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EXPLAINING REQUESTS — Town Manager Robert B. Weiss, left, and Budget and Research Officer Robert

Huestis explain budget requests from town department heads at a news conference in Weiss's office today.

\$10 million in requests face cuts

By Nancy Concelman
Manchester Herald

Town department heads have requested \$10 million more in next year's budget but Town Manager Robert B. Weiss says he is already preparing to make some cuts.

The requests, which total \$7.5 million, represent a 15.7 percent increase this year's budget.

Weiss said today that Police Chief Robert D. Lannan's request, which includes 10 new Police Department employees, would probably suffer the largest cuts in what town and state officials have said will be a tight budget year.

Weiss and Robert Huestis, the town's budget and research officer, presented the requests at a news conference today. Weiss will review the requests and present his budget recommendations to the Board of Directors.

"I will be cutting back significantly on his (Lannan's) requests," Weiss said.

Lannan has requested an additional \$840,551, a 17.3 percent increase, which would bring the police budget to \$5.6 million for 1989-90. Weiss said the 10 new employees would be scattered throughout the department and include civilian workers, patrol and superior officers.

Weiss said Lannan is the only department head who did not work with him to reduce his requests because Lannan felt he should ask for the amount needed to provide a level of service that

would meet community needs.

Weiss said he agreed with Lannan's requests but "they can't be afforded this year."

No increase in state aid is anticipated because of a state budget deficit of more than \$800 million, so the town has imposed a spending freeze and restrictions on hiring, Weiss said today. He hadn't determined what effect the restrictions would have on the upcoming budget.

"There was a lot of stuff in the pipeline at the time the policy was announced," Weiss said.

A total of 16 new full-time employees have been requested by department heads. Huestis

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Fed boosts discount rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve Board, citing evidence of inflation, today boosted its key bank lending rate from 6.5 percent to 7 percent in a move likely to trigger increases in interest rates charged consumers.

The central bank said it was raising its discount rate, the interest it charges on loans to member banks, "in light of inflationary pressures in the economy" and after receiving requests from 10 of its 12 district banks.

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Jet passengers missing after blowout

By Steve Elliott
The Associated Press

HONOLULU — An explosion ripped a large hole in a United Airlines jumbo jet shortly after takeoff today, and the plane landed with eight to 11 passengers missing and at least 11 injured, federal aviation officials said.

The airline confirmed there were fatalities.

National Transportation Safety Board spokeswoman Drucella Anderson said the Boeing 747 had departed Honolulu International Airport with 336 passengers and 15 crew members at 1:33 a.m. for Auckland, New Zealand, and Sydney, Australia. It returned 40

minutes later with a 10-by-40 foot hole in the forward baggage area on the right side of the airliner.

"You could drive an ambulance through it, you could see the seats and the baggage compartment from the outside," said Ray News, a photographer for KGBM-TV.

Two of the plane's four engines had failed, apparently losing power after the explosion, according to JoAnn DeCampra, a dispatcher at the airport.

Barbara Abels, an FAA spokeswoman in Los Angeles, said eight to 11 passengers were believed missing from the plane. United Airlines Flight 811, which had originated in San Francisco,

"United can confirm that there have been fatalities and injuries," said airline spokeswoman Sue Moss in Chicago.

Ms. Abels said authorities had no immediate clue as to what caused the explosion, and a crew from the National Transportation Safety Board was en route to investigate. "The FBI also was investigating."

"There's no reason to assume it's a bomb at this time," she said but added authorities hadn't ruled out that possibility.

Max Thompson of Denver said his wife Sherry Peterson, a passenger on the plane, told him by telephone. "Our plane just blew up over Hawaii."

"She said it was like a very loud pop, like you would pop a paper bag. Four rows of seats were just gone. It even sucked her carrying off," Thompson said, adding his wife was uninjured.

"All of a sudden, I could see the sky and feel the wind," said passenger Koji Yamamoto, 23, of Osaka, Japan. "The roof was breaking. Something was blowing toward us."

"All of a sudden it was like a dream," said passenger Gary Garber of Los Angeles, one of those who suffered minor injuries. "A section of the plane wasn't there any longer," he told the

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Storm on the way but snow-removal budgets can stand it

By Nancy Concelman
Manchester Herald

A snowstorm was due in the Manchester area today but it will have to be a humdinger to put much of a dent in the surplus area towns have in their snow-removal budgets.

According to a spokesman for the National Weather Service, the storm could leave between three and eight inches of snow. The storm is predicted to start this afternoon and end by late evening, the spokesman said.

"It's not near as bad as some

people say," the spokesman said. "We're pretty much on the edge of it (the storm), far from the center."

But because of gusty northeast winds, on top of the snow, driving will be hazardous tonight, said the spokesman. Winds are expected to blow from between 20 to 30 mph.

The anticipated storm resulted in the postponement of at least one high school basketball game scheduled for tonight. Cheney Tech will host Vinal Tech of Middletown at 7:30 Monday night.

The storm will be heaviest in the eastern and coastal portions of the state, the spokesman said.

Today, the temperature is expected to reach a high of 30 degrees. Tonight the high will fall into the teens.

Saturday will be sunny, said the spokesman. Temperatures will be between 25 to 30 degrees.

Until today, less than a quarter of the average amount of snow has fallen, according to a spokesman at the National Weather Service. The state has had about 8.6 inches of snow compared to an average over the past 30 years of

37.2 inches by the end of February, the spokesman said.

This winter's snowfall "is about the least we've ever had at this time," he said.

This has left snow-removal budgets in Manchester, Coventry and Bolton in good shape.

Though uses for the leftover money have been considered, Manchester isn't counting on the funds yet, town Budget and Research Officer Robert Huestis said Wednesday. Winter isn't over for budget purposes until March 31, he said, and anything could happen.

Coventry Town Manager John Ellessier agreed, calling a mild winter experienced so far a fluke this year.

"I'm not convinced the winter's over yet," Ellessier said.

The mild winter has left Coventry with much of its \$230,000 snow and ice budget intact, Ellessier said Wednesday. He did not have exact figures but said, "We do have a considerable amount left."

The town may use leftover funds to buy pipes needed to complete work on drainage systems under town roads, a proposal that would have to be

approved by the Town Council, he said. Funds for the work probably would have been included in next year's budget, he said.

Leftover money could also cover other budget holes, he said. "There are other areas in our budget that are weak, too," Ellessier said.

But Ellessier said the mild winter isn't a signal for the town to lower its snow and ice budget for next year.

"I'm not reducing it because I consider this a fluke winter,"

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Sears confirms Parkade closing with '90 Buckland mall opening

By The Manchester Herald
and The Associated Press

The Sears, Roebuck & Co. department store at Manchester Parkade will be closed when the company opens a store at the \$70 million Pavilions at Buckland Hills in the spring of 1990.

Sears has been one of the anchor stores at the Manchester Parkade for more than 30 years.

William R. Bowles, store manager, confirmed the Parkade closing, long anticipated by fellow merchants, during an interview Thursday about the company's new pricing policy that goes into effect Wednesday.

Sears, based in Chicago, will close its 825 U.S. stores for 42 hours next week to roll back prices on more than 1.5 billion pieces of merchandise, an unusual bid by the huge retailer to regain market share.

The stores will close from 6 p.m. Monday until noon Wednesday

to cut the prices on clothes, hardware, appliances, furniture and other items to conform with Sears' new "everyday low price" strategy. Some prices, such as those on beds, will be cut in half, while most will be reduced by lesser amounts.

Jeff Jacobs, promotional director for the Parkade, said Thursday he had not received official notification but he said he was not surprised by the plans to permanently close the store.

"Sears is part owner of that new mall so it makes sense for them to move there sometime," Jacobs said.

Jacobs was referring to the Homart Development Co. of Chicago, developer of the mall. Homart is the commercial real estate development arm of the Coldwell Banker Real Estate Group, a subsidiary of Sears.

Jim Keenan, president of the Parkade Merchants Association, also said Thursday he had not

been notified of closing but assumed it would occur.

Broadman Associates owns the West Middle Turnpike section of the stores, including Sears. Cutter Realty Group of Stamford, which manages the section of the Parkade for Broadman, could not be reached for comment Thursday.

Last month the manager of another major Parkade facility, Brunswick Parkade Lanes, announced the bowling alley would close in May after operating for 30 years.

Bernie Giovanno said the 30-year lease on the alley would run out in June. Cutter was proposing a new rental schedule which would have more than doubled the monthly payments, he said.

The alley was also needed renovations estimated at \$500,000. Giovanno said.

Michael Bozic, chairman of the

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Emhart silent on buyout bid

By The Associated Press

FARMINGTON — Emhart Corp. officials are mum about a \$2.4 billion bid for their company from a New York-based partnership that says it wants to make an "amicable" acquisition.

Topper Acquisition Corp., a partnership that includes San Francisco oil tycoon Gordon P. Getty, offered \$35 per share in cash Thursday for all outstanding common shares of Farmington-based Emhart.

Emhart's stock closed at \$32.75 a share, down 25 cents, on the New York Stock Exchange Thursday. Topper's offer was disclosed after the market closed.

"We have received an offer from Topper. We will not have any comment until we have had a chance to review it," Emhart officials said in a release. They declined to discuss the offer.

Emhart's stock has risen almost \$10 a share in the past month amid takeover rumors.

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Bush aides start long-distance try to save nominee

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By Terence Hunt
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Bundled against the cold, President Bush bowed in final respects to Emperor Hirohito at a rain-drenched funeral today as his entourage tried from afar to salvage the troubled nomination of John Tower as secretary of defense.

As Bush joined 8,000 mourners under tents at the Shinjuku Imperial Garden ceremony, Tower's nomination was rejected in Washington by the Senate Armed Services Committee. The vote was 11-9, split along party lines with the Democrats in the majority.

The vote — the first such committee rejection of a president's Cabinet choice in 44 years — was a major setback for Bush on his first trip overseas as president, and came as he mingled with leaders of more than 160 countries.

Bush showed no sign of distress. He flashed a

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Attend Coronation Ball

The St. Patrick's Annual Colleen Coronation Ball will be held Saturday, March 4, at La Renaissance Restaurant, 52 Prospect Hill Road (Route 5) East Windsor. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Johnny Murphy and the Clubmen will provide music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. For information and tickets, call Maureen Cosgrove, 875-3726 or Eileen Moriarty, 643-4721.

MARC meeting scheduled

The MARC Education Committee meeting has been rescheduled to Monday at 7 p.m. at the Manchester Workshop, 57 Hollister St. The committee will discuss educational trends within the community. This continues with the unanimous vote of the MARC Board of Directors to support the Connecticut Association for Retarded Citizens an integrated education. All families who are interested in this subject matter should plan to attend.

La Leche meeting set

The March meeting of the Manchester Evening La Leche League will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at 24 Locust St., South Windsor. The topic of the meeting is "The Art of Breastfeeding and Overcoming Difficulties." For further information, call Carol, 644-1109, Kathy, 646-7277, or Barbara, 646-8171.

Auxiliary plans meeting

The regular meeting of the Army and Navy Auxiliary will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the club on Main Street. The guest speaker after the business meeting will be Officer Larry Wilson from the Manchester Police Department, who will speak on home and personal safety. Refreshments will be served.

Vernon pageant to be held

The Miss Greater Vernon Scholarship Pageant will be held Saturday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Vernon Middle School Auditorium. This program which is a Miss America preliminary, provides scholarships for young area women. There are four phases of the competition: interview, onstage personality, swimsuit and talent. The master of ceremonies will be Tony Terzi. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the door the night of the pageant.

Antique convention set

The sixth-annual Antique Show will be held Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5, at the Howell Cheney Technical School, on New State Road, in Manchester. Sixty-eight antique dealers from all over New England and New York will sell their wares and collectibles from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Proceeds from this fund-raiser will go to the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, a student organization of Howell Cheney.

Current Quotations

"The people will remember him forever." — Emperor Akhito, eulogizing Emperor Hirohito at the funeral of the late Japanese monarch, who was worshipped as a living god and branded a war criminal during his long life.

"It's simply one more bad effect of cigarette smoking — as if you need one more bad effect." — Dr. Reubin Andres, co-author of a study in the Journal of the American Medical Association that found people who smoke control their weight are simply redistributing their fat in unhealthy ways.

Thoughts

It was Eleanor Roosevelt who said, "... we do not always like what is good for us in this world." How many of us go through life thinking that life should be easy. And so, feeling this way, we tend to try to avoid whatever is unpleasant in our lives, sure that it can do us no good. So we seek out only pleasant experiences, and never take up any challenge that we don't like.

It takes people like Eleanor Roosevelt to remind us that often we grow and mature through rising to the challenges posed by things we don't like than by simply filling our lives with only things we do like. This is one of the lessons that life has to teach us all if we are open to hearing it and learning it.

Rev. Ward A. Knights, D.D., Unitarian Universalist Society, Manchester

Weather

REGIONAL WEATHER
Accu-Weather's forecast for Saturday
Daytime Conditions and High Temperatures

Boston	37-47
New York	31
Atlanta	43-53
Los Angeles	63-73
San Francisco	58-68
Chicago	43-53
Denver	37-47
Phoenix	63-73
Seattle	43-53
Portland	43-53
San Diego	63-73
Las Vegas	63-73

Storm likely
Manchester and vicinity: Snow becoming heavy at times this afternoon. Snow accumulating to 2 inches by rush hour. Windy with considerable blowing of snow. High in the mid 20s. Northeast wind 15 to 25 mph. Tonight, snow heavy at times. Tapering off by midnight. Windy with considerable blowing and drifting snow. Total snow accumulation 3 to 8 inches. Low in the North. Wind 15 to 25 mph. Saturday becoming mostly sunny in the morning. High 25 to 30. Outlook for Sunday, fair. High in the 50s.

West Coast, East Coast: Tonight, snow heavy at times tapering off early and ending around midnight.

Adopt a pet: Alpo's friendly

By Barbara Richmond
Manchester Herald

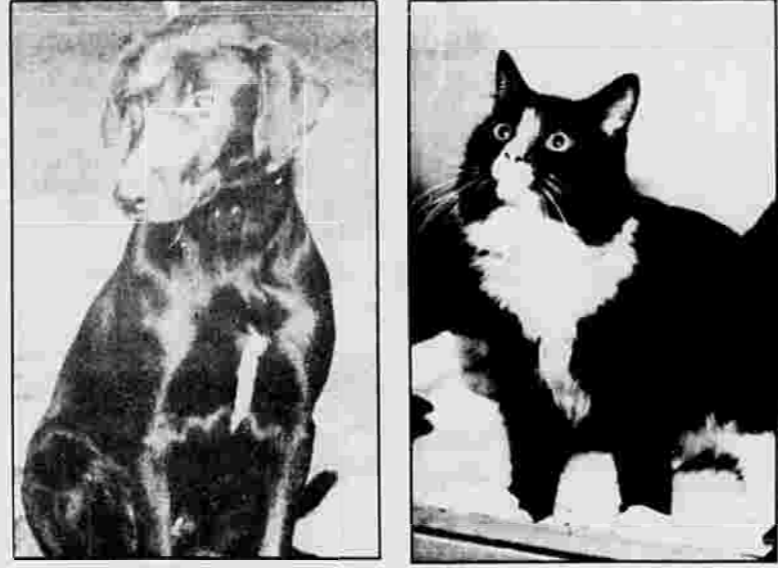
One very friendly young Labrador retriever was the only tenant at the town's dog pound, as of Tuesday. It's a male, 8 to 9 months old, and he has been named Alpo.

He was given the temporary name because Dog Warden Richard Rand said he's very fond of the Alpo dog food. Alpo was found roaming on Cornstock Road Sunday. He was wearing a new wide blue nylon collar when picked up.

Val, was claimed by his owner. His real name is Frodo.

Sherrie, featured two weeks ago, the friendly husky-shepherd/terrier cross, was adopted by a West Willington family. Rand said he's had about an dozen dogs in and out of the pound, so far this month. Most of them had known owners.

The dog pound is located on town property off Olcott Street, near the landfill area. The dog warden is at the pound week-days from noon to 1 p.m. There is also someone at the pound from 6 to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Alpo

Dolly

The phone number at the pound is 643-6622. Those wishing to get in touch with the dog warden can also call the police department, 646-8355, if there is no answer at the pound.

There is a \$5 fee to adopt a dog and the new owner must have the dog licensed. Before being licensed the dog must have its rabies shot.

Dolly, a sweet black and white female cat is this week's featured pet of Aid to Helpless Animals Inc. She has been

Police Roundup

Man, woman arrested

A South Windsor man and Tolland woman were arrested on drug charges Thursday after leaving a local nightclub, police said. Kevin Gough, 29, of 42 Woodland Drive, South Windsor, was charged with possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia, police said. Rhonda L. Chesney, 20, of 29 Balsam Mountain Road, Tolland, was charged with conspiracy to possess cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia, second-degree forgery by possession and entry into a tavern by a minor, police said.

Members of the Tri-Town Narcotics Task Force say they observed suspicious activity as Gough and Chesney left the nightclub Thursday night, police said. Task force members followed them to Henry Street where they were arrested, police said. The task force consists of members of the Manchester, South Windsor and Vernon police departments.

Gough and Chesney will appear in Manchester Superior Court on March 8, police said.

Tip leads to arrest

A Manchester man was charged Thursday with possession of cocaine and possession of marijuana crime watch, police said. Members of the Tri-Town Narcotics Task Force arrested Michael G. Goebel, 25, of 157-H Homestead St., on the drug charges, police said.

Task force members found a small bag of marijuana, a bong and an item used for smoking marijuana, and a mirror with cocaine residue while searching Goebel's apartment, police said. Task force members obtained a search warrant after receiving a tip from members of the local crime watch about heavy automobile traffic in front of Goebel's home, police said.

College Notes

On URI dean's list

Jennifer Perry, daughter of Maryann Perry of 43 Wadsworth St., has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of Rhode Island. She is majoring in civil engineering.

Area students on RPI list

Several Manchester area students have been named to the dean's list at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y., for the fall semester. They are: Joe H. Lee, 24 Thompson Road, a sophomore majoring in biology and Marie Luby, 519 E. Center St., a junior majoring in biomedical engineering.

Also: Malcolm L. Ferguson, 11 Converse Road, Bolton, a senior majoring in electrical engineering, and Ray Engler Jr., 272 Richmond Road, Coventry, a freshman majoring in engineering.

Two on Bucknell list

Jennifer Papa, daughter of John and Rosemarie Papa of 87 Waranoke Road, and Timothy Stahl, son of Walter and Joyce Stahl of 77 Linwood Drive, have been named to the dean's list for the first semester at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.

Military Notes

Completes basic training

Airman John R. Arigo, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Arigo of 354 Mark Drive, Coventry, has completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

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LOCAL & STATE

Town stays liable for sidewalk falls

By Nancy Concelman
Manchester Herald

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Directors back non-union pay raises

By Nancy Concelman
Manchester Herald

The Board of Directors Thursday unanimously supported pay increases for 34 non-union town employees that will cost the town about \$84,850 by the end of fiscal year 1990.

The raises range from 2 1/2 percent to 20 percent over three years with the maximum salaries of some employees increasing by up to \$9,000. The raises will be implemented at different salary levels over a period of 18 months to three years, depending on the employee's current pay level.

The plan was approved in a meeting at the Lincoln Center hearing room despite questions from Republican Director Ronald Osella about a 23 percent

\$50,000 set aside for Cheney Hall interest

By Nancy Concelman
Manchester Herald

Donald Kuehl, foundation vice president, said interest would probably be closer to \$20,000 than to \$50,000. The foundation plans to pay off the loan from eight local banks through fund-raising and not want to use a state grant or private donations to pay interest.

Kuehl said the foundation needed to know the directors' stance before it could get the bank loans, but Fogarty and Naab interpreted that as meaning the town would have to guarantee the loan.

Naab said he didn't think the board had the power under the



Patrick Flynn/Manchester Herald

Water-sewer shuffle may ease space crunch

By Nancy Concelman
Manchester Herald

Two town directors have proposed moving employees of the Water and Sewer divisions from Lincoln Center to the Globe Hollow Water Treatment Plant to make room for the cramped Elderly Outreach Division.

The directors will probably vote on the proposal by Republican Director Geoffrey Naab and Democratic Director Barbara B. Weinberg at a March meeting, after it is reviewed by the town administration.

The new proposal was aired during a Thursday night meeting in the Lincoln Center hearing

room. On Jan. 17, the directors rejected Town Manager Robert B. Weinberg's proposal to move the Youth Services Bureau from its first-floor office in Lincoln Center to a building at 156-158 E. Center St.

Under Weinberg's proposal, Elderly Outreach employees and clients would have moved into the Youth Services office. Naab and Weinberg's plan calls for employees to use the existing 426-square-foot Elderly Outreach office and the 344-square-foot office across the hall.

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Board delays action on walk-repair crew

By Nancy Concelman
Manchester Herald

The Board of Directors decided Thursday to postpone a vote on establishing an in-house sidewalk crew to do spot repairs after the town manager said the earliest the crew could begin work is March 1990.

But the directors unanimously agreed to set aside Local Capital Improvement Program funds from the state that will be used to reconstruct walks in the Porter Street area and do some spot repairs identified as high priority in a study by the Public Works Department.

The directors, who met Thursday in the Lincoln Center hearing room, will probably vote on appropriating LCIP funds by their March 7 meeting.

The \$50,000 LCIP funds will be combined with \$50,000 in the current fund for sidewalk repairs and \$100,000 in capital reserve funds. That money will be available by this March, according to the plan.

Repairs to Porter Street walks from East Center to Oak Grove streets are estimated to cost \$250,000. The current sidewalk crew will probably not be able to take on the work until March 1990, according to the plan.

His comments prompted Weiss and Mayor Peter P. DiRosa to defend town employees.

The town has estimated that \$10 million is needed to repair, not replace, local sidewalks. The Public Works Department study shows that spot repairs to about 49,000 linear feet of walk account for \$1.9 million of the total cost.

About 75,000 linear feet of walk require full reconstruction with out road work at a cost of about \$2.8 million, and repairs that require road work will cost about \$5.8 million, according to the study. Priorities were set for each type of repair.

Weiss recommended using LCIP funds for spot repairs and a bond issue to cover reconstruction.

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BENEFIT BREAKFAST — Ray Martens, president of the Manchester Civitan Club and Laurie Prytko, executive director of the Manchester Association for Retarded Citizens, practice flipping pancakes in preparation for the third annual pancake breakfast to benefit the Manchester Workshop. The breakfast will be held Sunday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Elks Club, 30 Bissell St. Tickets are \$3.50.

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The most recent 1988-89 deficit estimate was \$170 million, and O'Neill said Thursday that the report makes it all the more important that tax increases be on the books by April 1, as he has requested.

"It's not good news," O'Neill told reporters in his office.

While the budget office had forecast an 8 percent growth in sales tax revenues during December, over December 1987, O'Neill said the growth rate was only 3.5 percent.

The sales tax traditionally produces more than one-third of the money the state needs to operate each year.

Sales tax receipts for December were \$229 million, compared with \$231.6 million in December 1987. Since the 1988-89 budget year began, the sales tax has generated \$1.1 billion for the state, about \$57 million more than this point last fiscal year.

O'Neill had asked the General Assembly to approve \$140 million in tax increases taking effect April 1 to help erase this year's deficit. He's also put together a

Pharmacists speak out

HARTFORD (AP) — Pharmacists say they are too important to be replaced by mail-order drugs, but they are not willing to support a bill that would prohibit employers and insurers from requiring their workers to buy mail-order drugs.

Dozens of pharmacists, many wearing white coats and yellow armbands that read "Freedom of choice," turned out Thursday to back the legislation filed by state Rep. Ben DeZinno, a pharmacist who chairs the Public Health Committee.

Representatives of the state's business and insurance companies opposed the bill, calling it "protectionism" for pharmacies that can't compete with inexpensive mail-order drug stores.

Under the bill before DeZinno's committee, workers whose companies provide prescription drugs as part of health care programs or insurance policies could not be

Bolton ruling wins favor for charter

BOLTON — Proponents and opponents of proposed changes in the Town Charter say a ruling by the town attorney that restores the right of voters to reduce the budget will make the revisions easier to pass.

Townpeople will vote on the charter in the May 1 election. The charter would switch the town to a town manager Board of Selectmen government and eliminate the Board of Finance. Selectmen voted against the charter change Dec. 6 but commission members collected enough voter signatures to form a referendum.

Town Attorney Richard L. Berger has ruled that the decision by the defunct Charter Revision Commission to eliminate the right of Annual Town Meeting

voters to reduce the budget is invalid because the commission made the decision at its Nov. 21 meeting, after public hearings were held and without consulting the selectmen. The Feb. 15 ruling was made public during a Board of Selectmen meeting Tuesday.

Barger also ruled invalid the commission's last-minute decision to make the Board of Selectmen a voluntary board.

"The issue of whether the voters have the right to reduce the budget is an issue that might have changed of passing. However, he said he would have liked to see all the commission's proposals put on the ballot.

"I think if those things are removed from the ballot, it will improve the chances of passage," he said. "I think it's a matter of principle. I would like to see the entire report of the Charter Revision Commission

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Business lobby critical of classification bills

HARTFORD (AP) — Unless municipalities to tax residential property at lower rates than business property, cities like Hartford will witness an exodus of traditional homeowners, the city's deputy mayor fears.

Alphonse S. Marotta told the General Assembly's Finance Committee Thursday night that "city and town officials need your help."

"We're going to be facing an exodus," he said.

As they have for the past several years, cities are asking the legislature to approve tax classification, which would permit different tax rates for residential, business and industrial property.

Marotta said classification is needed so that, when a town undergoes property reevaluation,

Officials blast hike

STAMFORD (AP) — New York officials say their counterparts in Connecticut and New Jersey are mistaken if they think a court will declare unconstitutional New York's recent tax increase on out-of-state commuters.

During separate news conferences Thursday, Connecticut Gov. William A. O'Neill and five Republican lawmakers called on New York to rescind the million-dollar increase in the state's income tax.

Fourteen other states, including California, Ohio, Vermont, Rhode Island and Maine, already use the method recently adopted by New York for calculating commuters' taxes, he said.

The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear a challenge to Vermont's law in 1988 and a federal appeals court upheld Kansas' law in 1987, he said.

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Hirohito funeral elaborate

TOKYO — The body of Emperor Hirohito today was sealed inside a hillside crypt and offerings were made to his spirit, ending a 18-hour funeral attended by the largest gathering of world leaders in modern history.

A day of elaborate ceremony concluded by torchlight shortly before 9 p.m. after the coffin was placed on a cart and pulled 33 feet up a slope. It was then moved into a prepared stone tomb dug into the hillside and sealed with concrete.

Hirohito's mound-like mausoleum is in a grove of towering cypress trees at the Musashi Imperial Cemetery west of Tokyo.

Wrapped as a living god and branded a war criminal during his long life, Hirohito was honored by the presence of official representatives of 85 nations at some of the ceremonies, including President Bush and his wife, Barbara, who sat in the front row covered with blankets to protect them from the winter chill.

Bush, the collar of his black overcoat turned up, paused in front of the coffin and lowered his head in a slight bow when his turn came to approach the coffin.

A bomb exploded in a roadside embankment about 20 minutes before a motorcade carrying his body and members of the imperial family passed by on its way to the burial ground.

Police said groups opposing the emperor system staged 11 demonstrations in the Japanese capital, and officers arrested five people in disturbances.

The Japanese Communist Party boycotted the funeral and some members of the main opposition Japan Socialist Party stayed away from the Shinto ceremonies while attending the state ones.

"The people will remember Hirohito," Emperor Akihito eulogized during the ceremony, expressing his "overwhelming emotion" and "extreme sense of sorrow." He thanked the Japanese and foreigners who sent condolences.

The \$74 million, 18-hour funeral began with private Shinto rites within the walls of the Imperial Palace in downtown Tokyo. The body was then driven to Shinjuku Imperial Gardens for the main ceremony.

The metropolis of 12 million people came to a virtual standstill and 32,000 police mounted the largest security operation in Japanese history.

Police estimated 210,000 people braving the wet and 37-degree temperatures — lined the streets as a black hearse carrying the face-draped coffin drove at 8 mph from the palace to Shinjuku gardens.

The motorcade escorted 32-car procession passed Parliament, the democratic core of modern Japan and the National Stadium where the emperor opened the 1964 Summer Olympics, heralding Japan's postwar re-emergence.

Police said 4,300 people took part in 11 anti-emperor demonstrations and rallies in the capital and officers arrested five people. Protesters carried banners denouncing the funeral and attacking Hirohito for his role as titular leader during Japan's World War II aggression.

"Under the name of Hirohito, our mothers and fathers were mobilized for war in Asia and thousands of people were massacred," said a 36-year-old high school teacher who declined to be further identified.

But others cried or clasped their hands together in prayer as Hirohito's coffin passed.

A 72-year-old farmer, Morie Hiroki, tried to commit suicide by ritual disemboweling, or harakiri, on the southern island of Kyushu.

Police said Hiroki was in serious condition after slashing his abdomen with a kitchen knife. The World War II army private, who served in China, left a note saying he felt he had to follow his emperor in death.

A New York Times-CBS News poll this month said 77 percent of Japanese support the imperial system; 73 percent regarded the emperor as a national symbol, and just 2 percent said they still considered him a god.

Hirohito renounced his divinity in 1946 as Japan began its climb from the ashes of World War II toward spectacular economic success.

North's attorneys say Reagan knew ban on aid skirted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oliver North's defense lawyers are trying to show that many top government officials — including President Reagan — knew that he was helping the Nicaraguan rebels despite a congressional ban on U.S. aid to them.

During cross-examination Thursday of Contra leader Adolfo Calero, the defense contended that North's close relationship to the rebels was an open secret in official Washington while the congressional ban was in effect between 1984 and 1986.

"Whenever I talked to agency (CIA) people, if I went beyond what they were permitted to hear or talk to me about, they would say: 'See Ollie about that,'" Calero told defense attorney Brendan V. Sullivan Jr.

The defense also alleges Calero's testimony blunts prosecution claims that North embezzled \$4.30 million of the \$60 million in travelers' checks that the Contra leader gave the former presidential aide to finance efforts to free American hostages. The charge carries a 10-year sentence upon conviction.

Calero said he didn't object upon learning that North had given Robert Owen \$1,000 of the money as a wedding gift.

"I had absolutely no problem in him giving Rob Owen the gift on account of the work he had done for us," said Calero, the former president of the Nicaraguan Democratic Force. Owen, who has been described by prosecutor John W. Keiser as "North's eyes and ears in Central America," was scheduled to testify today about his role in carrying intelligence information between North and the Contras.

Besides the embezzlement count, the retired Marine lieutenant colonel and former National Security Council aide is accused of 11 other felony counts arising from his involvement in the Iran-Contra affair.

Among those are charges that North lied to Congress about his efforts to raise money for the Contras and to provide tactical military advice to the rebels.

Government officials, particularly at the CIA, constantly referred the Contras to North, Calero said.

"If we had a request or some kind of a grievance, they would say: 'talk to Ollie,'" Calero testified he didn't expect that North would use any of the \$90,000 for personal expenses. But he said he never demanded an accounting because "I had absolute trust in what Colonel North was doing."

Calero appeared to be a reluctant prosecution witness, repeatedly telling Keiser he couldn't recall a 1985 meeting in North's office involving retired Army Gen. John Singlaub, who helped the Contras buy \$5 million worth of weapons, and arms dealer Richard V. Secord, a retired Air Force major general.

But under questioning by Sullivan, Calero had little difficulty remembering details of meetings he and other Contra leaders had with Reagan at the White House, which North had arranged.

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All quiet in Texas

BAYVIEW, Texas (AP) — The tents were empty, the applications lay blank and all was quiet on the Texas border today, but immigration authorities warned that thousands of Central Americans were "lying low" and hoping for a lapse in tighter federal restrictions.

"I don't think they will stop coming," said Juan Bautista Sanchez-Sanchez, a Nicaraguan who was detained after his application for asylum was denied. He said he left home after being arrested and beaten for marching against Nicaragua's Sandinista government.

"They will be coming not only for economic reasons, but for political reasons and I think they will come if I tell them that even if they get put in jail here, they will not get beaten up," he said.

But for now, the Immigration and Naturalization Service's tough new asylum policy has achieved its goal: a sharply reduced flow of Central Americans across the Texas border. Patrol officers all along the border said the policy has not yet resulted in an increase in illegal immigration, despite rumors that immigrants were shifting their point of entry westward to Laredo and El Paso.

Union leaders confident

BAL HARBOUR, Fla. (AP) — AFL-CIO leaders close their annual meeting today confident that organized labor can present a united front against Eastern Airlines if its mechanics go on strike next week.

The Eastern dispute dominated the federation's Executive Council session this week, and the union leaders as their last major event went to nearby Miami on Thursday for a noisy rally with the Machinists outside the airline's headquarters.

Federation President Lane Kirkland said organized labor would do "everything possible within the law" to ground Eastern, sister carrier Continental Airlines and their parent company, Texas Air Corp., in the event of a strike.

Democrats spent more

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats who control Congress now dominate the means of getting there, having spent more money, raised more and received more from special interests than the Republicans.

The Federal Election Commission put the price tag for electing the 101st Congress last year at \$458 million, not appreciably higher than it was to finance the campaigns of the 100th Congress two years earlier.

However, the commission, in a report issued Thursday, found that the Democrats now have surpassed the Republicans in raising money for Senate campaigns from political action committees.

Jury spares sailor

SUBIC NAVAL BASE, Philippines (AP) — A military jury spared a U.S. Navy captain serious punishment after convicting him today of failing to help Vietnamese boat people who resorted to cannibalism to survive.

The jury of six Navy captains could have jailed Alexander Ballan for 90 days and made him forfeit two-thirds of his pay for three months.

Instead, they gave the decorated Vietnam War veteran a reprimand, saying he erred last June 9 while his ship was in the South China Sea but deserved no further punishment than that of relief of command, as he was in August.

Kemp joins homeless

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Housing Secretary Jack Kemp, once a champion of "trickle-down" economics, spent the night in a housing project as part of President Bush's mission to take "inventory" of the nation's homeless and impoverished.

Kemp toured housing alternatives for the poor and homeless Thursday and slept at the Opportunity Towers, a federally supported apartment complex for senior citizens and the handicapped.

"We wanted Kemp to see human faces," said Robert M. Hayes, a lawyer for the Coalition for the Homeless, who accompanied the new housing secretary. "Ten minutes on a steam grate is worth 50 white papers."

Buffalos are fair game

LIVINGSTON, Mont. (AP) — Hunters call it the experience of a lifetime, a trophy retrieved from the long-ago days of the American frontier: critics call the century's first large-scale buffalo hunt a slaughter and a disgrace.

More than 15 percent of the Yellowstone National Park buffalo herds have already been killed this winter as they wandered beyond the park's boundaries to forage, victims of a state law that permits the shootings to avert the spread of disease to cattle.

A total of 500 likely will be killed by Monday. And the state was mailing letters today to 250 hunters, notifying them that they can come to Paradise Valley to shoot their buffalo if the beasts cross into Montana.

Concern over funds rises

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats and Republicans alike say they are concerned that the White House forced Health and Human Services Secretary-designate Louis Sullivan to forgo nearly \$300,000 he was entitled to from his medical school job.

"I feel what is being asked of you has not been asked of others in the past," said Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, which endorsed Sullivan on a 19-0 vote Thursday.

Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., agreed, saying, "It is grossly unfair to him. ... My hope is we can reopen this issue with the White House."

Cops kill Rushdie protesters

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Bombay police opened fire today on a crowd of Muslims protesting against Salman Rushdie's book "The Satanic Verses," and at least 10 people were killed and 25 injured, authorities said.

Police said about 5,000 Muslims started the protest in the center of the city after weekly prayers. Protesters set fire to several state-run buses and other vehicles and attacked policemen on duty, said an officer.

Earlier, United News of India news agency reported 10 killed and 38 injured, six of them critically.

Friday is Islam's weekly holy day, and anti-Rushdie protests were reported elsewhere in India. There were no other reports of violence.

The Bombay demonstrators, almost all Muslims, ignored a police ban on the assembly of more than five people in public places. The ban was imposed after some Muslims announced plans to protest Rushdie's book.

Rushdie was born in a Moslem family in Bombay in 1947 but now lives in London, where he has been in hiding since Feb. 14 when Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini said he should be killed and Iranian clerics placed a \$5.2 million bounty on the author's head.

Book chain outlines 'Verses' stand

STAMFORD (AP) — Newspaper readers around the country today are being apprised of Waldenbooks' position on the sale of "The Satanic Verses," the book that has led to a \$5 million interview from New York that Waldenbooks President Harry Hoffman issued a memo last Friday telling store managers they could decide for themselves whether to display the book.

The memo came in response to employee complaints about being ordered to pull the book from shelves and keep it behind the counter, to be sold upon request, Urden said.

The manager of Waldenbooks' Wall Street store in New York is one who has decided to display the book once it is restocked.

Station bans Cat Stevens

NORWALK (AP) — A Norwalk radio station has stopped playing songs by Cat Stevens after the former pop singer announced that he supports death threats against Salman Rushdie, the author of "The Satanic Verses."

Stevens, who gave up singing in 1977, changed his name to Yusuf Islam, and founded an Islamic school in London, told a group of students at the school that "if someone defames the prophet, he must die."

WBEH 108 said it will not play Stevens' music until he retracts his statement.

"WBEH 108 certainly does not advocate murder or terrorism," said Curtis Hanson, the radio station's vice president for programming. "It's hard to believe the same man who wrote 'Peace Train' is supporting an assassination order," Hanson said.

Friends say author well despite threats

LONDON (AP) — Despite being forced underground by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's death order, the author of "The Satanic Verses" is not in bad spirits and is grateful for the support he has received — especially from Muslims, his friends say.

Salman Rushdie has been in hiding since Feb. 14, when Iran's fundamentalist patriarch told Muslims to seek out the British author and his publishers and kill them for his allegedly blasphemous book.

Blake Morrison, literary editor of the weekly newspaper The Observer, said Thursday he had talked with Rushdie and that the 41-year-old writer sounded "all right."

"He did not sound terminally depressed or anything," he said. "Muslim clerics in Iran have backed Khomeini's threat by offering up to \$5.2 million in bounty for the death of Rushdie. Orthodox Muslims consider 'The Satanic Verses' slanderous to the Islamic religion."

Morrison said Rushdie, from his place of hiding, had sent a review of fellow novelist Philip Roth's autobiography "The Facts" and that the review would appear in Sunday's Observer.

He said that Rushdie, born to a Moslem family in India, makes no personal statement in the review but "rather carefully and subtly" makes known his feelings about his predicament.

"In the course of reviewing Roth, who himself had a period when he was vilified by the Jews, he says he found Roth was not just speaking to him but for him," Morrison told The Associated Press.

Roth, an American Jew, came under bitter criticism for his portrayal of Jewish life and thinking, especially in his 1967 novel "Portnoy's Complaint."

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OPINION

Physician obligated to explain

All Imran Hashmi has a First Amendment right to express his personal opinion on any subject he wants to comment on, including what is an appropriate fate for the author of a novel he considers blasphemous. And he has a human right to misspeak himself or to choose words he later concludes leads others to misinterpret him.

But Hashmi, a physician on the staff of Manchester Memorial Hospital, had a clear obligation when he first spoke to consider the effect of his utterances on the welfare of the community hospital he serves.

Now he has an obligation to the hospital, the medical profession, and the community to make a formal statement clarifying his stand on the Ayatollah Khomeini's threat against the life of author Salman Rushdie.

And the hospital has an obligation to take whatever action is appropriate to satisfy the concerns of the many people, including some hospital officials, who feel that the attitudes Hashmi expressed last week in the Rushdie case are incompatible with his role as a physician and, more particularly, with his role as medical director of respiratory therapy at the hospital.

Most people found the views expressed by Hashmi abhorrent, but his views would not have caused nearly as much reaction if it were not for his role as a physician employed by the hospital to supervise respiratory therapists.

The hospital should investigate the matter thoroughly and make the results of its investigation public to reassure everyone who is concerned about the case that it has acted appropriately.

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Isolation pleases the ayatollah

By Ed Blanche

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini is drawing the Islamic curtain around Iran again, dragging it back into the self-imposed isolation from which more pragmatic leaders were seeking to lead it.

His call on Moslems to kill British author Salman Rushdie for allegedly slandering Islam in his novel "The Satanic Verses" has alienated Iran at a time when figures like Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani were trying to present a more moderate image of Iran to the world.

Western countries were horrified when Iranian clerics last week offered a bounty of up to \$5.2 million for the assassination of Rushdie, who has gone into hiding with police protection in Britain.

The denunciation by Khomeini of moves to normalize relations with the West and of demands for political, social and religious reform now that the war with Iraq has ended came on the heels of criticisms of the Islamic revolution's shortcomings by several rival Iranian leaders.

"He's happy when it's fortress Iran, surrounded by enemies," said Philip Robbins, an Iran analyst with the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London.

Shahram Chubin, an Iran specialist with the Institute for International Affairs in Geneva, said the Western reaction to Iran's fury over "The Satanic Verses" has "reinforced Khomeini's belief that Iran is surrounded by sea of corruption and conspiracies."

"It was perfect for him. Khomeini clearly thinks there's still some mileage out of a militant stand against the superpowers," Chubin said in a telephone interview.

The moves by Khomeini, 88, are a major setback for the pragmatists, particularly Rafsanjani, and a boost for hard-liners who fear Rafsanjani was getting too powerful and believed restoring ties to the West would undermine the revolution.

The 12 European Common Market countries have recalled their ambassadors to protest the death threats against Rushdie while Khomeini, and Iran's hard-liners, have accused the West of going up on Islam and Iran in particular.

Sweden and Norway also pulled their ambassadors out of Tehran. Iran said it would withdraw all its envoys from Common Market countries.

The British, who only normalized relations with Tehran in December after a lengthy dispute, recalled their diplomats from Tehran and said they will not return until the Iranians rescind their threats against Rushdie and reject all forms of violence.

West Germany, Iran's main European trading partner, has suspended plans to provide economic aid to Iran to help with postwar reconstruction and canceled scheduled visits by senior government officials.

The Bonn Parliament branded Khomeini's order to kill Rushdie a "declaration of war" against Western culture and the revolutionary patriarchy, which has so often denounced Khomeini's belief that Iran is surrounded by sea of corruption and conspiracies.

Foreign Minister, Hans van den Broek, called off a planned visit to Tehran to protest "an act of international terrorism."

Khomeini declared Wednesday that the West's action in allowing "The Satanic Verses" to be published in the first place and their subsequent diplomatic moves proved that it was wrong for Iran to have tried to reestablish links.

But Robbins and other analysts questioned how long Khomeini can afford to keep Iran alienated from countries that it will need to help its massive reconstruction program that will cost an estimated \$400 billion.

It is money that Iran, exhausted by its 8-year Persian Gulf war and poor economic condition, does not have and is not likely to have for years to come.

"But the real problem remains the power struggle within the hierarchy," Chubin said.

"Khomeini has slapped Rafsanjani down to size. But Khomeini has been playing both sides, being very equivocal and hasn't been decisive on an important issue such as the economy and the constitution. He's been in a state of shock since he had to accept the cease-fire," Chubin said.

Robbins noted: "One explanation is that he's siding with the radicals on this one after they were weakened by Iran's failure to defeat Iraq."

He wants to keep an equilibrium between the opposing factions to uphold his own authority. He doesn't want the revolution diluted."

Ed Blanche, Middle East news editor for The Associated Press, is based in Nicosia and has covered regional affairs since 1985.

Cowboy our man in Mexico

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — You could say John Negroponte is the G.I. Joe of the diplomatic corps.

As U.S. ambassador to Honduras in the early 1980s, he reportedly directed a covert campaign by the charter class of Contras to topple the government of neighboring Nicaragua.

Negroponte gained a reputation as a military communist instead of a pin-striped peacemaker.

When George Bush won the White House, liberal Central America watchers feared Negroponte would end up calling the shots again. Bush will repay Negroponte for past loyalty, but not with a Central America post. The president will nominate Negroponte as ambassador to Mexico.

The match is not made in heaven. Mexicans have always resented U.S. meddling in their government, and Negroponte is a natural-born meddler and not the type to spend his tenure in an armchair at the embassy.

His pending appointment is an example of the puzzling way in which the Bush administration is birthing its Latin American policy. Bush and Secretary of State James Baker are showing signs of a kinder, gentler approach to our neighbors. For example, they are quietly spurning the blind military support that Ronald Reagan gave the Contras, opting for a more peaceful push for democracy in Nicaragua.

Yet Bush's choices for key diplomatic posts in Latin America show that the executive branch hasn't been cured of "Contra fever."

Bernard Aronson is Bush's choice for assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs. In that crucial post, Aronson's predecessor, Elliot Abrams, was blamed for creating bad blood over Central American policy with Democratic leaders in Congress.

Aronson is a Democrat, but like Abrams, he is a fervent Contra barker, and that is likely to breed distrust among the members of Congress who want to throw the last abhorful dirt on the dying Contra war.

Negroponte, a career foreign-service officer who served in Vietnam, is an even more peculiar choice. He was arguably the most controversial diplomat of the Reagan years. He never outright admitted to running covert military operations during his tenure as ambassador to Honduras.

But media reports began surfacing in 1982 that Negroponte was the brains behind original Contra forces and that he rounded up diehard supporters of deposed Nicaraguan dictator Anastasio Somoza to make up the core of the Contra army.

The covert operations involved training and arming Nicaraguan exiles to tie the flow of arms to left-wing rebels in El Salvador and to undermine the Cuban-backed government of Nicaragua. Some news reports said Negroponte even had the Honduran military commander, Gen. Gustavo Alcala Alvarez, answering to him like a lieutenant. U.S. aid to the project is a waste of tax dollars. He has somebody in the administration meeting in private to give away another \$100 million.

Town assets belong to the taxpayers in tow. The mayor and the Board of Directors should not be allowed to give them away at below-market prices. The Bennet Apartments, the Love Lane houses and now the property at Forest and Main streets should not be sold by the town Charter.

Mayor DiRosa should have abstained from taking any action on the Main Street project, and the rest of the board should have abstained as well. The Government should serve the people of Manchester as a whole, not the Main Street merchants. Hornat Development Co. or any other special-interest group Government should not be sold from the Kitchen in one's home. Town assets and tax dollars belong to the people.

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BUSINESS

Bush's proposal for S&Ls unlikely to pass Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's plan to close or merge insolvent savings and loan institutions over the next 30 years at a cost of \$225 billion is encountering stiff opposition in Congress.

After reading the 333-page bill submitted this week, both Democrats and Republicans who support a separate S&L industry devoted primarily to home mortgages doubt it can survive under Bush's proposal.

There are too many officials within the administration who would just as soon see the home mortgage lending industry done away with," said Rep. Frank Annunzio, D-Ill., and chairman of the House Banking Committee's financial institutions subcommittee.

Annunzio predicted that interest rates on home loans will rise dramatically if federal chartering of S&Ls are allowed to disappear, because the remaining financial institutions will not give such loans a high priority.

That concern was bolstered Thursday by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, who said his board is making it easier for bank holding companies to buy troubled S&Ls and questioning their lending activities.

The failure of many S&Ls has been blamed on imprudent and sometimes fraudulent lending practices, said Greenspan, testifying before the Senate Banking Committee.

and other high-risk ventures after Congress deregulated the industry, said he will try to amend Bush's proposal to restrict 80 percent of future S&L lending to family housing within a 50-mile radius of each institution.

He complained that Bush's plan requiring S&L owners to put up more of their own capital to cover losses for non-residential lending "doesn't stop the crooks. It just makes them pay more to do business."

Brady said Annunzio's proposal would put S&Ls "back into the same box that we took them out of" through deregulation when they had to pay more interest on deposits than they were receiving on home mortgages.

He predicted that more of them would go bankrupt as a result, even while acknowledging that the healthiest third of the industry contains precisely those S&Ls that have maintained their plan to provide S&Ls with less than 80 percent of their loans in residential housing to become banks eventually.

It also would place them under the control of federal banking regulators for the first time, requires them to meet the 6 percent capital-to-asset requirements of banks within two years, and open the way for banks to take over failed S&Ls immediately and healthily ones after two years.

"Rather than heal wounds, your plan may actually put it (the S&L industry) out of its misery," Rep. Richard Lehman, D-Calif., told Brady. "The banking regulators are going to make S&Ls look more like banks and I'm concerned about the effect of that on housing."

Banks raise prime to 11.5%

NEW YORK (AP) — An increase in banks' prime lending rate to 11.5 percent, the highest level in over four years, is a direct result of the Federal Reserve's attempt to crack down on inflation, economists say.

Chase Manhattan Bank and Republic National Bank of New York announced the half-percentage-point increase in the benchmark rate on Thursday, and other banks were expected to follow their lead today.

Banks use the prime rate as a base for setting rates on a wide variety of business and consumer loans, including car loans and adjustable-rate home mortgages.

The increases, effective today, lift the prime rate to its highest level since November 1984, when it reached 11.75 percent. In the past year the rate has jumped 3 percent, to 11 percent from 10.5 percent, as on Feb. 10.

The Federal Reserve has been trying to keep inflation under control by slowing down the economy. It does that by draining reserves from the banking system, which drives up short-term interest rates and discourages borrowing.

Banks are passing along higher rates because the own cost of funds has risen and demand for loans remains strong, said Alan Lenz, director of financial and economics for the Chemical Manufacturers Association.

"The prime rate is like any other price; it's set by both supply and demand. They're going to get the best price they can," Lenz said.

Chase said it was reacting to rises in other rates, not anticipating them when it raised its prime rate.

"The prime's a laggard rate," said Fraser Seitel, a senior vice president.

On Wednesday, the Labor Dept. reported that consumer prices rose in January at an annual rate of 7.2 percent, the highest in two years.

IN BRIEF

Sales rise, earnings fall

STAMFORD (AP) — Combustion Engineering Inc. has reported a \$245.2 million loss in earnings for 1988 despite a \$500 million increase in sales, largely because of increased contract costs for the power-systems company.

The Stamford-based company on Thursday reported a loss of \$245.2 million, or \$5.46 a share, on sales of \$3.5 billion for 1988, compared to earnings of \$56.6 million, or \$1.54 a share, on sales of \$3 billion for 1987.

As reported previously, the results include pre-tax provisions in the third and fourth quarters of 1988 for losses on certain contracts and for restructuring costs, and reflect the absence of tax benefits resulting from these provisions.

The provisions of about \$273 million include costs in excess of estimates for development and commercialization of circulating fluid-bed systems to burn low-grade fuels cleanly and waste-to-energy systems.

P&W gets engine orders

EAST HARTFORD (AP) — A French airline and a Swiss aircraft leasing company has placed orders for jet engines worth a potential \$468 million, Pratt & Whitney announced Wednesday.

The company's profit level was about 28.5 percent for the year ending Oct. 31, 1988, the P&W said Wednesday.

The Department of Public Utility ordered UI to immediately amortize \$7.8 million of unamortized repurchase premiums related to bonds issued by UI's subsidiary, Bridgeport Electric Co.

UI also was ordered to accelerate depreciation charges related to the Millstone 3 nuclear power plant, which will require the company to book up to an additional \$11.1 million over the next year, or until new UI rates are approved, whichever occurs first, the DPUC said.

State housing permits drop

HARTFORD (AP) — The number of housing permits issued in January in Connecticut fell to the lowest level since January 1984, the state housing department reported.

Housing Commissioner John F. Papandrea said Thursday that 416 housing permits were issued statewide last month, 24 less than were issued in December. The number of permits was 28 percent lower than the January 1987 level, when 1,134 permits were issued, the commission said.

Cravitt's suit would have gone to trial Monday if the settlement had not been reached Wednesday.

PSNH plans new rate bid

By Michael Mokrzycki
The Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Even if its creditors won't go along, Public Service Company of New Hampshire says it will make a new offer to state officials next month on electricity rate increases it seeks to emerge from bankruptcy protection.

Public Service's chief financial officer, Charles Bayless, made the disclosure Thursday as he tried to show a federal bankruptcy judge that there still are prospects for a reorganization settlement that would end lengthy, expensive litigation.

The state, the utility and its creditors have been locked in dispute over a key issue in the reorganization — what rates Public Service will be able to charge for its 36 percent share of the completed but stalled Seabrook nuclear power plant. Seabrook delays forced Public Service to take bankruptcy refuge 15 months ago.

Bayless warned of dire consequences if Judge James Yacos rejects Public Service's request for more time to spearhead the reorganization process. New Hampshire officials, company creditors and a sulitor want Yacos to begin accepting alternative reorganization plans to Public Service's request.

"I think we will have World War III if we have many plans and everyone trying to confirm them," Bayless told Yacos during the second day of a hearing on the company's request.

Rate negotiations among the state, the utility and its creditors last were held Dec. 17, though the utility has had talks with its bond and stockholders since then. The state says the rate increases the utility and its creditors are talking about would be too high, undercutting Public Service's sale.

Bayless rebutted a creditor's assertion, in testimony the day before, that the utility's rate talks with the creditors had reached an impasse.

"I think that we have made substantial progress over the past couple of weeks," Bayless said. "We firmly believe that a consensual plan can be reached."

But Bayless left open the possibility that the utility won't have some or all creditors behind it when it next proposes the state.

"We will be getting back to the state, whether anybody else comes with us, by the middle of March," Bayless said.

Bayless also told Yacos that Public Service has, at least for now, shelved its original reorganization plan in Lansing, Mich., which was regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in an attempt to obtain higher rate increases than state officials were offering.

Cravitt has drawn the wrath of Gov. Judd Gregg and legislative leaders, who responded by pushing for creation of a public power authority that could condemn Public Service's assets if the utility flees state regulation.

NU sees mid-'91 Seabrook startup

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — The Seabrook nuclear power plant won't operate commercially for another two years. If at all, one owner told the lead owner's bankruptcy judge.

"I think it is more likely than not that Seabrook will run. But it is still a very uncertain situation. It changes on a daily basis," Robert Busch, a Northeast Utilities senior vice president, said at a Public Service Company of New Hampshire bankruptcy hearing Thursday.

Busch said Northeast's proposed acquisition of Public Service — which would split off that utility's Seabrook investment into a separate company owned by the banking system on Thursday, seemingly indicating that it wants to keep the federal funds rate somewhat between 9.5 percent and 9.75 percent, said Giulio Martini, an economist at investment firm Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. in New York.

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Open Forum

Approval of killing would be unthinkable

Manchester Chapter of UNICO - Campbell Council, Knights of Columbus Charter Oak Chapter of B'nai B'rith; the Masonic lodges, Manchester Lodge No. 73, Tuscan Lodge No. 128 and Friendship Lodge No. 145. Volunteers from these groups, with their teen-agers and a group from the teen-teening center, served breakfast.

Donations from Stop & Shop, Reed's Inc., Brunswick, Parkway, New England Dairies, Highland Park Market, Hobbytime stores, Regal stores, Al Steffert's and American Airlines all helped to support this fund-raiser. The Manchester Herald's fine article on Feb. 16 was most appreciated.

To all the people, about 550, who came to the breakfast and to those who made monetary donations, a special "thank you."

Anyone who could not attend and would like to make a contribution may do so by sending a check payable to Brotherhood in Action, 25 E. Center St., Manchester 06040.

Joseph Hachey,
Robert Perry and John O. Nelson
Brotherhood in Action, Manchester

Mayor has conflict in downtown issue

When we talk about ethics in government, we should take the time to look at developments in our own town. Mayor DiRosa owns a business on Main Street. He has used his position as mayor to get around the town Charter, which calls for a referendum to bond the town's share of the Main Street project. Instead, we are using money earmarked for repairs to the town hall and water notes. The repairs to the town hall will have to go to bonding at a later date, and the water note will keep getting renewed and will add to our already-too-high water bills.

This has been just a ploy to get around the Town Charter, which allows the people of Manchester to decide what is best for the town.

Although he owns a business on Main Street, he still presided over a public hearing on the subject and voted on a subject that would have a direct effect on his personal interests. Now Mayor DiRosa wants to use his power as mayor to limit to poor elderly people who opposes the project.

The Main Street project is not at question here. The problem is how to finance it and the misuse of government powers. In one short year, Mayor DiRosa has used tax abatements to finance development over our most valued water reserve on New State Road. He went against the will of the people, giving tax abatements to develop the Buckland mall, which led to the closing of the Red Rock Golf Course.

He misled the voters into believing that the North Elm street housing project would pay for itself. Now we find that the town must budget \$90,000 per year to support a project that is not even limited to poor elderly people.

Mayor DiRosa has run the town government out of his kitchen, having private meetings and making decisions before issues even go to public hearings. He has personally led the battle against the Eighth District, which uses a

Letters to the editor

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Budget

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said. The Building Inspection Division has asked for a full-time secretary and expressed the need for more inspection, zoning enforcement and environmental expertise to handle an increasing workload. Weiss said he would look into that request, which could require the hiring of one or more additional people.

The Building Inspection Division's requested budget is \$454,230, an increase of \$131,096, or 40.5 percent.

The Highway Division has included the cost of hiring a three-person, in-house sidewalk repair crew in its budget. The Board of Directors will probably vote in March on appropriating funds to cover part of the cost of the crew.

Weiss said the administration hoped to have the crew working by March 1989.

The Highway Division has requested \$1.48 million budget, an increase of \$276,635, or 22.9 percent.

The total Public Works Department request is \$7 million, an increase of \$879,068, or 14.2 percent, over last year's approved budget.

The total of general government budget requests is \$2.5 million, an increase of \$199,961, or 6.6 percent. The Board of Education has proposed a \$41.5 million budget, representing an increase of \$4.6 million, or 12.3 percent. The Human Services Department has requested a \$1.7 million budget with an increase of \$335,509, or 24.4 percent increase.

Most departments will not suffer severe cuts, Weiss said.

"There's no padding of the budgets by department heads in the expectation that you ask for a lot and you know it's going to be cut," Weiss said. "The intent on the budget is to maintain the current level of services."

Airplane

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Associated Press in a telephone interview with Kaiser Hospital. Garber said he was sitting in the center aisle.

"The people who were sitting adjacent to us next to the window... there was, I'd say, near six or eight of them were blown out the plane with the hole and we were sitting about a foot-and-a-half, two feet from the hole."

Airport security put the passengers in a roped-off area in the terminal. Passengers were lying on the terminal floor on airline pillows and blankets. One man had an ice pack on his head and one wore a life jacket. Others formed a long line at telephones to call relatives.

Kaiser Medical Center said three passengers were being treated for minor injuries. Strabub Hospital said it treated five minor injury cases.

St. Francis Medical Center said they were treating two passengers for minor cuts and scrapes, and a 49-year-old woman was in guarded condition in intensive care at Queen's Medical Center with cervical and abdominal injuries.

FAA spokesman John Leyden in Washington said the pilot reported losing power in one right-side engine nine minutes after takeoff and eight minutes later radioed he had lost power in the other right-side engine.

Leyden said he did not know how the hole in the fuselage and the engine trouble were related.

An FAA spokesman in Honolulu who declined to give his name said the pilot was 100 miles south of Honolulu when he radioed that there had been an explosion. De Campa said the jet returned "due to a No. 3 engine shutdown," which "was caused by an explosion."

Sears

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Sears Merchandise Group in Chicago, said Thursday the company expects its new pricing policy "to bring more customers into Sears, with more reasons to shop us than ever before."

Bozic also announced a television, print and mail advertising blitz to sell the concept to the public.

Bowles said it is difficult preparing the stores for the weekly promotions due to an employee shortage.

Sears, which reported a profit of \$1.45 billion on sales of \$50.25 billion last year, currently uses a strategy of frequent sales on specific items to attract customers. Its new strategy, while not new among retailers, is seen as a move to help the company compete with discount stores.

As part of the new pricing system, Sears promised to match the price of any competitor for brand-name goods advertised in newspapers.

Bozic said the strategy would improve the company's efficiency and reduce the cost of inventory, distribution and promotion. He said Sears also would run several sales each year.

"We will always have to clear goods," he said. "There will be the traditional efforts, such as July and after Christmas. But we will have a lot more time to look for extra special products to sell to customers."

As part of its restructuring, Sears said it also would offer about 1,000 name-brand items which it will sell alongside its own Kenmore and Craftsman brands.

Sears' market share has eroded through much of the 1980s, as discount stores, such as Wal-Mart and K mart, have grown.

Emhart

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Emhart makes a wide range of consumer and industrial products, including lawn and garden equipment, hardware and materials used to make footwear.

The company, which employs about 1,000 people, reported record earnings for 1988. The company's earnings of \$2.02 per share were up 18.8 percent from \$1.70 per share in 1987.

The Topper partnership, an investment vehicle formed for the purpose of the Emhart bid, includes Getty and New York real estate developers Lawrence Fisher, 78, and brother Zachary Fisher, 77. The deadline for the tender offer is midnight March 23.

Topper said in a statement that it would like to keep the company's headquarters in Farmington and leave Emhart's management in place.

"We strongly desire to negotiate an amicable transaction and we would like to meet with Emhart management as soon as possible to discuss our offer."

One industry analyst said Topper's bid appears too good to refuse.

"The way their press release reads, they are making a tender offer and they don't care what management thinks," said Rod Cery, chief investment officer at Kirkpatrick, Pettis, Smith, Peabody Inc. of Omaha, Neb.

"But if you take into consideration that the stock one month ago was selling at about \$23 to \$24, this is a premium of about 50 percent," said Cery, who is a shareholder. "We could hardly imagine management feeling that this is some kind of undervalued bid."

"Our contention all along was that the company's value is in the mid-30s," Cery said.

Bush

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thumbs-up sign and smiled as his armored limousine - flown in specially from Washington - brought him back to the American ambassador's residence after three hours at Hirohito's funeral.

Bush's appointment list included meetings later with Philippine President Corason Aquino, King Baudouin of Belgium, Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan, Prime Minister Turgut Ozal of Turkey and President Mobutu Sese Seku of Zaire and a dinner with King Juan Carlos of Spain.

He repeatedly refused to answer questions on Tower at post-funeral photo sessions as he met with the leaders at the U.S. ambassador's residence.

The ban on events will end on March 12. If no other cases of the disease has expired. And all students not immunized against the disease were ordered to get measles shots.

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UofH cancels public events

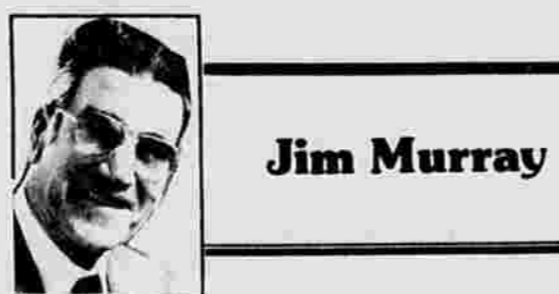
WEST HARTFORD (AP) — The University of Hartford today postponed or canceled all public events in an effort to curtail the spread of measles that began when a basketball player became ill this week.

In addition, full-time students were restricted to campus and were asked not to have guests on campus until an incubation period for the disease has expired. And all students not immunized against the disease were ordered to get measles shots.

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SPORTS



Terrific scam out to save the NFL draft

Conundrum: Why does the National Football League remind you of that character in the Russian fairy tale who threw the babies out of the sleigh to the wolves to save the rest of his family?

Answer: Because the NFL is throwing some 600 of its players to the wolves to save the league.

It's hard to put any other interpretation on the league's "free agency" plan, which went into effect Feb. 1.

As of now, some 600 of the players have been cut loose. Total they can sign with any other team that wants them without penalty or compensation.

Does this mean Joe Montana is free to move about? Bernie Kosar? Jerry Rice?

Don't be naive. What the league is offering are the players who are particularly wanted in the first place: backup tackles, kick holders, over-the-hill tight ends, chorus liners. The kind of players it would deal off to stock (if that's the word) an expansion franchise. Marginal players. Non-roster players. The sort Norm Van Brocklin characterized as "a bunch of shifts" when he got a look at what the league dealt him for the expansion Minnesota Vikings 25 years ago.

A team can "protect" 37 of its top players. The rest go to the wolves. Since a team can suit up only 45 a game, you can see that those lucky fellows who can go out and bargain for themselves are not too apt to have much of an effect on the economy.

This is a Save the NFL ploy, pure and simple. The league is currently under legal attack. It is without a union contract, and its relationship with its organized (if that's the word) describing the NFL players' union labor is under scrutiny in federal court.

Still, why does the NFL be offering free agency at this time? It has the unions on the run, it has its fat \$2-billion TV contracts. If it ain't broke, why fix it?

The answer may lie in the fact that, without a union contract, the bedrock of professional football is in jeopardy. The college draft. What football thinks it can't live without is the draft system. This is the lovely situation in which, every year, scores of crack football players, fully trained and refined in football skills and publicized to an extent where they are already household names and ticket-sellers, come out of the colleges and are paraded out to the NFL teams.

Pro football doesn't want anything to interfere with this gorgeous scam.

It doesn't take a law school graduate to see that the athlete coming out of college is having his options severely curtailed, his freedoms violated. But, so long as the union agrees to it, it's legal. And the hot breath of the federal court on his neck, the wolves circling, it behooves football to make gestures.

In the fine print under the revised system that replaces the extinct collective bargaining agreement, which expired Aug. 31, 1987, is a provision to extend the draft agreement to the year 2003.

It sounds like heresy, but, without a union contract, the college draft, an American institution, might be as illegal as slavery. And without the college draft, pro football as we have come to know it and love it would cease to exist. Professional sports have been pretty well permitted to operate outside the Constitution in this country historically.

It used to be thought that, without the reserve clause, the last stand of Simon Legree in America, baseball would perish. Every player would rush to join the Yankees. The World Series would be in New York every year.

Well, the reserve clause has been severely curtailed (a team "owns" a player only for four years now) and, instead of the Yankees winning an annual pennant, the World Series has been played in places such as Kansas City, Minnesota, Oakland and San Diego in recent years. The fact of the matter is the Yankees won more often when the rest of the league was "protected" by the lifetime reserve clause.

Star baseball players have the free freedom of movement of gypsies. Star NFL players have about the freedom of movement of the inmates of a gulag. You can see the humbugger immediately when you know that about 250 other football players who are protected in the 37-man pen come up for contract renewal this month and the theoretically free agents themselves. A fellow might think he could pluck an Eddie Murray from the Detroit Lions, a Darrin Nelson from the Vikings, an Eddie Brown or Max Montoya from the Cincinnati Bengals.

The joker here is that if you pick one of these unsigned but unoffered free agents, you have to: a) let the team that has them match your offer; and b) if it does not match your offer, you must compensate them with payment that can amount to two No. 1 draft choices.

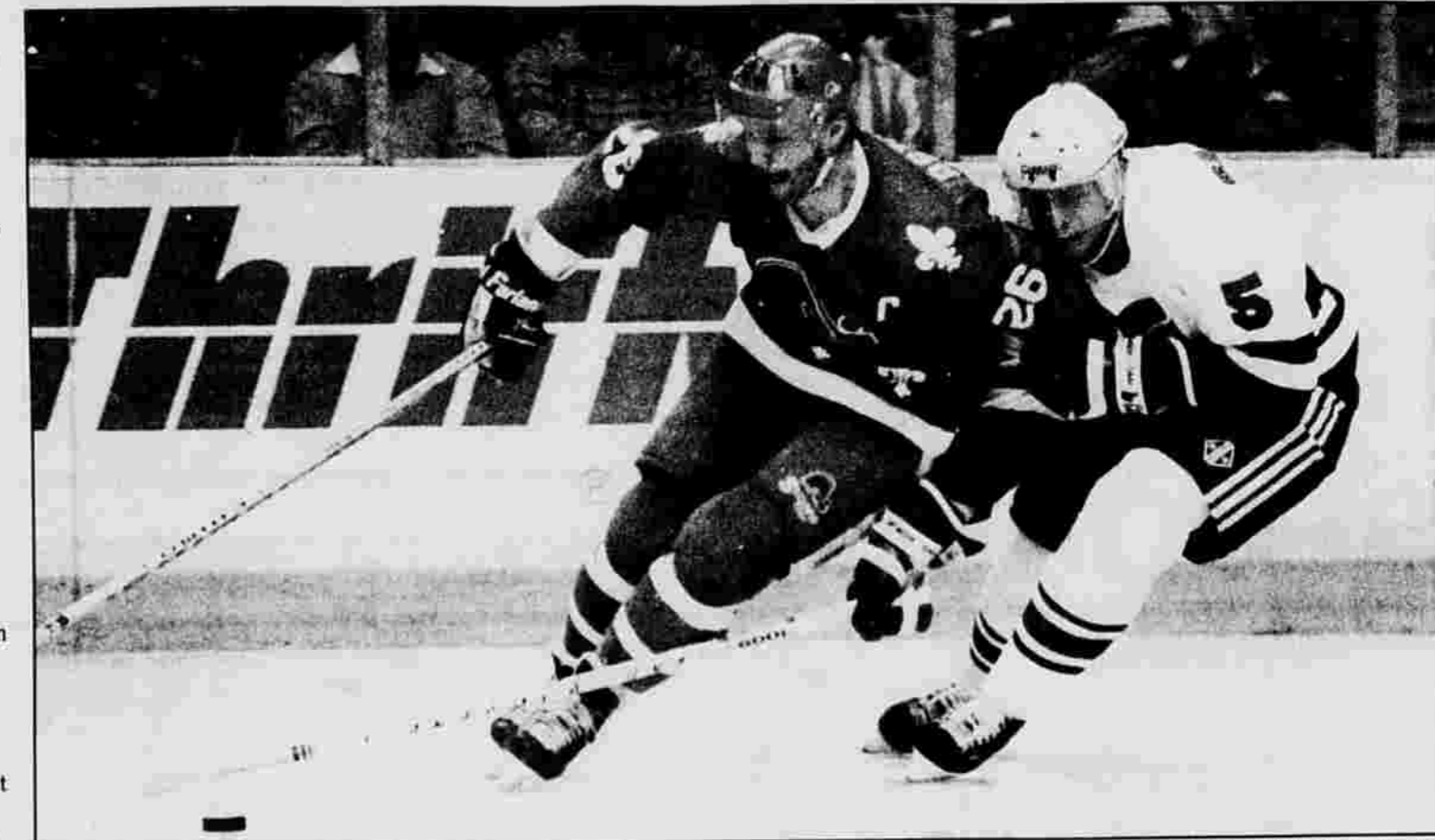
Would the fabric of pro football hold if the draft were outlawed and, say, the San Francisco 49ers could sign Troy Aikman and Rod Peete at the same time as well as Barry Sanders and whoever won lineman of the year?

True free agency would begin at the college level. This is what the NFL sees in its worst nightmares. Compared to that, tossing a few babies out of the sled is, well, child's play.

Jim Murray is a syndicated columnist.

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HOLDING OFF — Quebec's Peter Stastny, left, holds off Whaler defenseman Ulf Samuelsson during Thursday's game at the Civic Center. The Whalers won the penalty-filled affair, 4-2.

Whalers' victory a positive step

HARTFORD — The Hartford Whalers, still trying to hammer down the fourth and final Adams Division playoff spot, took a positive step in that direction and can now breathe a little easier.

As the Whalers faced their main nemesis — the fifth-place Quebec Nordiques — in their quest for a playoff berth, Thursday night's encounter took on enormous proportions since a mere four points separated the pair.

Showing no ill effects from a nine-day road trip, the Whalers battled the Nordiques tooth and nail for 60 minutes and earned a 4-2 win before 12,759 at the Civic Center.

The win lifts Hartford (26-34-6) six points above Quebec (22-35-6) with three games in hand on the Nordiques. The Whalers, who play 13 of their final 20 games at home, trail third-place Boston by seven points and second-place Buffalo by eight.

"Things look pretty good," Whaler left winger Brian Lavton said of the playoff picture. "The question is what is the mindset of the Whalers? Are they content to finish fourth and take on powerful Montreal in a first-round playoff series? Or are they pushing for third or second place?"

"As a team, we're looking to move up in the standings," Ray Ferraro, who scored an empty-net goal for his 30th of the season with 58 seconds left.

Ferraro, equalling his career high, now has goals in seven straight games.

"Not that we're disregarding Quebec," Ferraro continued. "We just feel our team is going in the right direction."

In this penalty-plagued test of endurance that saw Referee Denis Morel whistle 39 infractions for a total of 100 minutes, the Whalers took a 2-0 lead late in the first period. A back-hander by Dave Tippett found its way through Quebec goalie Ron Tugnutt's pads with 3:45 left, several 13 seconds later, Tom Martin unleashed a slapshot inside the blueline which went off Tugnutt's glove and caromed off the left post into the back of the net.

"This could have meant the playoffs," Whaler defenseman Dave Babych said. "We have two feet to stand on (now) anyway."

After Quebec's Mike Hough beautifully lifted a back-hander into the upper left corner of the net to slice the deficit to 2-1 just 30 ticks into the second period, it was Babych who scored the key goal.

On the power play, Babych blazed a slapshot past Tugnutt inside the right post for a 3-1 lead. It was Babych's fifth of the year.

Michel Goulet tallied on the power play with 3:01 left in the game before Ferraro's empty-netter sealed the Whaler victory.

Did Ferraro, who had Tippett on his left side and a pair of defensemen on him, think about passing the puck during his back-handed goal-scoring sequence? "Was there anyone else on the ice?" Ferraro rhetorically joked.

"I took up and I see the goalie go to the bench. This is a dream come true. It's clear sailing to the blue line. I saw Tippy on the left side, but even Mr. Hockey (Gordie Howe, who was standing next to Ferraro) would have shot that one."

WHALER NOTES — The 59 shots by the Whalers were a season high and it also marked the first time they have accumulated 50 or more shots in a game since March 15, 1984. In a 5-3 win over Toronto where they had 65 shots. The 21 shots by the Whalers in the second period were a season-high. Quebec had 33 shots. The Whalers were a dismal 1-for-12 on the power play while the Nordiques were 1-for-9. The 12 power-play attempts for Hartford tied a season-high. The Whalers are now 500 at home with a 15-11 mark. Whaler scratches were Scott Kleinendorf (bruised left hand), Torrie Robertson and Norm MacIver. The Whalers led the season series with Quebec, 4-2-1. Their last meeting of the year will be the Whalers' final game of the season on March 23 in Quebec. Martin's goal was his first since Dec. 21 against Boston. Whaler goalie Peter Sidorkiewicz picked up his third assist of the year on Ferraro's empty-netter. Hartford will host Boston Saturday night at 7:35 and Pittsburgh Sunday night at 7:05.

Weather

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Elisesser said, "You have to budget for the normal, not the unusual."

Huestis said Manchester budgets for a moderate winter. The town set aside \$215,562 in its 1988-89 budget for snow removal and ice control. During the 1987-88 fiscal year, the town spent about \$264,000 on snow removal, though only \$262,295 was budgeted, records show.

So far, the town has spent about \$123,000 of its snow and ice budget, but an additional \$34,000 must be spent on salaries for full-time town employees, Huestis said.

Manchester's biggest savings will come from overtime pay and outside contractors, he said. The town budgeted about \$53,400 for overtime and has spent \$18,600 of that, he said. Of the \$34,000 budgeted for outside contractors, about \$3,300 has been spent, he said.

If the mild weather continues, the town could save \$65,000 to \$70,000, he said. The town has considered spending some of the leftover money on next year's supply of salt and sand. The price of sand is expected to go up dramatically by next year, Huestis said.

Money that is not spent could also go back to the town's general fund, be transferred to the next budget year or reappropriated for next year's snow and ice budget, he said.

Bolton has already spent the \$20,400 budgeted for snow removal and may use state road funds for future removal as it has in the past, officials said.

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Ainge has memories after deal to Kings

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Celtics traded veteran guard Danny Ainge and center Brad Lohaus to the Sacramento Kings, Thursday for forward Ed Pinckney and center Joe Kleine.

Ainge, who turns 30 in three weeks, played in 45 games for Boston this season. He averaged 16.1 points and 4.8 assists in 30 minutes per game. Ainge scored a career-high 45 points against the Philadelphia 76ers on Dec. 9.

The Brigham Young graduate, one of the best 3-point shooters in the NBA, has hit 58 of 153 3-point attempts for a .374 average.

"I have a lot of great memories of Boston," a subdued Ainge said. "I played for three great coaches — Bill Fitch, K.C. Jones, and Jimmy Rodgers. I just feel really fortunate that I was able to play here for eight years."

I look forward to helping Sacramento the best that I can," Ainge said.

"Danny has been a tremendous player for us, a real asset to the team," Rodgers said. "The trade is favorable for the Kings and us; it will help both teams. We are trading two quality people and are getting two quality people in return that should fulfill our needs."

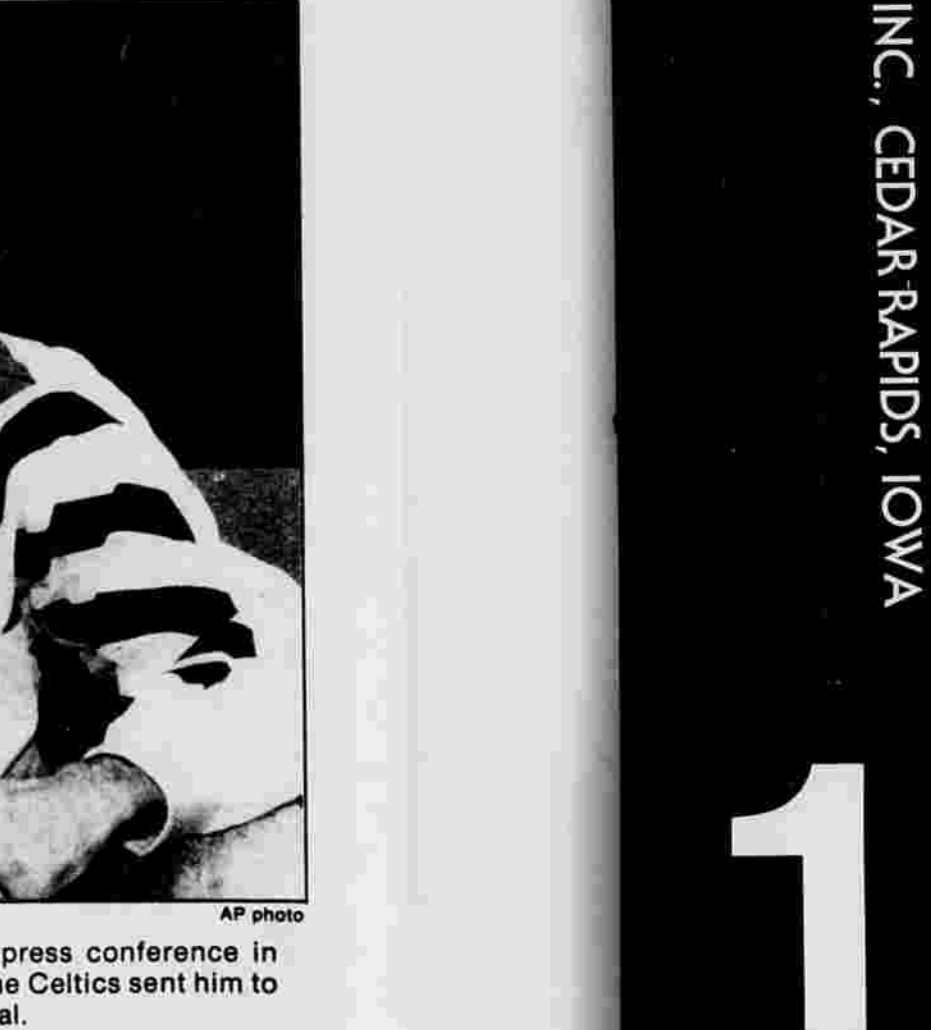
"We are not crazy about giving up Danny Ainge and Brad Lohaus, but we have other players that we feel can pick up what we lost in Danny," Celtics assistant coach Larry Taniguchi said. "In Brad's case, he needed time and we couldn't give it to him. Both can help the Kings, but we strengthened ourselves."

Lohaus, 24, a second-year center from Iowa, is averaging 5.6 points and three rebounds a game.

Pinckney, 25, has averaged 12 points a game for the Kings. A first-round draft pick out of Villanova in 1985, the 6-foot forward was acquired by Sacramento two years ago from the Phoenix Suns.

Kleine, 27, was the Kings' first-round draft pick in 1985 when the team moved to Sacramento. The 7-foot Arkansas graduate is averaging 6.7 points and 5.1 rebounds in 19.4 minutes per game.

Ainge said it would be tough to leave the Celtics and his friends on the team, like forward Kevin McHale. "I felt very emotional talking to Kevin... I think that he's the guy I'll miss most on the team," Ainge said.



EX-CELTIC — Danny Ainge talks at a press conference in Needham, Mass., Thursday shortly after the Celtics sent him to the Sacramento Kings in a four-player deal.

Henderson already in hot water

Rickey Henderson is in trouble with Dallas Green and he hasn't even arrived at spring training yet.

That's the problem.

Henderson again failed to show Thursday at the Yankees' spring training camp in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Green, who is stressing teamwork, was annoyed Wednesday when Henderson did not arrive with the other regulars. On Thursday, Henderson was angry.

"It ticks me off — one more day," Green said. "Rickey Henderson can do better than he has in his first four seasons with the Yankees."

"I know Rickey Henderson is a good baseball player," Green said. "He has a chance to be an outstanding baseball player if he does what he is supposed to do for 162 games."

Joe Arreese, White House liaison as AWOL. American League Most Players voluntarily report

Odds are long against Bruno

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Frank Bruno carries the added weight of nearly a century of British heavyweight fullness when he steps into the ring Saturday night against Mike Tyson.

Not since Bob Fitzsimmons lost the heavyweight crown to James Jeffries in 1889 has a British fighter held the title. Eleven times since then, Britons have fought for the crown, and each time they came away empty-handed.

Odds-makers figure Bruno, who became victim No. 11 when he was knocked out by Tim Witherspoon in July 1986, will also become No. 12 when he faces Tyson for the undisputed heavyweight crown.

Bruno will need all the strength he can muster against Tyson, who will be making the eighth defense of his undisputed heavyweight title at the tender age of 22.

Bruno is a 74-1 underdog in man-to-man betting and odds-makers are taking even-money bets on whether the scheduled 12-round fight will last four full rounds.

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FOCUS/Advice

Mom upset that little thief was rewarded

DEAR ABBY: Recently I was in a grocery store with my two daughters, ages 4 and 7. After we left, I discovered that my 4-year-old had taken some candy so I made her go back in with me, apologize to the manager and return the candy.



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

To my amazement, the manager rewarded her for her "honesty" by giving her and her sister more candy than she had stolen.

Abby, please tell shopkeepers to reinforce parents' efforts to teach children that stealing is wrong. I'm afraid that shopkeeper gave the wrong message to my children. The 4-year-old felt like a hero in front of her big sister for getting even more candy than she had taken.

Please comment on this.
MOM IN SHELLEVILLE, GA.

DEAR MOM: You make a very

important point. Rewarding a child lavishly for returning ill-gotten gains gives the child the impression that stealing pays off. The shopkeeper should have praised the child for owning up to her wrongdoing and told her sternly never to take anything again.

DEAR ABBY: I lost my wife after having been married for 30 years. We had one of those very good marriages that are all too rare these days. She died a little over a year ago, but she was a very sick woman for the last two

years of her life. After my wife was diagnosed as terminal, she told me that she had heard (she didn't say where) that men over 50 are highly susceptible to cancer of the prostate if they go without sex for very long. Is this true?

I certainly hope not, because my religion forbids sex outside marriage and I am in no mood to date another woman, let alone go to bed with one. You can print this if you think it will help others, but I respectfully ask you to withhold my name and the name of my town. Sign me...

DEAR ABBY: My mother and I are having a disagreement. Is it neces-

sary to write and thank someone for a thank-you gift? This is not a joke. I am serious.

I had a houseguest over the holidays. She sent me a gift thanking me for my hospitality. My mother says I must acknowledge it.

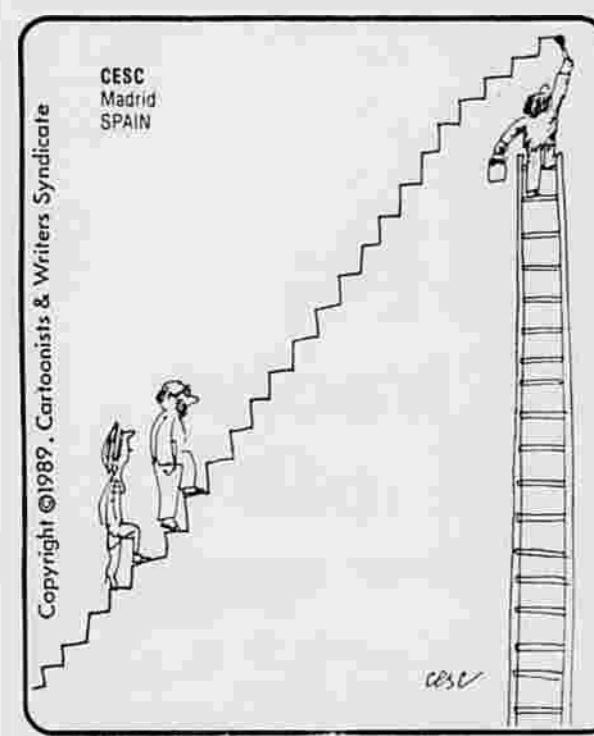
I say that she thanked me for my hospitality, and there is no need to thank her for thanking me.

What do you say?
ENOUGH THANKS ALREADY

DEAR ENOUGH: It is not enough. You should thank her for her gift.

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WIT OF THE WORLD



Dr. Gott
Peter Gott, M.D.

Environment has effect on throats

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've had a sore throat for three years. Doctors say it's an allergy. Breathing and swallowing hurt. My tonsils were removed when I was 17.

DEAR READER: Prolonged sore throat in otherwise healthy adults almost always reflects environmental pollution; that is, something you are breathing in is causing irritating irritation of your throat. The problem could be industrial vapors, smog, cigarette smoke or other forms of pollution. Inhalational allergies are certainly a possibility.

If you have made an effort to avoid breathing air that is contaminated — and to avoid — I suggest that you see an allergist who, through special testing, can identify the substance (or substances) to which you are reacting, offer advice and, perhaps, begin you on a series of desensitization injections to relieve your symptoms.

Chronic infection, with either bacteria or viruses, could conceivably cause chronic sore throat, but this would be unusual. I believe that the most successful approach to your problem would be to see an allergist.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My nose runs a steady stream all the time and the sneezing is really bad. I also have headaches and dizziness. My doctor doesn't seem that concerned. Is this normal for an 88-year-old woman?

DEAR READER: No, it isn't. I think that you are experiencing allergic rhinitis, a reaction in your nose and throat from something in your environment that you are allergic to. For example, dust, smoke and animal dander can cause these symptoms in susceptible individuals.

Tell your unconcerned doctor that, at 88, you shouldn't have to put up with this. Ask for a referral to an allergist, a specialist who should be able to identify the cause of your problem and suggest treatment.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In the past six months, my once wavy and shining hair has become limp and lifeless. I'm 65, male and I take Synthroid.

DEAR READER: One of the most striking signs of thyroid deficiency is coarsening and thinning of the hair. You are already taking supplemental thyroid replacement (Synthroid), so I suspect that you already have an underactive thyroid gland. You may not be receiving enough medicine for your needs. I suggest that you bring your hair condition to your doctor's attention. He or she can order a simple blood test to tell whether your level of thyroid hormone is too low.

In such a case, more Synthroid may solve your problems. If, however, your thyroid test is normal, you will probably need a consultation with a dermatologist to discover the cause of your hair changes.

Americans putting stopwatch on their '88 tax preparations

As a nation, we spend by IRS estimates about 1.5 billion hours each year just filling out our income tax forms. This is the equivalent of 750,000 people working full-time, 40 hours a week, all year.



Sylvia Porter

Now, as we approach the time when we will be pouring over our records, reading tax instructions, copying documents and mailing returns, these statistics take on real meaning. Altogether, the total time involved in this annual task comes to an estimated 5.3 billion hours — enough to keep more than 2.5 million full-time workers busy all year long.

The totals — and I repeat these are the results of studies initiated by the IRS — apply only to federal income taxes. They do not include the time spent reading non-IRS tax publications, including this column. They do not include autumn "dry run" tax returns, which the wise prepare at the beginning of the third quarter of each year to anticipate next April's picture in time to make money-saving adjustments.

Amendments to the paper work reduction act of 1980 require even more paperwork, which comes as a listing on each federal form specifying how long it will take to complete. The IRS fought the new law, saying it would result in confusion. I say the enlightenment makes whatever confusion it creates well worth it.

The totals — keeping records, becoming familiar with instructions, filling out forms, and actually filing this year, rounded

to the nearest quarter-hour, are: ■ 1040EZ, 1.5 hours. ■ 1040A, 7 hours. ■ 1040, 9 hours. ■ Schedule A, itemized deductions, 4.5 hours. ■ Schedule B, interest and dividends, 1.25 hours. ■ Schedule C, business profit and loss, 10.75 hours. ■ Schedule D, capital gain and loss, 3.25 hours. ■ Schedule E, supplemental income, 6.25 hours.

The figures far and away exceed earlier IRS estimates. Because those earlier estimates were so far off the mark, it is impossible to tell from them whether tax simplification has occurred. Many taxpayers also are likely to consider hiring an accountant or professional tax preparer. But this relieves only part of the burden. An accountant will not have kept records for you. That job remains your own, unless you are extremely organized, or very wealthy and employ a year-round financial manager. Even then, you will still have to collect at least some receipts if you are to keep your tax exposure to a minimum.

With the new boom in home computers, many people are considering using tax preparation software packages. These include a variety of features, but they all

simply filling out the forms, because when a number is entered in one place, it automatically modifies all other entries to which it applies. But you still have to keep records, and you may wonder whether it's wise to spend time reading computer instructions rather than tax-form instructions.

Because tax laws have been changing yearly, a preparation program from an earlier year probably won't work this year, and this year's program likely won't help you next year. Many of the computer packages offer substantial discounts on yearly updates, however.

Many also will actually print out the completed forms in a manner acceptable to the IRS, but this feature is useful only if you have an expensive laser printer. Most computer owners don't.

Despite the disheartening estimates from the IRS, there is one dim glimmer in which individual taxpayers can take heart: Personal tax preparation is responsible for only one-third of the time spent on tax forms. Businesses have it much worse, spending on average of twice the time preparing tax returns.

PEOPLE

Taylor receives award
PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) — Elizabeth Taylor was hailed as one of Hollywood's last true legends during an all-star tribute to her philanthropic works.

The actress, who turns 57 Monday, was the recipient of America's Hope Award at the Bob Hope Cultural Center in Palm Desert, an exclusive resort 120 miles east of Los Angeles. The show was taped for an hour-long ABC-TV special to be broadcast on March 9.

The award acknowledged her charity work, including the establishment of the American Foundation for AIDS Research. "I thought that she looked just tremendous, absolutely regal, like a princess," said Mickey Rooney, Miss Taylor's co-star in the 1945 classic, "National Velvet." Elizabeth Taylor is one of the last in the genre known as a real star. There are few people today who are stars.

Soul singer Hayes jailed
ATLANTA (AP) — Soul singer Isaac Hayes has been cited for contempt of court and jailed for being \$346,300 behind in child-support and alimony payments.

Hayes, whose recordings include the score for the movie "Shaft," was told Thursday by Superior Court Judge Philip F. Etheridge that he can get out of jail only by coming up with \$22,000.

The judge said he jailed the entertainer, who lives in Marietta, because of Hayes' repeated refusal to comply with court orders to catch up and stay current on payments. Etheridge described the amount of the past-due payments as "categorically ridiculous and almost beyond belief."

Kirkpatrick's son jailed
PHOENIX (AP) — The son of former United Nations Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick has been jailed for investigation of aggravated assault involving a woman he was apparently living with, police said.

Douglas Kirkpatrick, 32, was arrested Tuesday at the apartment of an 18-year-old Phoenix woman who claimed she had been threatened with a knife, police spokesman Sgt. Andy Anderson said Thursday.

Kirkpatrick was reported missing several weeks ago from Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital, a private, 322-bed mental institution in Towson, Md., just outside Baltimore, where Mrs. Kirkpatrick lives.

During an initial appearance Thursday morning in Maricopa County's Madison Street Jail, Kirkpatrick's bail was set at \$8,220. A jail official said bail was not posted and Kirkpatrick remained in custody.

Gore dances with seniors
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tipper Gore, who has spoken out against lyrics in rock 'n' roll music, had no objection to dancing a few slow waltzes at a senior citizens center.

Mrs. Gore, the wife of Sen. Albert Gore Jr., D-Tenn., visited the Adult Day Care Center where she greeted more than 20 people making crafts and enjoying other activities Wednesday.

During the hour-long visit, she danced to the tunes of the Senior Citizens Band with some of the members of the center.

WEEKEND

Coffeehouse planned
The Manchester Grace Church of Christ will hold its monthly coffeehouse on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the North United Methodist Church, 300 Parker St. The coffeehouse will feature area musicians Janet Hallahan, Pete Duffall and Jennifer Abbondanza. Admission and refreshments are free.

Meet the author
The author of "Squanto," a book explaining the life of the Indian who helped the Pilgrims adapt to the new world, will lecture and autograph her books on Sunday. Feenie Ziner of Branford wrote this biography 20 years ago, but it has recently been re-released. Squanto was born around the year 1600 in the Pawtuxet tribe. He was kidnapped by English explorers and taken as a slave to England, where he learned European customs and languages. Ziner, a professor of English at the University of Connecticut, will speak on Sunday at the Benton Connection Gallery, near Jorgensen Auditorium at the University of Connecticut in Storrs.

Riding the carousel
Opera Northeast presents a production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel" — the beloved show set in New England in the 19th century. The performance will be at the Jorgensen Auditorium, at the University of Connecticut in Storrs. Tickets are between \$5 and \$15 each. The show is at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Cinema noir
As part of the Celebration of Black Cinema, the Wasworth Athenaeum, 400 Main St., Hartford, is presenting three films all night Saturday. These are: "Love Brew in an African Pot," "Jemima and Johnny" and "Road to Accra." The films are presented free in the museum's Avery Theater.

At noon on Sunday, there will be a lecture called "Looking Ahead: Recent Black Cinema." This will also be in the Avery Theater, and will be followed by a screening of three other films: "The Passion of Remembrance," "Two Dollars and a Dream," and "Handsworth Songs."

Musicians are eclectic
Katzberg and Snyder put on concerts which include topical as well as traditional songs, and an imaginary "visit" to their own, completely fictitious radiation. They will perform Saturday evening at the Sounding Board Coffeehouse in First Church of Christ Congregational, 125 Main St., West Hartford. Admission is \$6. Reservations are advised; call 583-0861.

Play about plays opens
"The Dresser," a play about life backstage in the theater, is opening this weekend at the Harriet S. Jorgensen Theatre on the University of Connecticut's Storrs campus. John Herr, professor of dramatic arts at the university, is starting his "Performances run through March 5. Evening performances are every Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m.; matinees on Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. To make reservations, call the Nutmeg Theatre, 486-3069.

What's an antique?
Who were the early collectors of American antiques? Why did they want the "junk" from other people's attics? Christopher Monkhouse will answer these questions in his slide presentation on Sunday. Called "Antique Collecting in 19th Century New England," his talk will be at 3 p.m. in the auditorium of the Connecticut Historical Society, 1 Elizabeth St., Hartford.

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Irish folk singer and composer Tommy Makem will present a benefit concert for Newington Children's Hospital tonight at 7:30. The show will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall, North Mountain Road, Newington. Playing with Makem will be the Black Velvet Band. Beverages, food and Irish goods will be available. Tickets are \$12, with all proceeds going to the hospital. Call 627-4863 or 267-8578.

Usin' the old bean
The Ellington Congregational Church will have an old-fashioned ham and bean dinner on Saturday at 5 and 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 general, \$5 for senior citizens and children under 12. Call 872-3907 this evening to make a reservation.

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Party supports homeless

The South Park Inn Shelter for the homeless in Hartford will be the beneficiary when Shenanigan's Restaurant throws a party Sunday evening. The restaurant, at 1 Gold St., Hartford, will throw a lavish party costing \$150 per person, starting at 7 p.m. The price includes wine and champagne, a six-course meal, and several kinds of entertainment. Tickets are still available. Call 522-4117 for reservations this evening.

Alice is wonderful

Wonderful Alice in Wonderland has been turned into a musical, which will be performed Sunday at the Prince Street Players of New York, at the Greater Hartford Jewish Community Center, 355 Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford. Ballet and stylized movements are used in some scenes to portray the dream-like quality of Alice's adventure. The show is at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$4 each; call 236-4571 to reserve them.

Bloomin' lovely

Like an early harbinger of spring, the Hartford Flower Show is open. The colorful production brings visitors through 13 separate and novel landscapes, marvelous displays, herbs, potted plants and more. The University of Connecticut's Cooperative Extension will offer soil testing, and help on a variety of topics, from tropical plants to insect control. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children. All-day parking for \$1 is available at the Freight Yard Parking, Morgan and Market streets. The exhibits are open tonight until 10 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The stars come out
The stars will shine this weekend, and they'll be in — rather than over — the Bristol Home & Business Show. Lisa Peluso, who plays Ava Alden on the daytime drama, "Loving," will meet her fans on Saturday evening, using everything from computers to the show "As the World Turns," will be on hand on Sunday. In addition, Mike Griffin, who is billed as the nation's greatest escape artist, will perform and offer \$1,000 to anyone who can tie him up thoroughly as to prevent his extradition. The personalities are only part of a show featuring 130 exhibitors, with everything from computers to home crafts. It's all at Bristol Easter High School, on King Street in Bristol. The show is open tonight until 9, Saturday from noon to 9 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, children 12 and under free.

But is it art?
Musicians David Moss and Tom Guralnick will present a program called "Considered Noise" on Saturday evening, using everything from drums and saxophone to water, metal and plastic toys. The performance will be at Real Arts Ways, in the Hartford Arts Center, 94 Allyn St., Hartford. Tickets are \$6, and the concert starts at 8 p.m.

Also this weekend, two exhibits will open in the Real Art Ways gallery. Surrealistic sculptures by Jill Levine, using styrofoam, wire and industrial molding compounds, will be shown, along with recent paintings by Ian Harvey.

POINTING THE WAY — Melanie Willhide of the Connecticut Concert Ballet does a few pirouettes on pointe, in her role as a Sunbeam in the current production of "Snow White." The next performance will be Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at Manchester High School. Admission is \$4 general, \$2 for children and senior citizens.

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SCIENCE & HEALTH

State doctors oppose bill on steroids

HARTFORD (AP) — The Connecticut State Medical Society, saying doctors aren't to blame for increasing steroid use, is opposing a bill that would establish prior terms for doctors who prescribe the muscle-building drugs to athletes.

"The intent of reducing illicit steroid use is an excellent one but will not be accomplished by this bill," Dr. Norman A. Zlotzky, president of the medical society, told the Public Health Committee Thursday.

The bill would make it illegal for doctors to prescribe steroids to athletes for muscle-building purposes. Doctors convicted of violating the law would face fines of up to \$5,000 and a prison term of up to five years.

Zlotzky said doctors prescribe less than 10 percent of the steroids being taken, and that doctors are already working to educate the public about the harmful side effects of the drugs.

"We have a strong commitment to stopping the use of anabolic steroids and would support any meaningful controls such as making such substances controlled like narcotics," he said.

Zlotzky also said the bill sets a dangerous precedent of controlling particular prescription drugs by legislative mandate and could create conflicts for physicians who are prescribing anabolic steroids for legitimate purposes.

Steroids are prescribed to treat some bone diseases and to rebuild the muscles of people who have been in accidents or have been immobilized.

"I'm saying that I want a tougher steroid law," Zlotzky said. "But I want it to hit where it would work."

The bill is sponsored by state Rep. Robert Ward, R-North Brantford. Ward said a recent study showed that 6.6 percent of male high school seniors have used steroids, many of them to enhance their appearance as well as their strength.

"To put it simply, the high school boys want to look better when they take their shirts off at the beach," Ward said.

Ward said the drug is gaining in popularity despite its numerous side effects, among them acne, wild mood swings known as "roid rages," shrunken testicles, lower sperm counts and high blood pressure.

Also testifying to the Public Health Committee in support of the bill was Bill Ward, director of the division of drug control for the state Department of Consumer Protection.

Bill Ward — no relation to the lawmaker — said the agency is already considering changing the classification of steroids to make their illegal prescription a felony instead of a misdemeanor.

He said tougher penalties would help the department convince law enforcement agencies to prosecute steroid users and dealers.

Under current state laws, the department has spent months working on steroid cases only to get a \$50 fine against dealers, he said.

"The courts look at the misdemeanor and they don't want to take the case," he said. "The state police don't want to help us because it's a misdemeanor and it's not a priority."



Study: Fat redistributed by smoking

CHICAGO (AP) — People who smoke to control their weight are simply redistributing their fat and putting themselves at risk for potentially deadly illnesses, according to a study published today.

"There's no question that the risk of cigarette smoking is much greater than the risk of a few (excess) pounds of body weight," he said.

Cigarette smokers generally weigh less for their height than non-smokers and typically gain weight, if they quit, the researchers concluded in their report in today's Journal of the American Medical Association.

But in looking at the ratio of waist size to hip size in men over a period of 28 years, the researchers found that waist sizes generally were larger in relation to hip size among smokers than non-smokers.

Mean measurements among smokers were 35.7 inches at the waist and 39 at the hips, compared with a mean ratio of 35.7 to 39.5 among non-smokers, the researchers said.

The more a person smokes, the larger the comparative waist size, the study found.

While the difference between the two ratios is small, Andres said previous studies have indicated this can have a big effect on risks of heart disease.

"If you are fortunate enough to be shaped with the fat around the hips, then you have a relatively safe form of obesity," Andres said. "You are less likely to have high cholesterol, high blood pressure and diabetes."

"It's simply one more bad effect of cigarette smoking — as if you needed one more bad effect."

Gary Miller, a spokesman for the Tobacco Institute, a Washington-based group representing the tobacco industry, said he had not seen the study and had no comment.

How smoking causes differences in fat distribution is unclear, Andres said, but cigarettes could affect hormones or could have a drug-like effect on their own.

Andres said no data on smoking and body-fat distribution is available for women, but "one can hypothesize that women will show the same sort of changes" as men.

The researchers also found that when smokers in the study gave up tobacco, they gained an average of five pounds, but the ratio of waist size to hip size did not increase significantly.

Ex-smokers who took up the habit again lost an average of 2.2 pounds, but the ratio of waist size to hip size increased, meaning there was a greater increase in waist size.

The survey tracked 1,122 men between the ages of 19 and 102 between 1960 and 1988. The researchers measured the subjects' height, weight, waist size and hip size and tracked changes in measurements and smoking status at two-year intervals.

Day-care programs developed by hospitals for sick children

DAY-CARE FOR SICK KIDS — Maureen McAndrew, nurse manager of pediatrics at St. John's Medical Center in Lowell, Mass., is seen in the day-care room of the "Sniffles and Sneezes" program for children that are in need of hospital day-care when ill.

BOSTON (AP) — When little Jessica has a cold, her working parents can depend on increasing numbers of hospital day-care programs with such names as "Sniffles and Sneezes" and "Under the Weather."

Springing up nationwide in the past five years, day care for mildly ill children in hospitals and independent infirmaries is catching on. In Massachusetts, about a dozen hospitals offer the service, according to the state Office for Children.

The trend prompted the state agency to study the need for such health care and to come up with alternatives that suit both anxious workers and employers concerned about lost productivity when staff members stay home.

The day-care infirmaries generally take youngsters recuperating from the run-of-the-mill childhood illnesses.

Dr. George Sterne, a pediatrician in New Orleans who is on a national panel working on standards for such care, said missing a hospital with day care came about because hospitals had vacant beds and needed to keep nurses on the job when their own children were ill.

Maureen McAndrew, the nurse manager of pediatrics at St. John's Medical Center in Lowell, runs the hospital's 2-year-old "Sniffles and Sneezes" program.

A room at the end of the pediatric floor accommodates up to five children with beds and a play area that includes board games and a television set. The program accepts children from six weeks to about 12 years of age.

While the number of days is unlimited, they can remain in care for no more than 10 hours a day. The cost is \$2.50 an hour, lunch included.

Parents are required to stay with their children about 15 minutes before depositing them in an effort to ease the transition.

"It's run by a hospital, in a hospital but they're not treated like they're in the hospital," said Mrs. McAndrew, who added the program averages two to three children at a time.

Marcia Mandell-Zimmer is a nursing supervisor at St. John's. Last year, when she worked elsewhere and didn't know about

room of the "Sniffles and Sneezes" program for children that are in need of hospital day-care when ill.

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Heroic pilot lands plane after 9 lost

STRICKEN HONOLULU — A United Airlines Boeing 747 jets at Honolulu International Airport Friday with a gaping hole in the fuselage. The hole was

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“... and the people weren't there”
HONOLULU (AP) — Some passengers looked up to see rows of seats and people near them suddenly gone. One man saw sky. A woman's earrings were ripped off by the wind. Moments after a huge hole opened in the fuselage of a United Airlines 747 jet Friday, nine people were missing, debris was flying, oxygen masks were released, and a loud roar filled the cabin. But, remarkably, passengers on Flight 111 stayed calm, many aboard said. “All of a sudden it was like a dream — a section of the plane wasn't there any longer,” Gary Garber told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from the emergency room of a Honolulu hospital. “We heard a hissing noise and then noise from the explosion, if you want to call it that. Then we put our heads down. A moment later, we put our heads up and I could see where the seats used to be and the people weren't there,” said Garber, of Tarzana, Calif. Passenger Lynoor Birrell, of Wellington, New Zealand, said she was about six to eight feet from the hole in the fuselage. She looked up and saw that three rows of seats were gone. “There were seats just gone. There were people sitting there,” she said. At least 14 passengers were taken to hospitals for treatment, authorities said. It was not immediately known what caused the hole to blow open. The plane left Honolulu International Airport with 336 passengers and 18 crew members at 1:34 a.m. for Auckland, New Zealand, and Sydney, Australia. It returned 39 minutes later with a 10-by-40 foot vertical hole in the forward baggage area on the right side of the airliner.

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