beef.

SPICED CHEESE AND BEEF STEAK SANDWICH

Preparation time: 10 minutes
Cooking time: 18 to 22 minutes

1 pound beef top round steak, cut 1 inch thick
1 clove garlic, minced
1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar, divided
3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
1 large Spanish onion, thinly sliced
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon salt, divided
1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper pods
1 (jarred) whole roasted red pepper, cut in thin strips
4 to 6 ounces Jarlsberg, sliced (or Nokkelost, for additional spice) cheese
2 8-inch French rolls (8 ounces each)

Place beef top round steak in plastic bag or utility dish; spread garlic on both sides of steak. Combine 1/4 cup vinegar and 1 tablespoon oil; pour over steak, turning to coat. Close bag securely, or cover dish and marinate in refrigerator 6 to 8 hours (if desired, overnight), turning at least once. Pour off marinade, leaving garlic on steak.

Place steak on rack in broiler pan so surface of meat is 3 to 4 inches from the heat. Broil 8 to 10 minutes; turn and broil second side of steak 8 to 10 minutes to desired degree of doneness (rare to medium).

In large frying pan, cook onion in remaining hot oil over medium-high heat 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Add remaining vinegar, cumin, 1/4 teaspoon salt and crushed red pepper and cook until most of vinegar evaporates. Remove from heat. Carve steak into 1/8 to 1/4-inch thick slices; season with remaining salt.

Add steak and red pepper strips to onion mixture, stirring to coat. Slice rolls in half lengthwise; remove soft interior from top and bottom of rolls, leaving a shell 1/2 inch thick.

Place beef mixture in bottom half of bread; top with cheese. Place sandwiches under broiler to melt cheese. Makes 4 servings.

BAKED APPLES NORWEGIAN-STYLE

Preparation time: 10 minutes
Microwave cooking time: 5 to 6 minutes*

2 large red baking apples
1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Gjetost cheese
1/3 cup chopped pecans
1/4 cup raisins
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Cut each apple in half crosswise; remove core. Combine Gjetost cheese, pecans, raisins, brown sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg; spoon an equal portion into and over each apple half.

Arrange apples in 8-inch microwave-safe baking dish.** Microwave, uncovered, on HIGH 5 to 6 minutes, rotating dish and apples after 3 minutes. Cover with plastic wrap and let stand 3 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

*Cooking time is based on a 650-watt microwave oven.

Conventional Oven Method: Place apples in baking dish; set dish in pan containing 1/4 cup water. Tent tightly with foil. Bake 30 minutes at 350°F.

MINI BEEF AND CHEESE MEATLOAVES

(Not Shown)
Preparation time: 10 minutes
Microwave cooking time: 4 to 4-1/2 minutes*

8 ounces ground beef (80 percent lean)
3 to 4 ounces Nokkelost cheese, shredded
2 tablespoons chopped green onion (scallions)
1 tablespoon **each** milk, crushed rye crackers
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon black pepper

Combine ground beef, 2 ounces Nokkelost cheese, onion, milk, cracker crumbs, salt and pepper, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Divide meat mixture into 2 equal portions and mold into small loaves.

Place loaves in microwave-safe baking dish.** Cover with waxed paper and microwave on HIGH 2 to 2-1/2 minutes; rotate dish 1/2 turn and continue cooking 2 minutes.

Sprinkle remaining cheese on loaves. Cover with waxed paper and let stand 5 minutes. Makes 2 servings.

*Cooking time is based on a 650-watt microwave oven.

Conventional Oven Method: Place loaves in baking pan. Bake at 350°F 20 to 30 minutes. (Top with the remaining cheese **5 minutes** before end of cooking time.)

SPEEDY SIRLOIN STEAK CASSEROLE

(Not Shown)
Preparation time: 30 minutes
Cooking time: 10 to 12 minutes

1 1/2-pound beef top sirloin steak, cut 1 inch thick
2 tablespoons cooking oil, divided
1 sheet refrigerated pie crust
1 teaspoon dill weed
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 medium onion, coarsely chopped
1/2 pound mushrooms, quartered
1 tablespoon flour
1/2 cup milk
1 teaspoon **each** ground nutmeg, beef bouillon granules
8 ounces (2 cups) Jarlsberg cheese, shredded
2 cups frozen peas

Cut sirloin steak into 1/4-inch thick slices. Cut each slice into 1-inch pieces. Combine with 1 tablespoon oil. Allow pie crust to stand at room temperature, as package directs.

Heat large non-stick frying pan until hot. Stir-fry beef mixture (half at a time), 1 to 2 minutes. Remove meat mixture, combine with dill and salt and reserve.

Heat remaining oil in same frying pan; add onion and cook until softened, about 3-4 minutes. Add mushrooms and cook 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Sprinkle with flour; cook 1 minute. Add milk, nutmeg and bouillon. Bring mixture to boil and cook, stirring constantly, until it thickens. Add Jarlsberg cheese; mix lightly until cheese melts. Stir in reserved beef mixture with juices and peas.

Spoon mixture into round 2-quart casserole. Fold pie crust edges under, to fit inside circumference of casserole, and place on top of meat mixture. Crimp edges decoratively and cut slits in several places near center (to prevent "cracking"). Bake casserole in preheated 450°F (hot) oven 10 to 12 minutes, or until crust is browned. Makes 6 servings.

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Store brands usually turn out to be the best buy

Fourth in a series

By the Editors
of Consumer Reports

Buying the store brand from your local supermarket can save you a lot of money, as the results of a Consumer Reports shopping expedition show.

Supermarkets don't provide you with store brands as a disinterested good deed. Supermarkets have a stake in keeping up the quality of their store brands. In past Consumer Reports tests, many store brands — tea bags, peanut butter, preserves, glass cleaner, etc. — have done as well as or better than the name-brand versions.

Store brands are a good dealfor the supermarket too. They often make more money for a store than higher-priced, name-brand products.

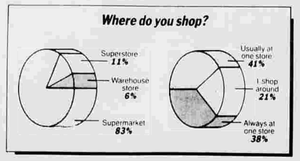
The economics of the supermarket business explain that seeming paradox.

To attract customers, supermarkets often slash prices of well-known brands close to the supermarket's own cost. Competition among supermarkets helps keep the name-brand prices low.

Store brands are free of that kind of competition and they often carry a higher profit margin. Not only do store brands build store profits, they build customer loyalty. You can buy Mazola just about anywhere. If you want Grand Union vegetable oil, you have to shop at a Grand Union. To encourage sales, supermarkets typically give store brands the prized eye-level position on the shelf.

Store brands can carry a lower price than name brands because the store saves on all the costs associated with promoting a brand, as well as intermediary handles and perhaps on the quality of the product itself. Store brands essentially rely on the overall image and advertising of the store for their sales pitch. In turn they can also be useful in selling a certain image for the store.

Sometimes a store has two store brands — the regular one and a "branded generic." By giving their cheaper line its own brand name, chains reassure customers about product quality while letting them save money. Even though the plain packaging doesn't always cost a store less, the look — as if no time or labor had been wasted in its production — helps send the message that the product is a bargain.



Since the image of a supermarket is inextricably tried to its private labels — they often bear the store's own name, after all — stores have something of a vested interest in the quality of their brands.

In years of testing supermarket products, Consumer Reports' technical staff has found store brands to exhibit a range of quality. But often, name-brand products have been equaled or bested by one store brand or another (typically a first-line brand). In a series of head-to-head comparisons done especially for this report, Consumer Reports also found that many store brands did as well as or better than the name brands.

Over the years, generics have fared less well in the tests. Supermarkets figure that the buyer is willing to give up some quality in return for the low price. Often the generic ingredients are cheaper, though not necessarily and less nutritious. The peanuts might be misshappen and broken instead of Grade A Fancy, the grapes in the jelly a mixture of types instead of pure Concord.

On the other hand, the quality of name-brand products may be excessive for the function. Consider garbage bags. Consumer Reports' tests have shown that just about any kitchen-sized garbage bag can withstand the stresses ordinarily demanded of it. Name-brand bags may be stronger, but generic bags are usually strong enough.

Robert Wunderle, vice president for public affairs of Supermarkets General explains: "With national brands, you get a lot of 'overspecification' to create an advertising hook. You take the Bounty commercial, that a Bounty towel can support two coffee cups. No Frills paper towels don't have that tensile strength — but how often do you need to support two coffee cups?"

Consumer Reports' own tests have shown that Bounty is indeed stronger than No Frills. For that added strength, and for any other subtler values that Procter & Gamble's ad campaigns have conferred on Bounty towels, you pay twice what you pay for No Frills. Is Bounty worth it? You decide.

Most of Consumer Reports' readers opt for buying name-brand products, despite the costs. That's what the editors found when they asked readers about their label prefereces for a shopping list of 17 items.

For most items — from laundry detergent and toilet paper to soft drinks, ketchup and coffee — 80 percent or more preferred a national brand, because they perceived the brand-name items as being higher in quality and felt that "quality was more important than price" in choosing those items. The number dipped below 50 percent only for garbage bags andcanned green beans, items whose price many of the respondentsjudged as important as quality.

Next week in the final part of the series, the column will examine the power of chain stores.

AP photo

QUALITY TEST — Joyce Eskridge, product manager for 7-Eleven coffee, checks the quality of ground coffee at the 7-Eleven test kitchens in Dallas, Texas. The coffee will be shipped to 7-Eleven stores across the country, which sell more than 1 million cups of coffee each day.

New flavor of ice cream much richer

Supermarket Sampler

Carolyn Wyman
& Bonnie Tandy Leblang

HAAGEN-DAZS ICE CREAM. Deep chocolate and Special Editions deep chocolate fudge and deep chocolate peanut butter flavors. One pint, $2.19 to $2.29 for deep chocolate; $2.49 to $2.59 for the Special Editions flavors.

Carolyn: First of all you should know that there is absolutely nothing wrong with Haagen-Dazs' regular chocolate. Almost all of this company's ice cream flavors are richer than anybody else's, and chocolate is no exception.

This new deep chocolate flavor is just richer — designed for those who don't know the meaning of the word excess. Thinking that things are best appreciated by contast, I especially like the deep chocolate peanut butter. The weight conscious might think such rich flavors might make you eat less, but I wouldn't bet on it.

Bonnie: Like all ice cream, these new Haagen-Dozs flavors are extremely high in fat, especially saturated fat and cholesterol. Yet unlike most ice creams, these are made from all natural ingredients: No gums, no stabilizers and no artificial flavors.

If you eat ice cream, I'd recommend these. But only if you can restrain yourself to occasional binges of small amounts. Otherwise, you'd probably be better off eating lowfat frozen yogurt.

BETTY CROCKER BAKE SHOP BROWNIE MIX. Caramel pecan and chunky chocolate walnut. $2.29 a 25 to 25.5-oz. box.

Bonnie: Brownies are one of the easiest baked goods to make from scratch. My favorite recipe doesn't take any longer to make than these new Betty Crocker mixes, and my favorite recipe doesn't contain highly saturated tropical oils, cholesterol-laden beef tallow, lard, artificial flavor or preservatives.

For brownies free of tropical oils and preservatives, try Nestle Toll House Ready-To-Bake or make your own.

Carolyn: Bonnie can be forgiven for failing to discuss the caramel and fudge flavoring in these new brownies. They are that hard to taste. Moreover, neither variety are fudgy or chocolaty enough, especially considering all the trouble they are to make.

Nestle Toll House Ready-To-Bake and Pillsbury Ready to Microwave brownies are better-tasting and as easy to make as their namesakes would imply.

ORTEGA MEXICAN GARDEN SALAD. $1.89 for a 6 ¼-oz. box containing tortilla chips, salsa and seasoning.

Bonnie: A Mexican-style salad is fairly easy to make. Just toss lettuce with some seasoned oil and vinegar, top it with unsalted tortilla chips, and add a preservative-free sauce (like Ortega Picante). By doing this, you'd consume less sodium and preservatives than is in Ortega's new Mexican garden salad mix and save money to boot.

If you do decide to use this mix, I'd suggest using only half of the dressing and salsa they provide to serve a family of four. Otherwise the salad is drowning in sauce. Turn this into a complete meal by tossing in some well-drained cooked ground beef or, better yet, some cooked diced chicken or turkey.

Carolyn: Salad is pretty much synonymous with vegetables. That's why I hardly ever eat them. The good thing about this salad is that there aren't many vegetables in it. Only lettuce is required and that is swimming in a tasty sauce and accented with crunchy taco chips. If only all salads could be more like this one.

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

Fish dishes are important menu choices during Lent

Microwave Kitchen

Marge Churchill

Fish dishes are an important part of the menu choices offered during the Lenten season, as well as being a first choice of those trying to reduce the cholesterol intake in their diet.

The secrets to success for cooking fish are twofold: one, be sure the fish is fresh; and two, don't overcook. Rely upon your nose to satisfy the first requirement, and on your microwave to fulfill the second.

Fish cooked in the microwave should be slightly opaque and just flake easily when it is finished cooking. Standing time is important to complete the cooking process without overcooking. Because microwave cooking is so exact where timing is concerned, it is important that you follow the recipes precisely. Fish dishes should be served immediately upon completion of the standing time for best results in tenderness.

Oriental shrimp

1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 tablespoon butter
1 medium red pepper, cut into ½ inch strips
1 cup diagonally sliced carrots, ⅛ inch thick.
1 cup diagonally sliced celery, cut ⅛ inch thick
½ cup fresh broccoli flowerets
½ cup fresh cauliflowerets

Sauce:

2/3 cup ready-to-serve chicken broth
3 tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon cornstarch
¼ teaspoon sugar
¼ teaspoon ground ginger
Dash dried crushed red pepper
1 pound medium shrimp, shelled, and deveined
1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
¼ cup sliced green onions

In a 2-cup casserole, combine oil, butter, red pepper, carrots, celery, broccoli and cauliflower; cover. Microwave at high for 5 to 9 minutes, or just until vegetables are tender-crisp, stirring once or twice. Set aside.

In a 2-cup measure, blend broth, soy sauce and cornstarch. Stir in sugar, ginger and dried red pepper. Microwave at high power for 2½ to 4½ minutes, or until mixture is thickened and translucent, stirring twice. Pour over vegetables. Stir in shrimp, mushrooms and onions. Re-cover and microwave at high power for 4 to 5½ minutes, or until shrimp are opaque, stirring once or twice. Let stand for 1 minute, covered. Serve over hot cooked rice. Yields 4 to 6 servings.

Crab stuffed fillet of sole

2 teaspoons butter
¼ cup sliced almonds

Stuffing:

1 tablespoon butter
¼ cup finely chopped celery
¼ cup finely chopped onion
1 can (6 ounces) crab meat, rinsed, drained and cartilage removed
2 tablespoons seasoned dry bread crumbs
1 tablespoon sherry (not cooking sherry)
4 sole fillets, about ½ inch thick and 10 to 12 inches long

Sauce:

1 can (10¾ ounces) condensed cream of shrimp soup
2 tablespoons snipped fresh parsley
1 tablespoon sherry
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Paprika

Combine butter and almonds in a 9-inch glass pie plate. Microwave at high power for 4 to 8 minutes, or until light golden brown, stirring after every 2 minutes. Set aside.

Combine 1 tablespoon butter, celery and onion in a small mixing bowl for stuffing. Cover with plastic wrap. Microwave at high for 2 to 3 minutes, or until vegetables are tender. Stir in remaining stuffing ingredients. Mix well. Spread one-fourth of stuffing down center of each fillet. Roll up, enclosing stuffing. Arrange crab stuffed sole, seam side down in a 9-inch square baking dish.

Blend sauce ingredients, except for paprika in a small mixing bowl. Pour evenly over stuffed sole. Sprinkle with paprika. Cover with plastic wrap. Microwave at high for 10 to 13 minutes, or until center of fish roll flakes easily with a fork, rotating the dish once or twice. Let stand, covered, for 3 minutes. Top with toasted almonds. Yields 4 servings.

Easy fish with capers

1 pound haddock fillets, ½ to ¾ inches thick, cut into serving size pieces
¼ cup butter
2 tablespoons capers, drained
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
Paprika

Arrange haddock fillets in a 10-inch square casserole. Place butter in a 1-cup measuring cup. Microwave at high for 1¼ to 1½ minutes, or until butter melts. Pour evenly over fillets. Rearrange pieces. Top with cheese. Sprinkle with paprika. Microwave at high for 2 to 6 minutes, or until fish flakes easily with fork. Yields 4 servings.

Marge Churchill is a Manchester resident who is an authority on microwave cooking. If you have any questions about microwaving that you would like to see answered in this column, please send your inquiry to: Microwave, P.O. Box 591, Manchester Herald, Manchester 06040.

Menus

Senior citizens

The following meals will be served at Mayfair Gardens and Westhill Gardens the week of Feb. 27 through March 3 to Manchester residents who are 60 or older:

Monday: Apple juice, pork cutlet with broth, mashed potatoes with chives, peas and carrots, dinner roll, cinnamon applesauce.

Tuesday: Orange juice, Salisbury steak with brown gravy, rice, green beans with onions and pimientos, rye bread, chocolate chip pudding.

Wednesday: Pineapple juice, beef stew with potatoes, vegetables, tossed salad with Italian dressing, cornbread, cherry tart with whipped topping.

Thursday: Cranapple juice, turkey a la king, noodles, Oriental vegetables, wheat bread, cranberry jewel salad.

Friday: Vegetable soup, baked macaroni and cheese, green beans, date bread, fresh fruit.

Meals on Wheels

The following meals are to be served to Meals on Wheels clients the week of Feb. 27 through March 3. The hot noon meal is listed first and the cool evening meal, second:

Monday: Boneless pork loin with gravy, baked potato, squash. Chicken sandwich, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Roast turkey with stuffing and gravy, whipped potatoes, peas. Egg salad sandwich, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Shells with mild sauce, wax beans, peas. Turkey sandwich, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Baked meatloaf, whipped potatoes, carrots. Chicken salad sandwich, fruit, milk.

Friday: Baked haddock, whipped potatoes, spinach. Tuna salad sandwich, fruit, milk.

Manchester schools

The following lunches will be served in the Manchester public schools the week of Feb. 27 through March 3.

Monday: French bread pizza with pepperoni, salad, apple wedges and raisins.

Tuesday: Hamburger "a la mac," potato sticks, peas, cherry crisp.

Wednesday: Sloppy Joe on a roll, green beans, peach cobbler.

Thursday: Lasagna and meat sauce, salad, bread and butter, gelatin.

Friday: Tomato soup, toasted cheese sandwich, vegetable sticks, peanut butter brownie.

Bolton schools

The following lunches will be served in the Bolton Public Schools the week of Feb. 27 through March 3.

Monday: Fish and cheese on a bun, cole slaw, french fries, pineapple.

Tuesday: Chili dog, baked potato, peas, orange wedges, pudding.

Wednesday through Friday: Not available at press time.

Coventry schools

The following lunches will be served in the Coventry elementary schools the week of Feb. 27 through March 3:

Monday: Chilled fruit juice, pancakes and syrup, sausage patties, muffin, fruit cup.

Tuesday: Texas hot dog on a roll with chili, corn niblets, Western cinnamon cookie.

Wednesday and Friday: Not available at press time.

The following lunches will be served at Coventry High School the week of Feb. 27 through March 3:

Monday: Meatball grinder, vegetable, fruit.

Tuesday: Oven crisp chicken, whipped potatoes with gravy, green beans, roll and butter, dessert.

Wednesday through Friday: Not available at press time.

Andover Elementary

The following lunches will be served at Andover Elementary School the week of Feb. 27 through March 3:

Monday: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, cranberry sauce, chocolate chip cake.

Tuesday: Grinders, corn chips, salad, pineapple.

Wednesday through Friday: Not available at press time.

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FOCUS/Advice

Extramarital sex can be very dangerous

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: During my college days, I was a very popular girl — "promiscuous" would be more accurate. If you were to put a gun to my head and demand that I name every guy I'd ever gone to bed with, I couldn't do it.

I am now middle-aged, happily married and have children I am proud of. (I am avoiding specific numbers because I live in a small town where everybody reads Dear Abby, and I don't want to be identified.)

Not long ago, I went back to my hometown to spend a little time with one of my parents because the other parent was seriously ill. I saw some of my old friends, and among them was a fellow I had had a hot and heavy romance with before I married my husband. Well, I went to bed with him again. It wasn't a "love" thing — it just happened. I used a diaphragm, which protected me against pregnancy but not from sexually transmitted diseases.

Yesterday, I received a telephone call from this fellow informing me that his wife had just told him that she had had a one-night stand with an IV drug abuser who infomed her that he tested positive for AIDS. This means that I am at risk, and so is my husband!

Abby, please warn your readers that if they engage in extramarital sex to have the decency to protect themselves and their spouses. I wish I had.

TEARS ON MY PILLOW

DEAR TEARS: Your letter may save more lives than you know. I hope you are one of the lucky ones.

Readers: As I have pointed out in previous columns, sexually active people should ALWAYS use a condom, but because condoms sometimes break or slip off, one should also use a jelly lubricant containing Non-Oxynol-9, which will kill both the sperm and the AIDS virus. The active ingredients in a lubricant are listed on the outside of every package, so read before you buy.

According to the American Foundation for AIDS Research, of which I am a director, the AIDS virus may lie dormant in the body for years before causing the disease, so take no chances. This column isn't exactly an upper, but it is one of the most important columns I've ever written. Please pass this on to a sexually active friend.

Wedding bells? Wedding bills! Who pays for what and everything else you need to know if you're planning a wedding can be found in Abby's booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and address, plus check or money order for $2.89 to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

WIT OF THE WORLD

"Other men just sing in the bath."

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

Chapped hands become irritating

DEAR DR. GOTT: My daughter, 53, has had problems with her hands for five years. Her palms are always red, cracked, rough and thickened. They also hurt a lot. What can she do?

DEAR READER: The problem of skin irritation of the palms has many causes, ranging from severe allergic reactions to insufficient circulation. Your daughter needs an examination to uncover the reason for her problem. She may need the services of a dermatologist.

Many forms of hand irritation are due to the loss of natural oils from the skin. This can be accentuated by harsh soaps, detergents and cleaning agents. While your daughter is waiting for an appointment, I recommend she try the following program.

She should use rubber gloves, preferably brand-new ones, when she performs household chores, such as cleaning, laundry and dishwashing. She may find that a pure soap, such as Ivory or castille, will be less irritating when she washes. She should purchase a lanolin-containing skin cream — or even pure sheep lanolin — and use it generously on the affected skin, rubbing it in well several times a day, especially after her hands have been in water or exposed to harsh elements, such as cold and dry air.

If these suggestions are effective, she can cancel her appointment. Otherwise she should see a doctor.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What's the difference between fibromyositis and osteoarthritis?

DEAR READER: Fibromyositis (fibromyalgia or myofascial pain syndrome) is a condition of unknown cause marked by pain, tenderness and stiffness of muscles and tendons. Fibromyositis sometimes affects the low back (lumbago) or the chest wall (pleurodynia). Sometimes the muscles are inflamed; more often, they are simply painful. The condition is benign, often disappears by itself or can be treated with heat and mild pain medicine.

One of the hallmarks of fibromyositis is the "trigger point": Firm pressure on an affected muscle or tendon elicits rather severe pain. The ailment must be differentiated from more serious diseases, such as hypothyroidism (underactive thyroid) and rheumatoid arthritis.

Osteoarthritis, on the other hand, is a ubiquitous joint disease that affects most people as they age. It is characterized by a general wearing-down of joint surfaces (causing stiffness) and painless swellings around the joints. It is readily diagnosed by its appearance: the joint erosion is confirmed by X-ray examination. Osteoarthritis of the upper extremities is an uncomfortable nuisance. However, when the disease affects the weight-bearing joints (hips and knees), painful disability can result. Aspirin and similar drugs are usually useful in controlling the pain and stiffness of osteoarthritis; severe cases may require joint replacement.

As a general rule, fibromyositis/fibromyalgia strikes younger people than does osteoarthritis, is more difficult to diagnose, is less common and is not a progressive condition.

Key changes on tax return take place for 1988 income

Sylvia Porter

The tax return you will file this spring has a different look to it — and for good reason. It represents changes made by the giant Tax Reform Act of 1986, the 1987 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, the 1988 Welfare Reform Act and the 1988 Technical and Miscellaneous Revenue Act. That's a big bundle of tax legislation.

With the assistance of Prentice Hall tax attorney Eli J. Waraich, I've summarized the range of tax breaks — from lower tax rates to a boost in the standard deduction, and an increase in the amounts of personal and dependency exemptions.

■ Tax rates. Starting in 1988, there are two basic tax brackets with rates of 15 percent and 28 percent. (Although some individuals will pay tax at a 33-percent rate.) The 15-percent rate applies to the first $29,750 of taxable income on a joint return; the first $17,850 of taxable income on a return for single; and $23,900 of income on a return for heads of households. Taxed at the 28-percent rate is income exceeding $29,750 on a joint return; $17,850 for singles; and $23,900 for heads of households.

A 5-percent surtax (that's where the 33-percent rate comes in) is imposed on income between $71,900 and $149,250 for joint filers; $43,150 and $89,560 for singles; $81,650 and $123,790 for heads of households.

■ Standard deduction. For 1988, the standard deduction is increased to $5,000 for joint filers; $3,000 for singles; and $4,400 for heads of households. Also, taxpayers who are blind or age 65 or older are entitled to an additional standard deduction. This additional standard deduction is $750 for a qualifying unmarried individual (including head of household) and $600 ($1,200 if the taxpayer is both blind and 65 or older for a qualifying surviving spouse or married taxpayer (whether or not filing jointly).

■ Personal exemptions. The exemption amount for each individual, spouse and dependent is increased to $1,950. Starting in 1988, if you are a high-income taxpayer the tax benefits you gain from personal exemptions may be phased out or eliminated.

■ Personal interest. For 1988, you can only deduct investment interest up to the amount of net investment income plus 40 percent of any excess investment interest, but not more than $4,000.

■ Home mortgage interest. The current home mortgage interest deduction rules apply to mortgage loans obtained after October 13, 1987, for tax years beginning 1987. There is a first-time-ever limit on deductions for payment of interest on mortgage loans used to buy, construct or substantially improve a first or second home and that are secured by that home.

Also, there is a cap on deductions for interest payments on home equity loans on a first or second home. These are loans taken out for reasons other than to buy, construct or substantially improve a home. They cannot exceed $100,000 in the aggregate. Home equity loans, however, can be used for any purpose: the loan proceeds need not be used to buy, build or substantially improve, though you can do so with the proceeds.

Qualified residence interest, whether on acquisition debt or home equity debt for a principal residence or second home, must be secured by the home.

Rules for itemizers

Miscellaneous itemized deductions are deductible only to the extent that they exceed 2 percent of adjusted gross income. All unreimbursed employee expenses (for example, business travel) are miscellaneous itemized deductions.

Employees business expenses. The deduction for unreimbursed business entertainment expenses and business meals (including meals while on overnight travel) is limited to 80 percent of unreimbursed cost. The 80 percent of out-of-pocket cost is then subject to the 2 percent rule.

Business must be discussed before, during, or after a meal for its cost to be deductible.

Expenses affected by the 80 percent rule (but not the 2 percent floor) include meal costs incurred in connection with a job-connected move. When an employer pays or reimburses the employee for the meals portion of moving expenses, the 80 percent rule applies at the employee level.

Big break: some taxpayers prefer to use a simplified method for computing auto deductions. Instead of deducting actual expenses for 1988 (such as gas, oil, maintenance, and depreciation), you, a taxpayer, can claim a deduction equal to 24 cents a mile (up from 22.5 cents a mile in 1987) for each of the first 15,000 business miles traveled during the year, plus 11 cents for each additional business mile. If you claim the standard mileage rate, you can claim separate deductions for business-connected parking and tolls.

Business needs closer look

Smart Money

Bruce Williams

DEAR BRUCE: I am an optometrist, and I'm working for one of the large companies in the area. A successful independent practitioner here is planning to retire and has offered his practice for sale. It grosses approximately $250,000 a year, netting about $80,000.

Give or take a few dollars, the business has about $125,000 worth of fixed assets, furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements. The owner is asking $250,000 for the practice.

I have looked at the situation very closely and have some reservations. First of all, this gentleman charges top-of-the-line prices, and I am not sure his clients would pay a younger doctor the same fee. Secondly, the payments could be backbreaking.

I would like very much to be my own boss. If you were in my position, would you consider this opportunity?

T.L.,
TOLEDO, OHIO

DEAR T.L.: The figures that you have given me suggest that the transaction would be difficult to support. Aside from the hard assets, you are basically buying a client list, and $125,000 is a lot to pay for it.

You didn't mention financing. This is the kind of deal that would have to be financed by the retiring practitioner, because no lender with a shred of sanity would finance an operation of this kind. That's because if the deal goes sour, there is little or nothing that could be repossessed and sold.

If the retiring doctor is going to carry the majority of paper over a long period of time and is willing to guarantee that his patients will stay with you for, say, three or four years, then I might be inclined to explore the deal further.

But there should be a built-in reducing scale in case the client list does fall off. Conversely, if you are able to increase the business, the former owner is entitled to more money for issuing this "insurance policy."

It does seem to be a little overpriced. However, if he is prepared to give the guarantee that I've described and to finance the thing for a decent period of time at a respectable interest rate, it deserves more scrutiny.

DEAR BRUCE: My investment counselor suggested that I buy shares with my Individual Retirement Account in a Ginny Mae fund. The share of value has gone down substantially. Now is the time to make another IRA contribution and he says that the fund is going to come back.

It is bad enough that I'm not receiving any interest on my money, but my principal has been reduced a whole lot. Would you buy more shares in this fund? My investment counselor calls it dollar-averaging. I don't even understand what that means.

T.D.,
DENVER

DEAR T.D.: The latter is an easier question than the former to answer.

Dollar stock averaging simply means reducing your overall cost of shares held by buying some shares at a lower cost.

For example, if a stock sold for $2 and you bought 10 shares, your average cost would be $2 a share. However, if the stock's value dropped to a dollar, the $20 in shares that you bought would now be worth $10, clearly a $10 loss.

If you then bought 10 more shares that cost only $1 a share, you would now own 20 shares and your average cost would be reduced to $1.50 a share. If the stock went back to $1.50, you could recover your losses and be even.

That's what dollar stock averaging is all about. Now as to whether you should buy more shares in this fund — that is not a simple matter. I have no way of knowing if the fund is managed properly or if the portfolio manager is skilled, etc.

But suffice to say, if you need to ask those questions, you should not be investing in the fund. It's not a disgrace, but it certainly is foolish to invest in anything you don't thoroughly understand.

AP photo

ROYAL GLANCE — Prince Charles peers from behind sunglasses Tuesday as he talks to his press secretary Phillip Mackieon aboard the brigantine Unicorn before setting sail for Jalousie Estate, Soufriere. Charles is in St. Lucia to celebrate the country's 10th anniversary of independence.

PEOPLE

Willard Scott gets Oscar

BOYS TOWN, Neb. (AP) — Don't tell Willard Scott there isn't an Oscar category for television weathermen.

After Scott gave his "Today" show forecast from Boys Town's Hall of History Tuesday, the Rev. Val Peter jokingly presented him with the Academy Award given to Spencer Tracy for his role as Father Flanagan in the 1938 movie "Boys Town."

"Here's the Academy Award right here," said Peter, Boys Town's executive director. "I'd like to present this to you this morning for this magnificent performance."

Mr. Rogers is honest

NEW YORK (AP) — Fred Rogers says he's baffled by the slick look and frantic pace of many shows outside his television "neighborhood."

"All I know is that I'm offering myself as I am and as I do. What I'm creating is not something false to me," the host of "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" said in an interview in the March issue of Parents magazine. "And there must be those who feel that their truth is in this kind of mayhem."

Rogers says honesty is what he aims to give the children who watch his program.

"That's what I long for them to have — as many honest adults in their lives as possible," he said.

Simon suffers stage fright

NEW YORK (AP) — Carly Simon says her stage fright makes the prospect of appearing at the Academy Award ceremonies scary, so she's figured out a better way to claim her Oscar if she wins the award for best song.

"I intend to have a look-alike," Simon said Tuesday on ABC's "Good Morning America" program. "If they think it's the real me, that's even better. Only my hairdresser will know for sure."

Simon has been nominated for the song "Let the River Run," from the film "Working Girl."

The singer-songwriter said she didn't know who would perform the song at the award ceremonies March 29. "I haven't been approached about that," she said.

Groups boycott Grammys

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two rap music groups nominated for Grammy Awards say they are boycotting tonight's ceremonies because they are insulted their new category was shunted off the live television broadcast.

"The real Grammy award is the chance to appear on the Grammy Awards show, with its audience of 100 million Americans," said Will "Fresh Prince" Smith in a statement. "Rap music is simply too big to be overlooked like this."

The categories of rap and heavy metal were added to the 76 divisions of awards for the CBS-TV show, the 31st edition of the Grammys. The show is hosted by Billy Crystal and produced by Pierre Cossette.

Folksinger Tracy Chapman and vocal gymnast Bobby McFerrin lead the nominees. If Miss Chapman sweeps in her six nominated categories, she will be the first artist to win six trophies in one night since Roger Miller did it in 1966 for his single "King of the Road."

Fifteen of the awards are being televised, including the hard rock and heavy metal for which the group Metallica is a nominee along with Iggy Pop, Jane's Addiction, Jethro Tull and AC-DC.

Our Language

Thwart works deliberately to oppose or frustrate. Beware the word it contains — if you fail to thwart, you may be left with war.

The Latin ad hoc, "for this," applies to a particular situation at hand. Ad hoc should last long, although ad hoc committee seem endless.

OUR LANGUAGE AD-VICE: The newspaper that called itself a "daily diary" deserves at least one Ad-Vice Award. Diary, as a daily record, is derived from the Latin for "day." As a result, "daily diary" is as redundant as "yearly annual" would be. Either diary or journal alone is enough for this business.

Do you have a question or comment about our language? Please write to Jeffrey McQuain, in care of Manchester Herald, P.O. Box 591, Manchester 06040.

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Puzzles

ACROSS

1 ___ ___ in a poke
5 Genetic material (abbr.)
8 Tennis player Arthur ___
12 Wild buffalo
13 Warm up (a motor)
14 Stop!
15 Length units
16 Night before a holiday
17 Is human
18 Egg (comb. form)
19 Turf
21 Chemical suffix
22 Requires
24 Loiters
26 Latvia, e.g.
27 Ancient
28 Marsh elder
31 Timber tree
32 Escape (sl.)
33 551, Roman
34 Vote
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47 ___'s Irish Rose
49 Plating metal
50 Actress ___ Rowlands
51 Negatives
52 Mao ___ tung
53 Companion of odds
54 Spinning motion
55 Baseball player Mel ___
56 Coup d' ___

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20 Reside
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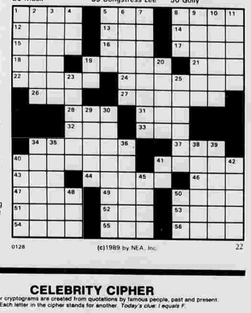

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another. Today's clue: I equals F.

'QU CJ RXLNFEUL ZMLLMQ WMYUN JXU MEG-ICFXTMYUG QCN. QU KCN TJ ZCRP.' — EUU TCRMRRC.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "A good reporter cannot afford to be cynical: a good reporter cannot afford to be skeptical." — Curtis D. MacDougall

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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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HOW THE SCULPTORS RAISED MONEY FOR THEIR ANNUAL SHINDIG:

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: THEY _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ IN

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LEAVE HELLO SUBTLY TRUSTY

Answer: What they said it was when that Russian dancer turned out to be a boy — A BALLET "RUSE"

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Astrograph

Your Birthday

Feb. 23, 1989

Exceptional opportunities might be in the offing for you in the year ahead, but unless each one is assessed and acted upon in a pragmatic, realistic fashion, they may count for little.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If possible today try not to request special favors from friends, because even pals who are customarily helpful might not be in a compliant mood. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try not to get yourself involved in situations today where your success is predicated upon the whims and support of others. There is a possibility that you and they will not be in sync.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In your haste to accomplish things today there's a chance you'll operate in a slipshod fashion or ignore obvious details, and thereby lessen your effectiveness and productivity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you feel inclined to take risks today, make sure they're in proper proportion to what you hope to gain. Don't bet a dollar just to win a dime back.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your mate might be a trifle difficult to please today and it will be up to you to try to accomodate. Keep trying even if your initial efforts are not appreciated.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your patience and tolerance might be at low levels today, especially in co-worker situations. Don't get too huffy, because they may be equally displeased with you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be extremely careful regarding the ways you manage your resources today, because there is a possibility that if you make a mistake, you will compound it rather than correct it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your chances for overcoming difficulties today are rather "iffy." This could be primarily due to your lack of tenacity and follow through.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Try not to anticipate negative developments today. It's extremely likely that most of the things about which you're worried will never take place.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be optimistic and positive today, but keep your expectations within reasonable bounds. If you are hoping to derive a harvest from a field you've never known, you might be disappointed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your self-interests may be very pronounced today and you might have to deal with people who feel the same. If this is true, it could end up in a no-win situation for everyone involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Usually you have the courage of your convictions, but today even if you get reassurance from people whose advice you trust, you might still have too many selfdoubts to venture into the unknown.

'Timeline' gives news from past

By Kathryn Baker
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — What if television news had been around to report on historic events, such as the Crusades?

The producers of "Timeline" asked that question, and the result, a six-part series on PBS, premieres tonight.

The answer is — it would look pretty dumb.

The series premieres tonight with "The Crusades, 1187," "The other episodes, airing in coming weeks, are "The Black Death, 1361," "The Vikings, 1066," "The Fall of Byzantium, 1453," "The Mongol Empire, 1247" and "Granada, 1492."

IF THIS IS WHAT it takes to make people swallow history lessons, we're doomed. Anyone dim enough to need former network newsman Steve Bell — dressed in Medieval costume, no less — to explain the Plague in sound bites, will sit still only long enough to realize this is not the Monty Python sketch it at first appears, then switch to "Who's the Boss?"

The only immediate use for the six-part series would seem to be presenting it to caged junior high schoolers.

First, there's the problem of making what is basically a historical documentary look like a news report, so there are confusing graphics on top of various scenes declaring the footage "File" or "Live" — from the year 1187, or whatever, of course. Correspondents in period costume — with names such as Owen of Canarfon or Sibolette of Zimbabwe — also confuse the viewer since they are intercut with "interviews" with participants in the events. Then, if that weren't enough, we're presented with explanations of past events that led up to the "current" situation, labeled "91 years ago," for instance.

THE HISTORY LESSON is perfectly serious — even though it seems John Cleese will appear at any moment — but there are lame attempts at humor. The programs are interrupted occasionally by period "commercials," such as one hawking chimneys, a new concept.

The dramatizations are impressive in their careful attention to authentic detail in the costumes and sets — if not in the rather overly enthusiastic acting. The series was taped on locations in Turkey, England and Spain.

But the programs are extremely wordy. The basic problem with "Timeline" is that it ultimately is not like television news — television news would never bombard viewers with so much information.

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HOW GOOD IS YOUR CHILDREN'S SHOW? — You've got a new children's program, but you don't know if it's good or not. What do you do? Peggy Charren, president of Action for Children's Television, has five questions producers and presenters of children's programming should ask themselves:

1. Does the program have something to say instead of just something to sell?
2. Would you submit it to an international animation or film festival for an award?
3. Would you put it at the top of a list for the lawyer who is defending you against a station's challenge?
4. Would parents tape it if their children were at the dentist?
5. Would you mention it by name if your child's teacher asked you what you do for a living?

Charren presented the list at a recent National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences dinner where she was awarded the Trustees' Emmy Award for her watchdog efforts on behalf of youthful viewers. ...

"BABAR" ON HBO" — Home Box Office, which has gotten into the children's programming business with good results so far, is giving the beloved children's book character, Babar the elephant, his own series. The series, based on the 28 stories written by painter Jean de Brunhoff and his son, Laurent, will premiere April 2. ...

THE FAMILY THAT WATCHES TOGETHER, ISN'T — According to Nielsen Media Research, families with pay cable and children — not necessarily in that order — are more than twice as likely as other households to watch more than one set at the same time. Prime time was the most popular time for watching more than one set, presumably with the kids in one room and the parents in the other. ...

TV Topics

TV Tonight

5:30PM [ESPN] Thoroughbred Sports Digest
6:00PM (3) (8) (22) (30) (40) News
(9) Matt Houston
(11) Benson
(18) Mission: Impossible
(20) A-Team
(24) Doctor Who Part 3
(26) T.J. Hooker
(38) Family Ties (CC)
(57) World of Survival
(61) Three's Company
[A&E] Profiles Featured: Herbert Hoover.
[DIS] MOVIE: 'A Boy Named Charlie Brown' Animated Charlie Brown wins the class spelling bee and then gets a chance at the national spelling title. 1969. Rated G.
[ESPN] NBA Today
[HBO] MOVIE: 'The Squeeze' A myserious black box spells trouble for an artist and a would-be private eye. Michael Keaton. Rae Dawn Chong. Liane Langland. 1987. Rated PG-13. (In Stereo)
[LIFE] E/R
[MAX] MOVIE: 'Sometimes a Great Notion' A family of independent loggers in Oregon refuse to participate in a local strike action against the big lumber company. Paul Newman. Henry Fonda. Lee Remick. 1971. Rated PG.
[TMC] MOVIE: 'Rosary Murders' (CC) A priest and a reporter try to capture a Detroit serial killer who's been murdering priests and nuns. Donald Sutherland. Belinda Bauer. 1987. Rated R. (In Stereo)
[USA] Shi-Ra: Princess of Power
[USA] Murder, She Wrote
6:30PM (3) CBS News (CC). (In Stereo)
(9) (40) ABC News (CC)
(11) Jeffersons (CC)
(22) (30) NBC News (CC)
(24) (57) Nightly Business Report
(38) Family Ties (CC)
(61) Love Connection
[A&E] Twentieth Century An examination of the U.S. battleship fleet of World War II. Host: Walter Cronkite.
[CNN] Showbiz Today
[ESPN] SportsLook
[LIFE] Easy Street
[USA] Cartoons
7:00PM (3) Inside Edition
(8) (22) Wheel of Fortune (CC)
(9) (40) Cosby Show (CC) (In Stereo)
(11) (38) Cheers (CC)
(18) Rockford Files
(20) M*A*S*H
(24) 57 MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour
(26) Streets of San Francisco
(30) Current Affair
(61) Family Ties (CC)
[A&E] Chronicle A family-owned potato chip factory and beer brewery.
[CNN] Moneyline
[ESPN] SportsCenter
[LIFE] Spenser: For Hire
[USA] Miami Vice
7:30PM (3) Entertainment Tonight Country music scandals. (In Stereo)
(8) (22) Jeopardy! (CC)
(9) Kate & Allie (CC)
(11) INN News
(20) M*A*S*H
(30) (40) Win, Lose or Draw
(38) (61) Newhart (CC)
[A&E] World of Survival
[CNN] Crossfire
[DIS] Superman
[ESPN] Scholastic Sports America
8:00PM (3) Grammy Awards (CC) From Los Angeles. Shrine Auditorium, host Billy Crystal presents the 31st edition of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences ceremony, with appearances by Anita Baker, Lena Horne, Whitney Houston, Julio Iglesias, Olivia Newton-John, Bobby McFerrin, Leontyne Price, Sarah Vaughan and other artists. (3 hrs.) (In Stereo Live)
(8) (40) Growing Pains (CC) Mike discovers his new boss is a bigot.
(9) A-Team
(11) MOVIE: 'Vertigo' A detective who is afraid of heights is hired to watch his friend's wife. James Stewart, Kim Novak, Barbara Bel Geddes. 1958
(18) MOVIE: 'Tulsa' A woman, who battles the oilmen who caused her father's death, builds an empire of her own but almost loses the man she loves. Susan Hayward, Robert Preston. 1949.
(20) MOVIE: 'Silverado' In the 1880's the paths of two drifters converge en route to their destiny in a town called Silverado. Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn, Danny Glover. 1985.
(22) (30) Unsolved Mysteries (CC) Two Los Angeles banks are robbed by thieves using an underground tunnel network; people who have had "out of body" and "near death" experiences. (60 min.) (In Stereo)
(24) Smithsonian World (CC) The pressures facing students seeking academic success in a changing world are examined in this profile of Groton, a small private Massachusetts school. (60 min.)
(26) MOVIE: 'Take the High Ground' After years of molding young recruits into tough fighting men, a sergeant requests combat duty. Richard Widmark, Karl Malden, Elaine Stewart. 1953.
(38) MOVIE: 'Superman' An infant from the planet Krypton journeys to Earth where he grows up to battle evil. Christopher Reeve, Margot Kidder, Gene Hackman. 1978. Part 1 of 2.
(57) Town Meeting (Live Phone-In)
(61) MOVIE: 'Bachelor Party' A carefree school bus driver's pals decide to throw him a no-holds-barred pre-wedding party. Tom Hanks, Tawny Kitaen, Adrian Zmed. 1984
[A&E] Battle Line
[CNN] PrimeNews
[DIS] Good Morning, Miss Bliss (CC)
[ESPN] College Basketball: Connecticut at Boston College (2 hrs.) (Live)
[HBO] MOVIE: 'For Keeps' (CC) A career-minded high-school senior faces the pressures of an early marriage when she learns that she is pregnant. Molly Ringwald, Randall Batinkoff, Kenneth Mars. 1988. Rated PG-13. (In Stereo)
[LIFE] Cagney & Lacey
[MAX] MOVIE: 'Absence of Malice' A labor leader vows to get revenge after an overzealous reporter ruins his reputation. Paul Newman, Sally Field, Melinda Dillon. 1981. Rated PG.
[TMC] MOVIE: 'Ernest Goes to Camp' (CC) A summer camp's existence is threatened by a local mining concern until a bumbling custodian-turned-counselor comes to the rescue. Jim Varney, Victoria Racimo, John Vernon. 1987. Rated PG. (In Stereo)
[USA] Murder, She Wrote
8:30PM (8) (40) Head of the Class (CC) Charlie's class presents a unique version of "Little Shop of Horrors." Part 2 of 2.
[A&E] Air Power The U.S. clears enemy opposition from the central Pacific. Host: Walter Cronkite.
[DIS] Danger Bay (CC) A fellow scientist challenges Grant's credibility in the courtroom. (In Stereo)
9:00PM (3) (40) Wonder Years (CC) Kevin reluctantly agrees to appear in his teacher's play about Robert Kennedy. (R) (In Stereo)
(9) A-Team
(22) (30) Night Court (CC) The staff meets Christine's elderly suitor, an amorous dowager offers Dan a campaign contribution.
(24) Mark Russell Comedy Special Pointed barbs are launched in song and monologue at political figures and other newsmakers.
[A&E] Vietnam War With Walter Cronkite
[CNN] Larry King Live
[DIS] MOVIE: 'Girl Happy' Rusty, the leader of a hot musical combo, has the assignment of keeping an eye on the daring daughter of a tough Chicago nightclub owner. Elvis Presley, Shelley Fabares. 1965.
[LIFE] MOVIE: 'The Girl, the Gold Watch and Dynamite' A magical watch that can stop time on demand enables a young couple to thwart the evil plans of the girl's one-time friend. Lee Purcell, Phil MacHale, Gene Barry. 1981.
[USA] MOVIE: 'Iron Eagle' The teen-age son of a fighter pilot and a retired Air Force colonel take drastic action to rescue the boy's father from his Middle Eastern captors. Louis Gossett Jr., Jason Gedrick, David Suchet. 1986.
9:30PM (8) (40) Hooperman (CC) Harry's building is used as the setting for a sleazy horror film. (Postponed from an earlier date) (In Stereo)
(22) (30) My Two Dads (CC) Michael and Joey try to show Nicole the dangers of alcohol. (In Stereo)
(24) B-17: Flying Fortress
[TMC] MOVIE: 'Christine' Strange things start to happen when a high school loser restores a '58 Plymouth Fury. Keith Gordon, John Stockwell, Alexandra Paul. 1983. Rated R.
10:00PM (8) (40) China Beach (CC) Classic cartoon characters exemplify the group's mental state; McMurphy has a sleepless night; Waylou Marie investigates Boonie's combat history; Frankie finds romance. (60 min.) (In Stereo)
(9) (26) [CNN] News
(18) You Can Be Successful
(22) (30) Nightingales (CC) Yolo's former boyfriend is now a tennis star using steroids against doctor's orders; Chris and Garrett share the same quarters when Garrett's son becomes ill. (60 min.) (In Stereo)
(24) 57 American Playhouse: My American Cousin (CC) A 12-year-old girl experiences romance, disillusionment and disillusion when her hot-shot American cousin arrives from California. Stars Margaret Langrick, John Weldman, Richard Donat. (90 min.)
(38) Odd Couple
(61) Newhart (CC)
[A&E] Decades: '60s Part 4 of 10
[ESPN] College Basketball: Kansas State at Oklahoma (2 hrs.) (Live)
[HBO] One Night Stand (CC) Kevin Meaney ("Big") takes the stage, combining humor with occasional fits of clarity. (In Stereo)
[MAX] MOVIE: 'Five Corners' Working-class 1962 Brooklyn is the setting for this account of 36 hours in the lives of several disparate characters. Jodie Foster, Tim Robbins. 1988. Rated R.
10:30PM (11) (26) INN News
(38) Hogan's Heroes
(61) Best of Love Connection
[HBO] 1st & Ten: Going For Broke (CC) Diane's new partner schemes for control of the team. (In Stereo)
11:00PM (3) (8) (22) (30) (40) News
(9) Benny Hill
(11) Cheers (CC)
(18) Free Government Cash
(20) All in the Family
(26) Crook and Chase Scheduled: country singers Jo Ei Sonner and Lyle Lovett.
(38) M*A*S*H Part 2 of 2
(61) Arsenio Hall (In Stereo)
[A&E] Jill St. John at the Improv Jill St. John welcomes Jeff Foxworthy, Tim Bagdore, Larry Brown and Steve Smith. (60 min.)
[CNN] Moneyline
[DIS] Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet
[HBO] MOVIE: 'Kandyland' A young woman discovers the sometimes dangerous power of her own sensuality when she becomes a stripper. Sandahl Bergman, Kim Evenson. 1987. Rated R. (In Stereo)
[LIFE] Spenser: For Hire
11:30PM (8) (40) Nightline (CC)
(3) (38) Morton Downey Jr.
(11) Honeymooners
(18) You Can Beat Baldness
(20) Mindpower
(22) (30) Tonight Show (In Stereo)
(24) Motorweek
(26) Racing From Plainsfield
(57) News
[CNN] Sports Tonight
[DIS] MOVIE: 'Mardi Gras' Young cadets conduct a raffle to win a date with the Mardis Gras queen — a beautiful French actress. Pat Boone, Christine Carere, Tommy Sands. 1958
[TMC] MOVIE: 'Fright Night' (CC) An aging horror-film star helps an impressionable teen-ager investigate his vampire-like neighbor. Chris Sarandon, William Ragsdale, Amanda Bearse. 1985. Rated R.
[USA] Miami Vice
11:35PM (3) Night Court
[MAX] MOVIE: "batteries not included' (CC) The beleaguered residents of a crumbling Manhattan brownstone receive unexpected help from mechanized visitors from space. Hume Cronyn, Jessica Tandy, Frank McRae. 1987. Rated PG. (In Stereo)
12:00AM (8) USA Today Scheduled: Gloria Steinem interviews Geraldo Rivera; nuclear reactors (Part 2 of 3); singer Chuck Berry. (R)
(11) Star Trek
(18) Home Shopping Network (3 hrs.)
(26) Wanted: Dead or Alive
(40) Current Affair
(57) To Be Announced.
(61) Synchronal Research: History of Dieting
[A&E] Battle Line
[CNN] Newsnight
[ESPN] SportsCenter
[LIFE] Lady Blue
12:05AM (3) Pat Sajak
12:30AM (8) St. Elsewhere
(9) Arsenio Hall (In Stereo)
(20) Wild, Wild West
(22) (30) Late Night With David Letterman (In Stereo)
(26) Sea Hunt
(38) Alfred Hitchcock Presents
(40) Hollywood Squares
(61) Gene Scott
[A&E] Air Power The U.S. clears enemy opposition from the central Pacific. Host: Walter Cronkite.
[ESPN] Inside the PGA Tour
[USA] WWF Prime Time Wrestling (R)
12:35AM [HBO] Sports Illustrated: The Making of the Swimsuit Issue (CC) A behind-the-scenes look at the making of the Sports Illustrated 25th Anniversary Swimsuit Issue. (60 min.)
1:00AM (11) Twilight Zone
(38) Hart to Hart
(40) Career Media Network
[A&E] Vietnam War With Walter Cronkite
[CNN] Crossfire
[ESPN] Ski World
[LIFE] Self Improvement Guide
1:30AM (8) Career Media Network
(9) Joe Franklin
(11) INN News
(20) NVR Showcase
(30) Later With Bob Costas
[CNN] Newsnight Update
[DIS] MOVIE: 'The Eyes of the Amaryllis' An elderly Nantucket widow keeps vigil as she waits for a sign from her long-dead husband. Ruth Ford, Katharine Houghton, Martha Byrne. 1982. Rated NR.
[ESPN] NBA Today
[MAX] MOVIE: 'Dolls' A multitude of handmade dolls pose a deadly threat for a group of rain-soaked travelers. Carrie Lorner, Carolyn Purdy-Gordon, Ian Patrick Williams. 1987. Rated R. (In Stereo)
1:35AM (3) Love Boat
[HBO] MOVIE: 'A Star Is Born' The marriage of two rock superstars crumbles when her career flourishes and his popularity declines. Barbra Streisand, Kris Kristofferson, Gary Busey. 1976. Rated R. (In Stereo)
2:00AM (8) People's Court
(11) Dave Del Dotto: Financial Freedom
(30) Winning at Losing
(38) Home Shopping Spree
[A&E] Decades: '60s Part 4 of 10.
[ESPN] SportsLook
[TMC] MOVIE: 'Ernest Goes to Camp' (CC) A summer camp's existence is threatened by a local mining concern until a bumbling custodian-turned-counselor comes to the rescue. Jim Varney, Victoria Racimo, John Vernon. 1987. Rated PG. (In Stereo)
2:30AM (8) The Judge (CC)
(9) Soloflex Video Workout
(30) Dating Game
[CNN] Sports Latenight
[ESPN] SportsCenter
2:35AM (3) Family Feud
2:50AM [MAX] MOVIE: 'New York's Finest' Three tough-talking Manhattan prostitutes decide to retire and land rich husbands. Jennifer DeLora, Heidi Paine, Ruth Collins. 1987. Rated R.
3:00AM (8) Home Shopping Overnight Service (3 hrs.)
(11) White Shadow
(18) Home Shopping Network (3 hrs.)
[A&E] Jill St. John at the Improv Jill St. John welcomes Jeff Foxworthy, Tim Bagdore, Larry Brown and Steve Smith. (60 min.)
[CNN] Headline News Overnight
[ESPN] College Basketball: Connecticut at Boston College (2 hrs.) (R)
3:05AM (3) News (R)
[DIS] MOVIE: 'Girl Happy' Rusty, the leader of a hot musical combo, has the assignment of keeping an eye on the daring daughter of a tough Chicago nightclub owner. Elvis Presley, Shelley Fabares. 1965.
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[USA] MOVIE: 'In Search of Dracula' The story of the infamous Balkan warlord Vlad Tepes, the historical basis for Count Dracula, is told along with a look at film-dom's portrayal of the Dracula legend. 1975.

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Bridge

By James Jacoby

West's two-spade bid was risky opposite a silent partner, but it did push the opponents to the three-level. With some length in the opponents' heart suit, West was happy to initiate a forcing defense by playing three rounds of spades. South ruffed and played a heart to dummy's king, then a heart back to his queen and West's ace. West led another spade. Declarer ruffed and hopefully played another high trump, but the suit did not split. West was left with the master trump and was able to ruff in and cash a spade to defeat the contract.

If the contract had been four hearts, declarer's line of play could not be criticized. However, with the obligation to take only nine tricks, declarer had an alternative approach. What if declarer ruffs the third spade and plays A-K-Q of diamonds? Now if West ruffs and plays another spade, South can ruff, cash the A-K of clubs and then ruff his losing diamond in dummy. Alas, this won't work because West will simply ruff the third diamond and then play ace and a heart, leaving declarer with a loser.

So let's try it another way. Let South ruff the third spade, cash the A-K of clubs, play A-K of diamonds and then lead dummy's last diamond, playing low from his hand. If the defenders now play ace and a trump, declarer will unblock from dummy, pick up the trumps and be left with the winning diamond queen. If the defenders try anything else, declarer will be able make a trick by ruffing his good queen of diamonds in dummy. It's an unusual play, but it works.

NORTH 2-22-89
♠ 8 6 4 3
♥ K 9
♦ K 6 5
♣ J 10 8 4

WEST
♠ A K Q 10 9
♥ A 7 6 5
♦ 10 7
♣ 5 3

EAST
♠ 7 2
♥ 3 2
♦ J 9 3 2
♣ Q 9 7 6 2

SOUTH
♠ J 5
♥ Q J 10 8 4
♦ A Q 8 4
♣ A K

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: ♦ K

DILLON by Steve Dickenson

PEANUTS by Charles M. Schulz

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Dik Browne

THE PHANTOM by Lee Falk & Sy Barry

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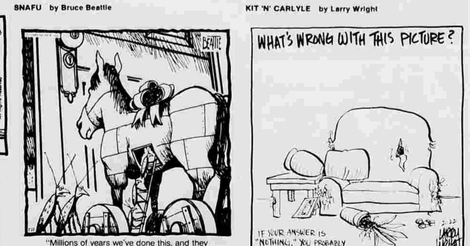

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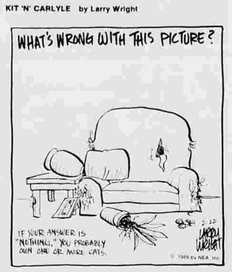

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UConn hoop is lacking in a true leader

Coach Jim Calhoun made an interesting comment after his UConn Huskies lost a heart-breaker to Villanova Saturday night.

"For 35 minutes, and I wouldn't normally say this, we might have been the better basketball team," Calhoun said after the 76-67 setback, that dropped the Huskies to 4-8 in the Big East, 0-5 on the road. "Give credit to Villanova. (Kenny) Wilson, (Doug) West and (Tom) Greis came back in and made some plays. That's why teams win because some people step in and do the things that leaders are supposed to do."

Was Calhoun solely complimenting the Wildcats for showing some leadership, which had been lacking since Mark Plansky graduated? Or was he making a statement about the Huskies' lack of leadership?

When you're up by 16 (53-37) with 11:24 left in regulation, somebody has to step forward and take control. Unfortunately for the Huskies, no one did Saturday night. And at the finish, when the Huskies needed a basket, they looked to freshman Chris Smith to lead the way.

That's an awful lot for a first-year player to shoulder, especially in the Big East Conference.

Cliff Robinson and Phil Gamble are the UConn co-captains, but neither senior has offered leadership. When he's not scoring, Robinson isn't a happy trooper. And he's still foul-prone at this late stage of his collegiate career. He was on the bench with five fouls with 6:18 left in regulation against Villanova. Calhoun couldn't have liked that.

He has a built-in excuse: "What can I do; I fouled out?" But Robinson's propensity for foolish fouls has to cease. A leader does not lead by sitting on the bench. He's needed on the floor, where he can do his team some good.

Gamble is one of the nicest kids you'd ever want to meet. But he's soft-spoken, he's been in a shooting slump all year, he's too quiet to be able to guide others when he's having trouble controlling his own game.

If the Huskies, and Calhoun, are coming up short in any department, it's in leadership. The club needs a go-to guy, like Charles Smith of Georgetown, Derrick Coleman or Sherman Douglas of Syracuse. Maybe Chris Smith will fill that role at UConn one day. Or now-sidelined Steve Pikiell a year from now.

The Huskies do appear to be short on leadership. And that's been costly in tight Big East battles.

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UConn's battle with Boston College tonight at the Conte Forum in Chestnut Hill, Mass., doesn't fall into the should-win column. It's a must-win game, or else the Huskies will be facing the last-place Eagles in the preliminary game of the Big East Tournament in March.

Connecticut is within hailing distance of seventh-place St. John's (5-8), Villanova (6-7) and Providence (6-6) in the conference. But the Huskies are running out of games and running out of opportunities to avoid what fast is becoming their fate once again.

They're running out of excuses, too.

Len Auster is sports editor of the Manchester Herald.

Celtic troubles on road mount

SEATTLE (AP) — With a weak record on the road, the Seattle SuperSonics had little choice but to win at home against the Boston Celtics, says Dale Ellis.

With Ellis scoring 36 points and Derrick McKey adding 19, all in the second half, the Sonics turned back Boston 96-91 Tuesday night.

It was the fifth loss in a row for the Celtics, their worst losing streak in 10 years, and all have come on the road.

"It's a big win for us, especially since we are getting ready to go on the road," said Ellis. "We always play them close but find a way to lose. Tonight we turned it around and found a way to win."

The Sonics, 22-4 at home, also beat the Celtics 89-87 Feb. 5 in Boston, making this their first sweep of a series between the two teams since 1981-82.

The Sonics are now 32-19, the first time they have been 13 games over .500 since 1982-83, while the Celtics, 23-28, are five games below the break-even level for the first time since the end of the season in 1979.

"We played our hearts out tonight. We hustled and scratched, but we were outmanned," said Boston Coach Jimmy Rodgers. "They were jumping higher than us and our legs couldn't keep up."

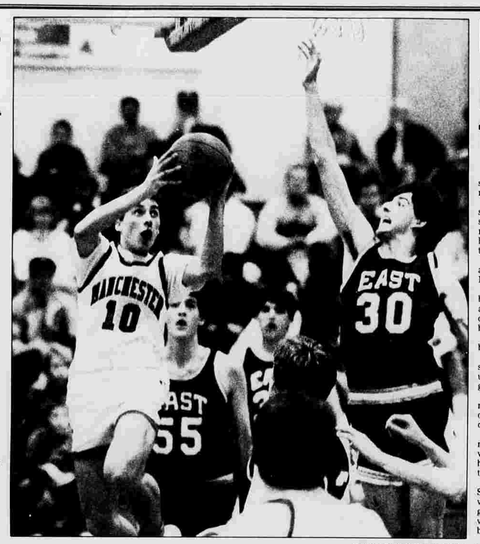
McKey, a 6-foot-8 forward, scored 12 points in the fourth quarter. His eight-foot jumper with 10 seconds left gave Seattle a 94-91 advantage.

"Derrick (McKey) raised up and took the jumper when he had to," said Sonics coach Bernie Bickerstaff. "It was a struggle for 48 minutes, but we made the plays when we had to."

Boston's Reggie Lewis missed what would have been a game-tying 3-pointer and Ellis converted two free throws with two seconds remaining for the final margin.

Lewis led the Celtics with 23 points and Kevin McHale added 22.

Robert Parish of the Celtics, who had a game-high 13 rebounds but only one in the final quarter, refused to blame the loss on road weariness.



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SHOT OFF — Manchester's Erik Johnson (10) releases a shot as East Catholic's Scott Senseney (30) defends in their game Tuesday night at Clarke Arena. The Indians won, 72-66.

Supporting cast the key as Indians best Eagles

By Jim Tierney
Manchester Herald

When Manchester senior Jason Goddard, the team's leading scorer, averaging 17 points a game, picked up his fourth foul with 6:42 to go in the third quarter, he sat out until 5:41 was left.

Since Manchester was leading by six points (34-28) at the point of Goddard's departure, it wasn't a panic situation for the Indians. Yet they knew their supporting cast would have to come through in order to stave off crosstown rival East Catholic.

With the Indians' supporting cast shining in its finest game of the season, Manchester wore down the Eagles and came away with a hard-earned 72-66 victory Tuesday night at Clarke Arena.

Senior Calvin Meggett tallied 16 of his team-high 20 points in the second half while senior Willie Burg netted all 11 of his after the intermission. Senior Eric Widmer scored eight of his 12 points during the second half while senior guard Cory Goldston (12 points) had a fine floor game dishing out seven sparkling assists.

Meggett, who snared eight rebounds, has been on fire as of late, averaging 20.8 points per game over the Indians' last four outings.

Manchester moves to 12-6 and will host East Hartford Friday night at 7:30 p.m. East has now lost its last six games, falling to 8-12 overall. The Eagles will take on St. Bernard's in the All Connecticut Conference Tournament Saturday night at 8 at Xavier High in Middletown.

East still leads the town series, 17-8. Manchester has won the last five meetings.

"I was really happy with Willie Burg and Calvin played well," Manchester Coach Frank Kinel said. "Cory played a nice game. With Jason in foul trouble, we needed these other people to pick us up a little bit and they did. We didn't really lose anything when he (Goddard) was out."

East, which led only once (9-8) in the first half, trailed the Indians 16-14 after one quarter and 29-26 at halftime. Goddard had eight of his nine points in the first 16 minutes while Goldston also had eight. Eagle senior Ted Oliva netted 10 of his 13 points before intermission.

Indian junior Erik Johnson was slapped with a double technical foul with 4:08 left in the third after disputing a foul call. East senior Scott Altrui, hit only one of the four technical free throws to cut the Indian lead to 36-34. Altrui, who had 16 of his team-high 20 points in the second half, tied the game at 36-all with a driving layup.

East took its only lead of the second half at 38-36 when senior Reid Gorman followed his own shot with 3:22 to go in the third. Manchester regained the lead at 46-43 after three quarters.

Meggett tipped in a missed free throw by freshman Jeff Ross and the Indians led 49-43. A Meggett bank shot pushed the lead to 10 (53-43) with 6:22 left. An Altrui driving layup with 3:00 left sliced the deficit to 61-56, the closest East could get.

"They really did a good job on the offensive boards and that hurt us," East Coach Ray Page said. "I think we just ran out of gas. We missed a lot of close shots. When you're winning, those shots drop. When you're on a losing skid like we are, they seem to roll around the rim and out."

Kinel added, "I didn't think they really hurt us against the press. We also felt at the press, it was a major factor in wearing them down so they'd be tired coming down the stretch."

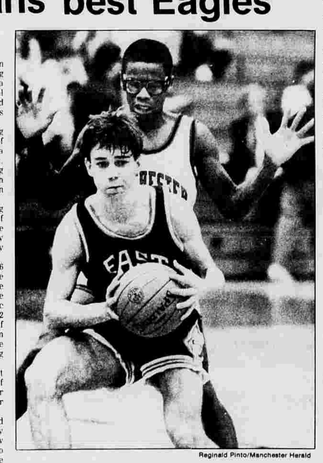
East routed Manchester in the junior varsity contest, 71-38, to raise its record to 16-3. Freshmen Chris Paradiso and Rob Penders led the young Eagles with 19 and 17 points, respectively. Darren Goddard and Rod Johnson were best for the young Indians with 12 and nine, respectively.

MANCHESTER (72) — Cory Goldston 4 3-5 12, Jason Goddard 3 3-4 9, Eric Widmer 3 2-7 12, Erik Johnson 0 0-0 0, Calvin Meggett 9 2-3 20, Willie Burg 4 3-6 11, Darren Goddard 3 0-0 7, Jim Anselmo 0 0-1 0, Jeff Ross 0 1-2 1, Barry Chapman 0 0-0 0. Totals 26 18-28 72.

EAST CATHOLIC (66) — Scott Altrui 7 5-8 20, Reid Gorman 4 0-0 8, Ted Oliva 5 3-4 13, Dan Callahan 2 0-0 5, Pete Lopatka 3 0-1 8, Scott Senseney 1 2-3 4, Bill Evans 2 1-2 5, Brent Mikkelson 1 0-0 2, Chris Conklin 0 2-2 2, Chris Paradiso 0 0-0 0, Rob Penders 0 0-0 0. Totals 25 11-18 66.

3-point goals: M. Goldston, D. Goddard, EC- Lopatka 2, Altrui, Callahan, Mikkelson.

Halftime: 29-26 Manchester



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TIGHT DEFENSE — East Catholic's Peter Lopatka has the basketball, and Manchester High's Darren Goddard on his back in their game Tuesday night.

Edmonton prepared for Whale

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — The difference, said four-goal scorer Mark Messier, was largely a matter of preparation and belief.

The slumping, injury-riddled Edmonton Oilers, sparked by the offensive production of Messier, the solid goaltending of Grant Fuhr and the aggressiveness of rookie Mark Lamb, snapped a three-game losing streak with a 7-4 victory Tuesday night over the Hartford Whalers.

"We were really well prepared, we came out with a really good effort and we got back to our system," Messier said.

"All in all, the team decided tonght we had to get back to basics, had to get back to playing the system and start from scratch. There was a lot of concentration in the morning practice and we brought it to the game.

"We pretty much stuck to the system and began to believe in it."

Craig Simpson set the early tone with a couple of solid bumps on the opening shift and Lamb, called up 10 days earlier, continued it throughout the game.

"He's a tough little guy, he gets in there and mucks it up," Messier said of the player who took over his center spot when co-coach John Muckler decided to move Messier to left wing.

Muckler, running the team with coach-general manager Glen Sather out of town — Muckler wouldn't say where Sather is but admitted it was on hockey business — decided to move Messier to wing to utilize his speed more.

Messier scored in the first period after outracing Sylvain Cote to negate an icing call, in the second with a screened wrist shot after a careless give-away by Dave Babych and early in the third when the Whalers got caught with no defensemen back. His fourth was into an empty net.

The Whalers opened the scoring on Dean Evason's goal, but were foiled in their attempt to build a lead by the play of Fuhr. He's been struggling like the rest of the Oilers, but Tuesday he made the saves when he had to.

"We could have had a couple of more goals in the first period, but Fuhr played awfully well," Hartford Coach Larry Pleau said.

Three of Edmonton's first four goals were the result of what Pleau called lackadaisical plays.

"The second, third and fourth goals were bad goals. It's hard to give up those types of goals, on give-aways, and still win hockey games," Pleay said.

Rugged forward Kevin Dineen, the hardest working of the Whalers, said Hartford has to win on solid defensive, especially with Sylvain Turgeon and Ron Francis out with injuries. Tuesday, they didn't get that defensive effort.

Although they outshot the Oilers 36-26, the Whalers gave up too many quality shots that Edmonton capitalized on.

"We had a lot of good chances all night," Messier said. "We had pressure on them short on the game. Our defense moved well, we forced a lot of turnovers and we jumped on them."

Normand Lacombe has two goals for Edmonton and Randy Gregg got the other. Evason, Jody Hull, Grant Jennings and Ray Ferraro replied for Hartford.

Penthouse piece 'reveals' Boggs

BOSTON (AP) — The long-awaited Penthouse magazine article on Boston third baseman Wade Boggs is arriving on newstands next week. It has everything promised — sex, infidelity, racism, grudges, pranks and nastiness.

Margo Adams, Boggs' former lover, details graphic descriptions of the sex lives of several Red Sox players in the article, which is described in today's editions of the Boston Globe and the Boston Herald.

The article said that Boggs also made a racist remark about teammate Jim Rice, saying the left fielder "think's he's white." Boggs also "would jokingly say Keith (Hernandez, the New York Mets first baseman) was a homosexual."

Adams is suing Boggs for $12 million and is being paid a minimum of $100,000 by Penthouse for the story, entitled the "Designated Swinger," which was written by David D. Shumacher. She could make as much as $500,000, depending on sales of the issue.

Adams said that Boggs made racist remarks on several occasions.

"Several of the white ballplayers preferred black women when they were on the road," Adams said in the article. "This was very upsetting to Wade. One white player was dating a black girl from Milwaukee, and Wade told him it wasn't good for his image to be seen with a black woman."

Al Nero, Boggs' agent, said "it's a very sick, weak attempt on Margo's part to hurt Wade and his family."

"I'm going to take a day and then decide if I'm going to make any kind of statement," Boggs said in a statement issued by his lawyer, Jennifer King. "I'm not going to dignify the story with a response right now. Basically, I've already refuted everything."

Adams detailed a number of Boggs' superstitions. She claimed she took 64 road trips with Boggs, purchased his clothes and avoided sex with him during the day because "Wade believes that sex weakens your legs, and he needs strong legs to play third base."

Boggs also had a superstition related to Adams' undergarments.

"One night I went to the game and he went 4-for-5," Adams said in the article. "He found out that I hadn't worn panties underneath my dress. So for the next couple of months when he went into a slump, he'd ask me not to wear panties to the game. It wasn't sexual — it was that he'd believe hits and wanted to be sure of the little things he had done to get those hits."

There are no nude photos of Adams in the April issue, which goes on sale next week.

AP photo

AWARD WINNER — Olympic gold-medalist Florence Griffith-Joyner poses after receiving the 1989 Jese Owns International Award in New York Tuesday. The award is presented the world's outstanding amateur athlete as chosen by the International Amateur Athlete Association.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Tournaments open tonight

Two girls' basketball tournaments get under way tonight with East Catholic at the All Connecticut Conference Championships at Xavier High in Middletown and Coventry High at the Charter Oak Conference affair at Rocky Hill High.

East, which finished the regular season at 8-12, 3-6 in the ACC, takes on second-seeded 15-5 St. Joseph at 7:45 p.m. following the opener between No. 1 seed Mercy High and No. 4 seed Sacred Heart. St. Joseph took both regular season meetings from the Eagles, 60-47 and 67-50.

The ACC championship is Saturday night at 6 at Xavier High. There is no consolation.

Coventry, 15-5, takes on 18-2 Cromwell High in the 6:30 opener at Rocky Hill High in the COC Tournament. The nightcap matches Portland High (18-2) against RHAM High (8-12). Cromwell took two close games from the Patriots, defending state Class S champs, this year, 38-36 and 44-40.

The COC title game is Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Rocky Hill High. There is no consolation.

UConn at Boston College

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — Still smarting from its overtime loss to Villanova, the University of Connecticut (13-9, 4-8) takes on Boston College (9-13, 1-10) in Big East Conference play tonight at 8 (ESPN, WPOP) at the Conte Forum.

The Huskies embarrassed the Eagles, 86-49, 11 days ago, a fact BC probably has not forgotten. Connecticut is still within striking range of sixth place in the Big East, but must come up with a road win. It is 0-5 on the road in Big East play this year.

Fairfield trims Army

FAIRFIELD (AP) — Troy Bradford scored 34 points, including a 33-foot field goal at the buzzer, as Fairfield University snapped an 11-game losing streak, defeating Army 77-76 in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

Todd Mattson was Army's high scorer with 26 points. The Cadets are now 12-14 overall, 6-7 in the MAAC. Fairfield is now 7-19, 2-11 in the MAAC.

Gamecocks name Woods

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — South Carolina reached into Division I-AA and named Appalachian State's Sparky Woods its football coach Tuesday, ending a search that began just over two weeks ago following the sudden death of Joe Morrison.

Woods said he would meet soon with the Gamecock players and the assistant coaches still on the staff. He hoped to have a complete staff by the time spring practice begins March 13.

Pacers acquire Schrempf

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks, still waiting for Adrian Dantley to end his holdout, traded 6-foot-10 forward Detlef Schrempf to the Indiana Pacers on Tuesday for 6-11 forward Herb Williams and a second-round draft pick, The Associated Press has learned.

The Mavericks would not confirm that the trade had been made.

Mets after Langston

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla (AP) — Trade talk on two fronts heated up again Tuesday as the New York Mets tried to complete the big trade they have been trying to make all winter.

The Seattle Mariners are set to trade left-hander Mark Langston to the Mets, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported in Tuesday's editions. It was thought the deal for Langston was close a few weeks ago but Mariners owner George Argyros decided against it.

According to the P-I, the Mariners have tentatively agreed to trade Langston, outfielder Jay Buhner and minor league infielder Jim Bowie to the Mets for left-handers Sid Fernandez and David West, infielder Howard Johnson and a minor league pitcher.

High School Roundup

Cheney Tech still in tournament hunt

It only led once in the fourth quarter. But Cheney Tech picked the right time to have it — at the end — as the Beavers upset Cromwell High, 64-63, Tuesday night in Charter Oak Conference boys' basketball play.

Trevon Brooks' 7-foot baseline shot lifted the Beavers, 7-12, over the Panthers, and more importantly gave Cheney the opportunity to qualify for the state tournament.

A team needs to win 40 percent of its games to qualify.

The Techmen can do so Friday night when they host Vinal Tech. Cheney beat Vinal on Jan. 24, 58-56.

"This (win) is big because of a couple of reasons in my mind," said Cheney Coach Aaron Silvia. "Cromwell to me is the best team in the league. They're eight deep and have a lot of weapons. It's also big because otherwise the game Friday would have been meaningless."

Silvia also said it was big because his club only had one day to put in an delay offense, especially for Cromwell, which Brooks ran very well. Silvia's task now is to get his club ready for Vinal. "The positive thing is we have two days to get ready. We'll need one day to just get over the win and we will (Wednesday).

"We'll get ready (for Vinal) in practice Thursday," he added.

Cromwell, 15-4, had a 63-60 lead late in the fourth quarter after holding the advantage in the final stanza most of the way. Brooks, a 5-8 junior, tried a 3-pointer to tie it for Cheney but it bounced off the front rim. Chris Hawes, however, alertly grabbed the rebound and put it in with nine seconds left.

Cromwell's Peter Khang then couldn't get the ball inbounds in time with Cheney gaining possession. The Techmen set up for the final play.

"Troy Maxfield took the ball out with Sean Walstedt under the basket. Terrance (Phillip) and Trevon set up at the foul line. They had two guys on Terrance. We tried to pop Trevon down low for a layup but he cut to the hoop and got to the baseline. He got off a quick shot and there was no doubt," Silvia detailed the winning bucket.

The hoop gave Brooks a career-high 28 points. His previous best was 25. Phillip added 23 for the Techmen along with nine rebounds and five blocked shots.

Rob Montes and Steve Alsup led Cromwell with 18 points apiece.

CHENEY TECH (64) — Trov Maxfield 0 0-0 0, Trevon Brooks 10 8-14 28, Kevin Tocton 1 0-0 2, Chris Hawes 3 0-0 6, Tone Evans 0 0-0 0, Terrance Phillip 10 3-5 23, Sean Walstedt 3 0-3 6. Totals 26 11-21 64.

CROMWELL (63) — Peter Khang 3 2-3 8, Tom Riley 3 0-0 6, Steve Alsup 8 2-4 18, Shelby James 4 0-1 8, Rob Montes 6 4-4 18, Joe DeMartino 0 0-0 0, Dwayne Lewis 0 1-2 1, Jim Hodge 0 2-2 2. Totals 24 11-16 63.

3-point goals: CT- Tocton, Crom- Khang 2, Montes 2.

Halftime: 33-29 Cromwell

Vinal Tech gets past the Bulldogs

BOLTON — Two baskets in each of the third and fourth quarters was far from enough as Bolton High dropped a 60-47 verdict to Vinal Tech Tuesday night in Charter Oak Conference boys' basketball action.

The win lifts the Hawks to 7-12 and drops Bolton to 1-18. Vinal will be fighting Cheney Tech, also 7-12, for a tournament berth when the clubs meet Friday night in Manchester at 7:30. The Bulldogs close out their schedule Friday night at home against Cromwell.

Bolton held a 30-29 halftime lead before a disastrous third stanza saw the visitors move to a 51-39 edge. "We played well the first half but then (Vinal) got rolling and shot well from the outside (in the third quarter)," said Bolton Coach Craig Phillips.

Marcus Edens had 12 of his game-high 27 points in the third stanza for Vinal. Dave Milardo added 16. Craig Winslow popped home a team-high 22 to lead Bolton. Mike Haugh added 8.

VINAL TECH (60) — Dave Milardo 7 2-6 16, Marcus Edens 10 6-8 27, Travis Sanders 0 0-0 0, Jake Kaiser 3 0-0 7, Tyrone James 5 0-3 10, Henry Duncan 0 0-0 0, Grady Jacobs 0 0-1 0. Totals 25 8-18 60.

BOLTON (47) — Drew Pinto 2 0-3 4, Mike Defrancesco 0 3-5 3, Jim Hathaway 1 5-6 7, Craig Winslow 7 4-7 22, Mike Haugh 3 2-4 8, Mark Wenzke 1 4-6 6, David Boles 0 0-0 0, Zac Morford 0 0-0 0, Frank Torzoli 0 0-0 0, Peter Della Bella 0 1-2 1, Paul Sauer 0 0-1 0. Totals 15 20-35 47.

3-point goals: B. Pinto 2, VT- Edens, Kaiser.

Halftime: 30-29 Bolton.

Simsbury swimmers trip up Manchester

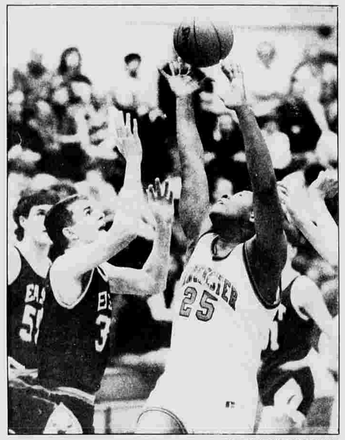
Simsbury High took home a 90-81 decision over host Manchester High Tuesday afternoon in boys' swimming action at the Indian pool.

Manchester is now 6-6 for the season with its next meet Friday at Hartford Public.

Ryan Patulak (diving), Egils Ramans (butterfly) and Eric Fleming (breaststroke) were the lone winners for Manchester.

Results:

200 medley relay: 1. Simsbury 1:51.93.
200 free: 1. Kolbusz (S) 2:04.18, 2. Crombie (M) 3. Milner (M).
200 IM: 1. Duncan (S) 2:23.07, 2. Matthews (S), 3. Lenenton (M).
50 free: 1. DiGiacomo (S) 24.16, 2. Minitic (S), 3. Porkony (M).
1 meter diving: 1. Plaia (M) 160.20 points, 2. Byers (S), 3. Doane (M).
100 fly: 1. Ramons (M) 1:01.55, 2. Wemyss (S), 3. Phillips (M).
100 free: 1. Kolbusz (S) 52.37, 2. DiGiacomo (S), 3. Porkony (M).
500 free: 1. Matthews (S) 6:05.73, 2. Lombardo (S), 3. Milner (M).
100 back: 1. Duncan (S) 1:01.18, 2. Ramons (M), 3. Crombie (M).
100 breast: 1. Fleming (M) 1:12.18, 2. Wemyss (S), 3. Bielce (S).
400 free relay: 1. MHS (Milner, Porkony, Crombie, Ramons) 3:58.00.



Reginald Pinto/Manchester Herald

MY BALL — Manchester's Jason Goddard stretches for a rebound in front of East Catholic's Reid Gorman during Tuesday night's game at Clarke Arena.

Ayer productive in clutch for Pats

PORTLAND — Even though Coventry High guard Jack Ayer was having an off shooting night, that didn't detract from his confidence late in the game.

With the visiting Patriots trailing Portland, 46-40, after three quarters, Ayer (game-high 24 points) ignited a 22-8 run with 14 fourth-quarter points as Coventry rallied for a 62-54 win Tuesday night in Charter Oak Conference action.

Coventry moves to 16-3 while Portland falls to 10-8. The Patriots will host Bacon Academy for the COC East Division lead Friday night at 7:30.

Ayer sank all three of his 3-pointers in the final eight minutes with one resulting in a four-point play after he was fouled.

"He (Ayer) didn't have a good shooting night, yet at crunch time he started to hit his shots," Coventry Coach Ron Basdsuebner said. "They (Portland) shot pretty well and outrebounded us two to one in the first half. We shot 33 percent in the first half."

Portland held leads of 19-14 after one quarter and 38-29 at halftime.

Senior center Scott Lucas added 15 for the Patriots while Frank Coombs chipped in 11. John Guidice led Portland with 20 points.

COVENTRY (62) — Jack Ayer 7 7-8 24, Frank Coombs 4 3-4 11, Scott Lucas 4 7-8 15, Mike Dowdle 1 4-6 6, Chris McCarthy 0 0-0 0, John Toffen 1 0-0 2, Pat Bradley 1 0-0 3, Bob Burgess 1 0-0 2. Totals 24 17-26 62.

PORTLAND (54) — Matt Zeh 7 1-3 16, John Guidice 7 4-6 20, Jamie Randall 2 2-2 6, Frank DeBord 4 5-7 10, Doug Simmons 0 2-2 2, Joe Ortiz 0 0-0 0. Totals 20 11-19 54.

3-point goals: C. Ayer 3, P. Guidice 2. Tate

Halftime: 38-29 Portland

Greenwell, Sox strike a deal

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. (AP) — Even as he broke off contract negotiations, Mike Greenwell felt he had "a deal destined to get done" with the Boston Red Sox.

General Manager Lou Gorman and the Red Sox, dealing with the confidence of a power player with four aces, felt the same way.

So, less than six hours after Greenwell stormed out of a meeting with Gorman on Tuesday, they ended an extended hardball encounter.

Abandoning the conference table for seats in the bleachers, and spurred along by Red Sox co-owner Haywood Sullivan, Greenwell and Gorman aggreed on a two-year contract which will pay the young slugger $1.725 million, plus another $300,000 in incentive bonus money.

Greenwell, runner-up to Oakland's Jose Canseco for the American League Most Valuable Player award in 1988 but ineligible for salary arbitration this year, rejected the club's "final offer" of $1.7 million at 11:23 p.m. Monday, a 35-minute ending in Gorman's office.

About 4:10 p.m., accompanied by agent Joe Scrobi, he returned without even a phone call, ready to exchange "new ideas" with Gorman and Sullivan, who had just returned from baseball meetings.

They sat out in the bleachers for 30 minutes and reached a deal. Neither side would give details, but The Associated Press learned that Greenwell will be paid $500,000 this year and $1.225 million in 1990. Incentives include $100,000 for MVP, $75,000 for runner-up and $50,000 for third.

"It was frustrating at times, exciting at times," Greenwell said of the negotiations which included two blunt rejections in meetings in Boston last month. "Now, it's really exciting. There were a lot of ups and downs, but I never got real negative because I'm not a negative person."

Olajuwon wins individual war but Ewing, Knicks win game

By Bill Barnard
The Associated Press

NBA Roundup

NEW YORK — Back in the 1960s, Wilt Chamberlain always seemed to dominate the statistics and Bill Russell the win column.

It was like that Tuesday night at Madison Square Garden as Akeem Olajuwon had 29 points and 25 rebounds, but Patrick Ewing's New York Knicks won the game 120-115 Tuesday night for their 19th consecutive home victory.

Ewing had only 20 points and three rebounds, but it was his basket and free throw with 23 seconds left that broke a 115-115 tie.

"We're both good centers, and I think we turn it up a notch when we play each other," Ewing said. His combination of strength and quickness make him very tough out there."

"I was looking at it from a team standpoint." Olajuwon said of his matchup against Ewing. "When you try to win for the team, the individual stats take care of themselves."

While Russell benefitted from having Bob Cousy in the backcourt for many years, Ewing is supported by Mark Jackson, who had 23 points and 15 assists, including the pass that set up the game-winning three-point play.

"Mark is one of the most intense individual players in the fourth quarter," Knicks coach Rick Pitino said. "He's a good player for the whole game, but in the fourth quarter he puts on that Superman shirt and goes. That kind of enthusiasm rubs off on the other guys."

Jackson gave New York a 106-95 lead with 9:18 left. But the Rockets rallied with a 20-9 run to tie the game 115-115 with 42 seconds left.

Jackson then got the ball to Ewing, who crashed through the lane for a basket as he was fouled by Otis Thorpe. Ewing then converted the free throw.

The Knicks victory, their 22nd in 23 home games, left them one short of the franchise record of 20 straight in 1968-69 and 1972-73.

Suns 139, Warriors 121: Tom Chambers scored 19 of his 37 points in the fourth quarter and Jeff Hornacek finished with a career-high 32 as the Suns beat Golden State for the sixth consecutive time in Phoenix.

Mitch Richmond finished with 26 points and became the first Warriors rookie to reach 1,000 points since Joe Barry Carroll in 1980-81.

Bullets 123, Clippers 109: Washington handed Los Angeles its sixth straight defeat and 25th in 26 games as Bernard King scored 33 points and Jeff Malone 27.

Ken Norman had 24 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Clippers, while Benoit Benjamin scored 21 points.

Bucks 116, Pacers 90: Indiana lost its 11th straight game and 25th in 26 road outings this season as Paul Pressey keyed two second-half runs for Milwaukee.

Terry Cummings led the Bucks with 27 points while Pressey and Jay Humphries added 19 each. Chuck Person led the Pacers with 20 points, all in the first half.

Challenge faces college coaches

By Herschel Nissenson
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Is the NFL going to draft college undergraduates like the NBA does?

Alabama coach Bill Curry, for one, says it's inevitable. And he says his fellow coaches must come up with ways to prepare players who may be imposing physical specimens but are not emotionally ready for the jump.

"What do you say to an 18-year-old who can run fast enough and is big enough and strong enough that somebody wants to give him a million bucks?" Curry said Tuesday at the NCAA's annual College Football Preview. "Can you send a guardian with him? Can his mom go along? You're talking about a child going out there in that world."

Curry has no doubt that football players will soon be leaving school as early as basketball players.

"I don't think you're going to continue to see people staying in college football all four years, or five years," he said. "And the first player that takes it to court is going to win. Attorneys tell me that's pretty much accepted."

Running backs Sammie Smith of Florida State and Tim Worley and Keith Henderson of Georgia, all of whom were fourth-year juniors last season, have said they will forego their final year in favor of the pros. But the NFL will have to make a decision if Barry Sanders, Oklahoma State's Heisman Trophy tailback, decides he wants to turn pro.

Unlike the other three, Sanders has never redshirted, meaning he is ineligible for the April 23-24 draft under NFL rules because neither he nor his original class will have graduated.

"It doesn't matter if you're a first-year player or a second-year player or whatever — the law of the land says you can go earn a living if you want to," Curry said. "And the first person who takes it to court — he may be 14 years old — some judge is going to say 'Yeah, you can go play.'"

Curry doesn't have any immediate remedies, although he said one possible answer might be for the NCAA to premit a player who declares for the draft and isn't selected continue to play college football.

"The problem needs to be addressed and anticipated," he said. "We need to come up with the best possible way to deal with it. We can address it with some orderly system that might be acceptable to the courts.

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Physical play paying off in wins for the Canucks

By Ken Rappoport
The Associated Press

The Vancouver Canucks aren't winning many friends with their tough play these days, but they are winning games

Never known as a tight checking team, the Canucks have been getting physical with their opponents of late and it has resulted in a team-record six-game winning streak.

"We did a lot of good things defensively, and we found a way to win," Coach Bob McCammon said following Tuesday night's 2-0 victory over the St. Louis Blues.

Kirk McLean continued his sensational goaltending as the Canucks broke their all-time record winning streak of five set in March of 1983 and kept pace with the third-place Edmonton Oilers in the Smythe Division race.

The Canucks remained seven points behind the Oilers. T-4 winners over the Hartford Whalers.

McLean recorded his second shutout of the season and fifth straight personal victory to run his season record to 15-11-2.

Defensemen Larry Melnyk and Doug Lidster scored first-period goals as the Canucks completed a three-game sweep of the season series against the Blues.

The Canucks moved nine points ahead of Winnipeg for the fourth and final playoff spot in the Smythe.

NHL Roundup

"We were patient tonight, and that was the big thing," McCammon said. "They don't forecheck much in the Norris Division. That's the way the Blues play. There's no substitute for forechecking, because that's the way they play in the playoffs and we'll have to be ready."

Red Wings 6, Islanders 5: Steve Yzerman scored twice, including the game-winner, and rewrote the Detroit record book and Dave Barr had a hat trick as the Red Wings beat New York.

With two goals and an assist, Yzerman increased his point total to 123, breaking the club mark of 121 set by Marcel Dionne in 1974-75. Yzerman's 55 goals also tied the Red Wings' record set by John Ogrodnick in 1984-85.

The victory halted a two-game losing streak for the Red Wings. The Islanders had won four straight at home and were 8-1-1in their previous 10 games at the Nassau Coliseum.

North Stars 2, Penguins 1: Wally Schreiber's power-play goal at 9:37 of the third period snapped a tie as Minnesota ended a four-game losing streak with a victory over slumping Pittsburgh.

The Penguins have lost three straight, tying their longest losing streak of the season. They missed a chance to reclaim first place in the Patrick Division and remain a point behind the New York Rangers and one ahead of third-place Washington.

Schreiber tipped Frantisek Musil's shot from the left point through goalie Tom Barrasso's legs for his second goal in 18 games.

The Penguins' other three-game losing streak came in November. The recent struggles have been linked to the absence of Rob Brown, a 40-goal scorer who is out with a separated shoulder.

Nordiques 4, Jets 3: Michel Goulet and Marc Fortier scored goals 6:16 apart in the second period to rally Quebec past Winnipeg.

Walt Poddubny and rookie Joe Sakic had the other Quebec goals, while Dale Hawerchuk, with his team-leading 32nd goal, Brent Ashton and Laurie Boschman scored for Winnipeg. Ashton has four goals in his last two games.

With Quebec trailing 3-2, Goulet deflected a pass by defenseman Jeff Brown at 12:01 of the second period, and Fortier cut around Teppo Numminen, the Jets' rookie defenseman, and caught the far side of the net with a shot while falling to the ice at 18:17.

"We played a physical game, the way we had to," Quebec coach Jean Perron said. "We got the great goaltending from Ron Tugnutt, we held up defensively, and we got two power-play goals. That pretty well summarizes the game."

SCOREBOARD

Hockey

NHL standings

WALES CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Patrick Division						
NY Rangers	31	22	7	69	245	222
Pittsburgh	32	23	5	69	261	210
Washington	29	24	8	66	229	208
Philadelphia	26	29	7	59	229	238
New Jersey	21	30	10	52	222	255
NY Islanders	21	36	3	45	199	249
Adams Division						
x-Montreal	40	11	7	87	240	179
Boston	36	24	11	83	208	198
Buffalo	28	27	6	62	228	233
Hartford	25	30	4	54	220	215
Quebec	22	34	4	50	211	271
CAMPBELL CONFERENCE						
Norris Division						
Detroit	37	26	9	83	243	246
Chicago	27	31	8	62	236	255
St. Louis	27	29	10	62	203	220
Minnesota	19	28	13	51	198	223
Toronto	20	35	5	45	184	251
Smythe Division						
Calgary	42	12	8	92	269	174
Los Angeles	32	23	5	69	307	261
Edmonton	30	27	6	66	261	242
Vancouver	26	29	7	59	202	197
Winnipeg	20	39	10	50	223	264

x-clinched playoff berth.

Tuesday's Games

Quebec 4, Winnipeg 3
Minnesota 2, Pittsburgh 1
Detroit 6, New York Islanders 5
Edmonton 7, Hartford 4
Vancouver 2, St. Louis 0

Wednesday's Games

New York Islanders at Buffalo, 7:35 p.m.
Winnipeg at Montreal, 7:35 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York Rangers, 7:35 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 8:35 p.m.
Toronto at Calgary, 9:35 p.m.
Washington at Los Angeles, 10:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Quebec at Hartford, 7:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 7:35 p.m.
Toronto at Vancouver, 10:35 p.m.

NHL Results

Nordiques 4, Jets 3

Winnipeg	1	2	3	—
Quebec	1	2	0	—

First Period—1, Quebec, Poddubny 33 (Goulet, Sakic), 4:43 (pp). 2, Winnipeg, Hawerchuk 32 (Steen), 11:07. 3, Quebec, Sakic 22 (McRae, Leschyshyn), 16:17. Penalties—Lemelin, Win, double minor (roughing), 16; Goulet, Que (roughing), 16; Tagliarioli, Win (roughing), 16; Poddubny, Que (slashing), 18; Moog, Win, double minor (roughing), 19; Tagliarioli, Win (roughing), 19; Hawerchuk, Win (roughing), 19; McRae, Que, major (fighting), 3:55; Pirard, Que (roughing), 3:55; Kimble, Que (roughing), 5:41; Ashton, Win (holding), 7:10; Donnelly, Win, double minor (roughing), 10:08; Flinn, Que, double minor (roughing), 10:08; Carlyle, Win (interference), 17:54.

Second Period—4, Winnipeg, Ashton 22 (Olausson), 2:22. 5, Winnipeg, Boschman 10 (Ashton, Duncan), 7:07 (pp). 6, Quebec, Goulet 31 (Brown, P. Stastny), 12:01 (pp). 7, Quebec, Fortier 16 (P. Stastny), 18:17.

Penalties—Marois, Que (cross-checking), 6:46; Donnelly, Win (slashing), 7:36; Tugnutt, Win, game misconduct (spearing), 9:48; Gillis, Que (roughing), 9:48; Boschman, Win (high-sticking), 11:39; Donnelly, Win, major (fighting), 15:34; Olausson, Win, misconduct, 15:34; Stenburg, Que, major (fighting), 15:34.

Third Period—None. Penalties—Jarvi, Que (hooking), 4:30; Marois, Que (cross-checking), 16:17.

Shots on goal—Winnipeg 6-10-9—25. Quebec 12-9-10—32.

Power-play Opportunities—Winnipeg 1 of 4; Quebec 2 of 7.

Goalies—Winnipeg, Essensa, 2-1-0, (32 shots/28 saves). Quebec, Tugnutt, 7-4-2 (25-23).

A—13,399.

Referee—Bill McCreary. Linesmen—Wayne Bonney, Gerard Gauthier.

Canucks 2, Blues 0

St. Louis	0	0	0—0
Vancouver	1	0	0—2

First Period—1, Vancouver, Melnyk 3, (7:24, 2, Vancouver, Lidster 5 (Linden, Skrlko), 11:07 (pp). Penalties—Evans, St. (hooking), 9:43; Benning, Van (interference), 12:22; P.Cavallini, StL (hooking), 15:05; Nordmark, Van (interference), 15:18.

Second Period—None. Penalties—Momessa, StL, double minor (roughing), 9:16; Butcher, Van, double minor (roughing), 9:16; Bozek, Van (holding), 17:15.

Third Period—None. Penalty—Stanley, Van (hooking), 8:14.

Shots on goal—St. Louis 5-8-8—21. Vancouver 9-15-7—31.

Power-play Opportunities—St. Louis 0 of 1; Vancouver 1 of 3.

Goalies—St. Louis, Millen, 14-17-6 (31 shots/19saves). Vancouver, McLean, 15-11-2 (21-21).

A—12,662.

Referee—Andy vanHellemond. Linesmen—Shane Heyer, Brad Lazarowich.

Radio, TV

TONIGHT

7 p.m. — College hockey: Northeastern at Lowell, NESN
7:30 p.m. — Islanders at Sabres, SportsChannel
8 p.m. — College basketball: UConn at Boston College, ESPN, WPOP (1410-AM)
9:30 p.m. — College basketball: Kentucky at Kentucky, NESN
10 p.m. — College basketball: Kansas State at Oklahoma, ESPN
10:30 p.m. — Celtics at Kings, WIU (1400-AM)
11:30 p.m. — College basketball: LSU at Alabama (delayed), NBC

TOMORROW

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

THURSDAY, FEB. 23

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

FRIDAY, FEB. 24

7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SATURDAY, FEB. 25

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SUNDAY, FEB. 26

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

MONDAY, FEB. 27

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

TUESDAY, FEB. 28

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

MONDAY, MARCH 6

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

MONDAY, MARCH 13

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

MONDAY, MARCH 20

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

MONDAY, MARCH 27

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

MONDAY, APRIL 3

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

MONDAY, APRIL 10

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

MONDAY, APRIL 17

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

MONDAY, APRIL 24

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

MONDAY, MAY 1

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

TUESDAY, MAY 2

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

THURSDAY, MAY 4

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

FRIDAY, MAY 5

7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SATURDAY, MAY 6

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SUNDAY, MAY 7

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

MONDAY, MAY 8

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

TUESDAY, MAY 9

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

THURSDAY, MAY 11

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10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

FRIDAY, MAY 12

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TUESDAY, MAY 16

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

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THURSDAY, MAY 18

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FRIDAY, MAY 19

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10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

TUESDAY, MAY 23

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10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
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10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

THURSDAY, MAY 25

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

FRIDAY, MAY 26

7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SATURDAY, MAY 27

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SUNDAY, MAY 28

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

MONDAY, MAY 29

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

TUESDAY, MAY 30

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

1:30 p.m. — Bruins at Nordiques, WTIC
7:30 p.m. — Hartford at Quebec, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

MONDAY, JUNE 5

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Detroit, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

7:30 p.m. — Toronto at Vancouver, WTIC
8:30 p.m. — Pistons at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p.m. — Lakers at Kings, WTBS

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

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8:30 p.m. — Knicks at Celtics, WCVB-TV, WRKO (680-AM)
10:30 p

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Doctor says news stories misquote him

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By the Manchester Herald

Dr. Ali Imran Hashmi, a medical director at Manchester Memorial Hospital, said in a report published today that he had been misquoted by two newspapers in stories saying that he endorsed the execution of British novelist Salman Rushdie for writing "The Satanic Verses."

The Hartford Courant reported today that Hashmi said he had never endorsed the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's call for the assassination of the author. Hashmi's remarks were reported in the Manchester Herald Saturday and in the Journal Inquirer Monday.

Repeated efforts by the Herald today to reach Hashmi for comments were unsuccessful. The phone at his home went unanswered and a receptionist at his medical office in East Hartford said he was not available. Hashmi had been on vacation until Wednesday afternoon.

The religious leader of the Islamic Center of Hartford, who was in the room during much of Hashmi's Friday interview with the Herald, said today that he and Hashmi had both endorsed the execution of Rushdie during that interview.

The execution of the author is required by Islamic law, "until and unless a true and complete apology is made," said Nafees Rahman, who has served as the imam, or priest, of the Islamic Society for all but one of the last 14 years.

"The point of the matter is that this is not the statement of Hashmi, or me or (the Ayatollah) Khomeini, it is the law of Islam," Rahman said today from his home in Glastonbury. "Anybody who does this kind of sin deserves to die."

Hashmi, a native of Pakistan, met for 45 minutes today with Michael R. Gallacher, president of Manchester Memorial Hospital, and denied the published reports that he supported the execution of Rushdie.

After the meeting, Andrew A. Beck, the hospital's director of public relations, said that Hashmi told Gallacher that "he is not a supporter of the Ayatollah and never supported the call for the assassination."

"I don't know how Mr. Gallacher feels," Beck said. "I don't think he's formulated any plan on what to do next."

Beck said the executive committee of the medical staff still plans to meet with Hashmi.

The hospital issued a strongly worded statement Tuesday, saying that the administration and medical staff were concerned about Hashmi's remarks and were anxious to hear his explanation of them.

One trustee of the hospital, Thomas F. Ferguson, has said that Hashmi's published views do not "reflect the attitudes of the medical professional — that of

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Writers rally for Rushdie

By Bill Stieg
The Associated Press

Writers famous and obscure rallied nationwide in support of Salman Rushdie, with some daring Iran to kill them along with the author of "The Satanic Verses." Meanwhile, two large book chains reversed a decision to remove the novel.

Some of the nation's most prominent authors marched on the Iranian mission to the United Nations in New York and read excerpts from Rushdie's book, which has enraged Moslems and prompted Iran's fundamentalist government to put a price on the author's head and threaten those involved with its publication.

Rallies or readings also were held Wednesday in Washington, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, San Francisco and Boston.

At the New York reading, Norman Mailer said authors should "stand in his place" if Rushdie is killed — a challenge to Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini to kill them all.

"Join with me ... in such a vow, and we are relatively safe," Mailer told the gathering. "At least, we are safer to a considerable degree, and can feel honorable to ourselves. We will have struck a real blow for freedom."

Boston author James Carroll expressed similar sentiments at a gathering in Cambridge, Mass., where Rushdie had been scheduled to read from his novel Wednesday night. Rushdie's promotional tour was canceled when he went into hiding.

"We are here to be with Rushdie," Carroll told more than 100 people at a panel discussion on the novel. "The world should be with him and not permit harm to come to him. If you kill him, you

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Patrick Flynn/Manchester Herald

BRAVE SOULS — Laurin Buyak and her daughter, Jessica, 3, aren't intimidated by the claws and teeth of a 9-foot Alaskan brown bear at the Lutz Children's Museum. The Buyaks are from New Hampshire and were visiting family in Manchester earlier this week.

Bush hunts for peace in Mideast

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By Terence Hunt
The Associated Press

TOKYO — President Bush arrived in Japan today and immediately plunged into a series of mini-summits with world leaders. Against the backdrop of an imperial Japanese funeral, he began his search for an elusive peace settlement in the Middle East.

After a 16-hour flight from Washington, Bush went directly to the U.S. ambassador's residence for lunch with French President Francois Mitterrand for talks that the White House said focused on superpower relations and the seven-nation economic summit in Paris in July.

Bush quickly went into a series of talks with three Middle East leaders: Jordan's King Hussein, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Israeli President Chaim Herzog.

White House officials said in advance that none of the sessions would be decision-making meetings and that they would not deal extensively in substance. Most of the sessions were expected to last only 15 to 20 minutes, but they represented the start of Bush's personal diplomacy on the volatile region as president.

On his first overseas journey as president, Bush will attend the funeral Friday of Japanese Emperor Hirohito, who died of cancer Jan. 7 at the age of 87.

Bush will travel to China on Saturday and make a 4½ hour stop in South Korea on Monday before returning home.

"Things in the Pacific seem to be going reasonably well," Bush said earlier during a refueling stop in Anchorage, Alaska. "But we are a Pacific power and this visit will demonstrate that we intend to stay a Pacific power."

Showing no signs of jet lag, Bush appeared in good spirits as he sat down with Mitterrand in the elegant dining room of the ambassador's residence.

Briefly responding to reporters' questions during a photo session, Mitterrand said everything was on the table for discussion, including the Soviet Union.

Bush said he has adopted a new policy of not answering questions

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Judge considers auction of bankrupt utility

By Michael Mokrzycki
The Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. — The federal bankruptcy judge overseeing Public Service Company of New Hampshire's reorganization is considering setting up an auction for the utility.

Judge James Yacos unveiled the proposal Wednesday during the first day of a hearing on the future of the debt-ridden complex, 13-month-old bankruptcy case, the first involving a big investor-owned utility in more than 50 years.

New England's largest power company, Northeast Utilities of Connecticut, already has announced a bid for Public Service, which says about a dozen other companies also have expressed interest. New England Electric System of Massachusetts is the only one to have said so far that it plans to bid too.

Yacos said it may be difficult to determine which bid is best for Public Service's creditors. So he asked Steven Davis, an expert on public utility law who is president of a bondholders' group that is a major player in the reorganization, whether it might be feasible to establish a set of terms and conditions that all bidders would have to meet.

"I realize this is coming out of left field," Yacos said as Davis completed four hours of testimony on whether the judge should let creditors and other parties start filing reorganization proposals — buyouts or otherwise — to compete with a plan Public Service filed Dec. 27.

Davis replied that Yacos' idea could work — but only if there first is agreement on what electricity rates the reorganized or bought-out Public Service will be allowed to charge.

"The auction procedure you have outlined could be very valuable and useful, provided rate levels are set beforehand," Davis told the judge.

Differences among the state, the utility and its creditors on appropriate rates already have turned the reorganization into a bitter and potentially lengthy ordeal.

Swamped by debt from its 36 percent share of the stalled Seabrook nuclear power plant and barred by state law from charging ratepayers for the reactor before it operates commercially, Public Service sought bankruptcy protection on Jan. 28, 1988.

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Weicker in line to head new research agency

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — Former U.S. Sen. Lowell P. Weicker Jr., a Connecticut Republican, will take over a new non-profit organization promoting medical and scientific research, the Bridgeport Post reported today.

The newspaper said Weicker, a three-term senator who lost his bid for re-election in November, will be president and chief executive officer of "Research! America."

The paper attributed the information to Jane Miller, an account executive with the public relations firm Porter-Novelli in Washington.

Julie Rosson, a former aide to Weicker, said medical and scientific research is "an area he has great expertise in" from his years in the Senate.

Weicker will officially announce his plans at news conferences in Washington and Farmington, Conn., on Monday, according to Brad Durrell, a public relations executive in Fairfield County.

Weicker lost by 10,000 votes to Democrat Joseph I. Lieberman in the November elections.

Since his defeat, Weicker has been mentioned for several jobs, including a top job with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and as president of Trinity College in Hartford.

He said after his defeat that he was not interested in a political comeback.

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