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A TIME TO LAUGH — Tommy Bombardier, left, and Daryl Charbonneau, kindergartners at Bowers School, get a kick out of a recording their music teacher made.

The recording was one of the items sealed in a time capsule at the school today. Story on page 3.

Sales tax hike to 8% supported

By Peter Viles
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Still searching for \$60 million in new taxes, Democratic leaders have completely abandoned Gov. William A. O'Neill's utility tax and are looking instead at raising the state sales tax from 7.5 percent to 8 percent, legislative sources said.

The co-chairmen of the Finance Committee floated the proposal Thursday in a private meeting of Democratic committee members, according to the sources, who requested anonymity. Their package, which consists of 15 new or increased taxes, would raise between \$681 million and \$740 million next year, and \$174 million in the fourth quarter of this fiscal year if enacted by April 1, the sources said.

The co-chairmen, state Rep. William Cibes and state Sen. William DiBella would not comment on the package after the meeting, saying only that all previously proposed new taxes are still under consideration, with the exception of Gov. William A. O'Neill's proposal to tax utility bills.

Also absent from the Cibes-DiBella package is a state personal income tax, although proponents said Thursday support for such a tax is growing.

The package would hit alcohol and cigarettes, capital gains and investment income, services provided by one business to another, monthly cable television bills, meals costing under \$2, and numerous other products, the sources said.

Cibes and DiBella urged committee Democrats to reach a quick consensus so a tax package can be voted on in committee by March 10 and enacted by April 1, the sources said.

The centerpiece of O'Neill's proposal to tackle the state's budget crunch was applying the sales tax to utility bills, which would have raised \$340 million, roughly half the amount needed to wipe out next year's shortfall.

But the governor's proposal has garnered almost no support, and the Finance Committee now has the responsibility of proposing

new taxes for fiscal years 1988-89 and 1989-90.

The sources said the Finance Committee package consists of the following taxes:

■ Increasing the state sales tax from 7.5 percent to 8 percent, raising \$24 million this year and \$145 million next year.

■ Ending the 60 percent exemption on capital gains and investment income, raising \$110 million next year.

■ Applying the sales tax to services provided by one business for another business, raising \$16 million this year and between \$60 million and \$109 million next year.

■ Adding a 15 percent surcharge to the corporation tax, raising \$34 million this year and \$60 million next year. O'Neill proposed a 10 percent surcharge.

■ Increasing the tax rate on capital gains from the range of 1 percent to 12 percent to 3 percent to 14 percent, raising \$20 million

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Two of big causes of death decline

But bad habits of yesteryear keep cancer rate up

ATLANTA (AP) — U.S. mortality rates for two of the three leading causes of death — heart disease and stroke — are headed downward, but cancer is on the increase as unhealthy habits of yesteryear catch up with the older population.

The Centers for Disease Control said Thursday that the U.S. death rate from heart disease in 1987 was 313 per 100,000 people, down from 318 the year before. For stroke, or cerebrovascular disease, the rate was 61 per 100,000, down from 62.

But the mortality rate from cancer, the nation's No. 2 killer, has been going up in recent years, the CDC said. There were 196 cancer deaths in 1987 for every 100,000 Americans, up from 195 the year before.

"What we are seeing ... is the continuation of some long-term

trends," said Dr. Harry Rosenberg, a researcher with the National Center for Health Statistics.

Heart disease, cancer and stroke account for about two-thirds of the 2 million deaths that occur in the United States every year, the Atlanta-based CDC said in its weekly report.

Health professionals closely analyze the CDC's statistics on the three leading causes of death for use in determining public health programs.

"They're used to monitor the health of the nation," Rosenberg said. He said the cancer rate has been rising as Americans who had unhealthy lifestyles in their youth get older. But the rate should fall in coming years because of changing lifestyles among the young.

For example, among 45- to 54-year-olds the cancer rate dropped to 166 per 100,000 in 1986 from 181 per 100,000 in 1979, Rosenberg said. He attributed preventative measures of the past two decades such as improved diet and less smoking as contributing to the drop.

The decline in deaths from heart disease and stroke has been a decade-long trend, said Thomas Thom, an epidemiologist with the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

Most experts believe that the decline can be attributed to improvements in personal health, greater prevention of disease, improvement in medical care for heart or stroke patients, or all of those factors, Thom said. "The decline is ... very real, and very consistent," he said.

Thom cited trends toward

quitting smoking, controlling high blood pressure and lowering cholesterol levels, as well as "increased physical activity and, generally, health consciousness" as factors in the decrease. At the same time, cardiac intensive care units have come into widespread use in hospitals, and heart surgery has become commonplace.

"There are plenty of reasons to think all those reasons contributed," he said.

Heart disease killed 762,820 of the 2.2 million Americans who died in 1987. Cancer killed 477,190, and stroke killed 149,220. A year earlier, 2.1 million Americans died, including 765,490 from heart disease, 469,376 from cancer and 149,643 from stroke, Rosenberg said.

Complete mortality figures from 1988 are not yet available.

Directors split on fee plan

By Alex Girrell
Manchester Herald

Four town directors were split today on the idea of using funds gained from increased landfill fees to offset a projected loss of \$661,000 in state aid for Manchester schools.

Town Directors Stephen T. Cassano, a Democrat, and Geoffrey Naab, a Republican, today supported the idea. Democratic Director Kenneth Bedford and Republican director Theunis Werkhoven were opposed.

A fifth director on the nine-member board, Democrat Mary Ann Handley, was undecided.

Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr. said the town could borrow from the tipping fees in a speech Wednesday to members of the Parent-Teacher Association Council. The Board of Education expects to lose the money if cuts proposed in Gov. William A. O'Neill's budget are approved by the General Assembly.

Cassano said today he will suggest using \$300,000 from the tipping fees to help finance the school budget shortage. But he said he will also suggest that the Board of Education consider cutting \$300,000 from its budget for tuition for students it is required to send outside of Manchester.

But Cassano said the town would not have to borrow the \$300,000. He said the tipping funds could be used without paying them back because the loss of the school funding would constitute an emergency.

DiRosa said today he would have trouble with the thought of dipping into the tipping fee funds and not returning them.

On his plan to ask that the

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Dog wardens wary of new cruelty bill

By Maureen Leovitt
Manchester Herald

Town officials better be willing to increase the pay of part-time dog wardens if the General Assembly passes a bill that would make the wardens responsible for protecting all animals from cruelty, two wardens say.

Richard G. Rand, canine control officer for Manchester, and Judy Virchow, dog warden in Bolton, said towns also should be prepared to pay to house various types of animals if the bill is passed.

The Environment Committee of the Legislature voted unanimously Wednesday in favor of the bill, which would require dog wardens to protect animals from cruelty and also change their job title to animal control officer.

Under state statutes, state and local dog wardens have the authority to investigate charges of cruelty to animals other than dogs. But Rand, who works full time, said many part-time dog wardens don't have the time to investi-

gate cruelty complaints for animals other than dogs.

Virchow, who works part time, agreed. She said that many dog officers don't get involved in animal cruelty cases.

"The majority of state and local dog wardens refer most complaints of cruelty to animals to the Connecticut Humane Society, the two wardens said.

"I don't know if they (legislators) want to go this route," Rand said of the bill.

He said most towns don't have the facilities to house animals other than dogs.

"If we had to go out and actually take a cat or another animal, we would have to make some arrangement with a veterinarian," Rand said.

But costs for housing animals with a veterinarian are expensive, Rand said.

Rand also said canine officers would need some type of training on how to handle other animals.

"With some of these wild and

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MAKING FRIENDS — Richard Rand, canine control officer for Manchester, calms a new tenant at the dog pound. A new bill under consideration in the

General Assembly would make Rand and other dog wardens responsible for preventing cruelty to all types of animals.

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About Town

Weight group set to meet

Manchester W.A.T.E.S. will meet Tuesday at 72 E. Center St. Weigh-in will be at 6:15 p.m. The monthly business meeting will follow.

Fencing program scheduled

Crossroads of New Hope Manor will attend a special fencing program with the Fencing Club of the University of Connecticut Tuesday from 7:10 to 8:30 p.m. The program will feature a demonstration and class with Tom Zeman, a graduate student who has been fencing for nine years. All Manchester residents between the ages of 12 to 18 are invited to come. Transportation will be provided to and from the University of Connecticut. For more information call Rima Riedel, 647-2522.

Ethical dilemmas talk set

Felix J. Springer will discuss "Dilemmas for Lawyers in the Late 80s," at the concluding session of the Luncheon Seminar series sponsored by the Greater Hartford Jewish Community Center Wednesday at noon. Rabbi Steven Chatinover, spiritual leader of Temple Beth Hillel in South Windsor will serve as moderator for the session and provide Judaic insight into the topic. The lecture will be at Federation East, 10 Oakland Common in Manchester. The cost is \$4 and it is open to the public.

Pancake breakfast slated

An All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Bolton High School Student Council will be held Sunday, March 12 from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Bolton Elementary School Cafeteria. A \$3 donation per person or \$6 per family is requested. Tickets are available at the door.

Fellowcraft Club to meet

The Fellowcraft Club of the Manchester Lodge of Masons will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple, 23 E. Center St. Henry P. Gamble, Master of Stedney Lodge of Masons and a member of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut's Masonic Information Committee will be presenting a talk on Masonic Symbols.

Dinner dance planned

The Manchester VFW, Anderson-Shea Post, will hold a St. Patrick's Dinner Dance Saturday, March 18. A corned-beef dinner will begin at 7 p.m. and dancing to the music of Penthouse will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will also be Irish Step Dancers. The cost of the evening is \$7.50.

Fishing classes offered

The Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Fisheries is sponsoring a series of classes for beginning fishermen in Manchester. The classes are free and will teach participants about water, fish, and fishing. The class is open to anyone, and those students age 9 and up are eligible to receive an official certificate of completion. The classes will be held on three consecutive Wednesday nights beginning March 29 at the Mahoney Recreation Center, 110 Cedar St. Participants must register by calling 647-3166. Those under age 12 should be accompanied by an adult.

Current Quotations

"The book is extremely critical, rude about us. It compares Britain with Hitler's Germany. We do not like that any more than the people of the Moslem faith like the attacks on their faith contained in the book." — British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, saying that, despite the offensive parts of Salman Rushdie's novel, he still defends the right to publish it.

"If my momma is watching I want to make it clear that the world would be a better place if the Lord had never allowed whiskey to be created." — Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, providing one of the few light moments in the debate over John Tower's nomination for defense secretary, which has been threatened by allegations of excessive drinking.

Lottery

Winning numbers drawn Thursday in lotteries around New England:
Connecticut daily: 176. Play Four: 0491.
Massachusetts daily: 5859.
Tri-state daily: 917, 4355.
Rhode Island daily: 7355. Lot-O-Bucks: 7-10-19-29-39.

Weather

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

Mostly cloudy
Manchester and vicinity: Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with low temperatures 25 to 30. Variable cloudiness on Saturday with a high temperature of 35 to 40. Rain likely on Sunday and Monday. Daytime temperatures will reach the 40s on Sunday and Monday, overnight lows near 30.

Long Island Sound to Watch Hill, R.I. and Montauk Point: Wind east 10 to 20 knots tonight. Seas 4 feet on the ocean and 2 feet on the sound. Visibility possibly below 2 miles in rain and fog. Wind east to southeast 15 to 25 knots Saturday. Seas 5 feet on the ocean and 3 feet on the sound. Visibility possibly below 2 miles at times in rain and fog.



Fifty evacuated in smoky fire

About 50 people had to be evacuated from the pool area at Manchester High School Thursday night when a smoky fire was discovered in a janitor's trash bin near the boys' locker room, said Capt. Jack Hughes of the Town of Manchester Fire Department.

A warm cartridge from a copying machine that was dropped in a 30-gallon trash can ignited a chemical substance on a mop resting in the bin, Hughes said.

The fire was extinguished minutes after the fire department arrived. Hughes said. No injuries were reported in the incident.

A swimming instructor noticed the smoke and evacuated students taking swimming lessons, Hughes said.

Public Records

Warranty deeds

Jean A. Harvey to Jeffrey T. Chickarella and Jennifer D. Wong, 150-161 Wetherell St., \$176,000.
David K. and Marilyn L. Lyon to Nicholas A. and Marilyn Peters, 262 Blue Ridge Drive, \$261,000.
Janice F. D'Abate to Richard G. and Julie M. Dabate, Royal Arms Condominium, \$32,256.
Paul R. Marie, executor for the will of Laura E. Osella to Janice F. Dabate, Homestead Park, \$24,000.

Dale J. and Judith L. Soldat to Dennis M. and Mary Ann Sines, 126 Highland St., Unit H, \$120,000.
Ruth P. Gram to Ronald L. Hudson, Lin Chu Hudson, Young Ki Baek and Jong Sook Baek, 561 Adams St., \$127,000.
John and Alberta S. Groman to Terrell A. Rice Jr. and Carol W. Rice, Main and Henry Streets, \$204,000.
Dale J. and Judith L. Soldat to David K. and Marilyn L. Lyon, Porterfield Condominium, \$175,000.
MultiTech New England Inc. to Vaino and Marie T. Parson, Oak Grove Farms, \$124,900.

Manchester Townhouse Associates to Thomas J. Taylor Jr., Woodbridge Condominium, conveyance tax, \$10.

Elizabeth S. Levine and David G. Smith to Janet H. Herman and Anthony J. St. Marie, 23 Bonner Road, conveyance tax, \$161.70.

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LOCAL & STATE



SAVING TIME — Montrell Thompkins, left, and Stephen Brown, pupils at Bowers School, contribute items to a time capsule that was sealed in one of the walls of the school today. Pupils and staff at the school hope the capsule will provide a glimpse of life in 1989 up to 25 years from now.

Bowers School stops time to bury a glimpse of 1989

By Andrew J. Davis
Manchester Herald

The construction is almost over, but the memories will live on. At least for 25 years.

Students and staff at Bowers School — one of five public schools that are part of an \$8.8 million renovation project — wanted to preserve a little of 1989. And with a new face being put on the school, officials thought it would be the right time to seal a time capsule in one of the school's walls.

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Department asks \$95,000 to spruce up town parks

By Nancy Concelmon
Manchester Herald

The Parks and Recreation Department has requested an appropriation of \$95,000 for new equipment and overtime for workers needed to improve maintenance, the department head said Thursday.

The Board of Directors is scheduled to review the request Tuesday. The directors set aside \$100,000 in this year's budget for costs associated with the department's reorganization.

The Recreation Department and Parks Division were combined in January and the position of parks and recreation director was created. The Cemetery Division, which used to be part of the Parks Division, is now separate.

The appropriation will also help the department better maintain recreational facilities after numerous complaints from residents.

The department has to borrow at least two pieces of necessary equipment from the Manchester Country Club, Sprague said.

"We have come up with a few things that we think are critical," said Scott Sprague, parks and recreation director.

The department had asked for \$83,000 for new equipment, but a surplus of \$6,500 would reduce that request to \$76,500. The most expensive item requested is a tractor-mounted portable vacuum needed to pick up trash and leaves on town ballfields and parks, especially at fence lines.

Now, it takes at least two workers to rake the leaves, George Murphy, superintendent of parks, said in a Feb. 17 memorandum to Sprague.

The second most expensive item requested is a three-wheeled vehicle used to grade baseball clay on infields, priced at \$7,800.

Murphy said the 7-year-old machine the department currently uses is too old for adequate daily maintenance of the 17 ballfields in town. Murphy said the department has received numerous complaints about in-field conditions.

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Sprague has also requested \$22,400 to increase "historically low" personnel overtime.

Sprague said Kenneth A. Rogala of Stonington, a consultant hired to recommend department improvements, said an appropriate overtime budget is 8 percent to 12 percent of total regular hours.

Sprague said he didn't have figures on last year's overtime budget but it was "minimal." The department has requested that 5 percent of total hours be approved for overtime to cover the second half of this year, Sprague said. Future requests will be 10 percent, he said.

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Union asks mayor to assist in stopping Meadows layoffs

By Maureen Leavitt
Manchester Herald

Union organizers representing workers at the Meadows Manor Convalescent Center said they would ask Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr. today to support their efforts to stop planned layoffs.

The nursing home owners re-stated 10 workers after union protests but the union said an equal number probably would be laid off beginning March 7.

DiRosa said today he didn't know how he could help the union, but he was willing to listen.

"I'll have to really wait and see what they want me to do," DiRosa said.

The 10 employees received notice of their layoffs Feb. 6 but were temporarily rehired Feb. 16 for a 21-day period to comply with the union contract. The contract specifies that the workers get three weeks notice in the event of a layoff.

Union representatives were informed the layoffs were a result of corporation cutbacks. The 51-bed facility at 323 Bidwell St. is a subsidiary of Health Care and Retirement Corp. of America, based in Ohio.

The layoffs affected workers in the East Building, which contains 15 beds for patients who need high-level convalescent care.

Employees with the union have staged several protests on the grounds of the home to call attention to what they call inadequate staffing.

Workers also claimed the death of a 72-year-old patient and an injury to another occurred because of staff cutbacks.

The state Department of Health Services is investigating the incidents at the home, and is expected to complete a report next week. Cynthia Denne, supervisor of the licensing division said today.

An inspection at the home last month showed the home was meeting state minimum staffing requirements despite claims from workers that stated otherwise.

Martin Meighan, a senior administrator at Meadows, said earlier this week the two sides had been negotiating, but he would not comment whether the layoffs will permanently be re-negotiated. Attempts to reach Meighan today were unsuccessful.

Meighan said he has met with Meadows administrators, but that it is up to the home to make the next move.

"The ball is in their court. If they are going to re-negotiate the layoffs, they really should do it sooner than later," Meighan said.

DiRosa said the state needs to devote more funding to nursing homes in the state.

"Nursing homes are being damaged by lack of funding in Connecticut," DiRosa said. "I'm trying to convince legislators that they can't continually limit the funding. Ultimately, the patient suffers."

Union representatives also met with a representative of Frederick G. Adams, the commissioner of the state Department of Health Services to urge changes in the state health codes.

The union has insisted the state minimum staffing codes must be increased to provide adequate care to convalescent home patients.

Town urged to join recycling plan

The Public Works Department has recommended that the town participate in the second phase of a study on the feasibility of regional recycling.

The second phase will focus

Bill would mean 40-hour work week for state employees

HARTFORD (AP) — State Rep. Robert A. Maddox Jr. knows his bill reducing a 40-hour work week for state employees and gradually reducing the state's workforce isn't likely to get out of the Labor Committee.

But the Bethlehem Republican says it's time serious consideration was given to the idea, which, he maintains, would improve worker output and reduce backlogs.

"This gets to some of the systemic problems that have caused our budget deficit," said Maddox, who along with Rep. Robert Farr, D-West Hartford, urged the committee to approve the measure.

The state faces a \$194.9 million deficit for the year ending June 30.

Currently, there are 42,700 workers paid through the General Fund. Maddox's bill would reduce the total by about 2,000 a year for four years, to a final cap of 37,000. The standard work week is 35 hours.

He said the average state employee gets a salary and fringe benefits worth \$40,880 a year. Another bill aired by the Labor Committee would allow workers to refuse to work if they have a "reasonable belief" that their work is hazardous.

The bill stems from controversy two years ago when employees at Uretex Inc. in New Haven complained of hazardous conditions and a refusal by the company to allow reasonable work breaks while requiring employees to work 12-hour weeks.

Past and current union workers at Uretex, which makes fabric coatings, testified in favor of the bill, while the Connecticut Business and Industry Association opposed it, saying hazardous

work conditions are already covered under state law.

A third bill was aimed at improving conditions for employees working at video display terminals. The measure would require 15-minute breaks for every three hours worked at a VDT.

It would also set standards for lighting and chairs and require that keyboards be detachable, that keyboard platforms be detachable and that screens have "contrast enhancement filters" if requested by the operator.

The measure was supported by Southern New England Telephone Co., which said it already meets the bill's requirements. It was opposed by the CBITA, which said such matters should be left up to individual companies.

State income tax advocates claim growing support

By Judd Everhart
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Supporters of a state personal income tax say they are gaining support, but they also acknowledge Gov. William A. O'Neill's intransigence on the issue and the difficulty of getting it passed no matter how bad the state's fiscal picture gets.

The advocates of tax "reform" say there is more support for a tax on personal income above \$100,000 a year than there is for any other tax bill, including the governor's proposals.

In a harsh denunciation of the Democratic governor, Rep. Irving J. Stolberg, D-New Haven, said it had been irresponsible for the governor to dump his proposals in the lap of the General Assembly and then sequester himself in his office.

"I don't know of any votes for the governor's majority," Stolberg said at a news conference with four other income tax supporters. He said there were 25 to 30 votes for tax reform "and I think that number is growing."

O'Neill's proposal to raise \$140 million in the final three months of this budget year and \$737 million in 1989-90 is built around a bill to add the 5.5 percent sales tax to gas, electric, water, cable television and telephone bills.

Stolberg and the fellow income tax supporters said they wanted no part of a "patchwork" plan to raise taxes by April 1 without giving serious consideration to tax reform based on a personal income tax.

They said a survey of 450 Connecticut residents showed them favoring an income tax over any other tax, save increased "sin taxes" on cigarettes and alcohol. The survey was mailed out before his proposals, and so did not register responses on the utility tax idea.

Stolberg, who said he has "not heard one peep" from O'Neill since the governor outlined his tax plan a month ago, offered to debate O'Neill on taxes "in any form."



N.Y. man charged in death of fetus

STAMFORD (AP) — In a case that could test the limits of Connecticut murder statutes, a New York City man has been charged in the death of a fetus delivered minutes after his mother died of gunshot wounds.

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Reps. Miles S. Rapoport, D-West Hartford, and Geri W. Langlois, D-Thompson, said the \$100,000 income tax bill would raise \$80 million to \$1 billion a year and would allow the state to dramatically reduce or even repeal other taxes.

He did call for a 10 percent surcharge on the corporations tax and adding the sales tax to services provided by one business to another, which along with the utilities tax bill, would take effect April 1.

Under the bill, taxes would be paid on income over \$100,000 on a graduated scale. For example, if a person or couple earned \$110,000, a 10 percent tax would be paid on \$10,000, the amount over \$100,000.

Other bills call for the threshold to be \$75,000 and \$90,000. All of them would treat income from capital gains, interest and dividends the same as income from salaries and wages.

Rapoport said it is misleading and erroneous to say Connecticut doesn't have an income tax, when it taxes income from interest, dividends and capital gains.

He, Stolberg and the others pointed out that Connecticut residents have lost the ability to deduct sales tax payments on their federal tax returns, as a result of federal tax reform. Those deductions were worth \$200 million a year, they said.

A state personal income tax would be fully deductible.

House Minority Leader Robert G. Jaekle, R-Stratford, issued a statement late Thursday saying the 63 House Republicans remained unanimously opposed to any form of a personal income tax.

INDICTMENT ANNOUNCED — U.S. Attorney Stanley Twardy, right, announces at a news conference in New Haven on Thursday that a federal grand jury has indicted former Danbury Mayor James E. Dyer. At left is Stanley Klein of the FBI.

NEW HAVEN (AP) — A federal grand jury indicted former Danbury Mayor James E. Dyer on extortion charges shortly after the charges were announced in a tax fraud case admitted in court.

Dyer's indictment Thursday on charges he extorted more than \$30,000 in 1984 from the former president of Danbury Savings & Loan Association, Charles E. Bruno, came as a result of a two-year FBI and Internal Revenue Service investigation of municipal corruption in Danbury.

Bruno, 57, now of East Orleans, Mass., said he arranged cash payments totaling more than \$30,000 to Dyer between March 1984 and January 1985.

Bruno served as chief executive of the S&L for 22 years before his resignation Sept. 28. He agreed to cooperate fully with the federal investigation as part of a plea bargain that was sealed at his attorney's request.

U.S. Attorney Stanley Twardy said the investigation is continuing and that the grand jury would likely be presented with more charges against Dyer and others. Dyer is expected to be arraigned next week on seven extortion counts stemming from seven occasions on which payoffs were allegedly made.

The 42-year-old former five-term Democratic mayor was unseated in 1987 after a campaign dominated by rumors of municipal corruption.

He issued a statement earlier in the week in anticipation of the indictment in which he denied extortion plot admitted in court, any wrongdoing and he looked forward to having the opportunity to finally clear his name.

Dyer said he had hoped to make a political comeback this year, but was abandoning his plans to run again for mayor because of the indictment.

Federal prosecutors said Bruno made the payments to the mayor because of "fear of economic loss" and on account of Dyer's "official position," but they would not divulge any specifics of the alleged extortion plot.

The indictment noted that Danbury Savings and Loan, through subsidiary corporations, including N.E. Development Corp. and others, is involved in real estate development in Danbury.

Bruno obtained the money to pay Dyer through an illegal arrangement he worked out with a consultant, Harold Garofalo, who had found a buyer for a \$2 million property in Danbury owned by the thrift, prosecutors said. Garofalo was not charged in the indictment.

The consultant agreed to take a 6 percent commission on the Feb. 24, 1984, sale, rather than the 3 percent initially negotiated, and return half of the after-tax proceeds to the S&L, Chief Bruno said.

Dyer did not report the income on his federal tax return, the government said.

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Gun enthusiasts pack hearing on gun control

HARTFORD (AP) — More than 100 sportsmen and gun enthusiasts packed a hearing room at the Legislative Office building with a message for the General Assembly: Don't let Trident nuclear submarines be sold to the United States.

The legislation, stimulated by requests from law-enforcement officers spurred on by such recent incidents as the schoolyard massacre in Stockton, Calif., received support from police chiefs and some private citizens.

John P. Ambraglio, past president of the Connecticut Chiefs of Police, said the shotgun bill was needed to prevent drug dealers and other criminals from carrying powerful, easily concealed weapons.

But the supporters of gun control seemed to be outnumbered by opponents.

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Angry gay activists to lawmakers: Your votes are killing us

HARTFORD (AP) — A day after the House of Representatives killed a bill banning discrimination against homosexuals, angry gay and lesbian activists visited each lawmaker's office, dropping off letters that said, "Your votes are killing us."

Representatives of the Connecticut Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights delivered the message by hand Thursday, leaving letters in the offices of each of the 79 state representatives who voted against the bill.

Joe Shilling, a spokesman for House Republicans, said lawmakers were shocked to receive the letters.

"A number of people are furious over this," he said. "They are very upset."

The letters, on pink paper, reminded lawmakers that gays were persecuted in Nazi Germany and finished with the words: "Your ignorance is appalling but your votes are killing us."

A gay activist described the letter as both an expression of anger and an attempt to educate lawmakers who opposed the bill, which would have banned discrimination against homosexuals in housing and employment.

Crispin Hollings, a coalition member who delivered some of the flowers and notes, said the gesture was "just to let people know that we won't go away."

To the 71 lawmakers who voted for the bill, coalition members hand-delivered pink carnations and thank-you notes.

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Hotel hearing slated

A public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on a 104-room hotel at 191 Spencer St. is scheduled for Monday.

A hearing on the application from The Inn at Manchester Inc. for a special exception permit was postponed at the commission's Feb. 6 and 22 meetings because not enough members were present to act.

The applicant's attorney on Feb. 6 requested a hearing before a five-member commission. Plans call for the hotel and 17 parking spaces, to be located on 3.7 acres behind a Friendly Restaurant.

The Manchester Police Department has recommended denial of the permit because of access to the hotel would be at the Hilltown Road-Spencer Street intersection, identified as one of the most unsafe in town in a recent traffic study.

Weaving Mill plans filed

Plans have been filed with the town Planning Department for conversion of the former Cheney Bros. Weaving Mill at 91 Elm St. into 249 apartments.

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It's Sgt. Ludlow now

Det. Michael V. Ludlow, with the Manchester Police Department, has been promoted to sergeant effective today, according to Chief Robert P. Lannan.

Ludlow will report to the Patrol Division commander. He is filling a vacancy created when Sgt. Richard Busick began working in the Administrative Training Division.

Ludlow joined the force in 1978 and was promoted to the Detective Division in 1984. During his time with the Detective Division, Ludlow specialized in arson investigation.

Ludlow and his wife, Debra, have a son, Adam.

History contest set

COVENTRY — The Eastern Connecticut district's National History Day contest will be held Saturday at the Captain Nathan Hale Middle School at 9 a.m.

More than 300 students will compete for the privilege of advancing to the state finals on April 29 in Hartford.

National History Day is a program that encourages students to explore historical subjects related to an annual theme. This year's theme is "The Individual in History."

Exhibit features students

The art work of 10 RHAM High School students will be displayed at the First Annual Charter Oak Conference Student Art Exhibit on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

The exhibit is at the Inner Gallery of Central Connecticut State University in New Britain. It will be on display until March 14 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The students are: Craig Baker, Natalie Beach, Denise D'Amboise, Rochelle Desso, Todd Foster, Matthew Friday, Steve Gaudmont, Jennifer Hayden, Helen Horton and Heather McDonald.

Practice discriminatory

HARTFORD (AP) — The State Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities' practice of dismissing some complaints without hearings is discriminatory, violating the constitutional right of due process, a Superior Court judge has ruled.

Judge Robert I. Berton set aside the agency's dismissal of a complaint against a Milford contractor. He said the contractor violated the state and federal rights of the employee who brought the complaint.

The state medical examiner's office ruled that Baby Girl Johnson died of oxygen deprivation to the brain while in the womb and of prematurity because of her mother's death, a spokeswoman said Thursday.

Koontz is being held in lieu of \$500,000 bail at Somers State Prison and is due back in court May 3.

His attorney, Charles Hanken of Bridgeport, did not return a telephone call to his office Thursday.

Veterans blast vendors

STAMFORD (AP) — Representatives of local veterans are criticizing a proposal to sell off land in Veterans Memorial Park, saying it would amount to desecrating "hallowed and sacred ground."

In a Feb. 27 letter to city officials, members of the Stamford Veterans Council said they are offended by an Urban Redevelopment Commission proposal to hold in lieu of \$500,000 bail at Somers State Prison and is due back in court May 3.

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Sentiment against Trident sub threatens jobs in Connecticut

WASHINGTON — The Navy must begin slowing its annual purchases of billion-dollar Trident nuclear submarines if it wants to create a 600-ship fleet, the chairman of a congressional seapower panel warns.

Rep. Charles E. Bennett, D-Fla., told Navy officials Thursday that he would not try to block funding for a Trident this year, but said military officials should stop their practice of ordering one of the giant subs every year.

"I'm in no way running down the Trident," said Bennett, chairman of the House Armed Services seapower subcommittee. "I'm just trying to get the Navy to reach its 600-ship goal. We're very short in other ships."

An 18,500-ton Trident, at \$1.3 billion, is much more expensive than most Navy ships. Delaying a Trident for a year could free up funds for several surface ships.

Bennett had the Trident scratched from the budget last year and added two Aegis destroyers with the extra money, but Trident funding was eventually restored by Congress.

Last month, Bennett said he would look at eliminating funds for the nation's 17th Trident from the fiscal 1990 budget, but said Thursday that the timing this year was wrong and vowed to support the program. The pledge virtually eliminated any threat to the Trident this year.

Vice Adm. Daniel Cooper, assistant chief of naval operations for undersea warfare, told the subcommittee Thursday that a one-year delay in the Trident program would result in \$150 million to \$170 million in added costs in fiscal 1991.

Cooper attributed the projected increase to the added cost of treating the "learning curve" and halting the government's contractual agreements with the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corp. Electric Boat is the sole builder of Tridents.

Bennett said the Navy should in the future avoid long-term contract options so the government can skip a Trident purchase some years, without suffering financially.

Bennett said Navy officials have told him privately how many more Tridents they plan to build, and he said the current timetable would result in an overproduction of the giant sub. After the hearing, the chairman refused to disclose the Navy's projections for the Trident program.

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Hospital is hoping day care will attract more applicants

By Maureen Leovitt
Manchester Herald

A day-care center to open at Manchester Memorial Hospital sometime this summer could help bring too much traffic to the neighborhood and that it would lose its residential character. At the time they abandoned that plan, hospital officials said they planned to open a day-care on hospital grounds instead.

The new day-care center will be open to 22 children of staff members, according to Andrew A. Beck, director of public relations at the hospital. Children will range in age from 4 weeks to 6 years.

The center, which will be located in the Miller building on Haynes Street, is scheduled to open late this summer. Beck said today the building is undergoing renovations for the new center.

Last June, hospital officials abandoned plans to house the day-care center in a hospital-owned house at 11 S. Alton St., primarily because area residents protested that the center would bring too much traffic to the neighborhood and that it would lose its residential character. At the time they abandoned that plan, hospital officials said they planned to open a day-care on hospital grounds instead.

Officials said at the time they also scrapped the plan because they overestimated the number of children who would use the facility.

The South Alton Street plan was originally slated to serve about 65 children of hospital employees. But the results of a survey indicated only 20 to 25 employees would utilize the center.

Beck said the hospital must obtain a day-care license from the state Department of Health Services to run the facility. He said state representatives have visited the site, but no formal plans have been submitted yet.

The facility will be run by hospital staff. Ann L. Bonney, director of the hospital's special projects, has been named director of child-care services for the day-care center, Beck said. In addition, several new staffing positions will be created when the center opens.

The center is one of several improvement or expansion projects at the hospital. The hospital also has asked state approval for a new parking garage and outpatient surgical facility.

Officials, who raised salaries for many workers at the hospital last year, are hoping that the center will attract workers with higher education.

Coventry school budget is up by \$1 million from this year

By Jacqueline Bennett
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — The Board of Education unanimously adopted a \$9.1 million budget Wednesday for next fiscal year that represents an increase of nearly \$1 million from this year's budget, board member Patrick Flaherty said.

The board adopted a budget of \$9,163,312, an increase of \$965,188 over this year's budget of \$8,198,124. The proposed budget represents an increase of 3.32 in the tax rate.

"Our job is to decide 'What does the school system need? What can the town afford?'" Lawrence Mickel, board chairman, said during the special meeting at Coventry High School.

Nathan Casler, superintendent of schools, originally proposed a budget of \$9,148,599 for the fiscal year beginning July 1. The figure was later amended to \$9,206,898 due to errors, omissions and new information. Business manager Gordon Lusitla said.

A net reduction of \$43,586 was made from the new figure.

The board's adopted budget must be submitted to the Town Council by March 10. Board members will present their budget to the council within the next two weeks, member Judy Halvorson said.

On the advice of Flaherty, a former member of the Town Council, the board decided not to include about \$5 million in capital expenditure grants coming from the state in its budget.

Flaherty said although the money will be used for the schools, it actually goes to the town because the cost of the projects are bonded by the town after being approved by townsmen in a referendum vote.

Flaherty also said complaints at the annual budget meeting often are aimed at the exclusion of such revenue in the education budget.

The largest of the cuts made by the board was \$27,000 for an additional bus to Howell Cheney Regional Vocational Technical School in Manchester.

"It pains me, but I understand," said Kathleen Ryan, Flaherty's assistant, who said the school board cut \$2,054 from the library budget for audio-visual equipment. The board also cut \$5,000 from an account to purchase more computers for the schools, leaving \$15,220.

Member Patricia Soltys emphasized the importance of having computers in every classroom and ensuring that students in both elementary schools have equal exposure.

"Our objective is to make the two elementary schools more equal," Soltys said.

Every classroom except one in the lower grades at Robertson School has a computer. At Coventry Grammar School, kindergarten through second-grade classes have computers but third and fourth-grade classes are sharing. Three more are needed, said Mary Piazzi, principal of the school.

Also \$2,385 was cut for cross country skis for physical education at Coventry High School, and \$2,000 was cut for lighting and lining of the outdoor school basketball courts. Instead cracks in the court will be filled and resurfaced.

Because enrollment has increased at some of the schools, the board decided to add an additional new teacher position to the three new teacher positions already in the budget.



NATION & WORLD



200TH ANNIVERSARY — The Third U.S. Infantry File and Drum Corps marches through the House of Representatives Thursday during a special joint session of Congress to celebrate the 200th anniversary of its first session.

Iran spurns British statement as only 'playing with words'

LONDON (AP) — Britain's foreign secretary said in an interview broadcast today in Iran that "The Satanic Verses" offends Muslims and British, but Iran's president said Britain will be "forced to apologize and retreat."

Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe of Britain made his comments after the Iranian parliament voted Tuesday to break diplomatic ties with Britain within one week if British officials refused to disavow the controversial novel by Salman Rushdie.

Howe said today the novel not only offended Muslims but also insulted the British by comparing their country to Nazi Germany. While carefully distancing his government from the novel, however, Howe defended the right of Rushdie to write the work.

Iran's President Ali Khamenei shot back: "Whether Britain apologizes or not, there is no doubt that it will be forced to apologize and retreat in the face of the great Islamic nation." His remarks, reported by the official Islamic Republic News Agency, were made at mass prayers today.

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Baby taken by robbers is recovered uninjured

NEW YORK (AP) — Two men who tried to rob a man and woman instead stole the couple's 5-month-old son when the scared parents fled through a second-story window, police said. The robbers then tried to trade the baby for ransom.

The child, Mikhail Grant, was found uninjured when the suspects were arrested at a subway station 16 hours later as they tried to sell the baby back to the couple, police Inspector Richard Mayronne said Thursday.

"The baby appears to be in excellent shape," he said. "They're obviously not professional kidnapers. I consider them very low on the food chain, someone who would take a 5-month-old baby."

Mikhail's ordeal began early Thursday, when his father, Fynlass Grant, 27, returned home from his job as a livery driver.

Two men with automatic weapons pushed Grant into his Queens apartment, demanding cash and jewelry, police said.

When the men burst in the baby's mother, Yvonne Grant, 28, who is pregnant, jumped out the second-story window, police said.

She was treated for a broken ankle.

Grant leaped out the same window, and one of the gunmen scooped up the baby, said Mayronne.

The Grants three other children, ages 6, 7, and 8, were left at home unharmed.

The abductors called the Grants' house three times, demanding money and jewelry they

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Death toll out at 300 in Venezuelan rioting

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — The government began setting up food distribution centers today to relieve shortages caused by four days of rioting that reportedly has left 300 people dead and rocked one of Latin America's most durable democracies.

Buses and cars circulated normally in Caracas today as the capital began to look like its old self, with early morning traffic jams and honking horns replacing some of the tensions of this week's unrest.

Earlier in the evening, soldiers hunting snipers and seeking looters conducted house-to-house searches in downtown Caracas and slatted the rioting to the west.

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In a nationwide television broadcast Thursday, President Carlos Andres Perez, chief of state, said the capital was steadily returning to normal, but acknowledged there were still "pockets of disturbance" that the military was trying to quell.

"There is a growing process of normalization in the capital," said Reinaldo Figueredo, a spokesman for the military, who said soldiers and buses would be running normally today, and urged Venezuelans to go back to work.

Perez, who has been in office for just one month, blamed leftist "remnants" for prolonging Venezuela's worst unrest in 31 years of democratic rule.

He said some acts "were induced, and this has to be punished severely."

On Wednesday, Gabriel Puerta, a former guerrilla leader, accused the government of inventing political motives for the disturbances, which he blamed on the failure of the government's economic policies.

Strat clashes broke out Monday when a 30 percent increase in the price of rice imposed by the government went into effect. The price hike was part of an economic austerity package announced by the Perez administration to re-boost the oil-producing nation's stagnant economy.

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"There is a growing process of normalization in the capital," said Reinaldo Figueredo, a spokesman for the military, who said soldiers and buses would be running normally today, and urged Venezuelans to go back to work.

Perez, who has been in office for just one month, blamed leftist "remnants" for prolonging Venezuela's worst unrest in 31 years of democratic rule.

He said some acts "were induced, and this has to be punished severely."

On Wednesday, Gabriel Puerta, a former guerrilla leader, accused the government of inventing political motives for the disturbances, which he blamed on the failure of the government's economic policies.

Strat clashes broke out Monday

New policy planned on Central America

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is proposing a new U.S. policy toward Central America that includes rewards for Nicaragua if it passes certain "checkpoints" on the road to democracy, said congressional and administration sources.

While still in its formative stages, the new policy is outlined in a secret 16-page document Secretary of State James A. Baker III showed to House and Senate leaders Thursday during a hastily arranged visit to Capitol Hill.

Baker made clear to lawmakers that he does not intend to abandon the 11,000-man Contra rebels, who now are subsidizing U.S. supplies in Honduras and other Central American countries.

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democracy and peace in the region, the participants said.

"They're trying to put something together that everybody can agree on, that both Democrats and Republicans can support," said Sen. William Cohen, R-Maine, who attended one meeting in the office of Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan.

At the same time Baker was making the rounds, Guatemalan President Vinicio Cerezo also was calling on some of the same congressional leaders to ask stronger U.S. support for last month's regional peace agreement reached in El Salvador among the five Central American presidents.

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Oil tanker runs aground

HONOLULU (AP) — A tanker carrying 90,000 barrels of crude oil ran aground in stormy seas about 15 miles from Hawaii's most popular tourist area, possibly spilling as much as 8,400 gallons, officials said.

Coast Guard spokesman Keith Spangler said the 800-foot tanker Exxon Houston sent a distress call at 8:20 p.m. Thursday off the Hawaiian island of Oahu.

The captain of the tanker reported the ship was "hard aground" three-tenths of a mile northwest of Barber's Point on Oahu's southwest coast, about 15 miles west of the island's densely populated area containing popular tourist area, Spangler said.

Rio beaches hazardous

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Think twice before setting foot on the beaches of Rio de Janeiro.

Thousands of hungry little parasites are waiting hidden in the sand.

A city study of Rio's beaches that was released earlier this week says those chic beaches pictured on postcards and in international travel magazines are hardly pristine. In fact, the report warns, they're downright contaminated.

"The sand is the dirtiest I've ever been on record," said Carlos Mora, spokesman for Rio's sanitation department, which conducted the study.

The study, conducted last month and released Tuesday, found the sand of the toniest of Rio's beaches — Copacabana, Leme, Panema and Leblon — is packed with tiny types of parasites carried in animal and human feces. Among them is the potentially fatal esquistosomiasis parasite, which afflicts 8 million Brazilians.

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He shared a witness table with social workers and a 97-year-old Indianapolis woman who lives on \$13 a day in SSI benefits who also testified before the House Select Committee on Aging and the Ways and Means human resources subcommittee.

Created in 1972, SSI is operated by the Social Security Administration as a supplement for those who get federal benefits such as food stamps and Medicare but have little or no other income to live on. Some 4½ million people received \$10.7 billion in benefits last year, according to the SSA.

Parents of severely disabled children are eligible under some circumstances, although 45 percent of the recipients are over 65.

But Rep. Robert Matsui, D-Calif., called the program "a failed guarantee against poverty" and other assistance.

"Although the program's concept and structure are basically sound, the current level of federal assistance does not provide recipients with an income that even brings them up to the poverty line," said Matsui.

And Rep. Edward Roybal, D-Calif., chairman of the House Select Committee on Aging, said SSI "is in fact characterized by inadequate benefit levels, large gaps in service, insufficient outreach activities and overly rigid eligibility requirements."

He and social workers cited numerous stories of recipients going two years or more without benefits, and then barely able to live on the \$88 maximum monthly benefit. "This is less than 75 percent of the poverty level," said Roybal.

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"I was praying for my life, for the lives of the passengers, that we would get down safely," said Laura Brentlinger, chief purser on United Airlines Flight 811.

Crewmembers on Thursday told of 25 terrifying minutes aboard the jet when the forward cargo door and a 10-by-10 foot section of fuselage ripped away during the Feb. 24 flight. Nine passengers were sucked from the plane and presumed dead. Twenty-seven others were injured.

The pilot, Capt. David Cronin, told the Washington Post he relied on his 28 years of training to bring the plane down.

"Part of the emergency descent procedure is to pull the power back and put on the speed brake," he said in today's editions of the newspaper. "At 270 knots, you're supposed to drop the

landing gear.

"Because we were on two engines, if I had done that, we would have lost too much altitude to make it back. So I held off on extending the gear," he said.

He said he had to constantly revise airspeed calculations because the aircraft was overweight and the hole in its right side caused a lot of drag.

"It was a difficult situation to keep the aircraft pointed in the direction we wanted to go and make it do what I wanted it to do," Cronin said.

"I don't think a 747 has ever flown on two engines at that weight. My concern for being overweight was staying airborne," he said.

To lighten the load, 90,000 pounds of fuel were dumped.

"Things were going very rapidly then. We were very busy," Cronin said.

"The most difficult part was we didn't have just one emergency," the pilot said. "We had compounded emergencies. Usually, if an airliner has an emergency, it's usually an engine fire or a hydraulic problem."



COMFORT — LoraLee Nevermann of the Association of Flight Attendants comforts United Airlines flight attendant Shari Preston at a news conference Thursday in Honolulu where crewmembers told of last week's incident aboard United Flight 811.

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The judge wasn't amused

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — A University of Oregon senior faces a contempt of court charge for enclosing a letter with a parking fine in which he complained in mostly vulgar terms about having to pay.

Jeffrey Sebastian, 23, said he was angry about the fine because he received the parking ticket while taking a required exam. He suggested, in a letter peppered mostly with profanities, that the city should coordinate parking with the school when exams are scheduled.

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"I felt it was offensive to the proper judicial operation of the court and to what's referred to as the dignity of the court," Bucci said this week. He added that it was the first time in 24 years on the bench that he's issued a contempt citation against someone for writing a letter.

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TV ad victory brings bigger hopes

By William S. Bergstrom
The Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Terry Rakolta unexpectedly won a skirmish and now she wants to start a battle against what she says are sexually oriented and violent programs that cut into the network television fare her children can watch.

The 48-year-old mother of four, offended by the off-color humor on the prime-time series "Married... With Children," conveyed her distaste to the show's major advertisers in a flurry of letters starting in January.

Much to Mrs. Rakolta's surprise, the letters prompted two of the nation's largest advertisers, Procter & Gamble Co. and McDonalds Corp., and several others to pull their commercials from the series, the top-rated program on the fledgling Fox Broadcasting Co. network.

"The American family is being painted into a corner. It's an invasion of my privacy at this point," Mrs. Rakolta said Thursday.

She said she objects to having to monitor prime-time television for shows she doesn't want her younger children to watch. "If people want that stuff, they can pay for it, or rent it, or go to the movies," she said.

But Fox, which has tried to attract young adult audiences, has had no trouble selling advertising time on the Sunday evening show despite Mrs. Rakolta's efforts, said Fox spokesman Brad Turell in Los Angeles.

"The show is completely sold out," he said, adding that reports of Mrs. Rakolta's campaign have rallied support behind the show.

"We have received literally hundreds of telephone calls today from across the country from viewers saying that this one woman's opinion is getting too much attention and hoping that we won't change the show," Turell said.

Mrs. Rakolta, who lives in the affluent suburb of Bloomfield Hills and has three daughters, ages 18, 10 and 9, and a son, 8, said she intends to start a group, or join existing ones, to organize national boycotts of advertisers.

Her writing campaign began one Sunday night in January when she and her children watched "Married... With Children" and she ended up phoning the children out of the room.

The situation comedy, which began in 1987, is about a blue-collar family headed by shoe-store clerk Al Bundy.

Mrs. Rakolta said the first show she saw featured a man's visit to a lingerie store. "In the store, one woman removed her bra for strangers, asking how she looked. It showed a man that worked there, an older man, walking around in a garter belt. They mentioned vibrators on the show," Mrs. Rakolta said.

"I was thinking it was a family program because it was prime time, 8:30 p.m. I was horrified. I wanted to know what kind of sponsors would sponsor a show like this," she said.

Mrs. Rakolta said she watched other episodes to see who advertised, then stayed up to 4 a.m. writing letters.

Since she wrote to them, Procter & Gamble, McDonalds, Kimberly-Clark Corp. and Tambrands Inc. have told their advertising agencies not to buy time on the program.

"We felt that the whole theme of the show is basically one we do not want to be associated with. We were concerned about the negative portrayal of American family life," said Procter & Gamble spokeswoman Kelly Gillespie.

The president of Coca-Cola USA, Ira Herbert, said his company will screen future episodes more closely.

Don R. Bay, a Fox vice president, defended the Bundy family as "a comedic counterpoint to other fictional television families who enjoy above average incomes, greater opportunities and have more refined tastes."

Hal Katz, executive vice president of Vite Media International Inc., a New York ad buyer, said the amount of sex depicted on television is rising dramatically, adding, "As it increases, advertisers become more sensitive to it."

"If you don't want to watch it then don't watch it," said Carol Sobel, an ACLU attorney.

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- Changing the payment dates on some insurance taxes this year, raising \$16 million.
- Taxing subscriptions, which would raise \$15 million next year.
- Adjusting business telecommunications taxes, raising \$15 million next year.

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exotic animals, we need training on what is cruelty," Rand said.

Legislators have said tougher laws are needed against cruelty to animals after it was discovered that four horses starved to death at a Thomaston barn in October. Some have blamed the deaths in part on the humane society.

Humane society officials visited the site in January 1988 after they received complaints about emaciated horses. They stopped visiting the barn in June because they believed problems were resolved.

"I just hope this isn't sour grapes against the humane society," Rand said of the bill.

Rand and Virchow spoke highly of the humane society, but acknowledged the agency is short staffed. Rand said the humane society has asked him to investigate complaints at times because the society did not have enough staff.

"They are limited. They don't have as many agents as we have on the police force and they have to cover the entire state," Rand said.

"I feel everything they do is right," Virchow said of the humane society. But she said the society would probably enjoy the

Fees

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school board reduce its budget. Cassano said there is \$424,245 in the school budget request for out-of-town tuition. But he added it is impossible to predict the cost accurately.

He said if \$124,245 proves to be too little, the Board of Education and the town directors could find a way to fund the difference.

Cassano said directors do not have the authority to determine where cuts should be made in the school budget. Directors can only set an overall amount.

The Board of Education has asked for \$40.5 million for next fiscal year.

Naab said Republicans in the past have suggested using excess tipping fees money for general fund purposes. He said DiIorio's suggestion to use the funds for education makes sense.

But Naab said, "It doesn't make sense to cut the budget figure for out-of-town tuition."

He said it is possible the school administration has not justified the \$424,245, "but I'll bet they can justify it."

Tedford said the tipping fees are set aside for the future of waste disposal costs in Manchester.

"It would be imprudent now to try to divert these funds," he said.

Tedford said it would be a short-range solution to a long-range problem.

Werkhoven said the tipping fee money should go into a fund for future waste disposal needs.

He said to use the funds would be "trying to help the governor, but maybe the governor should help himself."

Handley said she is very eager to support the school budget, but she said she wants to study the question of using tipping fees further before making a decision.

"I don't know if it's logical or appropriate," she said.

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Bush joins Tower in security briefing

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush joined John Tower for a security briefing at the Pentagon today in a show of support for Tower as the Senate prepared to continue debating the nomination of the embattled defense secretary-designate.

The first day of debate produced a share of partisan sparks Thursday, with one key senator holding out the possibility of airing sensitive information in a closed-door session.

Bush traveled to the Pentagon by motorcycle and was greeted there by Tower, Adm. William Crowe, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and national security adviser Brent Scowcroft.

They were briefed on a NATO exercise called Winter-Climex, conducted every two years from Feb. 24 to March 9. In addition, Bush and Tower were to meet with the Armed Forces Policy

Council, an advisory panel to the secretary of defense consisting of the Joint Chiefs and other top military officials.

"I don't suggest it and I want to avoid it, (but) it may be necessary to have a closed session," Arms Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn said Thursday in the midst of a fire-up over material damaging to Tower that has been leaked from an FBI report.

Sen. Pete Wilson, R-Calif., said Tower had been "trashed" by material that was leaked, and said those responsible never mentioned exculpatory material that also appeared in the FBI report. "A closed session of the Senate would not repair the damage that's been done," he said.

Several senators called for releasing some of the FBI material in sanitized form to give the

public a better idea of what it contains. But when Nunn, D-Ga., raised the possibility of making the transcripts of closed committee sessions public, no Republican followed up.

Despite GOP expressions of outrage over the leaks, Tower's chances of confirmation dimmed further as three additional Democrats joined the opposition and the White House conceded that Tower's acceptance of consulting fees after his service as an arms negotiator.

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Nunn also came down hard on Tower's drinking practices. "I personally believe he had a serious drinking problem in the 1970s and the 1980s, including recent years," he said.

Republicans said they hoped to use the debate to marshal public support and the White House insisted it would fight to the end.

But one senior GOP senator, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he wouldn't rule out the possibility of a withdrawal before a vote.

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Leading economic gauge climbs 0.6%

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's chief economic forecasting gauge rose a healthy 0.6 percent in January after it posted an even stronger gain the previous month, the Commerce Department said today.

January's jump in the Index of Leading Economic Indicators, a measurement designed to predict economic activity six to nine months in the future, followed a 0.7 percent increase in December and an unchanged level of activity in November.

The index vacillated up and down during the latter part of 1988, which analysts called a sign that economic growth would slow somewhat this year.

Nevertheless, 1989 began on a strong note and analysts have

seen few signals that the long-anticipated slowdown has begun.

Analysts expect the economy to continue its record recovery this year, but they believe the pace of growth will slow in response to a 7 percent increase in the Federal Reserve Board to push up interest rates and cool the economy to restrain inflation.

While President Bush is pinning his budget and deficit-reduction plans on an optimistic assumption for a 3.2 percent rate of growth in the gross national product during 1989, many private forecasters expect growth to be closer to 2.7 percent.

"Growth will be very robust this quarter," but starting next quarter, I fully expect to see the effects of the higher interest

rates," Michael Evans, head of a Washington consulting firm, said in advance of today's report.

William Dunkelberg, dean of the School of Business and Management at Temple University, said economic reports so far this year give "no indication that the economy is going to weaken substantially in the next half-year."

In January, eight of the 11 indicators included in the index contributed to the increase. The biggest positive factor was a rise in a measure of consumer optimism.

Other factors pulling the index up were rising stock prices; increased raw materials prices, signaling high demand; a longer average work week; slower

vendor deliveries to companies indicating strong demand; an increase in manufacturers' unfilled orders; a drop in initial claims for unemployment benefits; and more orders for new plants and equipment.

Three indicators made negative contributions, led by a contraction in the money supply. Other negative factors were a decline in manufacturer orders for construction goods and lower building permits.

The various changes led the index to a 14.7 percent of its 1982 base.

Over the past 12 months, the index has climbed 5 percent, compared with a 1.8 percent gain during the previous 12-month period.

SPORTS

Coventry a threat in Class S tourney



LOOKING FOR CHAMPIONSHIP — Ron Badstueber, who coached the Coventry High boys' varsity basketball team for 22 years, reached his milestone 300th career victory back on Jan. 3 when his club defeated Vinal Tech, 98-71.

He has never won a state championship. Coventry reached the Class S State final in 1965, but the Patriots lost a 52-51 heartbreaker to Portland. Since then, Coventry has never advanced beyond the quarterfinal round, despite churning out winning team after winning team.

Badstueber's sparkling 23-1 record of 1988-89 should have gone further, yet it was upset in overtime by Suffield in the quarterfinals.

Spearheaded by 6-2 senior All-State guard Jack Ayer, who is averaging 32.0 points per game, Coventry has run up a 17-4 record as it prepares for what could be a promising journey through the Class S State tournament.

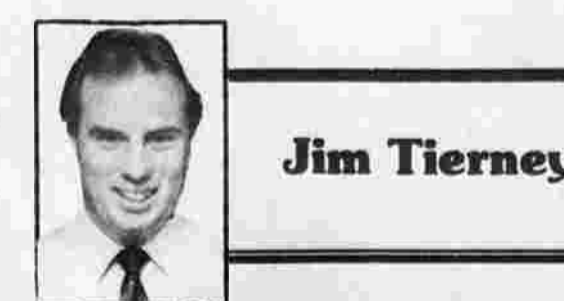
With the Patriots returning four solid senior starters — Ayer, 6-5 Scott Lucas (16.1 average), 6-1 Paul Strzycharz (6.3 average) and 6-1 Mike Oswald (11.3 average) — from last year's 15-8 squad, the prospects were bright in Coventry.

"There's more confidence with all the players," Badstueber said before the start of the season. "The kids are looking forward to getting to the (state) tournament and see if we can do something this year."

The Patriots can certainly do something. The question is whether they will.

Their record should earn them a first-round bye. Then one victory would place them in the quarterfinals, the pivotal point for Badstueber and the Patriots.

Heading into the Class S tourney, the Patriots are the 10th seed in the state. They are in the Charter Oak Conference tourney Tuesday night. But Badstueber remains confident in his Patriots, saying they didn't suffer back-to-back defeats all season.



Jim Tierney

"I think maybe this will help us," Badstueber said after the Portland loss. "The kids are getting mad and that's good for the (state) tournament. They're going to come back and play with a little more inspiration in the tournament."

This year's club can't be compared to his '86-87 team, Badstueber said.

"We had much more depth (in '86-87)," he explained. "We had eight players who were even. We have less offensive punch with this team."

Coventry's top bench performer is junior Chris McCarthy, who is averaging 24 points a game.

Yet this club is quicker than the one during Ayer's sophomore year. This is definitely a team that is at its best when it runs. Tight, slow-down games irritate Coventry.

If the Patriots are able to set their own tempo, they could be off to the races in the Class S tourney.

Of the local boys' teams I cover — Manchester, East Catholic, Cheney Tech, Coventry and Bolton — I have selected my top seven awards beginning with my All-Tierney Team:

- Forward — 6-2 senior Jason Goddard (Manchester High, 16.3 average)
- Forward — 6-4 senior Scott Altru (East Catholic, 16.3 average)
- Center — 7 senior Terrance Phillip (Cheney Tech, 22.4 average)
- Guard — 6-2 senior Cory Goldston (Manchester High, 14.2 average)
- Guard — 6-2 senior Jack Ayer (Coventry High, 32.6 average)

That team wouldn't lose many games. And the other awards:

- Best 3-point shooter — Ayer, who has sunk 74 3-pointers this year, or 3.5 per game.
- Best rebounder — Phillip, who averaged 11.1 rebounds per game between Altru and Ayer. Altru edged out Ayer with an 82 percent performance (115-for-140) from the line. Ayer shot 80 percent.
- Best defensive player — 6-3 senior Dan Callahan (East Catholic).
- Most improved player — Altru, who averaged only 5.3 per game as a junior.
- Player of the Year — Ayer, hands down.

Jim Tierney is a sports writer for the Manchester Herald.

DRUGS

Testimony startling, but Francis leaves Olympic questions

By Soli Susman
The Associated Press

TORONTO — After three days of startling testimony dating Ben Johnson's steroid use to 1981, coach Charlie Francis left for next week the question of just how close to the Seoul Olympics his star athlete used a banned substance.

Francis said Thursday that the year-by-year use of anabolic steroids went through Johnson's 1987 setting of the existing 100-meter record and as late as May or June last year before the gold-medal victory Sept. 23 over American Carl Lewis.

The government commission formed to investigate drugs and athletics after Johnson's medal was stripped away for a positive steroid test adjudged until Monday before the last weeks leading up to the Olympics were discussed.

Francis said however that a steroid program was administered to Johnson while he was on the Caribbean island of St. Kitts for treatments by Dr. George "Jamie" Astaphan for a hamstring injury suffered in a May race in Japan.

The sprinter traveled to St. Kitts twice in May and June.

Johnson has denied he ever knowingly used drugs and Astaphan that he administered them. Both are among some 30 witnesses to testify later in the track and field hearings being held by the Commission of Inquiry into the Use of Drugs and Banned Practices Intended to Increase Athletic Performance.

For 12 hours of testimony from Tuesday to Thursday, the 40-year-old Francis outlined vividly in matter-of-fact fashion steroid use by his star athletes since 1979, when he said female champion Angella Taylor Isaajenko first used them.

The coach, the first witness at the track and field hearings, said Johnson and two other male athletes started steroid programs in 1981. Francis said Astaphan first became acquainted with the group in 1982 and by 1984 was handling the Johnson's Olympic victory over Lewis last September in a world record, 9.79 second 100-meter race quickly turned to mourning and disgrace as he was stripped of the medal for his positive test.

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Johnson, 27, has been banned for two years from competing by the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

Francis said repeatedly that

the substances were taken with the athletes' knowledge and consent.

Francis also said repeatedly that steroid use is pervasive among top-level international athletes and that the Canadian decision to use them was made to stay competitive.

"I had it earlier than he would have normally because of the injury," the coach said, explaining that Johnson used steroids on St. Kitts.

Francis said that he took over most injections for an athlete in the Toronto steroid program starting in 1986 after Astaphan moved back to his native Caribbean island.

"I did," Francis said when asked who gave the injections. "At my apartment," he said when asked where.

He also told the commission that Johnson in 1987 was concerned that too many people knew about the anabolic steroid program, when the number of athletes receiving steroids at one time doubled to eight.

"I was employed as the coach for all and they were entitled to make the same decision he had," Francis said he also told his star.

The coach said Johnson called after breaking the 60-meter world record in Osaka, Japan, in January 1987, concerned about an unexpected drug test.

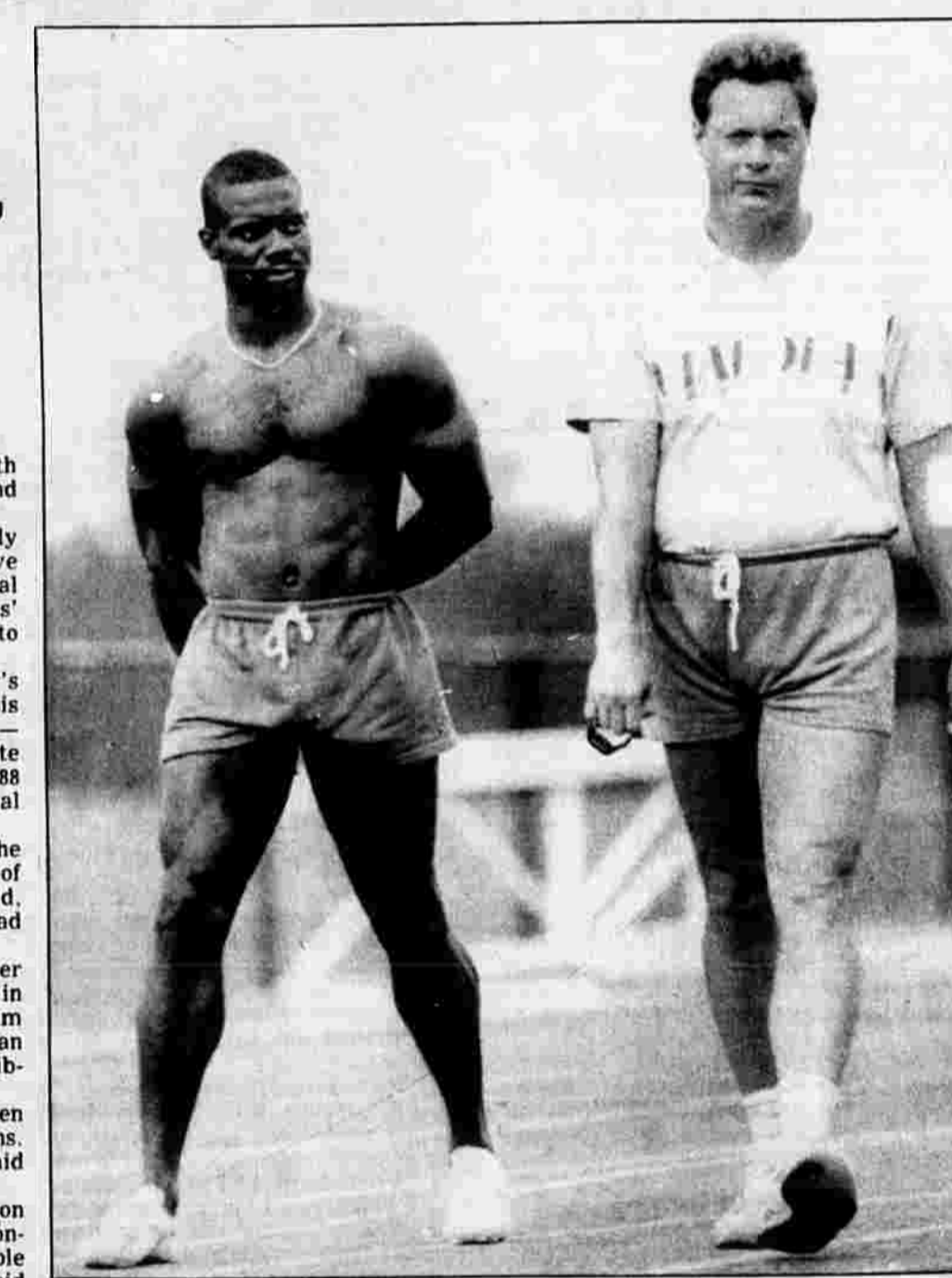
"He wanted to be sure that he'd had a sufficient period of time to pass the test," Francis said. "I assured him that I had."

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DRIVE FOR SPEED — Sprinter Ben Johnson and his coach, Charlie Francis, are shown during 1988 training at Toronto's York University.

Johnson's story casts a cloud over others

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The former president of the national governing body for U.S. track and field says Ben Johnson's use of steroids hurt the sport but maybe not as much as baseless accusations that cast a cloud over other athletes.

The thing that disturbs me, even though the Ben Johnson situation was rather dramatic, is the finger-pointing that has come as a result," Dr. LeRoy Walker, whose term as president of the Athletics Congress expired in December, said Thursday.

"Athletes like Florence Griffith-Joyner are being asked 'how did you get to be so good.' Well, she didn't just get to be so good," he added, pointing out that the

women's world record holder at 100 meters was a silver medalist at the 1984 Olympics and also won medals in world championship meets before enjoying unprecedented success in 1988.

"She's not a new comer," said Walker, now treasurer for the U.S. Olympic Committee. "It's sort of like the (Bob) Beamon situation. You didn't know much about him. All of a sudden he (long) jumped 29 feet, 2 inches and everybody knew him."

Walker, in Orlando to participate in a symposium on amateur sports, resents people inferring that top U.S. athletes are using performance-enhancing drugs just because Johnson tested positive after

winning the men's 100-meters.

Johnson's coach, Charles Francis, told an inquiry in Toronto this week that the Canadian sprinter began taking steroids in 1981 and implied he did so to keep up with other athletes who may have been doing the same.

"The Ben Johnson situation has hurt ... (and) I'm not so sure if the allegations and the pointing-the-finger is probably more damaging to track and field as a sport than the drug itself," Walker said.

"I think others me because what everybody thinks now is if you're successful, and if you're winning, you've got to be on some performance-enhancing drug."

Red Wings' forward faces cocaine charges

DETROIT (AP) — Just when it appeared former NHL All-Star Bob Probert was retreating on hockey after a series of alcohol-related problems, he was arrested at the U.S. Canadian border on cocaine smuggling charges.

The Detroit Red Wings' forward was charged Thursday with one count of importing cocaine into the United States, Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence Bunting said. Probert could face up to 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine.

"We confronted Bobby with every rumor we heard. He continuously denied it. We have to respect the human right and we did that," Demers said. "It was obvious that he lied to us."

The Red Wings hadn't made decision concerning Probert's future with the team as of late Thursday.

The NHL office in New York based on a statement, "It is the long established policy of the NHL that if one uses or is caught with illegal drugs, he will be suspended."

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The point is, Isiah Thomas takes charge

Quick now, who are the great quarterbacks in the game today? Joe Montana, you say? Dan Marino? Boomer Esiason? Bernie Kosar? Randall Cunningham?

Well, I've got a quarterback who can make those look scatter-armed. He never throws an interception. He's got a completion record that could make Terry Bradshaw sit down and have a good cry. He's got the peripheral vision of a shark. If you think Frank Tarkenton was hard to contain, you should see this guy. He not only makes the ball disappear, he does, too.

Who is this remarkable phenom, you ask, and why isn't he in the shotgun for Dallas? Well, how about Isiah Thomas? Wait just a minute, you say. Isiah Thomas isn't a quarterback — he's a point guard.

Oh, yeah? Well, watch him now as he comes up the floor of the Forum against the Lakers. First of all, he's got the ball. A good quarterback has to have the ball and Isiah Thomas always has the ball. He seems to come with it attached.

He brings it up with this kind of bearded look on his face. He kind of glides, slips, wheels from side to side. He dribbles it right into the feet of guys a foot taller than he is. If they over-play him, he's gone. Frank Tarkenton never surprised past Deacon Jones any nifter.

He gets the beginning of this little grin around his mouth. He's wary, crafty, probing for an opening. He's looking for the open man. Every good quarterback does that.

When he finds one, he whistles this deadly accurate pass to him, usually right under the basket. A good quarterback in the NFL completes 55 percent of his passes. Thomas' percentage is more like 100.

If one's open, he bounces the ball once, twice, pumps, fakes — and then soars it in the air to pop in a basket himself. He does this only as a last resort. But he leads the team in scoring all the same.

"You don't dare leave him alone," sighs opponent Magic Johnson. "Give him room, he shoots. No matter where he is."

Last year, he popped in 58 three-point baskets, most on the team and well over a third of those tried. He is as dangerous as Wyatt Earp. He shoots off balance, on balance, at mid-court, under the basket. Last year, he threw in 25 points in a single quarter against the Lakers in the sixth game of the finals. He once scored 16 points in a minute and a half when the Knicks sagged off him.

He is ubiquitous. Find the ball and you find Isiah. It is the opinion of some coaches around the league that there are two of him. The rumor that, some night, he's going to get an assist and a basket on the same play.

He led the world in assists one season with 1,123, a record since broken by Utah's John Stockton. He still had a 21.2-point scoring average for that year. He is unselfish. A quarterback's job is to win games, not trophies.

It is a rule of thumb in football that you can't get to the Super Bowl without a Grade A quarterback. It is a rule of thumb in basketball that you don't get to the playoff finals without a dominating center.

The Detroit Pistons get there because they have Isiah Thomas. The league is lucky he's not paired up with Patrick Ewing or a season might be a foregone conclusion.

The Pistons are not a blow-you-out-of-there team. They rely on trapping (double-team) defenses. Quickness and resourcefulness. They jab you to death, beat you on points, win on a split decision. They give a party when the game is over.

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Hale-Ray ousts Coventry from S tourney

COVENTRY — It was an early exit for the defending girls' Class S state champion Coventry as Hale-Ray defeated the Patriots 80-57 in a second-round game in the Class S state tournament.

The home team Patriots rallied in the second half but they wound up dropping a 60-57 decision Thursday night in a second-round game in the Class S state tournament.

Last year, he popped in 58 three-point baskets, most on the team and well over a third of those tried. He is as dangerous as Wyatt Earp. He shoots off balance, on balance, at mid-court, under the basket. Last year, he threw in 25 points in a single quarter against the Lakers in the sixth game of the finals. He once scored 16 points in a minute and a half when the Knicks sagged off him.

He is ubiquitous. Find the ball and you find Isiah. It is the opinion of some coaches around the league that there are two of him. The rumor that, some night, he's going to get an assist and a basket on the same play.

He led the world in assists one season with 1,123, a record since broken by Utah's John Stockton. He still had a 21.2-point scoring average for that year. He is unselfish. A quarterback's job is to win games, not trophies.

It is a rule of thumb in football that you can't get to the Super Bowl without a Grade A quarterback. It is a rule of thumb in basketball that you don't get to the playoff finals without a dominating center.

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On the other side of the Florida spring training coast, outfielder Kai Daniels — 27 days short of arbitration eligibility — walked out of the Cincinnati Reds camp in a similar dispute.

Daniels batted .291 with 18 home runs, 64 runs batted in and 27 stolen bases and led the National League with a .397 on-base percentage last season. For that production, he wanted a raise from \$185,000 to between \$330,000 and \$340,000. He said he would accept \$325,000. The Reds said \$300,000, a difference of \$25,000.

How was it settled? Well, the Reds settled Daniels' contract when owner Marge Schott conducted a coin toss, which Daniels won. Thursday night, the Mets invested a hefty \$6.7 million for

renegotiated and extend a five-year contract he signed in 1985. The All-Star right fielder will earn \$1.4 million this year, with an option for \$1.8 million in 1990.

This year, he came to camp vowing to be a team leader. But he became disenchanted with his contract because he is the sixth highest-paid player on the team behind Hernandez, catcher Gary Carter and three new signees — Gooden (\$6.7 million over three years) and pitcher Ron Darling (\$5.3 million) and left fielder Kevin McReynolds (\$5.5 million).

"I feel I'm not being appreciated for what I've done," Strawberry said. "I'm disappointed about the whole situation. I'm going to re-evaluate my position and take it easy. I'll probably be back in a while."

The slugger says the problem is not so much the money as it is his status and pride as the team's leading hitter. General Manager Frank Cashen said he is familiar with the problem.



TO THE HOOP — Coventry's Johanna VanKruiningen takes the ball strongly toward the basket during Thursday night's second-round Class S tourney game.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

MHS swim marks broken

EAST HARTFORD — Two 17-year-old school records were broken by the Manchester High boys' swim team during the CCC East meet Thursday afternoon. Manchester's 200-yard medley relay of Brian Crombie, Eric Fleming, Egils Ramans and Brian Parkyn won the event turning in a clocking of 1:47.89. That broke the old record set in 1972 by 1/4 seconds. Ramans also took first in the 100 butterfly with a record time of 66.46, besting the 1972 mark by .2 of a second.

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BOLTON — The Bolton Youth baseball association will conduct Little League baseball and softball registration for boys and girls aged 6 to 15 (as of July 31, 1989) beginning Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at Bolton High School and Bolton Elementary School. The other registration dates are Wednesday, March 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Herrick Memorial Park and Thursday, March 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Community Hall. Parents and children 14 or over interested in coaching, umpiring or refereeing should also sign up at these times.

Lacrosse club sets tryouts

The Connecticut Valley Lacrosse Club, in its third season, and among the oldest amateur sports organizations in Greater Hartford, will hold its first practice Sunday at the Trinity College Field House in Hartford.

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The Manchester Little League will conduct its second and final signups session for the 1989 season on Sunday at the American Legion Hall, 20 American Legion Drive, from 1 to 4 p.m. Signups are for children between the ages of 7 and 12. Youths must be 7 by July 31, 1989 and turn 13 after that date. No exceptions will be allowed.

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