

RECORD

About Town

O-Anon group to meet

O-Anon, a support group for the family and friends of compulsive overeaters meets every Friday at 7 p.m. at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Ask at information desk for meeting room.

School registration set

Registration for the 1989-90 school year is being taken at the Cornerstone Christian School, 236 Main St. Two grades are being added in the fall, pre-kindergarten and grade 12. A pre-enrollment orientation meeting for parents will be held at the school Monday at 7:30 p.m. Call the school, 643-0792 for this meeting and for more information.

Rec offers classes

The Manchester Parks and Recreation Department will be offering the following spring classes: ceramics, Fun/Tykes and Terrific Twos. Pre-school classes begin the week of May 1. Pre-registration is required in person at the recreation office at Highland Park School, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 647-3089.

Kinderfun registration set

The YWCA is now taking registration for 1989-90 Kinderfun for full-time (4 1/2 days a week) students. Kinderfun is a state-licensed, non-profit YWCA child care kindergarten program designed to meet the needs of families with children in the a.m. kindergarten session. Bus transportation is provided from Manchester public schools to the YWCA, 78 N. Main St. Registration for part-time (3 days or less a week) students begins June 19. Call the YWCA office 647-1437, for more information.

Emblem Club to meet

The Manchester Emblem Club will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the 22K Lodge on Bissell Street. Rehearsal for installation will follow the meeting. Pregnancy will be served.

Pregnancy class offered

A two-night early pregnancy class is now being offered at no cost at Manchester Memorial Hospital Monday, April 17 and 24. Expectant couples are invited to attend the course which is offered the third and fourth Mondays of each month. Recommended for women in their second to fifth month of pregnancy, both sessions are held in Conference rooms E and F at the hospital from 7 to 9 p.m. Pre-registration is required by calling 647-6600.

Parents group to meet

Parents Without Partners is holding an orientation meeting Tuesday at the Tatocville Congregational Church on Main Street, Tatocville. The meeting is open to all single parents who may have an interest in learning more about the group. Custody is irrelevant. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Coffee and refreshment will be served and a new member rap will be held following the meeting. For more information, call Chuck at 568-6611, or the chapter phone, 568-4428.

Day-care group to meet

The Family Day Care Providers Association will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the parish hall of St. Mary's Church, 41 Park St. Kim Karos will speak on effective discipline. The charge is \$1 for non-members at the door. Registered providers only. For more information, call 644-8524.

Grange holds open house

Manchester Grange 31 will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Grange Hall on Olcott Street for an open house. The grange will be open from 7:30 to 10 p.m. This meeting is open to the public and anyone interested in learning about the Grange and its purpose is invited to attend. Members are invited to bring items for the auction table.

Lottery

Winning numbers drawn Wednesday in lotteries around New England:
Connecticut daily: 640. Play Four: 4138.
Massachusetts daily: 9244. Megabucks: 3-9-11-20-22-28.
Tri-state daily: 756, 4565.
Rhode Island daily: 5235. Grand Lottery: 526, 8769, 86581, 294167.

Weather

REGIONAL WEATHER

Accu-Weather® forecast for Friday Daytime Conditions and High Temperatures.



Today's weather picture was drawn by Chermelisha Smith, 9, a fourth-grader at Waddell School.



CLEARING THE MOUND — Robert Bidwell clears puddles of water from the baseball diamond at Cheney Tech for a late afternoon baseball game.

Obituaries



Anthony Alibrio

Anthony Alibrio, teacher, coach

Anthony C. "Tony" Alibrio, 73, of 82 Foxcroft Drive, widower of Helen (Waters) Alibrio, and husband of Constance (Covales) Alibrio, died Wednesday (April 12, 1989) in Waterbury, S.C. Born in Hartford, he had lived in Manchester for 43 years. He was a graduate of Wesleyan University and Springfield College. He was a retired school teacher, having taught science and math at Manchester High School for 27 years. While at Manchester High School, he was a football, swimming, wrestling, and rifle team coach. He was the former coach for the Bolton Midget Football Team and a former coach of the Manchester Silk City Semi-Pro Football Team. He was an Air Force veteran of World War II, a member of the Army and Navy Club, and was active with the Meals on Wheels program in Manchester.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Anthony and Frances Alibrio of Bolton; a son, James Alibrio of Harrisburg, Pa.; and a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Donna Alibrio of Manchester; three stepchildren, Alison Caxide of Manchester, Ramiro Grotta of Berkeley, Calif., and Bruce Grotta of Cromwell; two brothers, Sal Alibrio of Fort Pierce, Fla., and Joseph Alibrio of New Britain; three sisters, Mary Lombardo of Manchester, Nancy Andraso of Glendale, Ariz., and Rose Dupuis of Peoria, Ariz.; and eight grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother, John Alibrio.

Emma Johnson

Emma (Chandler) Johnson, 82, formerly of Manchester, died Tuesday (April 11, 1989) in an area convalescent home. She was the widow of Herbert C. Johnson. She was born in Hartford on Feb. 15, 1907 and had been a resident of Manchester for more than 40 years. Before retiring she was employed as a payroll clerk with Pratt & Whitney, East Hartford.

Alden P. Yates

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Alden P. Yates, president of Bechtel Group Inc., died Wednesday of cancer. He was 80. Yates joined the engineering and construction company in 1953 and became president in 1983, succeeding George Shultz, who left to become U.S. secretary of state. The two were the only presidents who were not members of the Bechtel family.

Sunny

Manchester and vicinity: Tonight, cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers this evening. Clearing after midnight. Low around 30. Friday, becoming sunny. High in the 50s. Outlook Saturday, a chance of rain. High 55 to 60. West Coastal, East Coastal: Tonight, cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers this evening. Clearing after midnight. Low in the mid 30s. Friday, mostly sunny. High 50 to 55. Outlook Saturday, a chance of rain. High in the 50s. Northwest Hills: Tonight, clearing. Low around 30. Friday, mostly sunny. High 50 to 55. Outlook Saturday, a chance of rain. High around 55.

The following are births recorded at Hartford Hospital.

Births

Beson, Arthur O. Jr. and Joan, of 798 Hartford Road, a daughter born Feb. 5.
Bissell, Jeffrey J. and Michelle Berube, 45 St. John St., a daughter born Dec. 12.
Burrzynski Jr., George W. and Janet Jeffery, 77 Boston St., born Feb. 28.
Gorman, Michael E. and Kathy Morgan, 187 Charter Oak St., a daughter born Feb. 23.
Leonard, Michael J. and Dawn Pessoni, of Manchester, a daughter born Feb. 28.
Medynski, Nicholas and Janice Cornell, 17 Princeton St., a son born Feb. 2.
Morin, Daniel D. and Janice Rider, 698 N. Main St., a son born Feb. 22.
Pewski Jr., Richard D. and Sylvie Thivierge, 81 Diane Drive, a daughter born Jan. 13.
Reading Jr., C. Neal and Laura Potter, 45 Server St., a son born Feb. 13.

Current Quotations

"He was a great patriot. He loved America and he loved the system because it allowed him to do what he did: protest." — Jack Hoffman on his brother, Abbie Hoffman, who died Wednesday at age 52.
"My nickname for him was 'Trouble.' The guys used to call him 'Trash Can Joe.' Sometimes when he'd get asked where he would just go crawl out in the trash cans to sleep. Well, the next day he'd smell like it." — Peoria Rescue Mission superintendent Richard Brienon on a vagrant who was charged with nine arson deaths in the worst fire in the city's history.
"I could Indian wrestle any one of you to the ground." — First lady Barbara Bush joking to reporters after she received a radioactive thyroid treatment.

Public Meetings

Meetings scheduled tonight.
Manchester
Budget Workshop, Lincoln Center hearing room, 5:30 p.m.
Democratic Subcommittee, Lincoln Center hearing room, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Lincoln Center gold room, 7:30 p.m.
Andover
Public hearing on budget, Andover Elementary School, 8 p.m.
Bolton
Board of Education, Bolton Center School, 8 p.m.
Coventry
Coventry High School tour, Coventry High School, 7 p.m.
Board of Education, Coventry High School, 7:45 p.m.
Arts Commission, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.

Thoughts

You know, God, I've been thinking that you are undercharging us for Your time. (In this high tech world it's cheap it can't be worth much, can it?) Now if you could find a way to send each of us a bill. The going rate for our plumber's time is \$60 an hour. For \$100 for our psychiatrist. God should charge top dollar, right? After all who knows more than You? So charge \$150 an hour. Forty dollars for 15 minutes. I'll bet we would be lining up for prayer time with you.

What about the people who couldn't afford \$150 an hour? You could use a sliding scale. Maybe write off 10% of your time as a charitable donation. No?

You still want to be available to all those who seek You, who need Your counsel, Your comfort? No? Appointments? Unlimited time? Absolutely no charge? We get to say when, and where and how long?

In this fast track, hard sell age are you sure we'll recognize what a bargain You are offering? "Lord, your knowledge of me is too deep, it is beyond my understanding... even before I speak you already know what I will say." Ps. 139

Nancy Carr
Manchester Area Conference of Churches

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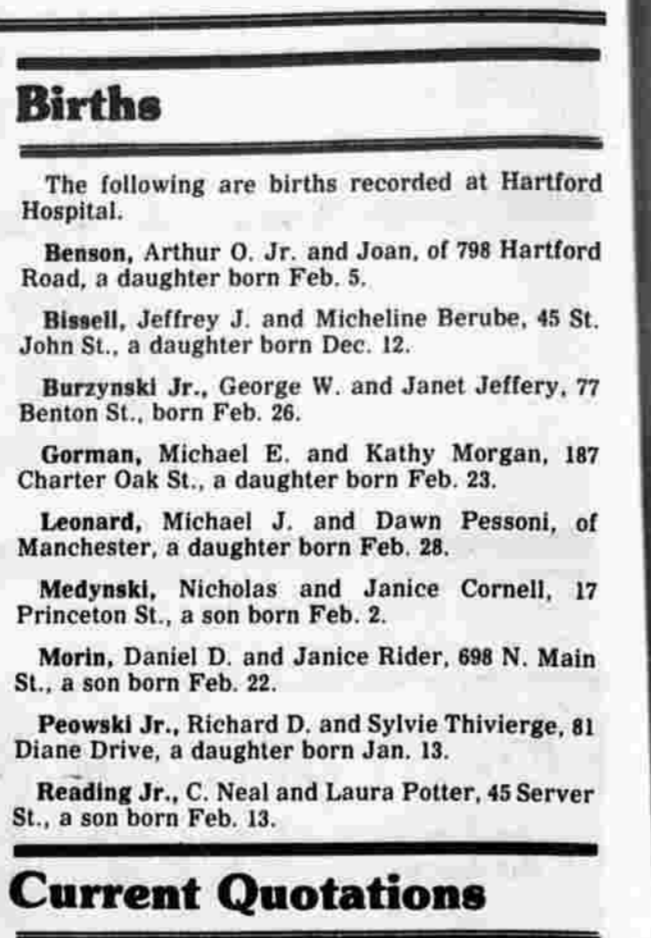
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LOCAL & STATE



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Developers huddle on relocation of Red Stone Road

By Nancy Conzelman
Manchester Herald

The owners of land between Buckland Street and Tolland Turnpike may soon reach an agreement on redesigning and building part of the proposed Red Stone Road, a developer said Tuesday.

Thomas Crossen, president of Crossen Builders, said Tuesday his firm, the managing partner in development of the 450-unit Brentwood Condominiums, is considering building the part of the road that would serve Brentwood and close to an agreement with other developers in the Buckland Street area.

It may be something that's needed," Crossen said. "The problem is there are sacrifices to be made."

A 112-room Red Roof Inn is also proposed for land near Buckland Street and Tolland Turnpike. The Buckland Street entrance was moved farther south on revised plans.

Fuss & O'Neill last year estimated the total project cost at about \$3 million. Planning Director Mark Pellegrini said Wednesday.

Crossen said he hasn't heard any disagreement among landowners near Buckland Street over redesigning the road, but negotiations for the Tolland Turnpike and Slater Street area are not going quite as smoothly.

The Planning and Zoning Commission denied a rezoning and general plan of development on April 3 for 334 residences at 169 Tolland Turnpike because the developers did not show sufficient emergency access.

The developers, Rothman & Beaulieu Inc., did not show a redesigned Red Stone Road on plans for the 24 acres, but Pellegrini said Red Stone would probably solve the access problem.

The developers' attorney, John D. LaBelle Jr., said at the hearing the developers believed negotiations had been successful and proceeded with their own plans.

Repeated attempts to reach Haynes this week were unsuccessful.

There was a time when negotiations weren't going well and Rothman and Beaulieu said they were concerned that the road would not go through Haynes' property, Pellegrini said.

The town explained to Rothman & Beaulieu that the road probably would be built on the Buckland side.

8th election committee cited in FOI complaint

By Alex Girelli
Manchester Herald

Perry Dodson said he filed a complaint with the state Freedom of Information Commission Wednesday morning, saying he has not received information he asked for on the work of a committee which reviewed election procedures for the Eighth Utilities District.

On Wednesday night district Director Ellen Landers, chairman of the committee, said that within one or two days she would have the information ready to present to Dodson.

Landers said minutes of committee meetings are not complete and will not be helpful to Dodson, so she has asked to give him transcripts of notes she and other committee members took during the meetings. Landers said she took extensive notes.

Dodson asked for the information March 28 and said he would file an FOI complaint if he did not receive it within 10 days.

Landers had said after Dodson made the request that she would provide information. She said again last week that she would do so.

Dodson asked for copies of minutes of committee meetings and for copies of decisions generated by the committee. He also wanted results of any surveys and of any correspondence. Landers said there were no surveys and the committee received no letters.

The committee has reported its recommendations to the district Board of Directors. Under those recommendations, candidates for district office would be required to post notices of their candidacy 30 days before the election at the annual district meeting. The committee rejected the idea of voting at an election with the use of voting machines and permitting absentee ballots.

Dodson said he wants more information so he can make a decision on his vote at the annual district meeting May 24. That is when district voters will be asked to decide on the changes.

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Market appeals taxes

The Stop & Shop Supermarket Co. Inc. has appealed the town's assessment on its 342 Broad St. store to Hartford Superior Court.

The town assessed personal property at the Broad Street store at \$829,600, according to the appeal, filed April 7 with the town clerk.

Stop & Shop, based in North Quincy, Mass., claimed in its appeal that the town Board of Tax Review disregarded state laws on determining valuation.

The company is asking that the assessment be reduced to 70 percent of the store's actual value and the town reimburse the company for overpayment of taxes and interest.

Wesleyan to sell stock

MIDDLETOWN (AP) — A subcommittee of Wesleyan University's Board of Trustees has recommended the school sell its stock all but one company that operates in South Africa.

The subcommittee's recommendation comes nearly a year after Wesleyan students began clamoring for the university to divest itself of holdings in South Africa.

The recommendation will be reviewed by the board of trustees on Saturday, but not voted on until May 1.

In a 12-page report sent to trustees, the subcommittee recommends that university divest itself of stock in Pfizer and 3M Corp. The university holds \$1.4 million in Pfizer stock and \$1.07 million of 3M stock.

Israeli writer speaks

Shmuel Segev, internationally known journalist and award-winning author, will speak tonight at 8 at Temple Beth Shalom, 400 E. Middle Turnpike. Segev is an editorial writer and political columnist with the Israeli newspaper Ma'ariv.

Segev, a captain in the Israeli army intelligence forces, served as an assistant military governor in the Gaza Strip during the Sinai campaign. He has written many books, the most recent of which is "The Iranian Triangle — The Untold Story of Israel's Role in the Iran-Contra Affair."

Sponsored by the Israel-Contra Affair and the Manchester chapter of Hadassah, tonight's talk is open to the public. Segev has been brought to the area by the Commission on Jewish Education, Hartford Jewish Federation.

Smoking cars OK'd

HARTFORD (AP) — The state House of Representatives wants to set aside special smoking cars on Metro North trains, making the commuter line the latest battleground in Connecticut's border war with New York.

Members of the House, angry that New York state had banned smoking on Metro North trains, tried in vain last May to pass legislation forcing the commuter line to allow smoking on certain cars while the trains are in Connecticut.

But the House Speaker Irving Stotberg, D-New Haven, refused to allow the bill to come up for a vote. He finally allowed discussion of the bill on the final night of the session, but recognized opponents of the bill, who filibustered until the session ended.

Wednesday's House vote on commuter smoking came as the House was considering a bill banning smoking on public school grounds. State Rep. Vincent Chase, R-Stratford, still stinging from last May's defeat, proposed an amendment forcing commuter trains in southern Connecticut to set aside at least one smoking car.

Democrats for runaway state spending and saying that cuts made in the 1988-89 budget last spring were less than honest, since the bill totaled more than the cuts.

"The budget allegedly was cut," said House Minority Leader Robert G. Jaekle, R-Stratford.

"Questions were asked, were these real cuts, as opposed to (items) that would come back to haunt us in the form of the deficiency bill."

"Answers were given that the cuts were real," he said. "Those were not honest cuts."

Most Republicans opposed the so-called deficiency bill, blaming

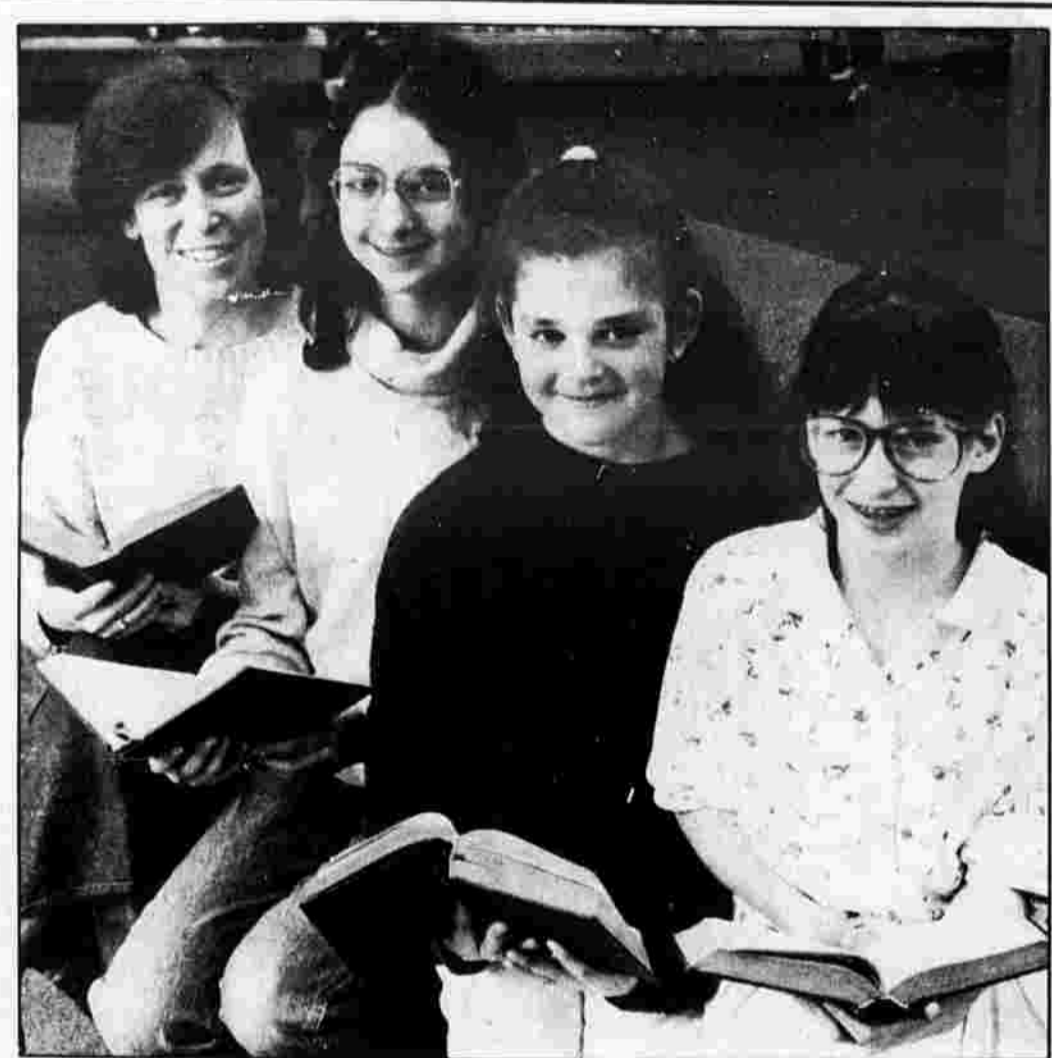
House moves to cover overspending

HARTFORD (AP) — Here, at a glance, are highlights of state House and Senate action on Wednesday.

BUDGET BILL — The House voted 106-45 to approve \$57.4 million to cover state agencies that have spent more than they were allotted in this year's budget. Some \$44 million goes to the welfare department to cover higher-than-anticipated costs for Medicaid and Aid to Families with Dependent Children. Another \$8.5 million goes to the Department of Correction for costs associated with chronic overcrowding in the state's prison system.

SMOKING — The House voted 67-61 to approve a measure requiring Metro North commuter trains of five or more cars to have a smoking car. The proposal was attached to a bill banning smoking on school grounds, which was sent to the budget-writing Appropriations Committee to determine the cost of the Metro North amendment.

MEAL BREAKS — The House voted 129-19 to approve a bill requiring companies with five or more employees to offer half-hour meal breaks to employees working shifts of at least 7½ hours.



Reginald Pirolo/Manchester Herald

BIBLE SCHOLARS — Three students from the Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School at the Temple Beth Shalom took top awards at the Greater Hartford Annual Bible Contest. Teacher Lisa Plavin, left, grills the students: Judy Schmeider, first prize winner; Rachel Olson, third prize winner; and Dena Springer, second prize winner. Several other students won honorable mentions in the contest.

Adelines name Sheehan

Carol Sheehan of Coventry, a science and English teacher at Capt. Nathan Hale School in Coventry, has been elected to the board of directors of the Greater Hartford Chapter, Mountain Laurel Chorus of Sweet Adelines.

The 62-member chorus entertains with four-part harmony in barbershop-style shows. It rehearses Thursday evenings at the Gunver Manufacturing Co., 255 Sheldon Road.

Gas being restored

TORRINGTON (AP) — Many of Torrington's 7,800 natural gas customers, who had service cut when a pipeline ruptured, are slowly coming back on line. Northeast Utilities officials said.

A pipeline was ruptured Tuesday forcing NU officials to cut off service until it was patched, pipes pressurized and finally pilot lights relit. NU spokesman Jackie Harris said.

Harris said the pipeline, owned by Tennessee Gas Pipeline, was repaired at 3 p.m. Tuesday. Service people then went from door to door to turn off meters at individual homes, he said.

About 200 service people from Northeast Utilities, as well as some from Connecticut Natural Gas Corp. and Southern Connecticut Gas, spent Wednesday turning off meters, patching pipelines and relighting pilot lights.

As of Wednesday, about 800 customers had service restored, he said.

GOP gives saplings

BOLTON — The Republican Town Committee will distribute saplings Friday and Saturday in honor of Arbor Day.

Republican candidates in the May 1 election will hand out the Colorado spruce saplings at the Bolton Notch shopping center on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Rep. William R. Dyson, D-New Haven, co-chairman of the budget-writing Appropriations Committee, disputed Jaekle's arguments, telling the House that when the 1988-89 budget was approved last spring, "we endeavored to put forth a very honest budget, and we did."

"We projected on a budget document of over \$8 billion and most of the money we're talking about (is) only a fraction of a percentage point different."

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"Answers were given that the cuts were real," he said. "Those were not honest cuts."

STERIODS — The House unanimously approved a bill classifying anabolic steroids as a controlled substance. Steroids are now classified as prescription drugs.

AUTOPSY REPORTS — The Senate voted 26-9 to approve a bill making public reports on autopsies conducted by the office of the chief state medical examiner. The office would have to notify the next of kin if there was a request that the autopsy be made public. The family would then have 21 days to object. If the family does object, the medical examiner would be barred from releasing the report unless ordered to do so by a court.

PAC BILLS — The Senate effectively killed two bills limiting campaign contributions by political action committees, or PACs, by sending the bills to campaign committee. One doubles the limit on campaign contributions that PACs formed by labor unions or other organizations could make, making them equal to limits already set for business PACs. The other limits the total amount of money and in-kind contributions that a legislative candidate could receive from PACs.

Teachers' salaries, school study focus of Bolton meeting

By Andrew J. Davis
Manchester Herald

BOLTON — The loss of Willington freshmen, teachers' salaries, and a secret high school accreditation report dominated conversation Wednesday during a public hearing on the \$5,197,520 Board of Education budget proposal.

A decision by Willington not to send 42 freshmen to Bolton High School this fall has put the school board in a bind, said James H. Marshall, school board chairman.

But he told about 60 residents during the hearing at the Community Hall that the school board is trying to attract students from Columbia to fill the void.

L. Campbell, a Board of Finance member, said the school board has had difficulty revising its budget because the March 2 budget cuts are inelastic. He said staff cutting creates morale problems.

"Budget cuts are inelastic. We don't put things in the budget we don't need," he said.

An accreditation report on the high school raised tempers, especially when some audience members suggested that Marshall, the only school board member running for re-election, may be hiding something since the report is not scheduled to be discussed publicly until May 25.

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"We're in a competitive marketplace," he said. "We're looking for some kind of restraint. We're trying to take the long view and not the short view."

On Feb. 14, the school board cut \$45,100 from its budget, but did not reduce staff or programs. Instead, the school board cut requests for capital expenditures, such as \$20,000 for a storage garage extension and \$14,000 to enlarge a student parking lot at Bolton High School.

School officials have said it does not want to cut staff or programs because the predicted decline in enrollment is insignificant. Next year, school officials predict that 275 to 283 students will have changed from the school and the overall \$8 million town budget.

Board member Barry Stearns said he resented the implications. "The report is about the staff," he said. "This board is not covering anything up."

The Board of Finance is scheduled to discuss the accreditation report at a meeting Monday. At the May 15 Annual Town Meeting, townspeople will have a chance to vote on the school budget and the overall \$8 million town budget.

Terms of loan OK'd for hall restoration

By Alex Girelli
Manchester Herald

A letter of commitment outlining terms of a loan that local banks are prepared to make to the Cheney Hall Foundation to finance the remaining work on restoration of the hall was signed Wednesday by Herbert Stevenson, foundation president.

Foundation members authorized Stevenson to sign the letter after the meeting Wednesday afternoon, despite the reservations of David Newirth, a representative of the Little Theatre of Bolton. LTM will lease the hall from the foundation and operate it after the restoration is complete.

Newirth was concerned about two provisions in the letter, one of which he said he thought might make LTM responsible for payment of the interest on the loan and another concerning use of contribution money to pay interest.

Newirth is not a voting member of the foundation.

He said LTM cannot be committed to paying the interest because the proposed operating budget for the hall does not provide enough money.

Newirth was also concerned that LTM is named in the heading of the letter as one of the borrowers.

William FitzGerald, chairman of the Cheney Historic District Commission, and a member of the committee negotiating the loan, said he would ask the banks if they would remove the name of LTM as one borrower. He said his understanding is that the intent is to make the foundation alone responsible for the loan.

The first year's interest on the loan, a revolving loan which cannot exceed \$1.2 million at any time, will be paid by the town, but the present town Board of Directors cannot commit the town to future payments.

Foundation members said they assume that in the future town directors will continue to guarantee the interest payments.

One provision in the letter of commitment is that no contributions to the restoration in excess of \$10,000 will be used to pay interest. Newirth said his understanding is that no contributions of any size would be used for interest payments. FitzGerald responded that the bankers would not agree to that provision.

Under terms of the negotiations, the letter had to be signed by Saturday and the loan closing must take place by July 1, 1989.

One provision of the loan agreement is that LTM will have to have \$200,000 in new pledges or contributions before the first advance on the loan is made.

HARTFORD (AP) — State Prison Commissioner Larry Meachum has vowed that prison officials will not negotiate with striking inmates who walked off their jobs eight days ago to protest a 60-cent increase in cigarette prices.

"We're trying to manage the situation but we're not negotiating with inmates," Meachum said Wednesday.

About 700 inmates at Somers State Prison continued their strike Wednesday. Prison officials have calculated that the strike is costing the state \$2,100 per day.

Meachum said it is too soon to know whether a proposed 20-cent reduction in cigarette prices would coax the inmates back to their low-paying prison jobs.

He said striking inmates have tried to start a discussion of other issues in the prisons, but that prison officials have refused to negotiate. He said, however, that striking inmates are missing a chance in time credits and may be penalized.

"If people don't work they don't get paid and they don't get time credits," he said.

Gov. William A. O'Neill, meanwhile, said Wednesday that the Legislature "didn't quite realize the damage they could be doing" when they slapped the 60-cent increase on the inmates.

"You're talking about thousands of people that are confined in this is one of the small pleasures they have," O'Neill

Killer's kin don't believe judge's order will free him soon

By Elizabeth Lightfoot
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — A judge has ordered Steven M. Asherman, convicted of killing his medical school classmate 11 years ago, freed from prison, but Asherman's relatives say they are skeptical he will be free any time soon given Gov. William A. O'Neill's opposition.

Judge Samuel Freed ruled Wednesday that the state failed to show that Asherman, who served less than three years in prison in the 1978 stabbing death of a medical school classmate, was too dangerous to be freed on supervised home-release pending a state Supreme Court review of the case.

The Supreme Court is considering the Correction Department's appeal of Freed's earlier decision that Asherman's rights were violated when his home-release status was revoked last year.

The case has focused attention on the state's controversial home-release program, with the governor instructing the state attorney general's office to seek to block Asherman's release.

A subdued Asherman, 40, turned and looked at members of his family including his wife, Penny, as Freed announced his decision.

Asherman was driven back to Hartford Correctional Center after Wednesday's hearing. William E. Flower, state Department spokesman, said he could be released into the state's home-release program as early as today.

But Asherman's relatives remained skeptical that the state would release him that soon.

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School, and sentenced to seven to 14 years in prison.

Asherman's body, stabbed 108 times, was found July 30, 1978, on his uncle's estate in New Hartford.

Asherman had remained free while his original conviction was being appealed, but he didn't enter prison until 1985.

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Flower said the department was working to process Asherman's release, including checking out his residence, drawing up conditions and having him sign them.

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ASHERMAN LEAVES — Steven Asherman leaves Superior Court in Hartford after a hearing Wednesday, Asherman, convicted of killing a medical school classmate 11 years ago, was granted his request to be allowed to participate in a supervised home-release program.

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Meachum not excited about jail boot camps

HARTFORD (AP) — Undaunted by a group of city leaders pushing solutions to the drug crisis, State Correction Commissioner Larry Meachum says he has reservations about starting military-style work camps to treat drug offenders.

Meachum's comments came at a news conference Wednesday in which officials from the state's largest cities asked for increased state aid to fight drugs and crime.

Among the proposals the officials embraced was the creation of a military-style work camp for first-time drug offenders to relieve prison overcrowding.

The urban officials showed a short video depicting a similar program run by prison officials in Georgia. After the video, State Rep. Ernest Newton, D-Bridgeport, asked Meachum's opinion of the camp.

"I started the first program in the country like this," said Meachum, a former prison official in Oklahoma. "I've been very cautious with boot camp-type programs."

"The programs can become very abusive very quickly. If you don't keep control of these programs, they can get out of control."

Meachum also cautioned that such a program this year, as

leading Republicans in the House of Representatives have suggested.

Urban officials, led by Hartford Mayor Carrie Saxton Perry, urged passage of a \$30 million anti-drug program proposed by Democrats to the state Senate. The bill is before a legislative committee.

Perry described the drug problem as a "disaster of epic proportions," similar to the recent oil spill in Alaska.

"It's spreading into the suburbs and it's invading the small towns, stealing lives, choking the criminal justice system, and making us hostages to fear," she said. "It's absolutely intolerable."

Saxton urged the Legislature to pass a sweeping anti-drug bill that would give \$15.2 million to cities for drug enforcement programs, \$6.2 million to the state for drug treatment programs, and would call for the renovation of unused state property for drug and alcohol treatment facilities.

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MURDER SUSPECT — Mexican police officer, left, shows Sergio Martinez, a suspect in the satanic cult killings in Matamoros, Mexico, of at least 12 people.

International manhunt seeks 'godfather' in satanic killings

By David Sedeno
The Associated Press

MATAMOROS, Mexico — Authorities conducted an international manhunt today for the "godfather" of a drug-smuggling satanic cult that allegedly sacrificed and mutilated at least 12 people to make its members invulnerable.

U.S. and Mexican authorities were searching for Adolfo de Jesus Constanzo, a Cuban who police said orchestrated the ritual slayings on a remote ranch outside of this Mexican border town.

Constanzo is believed to have fled into the United States with Matamoros resident Sara Maria Adrete, a 24-year-old, 6-foot, brunette described by Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox as the "witch of the operation."

A wanted poster issued by the Cameron County Sheriff's Department in Texas described her as "extremely dangerous. Use caution."

In Miami, television station WFLG reported Wednesday night that Metro-Dade police have been alerted that Constanzo was believed to be heading toward the Florida city.

Also Wednesday, in a manner not seen in the United States, Mexican police individually displayed four of five detained suspects in front of scores of media representatives, who subjected them to a barrage of questions.

"We killed them for protection," said Suselio Hernandez Rivera, 22, Matamoros.

He added that he shot one victim and decapitated another. Police say Hernandez Rivera's shirt and jacket to show scars on his shoulders and back. One was shaped like an arrow, which authorities said signified he was authorized by the cult to make human sacrifices that were intended as protection from police, bullets or other threats to their drug-smuggling operation.

Hernandez Rivera did not comment on the scars.

Among the group's victims exhumed Tuesday were a Mexican policeman, a federal police officer, a 16-year-old boy and Mark Kilroy, a 21-year-old University of Texas premedical student who disappeared March 14 in Matamoros while on spring break.

Mexican police believe two victims were executed as revenge for a drug deal that went bad. Hernandez Rivera said some were killed out of vengeance rather than as sacrifices.

Some victims were shot in shallow graves at the ranch. Others were shot in the head, and others appeared to have been slain with machetes or sledgehammers, Neck said.

Kilroy apparently was chosen at random after the cult members "were told to pick one Anglo male that particular night," said Cameron County Sheriff's Lt. George Gavito.

Scientists cheer Z particle

It's a key to the birth of the universe

By Lee Siegel
The Associated Press

Physicists popped champagne corks after a \$125 million atom smasher made its first Z particle, a milestone in the quest to "understand what's in the mind of God" by studying the birth of the universe and the makeup of matter.

"I'm happy, with relief and joy," said Burton Richter, 1976 Nobel laureate in physics and director of the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, 30 miles southeast of San Francisco.

Richter said scientists drank champagne Wednesday after confirming one Z particle was produced Tuesday by the 2-mile-long Stanford Linear Collider after an almost two-year delay.

While Z particles are incredibly tiny, they are the heaviest known fundamental particle of matter, weighing the same as protons, but the positively charged particles in the center of atoms. They can be thought of as "heavy light" because they are a heavier version of photons, particles that carry light.

Discovered by European scientists in 1983, Z particles are so heavy they could have existed naturally only for an instant after the "big bang" — the incomprehensible explosion scientists believe formed the universe up to 20 billion years ago.

Stanford's collider is designed to smash together Z particles by negatively charged particles that make a television picture — and their antimatter counterparts, called positrons. Mass production of thousands of Z particles will take months, Richter cautioned.

The scientists at the European Laboratory for Particle Physics (CERN) found the particle by using a collider in which protons are smashed against the antimatter counterparts called antiprotons.

Since 1983, hundreds of Z particles have been produced at different kinds of particle smashers at CERN and at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory near Chicago. Those machines produced some Z particles but mostly other products of atomic decay.

The Stanford collider and one being built in Geneva are to produce mostly Z particles.

Temperatures approach 1 million-billion degrees at the tiny collision point inside Stanford's machine, coming close to recreating conditions that existed in the first one-tenth of one-billionth of a second after the big bang, said California Institute of Technology physicist Alan Weinstein.

"We're doing this to try and understand more about the physical universe; the fundamental building blocks of matter and the forces that hold those building blocks together," Richter said.

The collider will let physicists "peer deeper into matter and see what's back at what the universe was like nearer and nearer to its beginning," he added.

The particle, Stanford physicist Michael Rordan said, is "the key to understanding the birth of the universe. It helps us understand the forces that bind matter together and make it decay" radioactively.

Richter said last year that "what we're really after is trying to understand what's in the mind of God."

The collider's successful creation of its first Z particle is a triumph for American physicists and for Richter. That's because the machine cost one-eighth as much as the \$1 billion Large Electron-Positron collider, due to produce Z particles as soon as July at CERN.

There was no guarantee Z particles would be produced by the untested technology of Stanford's collider, which is shaped like a huge tennis racket instead of like CERN's conventional ring-shaped collider.

"This is a milestone," said Jeff Sherwood, spokesman for the U.S. Department of Energy, which paid for the collider. "We're delighted to hear the news."

Construction of Stanford's collider was completed in May 1987. Richter had hoped it would produce Z particles that summer. Scientists started it up a year ago, shut it down in September to correct technical glitches, then restarted it in February.

The modifications added \$10 million to its original \$115 million cost, Rordan said.

North details cover up among 'honorable men'

By Pete Vosi
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The prosecution portrayed Oliver North as working in a "den of thieves" while North defended President Reagan's advisers as "honorable men," even as they desperately tried to cover up the Iran-Contra affair.

Describing the frantic hours of Nov. 21, 1986, North testified Wednesday that he witnessed his boss, national security adviser John Poindexter, rip a presidential finding in two. The finding retroactively legalized a CIA-assisted November 1985 weapons shipment to Iran.

"Did you ever think, 'I'm in a den of thieves?'" prosecutor John Keiser asked North, who was on the witness stand in his criminal trial for a fifth day.

"No, Mr. Keiser... I never regarded that I was working in a den of thieves," North said. "I honestly believed I was working for honorable men who were trying to hide Mr. Farlane's and North took this country a better place."

The same day that Poindexter tore up the finding, North's ex-boss, Robert McFarlane, reminded him to alter six memos to hide McFarlane's and North thought, Reagan's knowledge of North's secret assistance to the Contras. North made the alterations, a year after McFarlane was first asked him to do so.

"At any time on Nov. 21, 1986 did you think... what you had been asked to do might be wrong?" Keiser asked.

"No," North said, "not for one fleeting moment."

North said what McFarlane "wanted removed from the documents was language that would indicate his knowledge or the president's knowledge about my activities in this time frame."

The previous day, North, Poindexter, CIA director William Casey and others went over proposed congressional testimony which denied any U.S. knowledge of the November 1985 arms shipment to Iran until 1986. North said nearly everyone at the meeting knew that to be false.

"A few days earlier, McFarlane had changed a chronology of the Iran arms sales by omitting all references to the November 1985 shipment, according to North.

North contended that the declassification of the November 1985 finding was necessary to save the lives of U.S. hostages held in Iran. The Iranians were unhappy about the Hawk missile and the shipment sent through Israel and disclosing the U.S. connection could result in retribution, North testified.

Told by Poindexter that the attorney general, at Reagan's request, was launching a fact-finding inquiry into the Iran arms sales, North on Nov. 21, 1986, engaged in extensive document shredding.

"Did you begin destroying everything you could get your hands on?" Keiser asked.

"I got 80 boxes" of documents had first returned North. "I did not try to destroy everything I could get my hands on."

His former secretary, Fawn Hall, has testified that North destroyed more than a year's worth of computer messages that would indicate his knowledge or the president's knowledge about my activities in this time frame.

Casey, North said he destroyed records tracking secret assistance to the Contras and the diversion of funds to the rebels from the Iran arms sales. He also got rid of a ledger showing how he had spent \$300,000 kept in his office safe. He now is accused of converting \$4,300 of that money to his own use.

The finding Poindexter had torn up described the 1985 shipment of Hawk missiles to Iran as a straight arms-for-hostages swap. The December 1985 presidential finding authorizing it was a potential political disaster for a president who vowed never to negotiate with terrorists.

North said he had been placed in an impossible position.

"I felt 80 boxes" of documents had the finding justifying the 1985 Hawk shipment to become public because it "was a political embarrassment," he said. "They were leaving a heckuva pickle for the people" left behind to explain the arms transfer, which without the finding was probably illegal.

North is accused of 12 criminal charges, including shredding and altering documents in November 1986 and creating a false chronology about the November 1985 Hawk shipment.

Doctors peer inside arteries

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — An experimental device that takes pictures inside blood vessels was used on people for the first time, and one of its developers sees significant applications for it.

"I had two patients today watching me do it," said Dr. Robert Reizer, director of the cardiac catheterization laboratory at the Methodist Hospital in Houston and an associate professor at Baylor College of Medicine.

The machine, made by Advanced Cardiovascular Systems of Mountain View, Calif., has been approved for trial by the Food and Drug Administration at four other hospitals. White said.

"These tests are expected to start in the next few months."

An X-ray guided system is used to route the triple tube to a blood vessel at the top of the leg toward the heart. Once it's where doctors want it, the balloon is filled with liquid and a tiny amount of saline may be pumped in to clear away the opaque blood.

That is one of the major refinements of his machine, White said. Several Japanese machines are on the market, he said, but they rely on flushing salt water through the arteries to clear away the blood.

Fiber optics have been used for at least a decade to look into the digestive tract, but it was only in recent years that optical fibers became small enough to use in blood vessels.

White said the angioscope, which he, Ramee and engineer Tom Doyle designed is smaller than those already on the market. So it can get into smaller arteries.

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Barbara OK after treatment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barbara Bush says she feels fine after a radioactive iodine treatment and will continue life as usual except that she can't hold her grandchildren or puppies in her lap or kiss anyone for 72 hours.

Looking fit after a reception with the Queen of Sweden, Mrs. Bush told reporters Wednesday, "I feel wonderful."

That morning the first lady underwent a common procedure for her recently diagnosed Graves disease. She drank a radioactive iodine solution to deactivate her thyroid gland, which was producing excess levels of hormones.

Wage veto threat debated

WASHINGTON (AP) — The author of the Senate-passed bill to raise the minimum wage says President Bush runs a high political risk with voters by vetoing the measure, while Republicans say the president must prove his ability to stand firm.

"I hope we still can reach agreement with the president," Sen. Edward M. Kennedy said Wednesday night after his proposal to raise the hourly minimum wage from \$3.35 to \$4.55 by October 1991 cleared the Senate on a 62-37 vote.

'New phase' of clean up

VALDEZ, Alaska (AP) — Crews went on the offensive against the worst U.S. oil spill, but communities down the coast were on the defensive as meandering slicks neared one of the world's most populous bird breeding grounds.

"We are beginning a new phase," Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Dennis Kelso said Wednesday as fishermen were redeployed from protecting fish hatcheries to begin the long, tedious work of collecting oil from coves and inlets.

Crews were on the beaches of Naked Island in the heart of Prince William Sound, scooping up pools of congealed oil and scraping it from rocks.

Truly gets NASA post

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's space agency will be led for the first time by "a hero of its own making," President Bush said in announcing he will nominate astronaut Richard Truly as administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The nomination, which had been expected, must be confirmed by the Senate.

Truly, 50, has been an astronaut since 1969, was pilot of the second shuttle flight in 1981 and commander of the eighth in 1983 and has been associate NASA administrator for space flight since 1986.

Extra help from IRS

WASHINGTON (AP) — If you are among the millions of taxpayers delaying the inevitable, the Internal Revenue Service is offering a little extra help to get you through the final weekend of the tax filing season.

The agency is making many of its employees available extra hours on Saturday and Monday — the filing deadline — to answer calls on its toll-free telephone lines. The lines will be open five hours on Saturday and an extra two hours, until 7 p.m., on Monday.

In addition, IRS offices nationwide that offer assistance to taxpayers who walk in will not close Monday night until the last customer has been served.

The IRS is expecting more than 25 million returns — out of the 109 million due this year — to be filed during the 16 days ending Monday night.



THEN AND NOW — Abbie Hoffman, shown in 1968, left, and 1987, founder of the Yippie movement in the 1960s, died Wednesday in his home in New Hope, Pa.

Radical Abbie Hoffman dead

'American legend' founded Yippie party

NEW HOPE, Pa. (AP) — Abbie Hoffman, the satirical Chicago Seven radical who captured the heart and mind of one generation and angered another by tossing dollar bills on a stock exchange floor and founding the Yippie party, has died.

Hoffman, who wrote the books "Revolution for the Hell of It" and "Steal This Book," was found dead in his home Wednesday evening, said Solebury Township Police Chief Richard Mangan.

He was fully dressed and under the covers of his bed.

Michael Waldron, a neighbor, found Hoffman and told police Hoffman had been depressed about an auto accident in which he suffered a broken leg last June.

But Mangan said no evidence suggested suicide. An autopsy is planned for tonight.

Hoffman's death shocked those who knew him.

"Oh, God, I'm stunned. He was brilliant," Dr. Timothy Leary said. The LSD guru then added he needed time to collect his thoughts before he could comment further.

"Abbie Hoffman was an American legend," Leary said.

Gerald B. Lefcourt, Hoffman's long-time attorney, remembered him as a humorous man devoted to correcting what was wrong with society.

"He threw money on the (American) stock exchange floor in the late '60s and was able to show the stock exchange on Wall Street chased flying money on the floor, how silly it all was," Lefcourt said from his New York City home.

"It's the end of an era," said Hoffman's 49-year-old brother, Jack, from his Framingham, Mass., home.

"He was 52 years old and I think he gave up... Maybe he was tired. I know he was disappointed in the young people of today. He didn't feel he was getting through to them. He was disenchanting."

Just last week, Hoffman, who criticized college campuses in recent years as "bastions of rest," told a Vanderbilt University audience that he was saddened by the interest today's young people have in the 1960s.

"Nostalgia is a sign of middle-age," he told them during an appearance with Leary. "We're reminiscing about our youth. When you see young people nostalgic for a youth they didn't even experience, it's a little sad. They're supposed to be out making one for themselves."

Hoffman was writing a book when he died, said his publisher, John Oakes.

Wright plans vigorous fight of ethics case

By Jim Drinkwater
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Dealing a serious and possibly fatal blow to Jim Wright's speakership, the House ethics committee has concluded that he improperly accepted gifts from a business partner out of state to evade outside income limits through book sales.

The last of the decisions were reached Wednesday on strong bipartisan votes, according to sources familiar with the panel's probe. The votes mean the panel has found "reason to believe" the Texas Democrat violated a series of House rules, and they point toward a new phase of the case which could involve a disciplinary hearing and possible punishment.

Wright continued to maintain he had not knowingly or intentionally broken the rules and was expected to mount a vigorous defense. His spokesman, Mark Johnson, said late Wednesday that the speaker had not been informed of any decision by the panel. "All options are open" in defending against the charges, he said.

The action essentially completed the committee's 10-month, \$1.5 million investigation of Wright's finances. The panel was meeting again today to work on the specific wording of its report detailing the basis for the charges against the speaker, one source said.

The panel has met behind closed doors and under tight secrecy for three weeks to deliberate the recommendations of its special outside counsel, Chicago attorney Richard Phelan.

In the final days of that process, committee members had been told that the two most serious issues before them: the acceptance of gifts from a person with an interest in legislation and the evasion of outside income limits.

On Wednesday, the committee voted that benefits received from Fort Worth developer George Mallick from 1982 to 1984, valued at more than \$100,000, amounted to unreported "gifts" that were improper because Mallick, an investor in real estate and oil and gas ventures, had a greater interest in congressional legislation than an ordinary citizen, said one source.

The panel also concluded that Wright, in roughly half a dozen instances, had foregone speaking fees from groups he had addressed and instead sold them bulk quantities of his book, "Reflections of a Public Man." Under House rules, speaking fees are subject to limits, while book royalties are not.

It was difficult to gauge the source's words, said the issue of whether Mallick, a longtime friend of Wright, had motives other than friendship when he paid the speaker's wife, Betty, \$13,000 a year in salary and gave the Wrights rent-free use of a condominium and a 1979 Cadillac.

House rules prohibit the acceptance of more than \$100 a year in gifts from anyone with a direct interest in legislation.

A majority of a majority of the panel's six Democrats and six Republicans agreed with special counsel Phelan that the standard for whether an individual has a "direct interest" in legislation before the Congress "should be a broad one. Phelan argued that because of Mallick's extensive real estate and oil and gas holdings, Mallick was inherently interested in what goes on in Congress.

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OPINION

It's victims who force the reform

The vigil in Washington held by relatives of people killed in the Pan Am Flight 103 bombing was a reminder that in society today, reform often begins with victims. Three springtimes after the U.S. bombing raid on Libya, when the threat of terrorism in Europe forced many Americans to cancel plans to travel abroad, there still are no strong, effective international anti-terrorism programs in place for many of the world's airports. Victims have rewritten laws on the punishment of criminals; now they are the ones pushing for the airline security measures that others have failed to put in place.

These relatives are no experts on terrorism or aviation, mind you. What they have is a concern that cuts through the sluggish bureaucracies. They have been asking some good questions that the flying public on several continents ought to have answers to. But the work of victims' relatives is bringing action. The Bush administration has announced new measures to increase security at airports around the world. Transportation Secretary Samuel K. Skinner has dispatched aides to Britain and West Germany to review international cooperation between agencies charged with air security. He has plans to visit officials in Europe to start working toward better coordination of efforts to head off terrorism. All this, he says, is in part in response to pleas for action from families in Flight 103. The statement of Maddy Shapiro of Stamford, whose daughter Amy died in the bombing, is such a call to action: "We all have a responsibility to protect everyone. My daughter's plane should be the last bombing of a plane."

When Skinner's international meetings are held, one fitting gesture of symbolism that the airlines and agencies might make is to set a goal of instituting 103 new security measures at airports. That would be a reminder of the legacy of Flight 103, and a sign of resolve to make sure that Amy Shapiro's plane was indeed the last bombed. Surely, there are 103 things, large and small, that the airlines can do differently to prevent another tragedy.

The bitter paradox of Flight 103 is that the technology of combating the wreckage is advanced, and the methods of preventing such a disaster are primitive. Investigators actually have been able to recover shards of the suitcase believed to have contained the plastic explosive used in the bombing, even though they were widely dispersed. Yet, three years after the chilling spring of 1986, we had a bombing only months ago that killed 259 people, and still have no sophisticated security system in place.

— The Advocate, Stamford

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Open Forum

Good town managers pay for themselves

To the Editor:

On May 1, Bolton voters will be asked to make a series of choices. We will be asked to select candidates from opposing parties to our elected officials for the next two to four years. And we will also be asked to make a more significant choice. The proposed revision to the Town Charter will also be on the ballot. While the election of public officials can change the political landscape of our town for a couple of years, the adoption of a revised charter will reshape the town's governmental landscapes for many years to come.

One of the key provisions of the proposed charter revision calls for the hiring of a town manager. Currently the Board of Selectmen would expand from five to seven members. The selectmen would have the authority to hire and fire the town manager. They would also be responsible for compiling and publishing the town's annual budget. Additionally, they would have increased opportunity to set policy and establish a direction for the town, an important role that is presently hard to play due to the press of administrative demands. The Board of Finance would cease to exist,

INTERNAL REVENUE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND YOU THAT THE TIME GROWS SHORT...



Women note accomplishments

By Thomas L. Stringfellow

The celebration of Women's Month ended recently, but historical achievements did occur for two black American women. Leopora Fulani ran as an independent presidential candidate on the National Alliance ticket during the 1988 campaign. I read in her political party's newspaper about her coast-to-coast trips to raise people's awareness. Fulani has a lawsuit pending because of her exclusion from the two debates between George Bush and Michael Dukakis. This independent candidate received more than 212,000 votes on Election Day and she persisted under the pressure of her predecessor Ms. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colorado.

Fulani spoke at the annual Afro-American banquet in February at the University of Connecticut. This proud and strong black woman talked about the factual problems in politics and of suffering people. I'm glad to have her autograph on the program. Fulani will be a busy speaker on college campuses and before other groups. She received the Woman of the Year Award from the Corrections, Parole and Probation Association of New York on March 24.

Kathleen Cleaver, a former 1960's activist, spoke about black American history in the college curriculum at Manchester Community College in February. She is a graduate of the Yale University Law School. The topic of women's studies was also discussed.

The first female to be consecrated as an Anglican bishop is a black woman, Barbara Harris. As a witnessing Episcopalian, I felt pride because someone had broken an archaic, 2,000-year-old tradition and had become the 814th bishop in this religion around the world. Harris looked eloquent in her regalia. She will succeed. Her victory has made it possible for other women in other denominations to advance, to show that man is not always the only or greatest leader. Sexism should be abolished by the end of this century. I hope, from Boston to Australia.

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"What About Woman," which airs on Channel 30 Saturday afternoons, an excellent program that shows role models and ideas for women of all ages. Men can learn from it, too. The videotapes can be rented free of charge for a limited time by contacting Lydia Zimmerman, co-producer at the station.

Women will make a major impact on the work force in many professions. They are making their presence felt in politics, law, etc. The National Organization for Women needs to do better outreach to rural and urban areas to help impoverished women of color through dialogue, self-help and scholarship programs. Fathers, brothers, uncles and other male relatives or mentors should show a nurturing side by teaching young women about home and automobile maintenance and other survival skills before the women live independently as productive citizens.

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Nothing but the best for the general

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — Air Force Gen. Duane Cassidy may have to learn how to live a simpler life without his staff car — a midnight blue Mercedes Benz.

The four-star general has an appetite for luxury. He saw nothing wrong with having the car awaiting his every visit to Andrews Air Force Base. But Congress did.

Last month we exposed how the base had paid for a 1981 Mercedes 240D out of the Moral, Welfare and Recreation Fund — money that is supposed to be spent for perks that the whole base can use. Apparently Cassidy's morale needed a boost when he flew to Andrews, out of the Washington, D.C., a couple of times each month from his post in Illinois.

On the day our report ran, five congressmen wrote Air Force Acting Secretary James McGoVERN, insisting that the Mercedes be sold.

"We were amazed to read of the use of non-appropriated funds to purchase a Mercedes Benz," the lawmakers scolded in the private letter to McGoVERN. "Surely the motor pool at Andrews Air Force Base can meet this requirement."

The congressmen had a refreshing suggestion that may sound foreign to Air Force brass that mistakes rank for royalty — use the money from the sale of the car to fund morale and recreation programs that all 5,000 people at Andrews can enjoy. The Air Force has not responded to the letter.

Andrews paid \$1,500 for the car at a government sale of booty confiscated from drug dealers. But it is worth anywhere from \$4,000 to \$8,000. Maybe Andrews could use the money for books, washing machines, fishing poles — things the general doesn't need.

The Mercedes is just one jewel in the crown of Pentagon excess. Last month the Newport News (Va.) Daily Press exposed how top officials at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia siphoned off \$1.5 million of the base's money to spruce up base golf courses.

The Air Force Audit Agency recently reported to congress that Sawyer Air Force Base in Michigan had 24-carat gold-plated bathroom fixtures and custom oak doors in its VIP quarters.

It was too much for the five congressmen on the House Armed Services panel that oversees the Moral, Welfare and Recreation Fund. "The mismanagement of this fund represents a total disregard for rules, regulations and procedures governing the program," they wrote to McGoVERN. "We have evidence that there may be a pattern of similar abuses throughout the Air Force."

Our associate editor Jim Lynch has learned more about the lavish trappings of four-star generals. They don't get after naming Hitler. If we even managed to get that far.

As Cyril Connolly has said, "We have developed sympathy for the Air Force that shuttles cargo and supplies to bases around the world. Cassidy not only enjoys elegance on the road, but in the air, too."

There is a fleet of 141 Starliners that fly out of Altus, Okla. All but one of them are basic government issue — old and ugly but serviceable. The one that stands out has a gold-trimmed blue line running the length of the fuselage and extra large tall numbers bordered in gold paint. It is the plane that carries Cassidy on his trips abroad.

A spokesman for Cassidy said there is nothing to distinguish the plane from other Starliners at Altus. Tell that to the people who work on it. To listen to them, one would think it was fine china. "You could eat off the wheel wells," one mechanic told us.

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Open Forum

Clarify the source of Andover attack

To the Editor:

For those who read the letters to the editor, I want to clarify the source of a letter attacking Earleen Duchesneau, Mr. Woodbury, the author of the attack, is a local developer.

It is surprising to anyone that he does not support our current first selectman, Earleen Duchesneau, whose efforts to create the first full-time building official/zoning agent and to hire a professional part-time sanitarian have resulted in firm and consistent enforcement of the building, zoning and wetlands regulations for the first time in Andover? Can anyone be surprised that a developer opposes the use of tax dollars to pay attorneys' fees to keep developer's in line? What message are we supposed to get from this developer's strong endorsement of the Democratic ticket? Could it be that he feels a kindred spirit for the Democratic first selectman candidate, who appears to have major development interests of her own?

I can tell you that this citizen is mighty glad that his tax dollars are being used to protect the rest of us from the costs that come when developers endanger our water supply or safety to maximize their profits. They'll be gone and we'll be here paying the bill unless someone enforces the law. Keep it up, Earleen. I am voting for you and Steve Fish. I know where you stand.

Wayne Beaw
 Hebron Road, Andover

Support schools instead of Lotto

To the Editor:

Three Catholic schools, in Plainville, Bristol and Hartford, closed in 1989. In the last five years, nine schools closed and six more are slated to close in the Archdiocese of Hartford. The lack of money was the major reason.

In 1988, Connecticut residents spent \$258 million on Lotto. In the Archdiocese of Hartford, which includes Hartford, New Haven and Litchfield counties, \$155 million was spent between 1985 and 1989. During this period, because of the closing and merging of 15 schools, 2,000 children are no longer getting a Catholic education. Many Catholics now put their hope and faith in Lotto instead of Catholic education.

My prayer is that every Catholic give up Lotto for all of our schools instead of to Lotto, we would be able to keep all of our present schools, serving over 24,000 students, open because of a strong financial base. We would be able to equalize spending over two years. Employing a two-year focus on spending restraint for an extended period would serve the state well.

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Perhaps the town should pay club

To the Editor:

Spring must be here, as the sap rises in all the trees again. Mr. Hooker uses a budget; hearing to tell us how much money the town could make by taking over the Manchester Country Club, this time enough to fund the entire Recreation Department budget.

This golf course was dedicated to serving the needs of the town's golfers, which it does very well at no cost to the town. How did it suddenly become just another profit center? Why should this operation be jeopardized in response to the unsubstantial claims of a few dissidents? Perhaps the town should pay the club a small fee to continue a proven satisfactory facility, with such minimal changes as might be justified.

With an opportunity to change some of the present lease arrangements that limit its options — changes that an outside management firm would surely require to ensure its profits — the club could probably accomplish a number of improvements. Hartford, which is too much to ask that Mr. Hooker abandon his campaign promises and provide the Board of Directors with some facts on just how he thinks that this can all be done?

John L. Picken
 208 Ferguson Road, Manchester

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GUIDANCE — Christine Arel, center, helps Laura Mancini, left, and Nicole Cersosimo at the Regional Occupational Training Center at 865 Wetherell St.

Wednesday, Arel is studying at Manchester Community College to be a disability specialist. She was one of the volunteers honored by the center Wednesday.

Hawks

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will be used for the mall and other area developments. Mitchell said he and two other men work closely with raptors will inspect the nest Saturday. Richard A. Moulton, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agent in Hartford, said today he will allow Mitchell to inspect the nest. ...

Manager

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search process and comments about the candidates prompted a heated exchange among directors before Tuesday's meeting of the town Board of Directors. ...

Governor signs holiday measure

HARTFORD (AP) — Gov. William A. O'Neill signed today a bill establishing Aug. 14 of each year as the day to commemorate the end of World War II. ...

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Golf group gives no opinions on lease negotiations

By Alex Girelli Manchester Herald

Republican town Director Geoffrey Naab said Wednesday night he is puzzled by a claim that the Friends of Golf in Manchester would not support a two-year interim lease between the town and the Manchester Country Club for operation of the golf course. ...

Wallace J. Irish Jr., a member of FOG, told the Manchester Herald earlier Wednesday that the group has always opposed a short-term lease and wants discussion on a long-term lease to begin even before the town completes a study of whether to add holes to the 18-hole course to increase opportunities for public play. ...

But Naab said at a meeting of the Republican Town Committee Wednesday night that "Irish has never once said anything to the Board of Directors."

And Naab said the view expressed by Irish seems to be different from that expressed in a letter he and other directors have received from Anthony Pietrantonio in behalf of the Friends of Golf. ...

Lawyers focus on sanity in Steiger's murder trial

HARTFORD (AP) — Testimony in the murder trial of Eric K. Steiger continues to focus on the Suffolk man's sanity. ...

Steiger's defense attorney attempted Wednesday to compare the relationship between Steiger and his co-defendant, with that of two patients in a mental ward. Steiger is charged with killing two men in Suffield on July 11, 1987. ...

Contras

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high officials of the U.S. government interceded in an effort to get the Honduran military, which the report said "consistently supported U.S. policies in Central America," included elements that "protected the cocaine trade," the report said. ...

Epidemic

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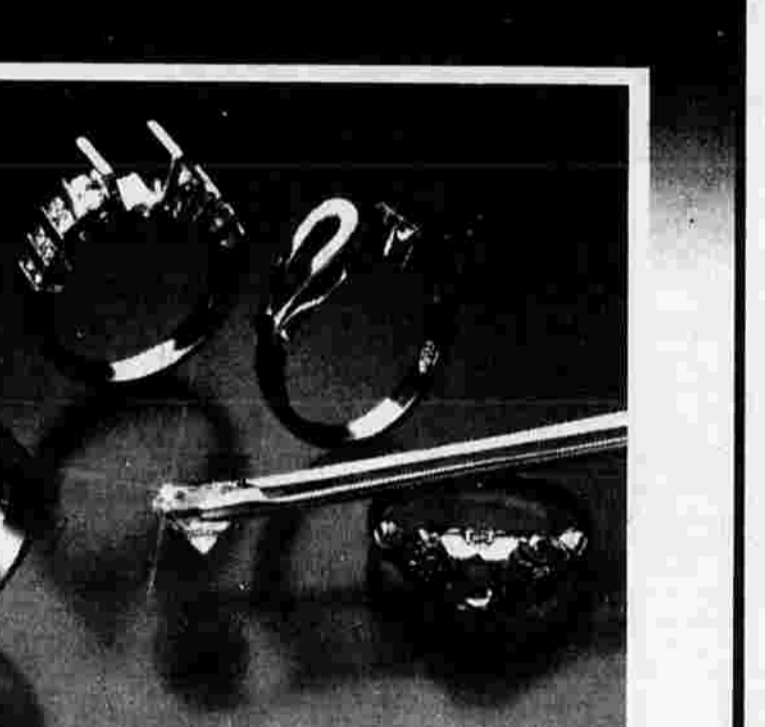
He noted that the disease is already well established in some countries. In Haiti, 10 percent of pregnant women are infected, the same as in some parts of Africa. There are 379 AIDS cases per million people in the Bahamas and 250 per million in Bermuda, compared with 71 per million in the United States. ...

Tax rate

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The directors will approve a budget, with or without revisions to the manager's proposed budget, in May. Among other things, Werber said, the lower mill rate is a result of an expected increase in the tax collection rate, from the 98.5 percent originally assumed in the proposed budget to 99 percent. ...

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Boycotting Exxon is not such a bad idea

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Joe's World

Joe Garman



coming out and saying 18 days later, the American public is going to have to pay for this is just too much. That idea looks better and better, and I'm going with it. Exxon is going to have to pay for it. Let them dig into their own pockets. ...

SPORTS

Sugar Ray remembered as the best

By John Nodel The Associated Press

CULVER CITY, Calif. — Sugar Ray Robinson is considered by many the best fighter, pound-for-pound, in boxing history. Those close to the former champion will remember him for a different reason. Robinson died Wednesday, apparently of natural causes, shortly after being rushed to Broomfield Memorial Medical Center. He was 67. ...

Robinson was referred to the Sugar Ray Youth Foundation in Los Angeles. "Aside from the great fighter that he was, Ray was a profound humanitarian," said Phil Jefferson, the administrative director of the foundation. ...

Bottom of the order lifts East past MHS

By Jim Tierney Manchester Herald

A pinch-hitter and the No. 9 batter came away as the heroes for East Catholic in its intrastate clash with Manchester High Wednesday afternoon at Eagle Field. ...

East trailed Manchester, 5-2, with runners on second and third and two outs in the bottom of the fifth inning. With Indian south-paw starter Jim Kitzcock on the mound, Eagle Coach Jim Penders elected to send up senior Scott Wall, a left-handed batter, to pinch-hit. ...

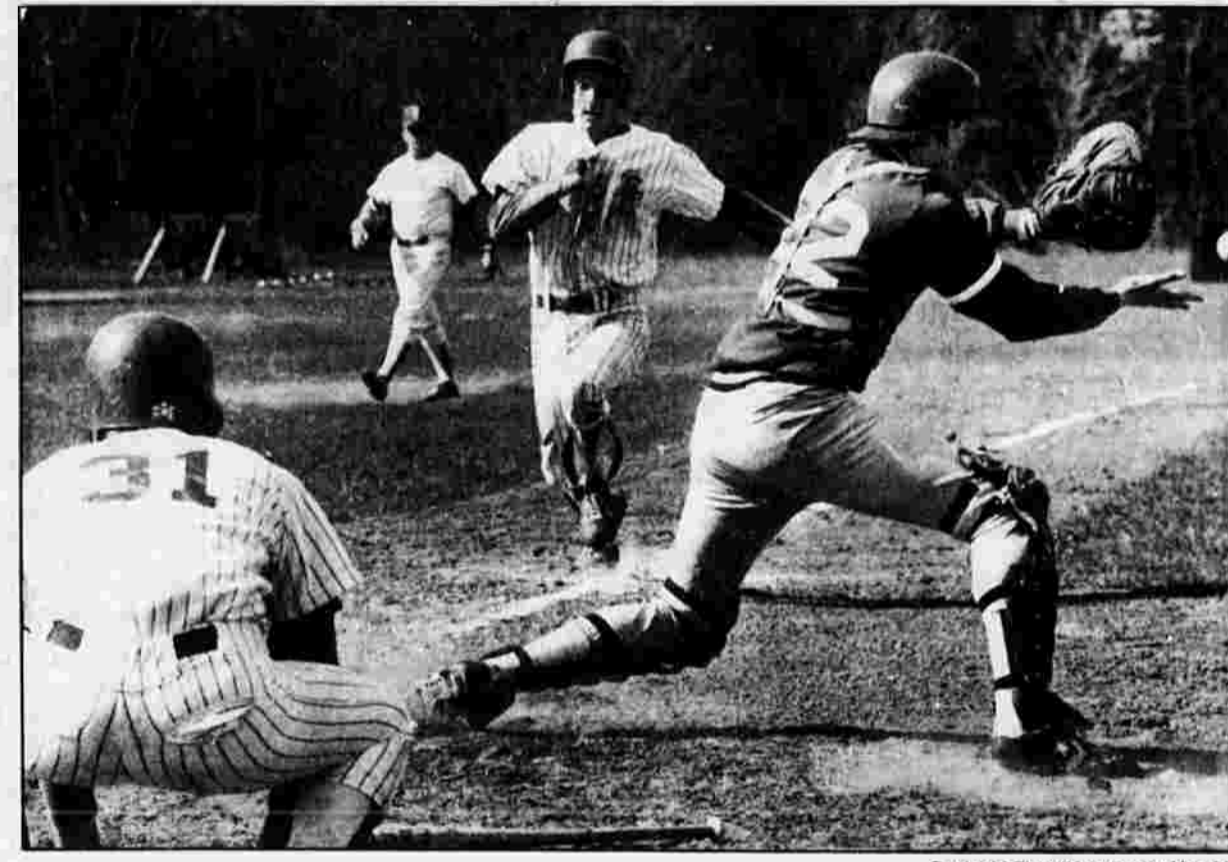
Wall responded by depositing a two-run single into left field to draw East to within a run. Then, No. 9 hitter senior Joe Gorman stepped to the plate and on a two-strike offering from Kitzcock, Gorman blasted a two-run homer over the left field fence to give East a 6-5 victory. ...

Kitzcock who struggled with his control throughout his 4 2/3-inning stint, was finally relieved after the Gorman homer. "I think I did a poor job of coaching," Manchester Coach Don Race said. "I left Jim in too long. I kept waiting for him to come around. Jim didn't have his good stuff today."

Kitzcock allowed all six runs (three earned) on five hits, walked seven, threw two wild pitches, and seven Junior George Covey relieved and limited East to two hits for the final 1 1/2 innings. ...

East moves to 2-0 and will play at South Catholic in Hartford Friday at 3:30 p.m. East's southpaw Marge Manginico, who reached base to start the Eagle fly, relieved starter Kevin Greene in the third and gained the victory. In 2 1/3 innings, Manginico allowed one hit (a fourth-inning single by Steve Joyner), walked one and struck out nine. ...

But it was all in vain. Los Angeles County coroner's spokesman Bob Dambacher said the former welterweight and middleweight champion was pronounced dead at 10:09 a.m. at Broomfield Memorial Medical Center. ...



COMING HOME — East Catholic's Martin Fiori heads for the plate as Manchester High catcher Dom Laurinotis (22) waits for the throw during Wednesday's game at Eagle Field. East's Rob Penders (31) gives his teammate the signal to slide. East won, 6-5.

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Yankees end losing streak

By Ronald Blum The Associated Press

NEW YORK — For a day, anyway, the panicking has stopped at Yankee Stadium. No, the Yankees won't finish the season by losing their last 161 games. They won't fade from the pennant race before the season reaches double digits. ...

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from reports I have received from friends living in Montana, the park is actually starting to spring back. This disaster in Alaska was foreseen years ago, when the prospect of using Alaska for oil exploration, and trans-shipment to the lower 48 states was first proposed. ...

And we don't have to look too far afield, not for a major disaster such as the above, but to face a slow ecological change, as well as habitat change. ...

What brought people to Connecticut, and other semi-rural areas in New England, was the idea of clean air, wooded areas, fields and farms. ...

Have you taken a good look around lately? Many of the wooded areas have been decimated, the farms are fast disappearing, and the ambience that brought people to New England is being replaced by shopping centers and condominiums. ...

Let's stop kidding ourselves before it's too late, and start to salvage what we have. ...

Joe Garman, a Manchester resident for many years, is a recognized authority on the subject of bamboo fly rods, and the sport of fly fishing. ...

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High School Roundup

MHS and EC softball victorious

ROCKVILLE — Capitalizing on 18 free passes, the Manchester High girls' softball team launched its campaign with an exciting 13-0 win over Rockville High in CCC East action Wednesday afternoon.

Manchester's next game is Friday against Fern High at Fitzgerald Field at 3:30 p.m. Dana Hensley, who earned the victory, hurled 5 2/3 innings for Manchester before a Moriconi reliever hit in the bottom of the sixth. The Indians used a six-run fourth inning to take a comfortable 11-2 lead.

Errors and wildness on the part of Rockville pitchers led to the Indian uprising. Rockville, however, closed the gap to 13-8 entering the bottom of the seventh.

When Moriconi came in Rockville had a run in, the pitcher loaded and the tying run at the plate. Carrie Benoit, who already hit a mammoth home run, was set to face Moriconi. On a 3-2 pitch, Benoit hit a fly ball to center to end the game. Rockville, 1-1, outhit Manchester, 12-6.

Pam Dugany and Erin Twible led the Manchester hitting attack with two hits apiece. Shortstop Tina Stone, third baseman Mary Tsohakis and first baseman Twible played well defensively.

East softball improves to 2-0. Despite getting only four hits, the East Catholic girls' softball team came away with a 13-7 victory over Mercy High of Middletown in All Connecticut Conference action Wednesday afternoon at Robertson Park.

Sue Concanon was the winning pitcher for East. She went 6 1/3 innings before being relieved by Cheryl Constantine, who got the final out. Concanon gave up eight hits, but struck out and struck out none. East, 2-0, scored seven times in the bottom of the first without the aid of a hit. The Eagles drew six free passes in the inning along with two Mercy errors. Newhouse had a pair of doubles to lead RHAM.

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Nolan Ryan's fastball is still part of baseball lore and so is his name. Because every time he pitches, a no-hitter is possible. Ryan flirited with his sixth no-hitter Wednesday night, giving up a single in the eighth inning. He finished with a team-record 15 strikeouts as the Texas Rangers beat the Milwaukee Brewers 8-1.

"I would have loved to throw a no-hitter tonight," he said. "Any time you get that close, you're disappointed." Ryan, who has never pitched a perfect game, did not allow a runner until Robin Yount walked with two outs in the seventh inning. After Glenn Braggs drew a leadoff walk in the eighth, Terry Francona — just for the 14th season — followed with an opposite-field, line-drive single to left.

"Francona's always been a tough out for me in the National League. I was trying to get ahead of him in the count and throw a strike low and away and I got up a little bit," Ryan said. "He's the type of hitter who's going to hit it where it's thrown. He slipped it over third. He hit that pitch like you're supposed to hit it."



STOLEN BASE — Manchester's Steve Joyner (11) slides into second base with a stolen base against East Catholic Wednesday afternoon. East second baseman Martin Fiori reaches for the wide throw.

Coventry managed just three hits, two by Steve Talaga who singled and doubled and knocked in the Patriots' only run. Derek Moulton had the other Patriot hit. "Their (RHAM) pitching wasn't overpowering, but we have a lot of young batters in the lineup," Coventry Coach Bob Plaster said.

Neil Synphers started on the mound for RHAM, working four innings. He struck out three. Kevin Junin and William Hinojosa, who threw out a double play, were the primary batters. Concanon gave up eight hits, but struck out and struck out none. East, 2-0, scored seven times in the bottom of the first without the aid of a hit. The Eagles drew six free passes in the inning along with two Mercy errors. Newhouse had a pair of doubles to lead RHAM.

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Mangiafico was magnificent in relief. "When he (Mangiafico) smells a victory he's not going to let anybody off the hook," Penders said.

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So with the game tied, it was up to Candelaria to come through. He didn't allow a runner past first from the fourth to the seventh and he took extra batting practice. The result was like hitting a jackpot. The six RBIs were career-high. And he also scored four times.

"I feel good the first time up I know I'm going to have a good day," he said. "And I usually hit better when I have a good day because instead of keying myself up I key myself down."

Snyder figured he was going to play a home game early. He hit his first homer with one out in the second inning. "It was just one of those days, just keying the bat," Snyder said.

"Days like this are hard to come by and I'll take them anytime," he said. "They're very rare." Snyder hit his second and third home runs of the season off Boston starter Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd, who also was tagged for the homer by Clark before being shelved with one out in the fourth in his 1989 home debut.

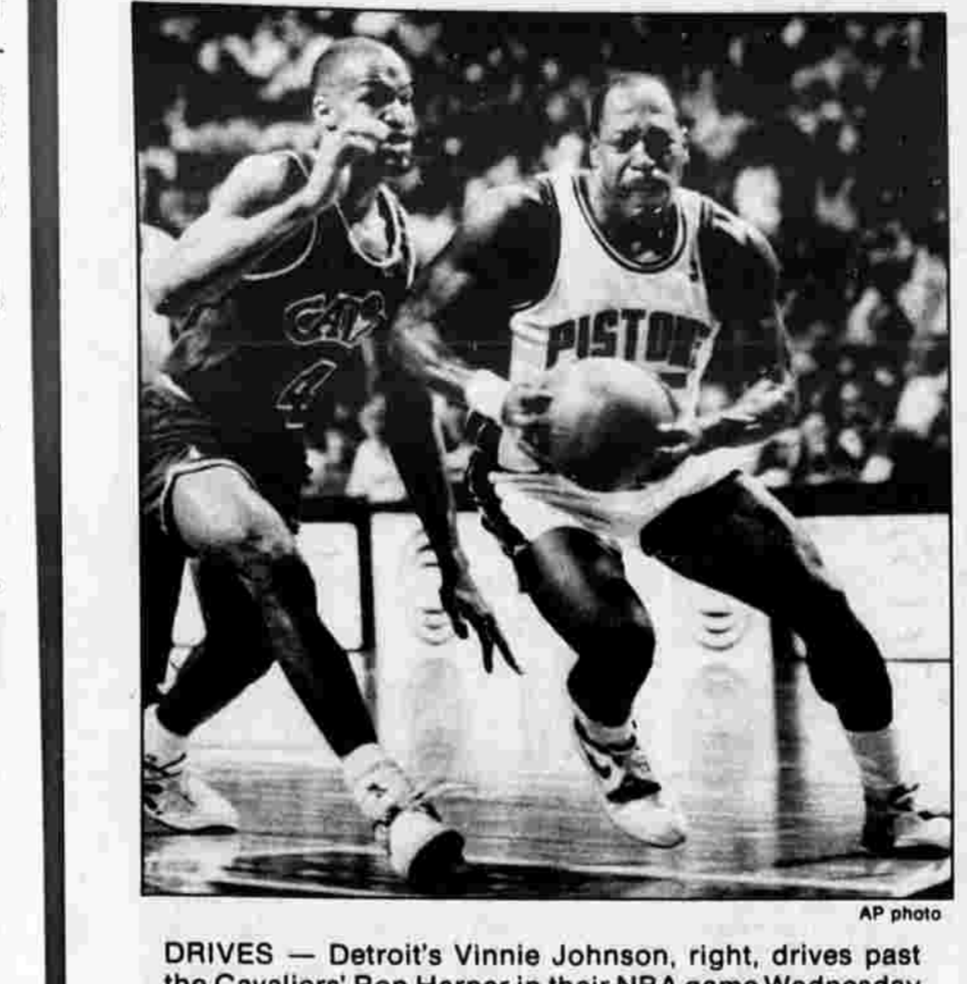
Each week for several seasons, British football fans have gotten batches of taped NFL highlights on television and ratings have been high. Similar packages have spread throughout Europe and millions have stayed up late into the night to watch the Super Bowl live the last few years.

Wembley Stadium, home of the 1966 World Cup and the nation's biggest soccer matches, each as long as it stays in the playoffs. The stadium was closed for two weeks last week because of the fire damage caused by the explosion.

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Multi-faceted Pistons clinch best record in NBA



DRIVES — Detroit's Isiah Thomas, right, drives past the Cavaliers' Ron Harper in their NBA game Wednesday night at the Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich. The Pistons won, 107-95, to clinch the best record in the NBA.

Isiah Thomas only played 13 minutes, so he had plenty of time to ponder the status of the race for the NBA's best record. "They might as well rest their legs because this race is over," Thomas said after the Pistons defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers 107-95 Wednesday night.

The Pistons improved their record to 58-18 and went 40 games over .500 for the first time in franchise history, while the Cavaliers with the second-best record in the league, fell to 52-22. The team with the best record in the regular season, the Chicago Bulls, were the first American Bowl in 1988.

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NBA Roundup

Patrick Ewing scored 30 points for New York, which clinched the Atlantic Division title when Philadelphia lost to Tuesday.

Jeff Malone scored 24 points for Washington, which trailed by 16 at halftime. Malone hit a pair of jumpers in the final 1:38 and two free throws with one second left. The victory left the Bullets two games behind Boston in the race for the Eastern Conference's final playoff berth.

Jason Kidd scored 18 points for Phoenix, which won its fifth consecutive game. The Suns hit seven straight shots in the second quarter to stretch a three-point lead to 14 and led 70-47 early in the third period. Tarpley, who was suspended Jan. 5 because of cocaine-related violations of the NBA's drug policy, came off the bench and had 16 points and 13 rebounds.

Adrian Dantley led Dallas with 17. The Lakers took control with an 11-2 run late in the fourth quarter to snap an 88-88 tie. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar had four of his 14 points during the burst. The Spurs were led by Vernon Maxwell with 22 points.

Morristown 104, Knicks 99: Charlotte broke a nine-game losing streak and handed New York its fifth loss in eight home games since the Knicks won 28 straight at Madison Square Garden. Kelly Tripucka scored 25 points for the Nets, who trailed 40-28 after the first quarter but held the Knicks to 89 points the rest of the game.

Chicago-Detroit series in the Norris finals while the winners of the Calgary-Vancouver and Los Angeles-Edmonton series will play in the Smythe.

Before the playoffs started, Gretzky insisted that Northlands Coliseum was the hardest rink to win. He should know, having led the Oilers to four Cups there. Gretzky has played 12 of the 14 games involved in Edmonton's home playoff winning streak.

The Kings were 2-2 in Edmonton during the regular season, but the postseason seems to bring an invincibility in the Oilers at home. Their last playoff loss at Northlands Coliseum was in the fifth game of the 1987 Stanley Cup finals. Edmonton won the seventh game at home, but lost (1-5) last year en route to its fourth Cup in five seasons.

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Kings look to stave off NHL playoff elimination

Since the Edmonton Oilers were their first of four Stanley Cups in 1984, they are 4-2 at the Northlands Coliseum, including a 14-game winning streak that dates back to 1987.

The Kings' victory facing the Los Angeles Kings, who will be victorious if they don't win tonight.

"The momentum has changed a little bit but we've still got a tough game in their rink," said Wayne Gretzky, preparing for Game 6 of the first-round Smythe Division series.

Down 3-2 in the best-of-seven series, the Kings are one game away from elimination in the fourth Cup in five seasons.

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"We're just going to be patient and be smart. We're going to play our game. You never know."

Kings goalie Kelly Hrudey an Edmonton native, is eager to start for last season's losses. When told about the Oilers' winning streak, he said: "That's great because the odds are that they're bound to lose eventually. I'm not hoping. I'm going to go there and try and make that happen. I don't want to go up there and let Larry Luck play a part of it. We have to do it ourselves. Not wait for somebody."

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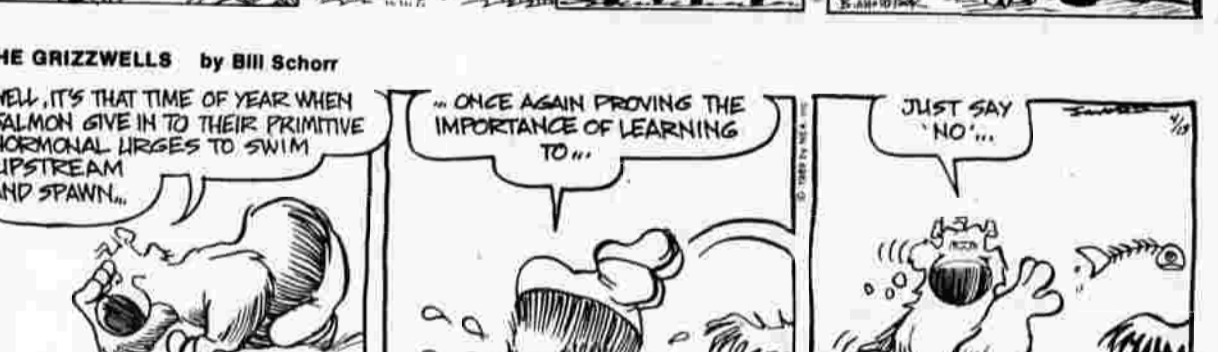
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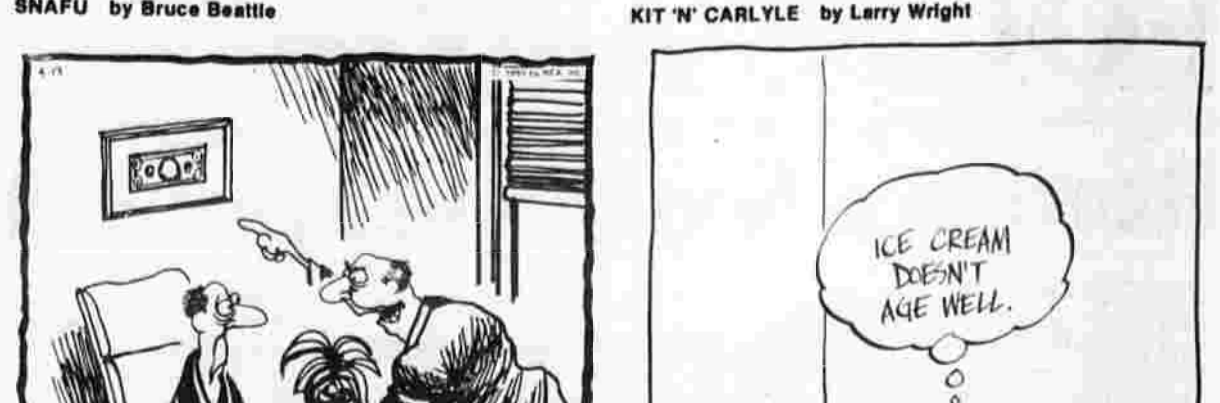
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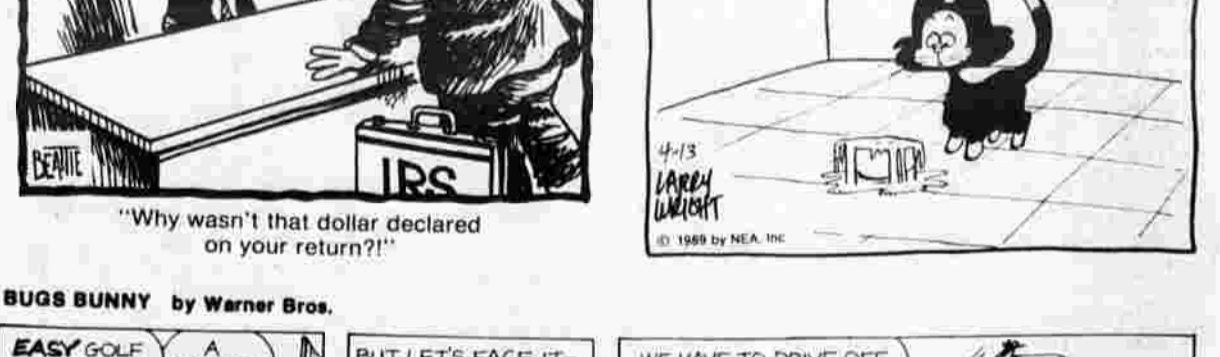
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ACROSS and DOWN crossword puzzle grid with clues and a 10x10 grid.

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Celebrity Cipher puzzle with a grid of letters and a list of names to identify.

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BUSINESS

Analysts predict brownouts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Predicted temporary electricity shortages in the New England states this summer could be a prelude to "brownouts" throughout the nation in the 1990s, energy analysts say.

"What happens in the Northeast will be a harbinger for the rest of the country," Leonard J. Kujawa, an Arthur Andersen & Co. analyst who helped direct a study on electric power trends in the United States, said Wednesday.

"Although electricity supplies for the peak periods of summer are tightest in New England, the power outlook for the nation as a whole is growing more uncertain," said Daniel Yergin, president of Cambridge Energy Research Associates and a partner in the study.

Counsel urges cable fines

HARTFORD (AP) — State Commerce Counsel James Meahan is recommending that Cablevision of Connecticut and Cablevision of Southern Connecticut be ordered to pay more than \$1 million in fines and rebates for dropping a New York sports network.

In a brief filed Wednesday with the state Department of Public Utility Control, Meahan asked the DPUC order Cablevision to pay subscribers a \$84.44 rebate for its decision to drop the Madison Square Garden Network from its service.

The brief also recommended that a \$150,000 fine be imposed against Cablevision.

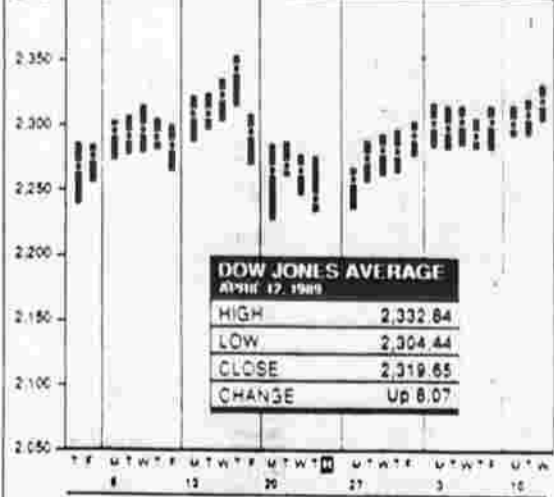
Cablevision removed the network from its systems in the Newark and Bridgeport areas on Sept. 14 following a contract dispute.

P&W gets engine award

EAST HARTFORD (AP) — Pratt & Whitney Aircraft has received an engine order from Korean Airlines totaling \$45 million, the company announced.

The engines will be used to power three McDonnell Douglas jetliners MD-11 and MD-80 series. There are also options to buy two more jets.

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Rusty Jones rebates due

HARTFORD (AP) — Connecticut car-owners who bought services from a financially troubled rustproofing company may be entitled to cash rebates to replace their warranties, Acting Attorney General Clarence Nardi Riddle said.

The company, Rusty Jones Inc., has filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

Connecticut residents who have purchased rustproofing or glass protection from the company may be considered creditors of the company, Riddle said Wednesday.

Residents who think they may have a claim against the company can request a claim form from Riddle's office at 866-2579 or from Rusty Jones, P.O. Box 46337, Chicago, Ill., 60648.

Judge seeking other buyers

after Ueberroth deal flops

NEW YORK (AP) — Peter V. Ueberroth's vow to resurrect ailing Eastern Airlines crumbled along with the hopes of its striking unions when his \$464 million deal for the carrier evaporated before it was a week old.

The ex-baseball commissioner announced the failure of his proposed takeover Wednesday after tumultuous negotiations between his aides and Eastern's parent Texas Air Corp. reached an impasse in federal bankruptcy court.

The judge moved immediately to attract other buyers.

"Our agreement with Texas Air is terminated, it's finished, it's over," Ueberroth said.

Ueberroth, who had described the deal as a historic opportunity for business-lawyer cooperation when it was announced April 6, said his investor group did not plan to make a new offer.

Lorenzo would have walked away in this deal with a lot more money than he put into Eastern Airlines. Obviously they've got some plans to milk some more out of Eastern.

The Air Line Pilots Association in Washington said the union was disappointed and the problems that caused the strike remained.

Bankruptcy Judge Burton T. Hild had sought unsuccessfully to salvage the deal after talks bogged down. But Ueberroth and Lorenzo walked out Tuesday night hours before a self-imposed midnight deadline, sources said.

After Ueberroth formally announced the deal failed, Lifland notified David I. Shapiro, the court-appointed examiner overseeing the bankruptcy, to meet Friday with him, Eastern creditors and union representatives.

"I can tell you right now, Mr. Shapiro, I'm disappointed to say the deal is off," said Wally Haber, a Michigan union official in Eastern's home base of Miami.

Black & Decker gets financing

TOWSON, Md. (AP) — The Black & Decker Corp. has announced that it had secured \$2.8 billion in financing needed for its proposed takeover of Emhart Corp.

The Towson, Md.-based power tool giant said Wednesday it had received commitments from a syndicate of banks offering to finance the deal.

The syndicate of 28 domestic and foreign commercial banks, including Citibank, had earlier committed \$1 billion in connection with the offer.

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