

RECORD

About Town

Women's Club set to meet

The Women's Club of Manchester will meet Monday at 8 p.m. at Community Baptist Church, 585 E. Center St. Officer Larry Wilson of the Manchester Police Department will speak. Members may bring a guest at a small charge.

Seniors plan fall trip

Manchester Green Chapter American Association of Retired Persons is planning a trip to Boothbay Harbor, Maine, Oct. 2 through 4. The itinerary includes a musical show at the Carousel Theatre, a cruise around the harbor, a lobster bake, and shopping at Kennebunkport (President Bush's summer retreat). The cost is \$185, with a deposit of \$50 due July 25. For more information, call Jeanne Roark, 666-1291. Checks should be made out to Manchester Green Chapter, 2399, A.A.R.P., and mailed to Jeanne Roark, 14 B. Ambassador Drive, Manchester 06046.

Short story discussion set

Three discussions will be held at the Whiton Memorial Library, 100 N. Main St., in May on contemporary American short stories. Stories to be discussed are from the anthology, "New American Short Stories: The Writers Select Their Favorites." The program will be held May 11, May 18, and May 25 beginning at 7:30 p.m. The program will be led by Ann Charters, a professor in the department of English at the University of Connecticut.

'Parents' open dance set

Parents Without Partners will hold an Open Dance and Slave Auction Saturday, April 29 at the Sacred Heart Church Hall, Route 30 in Vernon. The auction will be at 7:30 p.m. and the dance will begin at 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. The cost is \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members. The music will be by Time Was. For more information, call Diane, 872-7915, or Ken, 568-4428. In addition, an orientation meeting will be held May 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Talcottville Congregational Church, Main Street, Talcottville. The meeting is open to all single parents who want to learn about the group. For more information, call Chuck, 568-8611, or the chapter phone, 568-4428.

Auxiliary meeting slated

The Auxiliary of Manchester Memorial Hospital will meet Monday at noon at Manchester Country Club for the annual spring meeting. Ann Richard, R.N., vice president for Nursing Services will speak on the "Newest Advances at the Hospital." A luncheon will follow for \$8.95 and reservations can be made with Carol Hieber, 79 Ansaldi Road, Manchester 06040.

Attend health check

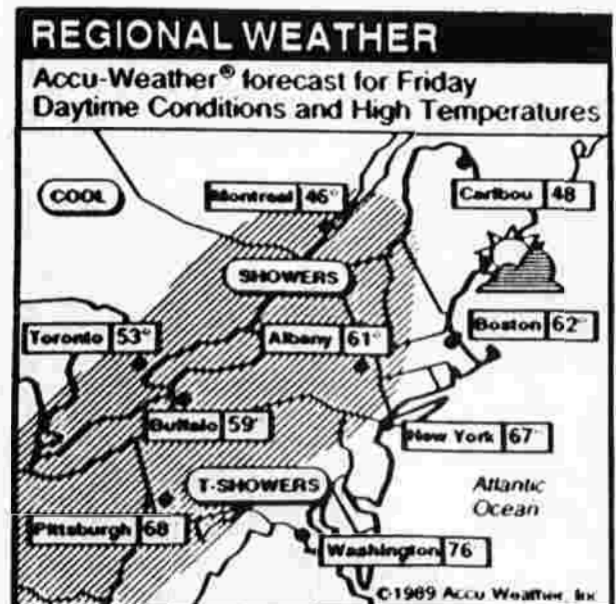
The Community Health Care Services Inc., will hold office hours at the Coventry Town Hall Wednesday, May 3 from 10 to 11 a.m. All residents of Andover and Coventry are eligible to attend and receive blood pressure checks, tin tests, throat cultures and health guidance. For more information, call CHCS, 229-9426.

Thoughts

I loved not yet, yet I loved to love... I sought what I might love, in love with loving. So wrote St. Augustine (354-430) in his Confessions. His soul was restless, and we are no different today. Men and women of faith know that "God is love," for we have read it in the Good Book, and we know by faith that the Holy Scripture is an authentic source and that it is reliable. "God is love... and we love him because he first loved us." And we know the first commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God." Yet we love our wife, we love our children, our friends, our country, other people and other things. Augustine, before he became a saint, before he made his Confessions, was in love with loving. And so, we too, love so many people we know and things we desire before we love the unseen one, the Eternal One, the first cause of all love and all loving. But, as gradually we begin to mature in Christian faith, we are able to appreciate what Augustine wrote: "Too late came I to love Thee, O Thou Beauty both so ancient and so fresh; Yes, too late came I to love Thee. And behold, Thou wert within me, and out of myself, when I made search for Thee. Thou art found. It's not too late! Really, it's not too late to put God first in our lives and, in so doing, all those people we loved will be loved all the more."

Robert J. Bills
Center Congregational Church

Weather



Adopt a pet: a Corgi-cross

By Barbara Richmond
Manchester Herald

Although she's not a true blueblood, this week's featured pet at the Manchester dog pound has been named Princess. She's a Corgi-cross and Corgis are the favorite dogs of the Queen of England. Princess is about 1 year old, is a beautiful soft tan in color, and was found on Cooper Street on April 19. She's ready for adoption. The following streets will be swept beginning Monday through May 1. Adams Street (Contor to Olcott), South Adams Street, Avery, Baldwin, Barwood, Batson, Bell, Bluefield, Bramblebush, Bryon, Buckland Road, Burnham Street, Burnham Street Extension, W. Burnham Street, Bush Hill, Carver, Carol, Carman, Case, Cedarwood, Chapel, Chester, Clark, Concord, Coolidge, Cornwall, Croft, Debbie, Depot Street, Dougherty, Drexel, Elberta, Falknor, Flint, Galaxy, Golway, Hale and Harding. Also: Henderson, Hilltown, Hills, House, Hunter, Hyde, Jefferson, Joan Circle, Kenwood, Kerry, Lorraine, Love Lane, McGuire, McIntosh, McKee, North Street, Olcott Street, O'Leary, Pascal, Pleasant Valley, Ford, Preston, Proctor, Ralph, Redwood, Slater, Stillfield, Terry Lane, Thompson, Thomas, Toland, Turnpike, Trebee Drive, Union, Victoria, Wilfred, Windsor Street, Wood Lane and Woodside.



Residents are advised that if inclement weather or equipment failure occur, the sweepers may be late entering your neighborhood. Police Roundup Man charged in assaults State police in Colchester arrested a 60-year-old Bolton man on charges he sexually assaulted two girls on April 20, 1988. Francis J. Flano Sr., of 22 Anthony Road, was charged with two counts of second-degree sexual assault, and two counts of risk of injury to a minor, police said. Flano turned himself into state police barracks in Colchester about 9 p.m. after learning there was a warrant for his arrest, said Mary Stamm, a state police spokeswoman in Hartford. Stating police received a complaint Jan. 13 and began an investigation in connection with the assault of two females aged 6 and 7. The incidents began at the end of 1988 and continued until 1986, Stamm said. Police would only say that Flano knew the two children, Stamm said. Flano was released on a \$10,000 non-surety bond and is scheduled to appear in Rockville Superior Court May 2.

Obituaries

Donald R. Lalancette, 29, of Tustin, Calif., formerly of Manchester, died April 10, 1989, in California. He was the son of Gerard and Marie (Beauregard) Lalancette of Manchester. He lived in Manchester most of his life. He moved to California eight years ago. He was employed as a chemist for Occidental Oil Co. Besides his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Paul Lalancette and Gerard Lalancette Jr., both of Manchester; and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Alice Lalancette of Woonsocket, R.I. The funeral will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. James Church. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery. There are no calling hours. The John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 218 W. Center St., is in charge of arrangements.

Deaths Elsewhere

W. Deming Lewis BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) — W. Deming Lewis, an inventor, researcher, defense adviser and former president of Lehigh University, died Wednesday at age 74. A cause of death was not given. Lewis joined Bell Laboratories in 1941. Two decades later, he belonged to the group that began Bellcom Inc., a Bell System subsidiary devoted chiefly to systems engineering for NASA's Apollo space project. Lewis held 33 U.S. patents on such devices as microwave antennas and filters and digital error detection systems. In 1964, he was appointed to the Naval Research Advisory Committee, which he led for two years. Lewis also served as a consultant to the President's Scientific Advisory Committee for the U.S. Office of Science Research and Development, the U.S. Air Force and the Navy. He served as president of Lehigh University for 18 years, beginning in 1964. During his tenure, Lehigh first admitted women. Fred Cramer MEQUON, Wis. (AP) — Fred Cramer, a former U.S. and international chess official and Bobby Fischer's manager in a famous 1972 match with Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union, died Tuesday of cancer at age 76. Cramer was president of the U.S. Chess Federation from 1960-63. He later served as vice president of the International Chess Federation. He was Fischer's manager during the seven-week world championship match with Spassky in 1972 at Reykjavik, Iceland. It was the first competition between an American and a Russian for the world title. Fischer won. George Whitmore NEW YORK (AP) — George Whitmore, an author and playwright who wrote about the impact of AIDS on society, died Wednesday.

Street sweeping continues Monday

Manchester will continue its annual spring street-sweeping program Monday. Residents are requested to: 1. Limit parking on your street until it has been swept. 2. Sweep and rake the sand on your lawns and sidewalks into the gutter. 3. Please keep gutters free of leaves, branches, rocks, and other debris that may clog and/or damage the sweepers. 4. Take note as to when sweepers enter neighborhoods, to ensure cleanup before the sweepers pass by. Only one clean-up per street will be done. The following streets will be swept beginning Monday through May 1. Adams Street (Contor to Olcott), South Adams Street, Avery, Baldwin, Barwood, Batson, Bell, Bluefield, Bramblebush, Bryon, Buckland Road, Burnham Street, Burnham Street Extension, W. Burnham Street, Bush Hill, Carver, Carol, Carman, Case, Cedarwood, Chapel, Chester, Clark, Concord, Coolidge, Cornwall, Croft, Debbie, Depot Street, Dougherty, Drexel, Elberta, Falknor, Flint, Galaxy, Golway, Hale and Harding. Also: Henderson, Hilltown, Hills, House, Hunter, Hyde, Jefferson, Joan Circle, Kenwood, Kerry, Lorraine, Love Lane, McGuire, McIntosh, McKee, North Street, Olcott Street, O'Leary, Pascal, Pleasant Valley, Ford, Preston, Proctor, Ralph, Redwood, Slater, Stillfield, Terry Lane, Thompson, Thomas, Toland, Turnpike, Trebee Drive, Union, Victoria, Wilfred, Windsor Street, Wood Lane and Woodside. Residents are advised that if inclement weather or equipment failure occur, the sweepers may be late entering your neighborhood.

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Current Quotations

"He stood up against bullies. I think that's why we cared about Able so much, because he had the courage for the rest of us." — newspaper columnist Sydney Schanberg, on his late cousin, Abbie Hoffman. "You can't blame a guy for trying." — James Paster, one of two death row inmates whose elaborate escape attempt from a Texas prison was foiled by authorities.

Public Meetings

Meetings scheduled tonight. Manchester Board of Directors common session, Municipal Building coffee room, 6-30 p.m. Advisory Board on Recreation and Leisure, Lincoln Center gold room, 7:30 p.m. Housing Authority, 24 Bluefield Drive, 7:30 p.m.

Bolton

Zoning Board of Appeals, Community Hall, 7 p.m.

Lottery

Winning numbers drawn Wednesday in lotteries around New England: Connecticut daily: 883. Play Four: 1682. Massachusetts daily: 9086. Megabucks: 1-6-13-23-31-32. Tri-state daily: 807, 8822. Rhode Island daily: 8665. Grand Lottery: 232, 7028, 32958, 386529.

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Lawmakers fear lottery commercial hurts work ethic

HARTFORD (AP) — The Connecticut lottery would be barred from using commercials suggesting that playing the lottery is an alternative to traditional financial planning under a bill approved by the state House of Representatives. The bill now moves to the Senate. An issue was a television commercial showing a man in a row boat fishing in a mountain lake, talking about how he had never planned for his future but was spared the humiliation of an old-age poverty because he won the lottery. Lawmakers said they were worried about undermining the state's work ethic and lottery director J. Blaine Lewis acknowledged that when the ad began running, his office had received some calls complaining about the Puritan ethic thing. "But he also said that the number of compliments on the commercial were about equal to the number of complaints." "I think it's one of our best," said Lewis, chief of the lottery unit in the state Division of Special Revenue, after the House voted 88-57 to approve the measure. "This is going to be a very subjective thing to interpret. If and when it becomes law, I guess we'll have to scrap that commercial." The Republican-sponsored measure stipulates that no lottery advertisement could promote the lottery "as an appropriate substitute for prudent financial planning or conduct, or portray the playing of such games as an acceptable alternative for saving and investment." Lewis said the commercial had been toned down a bit from the original. A line about choosing not to attend college had been deleted, he said. "You have to be careful about trying to find a commercial where you get zero complaints because then everybody gets extremely conservative. You'd have a black-and-white ad saying 'Consider buying lottery tickets' and people would say 'My God, you don't have any creativity?'" Wednesday's measure sponsored by Rep. Robert Ward, R-North Branford, and Alex V. Meyer, R-Easton, was an amendment to a bill extending the state's moratorium on forms of gambling for another two years, until June 30, 1991. Rep. Walter S. Brooks, D-New Haven, said that when the state promotes gambling, it ignores social problems like compulsive gambling. He said he had often seen men and women betting at off-tracking betting parlors "who can't afford to be spending money they might have, but their car fare home." Brooks said Others are "buying lottery tickets on a hope and a dream." Rep. Ronald L. Smoko, D-Hartford, said legislators were kidding themselves if they thought that many people, upon seeing the TV commercial would suddenly start spending all their money on lottery tickets. "It's cute, it's catchy," Smoko said. "But don't think people are using the money in the (lottery) as some type of role model." He said that if legislators don't like gambling, they should shut it down altogether. He noted that the four legal types of gambling in Connecticut — lottery, state lotto, off-track betting and dog racing — bring in \$270 million a year to state coffers.

Teen's mental state key part of defense

HARTFORD (AP) — The mental state of a Hartford teenager will be a key part of his defense against a murder charge lodged in connection with the beating death of a gay Weathersfield man, his attorney said. Sydney Schanberg, on his late cousin, Abbie Hoffman. "You can't blame a guy for trying." — James Paster, one of two death row inmates whose elaborate escape attempt from a Texas prison was foiled by authorities.

Directors vote for paper cups

Manchester Herald
Paper coffee cups cost twice as much as plastic foam cups but the Board of Directors decided Tuesday that in the long run, the plastic-foam cups would cost much more. The directors voted unanimously not to order any more plastic-foam cups for use in municipal buildings because materials in the plastic foam harm the environment. The school superintendent will be asked to make a similar move within the school system. Democrat Mary Ann Handley suggested the plastic-foam ban after Bowers School sixth graders told board members last month that chlorofluorocarbon molecules in plastic foam destroy the ozone. The students convinced the board to approve a proclamation designating the week of March 13 as Ozone Awareness Week. They later testified before the Environment Committee of the General Assembly in support of a bill banning the sale in Connecticut of substances harmful to the ozone, which protect the earth from the sun's ultraviolet rays. The bill is currently being revised and probably will get to the House of Representatives for a vote for another two weeks, state Rep. John W. Thompson, D-Manchester, said today. Handley said she was also discouraged by the large number of plastic-foam cups she found in town parks during the townwide cleanup earlier this month. Town Manager Robert B. Weiss said today he supports the directors' decision. But he warned the board Tuesday that the plastic-foam cups cost twice as much as paper cups. "It costs society money to eliminate pollution," he said today. School Superintendent James P. Kennedy could not be reached for comment today. Ethel Merman, the Broadway singing star, died in 1984.



THREE MUSKETEERS — Members of the Army and Navy Club Little League team practice pitching before a scrimmage game at the Waddell School field Tuesday. From left are Matt Dennis, Anthony Muro and Brian Loomis.

Coventry saw hike in housing production

The towns of Manchester and Bolton followed the overall trend in Connecticut in decreased housing production in 1988, but Coventry experienced a dramatic increase in the number of authorized housing units, according to the annual report issued by the state Department of Housing. During 1988, 19,552 housing units were authorized to be added to the housing inventory in the state, a 28.7 percent decrease from 1987, when 27,415 housing units were approved. In Manchester, 242 new housing units were approved in 1988, a 36.5 percent decline from the 387 units approved in 1987, according to the report. Bolton issued permits for 39 new housing units last year, which is an 23.5 percent decrease from the 51 units authorized in 1987. Coventry, however, experienced a 41.5 percent increase, with 116 new units approved in 1988, compared to 82 in 1987. Andover had an 18.1 percent increase in 1988, with 28 new units compared with 22 in 1987. The number of authorized housing units in 1988 was the lowest annual figure since 1984, when 19,292 units were approved, according to the report. Only 126 publicly owned housing units were approved in 1988, which was up 1 percent from the 121 public units approved in 1987. The following is a list of the estimated number of housing units in area towns by December 1988, compared to 1987. Bolton, 1,652; Coventry, 3,873; and Manchester, 21,349. The net gain in Connecticut's housing inventory totaled 18,313 units in 1988. There were 1,239 units authorized for demolition, a decrease of 1.0 percent from the 1,252 units demolished in 1987, according to the report. At the end of 1988, there were an estimated 1,261,241 housing units in Connecticut, the report indicated. The report attributes the substantial decline in housing production during 1988 to rising mortgage rates, sellers listing homes at inflated prices, buyers being more selective and the escalating cost of land throughout the state.

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Seminar set for women

A seminar on women in politics is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon April 29 at the Lowe Building at Manchester Community College.

The seminar, designed for women interested in getting into or already involved in politics. Local politicians and campaign workers are scheduled to speak, including Barbara B. Weinberg, town director and former mayor, and former state Rep. Elsie "Biz" Swenson.

There is no registration fee. For more information, call 647-6079.

Bill limits 'fax' use

HARTFORD (AP) — The House of Representatives has approved a bill prohibiting the sending of unsolicited advertising messages over telephone facsimile, or "fax" machines.

Anyone violating the prohibition could be sued for \$200 or for actual damages, including attorneys' fees.

The bill was approved on Wednesday 140-1 and sent to the Senate. Opposing the bill was Rep. G. W. Berner, R-East Hartford, who said it could hurt small companies seeking to expand their lists of customers.

Meotti on TV tonight

State Sen. Michael P. Meotti, D-Glastonbury, will be a guest on the opening segment of a new cable news program on Consumer News and Business Channel, Cox Cable Channel 16, tonight at 8.

During the program, called "CNBC Live," Meotti will discuss his work in organizing a nationwide protest of Exxon's oil spill in Alaska's Prince William Sound and the company's inadequate response to the environmental catastrophe.

House OKs Ethics Bill

HARTFORD (AP) — The state House of Representatives has approved a bill aimed at tightening ethics requirements for legislators by making them report speaking fees exceeding \$100 and imposing new standards for conflicts of interest.

The bill, approved on Wednesday on a 118-26 vote, requires legislators to disclose not only monetary payments, but services and material for travel, hotel bills, meals and entertainment for the legislator and the legislator's spouse, children and guests.

McCavanagh appointed

State Rep. James R. McCavanagh, D-Manchester, has been appointed to the Criminal Justice Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures by House Speaker Richard J. Balducci, D-Newington.

McCavanagh will represent Connecticut on the committee, which shares information among state legislatures. The committee's agenda this year will include sentencing and parole reform, state responses to the increase in crime caused by drugs, prison overcrowding, crime victims and street and prison gangs.



SLEEPY-EYED — Jay Stetz, 5, and Jackie Stetz, 4, of 32 Anthony Road, pet two tired kittens Wednesday at Bentley Memorial Library in Bolton. Margaret Enkler, assistant director for humane education at the Connecticut Humane Society, holds the kittens. She was at the library to teach children how to care for pets.

Pay complaints filed

The state Department of Labor is investigating claims filed by six former employees of Domino's Pizza stores in Manchester and Vernon for unpaid wages totaling \$2,302, a department spokeswoman said today.

The woman, who did not want to be identified, said the claims were filed against the owner of the store at 248 Main St. in Manchester and the Vernon store.

She refused to give out the names of the former employees.

The owner of the stores is listed as Team Connecticut Pizza Inc., headed by James Thoms, the spokeswoman said. There was no answer this morning at the Manchester and Vernon stores, which open at 11 a.m.

Thoms could not be reached for comment this morning.

Certification on the line

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — The owner of the ambulance company serving Bridgeport says two dozen workers who walked out in a labor dispute may lose their certification just like they lost their jobs.

About 25 emergency medical technicians and paramedics at Bridgeport Ambulance Service refused to work on Wednesday for the second straight day.

The walkout was prompted by the firing of a worker, but also was done to protest wages, benefits and working conditions.

Joseph Lansing, owner of the ambulance service, said Wednesday all those who failed to report to work were fired. He also said the job action could cost the EMTs and paramedics their certificates from the state.

"They're confused," Lansing said of the workers.

State Rep. Paul Munns, D-Manchester, has criticized efforts to appease state prison inmates by reducing the tax on cigarettes.

"Sadly, it seems the system is about to buckle under to those who are locked away for crimes against society," Munns said in a news release. "I oppose this backtracking attempt to appease convicted criminals. I don't think the state should give in to them to stop their work strike, just as I believe government should not give in and negotiate with terrorists."

Prisoners had been able to buy cigarettes without paying the state tax. When the Legislature raised the tax last month, the exemption was removed. Many prisoners responded with a work stoppage.

A legislative committee has approved a bill which will result in a 20-cent per pack reduction in the price of prison cigarettes. The bill has the support of the governor.

Smoke-tax cut rapped

HARTFORD (AP) — The co-chairman of the General Assembly's budget committee says new problems have arisen with the proposed 1989-90 budget, including the need to add millions of dollars to a spending plan lawmakers are desperately trying to cut.

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The Finance Committee is to vote Monday on new taxes totaling more than \$900 million. That committee plans a hearing Friday on three tax packages, two containing a state personal income tax and a third anchored by a one-cent increase in the sales tax, to 8.5 percent.

Income tax advocates held a news conference Wednesday morning to claim that support for "tax reform" is growing, despite the governor's long-standing opposition to an income tax.

Bristol school to close

HARTFORD (AP) — Despite strong objections from parents and students, the Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford has announced it will close the St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol at the end of the school year because of declining enrollment and financial problems.

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Senate approves family leave bill

HARTFORD (AP) — A bill giving workers up to 24 weeks of unpaid leave in any two-year period to have or adopt a baby or care for a seriously ill family member is on its way to the House after winning easy approval in the Senate.

The bill, approved Wednesday 25-11 and described as the most wide-ranging of its kind in the country, requires the employers with 25 or more workers to give the employee back his original job after the leave, or an equivalent position.

During the leave, the employee would not be paid but would retain all seniority, retirement, health and other benefits. The bill would be phased in over six years based on company size.

Opponents, all Republicans, said the bill would be detrimental to business. But supporters, including all 23 Democrats and two Republicans, said the bill shows Connecticut's commitment to the family.

"This is landmark legislation," said Sen. James H. Maloney, D-Danbury, co-chairman of the Labor Committee. "It says that our families, our children and our parents are of paramount importance to us."

Senate President Pro Tem John B. Larson, D-East Hartford, the bill's chief sponsor, said it was "not anti-business, but pro-family."

He said he rejected claims by business leaders who said they preferred to negotiate leaves with individual employees, rather than have a blanket, mandated policy set by the state.

Annamarie Blomer, director of research for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association, which fought the bill, said after the vote it would "end putting Connecticut companies at a competitive disadvantage. This is the most far-reaching piece of (family leave) legislation in the country."

Senate Minority Leader Reginald J. Smith, R-East Hartford, called the bill "nothing more than a hidden tax for business" and said Connecticut should wait for Congress to approve a national family leave bill.

Sen. Thomas F. Upton, R-Waterbury, told his colleagues: "We should not force this down the throat of business."

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Democrats widen financial lead; war chest 10 times that of GOP

HARTFORD (AP) — As the 1990 campaign season nears, the state Democratic Party has widened its financial edge over state Republicans and boasts a campaign war chest more than 10 times larger than GOP records show.

According to financial statements filed this month with the secretary of the state's office, the state Democratic party has \$693,599 on hand, dwarfing the Republicans' \$31,446. The state GOP also listed unpaid debts of \$22,232.

Both parties, as well as all political action committees, were required to submit financial statements, postmarked by April 13, covering the first three months of 1989.

The Democratic State Central Committee reported raising \$385,182, \$222,860 from individuals and \$68,507 from political action committees and other groups. The Democrats spent \$206,862, including \$84,000 to the Parkview Hilton of Hartford for the annual Jefferson-Jackson-Bailey dinner.

Connecticut Republican State Central reported raising \$120,727, \$97,578 from individuals and \$22,549 from committees and groups. The GOP spent \$10,922.

State Republican Party Chairman Robert S. Poliner said Wednesday he is "not horribly concerned" about the Democrats' growing financial edge.

"Obviously when you've got the governor, you've got the ability to raise money in large amounts," he said. "In other words, the Democrats have become the party of the 'fat cats.'"

"I think there's no question that the Democrats are able to raise more money than the Republicans are," Poliner said. "They do it by virtue of their control over state contracts... and by having basically an unwritten rule about (party activists) attending party fund-raising events."

State Democratic Chairman

John F. Droncy Jr. downplayed his party's financial lead, pointing out that the Democrats have already held their biggest annual fund-raising event, the Jefferson-Jackson-Bailey dinner. The GOP's big annual event, the Prescott Bush dinner, will be held later this year.

"I'm not in a contest with them to see how much money one of us can raise," Droncy said.

"None of these numbers have anything to do with gubernatorial fund-raising. Until you actually have candidates starting to raise money, you won't be able to gauge things."

Droncy said he fully expects Gov. William A. O'Neill to announce later this year that he will seek re-election.

The state Republican Party came into the year with \$12,641 on hand. The Democratic Party had \$215,280.

The reports show that Poliner paid himself \$14,000 in consulting fees in the first three months of 1989. Droncy paid himself \$7,343.

Several other fund-raising groups affiliated with the two parties also submitted reports.

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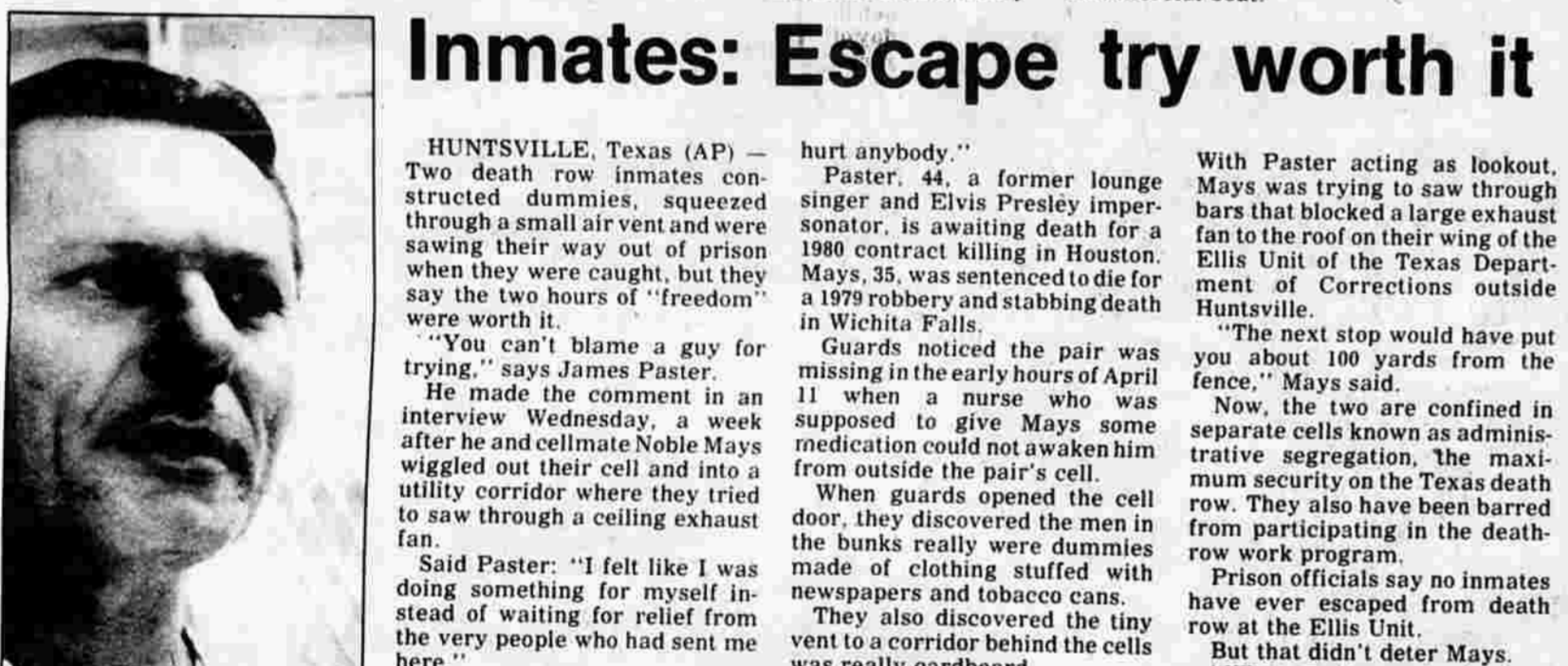
SEWARD, Alaska (AP) — A Soviet oil-skimmer joined the battle today to clean Resurrection Bay just six months after a similar superpower cooperative effort helped free two whales trapped in ice.

Soviet Capt. Serge Rekin, piloting the ultramodern oil-skimmer Valdigubsky, was set to help in the cleanup of the gooey sludge left by the wreck of the Exxon Valdez. Last October, the icebreaker Vladimir Arseniev smashed through ice near Barrow, helping to free California gray whales.

"We really appreciated your being here, captain," Exxon spokesman Don Cornett told Rekin through an interpreter on Wednesday.

"This is the second time people from your country have come to the aid of the people of Alaska, and we thank you."

Rekin said he had little information about the task he faced but that he wanted to begin work as quickly as possible. The 425-foot Soviet skimmer is far bigger than any of the



JAMES PASTER ... 'doing something'

Inmates: Escape try worth it

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Two death row inmates constructed dummies, squeezed through a small air vent and were saving their way out of prison when they were caught, but they say the two hours of "freedom" were worth it.

"You can't blame a guy for trying," says James Paster.

He made the comment in an interview Wednesday, a week after he and cellmate Noble Mays wiggled out their cell and into a utility corridor where they tried to saw through a ceiling exhaust fan.

Said Paster: "I felt like I was doing something for myself instead of waiting for relief from the very people who had sent me here."

Mays added: "You just try to work as fast as you can and as quiet as you can. I wasn't out to hurt anybody."

Paster, 44, a former lounge singer and Elvis Presley impersonator, is awaiting death for a 1980 contract killing in Houston. Mays, 35, was sentenced to die for a 1973 robbery and stabbing death in Wichita Falls.

Guards noticed the pair was missing in the early hours of April 11 when a nurse, who was supposed to give Mays some medication could not awaken him from outside the pair's cell.

When guards opened the cell door, they discovered the dummies made of clothing stuffed with newspapers and tobacco cans.

"They also discovered the tin vent to a corridor behind the cells was really cardboard."

Mays and Paster were discovered hiding above some pipes, about 15 to 20 feet from their cell.

Police try to stop violence on Hitler's birthday

BRAUNAU, Austria (AP) — Police in Adolf Hitler's hometown today detailed at least eight people on the dictator's 100th birthday and turned back several at the nearby border with West Germany in a massive effort to head off violence.

Hundreds of police roamed the area, helicopters circled overhead and police vehicles were spotted as far as 10 miles from this town.

The security measures were aimed at preventing a repeat of clashes between neo-Nazis and left-wing opponents on Hitler's 90th birthday.

By midmorning, a constant stream of dozens of curious onlookers clustered near Hitler's birthplace, which was sealed off by metal barriers.

Dozens of police cars blocked the street leading to the house that is now a museum for handicapped children. Many stores closed and at least two shops boarded their front windows.

An unidentified American, born in 1931, gave the Nazi salute on Braunau's main square and was arrested, said District Mayor Harold Schindler. Reporters watched as a West German

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Chinese officials vow to take action against protesters

BEIJING (AP) — Police broke up a pro-democracy rally outside Communist Party headquarters today, hitting and kicking protesters slow to disperse. The government promised tough action to a wave of student-led protests.

Later, hundreds of students from at least two universities braved heavy rain and marched for a fourth day toward Tiananmen Square, the symbolic political center of China, which is near the party headquarters.

One group of students carried a wreath and a portrait of Hu Yaobang, the reform-minded Communist Party chief whose death on Saturday has served as the rallying point for the demonstrations.

Two police cars followed close behind.

"This is a test for us," said one marching student. "We must show that we fear nothing."

Curious crowds flocked to Tiananmen this evening, but only about 700 were there by 7 p.m., compared with more than 15,000 at that time Wednesday. A heavy downpour continued.

There were unofficial reports of student marches in other cities: Shanghai, Tianjin, Wuhan, Hefei and Nanjing. Details of most of the marches could not immediately be obtained.

Beijing municipal authorities issued a statement today expressing support for activities to mourn Hu, but they harshly condemned the protests and warned that demonstrators will

be "dealt with severely according to the law."

The statement blamed the unrest on "a small number of people with ulterior motives" and said further disturbances would "absolutely not be allowed."

The nationally televised evening news issued a similar warning in the first acknowledgement to the nation of the unrest in Beijing. The lengthy and unusual television statement was a clear indication that China's leaders regard the protests as a serious threat to social order.

The pre-dawn clash in Beijing today came as thousands of students demanding free speech and an end to one-party rule massed outside the Zhongnanhai compound, where China's leadership work and have homes, demanding to see the officials.

"Fascists, dogs!" the protesters shouted as police rushed the crowd of about 3,000. "Hoodlums and bandits!"

There was no official word of arrests, but nearly 200 students were put on a bus and driven away and two people were seen being put into a police jeep. Chinese said they saw about eight people being taken away.

All afternoon Wednesday, protesters had rallied in nearby Tiananmen Square, the symbolic seat of power in China. They were watched and sometimes cheered by a crowd that grew to about 20,000 people.

Students in Shanghai marched for a third day Wednesday and demand democracy.

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The ministers of the 16-nation alliance ended a two-day nuclear strategy session with only general support for the increasingly unpopular modernization program involving a new generation of Lance surface-to-surface missile systems.

"For the foreseeable future, our strategy of deterrence will continue to require both conventional and nuclear forces," NATO spokesman said without going into specifics.

"At this meeting, we again expressed our determination to ensure that NATO possesses diversified, survivable and operationally flexible nuclear forces across the entire spectrum," he said, adding, "These forces must be kept up-to-date where necessary."

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S&L rescue advances

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators threatened with a disrupted vacation overwhelmingly adopted President Bush's savings and loan rescue after bowing to a last-minute plea to strengthen a key reform.

Dwarfing all other government bailouts, the plan approved Wednesday would provide at least \$137 billion over the next decade — most of it from taxpayers — to close or merge 350 failed thrift institutions and make good on government pledges in the rescue of 200 others last year.

It would also reorganize the regulatory bureaucracy, provide \$50 million a year for the Justice Department to pursue fraud in S&Ls and enact other reforms, chief among them a requirement that thrift owners back their lending with more of their own capital.

Nuke issue a problem

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Lucy is still critical

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Flowers and get-well wishes from fans around the world deluged the hospital where Lucille Ball was in critical condition today recuperating from emergency heart surgery.

Ball's husband, Gary Morton, said the TV actress was "in great spirits."

Doctors replaced the 77-year-old comedian's main heart artery, or aorta, and aortic valve Tuesday with organ tissue taken from the body of an unidentified 25-year-old man. Her condition was listed as critical, primarily because of the seriousness of the surgery, said Ron Wise, spokesman at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

"She continues to show steady progress," Wise said late Wednesday. Doctors were optimistic Ball would make a full recovery, he added.

Khashoggi has nice cell

GENEVA (AP) — Adnan Khashoggi's jail cell is only a five-minute walk from the luxury hotel where the jet-setting Saudi financier and arms dealer was staying before his arrest.

Although the conditions are better than in many other Swiss jails, they are far being from the plush surroundings to which he is accustomed.

Khashoggi, once reputed to be among the world's richest men, does not have to wear prison clothes and can order out for meals, said one of his men, who has delivered from the Schweizerhof hotel.

He was staying at the hotel in Bern, the Swiss capital, when he was arrested Tuesday on a U.S. warrant charging he helped ousted Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife Imelda hide riches stolen from their country.

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NIGHT CAP — With their husbands, President Bush and Jordan's King Hussein, at their side first lady Barbara Bush and Queen Noor chat as the king and queen arrive at the White House Wednesday for an official dinner honoring them. Hussein, in addition to attending the dinner, spent the day traveling to a historic landmark with Bush and meeting with members of Congress.

four-page insert in USA Today on April 25 and to run the ad in other papers around the country after that, said spokesman Dan Donehy.

The Justice Department filed a brief with the Supreme Court regarding the case of Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services, asking the justices to uphold a restrictive Missouri abortion law and upend the 1973 Roe vs. Wade ruling. Oral arguments before the justices are scheduled for next Wednesday.

Lesbian rule defended

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Proposal to siphon CFC profits irks industry, Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration plans to siphon off \$2.45 billion from profits of companies making ozone-depleting chemicals over the next three years, a proposal that has infuriated the industry and may spark a fight in Congress.

The administration wants the money but doesn't want to call its plan a tax.

But that's just what it sounds like to the largest manufacturer of chlorofluorocarbons, Du Pont.

"They'll be sued. We will challenge it for sure," said a company official, Tony Vogelsberg.

The target for the revenue raising is windfall profits that chemical firms could earn after an international treaty reduces supplies of chlorofluorocarbons, which destroy the ozone layer and increase risk of skin cancer.

Rep. John D. Dingell, D-Mich., chairman of the influential House Energy and Commerce Committee, says the administration has "no specific authority to levy a tax on these commodities," and cautioned against bypassing his committee or ignoring Congress' taxing authority.

Dingell, however, indicated he hasn't formed a final opinion. "I don't have any dogs in the fight at this particular time," he said.

To complicate matters, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Office of Management and Budget are at odds over how to collect the money. OMB wants to auction off rights to produce a specific amount of CFCs. EPA favors a more straightforward fee on company profits.

OMB has budgeted \$400 million in revenues in fiscal 1990, \$1.5 billion in 1991 and \$550 million in 1992. The first-year revenue figures survived an overall budget agreement between congressional negotiators and the administration.

Both agencies agree, however — and the industry both denies — that there will be windfall profits for manufacturers later this year, after the U.S. begins implementing a 1987 international agreement to cut production of the so-called CFCs.

The government's treaty that demand will far outstrip supply some months after July,

when production must be frozen at 1986 levels. The Montreal Protocol requires that by 1998, production can be only 50 percent of 1986 figures.

The five manufacturers of CFCs are developing substitutes, but there are three to five years away from production. EPA spokesman Chris Rice said the companies may not hurry to produce them if they're making windfall profits on current CFCs.

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But Vogelsberg, whose company makes half the U.S. supply of CFCs, said producers will need more money to pay \$2 billion to \$3 billion for new plants to make substitutes. Companies have large research and development costs, he added.

CFCs, manufactured by five companies, are used in refrigerators, large air conditioning units and car air conditioners, high energy foam insulation for modern construction, solvents for cleaning computer components, and cushions in seats and sofas.

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OPINION

Reasonable compromise on pay bill

The House has now passed a new minimum wage law that boosts required payments from \$3.35 an hour to \$4.55 an hour over three years. The legislation would also establish a lower training wage for workers with no previous job experience—equal to 85 percent of the minimum wage but not less than \$3.35 an hour.

Traditionally, the minimum wage has been maintained at about half the average wage of the economy. The last time it went up, in 1981, it was 46.2 percent of the average wage in that year. The present changes, according to the Congressional Budget Office, would result in individuals receiving just 40.8 percent of the average wage in 1992. So the amount should not really be a question; indeed there is a case to be made that the Congress stopped short of an appropriate solution.

One problem is that the minimum wage has tended to keep a family of three at about the poverty line if the earner worked full time year-round. In 1981, the minimum wage would have produced 96.1 percent of this standard, this year the equivalent figure is 70.5 percent. A second change this year is to exempt most businesses grossing less than \$500,000 annually. Under current law, only retail and service industries grossing less than \$362,500 a year are exempt from the law.

All in all, the House bill is a reasonable compromise. The president's view is too chintzy because the real incomes of the poorest segment of society have declined, and should be moved up.

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Set record straight on the state deficit

To the Editor: "Where has the surplus gone?" is the common cry heard across the state. In the last four years, Connecticut residents have benefited from surpluses which, when added together, total \$1,146 billion. At the end of this fiscal year most of it will be gone except for \$30 million or so.

It's time to set the record straight on what did and did not cause the deficit the state faces. Rhetoric aside, spending alone did not cause this deficit. What is usually referred to as overspending is actually new or increased spending on programs the residents of this state have told the Legislature are needed to sustain our shared quality of life. Almost one-third of our recent surpluses have been used to improve our schools through the Educational Excellence Trust Fund. This is the program that has increased teachers' salaries and education standards so that every Connecticut schoolchild has access to a quality education. To date, this program has used \$371.9 million of state surplus funds. Eliminating this program, which was begun when Republicans controlled the Legislature, would be a giant step toward balancing the budget. We will not do this, though, because it would put the future of our students at risk.

Balancing the budget would also be easier if we slashed our commitment to our cities and towns, which have enjoyed \$307 million in aid from our surpluses in the last five years. In total, the state sends back approximately \$2 billion in aid a year to towns and cities with the goal of stabilizing property taxes and sustaining local services. Last year, 146

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Nervous wait for redistricting

By Robert Walters
BIG CHIMNEY, V. Va. — West Virginia now is entitled to four seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, but within a few years that allocation will be reduced to three seats. Therein lies a complex tale of political life and death.

The decennial census will be conducted one year from now, and in early 1991 most state legislatures will begin the task of reshaping the country's 435 House districts to conform with population shifts. Those changes must be in place in time for the elections in late 1992. Although virtually all of those districts will have to be reconfigured, nowhere is the delicate operation more challenging than in the 16 to 18 states that, preliminary estimates suggest, will experience a net gain or loss of seats.

By the biggest winner will be California, where the expected pickup of five or six seats will bring the size of its House delegation to 50 or 51 — the largest of any state in the nation's history. (During the 1930s and 1940s, New York established the existing state record with a 45-member delegation, the same size that California has now.)

All of the other increases will probably also be in the Sun Belt South and West, with gains of four seats in Texas, three in Florida, two or one each in Arizona and Georgia, one in

Virginia and possibly one in North Carolina. All of the decreases will probably be in the Northeast and Midwest, with losses of three seats in New York; three or two in Pennsylvania; two apiece in Illinois, Ohio and Michigan; one each in Massachusetts, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Iowa and Kansas; and possibly one in Montana.

The prospect of redistricting makes especially important the outcome of next year's contests to fill governorships and the slightly more than 7,400 seats in the 50 state legislatures. Those to be elected will make the decisions that can launch or destroy political careers.

Republicans now control both houses of the legislatures in only eight states — and many of them among the country's most sparsely populated. Democrats control both houses in 28 states, while control is divided in the remaining 14 states. (Nebraska has a non-partisan, unicameral legislature.)

Republicans now control the governorships in the three populous Sun Belt states that will gain the most House seats: California, Texas and Florida — but all have gubernatorial elections scheduled for 1990. As a result, the GOP is on the defensive — even though the areas that have sustained population losses during the 1980s are generally Democratic, and the regions that have experienced population gains are to a selectman-town manager, it is Bolton.

Sen. Cornelius P. O'Leary
7th Senatorial District
Windsor Locks

Helicopter is the best if it works

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — The Army's prize AH64 Apache attack helicopter is billed as the best weapon in the sky since Superman. But take away the hype and the Army is left with a fleet of flying lemons — \$13 million lemons. The amazing twin-engine whirlybird "sees" at night and zaps enemy tanks with Hellfire missiles, but only when it works. After testing the gold-plated Apache in war games, a North Carolina Army brigade commander recently told his superiors that, all things considered, he'd rather go to war in something left over from Vietnam.

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When the Apache was recently tested in mock battle in the desert, the flies failed half of the time and the air filters gagged on sand. In the Army's own words: "Within three days after arrival in the desert, 50 percent of the AH64 mission had to be aborted due to engine problems." That's no problem, as long as the United States never goes to war in any country with sand. Top Army brass are exasperated. Three generals met with McDonnell Douglas, which builds the Apache, in late February to discuss the problems. The Army's report from that private meeting stressed that the Army could no longer afford to have a helicopter called "the best in the world" if everyone wants to add "who's right?"

"The best" has cost the taxpayers \$7.4 billion to date and there is no indication that the Army will abandon its high-tech turkey. The money has produced 483 Apaches. Another 520 are on order from McDonnell Douglas which can turn out 10 a month. The Army has lost five Apaches in flight since the helicopter was fielded off the assembly line five years ago. Two more burned on the ground. The entire fleet has been grounded for 166 hours. Army memos indicate the Apache spends too much time in the shop. It costs about \$5,000 in maintenance for every hour an Apache helicopter flies.

The Apache's ailments start at the top with its 22-foot main rotor blade. Its major flaw is that it falls apart. Fort Rucker in Alabama replaced 166 blades in the past year at a cost of \$63,237 each. That's \$10.5 million spent to allow the money-hungry, ecology-careless, hard-hearted developers take away what remains of Connecticut charm?

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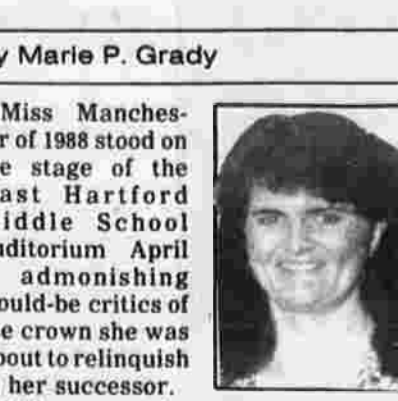
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Marie P. Grady

Miss Manchester of 1988 stood on the stage of the East Hartford Middle School auditorium April 1, admonishing would-be critics of the crown she was about to relinquish to her successor. "The women involved are not by any means just pretty faces who look good in an evening gown," said Carri Grilli, the 19-year-old woman from South Windsor who won the pageant last year. She went on to tell the audience that the Miss Manchester Scholarship Pageant was more about personality and talent than it was about beauty. And, she said, it was a confidence builder that helped a young woman mature.

But even that is not enough to convince critics of such pageants, many of whom say they are nothing more than a sexist-inspired display of exterior beauty rather than inner worth. Some newspapers have drawn the line, refusing to publish stories about beauty pageants. So, who's right?

Tell Donna R. Mercier of the critics' complaints and she'll tell you she's angry. Mercier, a former town director who choreographed this year's Miss Manchester Scholarship Pageant, has firsthand knowledge of

pageants. Mercier was a contestant in the Junior Miss Connecticut Pageant in 1970. Eleven years later, she was running on the Republican ticket for a seat on the town Board of Directors. She remembers the Republican leaders at the time telling her to remove references to her unsuccessful stint in the beauty pageant from her political resume. The leadership at the time thought the experience was frivolous.

"That bothered me," says Mercier. She didn't change her resume. She lost the election that year. Two years later, she won — after erasing the reference to her pageant competition. But she says the omission of her pageant experience had nothing to do with her political victory. "I was very shy as a teen-ager. I'm not now," she says.

For Janet Kniffin, grant coordinator for the state's Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, beauty pageants in general are bad news. "I think they're a reflection of Madison Avenue's image of the ideal woman, which I don't think is a realistic image," Kniffin says. "I

flash onto that commercial, 'I bring home the bacon and fry it in the pan' (and never let you forget you're a man) ... Many of us women end up with significant self-esteem problems because we're trying to live up to that image."

Claudia Scott, an instructor for women in career transitions at Manchester Community College, sees little value in pageants. "I guess I don't like them," she says, adding that she is not an ardent opponent. Despite her relative dislike of pageants, Scott did say they help some women.

"I just saw Vanessa Williams in a (music) video. I don't know if she would have gotten there if she hadn't been Miss America," she says.

Thomas H. Ferguson, who runs the Miss Manchester pageant, says even those who don't win the pageants gain from the experience. "I've even talked to some of the girls who did not place. (One) told me that being involved in the contest actually helped her confidence," Ferguson says.

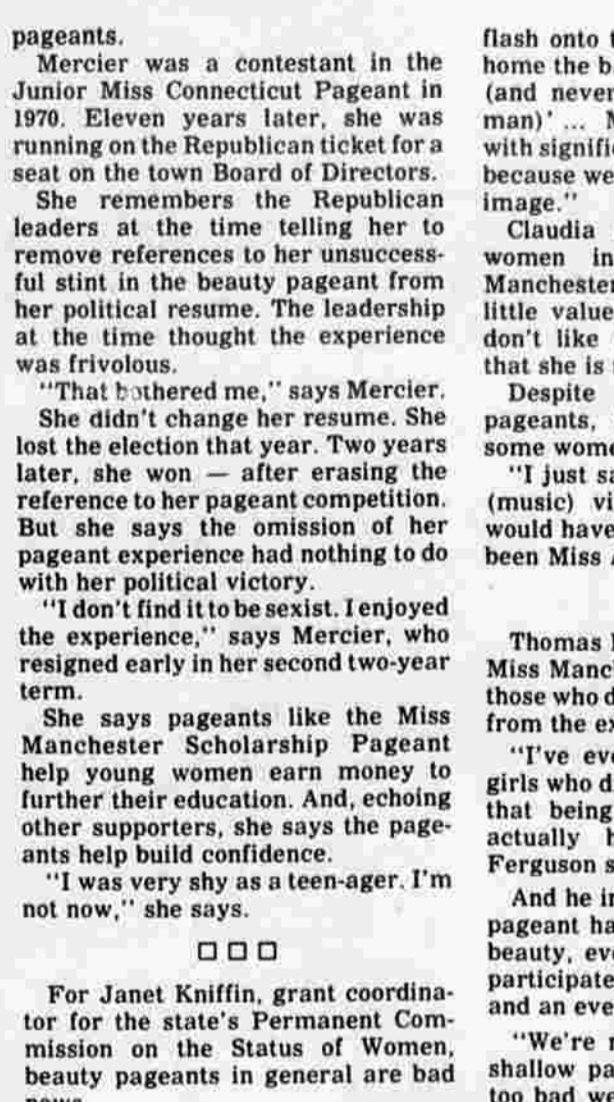
And he insists that the Manchester pageant has little to do with exterior beauty, even though the contestants participate in a swimsuit competition and an evening-gown competition. "We're not really looking for the shallow part," Ferguson says. "It's too bad we have to come out with a winner," he adds.

Even though she supports the Manchester pageant, Mercier says she would like to see it without a swimsuit competition. Kniffin, without commenting specifically on the Manchester pageant, would like to see an end to pageants in general.

"If it's really a means to distribute scholarship money then do it equally across the board and open it to young boys and girls," she says. "When asked if they would support similar pageants for boys or young men, both Mercier and Ferguson say 'yes,' after a little hesitation.

"Sure, why not," says Ferguson. But he's not sure if his 7-year-old son would ever be in one. "That would be fine if someone wanted to start one," says Mercier. She isn't sure either of her two sons would be contestants.

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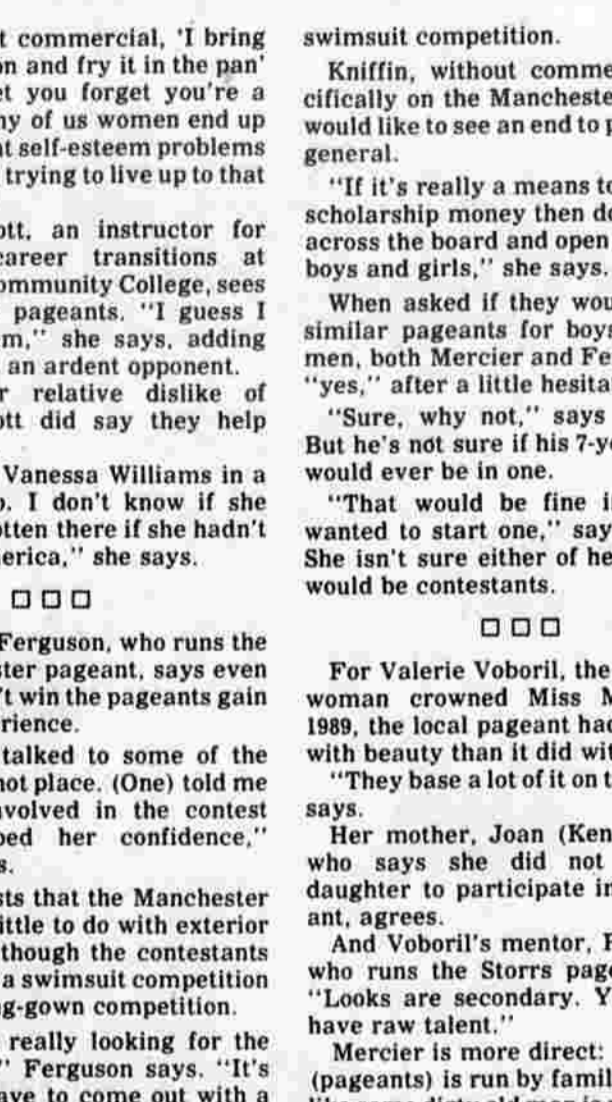
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HOT PURSUIT — Phillip Dalk, assistant manager of the petting zoo sponsored by R.W. Commerford & Sons of Goshen, chases an emu today at the Manchester Parkade.

The petting zoo will be at the Parkade today through Sunday.

Survey

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to Exxon Corp. and that the administration should have moved more quickly to deal with the spreading oil in Alaska's Prince William Sound.

"I'm disappointed the president didn't see it that way," said Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, adding that the oil spill on March 24 is likely to have an impact on the wildlife, ecology and economy of southern Alaska for years to come.

Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner, who has been the president's point man in the spill recovery, acknowledged disappointment in Exxon's performance and said of the industry's contingency plan for such an accident: "On the scale of one to 10, it was a zero."

"But he defended the administration's decision to leave the cleanup chore largely with the oil company. Exxon 'had made a total (financial) commitment, and they had the technical expertise to deal with the problem that was already out of the bottle,' Skinner told the senators.

Meanwhile, a coalition of environmental groups today released a poll indicating that the spill has affected how Bush is perceived in dealing with environmental issues.

The telephone survey conducted by Lou Harris & Associates shows a 21 percent drop in the number of people who believe Bush is doing a good job in handling environmental matters, according to Debra Callahan, executive director of Americans for the Environment.

According to the survey, 60 percent of the respondents gave Bush a positive rating in handling the environment and 32 percent a negative rating when surveyed in February. In the March survey shortly after the Alaska spill, Bush's positive rating dropped to 39 percent and the negative rating jumped to 49 percent, according to the polling company.

The poll was based on telephone interviews with 1,250 people nationwide between March 26 and March 30. Ms. Callahan said. Samples of this size normally have margins of error of about three percentage points either way.

Tree

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representing Homart, said he had just received the DEP's letter Wednesday night. He said he wanted an opportunity to discuss the DEP's position with the developers so they could determine how to proceed with construction.

"We intend to meet with Miss Dezzo and others to discuss this matter further," DeMille said. He reiterated the pledge of Homart representatives that the company will not perform any work in the area until they receive a decision stating work can continue.

"I want to say emphatically our client is fully aware of the need to balance production against the need to preserve wildlife," DeMille said. "We have no intention of disturbing the birds."

About a dozen people from Manchester and South Windsor attended the hearing and about half publicly spoke in support of

Battleship Junior

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Iowa spent the night at a Norfolk Naval Station gym where they had gathered Wednesday out of sight of reporters. Navy policy requires that families of dead or injured sailors be notified before any list of victims is released.

"There are those who are really struggling, and those who are really stoic," said Navy Chaplain Barry Brimhall. "Right now, for some of these families, they would rather have bad news than no news at all."

In Temple, Texas, Lorene Barron said all she could do was pray for her son, Monte Barron, and hope she would hear from the Navy by telephone.

"They told me I was among the deceased," she said personally visit us," Mrs. Barron said. "But I believe everything's going to be OK. And I'm praying for all the mothers who are waiting just like I am."

Li Russell A. Greer, an Atlantic Fleet spokesman in Norfolk, said the explosion occurred while the ship was conducting open seas gunnery practice, but did not know if it occurred as the gun was being fired.

Each gun's 16-inch-diameter projectile is propelled by explosives in fabric bags loaded separately from the projectiles. The gun requires up to five bags, each containing 10 pounds of powder to fire a 2,700-pound round.

Naval officers familiar with the Iowa's gun turrets said an explosion can occur if a gun breech, or back end of the barrel, is cracked, or from a shell that "cooks off," ignites prematurely from the heat of the barrel or smoldering debris left in the barrel from the last round.

"The first thing that comes to mind is something like a cook-off," said Capt. Paul Hanley, another spokesman for the Atlantic Fleet. "It could have been a powder bag, or a projectile. We just don't know yet."

It was believed to be the worst loss of life in a naval accident since 1977, when 49 sailors died in a 96-foot launch returning sailors from shore leave in Barcelona, Spain, to the USS Guam and the USS Trenton was hit by a Spanish freighter.

Local paper which quoted a noted naturalist as saying the development project was more important than the nest.

In the article, Stuart Mitchell, who runs a rehabilitation center in Portland for birds of prey, said the DEP's decision not to disturb the nest was ridiculous.

"I like to think that the eggs might not hatch because the hawks have been scared off the nest so much they haven't been able to keep the eggs warm enough.

DeMille said he did not think the developer was anticipating any delay on the mall project at this point.

Separate outages

at power to 220

About 200 customers were left without electricity in two unrelated outages today in Manchester and Bolton's Cider Mill Road were left without electricity at 10:09 a.m.

A minute earlier, 50 customers on Huckleberry Road and Nutmeg Drive in Manchester lost power because of problems with an underground cable, Tolly said.

At late morning power had been restored to either area, and Tolly had no estimate of when it would be.

Tolly said there were no injuries in the incident on Lake Street.

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Ethics panel calls meeting to discuss chairman's conduct

By Andrew J. Davls, Manchester Herald

The Ethics Commission will hold a special meeting April 27 to discuss the conduct of Chairman William E. Fitzgerald. Jonathan L. Mercier, a Republican commission member, has asked for the resignation of Fitzgerald, a Democrat who is also Manchester's judge of probate. But Mercier said today that he would not bring up the matter at the meeting. He said he is still waiting for Robert Franklin, an unaffiliated commission member, as chairman, but said he is not sure if the meeting is the right time to discuss it.

"I do not feel it would be appropriate," Mercier said. "It's not my meeting."

Mercier has said Fitzgerald should resign, claiming he mishandled a March 30 meeting during which the commission was to decide whether Democratic Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr. had a conflict of interest on the Main Street reconstruction project.

Members voted at the meeting not to take any action on whether DiRosa had a conflict because he owns a dry-cleaning business on the street and voted as a director on the reconstruction project.

Mercier said he is surprised Fitzgerald called the meeting. He said he would have been satisfied if the minutes were redone.

Dobkin said he scheduled the meeting at the request of Fitzgerald. The agenda for the meeting says members will "determine the issue of the conduct" of Fitzgerald, but does not specifically mention his possible resignation.

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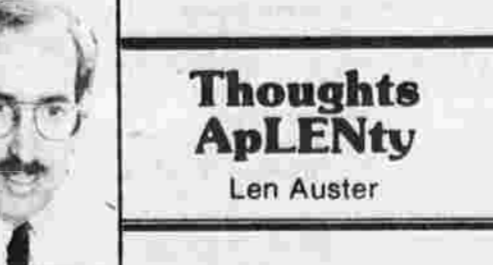
Institution of Proposition 42 not a good idea

The controversy surrounding Proposition 42, passed three months ago at the last NCAA convention to go one step further than Proposition 48, has quieted. But the issue persists.

In a nutshell, Proposition 42 would not allow colleges to pay for the first year of schooling for a prospective basketball player while he improved his grades to be eligible to play. Proposition 48, the rule that applies today, provides a scholarship in a recruit's freshman year while he gives his grades up to acceptable NCAA levels.

Proposition 42 would do away with that entirely. Some coaches, like Temple University's John Chaney, have called the change many things, including racially inspired. Georgetown University head coach John Thompson went as far as boycotting a game to illustrate his displeasure with the NCAA's change in policy.

That policy would go in effect for next year's recruiting class unless the NCAA reverses itself at its next convention. With all of the controversy,



Thoughts aplenty Len Auster

that is a very distinct possibility. But the question remains: Should Proposition 42 be imposed and is it unfair?

The bottom line is that colleges and universities, in theory, are there to educate. Unfortunately, that isn't always the case.

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Yanks show they can be competitive

By The Associated Press

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"That was the third well-pitched ball game in a row for us," Green said Wednesday after the Yankees completed a three-game sweep with a 4-2 victory. "I think this series, more than any, proved that if we get the pitching, we can be competitive."

Good pitching is exactly what the Yankees got as John Candelaria held the Blue Jays to just four hits over seven innings. He walked one and struck out five, including career strikeout number 1,500 when he fanned Fred McGriff in the second inning.

"I think the last two games really set the tone for this one," Broderick said. "When the guys in front of you go out and pitch their hearts out,

and throw one away." Even before Wednesday's game, Elster already had one record.

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Lemelin's counterpart on the Canadiens, Patrick Roy, also made his share of good stops among the 29 shots he faced Roy extended his season-long home unbeaten run to 38 games and left Montreal 6-0 in the playoffs after beating Hartford four straight in the first round.

The Canadiens, who consider themselves last-place to have beaten Boston twice in the Forum, know what to expect in Boston.

Esasky paces Bosox

By Chuck Melvin, The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Nick Esasky doesn't plan to complicate his five-run performance in the American League by putting any undue pressure on himself.

"I'm worried about what people are thinking about me. I can't relax," Esasky said after he singled, doubled and homered to lead the Boston Red Sox past the Cleveland Indians 8-4 Wednesday night.

The Red Sox obtained Esasky and Rob Murphy from Cincinnati in December for Todd Beninger, Jeff Sellers and Luis Vasquez.

Esasky said he naturally wanted to perform well for his new team, but he learned early in his career that overly high expectations can produce problems.

After hitting .265 with 12 homers in 88 games at Cincinnati as a rookie in 1983, he talked into .194 with 10 home runs in 113 games in 1984.

"I did that in Cincinnati, worried about what people were thinking, and it hurt me," he said. "This year, I came into spring training relaxed. That's all you can do."

Esasky still got off to a shaky start in Boston, hitting .231 through his first 10 games. His 4-for-4 performance Wednesday, however, boosted him to .302.

"I took a little extra time in the batting cage to get my timing down," he said. "I like to get my front foot cast in the air as you swing. Every at bat felt good tonight."

Esasky hit a two-run homer in the second inning and a two-run, ground-rule double during a five-run fourth that put the Red Sox up 7-1.

Winner Roger Clemens, 2-0, coasted from three innings allowing three runs on eight hits in seven innings. Both of Clemens' wins were come against the Indians, and he has a career 11-1 record and 1.90 ERA against Cleveland.

The victory was Boston's fourth in the last five games, and it sent the Red Sox into first place in the AL East with a 6-6 record.

"A 6-6 record, there's nothing wrong with it," Manager Joe Morgan said.

The early lead made Clemens' work easy.

"There was nothing for me to do but go out and not walk people," Clemens said. "I just got the ball and went right back up on the mound. I was strong but not exceptionally strong."

Loser Bud Black, 1-2, was much less sharp. He gave up a two-out single to Dwight Evans before Esasky homered over the 377-foot mark in left center in the second inning. Black's fifth-inning backfired in the fourth eventually scored.

"There were walks, and I was behind in the count. You're not going to get many people out when you're behind," Black said. "It was just a bad inning."

Ellis Burks walked to start the fourth and Mike Greenwell and Jim Rice singled to lead the bases. Evans walked to force in a run, and Esasky bounced double over the fence in center to score two more.

Reliever Scott Bailes then gave up a run-scoring groundout to Rick Cerone and RBI single to Wade Boggs.

Rice extended his hitting streak to 12 games, matching his longest since 1983. Boggs has hit in 10 straight.

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By Jim Donoghay, The Associated Press

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WEST HAVEN — The trifecta of good pitching from Marc Mangiafico, timely hitting and errorless defense boosted East Catholic past Notre Dame, 5-2, Wednesday morning at Painter Park in All Connecticut Conference baseball action.

The win lifts the Eagles to 2-0 in the ACC, 5-0 overall, while the loss drops the Green Knights to 1-1, 5-2. East's next outing is Friday at 3:30 p.m. when it hosts ACC foe St. Joseph at Eagle Field.

The left-handed Mangiafico, who committed to a four-year baseball scholarship from Providence College last week, hurled a four-hitter in improving his record to 4-0 for the season. It was his 21st career win, a school record breaking the previous one he shared with Terry Hickey.

The complete-game win by Mangiafico, who struck out 12 and walked three, was his 14th in a row dating back last year. East Coach Jim Penders said his ace would probably have his good stuff. "Marc didn't have his great slider as in the past. He had to go

with his fastball," Penders said. That however, he proceeded to strike out the side. "Marc struck out five of the last six. When he smells a victory he rears back," the Eagle coach said.

"We hit the ball pretty hard and played errorless ball behind Marc. It was our first win in the conference so the kids have to feel pretty confident about themselves. I hope not too cocky, though, because we have room for improvement," Penders said.

Mangiafico and Rob Penders each collected two hits for the Eagles.

Notre Dame plated a run in the bottom of the second with East scoring two more in the top of the fifth. Jimmy Penders tripled and Mangiafico helped himself with a bloop RBI single. Rob Penders singled Mangiafico to third, where he scored from on a wild pitch.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Youth soccer clinics set

The Manchester Rec Department will be conducting youth soccer clinics for their summer program on the following dates: Pee Wee (ages 6-7) April 24 at 6 p.m. at Manchester Community College and Biling Junior High; Midgets (ages 8-9) April 26 at 6 p.m. at Kennedy Road field and MCC; Juniors (ages 10-11) on April 28 at 6 p.m. at Kennedy Road field; and Intermediates (ages 12-14) on May 2 at 6 p.m. at Mount Nero.

Walker — Toronto to UConn

STORRS — Tomino Walker, a 6-foot-7, 210-pound forward from Virginia's Oak Hill Academy, said Wednesday afternoon he signed a letter of intent to attend the University of Connecticut on a basketball scholarship. Walker, who averaged 12.1 points and eight rebounds, chose UConn over Ohio State, Houston and Providence.

U.S. sextet is eliminated

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Hockey was a much slower game and the players were not as headgear when Canada won its last World Championship in 1961.

Now, a strong Team Canada, manned by NHL stars, will try to recapture the international glory of Canadian hockey from the Soviets, who have dominated the championships for the past 30 years.

"The Canadian team has shown the best hockey for the tournament," said U.S. coach Tim Taylor said after Wednesday's 5-4 loss to Czechoslovakia eliminated the Americans from medal contention. "However, the Russians usually play better toward the end of such competitions."

Britso outbreak in Suns

NEW BRITAIN (AP) — Steve Best pitched a four-hit shutout to lift the New Britain Red Sox to a 1-0 victory over the Hagerstown Suns. Best struck out five batters and walked two to raise his record to 2-1. He retired 16 straight batters in the Suns' Dana Smith singled in the eighth inning on Wednesday.

The Red Sox got the game's only run in the fifth inning when Scott Cooper's two-out single scored Joe Marchese. Bob Zupic had two hits for New Britain.

UConn's Madl top player

HARTFORD (AP) — The University of Connecticut's Diane Madl has received the 1988-89 Honda Broderick Cup Sports Award as the nation's outstanding female athlete in field hockey, the university has announced.

Former assistants indicted

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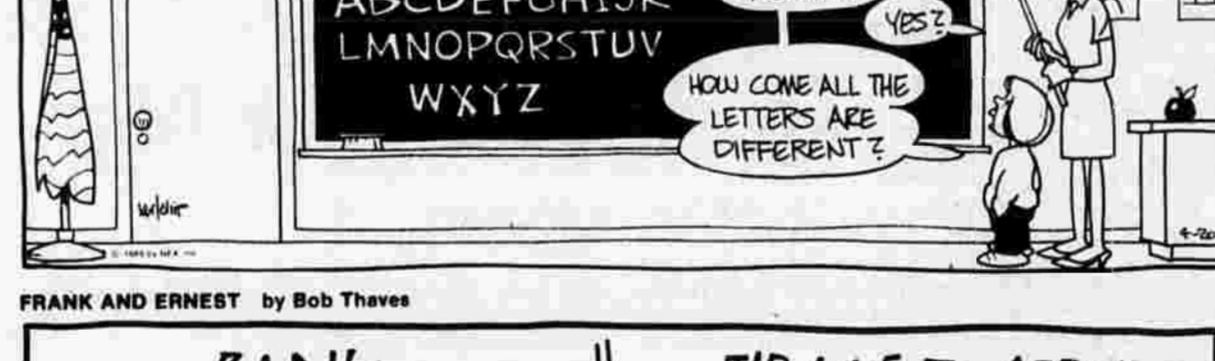
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