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## Signs help motorists duck ducks

By Andrew Yurkovsky  
Manchester Herald

The police department has put up two signs on Adams Street that are for the birds.

Five ducks, to be exact, about three weeks ago the ducks, which nest around the Hockanum River, began crossing Adams Street near the intersection of Hilliard Street. To warn motorists, police erected two duck crossing signs on both sides of Adams Street today, police officer Richard Rand, the town's dog warden, said.

The five ducks were out in the middle of Adams Street just this morning, Rand said.

The two signs were donated by the Purdy Corp., 586 Hilliard St.

The Purdy Corp. painted the two yellow and black signs for the ducks about 10 days ago, after the ducks began crossing Adams Street and going onto Purdy's grounds, said Leo Lavigne, vice president of manufacturing for Purdy. He said the police department agreed to put up the signs if Purdy painted them.

A female duck took up residence on the Purdy's grounds about three weeks ago and laid about a dozen eggs, said Lavigne. About the same time, he said, her male companion and other ducks began crossing Adams Street from their nesting area along Hockanum River.

"They never crossed before," Lavigne said, noting that they had stayed near the river. "We never saw them before."

Rand isn't certain where the ducks come from, but he thinks they may have migrated up from the Sunny Brook Village apartment complex on New State Road, where developer Raymond F. Damato has been keeping ducks for about 20 years.

There are about 50 ducks living in the area, Rand said. He said that one duck was killed by a car around the beginning of the month.

Damato said Thursday he didn't know about the situation on Adams and Hilliard streets. He said that he began keeping the ducks at Sunny Brook Village in 1967.



Patrick Flynn/Manchester Herald

**DUCK DETOUR** — David Lannon, a maintenance worker for the Manchester Police Department, puts up a duck-crossing sign today on Adams Street, in front of Purdy Corp. Police decided to put up two duck-crossing signs on Adams Street because ducks in the area recently started taking early morning waddles across it.

## Another big drop in U.S. economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's chief economic forecasting gauge plunged 0.7 percent in March, the second straight decline and the biggest drop in eight months, the Commerce Department said today.

It was the first time the Index of Leading Economic Indicators, which dropped 0.8 percent in February, had posted back-to-back declines since it fell for five straight months from September 1987 through January 1988, the months surrounding the October stock market crash.

While many analysts feared that the nation was headed for a recession after the market collapse, the economy rebounded with vigor and the record peacetime expansion is now in its seventh year.

Analysts said the latest negative signals from the leading index are in line with signs that the U.S. economy is losing steam

and with widespread expectations that the slowdown will become more pronounced as the year progresses.

The debate among economists is whether the end result will be an outright recession or a so-called "soft landing," in which growth slows just enough to relieve inflationary pressures without bringing a halt to the expansion.

The economy expanded at a strong 5.5 percent annual rate during the first three months of the year, but the growth in the gross national product was a more modest 3 percent, discounting a statistical quirk reflecting the bounce back from last year's drought.

That was down somewhat from the drought-adjusted 3.5 percent pace for the final quarter of 1988. Monthly reports on the economy's performance in February and March suggested a progres-

sive weakening during the first quarter.

"The underlying growth rate in the economy is much below last year and the risks of a recession certainly are higher," said economist Sandra Shaler of the Futures Group in Washington. "To be a prudent planner, you have to take those risks into account."

March's decline in the leading index, which is designed to predict economic activity six to nine months into the future, was the biggest falloff since a 0.8 percent drop last July.

The traditional signal of a recession is a three straight declines in the index. However, it has flashed two false recession signals since the 1981-82 economic downturn, one of them in the months after the stock market crash.

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## Committee wants more data on Great Lawn housing plan

By Alex Girelli  
Manchester Herald

Members of a committee studying a proposal to build multi-family housing on part of the Cheney Great Lawn say more details are needed before the plan can be approved.

The five-member committee, drawn from the Cheney Historic District Commission, toured the lawn at midday Thursday along with owners of four former Cheney family mansions who are making the proposal and architect Alan Lamson.

Later Thursday they met in the Probate Court to discuss the

proposal.

The committee voted to authorize William FitzGerald, chairman of the Cheney Historic District Committee, to ask the developers to submit a plan showing where the new dwelling units are needed before the plan can be approved.

The committee also will ask the developers to add more provisions to a proposed amendment to zoning regulations governing the historic district zone, which would be expanded under the proposal to include about 25 acres of the lawn north of Hartford Road.

They asked Stuart Popper, the town's chief planner, to arrange with Lamson for more specific

details on what restrictions and standards would be applied in the zone. Popper said he would supply the committee with information on constraints that are applied to some other types of zones so that they can make comparisons.

Popper said provisions in the proposed amendment are not as complete as zoning regulations normally are.

There is no provision for distances between buildings, for instance, Popper said.

FitzGerald, who initiated talks with the property owners in a

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## After 11 years, NASA resumes interplanetary voyages

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The shuttle Atlantis was readied today for mid-afternoon launch, carrying a robot craft toward a voyage to Venus, the cloud-shrouded planet that is an abiding mystery to scientists.

Weather conditions seemed ideal as five astronauts boarded their spacecraft.

Lennard Fisk, NASA's chief scientist, said the launch of the explorer craft Magellan will mark "a resurgence of America's planetary program." The last American probe sent to deep

space was dispatched in 1978. Atlantis was scheduled to lift off at 2:24 p.m. EDT, heading to orbit on a four-day mission 184 miles above Earth.

Launch pad workers completed fueling early this morning. After breakfast, the astronauts donned the bright orange launch suits they would wear into space. They smiled and waved to NASA workers as they headed to their beachfront launch pad.

Magellan is to be released from Atlantis' cargo bay six hours after launch and sent streaking

on a 15-month, 806 million-mile unmanned trip of its own.

Mission specialists Mary Cleave and Mark Lee will operate remote controls that propel Magellan from the shuttle's cargo bay. Atlantis is commanded by David M. Walker. The other crew members are pilot Ronald Grabe and mission specialist Norman Thagard.

Preparations moved smoothly since the countdown began Tuesday. A launch control commentator announced "all conditions look good" for launch time

weather in Florida. Officials kept close watch on wind conditions at windows in shuttle history.

Engineers in the launch firing room checked spacecraft systems and officials reported no problems.

"We're ready to go fly," Richard Truly, NASA's space flight chief and the agency's administrator-designate, said at a Thursday news conference.

The liftoff opportunity, dictated by Magellan's path to Venus and lighting conditions at emergency

landing sites, lasts only 23 minutes, one of the shortest launch windows in shuttle history.

After its release from the shuttle, Magellan's own rocket will send it out of Earth orbit. Over the next 15 months, the craft will fly around the sun 1 1/2 times before settling into an orbit of Venus in August 1990.

Venus has intrigued humans as long as they've looked heavenward and marveled at the universe. The planet, the familiar "star" of the morning or evening, appears just before dawn or just after

sunset as a brilliant, unblinking point of light. Its brightness in the twilight sky is rivaled only by the moon.

Venus is Earth's nearest neighbor, with an orbit 28.7 million miles away, and the two often are considered to be sister planets since they are about the same size. But the worlds differ mightily: Dense clouds of carbon dioxide choke Venus, which has a surface temperature of about 900 degrees, hot enough to melt lead.

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## News blackout imposed on Capitol budget talks

HARTFORD (AP) — Democratic legislative leaders have effectively imposed a news blackout on their discussions of a 1989-90 budget and a package of tax increases to pay for it.

They say they won't discuss specifics of any progress they make until they have a chance to tell rank-and-file lawmakers.

After an hour-long meeting Thursday, House and Senate

Democratic leaders issued a vaguely worded statement saying the session was "very constructive and they agreed to agree to a total package involving both revenues and spending."

"They also outlined a critical path for the timing of their work in coming weeks. They plan to bring their work to the respective House and Senate caucuses by mid-May."

The leaders concluded that there will be no further comments on their progress until they have presented the agreements to their caucuses. "The statement said.

Over the past week, the budget and tax committees gave up trying to fashion spending and revenue packages when the committee chairmen couldn't get agreement among rank-and-file members.

The budget is expected to total about \$6.8 billion. The Democrats

## For Newell Curtis, every day offers challenges on the 'job'



NEWELL CURTIS JR. ... hectic days

By Maureen Leavitt  
Manchester Herald

If anyone ever told Newell H. Curtis Jr. that he would become a minister, chances are the former disc jockey, legislative radio reporter, Korean veteran and plastics manufacturer from Vermont would not have believed it.

But Newell entered the Andover Newton Theological School in 1957 with some prodding from some colleagues, and he hasn't looked back since. Today, he is senior pastor at Center Congregational Church, presiding over some 1,200 parish members.

He attributes his commitment to the ministry as "prompting of the holy spirit. That's the only thing I can attribute it to. I really believe that."

Newell, 61, and his wife, Jane, 59, reside at 262 Ferguson Road. The first thing one notices when

entering the Curtis home is a wall adorned with pictures of their five grown children and grandchildren. Inside, a few children's books or toys can be spotted among piles of magazines or books about South Africa or Central America.

A grand piano which Newell received when a parish he served in Massachusetts closed serves as another shelf for church music, books and bulletins.

He said some days he enjoys playing the piano as a way to relax from the hectic days at the church.

The large, cozy home seems a far cry from the days some 30 years ago when Newell first began serving as a minister.

He and his wife sold the home they had just built in Vermont and moved into a rather small, modest house. It was the best the church he served at in Plimpton, Mass., could offer.

While attending the seminary and serving the 100-member parish, he earned a weekly salary of \$57.60.

"I can't forget the figure," Newell said.

"If any of the kids broke a shoe string, it was catastrophic," Jane said.

She said she had about 20 recipes for hamburger, and the children were raised on powdered milk.

The Curtises managed to survive the four years Newell was at the seminary, an experience he said which helped to make the family stronger.

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RECORD

About Town

Roast turkey supper set

The First Congregational Church of Coventry will have a Roast Turkey Supper Saturday, May 13, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall on Main Street. The public is welcome. Donations of \$4.50 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens, and \$2 for children ages 7 to 12 are asked. Children ages 6 and under are free.

Garden club to meet

The Coventry Garden Club is holding its annual open meeting Tuesday, May 9 at noon at the Coventry Town Hall on Route 31, note the date change. The program will include a mini lunch, followed by a presentation by Dr. Carl Retcher, mayor, director of the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History in Storrs. The public is invited. For more information, call 742-7169.

B'nal B'rith plans trip

B'Nai B'rith Women, Northeast Suburban Region, is planning a bus trip to New York City, Wednesday, June 7. The cost is \$19 round trip. The bus will leave from the Mr. Amazing Plaza at 7:30 a.m., with a pick up at the Westfarms Mall. The bus will leave New York at 7:15 p.m. Reservations must be made by May 25. For information, call 649-4159, days; 649-8227, evenings.

Overeaters get help

Are you addicted to food? Overeaters Anonymous meets at the First Baptist Church, 249 Hillstown Road, every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 1 p.m. and Thursday to 10 p.m. No dues or fees. Everyone who wants to stop overeating is welcome. For more information, call 524-4544.

Y needs camp counselors

The Nutmeg branch YWCA is now accepting applications from students, minimum 16 years of age, interested in working as camp counselors at the YWCA Summer Day Camp. The camp is for boys and girls, ages 6 to 11, and Counselors-in-Training, ages 12 to 16. Camp is Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for eight weeks beginning June 26. Counselors are needed with skills in arts and crafts, athletics, WSJ, and First Aid Certification. If interested, call the YWCA, 647-1437, or come to the office, at 78 N. Main St. to fill out an application.

Short story series set

The Manchester Public Library will participate in a book discussion series on Contemporary American Short Stories. The series was funded under a grant from the Connecticut Humanities Council. The series is scheduled for consecutive Thursdays, May 11, 18 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Whiton Memorial Library, 100 N. Main St. Dr. Ann Charters, professor of English at the University of Connecticut, will lead the discussions. Copies of the anthologies will be available at the library. Admission is free, however, registration is required. Call the library, 643-6892.

La Leche holds conference

La Leche League of Connecticut will hold its 1989 Area Conference at Avon High School Saturday, May 13. The theme of the conference is "The Lifelong Legacy of Motherhood." The conference will provide a forum where parents, professionals, students, and other interested persons can come together to share experiences and concerns about breastfeeding and the many aspects of family life. Eda Lashan, noted family therapist, educator and columnist, will be the featured speaker. For conference registration information, call the registrar, 227-2445. For more information about the local La Leche group, call 644-4109.

May Cabaret slated

North United Methodist Church is hosting the fifth annual May Cabaret Saturday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. Light music will be provided including soloists, duets and a barbershop quartet. The featured artists will be the Vocal Congregation, and two of NUMC's own professional singers, Gaye H. Fisher, and Jeffrey L. Hayman. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased by contacting Ellen Sheridan, 649-8223, or Debbie Hayman, 643-7268.

Lottery

Winning numbers drawn Thursday in lotteries around New England. Connecticut daily: 687; Play Four: 4178. Massachusetts daily: 4864. Tri-state daily: 668; 4478. Rhode Island daily: 5988. Lot-O-Bucks: 911-20-28, 27.

Weather

REGIONAL WEATHER Accu-Weather® forecast for Saturday Daytime Conditions and High Temperatures. Map showing weather conditions across the Northeast region.

Obituaries

Edwin Clements

Edwin Houston Clements Sr., of Biloxi, Miss., father of Debra A. West of Manchester, died April 15, 1989 in Biloxi. Besides his daughter, he is survived by his wife, Margaret "Peggy" Clements; three sons, Keith M. Clements of Tolland, Edwin H. Clements Jr. of Vernon and Bruce A. Clements of Ellington; four other daughters, Catherine M. Heck of the Rockville section of Vernon, Annette Clements of Windsor Locks, Anita Clements of Mobile, Ala., and Roxanne E. Kearns of Windsor Locks; a sister, Patricia Day of Xenia, Ohio; four brothers, Leonard Johnson Jr. of Tyler, Texas, Joseph Johnson of Theodore, Ala., Wayne Johnson of Mobile, Ala., and Ricky Johnson; and eight grandchildren.

Priscilla Friedman

Priscilla (Pearson) Friedman, 49, of 46 Hemlock St., wife of Alan M. Friedman, died Wednesday (April 26, 1989) at Hartford Hospital. She was born in Manchester on July 7, 1939, and was a lifelong resident. She graduated from Manchester High School in 1957. She was a former employee of the Fratt & Whitney, East Hartford, where she worked for 18 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, a daughter, Dawn A. Chapman of Vernon, William Pearson and nephew, Nancy P. Taylor of Manchester; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

George O'Connell

George J. O'Connell, 75, of Glastonbury, husband of Catherine (Haggerty) O'Connell, died Thursday (April 27, 1989) at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He founded the Shawmut Equipment Co., Inc., 35 years ago. At the time of his death, he was chairman of the board. Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, David L. O'Connell of Farmington; a daughter, Karen Vergoni of Albany, N.Y.; a sister, Gertrude Wehrlein of Holyoke, Mass.; and five grandchildren. The funeral will be Saturday at 9:45 a.m. from the Glastonbury Funeral Home, 490 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. in St. Paul's Church, Main Street, Glastonbury. Burial will be in Green Cemetery, Glastonbury. Calling hours will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the Manchester Memorial Hospital Development Fund, Inc., 71 Haynes St., Manchester 06040.

Richard E. Schotta

Richard E. Schotta, 68, of Venice, Fla., formerly of Manchester, died March 24, 1989. He was born in Baltimore, Md., and moved to the Venice area in 1987 from Manchester. He was a supervisor for Fratt & Whitney Aircraft Division of United Technologies, East Hartford, for 25 years and retired in 1981. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Vernon, past board member of the Manchester County Club, American Legion Post No. 54, Redwing, Minn., Manchester Lodge of Masons, the Scottish Rite and Shiner. He was a veteran of World War II.

Births

Jose, Jacqueline Maria, daughter of Silvano and Sharon Beverstock Jose of South Windsor, was born April 18 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandmother is Jacqueline M. Gaudreau of South Windsor. Her paternal grandparents are Jack and Maria Jose of 144 Oakland St. Aceto, Emalee Mary, daughter of Bruce L. and Lisa Samartino Aceto of 886 Flanders Road, was born April 14 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Ann and Pasquale A. Aceto, 197 Glenwood St. Rossignol, Elyse Monique, daughter of David N. and Laura Johnson Rossignol of Enfield, was born April 13 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Ann and Ache Johnson, 69 Clyde Road. Her paternal grandmother is Rita Rossignol, Windsor Locks. Dimock, Jessica LeVinnia, daughter of Risley L. and Barbara Hayes Dimock of Coventry, was born April 14 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Emmett E. Hayes of Marlborough. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Dimock of Ashford.

Cloudy, showers

Manchester and vicinity: Mostly clear tonight. Low near 46. Wind light north. Clouding up Saturday with a 30 percent chance of showers by evening. High around 60. Clouds and showers likely with a high in the 60s Sunday. Coastal: A mostly clear start tonight then some clouds move in. Low in the mid 40s. Wind light north becoming east late at night. Mostly cloudy Saturday with a 40 percent chance of showers. High around 60. Clouds and showers likely with a high around 60 Sunday. Northwest hills: Mostly clear tonight. Low 35 to 40. Wind light north. Clouding up Saturday with a 30 percent chance of showers by evening. High around 60.

Adolph J. Frisk

Adolph J. Frisk, 93, of New Britain, father of Mrs. Vivian Lawlor of Manchester, died Wednesday (April 26, 1989) at a New Britain convalescent home. Besides his daughter, he is survived by his wife, Edith (Dahlstrom) Frisk; two sons, Stuart Frisk of New Britain and Roland Frisk of Kensington; another daughter, Mrs. Nancy Olson of Lake Park, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. The funeral was today at the Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, New Britain. Memorial donations may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church, Vernon.

Abe Nussdorf

Abe Nussdorf, 78, of 587 N. Main St., died Tuesday (April 25, 1989) at home. He was the husband of the late Barbara (Peterson) Nussdorf, who died Feb. 22, 1989. He was born in New York City May 13, 1913, the son of the late Isaac and Victoria Nussdorf. He served with the Merchant Marines. Before retiring, he owned and operated the Nussdorf Sand and Stone Co., Manchester. He is survived by two sons, Thomas Nussdorf of Manchester and Peter Nussdorf of Pompano Beach, Fla.; two daughters, Susan Hamilton and Nancy Fiske, both of Manchester; a grandson, two brothers, Sam and Oscar Nussdorf of Deerfield Beach, Fla.; four sisters, Fay Rand of Manchester, Bea Cir of Boca Raton, Fla., Anne Brittain of Mount Vernon, Wash., and Claire Galinsky of Naples, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be Saturday at 3:30 p.m. Emanuel Lutheran Church, 60 Church St. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in East Cemetery, 1000 N. Main St., Manchester. Memorial donations may be made to the American Liver Foundation, P.O. Box 40623, Woodbridge 06525.

Dominick Clampa

Dominick Anthony Clampa, 76, of Hartford, brother of Rose M. Infante of Manchester, died Tuesday (April 25, 1989) at home. Besides his sister, he is survived by a son, James Clampa of Keene, N.H.; a brother, Frank L. Clampa of Los Angeles, Calif.; a nephew; two nieces; a grandnephew; and two grandnieces; and cousins. The funeral will be Monday at 9:30 a.m. from the Generra J. Capobianco-Greiner Hartford Funeral Home, 598 Farmington Ave., Hartford, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. in St. Patrick St. Anthony Italian Parish Church, Hartford. Interment will be in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Memorial donations may be made to the American Liver Foundation, P.O. Box 40623, Woodbridge 06525.

Thoughts

At age 8, Fanny Crosby, who was blind from the time she was 6 weeks old, wrote: O, what a happy soul am I, although I cannot see, I am resolved that in this world I shall be contented. How many blessings I enjoy, that other people don't see and I see because I'm blind, I cannot see and I won't. In her lifetime Fanny Crosby wrote 5900 hymns. Among them are many of my favorites, one especially: "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine; Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine." Her entire life was characterized by Bible truths, like "Be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'" In whatever state I am, I live contentedly; in all things now, and anywhere, through Christ who strengthens me. This secret habit my soul sufficed: I find sufficient strength through Christ! - Robert B. Pattison Calvary Church, South Windsor

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Colvin on dean's list

Cynthia Colvin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Colvin of 134 North School St., has been named to the dean's list at Skidmore College for the fall semester. She is a first-year student majoring in biopsychology. She was recently selected to take part in a 12-week summer institute doing biological research at Lake George, N.Y.

Wichman on dean's list

Lee Aaron Wichman of 205 Homestead Road has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y. He is a graduate of Kingswood-Oxford School.

Named to dean's list

Five Manchester residents have been named to the dean's list for the winter term at Hartford State Technical College. They are: Ke H. Cong, Downey Drive; Matthew T. Pagnoli, Henry Street; Mark L. Pierson, Deer Run Trail; Dean E. Russell, Bolton Street; and David A. Slinier, Edmund Street.

Honored at university

Two Manchester residents were recognized at the annual honors convocation at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. They were: Wayne A. Clough, 50 Mountain Road, and Jeffrey H. Spiegel, 228 Kennedy Road. Both are students in the College of Literature, Science and Arts.

Attends college day

Kathleen Bator of Manchester recently attended the Spring College Day for accepted students at Wheelock College, Boston, Mass. She was one of 12 Manchester students who attended as professionals to work with children and families in schools, day-care settings, hospitals, clinics, museums and social service agencies.

On ECSU dean's list

Sherry Rautenberg of 129 Hemlock St. has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Eastern Connecticut State University, Norwich. She graduated in December. Her major was sociology and applied social relations and her minor was psychology.

Correction

A list published Thursday of candidates in Monday's Anderson election omitted the candidates for tax collector, Mary-Alice Pirro, a Democrat, is running against incumbent Linda H. Fiah, a Republican, for a two-year term.

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LOCAL & STATE



FUTURE PRO — Bryan Kowalczyk of South Windsor practices his jai al game at Charter Oak Park on Tuesday. He's been training for a year and hopes to become a professional.

Residents vent frustrations over possible loss of tree

Over two weeks ago, the Dezos discovered signs posted on oak trees off Hale Road notifying them they would be felled, including the tree containing a red-tailed hawk's nest. Richard Dezo has said he had watched the hawks in the area for last few years. The nest, which contained two eggs, was moved last Friday to another tree about 300 feet away after Dennis P. DeCarli, deputy commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Protection, overruled an earlier decision made by a DEP biologist. Rita M. Ducas, had ruled last week state statutes protected the nest from even being touched until the eggs hatched and the young were able to fly. Dezo said she had the backing of her neighbors who the originally made her decision. At Thursday night's hearing, Dezo spoke first on behalf of his son, who couldn't attend the hearing, then on his own behalf. He read a letter from his son, which pleaded the tree not be felled so it could stand as a living memorial "to show that the little guy can still make a stand against big business and politics." Dezo asked Town Tree Warden George E. Murphy, who presided over the hearing, to take everyone's opinion into consideration and do what he could for the tree. "I know you're kind of in the middle of this, and you have a job to do, but I really wish you would sincerely look at our point of view, and consider us as your neighbors and fellow residents of the town, and anything you could find in your heart to appease the situation, I'm sure it would be greatly appreciated," Dezo said. Dezo said that the people who moved the nest should be held accountable for what he feels is the certain death of two eggs. During last week's hearing, a lawyer representing Homart Development Co., the major builder of the mall, asked Murphy to adjourn the hearing for a week so Homart officials could review all alternatives available to them. Last Friday, a botanist with New England Environmental Inc. in Amherst, Mass., who was hired by Homart Development Co., climbed the tree off Hale Road and removed the inner nest containing two eggs.

FitzGerald to remain head of town Ethics Commission

Judge of Probate William E. FitzGerald remains Ethics Commission chairman after a vote Thursday by four members who said the judge, a Democrat, has never shown political favoritism to anyone appearing before the commission. Republican commissioner member Jonathan L. Mercier, who had called for FitzGerald's immediate resignation and later changed his mind, abstained from voting Thursday. Republican Mary Sears also abstained. FitzGerald called Thursday's special meeting to let commission members decide whether he should resign. The meeting was chaired by Republican M. Adler Dobkin. Democrats Diane Cummolo and Sol R. Cohen and unaffiliated voter Robert Frank-Cohen attended. Mercier said after Thursday's meeting he still believes FitzGerald is unbiased. "I believe in the integrity of the members," Cohen said. "The commission tabled action on minutes from the March 30 meeting after Mercier and Sears voted they still believe that the minutes FitzGerald drafted are incomplete and put the matter on the back burner." Mercier said he'll listen to tapes from the meeting and propose an amendment to the written minutes. Mercier agreed, but blamed the problem on DiRosa, not FitzGerald. DiRosa came to the March 30 meeting "with a chip on his shoulder," Mercier said. "That's what introduced politics into our meeting." The situation with DiRosa brought to light a problem in the structure of the commission that allows a partisan member to serve as chairman, Mercier said. But commission members rejected Mercier's suggestion that in the future only unaffiliated voters be allowed in that position. Cohen said requiring an unaffiliated chairman implies that other members are playing politics. "I believe in the integrity of the members," Cohen said. 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#### Bolton concert canceled

BOLTON — The concert featuring Bolton High School's Jazz Band and Sparrows Point Jazz Band, of Baltimore, Md., scheduled for tonight at Bolton Elementary School, has been canceled. A school official said the Baltimore band was unable to make the trip.

#### Water mains to be flushed

The Water and Sewer Department will flush water mains next week. Affected areas will be on East Center Street from Main Street to Woodbridge Street, north on Woodbridge, the Oxford Strickland area and the Academy, Pitkin and Munro area.

The flushing will be done Monday through Friday from 7:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. There may be discoloration of water and reduced pressure during the flushing. If water appears discolored, the homeowner should avoid using it until it clears. If sediment gets into a hot water tank, the homeowner should wait until the water has cooled and then open the faucet at the bottom of the tank to drain the collected material. If a load of wash is done during the period of discolored water, the load should be done again after the water clears. Four ounces of cream of tartar should be added to help clean any discoloration of the clothing.

It normally takes a couple of hours for the water to return to a normal color.

#### Officials deny prejudice

NEW HAVEN (AP) — The federal grand jury that indicted former Danbury Mayor James Dyer on extortion charges was not prejudiced by agents' questioning of possible witnesses about rumors Dyer had used drugs, and there are no grounds for the indictment being dismissed, a prosecutor argued. Dyer is seeking to have extortion and tax charges against him dropped on the grounds that the government engaged in an investigatory misconduct, prosecutors violated grand jury secrecy requirements and agents improperly served a subpoena on Dyer's hospitalized 93-year-old father.

#### Debate brews over AIDS

NEW HAVEN (AP) — U.S. Rep. William Danneweyer, R-Calif., accused the homosexual movement of standing the nation's public health system "on its head" so AIDS victims would not be accountable to health authorities. In a debate Thursday at Yale University with Jeffrey Levi, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Danneweyer called upon states to pass laws requiring doctors to report AIDS victims to local health authorities. He said 15 states currently have such laws.

#### Man gets 30 years to life

HARTFORD (AP) — A Superior Court judge has sentenced Daniel Estremera to 30 years to life in prison on five charges, including felony murder. Estremera's mother and lawyer pleaded for leniency but Judge Raymond R. Norko said Thursday that Estremera's crime spree almost a decade ago left a man dead and a teenager sexually violated. "I must focus on vindication for the victims. I must focus on punishment," Norko said. He examined a computer printout and said Estremera's record included 20 felonies from May 4, 1977 to Feb. 28, 1980.

#### Steiger, mother face suit

SUFFIELD (AP) — The parents of one of the two men killed when convicted murderer Eric K. Steiger opened fire on them with a 9mm automatic pistol in 1977 have filed suit against Steiger and his mother. John Houlihan Jr., the attorney for the parents, Ralph and Kathleen Seymour, said his clients may also file suit against the three other men originally charged in the shooting. Steiger was convicted of capital felony murder and conspiracy to commit murder Tuesday in connection with the deaths of Daniel Seymour, 25, of Suffield, and William Price, 26, of Monroe, on July 11, 1987. When sentenced, Steiger will face either death in the electric chair or life imprisonment without parole. The Seymours' suit is based on the "destruction" of Daniel Seymour's ability to enjoy life. Houlihan said.

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### Lawsuit aims to halt bias in city's schools

HARTFORD — Civil rights leaders who filed a historic desegregation lawsuit against the state of Connecticut say they expect the suit to take as long as four years to move through the state's courts, but results may come sooner. "One thing that we would like to see is the suburbs come forward and try to solve this thing," said Wesley Horton, one of 10 lawyers who will argue the case. The suit, filed Thursday in Hartford Superior Court on behalf of a black Hartford fourth-grader and 18 other children and teen-agers, argues that racial imbalance in Hartford area schools violates the state constitution's guarantee against racial discrimination.

The suit contends that black and Hispanic inner-city children and white suburban children are all suffering under greater Hartford's racially divided school system. "Black children going to black schools and white children going to white schools is inherently unequal," Horton said. "It's got to be stopped." The lawsuit focuses on Hartford, but Cesar A. Batalla, co-chairman of the Connecticut Coalition for Educational Equity, which helped organize the suit, said it will have statewide implications. "The suit could have been filed in any city in Connecticut," Batalla said Thursday at a news conference.

The lead plaintiff in the suit, 10-year-old Milo Sheff, attends Hartford's Annie Fisher School, where 98 percent of the students are black or Hispanic. Six of the 17 plaintiffs in the suit are white, including two children from West Hartford, an affluent suburb where schools are 84 percent white. In Hartford, where the other 15 plaintiffs live, schools are 91 percent black or Hispanic. The suit contends that the concentration of poor children, children from one-parent families, and non-English speaking children places severe burdens on the Hartford school system, making it unable to provide education comparable to that offered in nearby suburbs.

The suit also alleges that white children in suburban school districts surrounding Hartford "are deprived of the opportunity to associate with, and learn from, the minority children attending school within the Hartford school district." The suit does not ask for any specific remedy to desegregate the schools, and the lawyers who will argue the case seemed hesitant to suggest one Thursday. "What we envision is a system whereby Puerto Ricans and blacks and whites are educated together," said William Olds, executive director of the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union, which is providing two lawyers to the plaintiffs. John Brittain, a University of Connecticut law professor and one of the lawyers arguing the case, elicited laughter when he told the news conference, "we believe in mandatory, voluntary cooperation."

A court-ordered solution could focus on redrawing school district boundaries, busing students from one district to another, or creating interdistrict "magnet" schools.

State Education Commissioner Gerald H. Tirozzi, one of 10 state officials named as defendants in the suit, has proposed voluntary, incremental steps such as magnet schools to desegregate Connecticut schools. But the Legislature has not acted on Tirozzi's suggestions, and civil rights leaders maintain the Legislature won't deal with the issue without pressure from the courts. "What I'm hoping is that this will be the big hammer that's placed above everybody's head," said Leo Harrington, a white social worker from Hartford whose two sons are plaintiffs in the suit. Tirozzi said Thursday the filing of the suit came as a surprise, and said he would continue to work on voluntary solutions. "I honestly believe that John Brittain and I have similar goals," Tirozzi said. "My public posture all along has been that I would sincerely hope that we could resolve this voluntarily. I still have that hope."

Brittain said he expected the issue to reach the state Supreme Court for a final decision within four years. Also named as defendants in the lawsuit are Gov. William A. O'Neill, the six current members of the state Board of Education, state Treasurer Francisco L. Borges — the state's highest black official — and state Comptroller J. Edward Caldwell. O'Neill's legal advisor, Howard G. Rifkin, said Thursday the governor would have no comment on the suit until he has had a chance to review it. Ironically, Tirozzi, the former superintendent of schools in New Haven, has made desegregation of Connecticut's inner-city schools a personal crusade.



THE WAVE — Selectman Douglas T. Cheney, center, and Morris Silverstein, right, candidate for the Board of Finance and Zoning Board of Appeals alternate, right, are among the Bolton Republican candidates waving to passing motorists today at the intersection of Route 85 and Interstate 384. Other Republicans at the intersection are Robert Morra, candidate for first selectman; Sally Lessard, candidate for Board of Education; Dick Tuttil, campaign manager; and Dorothy Tuttil.

### Coventry hires boating officer to enforce new lake regulation

COVENTRY — A full-time boating officer has been hired by the town. Police Chief Frank Trzaskos said Wednesday he has hired Steven Baird, 28, of Manchester to patrol Coventry Lake. "We want to put some enforcement on the lake. It's hoped with the presence of an officer, people will comply with the law," Trzaskos said. The town marine patrol boat will be put in the lake for testing during that time. According to Trzaskos, this is Baird's first law enforcement position. Trzaskos said most new officers hired in town are just entering the field. He said it is common in police and fire work to "hire first and train after."

Baird will be attending a course offered by the U.S. Coast Guard and state Department of Environmental Protection to be certified as a marine patrol officer. Trzaskos said. The town marine patrol boat will be put in the lake for testing May 15, said Trzaskos. Baird will then begin on weekends and start full-time June 4. He will be paid \$10 per hour for 40 hour week, \$2,250 has been budgeted for the job through July 1. Baird had been the number two candidate for a spot recently filled for an additional full-time regular patrol officer. Therefore, Trzaskos said he plans to use Baird to fill the additional full-time regular patrol officer position he has requested in the proposed budget for fiscal 1989-90, which begins July 1. The proposed \$14.6 million budget will be voted on by residents at the Annual Town Meeting May 12. If the budget is approved, Baird will remain on marine patrol through October but will be classified a regular officer. Trzaskos said. The town marine patrol boat will be put in the lake for testing May 15, said Trzaskos. Baird will then begin on weekends and start full-time June 4. He will be paid \$10 per hour for 40 hour week, \$2,250 has been budgeted for the job through July 1. Baird had been the number two candidate for a spot recently

### School budget is cut \$105,000

COVENTRY — The Board of Education reduced its proposed budget to \$9,058,312 Thursday night by approving cuts of \$105,000. The board unanimously approved the reduction and amended budget during a meeting at Capt. Nathan Hale School. The reduction was necessary because the Town Council cut the original board proposal of \$9,163,312 by \$105,000 on April 9. It was part of an overall cut of \$175,000 from the town manager's proposed budget for fiscal year 1989-90, which begins July 1. "Townsperson will vote on the \$14.5 million budget at the Annual Town Meeting on May 12 or in an adjourned referendum. A large portion of the cuts came from new or replacement equipment, instructional and non-instructional, at a total of \$30,960. That ranged from items like a computer to chairs to play refrigerators. Other cuts include \$7,500 from health insurance; \$254 from test scoring; \$4,540 from legal fees; \$5,500 for a bus study the board voted not to have done; \$3,600 from unanticipated emergencies fund; \$300 from athletic trips; \$300 from athletic subsidies; \$500 from superintendent travel; \$8,552. Member Ellen Sullivan urged the board to keep an cost of \$8,475 an additional part-time custodian. "We've had custodial problems all year and its become a morale problem with the teachers," Sullivan said. A large portion of the cuts came from new or replacement equipment, instructional and non-instructional, at a total of \$30,960.

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### NATION & WORLD

#### HUD funds used to 'feather nests' of Reagan aides

WASHINGTON (AP) — An investigation into a \$225 million federal housing program shows it was used during the Reagan years "to feather the financial nest" of former administration officials and other prominent Republicans, the House Banking Committee chairman says. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-Texas, said he will hold hearings on the report by the general office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which suggested favoritism and cronyism in awarding federal housing renovation contracts.

The report, released this week, documented how former Reagan administration figures and other Republicans raked in handsome profits on consulting contracts to rehabilitate subsidized apartments for the poor. The consultants included President Reagan's first interior secretary, James Watt; the late John Mitchell, attorney general under President Nixon; former Republican Sen. Ed Brooke of Massachusetts, and former Kentucky Gov. Louis Nunn, also a Republican. Other consultants included former top HUD official under Reagan — Secretary Samuel Pierce, with one charging fees of \$1.3 million. Still other former officials under Pierce participated as developers in projects to renovate subsidized housing for the poor, benefited by the HUD contracts.

Inspector General Paul Adams drew a comparison with the Pentagon procurement scandal, with former government officials drawing big fees as consultants to developers seeking government contracts. But Adams said he had found no evidence that active HUD officials had been involved in influence-peddling and made no charges of criminal activity. The rehab program is a \$225 million a year endeavor that survived in Congress despite efforts by the Reagan administration to kill it. Through it, developers win contracts to acquire and renovate existing housing and receive HUD guarantees of subsidized rents for 15 years. "It is indeed ironic that a program that the Reagan administration had sought to terminate for six years was misused to feather the financial nest of HUD and administration favorites," Gonzalez said Thursday.

#### IN BRIEF

**Judges seeking 30% pay raise**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Five congressmen put a trio of leading judges on notice: The pay raise so vigorously sought by federal judges may well depend on denying it to senior judges who do no judicial work.

"Pay raises should be reserved for those who work," said Rep. Robert Kastenmeier, D-Wis., chairman of the House courts subcommittee. His message was echoed by four Republican and Democratic colleagues at a hearing Thursday. They were taken aback by testimony from the judicial leaders, who are seeking a 30 percent pay raise for all federal judges.

**Problems delay reactor restart**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Energy Secretary James Watkins says he is delaying the restart of government reactors to protect the public because safety problems have not been fully assessed. The energy secretary disclosed on Thursday that he has pushed back the timetable for restarting the department's three Savannah River nuclear reactors in South Carolina, which are the nation's only source of tritium gas used in warheads.

**Beijing students claiming victory**  
BEIJING (AP) — Students at universities in Beijing vowed today to continue their 5-day class boycott and wall posters at several schools proclaimed victory, a day after more than 150,000 of them and their supporters marched triumphantly for democracy. "The strike must go on," read a new poster at Beijing Normal University. "We must persist until final victory," read another at People's University.

The government announced Thursday that it was willing to talk with students about their demands for greater freedom. But student leaders rejected the government's stipulation that talks be conducted through official student groups. Protesters at most schools have rejected the government's non-democratic and formed their own student unions.

**Soviets unhappy about prospects**  
MOSCOW (AP) — Soviets are growing increasingly pessimistic about their future, the mayor of Moscow told President Mikhail Gorbachev during a meeting of the Communist Party's policy-making Central Committee.



HAPPY WINNERS — Nancy Williams, left, of Fort Montgomery, N.Y., Jim Handel, Jr. of Summerhill, Pa., and Alverta Handel of Portage, Pa., held one of the 14 winning tickets in the Pennsylvania Super 7 Jackpot Lottery.

#### Many to split biggest jackpot

MIDDLETOWN, Pa. (AP) — Fantastic dreams of taking home all of a record \$115 million jackpot from Pennsylvania's Super 7 lottery slipped away as 14 winning tickets turned up in an initial computer scan of wagers. Lottery Executive Director Jim Scroggie said each of the 14 tickets will be worth \$817,524.67 in annual payments over the next 26 years. If one person had won the jackpot, it would have been worth \$4.4 million a year. Still, the first two groups of apparent winners were happy Thursday to claim just a share, even if the money won't bring early retirements. "It's better than nothing," said Gregory G. Sarna, of Warren, Ohio, who served as spokesman for a group of 14 workers from the Harrison-Walker brick factory in Windham, Ohio.

### Reagan is sinking from the limelight

WASHINGTON (AP) — When organizers at Arizona State University invited Ronald Reagan to give a speech last month fewer than one-fourth of the 10,000 tickets were sold in advance and the former president agreed to waive his \$50,000 fee. Reagan, who commanded vast audiences until he left office in January ago, is now out of the limelight, retired into the select club of former presidents that includes Gerald Ford, Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter.

Occasionally, the former president pops back into the news. Both President Bush and Vice President Quayle visited him this week in Southern California. And his name came up more negatively in repeated references during the Iran-Contra trial of former White House aide Oliver North. Would one have expected a less reclusive retirement given Reagan's popularity during his two-year term? Probably not, agree president watchers. They differ, however, on whether it's the nature of the man or the nature of the system which is responsible. "It's not unusual and not at all atypical historically for a former president to slip from sight," said Stephen Hess, a presidential scholar at the Brookings Institution, an independent think tank. The advent of a new president is accompanied by a flurry of media attention and public curiosity, Hess said, and the former White House occupant generally just drifts away from power. Hess said.

Reagan, 75, works in his offices atop a Los Angeles skyscraper, says his aides. He writes speeches on such favorite topics as the need for a line-item veto, a balanced budget amendment and an end to the two-term limit for presidents. He has joined the board of the conservative magazine National Review and also is planning to write his memoirs. Reagan has been virtually mum on the presidency of his successor, and he is rarely mentioned in Washington. One way for former presidents to step back into the limelight is to take a shot at the predecessor. Thus, Jimmy Carter made the news in 1981 when he criticized Reagan's budget proposal for placing too much emphasis on defense spending and not enough on domestic programs. "But most ex-presidents are obliging and they stay out of the hair of the current occupant of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue," said Benjamin Ginsberg, a professor of government at Cornell University. Bush also has been careful to avoid criticism of his predecessor. Last month, White House Chief of Staff John Sununu admonished aides to refrain from unfavorable comparisons of Reagan and Bush. Some former presidents have made a comeback several years later, returning to vogue once a historical perspective of their presidency has been established. Such was the case with Harry Truman, who left office in 1953 an unpopular leader but was seen in a far more favorable light in the 1960s and until he died in 1972. Presidents who cannot bear the obscurity of retirement are rare. Theodore Roosevelt didn't want to be an ex-president so he ran against fellow Republican William Howard Taft in 1912. His run split the Republican vote, and gave Democrat Woodrow Wilson the White House.

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## Emhart takeover almost completed

TOWSON, Md. (AP) — Black & Decker Corp. announced today it has received commitments to purchase 95 percent of outstanding shares in Emhart Corp., enough to complete a takeover of the Farmington, Conn.-based company.

"We are pleased with the response to our offer and welcome Emhart to our corporate family," said Nolan D. Archibald, chairman and chief executive officer of Black & Decker. "We expect that the combination of our businesses will be beneficial to our stockholders and to the distributors and users of the products of our businesses."

Black & Decker offered Emhart shareholders \$40 a share for their stock. Based on a preliminary count today, about 95 percent of Emhart's outstanding shares were tendered under the Black & Decker offer. The offer expired this morning.

Black & Decker will now authorize its banker to begin paying shareholders. Although Emhart in effect comes under Black & Decker control today, the actual merger is a legal formality that will take about 60 days to complete, Ms. Lucas said.

Emhart shareholders who do not sell their stock to Black & Decker will be able to get \$40 a share once the merger is final.

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## House reverses itself on regional banking bill

HARTFORD (AP) — The House of Representatives has reversed itself and approved legislation that saves one of New England's largest regional banks, Fleet-Norstar, from having to sell its Hartford subsidiary, United Bank.

A week ago, the House had rejected the measure, 69-58. But on Thursday it was brought back before the House and approved in a 99-46 vote.

Connecticut now allows interstate banking only among New England-based banks. Fleet-Norstar, R.I. bank, had acquired United in 1986. Two years later, it merged with Norstar of Albany, N.Y., and the banking commissioner ordered it to divest itself of United.

But the order was stayed until divestiture regulations could be drafted; they are now in place. After Thursday's action, the bill goes to the Senate, where its fate is uncertain.

Opponents of Thursday's bill said Fleet-Norstar had circumvented Connecticut's regional interstate banking law and should be forced to comply with it. They said the legislation amounted to nothing more than a special exception for an influential bank.

The message, said Rep. John G. Metopoulos, R-Fairfield, was that "if you break the law, don't worry about it because you can come to the General Assembly to fix it."

Proponents, including Banks Committee Co-Chairman Thomas D. Ritter, D-Hartford, said forcing Fleet-Norstar to divest itself of United Bank was too harsh a penalty in light of the General Assembly's intention to debate full interstate banking next year.

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## BUSINESS

### Broker's victory limited

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — A state jury has found that Paine-Webber Inc. broke a contract with one of its former "superbrokers" and also defamed him with rumors of insider trading.

But the jury at Bridgeport Superior Court also found Thursday that former broker Geoffrey J. Winters of Greenwich owes the company money for two promissory notes, plus attorneys fees resulting from the legal battle.

If the verdict stands, the 46-year-old Winters will receive an 18-cent award after paying Paine-Webber. More importantly, his attorney said, Winters will have achieved a "moral victory."

"It's got to have an effect on the excesses of Wall Street," said John H. Chapman, Winters' attorney.

### Banker pleads guilty

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — A former officer of the Connecticut Bank and Trust Co. of Danbury office pleaded guilty to charges of embezzling more than \$2,000 from the bank, U.S. Attorney Stanley A. Twardy Jr., said Thursday.

Frank R. Salvatore, 46, of Danbury, admitted in U.S. District Court that he was admitted in 1984 and 1987, when he was an assistant vice president and branch manager of the CBT office, he embezzled the money by fraudulently debiting a payroll account and using the funds to pay his personal debts, Twardy said.

## MARKET REPORT



### Xerox increase modest

STAMFORD (AP) — Xerox Corp. reports a 4 percent increase in net income for the first quarter, reflecting strong domestic revenues from its business products and the benefits of a restructuring undertaken in January.

First-quarter net income was \$158 million on revenues of \$4.1 billion, compared to net income of \$151 million on revenues of \$3.8 billion for the same period a year ago.

Earnings per share rose 8 percent to \$1.44, compared to \$1.37 for the first quarter of 1988.

### P&W gets 2 orders

EAST HARTFORD (AP) — Pratt & Whitney aircraft has received orders and options worth up to \$215 million for new jet engines from airlines in Egypt and France, the company said.

EgyptAir, the country's national airline, and Euralair, a French charter airline, placed orders for 24 Pratt & Whitney engines to power the airlines' newly-ordered Airbus A300-600R and A330 aircraft, the company said Thursday.

EgyptAir ordered 12 high-thrust PW4158 engines worth \$130 million for seven new A300-600R aircraft. The airline has nine of the planes on order, with options on three more. The planes will be delivered in the spring of 1990.

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## Yale tests find no cold fusion

NEW HAVEN (AP) — Preliminary results of tests conducted by Yale and government scientists show no evidence of the room-temperature fusion reported by researchers in Utah last month, a Yale physicist said.

Speaking before a group of about 50 students Thursday, Moshe Gai, assistant professor of physics at Yale, said the experiment conducted over the last three weeks in the Wright Nuclear Structure Lab failed to confirm the findings of the scientists from the University of Utah and Brigham Young University.

"The data is extremely clean. From what I see I have good reason to be skeptical of the Utah findings," Gai said.

The Utah researchers shocked physicists last month by claiming to have produced cold fusion using simple lab equipment, a process that could provide a source of abundant, clean energy.

The two groups said they obtained fusion by dunking palladium or platinum electrodes in solutions of heavy water and passing electricity through them. Heavy water contains deuterium, a form of hydrogen with one extra neutron.

Until last month, scientists as-

## SCIENCE & HEALTH

### Chances best in West

ATLANTA (AP) — If you're trying to stay away from a heart attack, federal health researchers say your chances are best out West.

Hawaii's rate of death from heart disease is barely half the rate in New York, which reports three such deaths per 1,000 residents per year, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control said Thursday.

After Hawaii, rounding out the healthiest-heart list are New Mexico, Utah, Alaska and Idaho.

The CDC's findings, from a study of heart disease deaths in 1986, the latest year available, mark a continuation of previously reported trends in coronary mortality.

### Minoxidil tests work

WASHINGTON (AP) — Researchers at a Michigan pharmaceutical company say the anti-hair-loss drug minoxidil appears to stimulate the genes that make hair grow.

Minoxidil "not only affects growing cells, but affects cells that make hair-shaft protein," Vincent Gruppi Jr., a research with the Upjohn Co. of Kalamazoo, Mich., said Wednesday. "Minoxidil affects gene activity that affects the growth of the hair shaft."

Knowledge gained from study of minoxidil's effects on genes could have implications for research into genetically based diseases, such as sickle-cell anemia, said Alan Buhl, also an Upjohn researcher.

### Panel backs implants

WASHINGTON (AP) — An expert advisory panel recommends federal approval of birth control implants that work up to five years, but a final decision by Food and Drug Commissioner Frank Young may take months.

Among the issues the agency still must review are the effectiveness of the implants in heavier women and how long the contraceptive protection lasts, FDA spokesman Jeff Nesbit said Thursday.

Nesbit said the 11-member Fertility and Maternal Health Drugs Advisory Committee of the FDA unanimously approved the implant, called Norplant, because it is at least as safe and effective as any other contraceptive on the market.

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# OPINION

## 'Neighbors' profiles townspeople

Today's edition of the Manchester Herald includes the newspaper's annual profile of the community, this year devoted to telling readers about some of Manchester's people at play, at work, in their homes, and in service to their neighbors.

It does not cover every facet of life in Manchester, of course. No single edition could do that. But it gives what the Herald feels is a good picture of this vibrant and varied community.

Readers will learn from it about how people enjoy such common leisure activities as gardening, and reading — one woman figures she has read 5,200 books in her lifetime. But they will also find out about some less-common activities like skydiving.

There are stories about the homeless as well as a couple who live in a former Cheney mansion, the new breed of condominium dwellers, life in a retirement community, a family trying to preserve its farm life, and a woman who thinks her boarding-house home is heavenly.

There are accounts of the activities of people who help others in many ways, teaching them to read, keeping a watch on neighborhoods to discourage crime, promoting a variety of cultural and social benefits.

Readers will also find that among their neighbors is a small woman who drives an 18-wheeler for a living.

Readers probably won't be surprised to find that repairing watches is delicate and confining work. They may be surprised, however, to learn that you get a lot of exercise when you manage a giant catalog distribution center.

Read the profile supplement, "Neighbors," and find out who some of your neighbors are, what they're doing and how they're helping to make Manchester the community it is today.



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## No surprises in 100-day ratings

By Walter R. Mears

CHICAGO — In back-to-back appraisals, Vice President Dan Quayle and President Bush issued their own reports cards on their first 100 days.

Not surprisingly, the marks were excellent. Bush said his administration is off to a good start in confronting problems that demand "urgent attention and decisive action," and in setting a steady course for long-term progress.

Quayle said the United States is disappointing "the so-called declinists," who see signs of national retreat. The vice president said his message on a 12-day mission to the Pacific is one of optimism, with alliances flourishing, trade booming, U.S. political and economic principles ascendant.

There are other grading systems, of course. Not all of them are quite so enthusiastic about the first semester of the new administration.

For example, while Bush boasted of a bipartisan budget agreement that kept "my no new taxes pledge intact," the deal does not deliver the decisive deficit curbs he also promised during the 1988 campaign. Indeed, some critics have called the deal a sham that simply puts off the day of budget reckoning until next year, Bush said it was "a strong first step."

Quayle, then Bush addressed members of The Associated Press in Chicago on Monday, two hours apart. The vice president's speech was, in his phrase, a "pre-trip briefing" on his trip to Australia, Indonesia, Singapore and Thailand. That turned out to fit one of his 100-day observa-

## Warning on S&Ls ignored

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — American taxpayers will be asked to dig deep in their pockets for as much as \$200 billion to bail out hundreds of savings and loans that were run into the ground by crap-shoot management. You can send your thank-you notes to Federal Home Loan Bank Board Chairman Danny Wall, former Treasury Secretary James Baker and the spineless members of Congress who were in the pocket of special interests.

The suit to rub into the taxpayers' wound is the fact that a bailout would have cost only about \$10 billion — a relative pocket change — if government officials had acted when the experts were still smelling smoke.

Here's one glaring example. In early 1985, William Isaac, who was then chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., ignored Baker to make solving the thrift crisis a top priority.

On June 5, 1985, a letter stamped "highly confidential" was sent by Isaac to Baker, who had recently been named Treasury Secretary.

It read: "When we got together a few months ago in your office, I told you that one of my principal concerns about the financial system and the condition of the thrift industry and the ability of the thrift industry to cope with the problem. About that time, I requested your staff to prepare an analysis of the thrift industry." (The study concludes that the problems of the thrift industry are of such proportions that they will soon overwhelm the ability of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp. to deal with them.)

Isaac was in a ticklish position to be a senior citizen's reform bill, which insures commercial bank deposits. He was smart enough to know that something was something wrong with his sister agency, the FSILC, which insures savings and loan deposits.

But he didn't want to be like a developer who prepared his study secretly and sent it to Baker with a note that it was done "without seeking his access to FSILC which does not know that we have done this work."

Isaac parenthetically added that he "did not want to stir up any more political concern than necessary at this time."

What was Isaac's response to Baker's SOS? "According to our sources, the FSILC was brewing, make sure it didn't erupt on Ronald Reagan's watch. In other words, he reported on Washington that turned out to be Baker's good friend George Bush, who may have won the 1988 election. Had Baker used some of his legendary savvy to resolve the thrift crisis then, the result would have been a fraction of what it will be today."

When Baker's Treasury Department belatedly kicked into gear, it simply put its feet on the dime and lobbied for the recapitalization of the depositor insurance fund. Baker let a much lower man do the job. It was Edwin Gray, propose tough reforms in the industry and take the heat for those proposals. Gray was the predecessor as chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board.

In July 1987, Wall took over that job and all hope of reform flew out the window. When Gray yelled "fire" from the rooftops, Wall couldn't even smell the smoke. When Gray refused to let the industry call the shots, Wall laid down in his own office.

Wall quickly lost the respect of some of his staff, some General Accounting Office investigators and key members of Congress. "Accentuate the positive" was Wall's imbecile theme in office. It is a perfect epitaph for the thrift industry.

When Wall leaves office, he will be carried out high on the shoulders of the lobbyists and lawmakers who have brought you this fiasco.

Christine Walsh, 49 Mount Summit Drive, Bolton

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## Political blossoms for Earleen, Steve

To the Editor:

It is spring and all around Andover the crocus and daffodils are blossoming. It is election time here, too, and right before the flower displays in Andover the political signs are also blossoming.

No doubt about it, the Andover Government signs for Earleen and Steve and Terri will hands down for most abundant and most attractive political bloomers.

Rightly so. Because Earleen Ducheaneau, Steve Fish and Terri Gelinas are the most experienced, most committed and the most competent candidates just like the big signs say. Here's hoping the signs forestall the election results. My vote is with them.

Agnes Peterutti, Route 6, Andover

## Open Forum

### 'No' on revision to reduce taxes

To the Editor:

Bolton voters can directly reduce their future taxes by voting "no" on the charter revision.

I'm a realist. I stand by the salary figures in my letter to the editor published April 21. These were \$140,000 for the four newly proposed positions, plus "perks." The proponents of these revisions forget the benefit packages for full-time employees — these are not shown on the salary line of a budget. You and I still pay for them. Current salaries can be checked in the classified ads of your paper. By the job descriptions contained in the revision, these are full-time positions.

Two axioms of the politician are: "Promise 'em anything but taxes" and "There ain't no such thing as a free lunch." Who is to pay for these charter changes? You and I. Do review this revision. Perhaps you will see the changes are worth the price. Should these changes be a priority for your tax dollars?

Douglas T. Cheney, Member, Board of Selectmen, 21 South Road, Bolton

### Charter changes relevant, needed

To the Editor:

Recent information circulated by the opposition to the charter revision for the town of Bolton contained some rather misleading statements. The revision committee states that the town manager shall, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, appoint a town planner, human services director, and parks and recreation director, but does not state that they must be full time or, for that matter, paid employees.

Bush said thorough reviews of foreign and defense policy issues will be completed later in May, pointing to the revised charter as something that will change in international affairs.

The president said there's a running debate now on what it takes to move the nation forward. He said it takes principle, performance, ideology, actions. The selection of this administration understands that the American people expect all of these — and something more.

"They expect results." Results will be the final exam on each of these. Those are the grades that really will count.

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### Elect Democrats, then vote for Jim

To the Editor:

On May 1, Bolton will hold its town election. I would like to see a strong Democratic turnout at the polls. This year we can make a difference in the Bolton politics. I currently serve on the Board of Education and am a member of the Democratic Town Committee.

I am especially interested in the elections for the members of the board, John Muro and Michael Parsons, who are not up for re-election. The board will miss both men who have done an outstanding job. Their good judgment, sound reasoning and prudent financial decisions will be sorely missed. I wish them well in their future endeavors.

The reason for my writing this letter is to urge the Democratic and independent voters to vote for the two Democratic candidates for the Board of Education. The two gentlemen, Dennis Ealger and Narasimha Reddy, are eminently qualified to serve on the Board of Education. These gentlemen are not the outgoing, rah-rah type of people but exude quiet confidence in the way they do it. I have worked with both gentlemen and I think they will make good Board of Education members.

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter endorsing Sally Lessard for the Board of Education. We have worked together on numerous committees and she has been most dedicated. Her tenacity and forthright nature attribute to her success.

Sally is very interested in the education process. She has held leadership roles in the PTO, ABC's Boosters, School Facilities Committee, and the town-appointed kindergarten through grade 8 committee. She also has been a reliable substitute teacher in kindergarten through grade 8.

When you enter the voting booth on Monday, May 1, remember — Sally Lessard will work hard for you and will have your children's best interest in mind.

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### Andover voters have real choice

To the Editor:

The Andover Fair Government group has breathed real life into this political campaign. We actually have a choice and we actually have candidates who have let us know what they stand for and what they will do if elected, and not just mushy generalities, but honest, specific stands.

No wonder the traditional party candidates are so overwrought. Their approach here last week sounded pretty desperate, like they too could read the "what-if" honest, specific stands.

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### Earleen, Steve enforce the law

To the Editor:

I am voting for Earleen and Steve on May 1.

No other candidates have pledged that they will continue the tough enforcement of our building and environmental laws begun by Earleen in the past two years. No other candidates have pledged to keep the professional building official and sanitarian the town hired last summer at Earleen's urging. They are doing a really fine job. If they stay, and our building and environmental laws continue to be enforced with the firmness and fairness that they have applied so far, I have confidence that the interests of the citizens of Andover will be protected as they develop. I, as Andover, as it surely is and will continue to do.

No other candidates have pledged to protect our quality of life in Andover and to vigorously pursue enforcement of our laws when it is necessary. With Steve and Earleen, I know what I am voting for and I know that I will get it.

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### Change charter, vote for Lessard

To the Editor:

On May 1, Bolton residents have a chance to make a very important and much-needed change in the way our town government is run. We have been addressing the same issues for many years and have not had many of them resolved. We need a professional town manager to help us proceed in the right direction and to the conclusion of these issues. We need a person whose sole aim is the enrichment of the way of life for all residents by the use of long-range planning, and not need to haphazardly plan, worse yet, no planning. I urge my fellow residents to vote "yes" for charter revision on May 1.

I'd also like to urge residents to vote for Sally Lessard, who is running for the Board of Education. I have known Sally for about 10 years and can attest to the fact that she will make a great contribution to this board. She has been active in school matters for all the years I've known her. She is working for excellence in education. She believes in the well-rounded education which includes academics, the arts and athletics. She is a person who will listen to your concerns and will do her best to implement action where needed. If you are concerned about what direction our education program is taking, then I strongly urge you to vote for Sally Lessard.

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## Open Forum

### Clarify positions of Bolton candidate

To the Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to clarify a number of my positions as reported by your newspaper in its

# LOCAL & STATE

## Gelinas says she's qualified

ANDOVER — Terri Gelinas, Andover Fair Government candidate for town clerk, says she has the qualifications to keep accurate land records.

The keeping of proper records is important because of the town's growth, said Gelinas. She said a July 1988 examination of land records by state-certified examiners found numerous errors.

Keeping accurate records is critical, she said in a news release. Gelinas also said that workers in the town clerk's office should take advantage of training and follow-up courses for such work. She said she had the training to keep proper records.

The position of town clerk requires meticulous records keeping that comes under the scrutiny of state auditors, Gelinas said. "I feel that I have the qualifications and experience to maintain the records in a manner that will meet state requirements."

Gelinas is opposing Democratic incumbent Marie R. Burbank.

## Train to restore service

NEW LONDON (AP) — The Montrealer passenger train connecting Washington, D.C., and Montreal may soon return to service, possibly as early as mid-June. An agreement is reached between Canadian National Railway and Amtrak officials says.

The train has not run since April 1987 when New Hampshire and Vermont forced its cancellation. The train's route around that time took it to New Haven, where it headed north through Hartford and Springfield, Mass.

## Thief charged in smuggling

NEW HAVEN (AP) — The convicted leader of a nationwide car-theft ring has been arrested again and charged with arranging to have a handgun smuggled into his cell in exchange for a stolen vehicle, authorities said.

Thomas E. Marra Jr., 35, of Bridgeport, who is accused of continuing to orchestrate a stolen-car ring while in custody, allegedly arranged for a 1987 Chevy Blazer to be delivered to a New Haven Correctional Center guard sometime between December and this month, state police said.

State police said the gun was apparently smuggled into the jail as part of an escape attempt.

Marra was charged Thursday with first-degree larceny, conspiracy to commit first-degree larceny, and possession of forged documents. He was also charged with conspiracy to convey a weapon into a correctional facility and possession of a weapon in a correctional facility.

The guard, Vincent DiCiccio, 36, of New Haven, was arrested at his home and charged with first-degree larceny, conspiracy to commit first-degree larceny, and conspiracy to convey a weapon into a correctional facility.

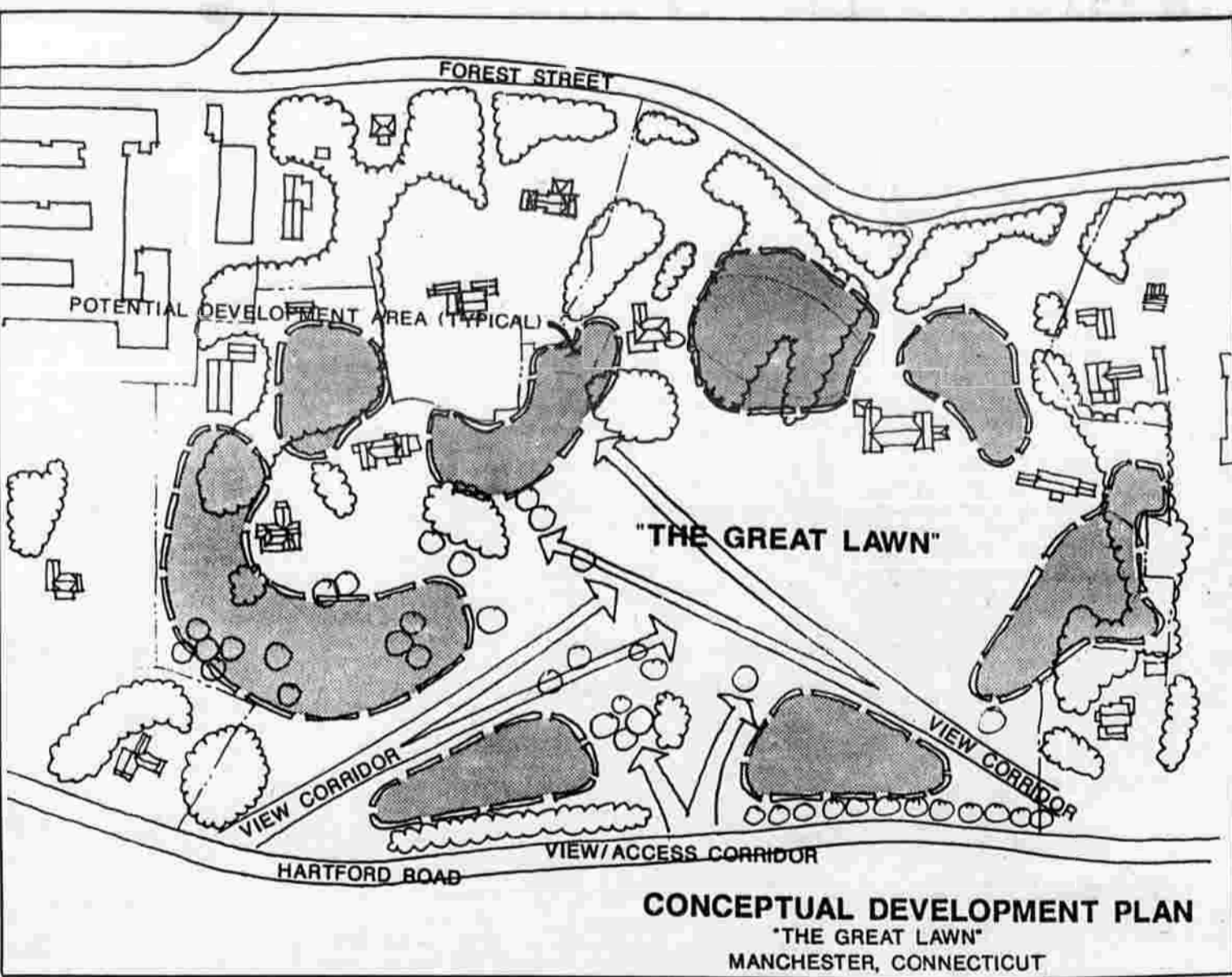
## Mrs. Connecticut crowned

Anne Camille Davies of Glastonbury was crowned Mrs. Connecticut America Sunday and will compete in the 1989 Mrs. America Pageant.

Davies, wife of Livingston Davies, competed with women from all over the state for the title. Proceeds from any endorsements by Mrs. Connecticut will be donated to the Newtonington Children's Hospital.

Davies is a graduate of Southeastern Massachusetts University. She owns and manages the D.P. & R. Construction Co. She and her husband have two children.

She was sponsored by the Chateaufort Shoppe of Glastonbury, E'Lan Hair Designs of Newtonington, The Elegant Image Photography of Glastonbury, Lisa's Hairmaster's of Cromwell, Natural Cosmetics of Connecticut and Pat Wang.



LAWN PLAN — While no site plan has been worked out for development on the Cheney Great Lawn, this conceptual plan has been offered as illustrative. At a meeting Thursday, Edward Kioehn, a member of a committee studying the plan for the Cheney Historic District Commission, objected to two development clusters closest to Hartford Road. The committee decided at the meeting that it wants more details on the plan before it makes any recommendation. Story on page 1.

## Indicators

From page 1

In March, nine of the 11 indicators that make up the leading index declined, with a drop in building permits counting as the biggest negative factor.

Other negatives included: a dip in manufacturers' orders for consumer goods; a shorter average work week; an increase in initial claims for jobless benefits; a drop in an index measuring consumer confidence; faster vendor deliveries, signaling slower demand; a contraction in the money supply; a decline in manufacturers' unfilled orders and falling stock prices.

Two indicators made positive contributions: a jump in prices for raw materials, indicating stronger demand; and a gain in orders for new plants and equipment.

The various changes left the index at 144.4 percent of its 1982 base of 100. The index has advanced 0.5 percent over the past six months, compared with a 2.1 percent rise over the previous six-month period.

## Shuttle

From page 1

Magellan will be carrying some of the most sophisticated remote mapping sensors ever sent to another planet.

An imaging radar system will be able to detect features on the surface as small as 100 yards, about the size of a football field. The radar will be operated during about 2,000 passes over the Venusian surface, each time viewing a slice of the planet and sending the image back to Earth for computer enhancements.

Magellan is expected to map about 90 percent of the surface while orbiting Venus for about 243 Earth days, equal to a single Venus day.

The last U.S. planetary probe was the Pioneer-Venus, launched in 1978.

Fisk said that in the 11 years since "we had a planetary program that was in danger of being an also-ran."

Magellan is the first in a series of American planetary exploration missions.

Voyager 2, a probe launched in 1977 and an earlier visitor to Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus, will fly past Neptune in August. In October, the robot craft Galileo will be launched toward Jupiter.

## Blackout

From page 1

need more than \$500 million in tax increases to balance that budget. House Speaker Richard J. Balducci said after the meeting that "we haven't accomplished a great deal. We kind of went round and around circles."

He denied there was any kind of news blackout, saying, "We just want our caucuses to know first. They don't like reading it in the paper first."

He also said that Senate President Pro Tem John B. Larson's hope that a tax bill could be fashioned by the end of the week was not likely to be realized.

## Great Lawn

From page 1

effort to save as much of the lawn as feasible from development, said Thursday the proposal in its present form is not acceptable.

Edward Kioehn, a committee member, objected to a provision in a broad conceptual plan that would place some buildings close to Hartford Road, where he said the lawn could be seen if some trees on a town-owned right-of-way there were removed.

Another member, James Alrich, objected to the fact that there is no maximum size limit for new buildings and that the densities that would be permitted for conversion of existing ones seems to be high, possibly higher than what is permitted under the existing AA Residential Zone in which the lawn area is located.

## Shuttle

From page 1

Newell has been serving Center Congregational Church since 1974. His life revolves around the church. The church operates like a community within a community.

There is full-time office staff for the church council, a choir, numerous social action committees, subject to the church, and even a nursery school.

Luckily, some 200 lay people from the parish hold offices and sit on various boards and committees to help make the church function.

Newell says he is as devoted to his wife, children and grandchildren as he is to the church, however.

He is proud of his children and their accomplishments. More evident that he cherishes his wife and her accomplishments.

After staying home to raise five children, Jane decided to return to the workforce to help put the children through college.

Her career path is as varied as her husband's. She has worked for the University of Vermont in Burlington, where she met Newell, with a political science degree.

Today, she serves as second vice president of the church. She has a master's degree in management, a political science degree.

It's a rare evening when both Jane and her husband are home together. They rise around 5:30 or 6 a.m. and often Newell does some home until 10 p.m.

Newell likes to coordinate their vacations well enough that they've visited places like Israel, Egypt, England and Africa.

Right now they are planning their itinerary for a month-long trip to Scotland. They will have the opportunity to travel for a week or so, and Newell will study at St. Andrews University for three weeks.

Newell is accustomed to the stresses which come with the job. But it is a job which he said is never done.

"I don't think there's any day that's typical," Newell said. Newell and Jane have to work hard at planning their time together.

"I give her my calendar and she blocks out the days she has off," Newell said. Their favorite getaway is a long weekend together at his home on Black Island. And, they have managed to coordinate their vacations well enough that they've visited places like Israel, Egypt, England and Africa.

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During the tour, William Beffrey, owner of one of the mansions and one of the applicants for the zone change, said it is not the intention of the applicants to destroy the lawn but to preserve it as much as possible.

The application for amendment to the historic zone regulations and for extension of the historic district to include the lawn is scheduled for consideration by the Planning and Zoning Commission June 5.

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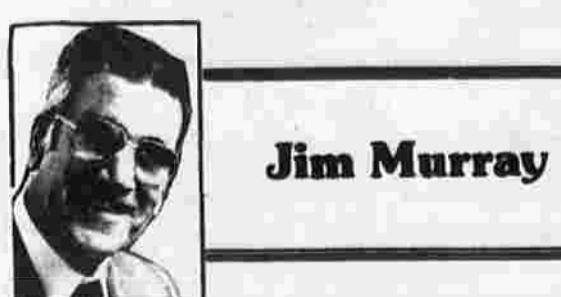
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# SPORTS



Jim Murray

## Old timers strike back at computer

In 1930, something like 87 National League batters batted over .300. One of them batted .313. In 1930, every member of the champion St. Louis Cardinals batted over .300. Last year, most teams didn't have any batters over .300.

The late Fresno, Thompson used to recall ruefully the year he hit .324 for the Philadelphia Phillies — and batted eighth.

In 1930, the year Bill Terry batted .401, the second place hitter, Babe Herman, batted .393. The third place hitter, Chuck Klein, batted .386, fourth was Lefty O'Doul at .383 and fifth was Fred Lindstrom at .379. Terry got 244 hits, Klein, 226, and Herman, 241.

The most hits in the National League last year was Andre Galarraga's 189. Hack Wilson drove in 190 runs for the Chicago Cubs in 1930. The league leader last year was Will Clark of San Francisco with 109.

What happened? Were there giants in those days, runs in this? Baseball scholars have been uneasy with these figures, this discrepancy, for years. It is not possible for them to conclude that the batters of a half-century ago were that much better than those of today. There must be an illogical explanation.

Their explanation makes Bill Starr see red. Bill Starr is not a nostalgic buff. Bill Starr is not one of those Ty-Cobb-was-better-than-Pete-Rose guys. Bill Starr was an owner of San Diego Padres in the '40s and '50s before the major leagues came to California. He had been a player in the '30s, briefly a catcher for the old Washington Senators (now the Minnesota Twins).

Starr's outrage is not directed at those who would say that today's players are as good as yesterday's. He concedes that. What brings him off the wall is the notion promoted by those who would hold that yesterday's players were no good — and that they can prove it with computers.

In other words, the pitchers couldn't get them out. But the computers blow them away. Starr has written a book titled "Clearing The Bases." Baseball Then And Now ... and he points to the following paragraph taken from another book ("The Hidden Game of Baseball") as an example of rewriting history by foppy dice.

"If Ty Cobb's career had taken place... in 1978... those authors have written 'his lifetime B.A. (which was actually .307) would have been only 288. Rogers Hornsby (lifetime .338) and Joe DiMaggio (lifetime .325) would have achieved identical .280 marks. Bill Terry, Lou Gehrig and Tris Speaker would be average to mediocre hitters at .271, .269 and .265, respectively. The Babe's (.271) .262 (Babe actually had .342) would be a disappointment, but a little better than Al Simmons' .260 (Al hit .334 with the bat but not the bytes) or Honus Wagner's .281 (Honus had better luck in person, .329).

While conceding that 1930 was a bumper year for base hits the National League batted .303 for that year while last year's average was .248. Starr blames the decline in hitting on a number of observable (not computerized) phenomena, most notably the strikeout. It's become endemic in the big leagues. Big leaguers struck out 25,098 times in 1987, compared to a two-league average of only 7,517 in the '20s and '30s.

The modern ballplayer seems to have no knowledge of the strike zone," Starr laments. "Babe Ruth had a big reputation as a strike-outer but he struck out only 79 times a year on the average. DiMaggio struck out only 27. Ted Williams only 46. Gehrig struck out only 40, even homer sluggers like Mel Ott struck out only 48 a year."

Reggie Jackson averaged 129 a year and put the strikeout record 600 above everyone else. He struck out 171 times one year. Wilver Stargell struck out 122 times a year. Mickey Mantle struck out an average of 103 times a year and Mike Schmidt strikes out 117. Babe Ruth isn't even in the top 25 in lifetime strikeouts any more.

Starr disputes the notion a strikeout is "a nice clean out." "It doesn't result in a double play or worse, it's not as humiliating as a popout. But, says Starr, "it kills a rally. It raises the morale of the pitcher. Nothing is more counter-productive to the winning of a game."

Starr points out that "in 1937, there were 41 players who struck out more than 100 times. By comparison, in the entire 20 years from 1920 through 1939, 100 or more strikeouts occurred only 18 times." He points out that Cobb only struck out 24 times the year he hit .401, and that Hal Slater struck out only 14 times the year he hit .420.

Babe Ruth never struck out 100 times. Reggie Jackson struck out 100 or more at-bats 18 times in his career. "That's why he only batted .283," explains Starr. Mantle fanned over 100 times eight seasons and over 90 in four others.

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## Thompson looks for protection

WASHINGTON (AP) — Georgetown basketball coach John Thompson, saying he wanted to make sure none of his players would be hurt while hanging out at a District of Columbia nightclub known for drug trafficking, admits contacting one of the Washington area's most notorious cocaine dealers.

"What I was trying to do ... was not wait until something happened, but to have a body laying there, someone who had been using drugs."

Thompson, speaking on a live portion of "Nightline," said that none of his players who hung out at the Chapter J's nightclub on Capitol Hill were suspected of using drugs.

"I got the word out on the street that I'd like to talk to him," Thompson said. "It was almost like a tacit agreement: 'Do me a favor — if you see anything suspicious, use whatever resources you have to stop it from happening.'"

Thompson described Edmond as "very polite." "It was 'Yes sir, no sir,'" Thompson said. "Nightline" host Ted Koppel reported that Thompson learned that freshman center Alonzo Mourning was a sophomore forward John Turner were among the Hoyas who frequented the nightclub.

Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent John Wilder, speaking on the same program, said several of the Georgetown players were among dozens of youths he spoke with while attempting to build a case against Edmond. Wilder also said that law enforcement officials had no information that any of the Georgetown players had used cocaine drugs, and said they were contacted only because they socialized at the same place as Edmond and some of the other players.

"We try to build an intelligence network in the community," Wilder said. "They obviously had some relationship with the players and we do not think they were involved (in drugs)."

On April 15, Edmond and 15 others were arrested and charged with running a massive transnational cocaine ring.

U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia Jay B. Stephens has estimated that Edmond's group may be responsible for up to 20 percent of the cocaine trafficking in the nation's capital.

## Laker veterans take command

By Barry Wilner The Associated Press

It's the playoffs, time for the infirm and aging to stand tall. Time for the Los Angeles Lakers to take charge.

Believe this team truly steps up to another level in the playoffs; they're used to winning, they're addicted to it. Lakers coach Pat Riley said Thursday night after the first-time NBA champions beat the Portland Trail Blazers in their best-of-5 series opener. "I think this team's been written off, but they haven't written themselves off."

"People say this team is old, senile, finished. We can't let those things affect us. Blazers did affect them. Magic Johnson had 30 points and 16 assists. Byron Scott chipped in with 29 points and Mychal Thompson came off the bench to score 20."

Riley said he really wanted a lot from me, both offensively and defensively, because I'm a veteran now," Scott said, "and I felt like I delivered."

The Lakers are trying to become the first team to deliver three consecutive NBA championships since Boston in 1964-66.

In the other openers, it was Golden State 123, Utah 119; Atlanta 100, Milwaukee 92, and New York 102, Philadelphia 96.

Tonight, it's Boston at Detroit, Seattle at Houston, Chicago at Cleveland and Denver at Phoenix. Clyde Drexler paced Portland with 30 points and Jerome Kersey added 23.

Warriors 123, Jazz 119; Golden State was the only road team to win.

Chris Mullin scored 41 points, including 18 in the third period, for the Warriors.

Rookie Mitch Richmond, averaging 22.7 points against the Jazz, finished with 30. Richmond was 8-for-24 in his last two games but was 13-for-21 Thursday.

John Stockton led Utah with 30 points. Karl Malone, who entered the game as the NBA's second-leading scorer at 29.1, finished with 22. He was enroute to the first quarter-end had only six in the first half.

Hawks 106, Bucks 92: Although Milwaukee slowed the tempo to its liking, it wasn't enough because the Hawks won by 14 points.

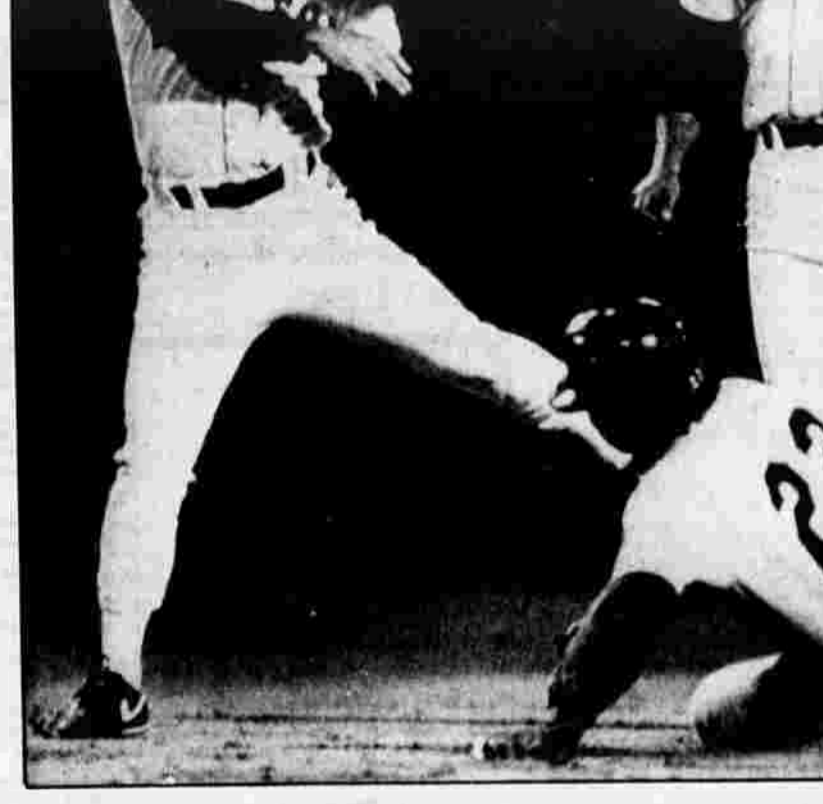
Wilkins finished with 23 points and Moses Malone had 23. Jay Humphries scored 20 points to lead the Hawks.

"This game truly was a struggle, for us and them," Rivers said. "It was a war. They slowed the game to their style and you can't count them missing all those free throws. We got kind of lucky."

Knicks 102, 76ers 96: Philadelphia, which won four of six games against the Knicks this season and the last two at New York, had its chances in the playoff opener. But the Knicks got a season-high 34 points from Charles Wilkins and Edrick Ewing had 26.

The Knicks trailed 92-91 after rookie Hershey Hawkins' layup with 3:11 left, his only basket of the game. Ewing drove into the lane for the field goal.

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## White Sox end marathon thanks to Ozzie Guillen

By Dove O'Horo The Associated Press

BOSTON — The wretched hour had passed. The last subway train was headed for the curb and a few hundred fans remaining from a crowd of 24,000 left Fenway Park quickly.

In the Chicago White Sox clubhouse, Ozzie Guillen, a slick-fielding shortstop, talked about his hitting.

"Who-eee," said Chicago Manager Jeff Torborg. "What a game. It was a struggle." "We had our chances," said Boston Manager Joe Morgan. "I've seen this type of game a zillion times. Usually it takes one good poke, which is how they win it."

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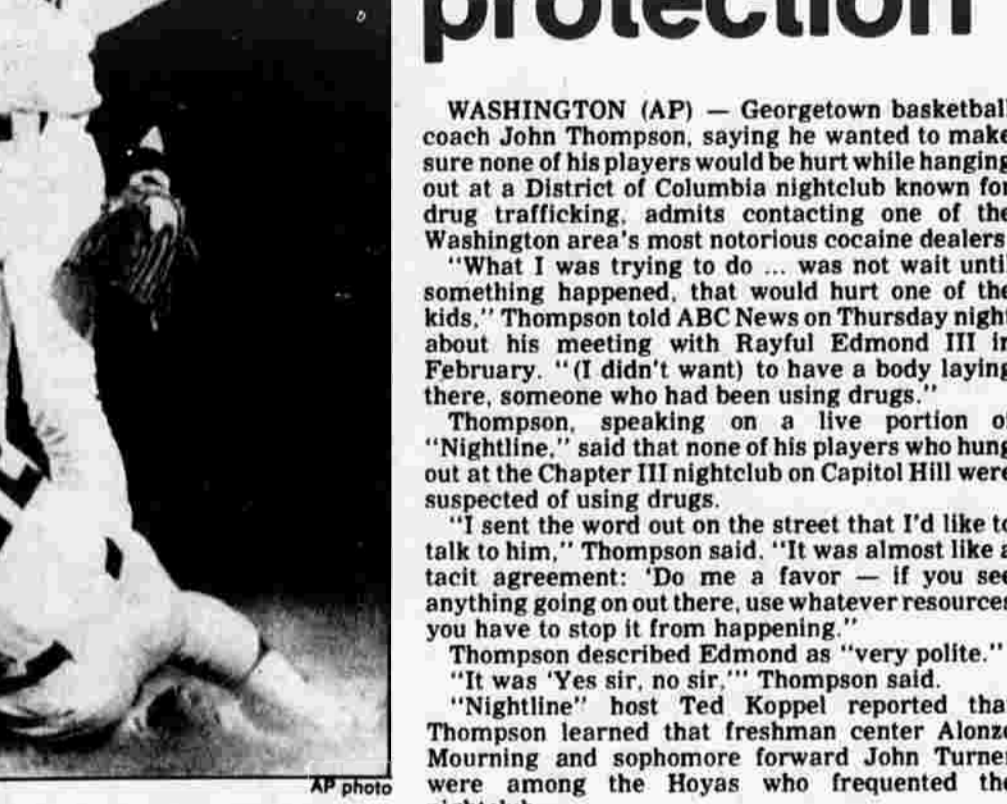
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## John takes nothing for granted as Yanks hang on for the win

By The Associated Press

Even after 288 career victories, Tommy John never takes a win for granted.

John allowed two runs in eight-plus innings but needed Dave Righthelmer to get out of a bases-loaded jam in the ninth as the New York Yankees beat the Kansas City Royals 5-2 Thursday night.

"My stomach was churning and my palms were sweaty," John said. "I felt like I was just an inch away from having a great game go down the drain."

John, who will be 46 on May 22, allowed seven hits, walked two and struck out five as the Yankees snapped the Royals' five-game winning streak.

But things got a little shaly in the ninth.

John took a four-bitter and a 3-1 lead into the inning, but Kevin Seitzer led off with a double and scored on Jim Eisenreich's single.

Danny Tarantini followed with a home run and over 90 in four others.

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# FOCUS/Advice

## Girl watcher's girlfriend hurt by big eyes

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been dating this guy I'll call Michael for two years. I really love him, but he does something that simply kills me! He's a heavy girl watcher.

When we're out in public, whether it's at the movies, restaurants, bar or just walking down the street, he stares at a girls constantly — paying no attention to me or what I'm saying. It's like I'm not even there.

I mentioned a few times how hurt I feel when I see him staring at other girls, but he says, "It doesn't hurt to look" — then he tells me it's jealousy and insecurity on my part.

I know he'll never change. His friends act the same way. I don't even want to think about what goes on when he hangs out with the boys. For someone who's 31 years old, he acts like a high school boy.

Abby, I love him, but I can't see myself marrying a man who stares at

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**Dear Abby**  
Abigail Van Buren

girls when we're together and makes me feel like nothing. I feel used. By the way, Michael is obsessed with girlie magazines and porn videos.

Please help.  
**MICHAEL'S GIRLFRIEND**

**DEAR GIRLFRIEND:** How wise you are to realize that this one fault is important enough to stop you from marrying Michael. I receive letters every day from married women who are miserable because their husbands never overcome the habit of staring at girls.

Michael is mistaken. It does hurt to look — it hurts you. And don't let him

lay a guilt trip on you for feeling jealous and insecure. His "looking" causes you to feel this way.

Girls magazines and porn videos, yet? If it's marriage you want, you need a more mature man than Michael.

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife had some cousins visiting her from a distant state. They are nice people, but apparently they had never been to classy restaurants. Well, we took them to one.

They ate heartily, then just before we left the restaurant, one of the cousins emptied the entire contents of the breadbasket into her oversized purse! There were rolls, breadsticks, a few muffins, and some crackers individually wrapped in cellophane. She even took all the packets of artificial sweetener!

When she saw the look of disappointment on my face, she said, "There's nothing wrong with taking these things, you're paying for them. And besides, I understand it's against the law for restaurants to serve anything a second time; once it's been on the

table, if nobody eats it, it has to be thrown out."

Is that true or not?  
**EMBARRASSED RELATIVE**

**DEAR EMBARRASSED:** According to Jimmy Murphy, proprietor of "Jimmy's," one of the classic restaurants in Beverly Hills, Calif., "Laws vary from state to state, but the local board of health requires that unwrapped rolls and muffins may be served only once. If they are not eaten, they must be thrown out. However, packaged foods, such as crackers sealed in cellophane, may be served again. And rarely do diners take home what's left in the breadbasket. But should they ask, the waiter will gladly wrap it up."

**DEAR EMBARRASSED:** The opening reception features a showing at 8 p.m. of two experimental films by MCC media student Brad Cooper, a 1987 graduate of Manchester High School. Cooper's films, "The Night Mel's Head Blew Up" and "Harvey's Obsession," focus on characters whose lives are out of kilter. The program is free and open to the public. A reception with refreshments will be held in the gallery following the films. The exhibit will be open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, through May 11.

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**TEAMING UP** — Singer-songwriter Julio Iglesias poses with actress Brooke Shields Wednesday in Miami during a break in filming for Iglesias' music video "Raisées" to be released soon. "Raisées" is Spanish for "roots." Shields makes her music video debut in the production.

## PEOPLE

### Accuff to keep on working

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — Roy Accuff, the 85-year-old "king of country music," will continue to perform despite an earlier announcement that he has retired, says the general manager of the Grand Ole Opry.

Accuff, best known for "The Wabash Cannonball," was honored earlier this week with a special humanitarian award at the Nashville Network's "Viewers' Choice Awards" ceremony. He is now recovering from a heart attack.

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### Design a dream house

The Connecticut Home Show will be at the Hartford Civic Center this weekend with 300 exhibits to help homeowners improve their living environments. There will be kitchens and bathrooms, decks, patios, window treatments and much more.

### Be a square

The Manchester Square Dance Club will hold a dance from 8 to 10 p.m. Saturday at Hill Junior High School. Bob Smith will call the squares, Donn and Armand Daviau will call the rounds. Admission is \$8 per couple.

### Coffeeshouse planned

The Manchester Grace Church of Christ will hold its monthly coffeeshouse on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the North United Methodist Church, 300 Parker St. The coffeeshouse will feature the group Gentle Folk. Admission and refreshments are free.

### Cinema

**HARTFORD** Cinema City — Dangerous Liaisons (R) Fri 7:30, 9:45; Sat Sun 1:30, 3:45, 7:00, 9:45. The Adventures of Boron (R) Fri 7:30, 9:45; Sat Sun 1:30, 3:45, 7:00, 9:45. The Rescuers (G) Sat Sun 1:30, 3:45, 7:00, 9:45.

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**WILLIAMANTIC** U.S. The Cinema — K-9 (PG-13) Fri 7:30, 9:45; Sat Sun 1:30, 3:45, 7:00, 9:45.

# WEEKEND

## Flea market planned

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## Diamond delight

You'll hear "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend" and other popular numbers, in the musical "Loretta" this weekend of the Broadway musical "Loretta." The Trigon Players will present the show tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m., at RHAM High School. This evening's performance will be preceded by a spaghetti dinner, prepared by the Honor Society and served at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Tickets for the show are \$2.50 for students and \$3 for adults.

## Students' work shown

An exhibit of art work by Manchester Community College students will open tonight in the Newspace Gallery at the Lowe Program Center. Paintings, drawings, watercolors, sculpture, ceramics, graphic designs, illustrations and computer graphics from MCC studio art classes will be exhibited.

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**LOVE IN BLOOM** — Barbara Thomas of the Coventry Garden Club arranges flowers for the Wadsworth Athenaeum's Fine Art & Flowers exhibit, which runs tonight through Sunday. Flower arrangements were created for the show to complement selected works of art in the museum. The exhibit is open 11 a.m.

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## Whimsical puppets delightful

**By Nancy Pappas**  
**Manchester Herald**

Did you ever have the urge to cradle an operatic star in your arms? To run your fingers along the contours of his face? My favorite, the vivid orange members of the Corp De Ballet, are unfortunately seen in only one scene. On the other hand, the parrot who lives with the show's heroine, Josephine, is featured in many scenes. His recordings are much appreciated.

The dialogue is spoken for the puppets by actors who are usually seen in featured roles on the University of Connecticut's stage. Recordings are cleverly used to provide all singing voices and orchestration. The mammoth job of coordinating these snippets of recorded music fell to Professor Valerie Schor, who was certainly equal to the task.

It's not often that the stage, which makes a tremendous contribution to the production. But in this case, Ballard has designed a very elaborate puppet stage, which sits at the center of the

Jorgensen Auditorium stage. In keeping with the nautical theme of the show, four round windows are cut into the sides, and puppets peep from beneath porthole-shaped lids to add their comments or sing bits of the choruses.

The peak of the stage is decorated with busts of Sir William S. Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan. At various points in the show, these statues come to life and add to the general fun of the show.

Seats for this production, which runs only through Sunday, were sold out weeks ago. So far, the university's theater department has not extended the run for an additional week, although disappointed patrons have certainly urged them to do so.

The production has been selected by the Puppeteers of America as the opening event of their annual festival, which began July 9, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass. Perhaps after that performance, the show will return to Connecticut, to play to the many fans reluctant to accept the fact that this is to be Ballard's UConn show.

## BUY EARLY AND SAVE!

## PRE-SEASON POOL SALE

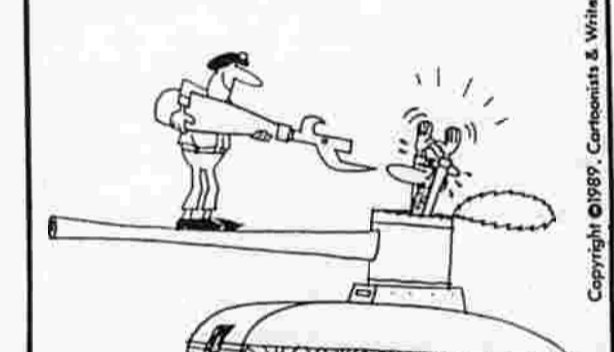
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## Dizziness upsets her daily routine

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**DEAR READER:** Yes, you should. Dizziness on head-turning may represent a temporary interruption of blood flow through one of the two carotid arteries, major sources of circulation to the brain. If arteriosclerotic plaque has built up on the arterial lining, the diameter of the blood vessel will be narrowed.

Turning the head, which further narrows the artery, will reduce blood flow to the brain, causing dizziness. Although head movement itself is not dangerous, pieces of the plaque can break off and be carried to the brain, causing a stroke.

Therefore, you should bring your symptoms to your doctor's attention. In my opinion, you need testing to determine if you have a partially blocked carotid artery.

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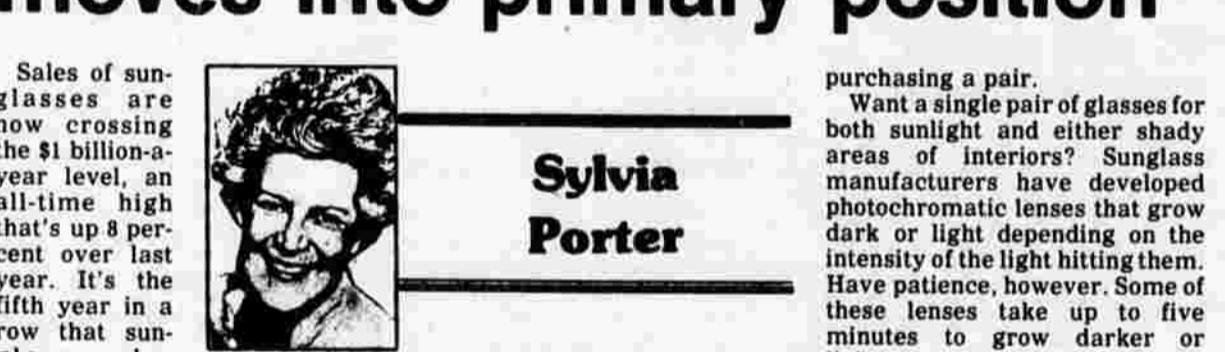
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## Lawyer charges additional fees

**DEAR BRUCE:** I recently hired an attorney to handle a situation I got into. That is, my wife and I were in our car when it was rear-ended. The car was heavily damaged, and my wife and young son were injured.

The attorney agreed to take the case by the hour rather than on a contingency basis, since we think we are a cinch to collect because it was a rear-end deal. What I don't understand is how he can charge by the hour and then attach additional fees. Is this legal?

**DEAR N.C.:** In most cases, it is not a matter of "legal or illegal" when it comes to professional fees. The question is, what was agreed upon? If you and your attorney agreed that you were to pay the extra fees, then his bill is proper. If not, he's overcharging.

**Smart Money**  
Bruce Williams

## Smart Money

**W. C. LAS VEGAS**

We were told by an insurance salesman to cash in our whole life policies, take out term insurance and invest the rest in a growth fund — which we did. My problem is, neither of us knows much about financial markets, and I have not been able to sleep since we made a wise choice.

I am not interested in being identified in your column because we live in a very small town. I could really use some peace of mind regarding our future.

**DEAR L.H.:** In the absence of more information, it is difficult to tell whether you made a wise move in cashing in your whole life insurance. More often than not, life insurance was in place for more than a few years; it would have paid to keep it in place, adding to your insurance estate with term insurance.

I have no problem with you investing in a growth fund. Still, recognize that mutual funds that are growth oriented are based upon the stock market. The funds own equity shares; those shares can go up and they can go down. The value of your fund will follow a parallel course.

If you have chosen a well-managed fund, history seems to indicate that you will do reasonably well over the long haul. Further, at your relatively young age, you can afford to hang in for the ups and downs of the market place.

Now that you've cashed in your whole life policies, little can be done. I think it is well to be skeptical any time an insurance salesman asks you to cash in one policy in favor of a policy he or she is selling.

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## Diamond delight

You'll hear "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend" and other popular numbers, in the musical "Loretta" this weekend of the Broadway musical "Loretta." The Trigon Players will present the show tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m., at RHAM High School. This evening's performance will be preceded by a spaghetti dinner, prepared by the Honor Society and served at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Tickets for the show are \$2.50 for students and \$3 for adults.

## Students' work shown

An exhibit of art work by Manchester Community College students will open tonight in the Newspace Gallery at the Lowe Program Center. Paintings, drawings, watercolors, sculpture, ceramics, graphic designs, illustrations and computer graphics from MCC studio art classes will be exhibited.

The opening reception features a showing at 8 p.m. of two experimental films by MCC media student Brad Cooper, a 1987 graduate of Manchester High School. Cooper's films, "The Night Mel's Head Blew Up" and "Harvey's Obsession," focus on characters whose lives are out of kilter.

**LOVE IN BLOOM** — Barbara Thomas of the Coventry Garden Club arranges flowers for the Wadsworth Athenaeum's Fine Art & Flowers exhibit, which runs tonight through Sunday. Flower arrangements were created for the show to complement selected works of art in the museum. The exhibit is open 11 a.m.

**Be a square** — The Manchester Square Dance Club will hold a dance from 8 to 10 p.m. Saturday at Hill Junior High School. Bob Smith will call the squares, Donn and Armand Daviau will call the rounds. Admission is \$8 per couple.

## Whimsical puppets delightful

**By Nancy Pappas**  
**Manchester Herald**

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Jorgensen Auditorium stage. In keeping with the nautical theme of the show, four round windows are cut into the sides, and puppets peep from beneath porthole-shaped lids to add their comments or sing bits of the choruses.

The peak of the stage is decorated with busts of Sir William S. Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan. At various points in the show, these statues come to life and add to the general fun of the show.

Seats for this production, which runs only through Sunday, were sold out weeks ago. So far, the university's theater department has not extended the run for an additional week, although disappointed patrons have certainly urged them to do so.

The production has been selected by the Puppeteers of America as the opening event of their annual festival, which began July 9, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass. Perhaps after that performance, the show will return to Connecticut, to play to the many fans reluctant to accept the fact that this is to be Ballard's UConn show.



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## Entertainment is set

The nationally known Christian entertainer, Bob Stromberg, will present a concert Sunday at 7 p.m. at Trinity Covenant Church, 302 Hackmatack St. Stromberg's performances include original music, storytelling, movement and humor. Admission is free, and there will be a coffee hour after the concert.

## Someone's in the kitchen

If you enjoy cooking, entertaining, or just poking around in other people's houses, reserve Sunday afternoon for the Junior League of Hartford Spring Kitchen Tour. From 1 to 5 p.m., you'll have the chance to explore the kitchens and dining rooms of five homes in Avon, Bloomfield and West Hartford. Each home will highlight entertainment themes, such as equine brunch, bridal buffet, etc. An addition stop for high tea at the Avon Old Farms Hotel will give guests a chance to relax and enjoy light refreshments. Cooking demonstrations throughout the afternoon at the Connecticut Culinary Institute in Farmington will feature recipes from the Junior League's award-winning cookbook, "Connecticut A La Carte." Tickets are \$12 per person, and support such Hartford projects as AIDS Project Hartford, Covenant to Care, and Friends of the Family, a resource and referral center for teenage parents and their families. To reserve tickets, call 523-4670.

## Be a sport

On Sunday evening, some of Manchester's finest will compete beneath the basketball nets. The Manchester Police will take on Manchester Firefighters, for the first time ever in a basketball court, to determine the town champions and to raise money for the Manchester Area Conference of Churches. The game will be at 7:30 p.m. at East Catholic High School. Tickets are \$3 general, \$2 for senior citizens and children ages 12 and under.

## James Joyce film fest

The James Joyce Group at Paperback Alley, 84 Sullivan Ave., South Windsor, will run an all-day James Joyce Film Festival Sunday beginning at noon. Irish soda bread and Irish tea will be served all day. There is no admission fee, the films are open to the public. For more information, call Paperback Alley, 644-9979.

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# To tip or not to tip? You might not have a choice



## AARP Roundup

**Tina DePumpo**

If you don't like the service you get in a restaurant, you don't have to leave a tip. Or do you? Restaurant owners are lobbying to replace tips with an automatic service charge. long the custom in Europe, according to Woman's World magazine.

One problem is that restaurant owners have to pay Social Security tax on the tips, so instead of trying to guess how much every waitress and waiter gets, some restaurants have started adding the traditional 15 to 20 percent service charge to the bill. This way they know exactly how much to pay.

But some restaurant workers don't like the idea. And neither does the public. A Gallup Poll reported 92 percent of diners would rather decide the amount of the tip themselves. After all, why should have to pay more for bad service?

**Service combined**

The AARP Mature/Drive Alive Manchester program is being combined with Glastonbury. The class will be from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. at St. James Church, Main St., Glastonbury, on Thursday and Friday. St. James Church is one block north of Hebron Avenue and Main Street.

All who complete the course will have a 5 percent discount on their automobile insurance. Harry Reinhold will be the instructor.

If interested, please call the secretary at Glastonbury Senior Center, Beryl Conant, 659-2711, ext. 285.

Make checks payable to AARP for \$7 per person.

**Chapter 604**

The next meeting will be held Wednesday at Concordia Lutheran Church. Social hour will be from 12:45 until 1:30 p.m. when the business meeting will be called to order. Election of officers will be held. The Sunshiners will entertain.

**Chapter 2399**

The Board of Directors will meet Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the First Federal Savings & Loan, West Middle Turnpike. The monthly meeting will be Thursday, May 11, at the Community Baptist Church, East Center Street. The program will feature the Senior Citizens Orchestra.

**Trips**

The May 17 Erie Canal trip is filled with fun and excitement. We're planning a four day trip, from 12:45 until 1:30 p.m. when the business meeting will be called to order. Election of officers will be held. The Sunshiners will entertain.

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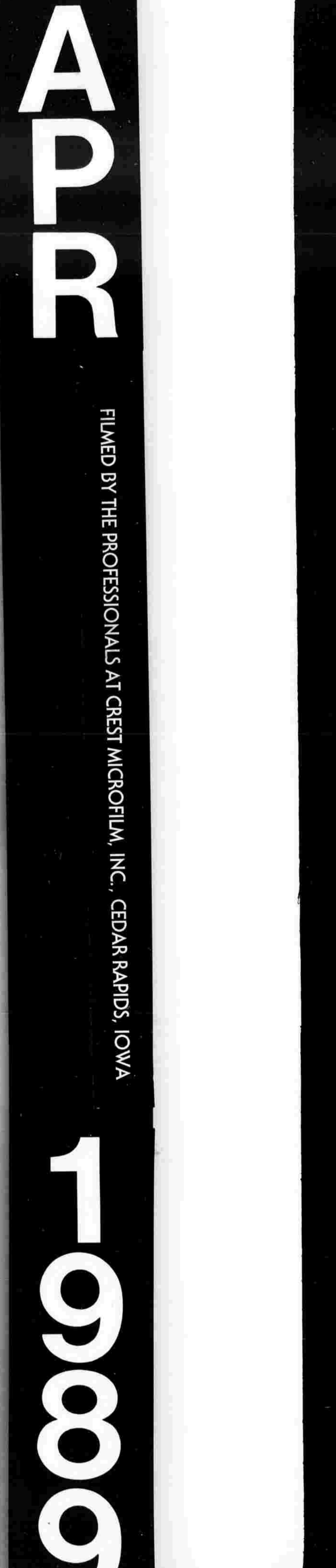
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**32 APARTMENTS FOR RENT**

MANCHESTER Room in quiet rooming house. Off street parking. \$70. per week. 646-1666 or 549-3018.

GLASTONBURY Soap Factory. One bedroom room. Available May 20. \$450. Includes utilities. Call 955-0508.

MANCHESTER. Two bedroom duplex in two family. Appliances. \$625. plus utilities. 646-7253.

ROCKVILLE. Conveniently located. One, three, and four bedroom apartments available. Rent includes carpet, appliances, parking and more. Security and references required. Call 872-8025.

LIKE private home. 3 1/2 rooms. Lease. Working single, married couple preferred. 646-7880.

FIVE room, two bedroom apartment for rent with appliances. Utilities not included. Security deposit required and references. Immediate occupancy. \$600. 646-4372.

MANCHESTER. Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, office and cellar. \$775. per month plus utilities. Security and references. No pets. 642-7121.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
ESTATE OF  
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Susan McQuay  
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Emmo M. Long, Executive  
c/o John W. Cooney, Esq.,  
343 East Center Street  
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066-04

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**ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING**  
MAY 1989  
ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The voters and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings in the Town of Andover, Connecticut on the 19th day of May 1989 will hold the Annual Budget Meeting of the Town of Andover on Friday, May 19, 1989 at 8:00 PM for the following purposes:

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Dated at Andover, Connecticut this 14 day of April 1989.

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Board of Selectmen  
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**37 INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY**

MANCHESTER. 2,400 and 3,800 square foot industrial space. Loading dock. Starting at \$3.50 a square foot. NNN. 643-2121.

**38 MISCELLANEOUS FOR RENT**

CLEAN, secure garage in quiet area off Center Street. \$65. month. 646-1666 or 549-3018.

**72 ANTIQUES/ COLLECTIBLES**

**VISIT THE LINDEN LADY**

At the Tolson Agricultural Center, Sandeey, April 29, 5am to 5pm  
Route 10, Rockville  
Mary Black, First building

**74 FURNITURE**

WANTED: Used bedroom set, dresser, dining room set and crib. 292-2900.

SOFA, 84" gold, custom made \$150. Rug, oriental \$125. Mint condition. 646-4902.

KITCHEN set, 42" round table and four chairs. Almond, metal and plastic material. \$100. 649-8624.

**82 SPORTING GOODS**

SNOW MOBILES. Two 1970 800-ski, 1970 Ski-1986 Ski House Hill trailer, everything \$750. 548-5451.

ATV for sale. 1989 Blaster 200cc, less than three hours on bill. Show room condition. New \$2,500. will let go for \$1,800 or best offer. Call days, 645-8110; nights, 874-8728. Ask for Glenn.

**83 BOATS/MARINE EQUIPMENT**

RENKEN 17' Bowrider. 140 horsepower Mercury outboard, stereo drive, new motor and battery, excellent condition. Cox trailer, full complement of accessories. \$4,200. 429-7294.

BOWRIDER 17' 1983. 70 Mercury, 1988 galvanized trailer, lots new accessories. \$3,750. 875-4026.

SEARAY, 1985 21' Cuddy Cruiser. 230 Mercury outboard, under 200 hours, many extras, no trailer. Asking \$14,500. 646-6133.

MARQUIS Corribon. 1982, 20' length overall, 170 horsepower/fresh water cool. Mercury inboard outboard. \$7,400 or best offer. 525-1197, weekdays; 9am-7:15pm, anytime weekends.

AVENGER travel trailer. 1972 22' rear bath, good condition. must sell. \$2,995 or best offer. 875-3337. Leave message.

SPORTCRAFT 22' Cuddy Walkaround. 1984 200 horsepower Mercury outboard. Hours, 100. Includes electronic E-Z loader, tandem trailer, mint condition. \$16,000. 742-7907.

SANDPIPER 12' sailboat. 450. 44 Morse Road, Manchester.

**86 PETS AND SUPPLIES**

GOLDEN Retriever puppies. AKC registered. Champion line. Bred with children. Ready for new home. April 29. Call 742-7278.

"EASY DOES IT" is the new to describe picking a want ad. Just call 643-2711 and we do the rest!

**87 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE**

**END ROLLS**

27 1/2" width - 256 13" width - 2 for 25¢ Newsprint and more. We picked up at the Manchester Herald office. \$1.19. Monday through Thursday.

**88 TAG SALES**

NOTICE: Connecticut General Statute 26-2 prohibits the posting of advertisements by any person, firm or corporation on a telegraph, telephone, electric light or power pole or to a tree, shrub, rock, or any other natural object without a written permit from the office of the State Police. The purpose of protecting the public and carrying a fine of up to \$50 for each offense.

PLEA Market. Monday, Thursday and Friday 5am - Saturday, 9am - 43 Purnell Place, Manchester, CT

MANCHESTER. Children's clothes, complete clean out. Boys size 0-7, girls 0-12, toys, etc. Friday, Saturday, April 28-29, 9-2. Rain or shine. 102 Linwood Drive.

NINE Grapes, three lo-calfons. Manchester Grapes. Hills Town Grange. Coventry Grange. April 29, 9am-2pm, rain or shine. Baked goods and plants also available.

MANCHESTER. 72 Welton Road off Porter. April 29, 9-1, rain or shine.

MANCHESTER. 238 Union Street. April 29, 9am-3pm. Four families. Furniture, books, baby clothes, household goods.

TAG SALE. Entire household, one day only. washer/dryer, kitchen set, refrigerator, table, wall unit, couch, chair, small appliances and more. 193 Charter Oak Street (diesel park & Dr. 4495) Saturday, April 29, 9-4pm.

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4 family tag sale. 7 Clark Rd., Bolton, Saturday, April 29, 10-4. Antiques, crockery, other items.

INCREDIBLE! 3 family tag sale. Freezer chest, house, furniture, baby items, lots more. Saturday, April 29, 9-5. 51 Foster Street, Manchester.

MANCHESTER. 481 Porter Street. Saturday, April 29, 9-3. Tag and craft sale.

RAIN or shine. In born behind 29 Otis Street, Manchester. April 29, 9-12pm. Multi family children's clothes, ratty furniture and more.

VERNON. 104 Box Mountain Drive. Two family. Couch, chair, tires, clothing, household items. Saturday and Sunday, 8:30-4:30.

231 McKee Street, Manchester. Weather vane, wet-vac, housewares, furniture, clothes, printers, toys, more. Saturday, April 29, 9-4pm.

MANCHESTER. April 29, 9-2. Crib, electric driver, end tables, bureau, antique sewing machine and miscellaneous household items. 92 Garner Street. Rain date, May 6.

**89 TAG SALES**

MANCHESTER. Two family, Saturday, April 29, 9:30-4. 16 Walker Street. Rain date, April 30.

253 Hilliard Street. Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30, 9-2. Rain or shine. Sunday, May 6. Lloral Trains, motor home generator, tools, furniture, new and old items.

CORVETTE. 1978. 350 four speed, runs excellent \$10,000 or best offer. Billi. 643-2514.

CHEVY Malibu Classic. 1977. New V-8 engine in 1981. \$250. or best offer. Call 645-6830 after 5pm.

**90 TAG SALES**

LIPMAN #1  
UNDER \$2000  
87 VW Jetta GL, red  
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# Home gardener's enthusiasm grows on you

By Nancy Pappas  
Manchester Herald

If Dan Noel of Walker Street won the million-dollar lottery, he says he'd probably go out and buy irises. "Someone told me there are 3,000 cultivars (varieties) of irises, and I would try to get some of every one of those," said Noel, whose enthusiasm is infectious. "I would lay (the garden) out like one of those kid's paint boxes — with all those little blobs of color. Then I'd do the same with dahlias. An acre or two would probably do it."

Noel is, to say the least, an energetic gardener. In his 58 years, he has earned a degree in hotel management, served six years in the Navy, been a loan officer in a consumer-finance business, trained to be a teacher of English as a second language, and now runs a home-cleaning and handyman service.

But he rarely talks about any of those fields. Conversations seem always to wind up with a discourse on mulch, fertilizer, the diseases of blueberry bushes or the cultivation of zinnias.

Noel insists there are no green thumbs on his hands. He prefers to call himself "a born-again black thumb."

"For years, I loved to garden but I had no idea what I was doing," Noel said, who has been planting seeds for at least five decades. "So I would end up with some of the most bedraggled plants you can imagine."

Failure was bad enough. But sometimes success was even more distressing. "This is a very frustrating hobby," Noel said. "One time you have a lot of success and one time things go very poorly. And it's tough to tell what you did differently."

Noel devoured books and magazines, but still wasn't satisfied. Then, a little more than three years ago, he heard about the master gardener classes offered through the University of Connecticut's Extension Service.

This program, which is four years old in Connecticut, is designed to produce a cadre of knowledgeable volunteers who can answer amateur gardeners' questions. "The program was designed to take the

pressure off the horticulturists and botanists at Storrs, especially during the summer months," said Noel.

During about 15 sessions, instructors affiliated with UConn's School of Agriculture passed on their horticultural insights. In return, the students were asked to work in the program, contributing between four and 10 hours a week from April through October. For the most part, this



A SUNNY SPOT — Left, Dan Noel sets plants in the greenhouse window in his home on Walker Street. Noel has enjoyed gardening for more than 30 years. Above, Noel prunes a houseplant to encourage bushier growth. He looks for indoor tasks when it's not warm enough to till the soil outdoors.



work is done in one of the extension service's eight regional offices, answering questions and helping to interpret soil tests. The extension service also sets up information booths at flower shows, at some greenhouses and agricultural material distributors.

Noel has enjoyed the classes, the volunteer work, and the association with other experienced gardeners. A gregarious fellow who readily admits to his love of conversation, Noel became one of the founders of the Connecticut Association of Master Gardeners, a group which affords another opportunity for gardeners to get together.

He joined the Connecticut Cactus Society, which meets monthly in Waterbury, and attended a few meetings of the state's iris society, as well. Other groups interest him, but would simply eat up too much time.

"There's one of those (societies) for probably every flower known to man," Noel said. "If you joined every one that seems interesting, you'd have something major doing every weekend. You'd have no time for gardening!"

Ironically, there's little room for gardening at the turn-of-the-century home which Noel and his wife, Wendy, have been renovating for the past four years. He confined his plantings to the 3- and 4-foot-wide strips which run along the hurricane fencing.

"You can do a great deal in a relatively small space," he said. "This year, thank heavens, they've finally finished the work on our house and I'm finally getting to lay out the beds I've been thinking about

for four years," Noel said. He will put in Alpine strawberries, a good supply of dahlias and some old-fashioned flowers that are coming back into vogue, such as California poppies.

As a favor to his wife, Noel said he will plant tomatoes. "Wendy really does love having fresh tomatoes right in the yard," he said.

But he is expecting another dry summer, and so he is weighing the advantages of planting other vegetables. "When you're paying for the water for all those vegetables, you have to decide, logically, whether you wouldn't be better off just buying them."

But frequently, logic plays little part in Noel's interest in a particular plant or project. "Every now and then I come into the house with something that should go into the landfill," he said. "Even I think it should go into the landfill. And my wife and daughter are saying, 'Oh, no, you're not bringing that thing in here!' But trying to bring that ugly old thing around is what interests me."

"It's the same thing, really, that fascinates me about gardening. Taking what is just a basic piece of dirt and turning it into something beautiful. That's what it's all about."

"I always worry the police are going to stop me, officer," he says, imagining what he might say if he was stopped.

# 'Birders' patient and persistent

By Maureen Leavitt  
Manchester Herald

Come May 1, about 15 people are guaranteed to be wandering through some pretty unlikely spots in town — the dump, for example — moving rather slowly, and peering into the sky.

They won't be there to drop off their trash. They'll be there to watch birds.

Bill Altmann, captain of the Manchester territory of the Hartford Audubon Society, is an ardent bird watcher who will be leading Manchester birders on a bird hunt for the spring census.

After a census, watchers who have been keeping track of the number of species will tally them and send a report to Hartford so that the findings from various towns can be totaled and sent to National Audubon Society.

Altmann said the censuses are used by the national society in its conservation efforts.

"They want to know what is declining, what is increasing," Altmann said.

The Hartford society has two bird counts, the Christmas census and the spring census. The winter count lasts for a 24-hour period, from midnight to midnight, and attracts 30 teams, or 60 birders, mainly from Manchester.

In the spring census, many species of birds migrate north to northern New England and Canada.

Since the Christmas census takes place in one day, the watchers make it like a contest, seeing who can spot the most species. "It's a crazy day, Altmann confessed.

In fact, he actually calls the police to let them know when his 60 people will be poking around town from dawn to dusk.

"I always worry the police are going to stop me, officer," he says, imagining what he might say if he was stopped.



MAN'S-EYE VIEW — Bill Altmann uses his binoculars to spot birds in his back yard recently. Altmann, an avid "birder," will participate in a National Audubon Society census in May to identify birds common to the Manchester area.

He has been stopped by the police once, he said. His car might look a little suspicious, with his binoculars, books and tape recorders, so he can play songs of certain birds to try to attract them.

There are 12 regions in the Hartford society, but thanks to Altmann's enthusiasm, Manchester has the most watchers of all the towns involved.

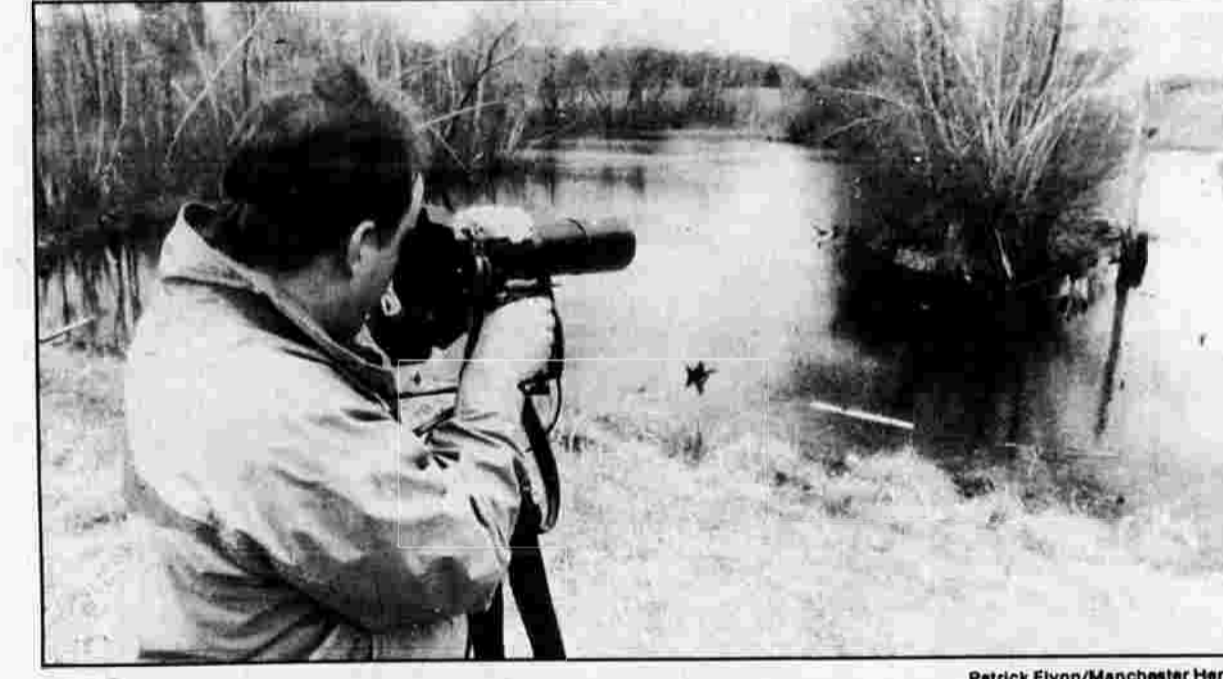
"I'm so enthusiastic. I talk it up," Altmann said. "But Manchester has good birding spots too so people like to bird watch."

Altmann, 53, lives at 49 Indian Hill Trail in Glastonbury, just over the Manchester town line. He considers himself a "hard-core birder" who actually considered the quality of bird watching in this area before he moved here 12 years ago.

He has been bird watching since he was 12 years old, when his mother tried to relieve his boredom while living in Binghamton, N.Y.

"She gave me a pair of binoculars, and a bird book, and I just went out and tried to identify things."

Altmann can rattle off what seems to be an infinite list of bird species, the way a baseball fan can recite the vital



CAPTURING THE ACTION — Todd McGrath of 64 Lyness St. shoots pictures of birds while bird watching on the grounds of Manchester Community College recently. He said his love for birding has helped him develop an interest in photography.

statistics of his favorite team. To him, bird watching is a sport and an addiction, with the ultimate goal of spotting the 632 species common to North America.

"You really have to be patient and persistent, and have a good eye," Altmann said. "Hard-core birders will be out once a week all year, so birders become accustomed to the cold weather."

Altmann has seen 535 species which he has carefully recorded on his "life list." He has calculated that 160 species pass through Manchester in the springtime.

"Connecticut is acknowledged as a very good birding state by professional birders," Altmann said.

Where can these birds be found? Altmann said the dump near the town dump is an excellent place to spot birds. Also, the Hockanum River and the high number of power lines located in brushy areas in town, attract a variety of birds, both rare and commonplace.

Birders have spotted bald eagles, snow geese, loons, vultures and bluebirds — birds particularly rare in these parts during the winter.

And each year he looks forward to spotting the Iceland gull, a pure-white gull from the arctic.

Birders can even call the rare-bird-alert telephone line to find out if that elusive species has been spotted in another state.

"If you hear of a new bird, you excuse yourself from work and immediately go to where it is," Altmann said. He said he's jumped in his car and driven to Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine looking for a new species that was called in on the hotline.

Birding is genuine fun for Altmann. "It takes you away from the bustle and stress of life," Altmann said. "There's a peace of mind you get from seeing wild creatures away from cars and noise. There's always something new to see, and it keeps you alive."

Todd McGrath, 24, of 64 Lyness St., considers himself a bird-watching trip sponsored by the Rearing Brook Nature Center in Canton 12 years ago gave McGrath the birding fever.

He views birding as a competitive sport, and enjoys being outdoors and traveling to new places.

He will be the local captain of the Christmas census this year.

McGrath's avian interests have taken him to other coun-



BIRD TALLY — Bill Altmann takes a moment to record the different birds he spotted in his back yard. Altmann said he has seen 535 out of 632 species common to North America.

tries. He recently returned from a six-month tour of Australia where he met up with some fanatical birders, he said.

One time, he and his Aussie friends drove 26 hours to see a gull, watched it for two hours, and then went on their way, he said.

He said birding has afforded him the opportunity to see almost every mammal common to North America.

Not only does McGrath have a life list for North American birds, he also has one for the number of species he's spotted throughout the world.

Of some 10,000 species in the world, he said he has seen about 1,100 of them.

He said people who bird watch have diverse backgrounds, and he said the most competitive birders are men with professional careers.

"The image of birders, of an old lady in tennis shoes really doesn't fly," McGrath said.

She said when she began birding, there wasn't much interest in town, and people were apt to give birders a second glance.

"If you were a birder, you were nuts," she recalled.

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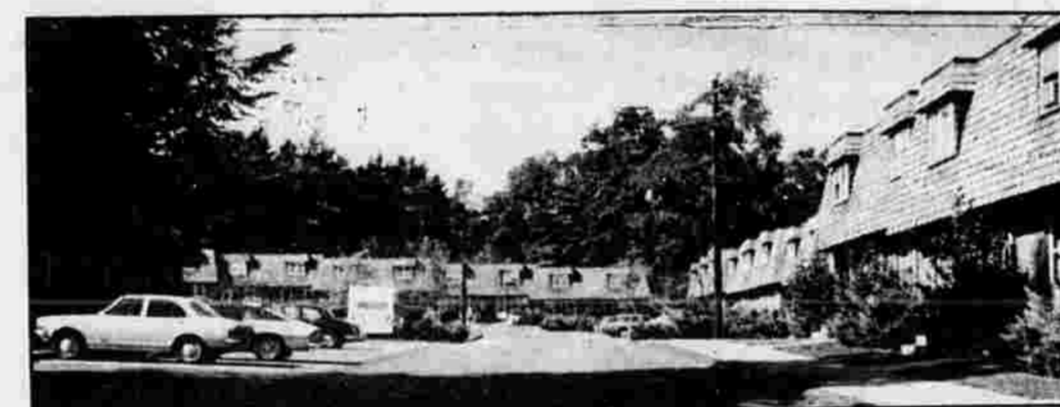
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# Skydiver gets a natural high in risky sport

By Andrew J. Davis  
Manchester Herald

Donald R. Chamberlain doesn't think it's dangerous to jump out of an airplane thousands of feet above the ground. He has a parachute to keep him alive.

Chamberlain, 34, who lives on West Center Street, is one of about 75 members of Connecticut Parachutist Inc., a skydiving club based at Ellington Airport. The excitement of jumping out of an airplane anywhere from 4,000 to 11,000 feet in the air, keeps Chamberlain coming back for more.

"It's a high-performance sport," he said. "You only practice minutes a week. It never wears out."

But what about the danger? Doesn't it scare him to be thousands of feet above the ground with only a nylon parachute to save him?

Chamberlain scoffs at such suggestions. In 12 years of skydiving, he has only sprained an ankle and has never lost a close friend in a skydiving accident.

"It's not the danger that keeps you doing it. It's bad habit," he said, laughing. "You can't deny it's not more dangerous than playing racquetball and golf. If you understand it, it's going to take a freak accident to get you."

Though Chamberlain has heard about a few skydiving accidents, he said skydivers don't think about it much. He doesn't consider it often since he has only had to use his reserve chute once in more than 1,400 jumps, he said.

He said he has heard of skydiving accidents that occur for different reasons. "You like to think you can't make that mistake," he said, knocking on wood. "I know people that don't jump that ask that same question. They're not out there tempting fate."

To Chamberlain, skydiving is thrilling. The sport gives him a feeling that can't be matched elsewhere.

"It's very exciting. You do get a natural high of adrenaline," Chamberlain said. "I

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**OUT THE DOOR** — Beginning his jump, Donald Chamberlain leads a group of parachutists out of the airplane above Ellington Airport on a recent Saturday. Jumping with him are Peg Cooke of Seymour and Carl Griffin of Pawcatuck.



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**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT** — Donald Chamberlain, right, leads other parachutists through the motions before attempting a four-man jump. The others are Dave Sorensen, Rich Arnold and Frank Silvestris.



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**PREPARATION** — While another parachutist nears land in the background, Donald Chamberlain prepares for an upcoming jump.

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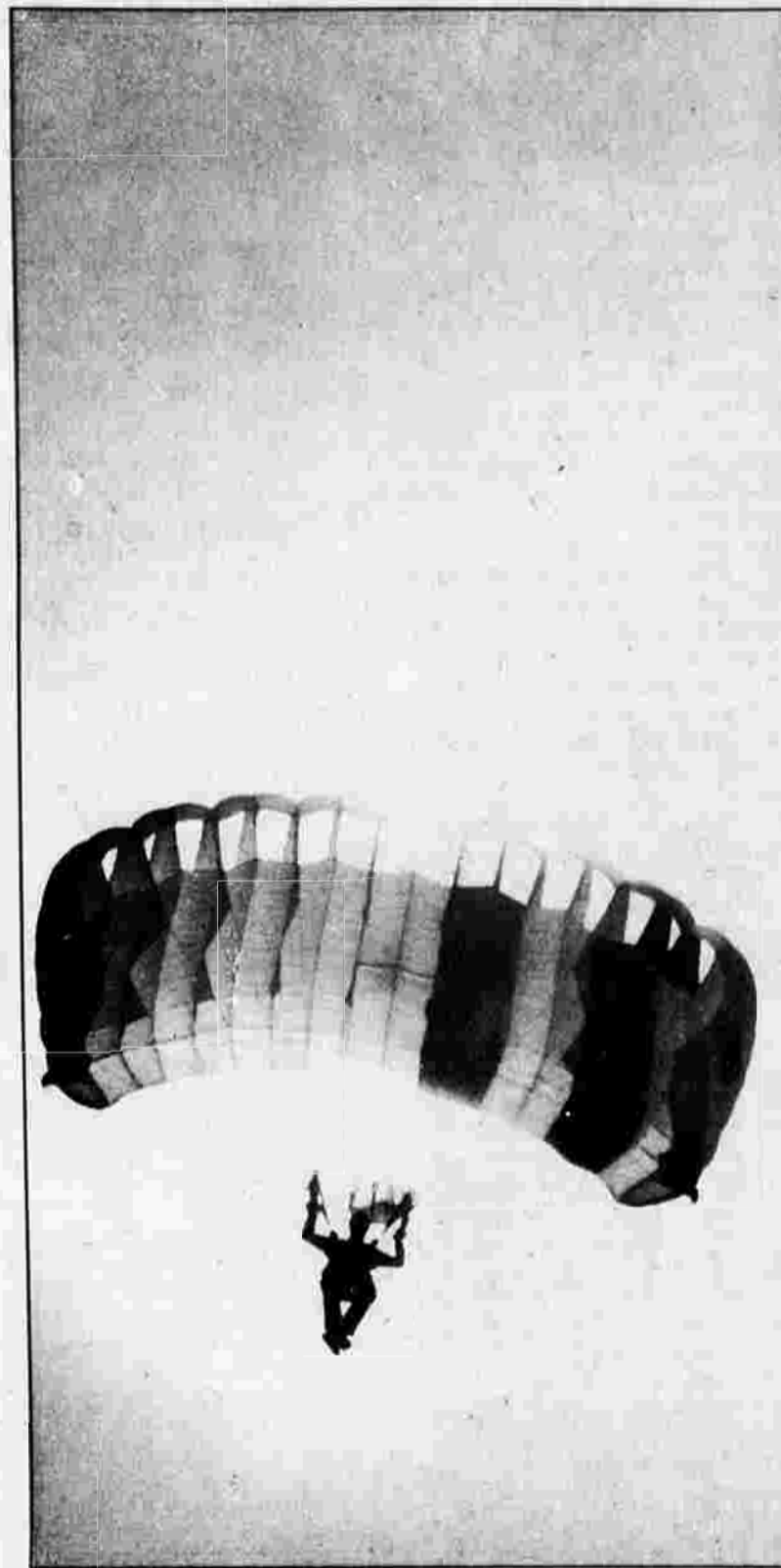
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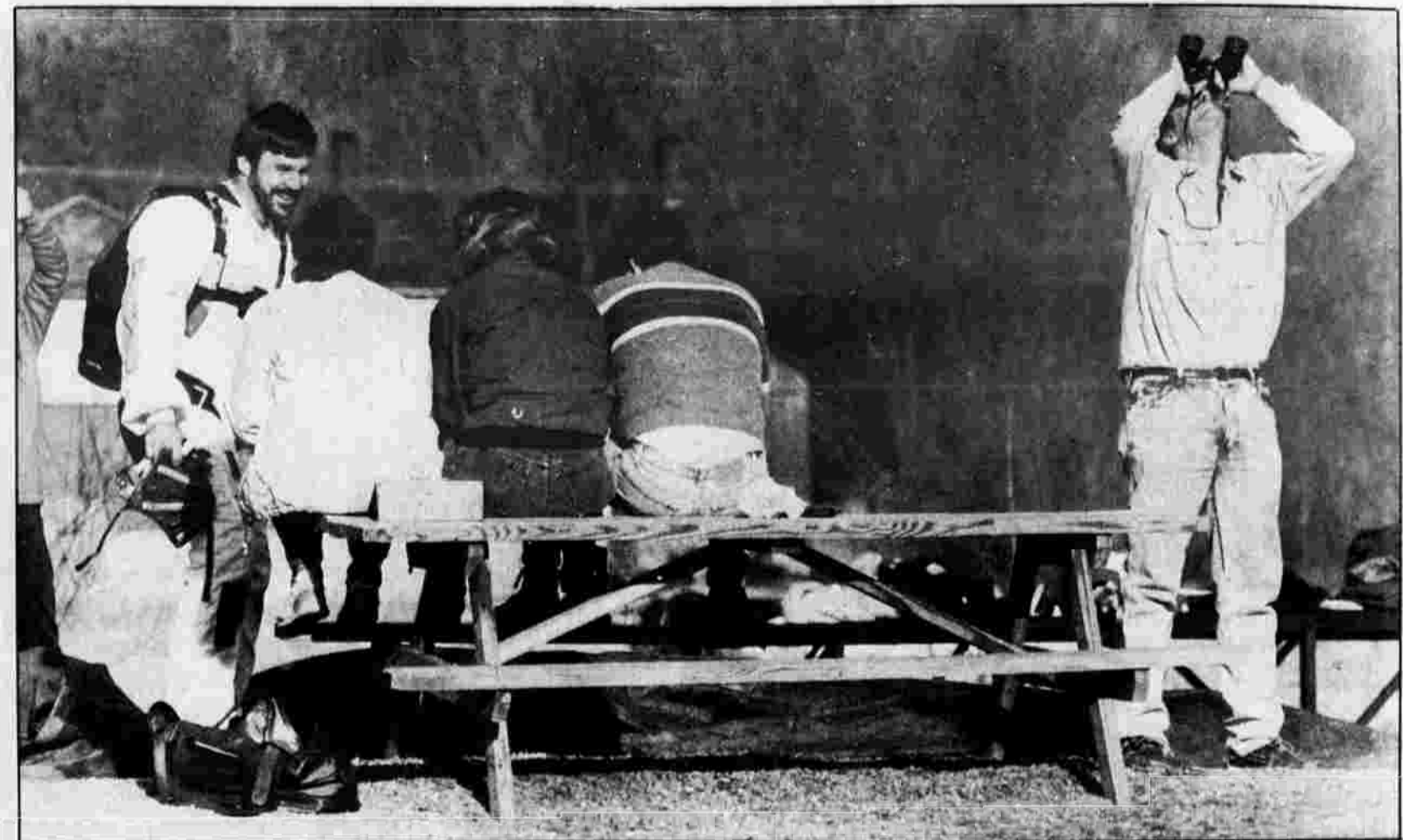
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**ECLIPSE** — Donald Chamberlain appears to be blocking the rays of the sun with his parachute during this skydiving session in Ellington. He rarely dwells on any danger involved in the sport.



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**TALKING IT OVER** — Donald Chamberlain, far left, smiles as he talks about skydiving with some friends. He is a member of the parachutist club based at Ellington Airport.

# Thrill of parachuting never wears out

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think of myself as being organized. It's the type of sport where you have to be organized. You have to trust yourself you're going to do it."

When Chamberlain began skydiving, he only wanted to jump once.

In his training class, one member froze when it came time to jump. The female student, feeling dejected about it, asked Chamberlain if he would come back the next day to jump with her. He did, and soon he began training to jump unsupervised.

Chamberlain had problems with the training jumps, so what might have been only a few more jumps became a series of jumps. It was frustrating to him, and he said he was not going to give up until he was able to jump alone.

"It got the better of me. I got me pumping," he said, adding: "By that time it became too much fun. What's fun? You're just starting at the ground. Your body has become an airplane. It's a form of flying. It's almost science fiction."

Airplanes have always thrilled Chamberlain. He began to build model airplanes at age 6 to fly the models at 8, and

fly radio model planes in high school.

Now, besides skydiving, Chamberlain also owns an airplane and is a certified pilot. He's been flying for nine years.

The experience of flying an airplane is the of that of skydiving, said Chamberlain. It is relaxing being up thousands of miles above the ground, soaring through clouds and the blue sky.

"It's more relaxing than driving," he said. "You don't have to worry about people changing lanes."

Chamberlain has no thought of giving up either. "I have a house. I like to work on it, but I can't stay home if the sun's out," he said.

The skydiving club charges \$150 for a three-hour training course and the first tandem jumps. Jump costs range from \$6 from 4,000 feet to \$13 for a jump from 11,000 feet.

But if Chamberlain had to make a choice between the two sports, he would not know



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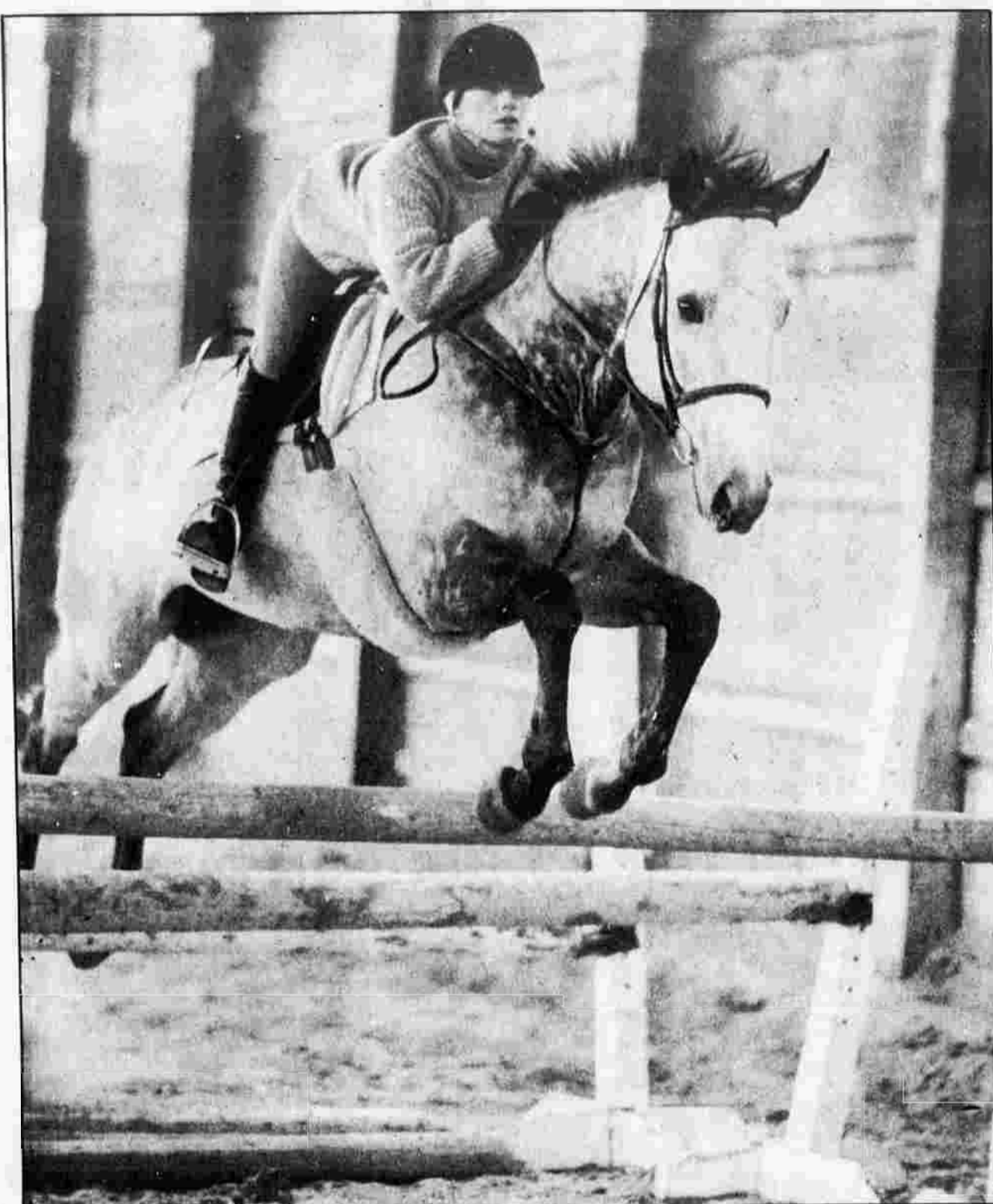
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## 16-year-old excels at sport of riding



**CLEARING HURDLES** — Julie Flanagan and Limited Edition clear a practice jump at the Windcrest Farm in Hebron. The hurdle was no match for Julie and her horse, who have become nearly perfect through lots of practice.

By Jim Tierney  
Manchester Herald

Many young girls dream of riding a horse.

Most 16-year-old girls who are interested in competitive sports join a high school team. For the past seven years, 16-year-old Julie Flanagan of Manchester has been involved in the exciting world of equestrian competition. She has won more than 200 trophies and ribbons, many of which hang on her bedroom walls.

Her current horse, Limited Edition, is an 8-year-old thoroughbred which came from Movado Farm in Durham. Julie practices five or six days a week for two hours a day at Windcrest Farm in Hebron and usually competes three times a month.

"I always loved animals," said Flanagan, a junior at East Catholic High School. "And when the opportunity arose for me to take horseback riding lessons, I thought it would be a thrilling experience."

Based on her accumulation of points in competitions so far this year, Flanagan is the No. 1 rated rider in Connecticut in the children's hunter class within the equitation division. She has participated in competitions in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York.

A series of eight jumps is included in each round of competition. The barriers she and her horse clear stand between 3 feet, 6 inches high to 3 feet, 9 inches high. That seems modest until you have to negotiate them on board a 1,500-pound animal, when you're 5-foot-5 and 104 pounds.

Of the three divisions — low hunter, jumper and equitation — Limited Edition is ranked fifth in the state in the low hunter.

"At first, it (jumping) was really easy," Flanagan explained. "But when I moved on to higher competition, I found it much harder to win. Even to this day, it's extremely difficult to locate the correct distance to the obstacle to have the jump look balanced."

Her fondest accomplishment to date was her fifth-place finish in the intermediate class in the prestigious Children's Services Horse Show in Farmington last May. Medal-Macley is the next classification Julie will enter.

At this time in her life, Flanagan realizes that, at times, her devotion to her sport may strain relationships with her friends.

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"Riding is a sport where recognition comes through hours and hours of hard work. It's really hard because many of my school friends don't understand what a priority it is in my life."

"Riding is a sport where recognition comes through hours and hours of hard work," she said. "It's really hard because many of my school friends don't understand what a priority it is in my life. However, a lot of my close friends do."

At Windcrest Farm, Flanagan is under the supervision of trainers Martha Gale and Armand Chenelle, for whom she has the utmost respect.

"My progress has been constantly monitored for the last two years by my two trainers," she said. "I greatly appreciate all the help, love and encouragement they've given me."

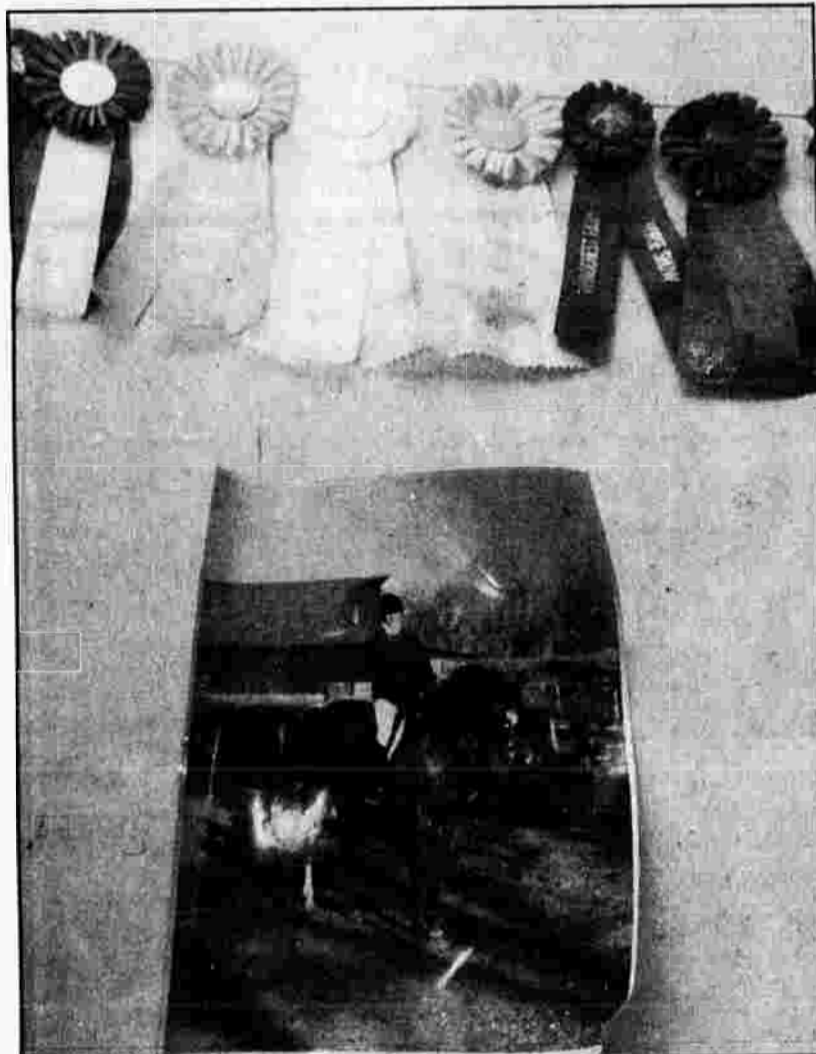
Flanagan's parents, Eamon and Sheila, are very supportive of her equestrian endeavors.

"My parents realized that his was not just another passing fancy and that it was something that I was going to stay with for a long time," she explained.

The cost of the lessons at Windcrest Farm is \$600 per month.

What are her goals? "I want to continue riding because I thoroughly enjoy it," she said. "I hope to excel in the Medal-Macley division. Someday, I hope to compete nationally. Of course, my ultimate goal is to make the United States Equestrian team."

Julie Flanagan has seen her dream of riding a horse come true.



**PRESTIGIOUS WALL HANGINGS** — Julie Flanagan's room is decorated with numerous ribbons. She received the awards in riding competition with her horse.



**LOVING CARE** — Julie Flanagan tends to daily grooming for her horse, Limited Edition. The horse is at the Windcrest Farm in Hebron.

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## Reader devours books to relax and to dream

By Marie P. Grady  
Manchester Herald

In her 59 years on this earth, Mary Everett figures she's read 5,200 books.

That may be a conservative guess. Everett, of Croft Drive, consumes the printed page the way a hungry beetle consumes green leaves. And she's not afraid of admitting that reading is "a form of escapism."

It's how she relaxes. It's how she dreams. It's how she lives. Everett is not alone. Every week, hundreds of Manchester

people travel to the Mary Cheney and Whiton Memorial libraries. There, they pick up hard-cover pockets of dreams, images of faraway places, portraits of heroic men and women and pictures of mystery and horror.

Sometimes, they pick up assigned reading for a high school or college class.

For Everett, a welfare benefits technician for the state Department of Income Maintenance at the Manchester Parkade, reading came easily.

As a child growing up in

Tacoma, Wash., she remembers rummaging through her father's collection of books. What she found had her hooked.

At 10, she picked up her first library card at the Tacoma Public Library. The rest is literary history.

At the Whiton Memorial Library recently, she rested a bag full of five books to talk about the second love of her life. The first is her husband, Earle D. Everett.

Reading, she says, is expanding your horizons, broadening your world. And she is not discriminate. She reads everything from romances to mysteries.

"You can realize almost anything's possible," she said. "It's the excitement and challenge of learning something; you didn't experience before."

Everett's own life is almost fit to be a best seller. If it were, her love of reading would highlight every chapter.

Everett married after graduating from Clover Park High School in Tacoma and bore eight children. By the time her youngest was 8, she and her first husband had separated. A year later, Everett enrolled in what is now Pierce College just outside of Tacoma.

She was 42. When it came time to work her way through college, she chose "what else": a job working in the college's library.

"I was one of those displaced homemakers," she says. And, she just loved books.

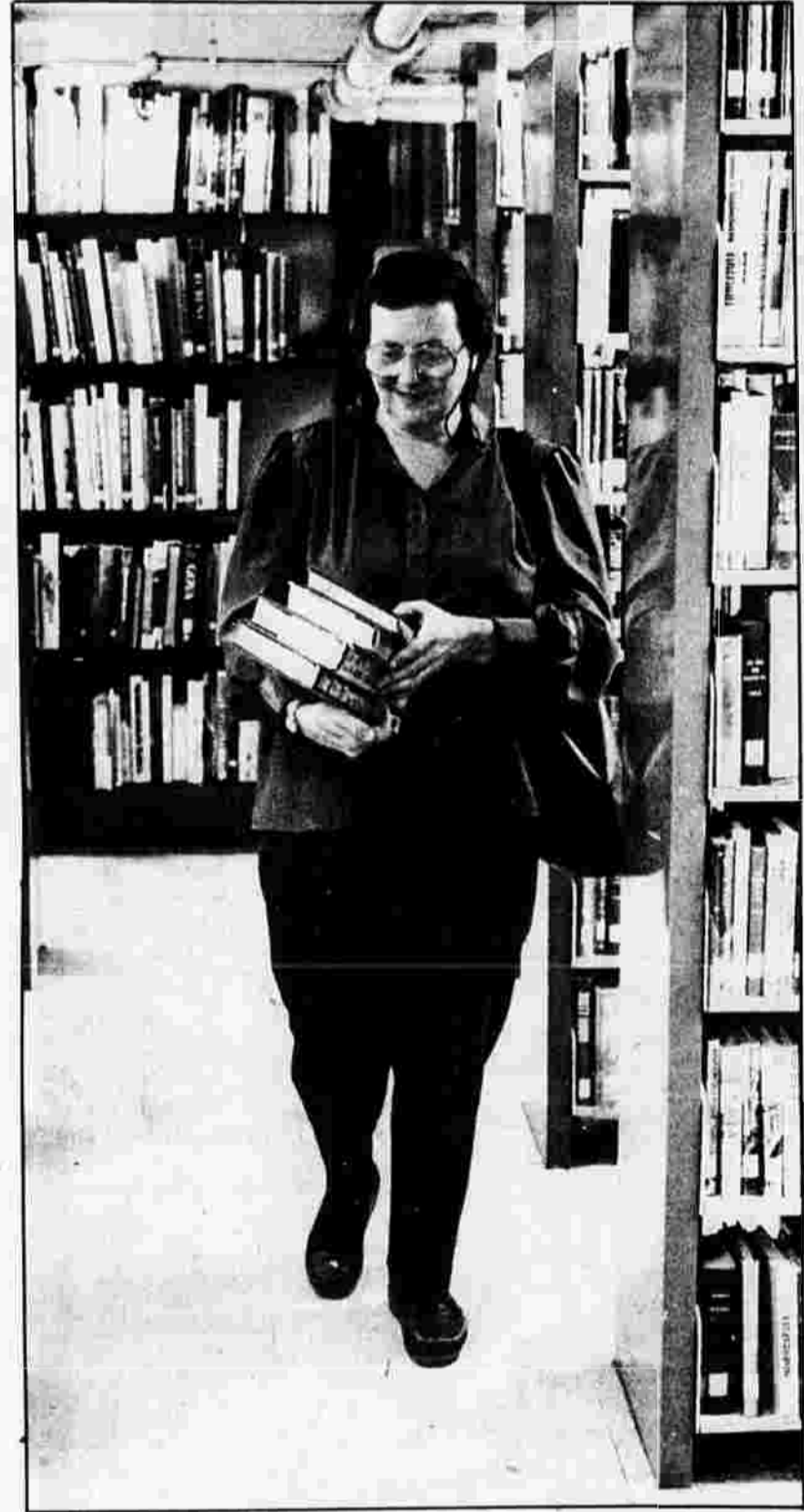
She eventually earned an associate's degree in science and entered Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash. Again, she worked in the college library until she graduated in 1977.

During her time at Pierce College, she had befriended her current husband's son, John Everett. He made her promise to visit him in Manchester after she finished college. That she did in September 1977.

Before she left to go back to Washington, John introduced her to his father, Earle, who asked her to dance. The night of the dance, Earle proposed and she accepted. They drove through a blizzard to Washington to pick up her things and were married on Nov. 11, 1977.

It was only later that Earle discovered his wife had an uncommon predilection for reading. He would find her in front of the TV, reading such favorite authors as Isabelle Holland, Cecilia Holland and Judith Merkle Riley.

Soon, Earle found himself building bookcases to hold the 6,700 books his wife had purchased at tag sales or stores.



**STACK OF MEMORIES** — Mary Everett walks through the Mary Cheney Library with a small stack of books. She reads an average of two books a week. She says the thousands of books she has read since she was a child help her to imagine new places.



**QUALITY INSPECTION** — Mary Everett checks out a book at the Mary Cheney Library. She says she often glances through a book to see if it will interest her. She reads all types of books.

"She even reads in the john," said Earle.

Mary Everett still has a book her parents gave her when she was 6 years old. "Poppy, the Story of a Fairy" was about a "little girl a couple of inches high," she remembers. It was enough to pique a lifelong interest in books.

For Everett, the worst kind of nightmare would be a world where books were burned or censored. The death threats against Salman Rushdie, author of the controversial book "The Satanic Verses," are "totally abhorrent for people who come from an atmosphere of freedom," she says.

But even attempts to thwart freedom of expression should be guarded against, she said. She mentions the fine the Internal Revenue Service can levy against anyone who writes a derogatory comment on a tax return.

"All it takes is one generation that doesn't realize that we have to stand up for our freedoms, and we've lost them."

Everett, who with her husband has 35 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, is taking full advantage of her literary liberties. On this visit to the library, she had picked up "The House of Vandekar" by Evelyn Anthony. "Stratega-

lant" by Laura Black. "The Second Flowering of Emily Mountjoy" by Joan Lingard, and a "Walk in the Paradise Garden" by Anne Maybury.

They would help her unwind after a long day dealing with welfare clients and adjusting the forms that would determine their benefits, she says. They would also help her escape into a world beyond Manchester.

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As she walked out the door of the library, Mary Everett, as ever, "just couldn't wait to see the plot."

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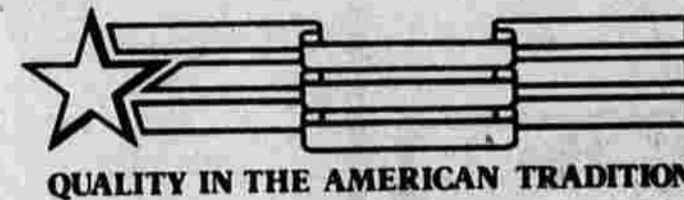
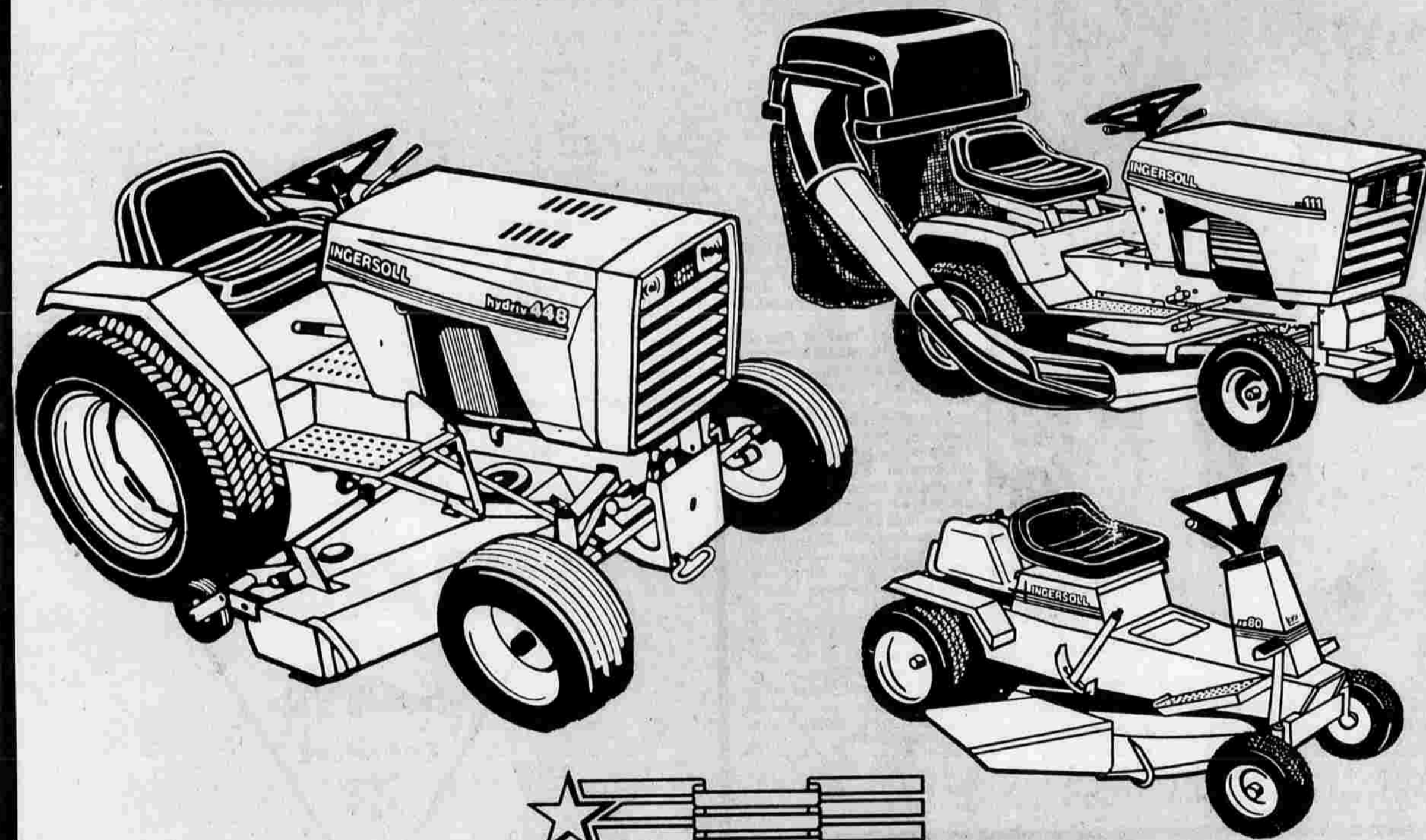
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Manchester Herald  
Friday, April 28, 1989

## System failed to rescue this homeless family

By Nancy Pappas  
Manchester Herald

The way Diane Dumond sees it, the difference between having a comfortable apartment and being chronically homeless is a few hundred dollars a month.

"A lot more are staying with friends and in unpleasant family situations, simply because there are no alternatives for them," Harlow said. "Nobody can find affordable housing. There just isn't any out there. And for the young mom with the young children, it's particularly bad. If it's not one thing it's another. Crisis situations happen more often in working poor families than in other families."

Dumond and her boys went to MACC for help. They are among many who have occasionally received free clothing, food and fuel assistance. But MACC is unable to take on the long-term financial maintenance of a family.

"We are there for once in a while, but not for the long term," Harlow said. "We just don't have the resources to do that."

At 31, Dumond is slender, with dark hair and eyes. A Manchester native, Dumond dropped out of Manchester High School to marry and have children. After she divorced eight years ago, she moved back home with her mother, Rose Archer, while her ex-husband had custody of the children.

Four years later, Dumond's three sons moved back in with their mother, and the family moved to Center Street. Archer and Dumond put down new linoleum and carpet, painted and wallpapered most rooms, and even added faucets and weather-dryer hookups.

"I really thought of this as being our home, nothing temporary," Dumond said. "When Archer decided to get her own place, Dumond arranged for her boyfriend to move in and share expenses. But this arrangement didn't last long. When the boyfriend moved out, Dumond took a second job, from 5 to 10 p.m. daily, to make ends meet. While Dumond was out, her sons began having unauthorized parties, starting small fires and riding their bicycles on neighbors' driveways.

The neighbors began complaining and the landlord started eviction procedures. Dumond says that she immediately quit her second job, to supervise her sons.

But she said she didn't fight the landlord to prevent the eviction. "I knew I didn't have no money to pay him, so what was I doing, fighting to stay at the place?" Dumond said. "There was no point in that."

Dumond said she spent days calling between 30 and 40 homeless shelters, but could find no place to take her in. Most of the state's shelters, like Manchester's Samaritan Shelter, will take only adults. Others take mothers and children, but shy away from males over the age of 9. Dumond's sons are 10, 13 and 16.

Some other organizations will shelter families, but they house mothers and their children separately. Dumond said she did not want a situation like that. The few shelters willing to take families like hers were small, and did not have four beds on any given night. Dumond took each of these rejections in stride, and simply renewed her efforts to find housing. Looking back, she realizes that she was naive, and was treating the situation as a relatively short-term crisis. "It was summer, you know, and I was sure that by the time school started, things would be back to normal for us," Dumond said.

That is a common attitude, according to Eagen. "One of the issues is that sometimes I don't think that

clients recognize the severity of the situation at the beginning, just because there is so much happening all at once."

By that time, the paper work had been processed for state aid, and the state Department of Human Resources placed the family at the Quality Inn in Vernon. Ironically, Dumond and her sons spent very little time in the room for which the state paid so dearly. For much of the time they were assigned there, they had no working vehicle. There is no bus service between Vernon and Dumond's job or the three schools which her sons attend in Manchester.

Another problem was the lack of cooking facilities. Once Dumond switched from five to three days' work per week, the state Department of Income Maintenance granted her \$100 per month in food stamps. "Now that's a joke, right?" Dumond said. "It's had enough. I'm going to try to find

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CHECK IT OUT — One of the daily tasks for Diane Dumond is to check through the day's mail for leads on housing. She is waiting to hear that she has been accepted into the federal program offered by the Housing and Urban Development Department, known as Section 8.

At least there, the boys had their friends nearby, they could go out, ride their bikes, live their lives," said Dumond. "At the motel, there was just nothing for us."

Whatever Dumond's opinion of the motel, her residency there is over. On April 10, Dumond and her sons were among hundreds across the state who were told to vacate their motel rooms. Every family is entitled to stay in a so-called welfare motel for only 100 days out of each calendar year.

Since April 10, Dumond and the boys have been back in Archer's home. "But the landlord here is getting upset, there are too many people here. They can't be staying here too much more," said Archer. "I can't risk being evicted."

Dumond continues to scan the classified advertisements in newspapers, looking for apartments in East Hartford, Vernon, Enfield, New Britain or Manchester. She calls landlords "cold," asking if they have an apartment she could renovate for a reduction in the rent.

And she calls the Department of Human Resources office in Manchester, hoping that social workers there will have a lead for her.

So far, none of her contacts have led her to an appropriate

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## System fell short for Dumond family

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THE CLEAN UP — Rose Archer, left, shares the tasks of cooking and cleaning with her daughter, Diane Dumond, while Dumond and her children are staying at Archer's apartment. Dumond and her children are among thousands of families across the state who have been homeless.



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STIRRING THINGS UP — Diane Dumond cooks dinner for her three sons at her mother's apartment on Winter Street. She is staying there now that her time in the state's emergency housing program for the homeless has been used up.

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DECKED OUT — Mary Willhide shows visitors her back yard and deck. They are just some of the amenities her condominium has to offer.

# Condo great as needs change

By Andrew J. Davis  
Manchester Herald

Mary Willhide has lived in five houses, but with her children grown up and her husband deceased, she's left the back yard, the lawn mowing and the snow shoveling behind.

Willhide is a condo creature, one of thousands in Manchester who have flocked to condominiums.

"My needs have changed," said Willhide, who lives in Porterfield Condominiums at 192 Oak Grove St. "I had five kids. I don't need a five-bedroom house. I didn't need that big of a house."

According to the 1988 Grand List, there are 2,129 residential condominium units in Manchester. Willhide became part of that statistic three years ago. After a hurricane planted a tree through the roof of her house on Jean Road, she decided she'd had enough of taking care of a big house.

"N" management company, Joint Ventures Management Co. of Glastonbury, takes care of all exterior work, said Willhide. To her, that is a blessing.

"It's the convenience," she said. "You don't have to shovel snow or mow the grass."

In fact, Willhide is so happy with condominium living that she says she would not move back to a house. She is still a point out that her two-floor haven has all the comforts of

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Also, there are other conveniences that cannot be found at home. Besides not having to bother with exterior work, housework is easier and her neighbors sometimes have block parties in the small, circular roadway that connects the condominiums, she said.

"I have nothing to complain about," Willhide said.

Even Willhide's two biggest fears about condo living weren't substantiated. She worried it would be dark in her condo, but the skylights bring sunshine into her life. She also was afraid of the noise, but says she can't hear what's going on in adjoining units.

But there's a price for getting all the comforts of home. Town houses are priced at \$225,000 at Porterfield, and ranches are priced above \$129,000, she said.

While Porterfield may seem expensive for a starter

home, Willhide said that none of the 24 units are for sale. Retirees are among the groups that are most attracted to condo living, said Joyce Epstein, president of the Manchester Board of Realtors and owner of Epstein Realty-Century 21 at 545 N. Main St.

Because prices are usually lower than houses, first-time buyers and young married couples also buy condominiums.

But not many people are buying condos lately, said Epstein. With the housing market much slower than it was a year ago, there are plenty of units in the area to choose from, she said.

Last month, in the Manchester, Vernon and Willimantic areas, there were more than 330 condominiums listed for sale, Epstein said.

"It's a good time to buy," she said. "It's like the rest of the market. There is a lot of product."

That abundance of condos hasn't stopped developers from trying to build new condominiums. According to officials in

the town Planning Department, the department approved plans for 97 more units last year.

"If you're a buyer, there's a lot of things to choose from," said Epstein. "If you're a seller, you should be a buyer. It's a hard market."



TO THE TOP — Mary Willhide of Manchester walks up to the top floor of her condominium. She is one of thousands of people in Manchester who have taken to condos.

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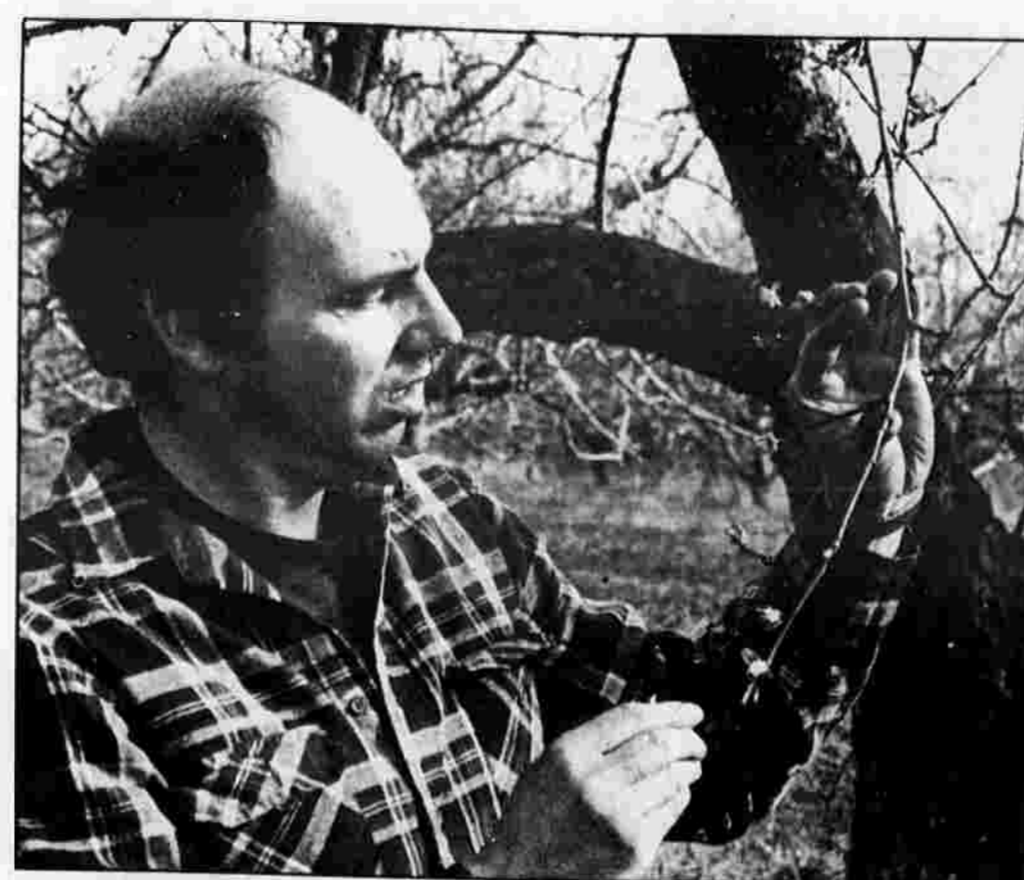
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SIGN OF SPRING — Steven Botti checks for buds on the family's apple trees on Bush Hill Road. At right, Steven and his father, Louis Botti II, work together to prepare a spraying machine for use on the family orchard.



# Farming family struggles to recoup losses

By Jacqueline Bennett  
Manchester Herald

Three years after their barn was destroyed by a fire, Steven and Linda Botti, owners of Botti's Fruit Farm on Bush Hill Road, are still struggling to recoup the financial loss.

On the dining room table of their home is a scrapbook with newspaper articles about the 1986 fire. They also have pictures they took of the blaze, which they believe was set late that January night.

It is apparent the memory of that evening is painful for the family and they say it has changed the course of their lives.

"We haven't made a profit since the year of the fire, 1986," Linda, 38, said. "We lost everything. Two tractors, a van, pickup truck, our storage boxes."

Steven, 40, now works full time outside the farm as an auto mechanic. "I have to, to make ends meet," he said.

But they both agree farming is a rich, rewarding life. They want to stick with it.

"It gets in your blood. You plant something, nurture it and watch it bloom. It's a feeling of accomplishment," Steven said.

He estimated the 48 acres of farm

land would be worth about \$3 million to a developer, but he doesn't want to sell. "If you're a farmer without the land, you're not a farmer," he said.

The Bottis have operated the farm for three generations. Steven's grandfather, Louis Botti, started with 20 acres in 1912. Steven's father, Louis II, now 76, ran it with Steven's mother, Madeline, now 71, until they retired in 1972.

Steven left his job as a mechanic to take over the farm in 1972 with Linda. His brother and sister weren't interested, Steven said.

"It would take all day and we'd come back everything sold with an empty truck," Steven said.

Linda notes that six of the area fruit stands that had bought fruit from the farm no longer exist.

"Selling is done not by private farmers but through a food broker and people buy their fruit at a large supermarket for convenience — they don't come to farms," she says.

Louis II remembers, too, that when there were fewer cars and the markets depended on home-grown products, people would visit the farm with friends and they'd all take home bushels of apples or peaches and preserve what they didn't use immediately.

The cost of running the farm annually is about \$15,000. The couple and their three children do most of the work themselves, usually from late afternoon to late evening and on the weekends, spring through autumn. Pesticide and fungus spraying alone can cost as much as \$3,000.

"People want perfect fruit these days, large and the bright colors. That means you must use pesticides," Linda said.

The Bottis do not use Alar, a chemical which has been linked to cancer. Fruit farmers have come under fire recently for its use.

Farm equipment is expensive. A used tractor can cost more than \$15,000 and new equipment is double or three

times as much. That means over the years Linda has had to make choices inside after working on some grapevines. He stops to reminisce.

"Forty-five years ago, a basket of apples sold for 25 cents, now it's \$10, just an empty basket cost \$1," he says.

He remembers loading four tiers of baskets of apples on his GMC truck at harvest time and delivering them to the peddlers at the regional market in Hartford.

"There is a cool, crisp evening breeze blowing in two open windows. It is those kinds of things that Steven loves about farm life."

"It's the little things, the breeze, the smells, the sound of the crickets," he says.

The couple say farming also instills good values in their children. Kimberly, 14, Chris-

tine, 12, and Steven II, 9. "Their friends get paid for doing nothing. They do their chores and work on the farm and I say, 'You don't get paid for that — you're part of this family,'" says Linda.

The youngsters, who have been in and out of the dining room, are polite, respectful and openly affectionate to their parents and grandfather.

Linda believes being able to work on the farm rather than outside the home enables her to keep the family strong because the children spend most of their time at home with their parents. Steven's folks live under the same roof but in separate quarters.

"It would destroy dad if he couldn't putter around this place," Linda says.

Kimberly and young Steven are interested in carrying on the family tradition.

The Bottis grow apples, peaches, plums, blueberries, cherries, raspberries, strawberries and grapes.

Steven's goal is to be able to return to running the farm full time. He remembers that when he was growing up in school, classmates used to call him a "hillbilly." "Now, I think people envy us," he said.

"Every year we hope this is the year things will pick up," he added.

Linda agreed. "We'll always farm, one way or another, hopefully here," she said.

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**LIVING IT UP** — It was this paneled living room which originally convinced George and Judy Mrosek that she should move into an 18-room mansion instead of a compact condominium.

## Couple passed up a condo to buy a mansion

By Nancy Pappas  
Manchester Herald

When George Mrosek and Judy Woods were growing up in Manchester, they often walked past the Cheney family mansions and wondered what life was like inside.

Now, the Mroseks have obtained an insider's answer to that question. Three years ago they bought the 18-room mansion at 96 Hartford Road, built for Austin Cheney back in 1911.

The Mroseks' is one of more than 20 large houses built for members of the Cheney family, which owned the Cheney Bros. silk mills. Some of those homes have since been demolished.

With huge French doors commanding a view of the Great Lawn in one direction, toward Hartford Road, and a hedge of enormous rhododendron protecting their privacy in another direction, the Mroseks have found an oasis from the bustle of late-20th-century life. It's a gracious stucco home with fascinating nooks and

angles, which their 6-year-old grandson, Danny Nalesnik, calls "Nanny's castle house."

Mrs. Mrosek said she never dreamed, as a child, that she would one day be throwing parties for as many as 80 guests in such a house.

"You might say we grew up on 'the wrong side of the tracks,'" she said earlier this month. "After all, we have relatives who worked in the mills, and now here we are."

Actually, the Mroseks found themselves living in this lavish home almost by accident. They were getting ready to sell a large home on Waranoke Road and move into a condominium.

"We were looking for something smaller, something requiring less work," said Mrs. Mrosek.

The couple was looking forward to traveling and enjoying their properties on both the Connecticut and Florida coasts. But after two years of looking, the Mroseks still had not found a condominium they

liked, said George Mrosek, a certified public accountant who recently sold his accounting firm.

Then a future neighbor, Vivian Ferguson, told the couple that she had a great house to show them.

"I kept saying, 'No, that I didn't want to even look at it,'" Mrs. Mrosek said.

But curiosity got the better of them, so the Mroseks took a look around. The huge foyer and massive staircases were somewhat intriguing. "But when we got to the living room, Judy just began to laugh," said her husband. "That's when I knew we would have to have this house."

They paid about \$262,500 for it in November 1985, according to records at the town assessor's office. The house, with about 7,300 square feet of space, situated on 2.56 acres, would probably cost more than \$425,000 today, one real estate agent said.

The couple paneled living room, which is about 30 feet long, is still Mrs. Mrosek's favorite

room in the house. It's so large that a piano is scarcely noticed, standing against one wall.

The living room is also one room which required virtually no renovation. "What you see here is pretty much what we found," Mrs. Mrosek said. "We just moved our things right in."

The same could not be said of the Mroseks' kitchen, which required the most extensive work. "This is the one room that was in really awful condition. There was just absolutely nothing here," said Mrosek, who loves to cook and entertain.

She spent several years designing and building the new-and-improved kitchen, opening it up to include the former servants' eating hall. The remodeling combined the old and the new. Many of the original built-in wooden cupboards were retained. High-tech additions like a microwave and two warming ovens were installed.

The result is a warm and inviting room where nearly a dozen guests could chat with their hostess without causing a traffic jam.

Still to come will be the modernization of one or two of the home's seven bathrooms. The remaining baths will probably be left "as is," since they are already quite attractive and are not used on a daily basis.

The Mroseks have lived in, and worked on, a series of houses during their marriage, each one somewhat larger than its predecessor. Fortunately, they both enjoy renovating these homes.

"I'd say we move about every seven to 10 years," said Mrs. Mrosek.

Ironically, now that all of their children have moved away from home, they are living in the grandest place yet. This is quite a large "empty nest."

"The thing is, we use all of the rooms downstairs, and a house like this doesn't come with just one bedroom upstairs," said Mrs. Mrosek.

But the extra bedrooms upstairs mean that there's a playroom for the six grand-



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**GETTING SET** — Judy Mrosek sets up the dining room for a party of eight.

children, a room for them to sleep when they visit, an upstairs den and an office where George Mrosek works on property management and accounting.

On the third floor, Mrs. Mrosek uses the Cheney's original playroom as a studio for her drawing, painting and sculpture. Beneath the window seats and eaves are scores of built-in drawers, and child-sized tables can be pulled out of the cupboards.

Mrs. Mrosek pointed out the heavy books in the ceiling, where an indoor swing was hung, and an ironing board which drops out of a narrow cupboard. "I presume that was meant for the supervising adult," she said.

The ironing board is one of many little reminders that the Cheney's were living in the same home, but under very different circumstances.

"They had all kinds of servants here, and we don't have any household help," said Mrs. Mrosek.

But the Mroseks have no regrets about taking on this old house.

"My attitude right from the beginning has been, 'What the heck, this is a great chance to be part of Manchester's history,'" said Mrs. Mrosek. "I figured it would be wonderful to live here, even at least for a few years. Those condominiums will always be there. But living in a Cheney mansion, that's not something everyone gets a chance to do."

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the basement during the winter.

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Within a year, six women have moved out of the house, some after only a couple of months. There's almost as much mail stacked in the hallway for former as for current residents.

At \$300 a month, renting a

room is cheaper than most apartments in Manchester. The lowest-priced one-bedroom apartment in town rented for \$400 to \$425 a month last year, according to a survey by the Manchester Housing Authority. Most one-bedroom apartments in town rented for \$225 to \$260 a month, survey results showed.

"I walk out one door and I have a kitchen. I walk out another door. I have a bathroom. I would have the same thing in an apartment," Giaccone said.

Rooms in rooming houses or private homes rent for about \$60 to \$100 a week. The Health Division now licenses 17 rooming houses in town, most of which are in good condition, said John Salcius, a sanitarian with the division. The division inspects rooming houses every year before renewing licenses.

"There's quite a few that probably aren't very low income," Salcius said. "But it's not cheap."

Giaccone said she paid a \$500 security deposit for the room, which she said is high but allows the landlord to be selective with the people he rents to. The result is a quiet house where housemates respect one another, Giaccone said.

Though she has always lived alone, she doesn't feel the house lacks privacy.

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**TIGHT SPACE** — It's difficult for more than one person at a time to move around in the kitchen. Lisa Giaccone shares with four other people. Many of her housemates have different schedules, though.



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## Tenant loves boarding house

By Nancy Concelman  
Manchester Herald

Two years ago, Lisa Giaccone was renting a new, three-bedroom town house in Colorado with appliances and a view of the foothills of the Rocky Mountains for \$515 a month.

She boarded two horses just up the road from her home and had a dog and two cats. The rent stayed at \$515 for three years, she said.

Now she lives in a two-family house with four other women she had never met before and a view of North Main Street and a group of businesses. For \$300 a month, she's got her own room and shares bathrooms and a kitchen with her housemates.

"My dad said, 'That's GI living,'" said Giaccone, 29. "He said, 'You have to be a special breed of human to live in a place like that.'"

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**SOMEONE'S IN THE KITCHEN** — The kitchen required the most extensive renovations, to accommodate efficient cooking while retaining the antique atmosphere of the home owned by George and Judy Mrosek.



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**SPACIOUS YARD** — The Great Lawn of the Cheney family, off Hartford Road, fronts the mansions once owned by the family. The Mroseks' home is the one on the right.

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**QUICK CLEANUP** — Lisa Giaccone says she likes her room because it's small and takes only about 15 minutes to clean up. Giaccone said she has no desire to live in a large home because of the maintenance involved.

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RELAXING CONVERSATION — Winifred McCormick, right, joins Constance Dunbar, center, and Helen S. Cirilli for a relaxing conversation at the Arbors at Hop Brook.

## These seniors living in style

By Jacqueline Bennett  
Manchester Herald

A receptionist sits at the front desk in a large carpeted lobby with pink patterned wallpaper, two gas-lit fireplaces and a chandelier. A long elegant stairway leads down to the dining room. Not long ago, a wedding took place here.

No, it's not a new hotel in town. It is the Arbors at Hop Brook, a retirement community at 385 W. Center St. that opened last November.

"It isn't cheap," said resident Winifred McCormick during an interview in March at her two-bedroom apartment with kitchenette. "You sell a house and you can afford it."

The rent ranges from \$1,475 per month for a studio apartment for one person to \$1,975 per month for a two-bedroom apartment for one person. An additional \$300 is charged for each additional person.

The rent money, or "membership fee" as it's called, pays for maintenance of the building and grounds and the services provided.

Winifred wouldn't give her exact age but admitted to being over 70. She said she sold her home on Porter Street, after living there for 41 years, because she couldn't take care of the house alone.

"I was forced to move here. I couldn't get help to take care of my house and do repairs. I couldn't get yard help," she said.

There was also the confinement and isolation of living alone after her husband died four years ago.

"As much as I loved the house — the woods, my garden — it was hard to be alone," she remembered.

Her husband, Stanley, had retired from Aetna Life & Casualty. Winifred has a son, James, who lives in Manchester and works for Connecticut National Bank. Another son, Jeffrey, lives in Fairfield and a daughter, Jennifer, lives in South Dartmouth, Mass. Winifred has six grandchildren.

She nodded toward James' wife, Roberta McCormick, who was there with her son, 5-year-old Eric. "Plus they have their own lives to live," Winifred said.

Roberta admitted, "My husband always felt he had to take care of that house as well as ours, mow the lawn. He was really stressed out."

She and James have another boy, Brandon, and are expecting a third child.

Having a security guard on duty 24 hours a day at the Arbors also gives Roberta and

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James peace of mind.

"The security is so good here that we bring our valuables over here when we go to our summer house," Roberta said.

Each room in all the apartments is also equipped with a pull-chain to call for help. It is low enough to reach from the floor in case of a fall.

Winifred said she misses the spaciousness of her home

but she agreed a sense of security and companionship with other residents are benefits.

Most of her days are spent in her apartment quilting or doing other hobbies. Some of her grandsons' toys are there for when they come to visit.

A number of recreational activities are available at the Arbors, including crafts, exercise classes, lectures, cards and movies. On Sunday, a brunch is offered in the dining room. The dining room is run by Marriott Hotels and Resorts as if it were a restaurant.

Winifred serves on the resident food committee. The committee gives advice on the dining menus.

There's also a housekeeping service to do the cleaning.

When Winifred moved in last November, she was facing the need for a hip operation. She said being at the Arbors has enabled her to maintain her independence and mobility.

The Arbors has a bus that goes to local stores. Walkers and wheelchairs are available for residents. Doorways are wide.

Using a walker she got after her operation, Winifred gave a tour of the building. On her way to the elevator and down to the main floor, she bumped into the chef, Glenn

Rinsky.

Rinsky was recently married at the Arbors. He and his young bride invited all the residents to their ceremony and a buffet held later in the courtyard.

"It was lovely," said Winifred.

Every floor has a laundry room. The Arbors also has a beauty salon. A convenience store will be added soon.

Winifred said she has plenty of privacy and friends and family can visit or stay over night anytime.

"At the moment it was total blackout," Redicavage said.

Days later, he woke up in the hospital and learned he had severed his spinal cord and would never walk again.

"I cried for five minutes and then I just stopped crying right away because I realized I had to start again," he said.

But it wasn't that easy.

Every day he saw a commercial for a Connecticut wheelchair basketball team, and within two weeks found himself in Canada playing with the team.

"They helped me out a lot, just by watching them," he said.

The movie "Coming Home," about a paralyzed Vietnam War veteran who returns home, also helped Redicavage discover that he could do many things, including learning to accept a disability and to work within the limitations it imposes are often the toughest battles for a person, according to William Hacker, a vocational rehabilitation supervisor with the state Department of Rehabilitative Services.

The department helps disabled people find jobs or return to the jobs they held before they became disabled, which often

requires psychological counseling along with job training.

Hacker said, "It's the individual, not the disability," he said.

But Vivian Ladabouche, manager of the Manchester Job Service office, said employers must also learn to overcome a fear of hiring a person with disabilities.

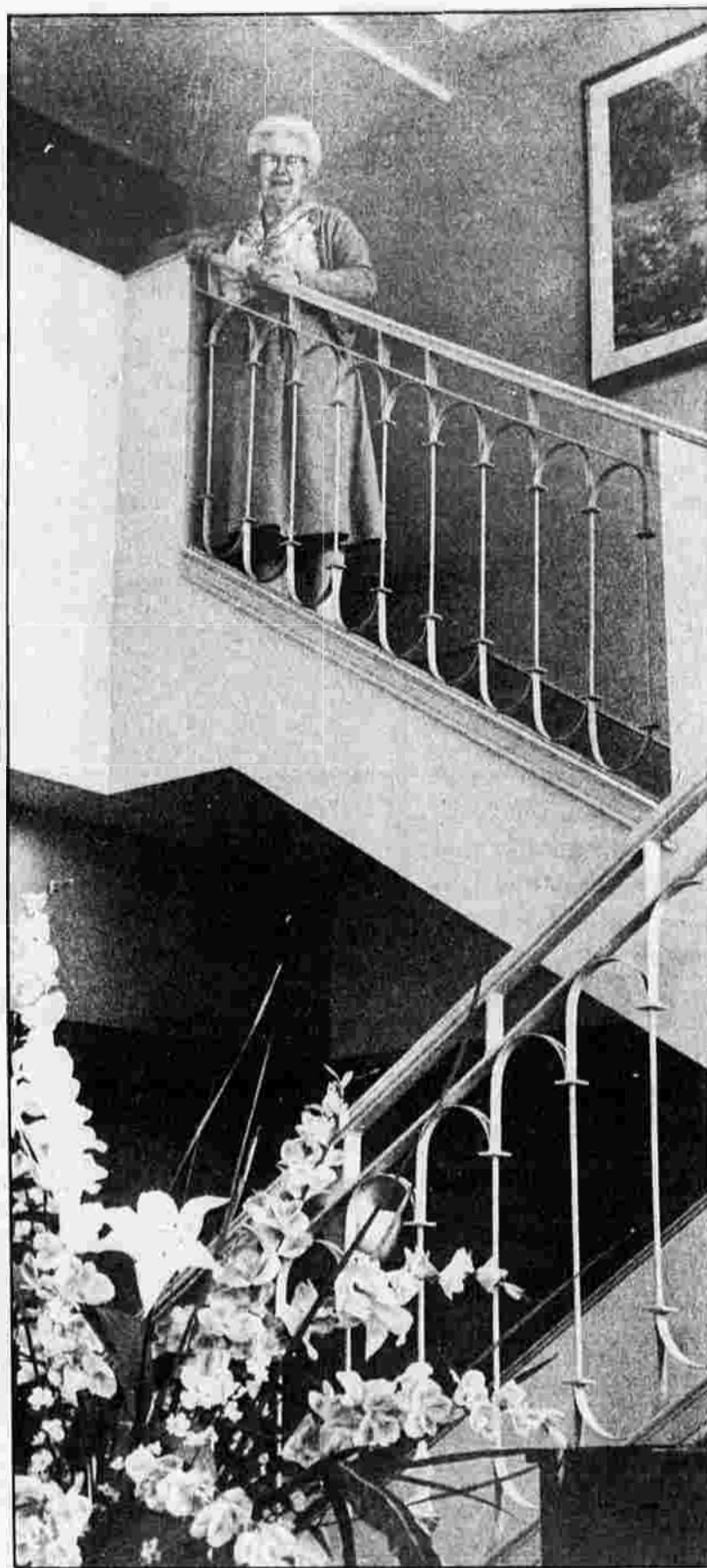
"Many times the biggest barrier to be overcome is in the mind of a prospective employer," she said.

Seven years ago, Redicavage began working at a video store in East Hartford and eventually ended up at Movies and More in the Plaza at Burr Corners in Manchester, where he has worked for about four years. He now works two days a week at the store.

The shelves at the new store are low enough so that Redicavage can reach them and a ramp was built to the area behind the counter to accommodate his wheelchair.

Henriques said Redicavage's easygoing manner and love of films make him a valuable employee.

"He's pleasant, generally positive for his condition,"



FRAGRANT VIEW — Winifred McCormick looks over the stair case at the Arbors at Hop Brook retirement community on West Center Street. She is one of dozens of seniors who left the comfort of their homes for the security and companionship at the center.

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## Paralyzed man stopped crying to face future

By Nancy Concelman  
Manchester Herald

Getting into a car is a three- to four-minute process for Al Redicavage.

He rolls to his station wagon in his wheelchair, opens the door and throws whatever he's bringing with him in the back seat. He then removes the foot rests from the chair and throws them in the back.

He rests one end of a board he carries with him on the car seat and one on the edge of the chair and, supporting himself with his arms, slides over the board into the driver's seat, folds the chair and hoists it into the car.

He then drives several miles to work in his station wagon, equipped with hand controls, and reverses the process to get out.

Redicavage, 35, has been doing this for 16 years, but he can remember how it feels to plop into the driver's seat, swing in his legs and go.

That was before the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 27, 1973. Redicavage recalls the date and the approximate time he was riding across the Putnam Bridge in Glastonbury on a motorcycle he'd recently bought with lottery winnings.

He said he was struck by a motorist who pulled out in front of him.

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Days later, he woke up in the hospital and learned he had severed his spinal cord and would never walk again.

"I cried for five minutes and then I just stopped crying right away because I realized I had to start again," he said.

But it wasn't that easy.

Every day he saw a commercial for a Connecticut wheelchair basketball team, and within two weeks found himself in Canada playing with the team.

"They helped me out a lot, just by watching them," he said.

The movie "Coming Home," about a paralyzed Vietnam War veteran who returns home, also helped Redicavage discover that he could do many things, including learning to accept a disability and to work within the limitations it imposes are often the toughest battles for a person, according to William Hacker, a vocational rehabilitation supervisor with the state Department of Rehabilitative Services.

The department helps disabled people find jobs or return to the jobs they held before they became disabled, which often

requires psychological counseling along with job training.

Hacker said, "It's the individual, not the disability," he said.

But Vivian Ladabouche, manager of the Manchester Job Service office, said employers must also learn to overcome a fear of hiring a person with disabilities.

"Many times the biggest barrier to be overcome is in the mind of a prospective employer," she said.

Seven years ago, Redicavage began working at a video store in East Hartford and eventually ended up at Movies and More in the Plaza at Burr Corners in Manchester, where he has worked for about four years. He now works two days a week at the store.

The shelves at the new store are low enough so that Redicavage can reach them and a ramp was built to the area behind the counter to accommodate his wheelchair.

Henriques said Redicavage's easygoing manner and love of films make him a valuable employee.

"He's pleasant, generally positive for his condition,"

Henriques said. "He deals with people very well."

Though Redicavage said some people are uncomfortable with the fact that he's confined to a wheelchair, Henriques said most of the customers at the store don't mind.

"It seems to me over the years that he's been treated just like a normal salesman," Henriques said.

Working at video rental stores has allowed Redicavage to add to his personal library, which now includes about 500 videotapes. The tapes are crammed on six-foot-high shelves that sit next to a television with a 40-inch screen.

The whole setup takes up a corner and half of a wall in his crowded Forest Street apartment.

He keeps a gripping device mounted on a long handle handy if he needs to reach the movies, but Luce hopes he won't need it for much longer. She is trying to raise money to cover the cost of a self-rising wheelchair, which would allow Redicavage to stand up while in the chair. But Luce is far from her goal of \$5,000.

"I can't wait to see him stand up," she said. "Did you

distance to see singer Stevie Nicks. He has been designated by the singer's fan club as the biggest fan in Connecticut and hopes to meet her during her next tour.

Though he often has friends with him, Redicavage said he is not afraid to travel by himself.

"If something happened, I would call the police," Redicavage said. "There's phones everywhere."

Luce laughed and reminded Redicavage that he was so nervous before his first long trip alone that he began preparing for it two hours before he left.

Luce never knew Redicavage before his accident. To her, the wheelchair is nothing more than a substitute pair of legs. But not all of the friends Redicavage had before the accident were able to adjust to his new life as well as he did.

"A few of them left. I guess because they couldn't deal with seeing me not running around," he said. "But I knew I had to do it. Friends tell me if it happened to them they couldn't handle it, which I do not believe at all."

He would drive almost any

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REQUIREMENTS — Al Redicavage checks out movies at Movies and More of Manchester, where he has worked for four years. A ramp was built to the area behind the counter and the aisles are wide enough for Redicavage to move through.

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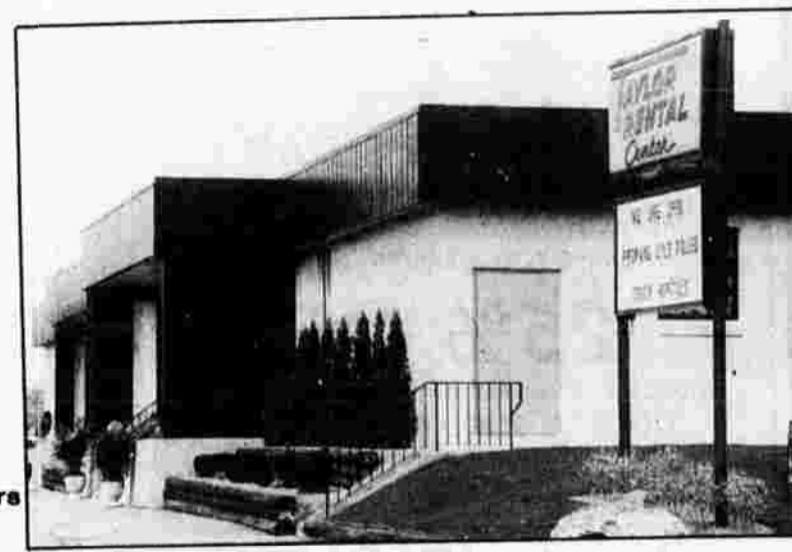
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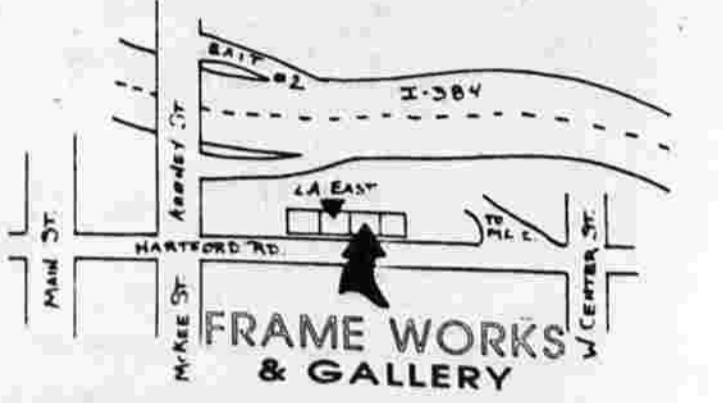
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**PICKING A CHALLENGE** — Susan Adrenyak of Manchester picks a book she will use to help a Korean family learn how to read. Adrenyak, a volunteer for Literacy Volunteers of America, puts in a full day at her job at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford before tutoring the family.



**HELPING HAND** — Stephen Breen, left, of Manchester helps Christopher L. Frazier of Hartford read a book. Breen, the president of the East of the River affiliate of Literacy Volunteers of America, says Frazier is a conscientious student.

## It's rewarding to help others learn to read

By Doris Whitbeck  
Special to the Herald

Susan Adrenyak likes challenges. From 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, the 29-year-old Manchester woman works at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford, communicating with sophisticated computers. On Wednesday evenings, she tutors a Korean couple who need to improve their conversational English. On Sundays, she teaches Bible stories to Sunday schoolers.

Adrenyak, a 1982 graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in technology, is a member of Literacy Volunteers of America. She talks enthusiastically about the rewards of helping her Korean students communicate better with customers of their dry-cleaning store.

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That's about the way Stephen Breen describes his decision to become involved with Literacy Volunteers. Breen, a substitute teacher in the Manchester schools, be-

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came a volunteer four years ago. He is now serving his second year as president of the group's Connecticut River East affiliate.

"I thought this would be a good way to volunteer because of my interest in teaching," he says.

For Christopher L. Frazier, volunteers like Adrenyak and Breen were a godsend. Breen has been tutoring Frazier for three years.

Frazier, like many of those who ask for help with their reading, is "very conscientious," Breen says.

Frazier, who became a husband and father in the past year, is settling down in Hartford. He graduated from Hartford Public High School in 1983 despite his reading difficulties.

"Working with Steve helped me overcome my reading problems," says Frazier. "He gave me the special attention I didn't get in school." Frazier is an employee of the state Department of Transportation. He said he is hoping his improved reading skills will help him advance in his job.

Adrenyak's students, who preferred that their names not be given, are very motivated. "We used to meet twice a week but now they can only meet one night a week because they work 12 hours a day; six days a week, getting their new business started," Adrenyak says.

Both of her students, who have been in this country five years, knew how to read and write English. But speaking English was more difficult. They have more confidence now after being tutored for the past eight months.

"They can form sentences and express themselves, but they still have some difficulty over the telephone," Adrenyak says.

"I get picture books from the library that deal with real-life situations and ask them to tell me what is going on. It's rewarding when you hit upon something they can connect with, like how to talk with the men who service their dry-cleaning equipment and

their car." Adrenyak, who shares a Southfield Green condominium with her twin sister, Gail, has friends who teach English as a second language in the public schools in Manchester and Naugatuck.

"Most of my friends are in education," she says. Her job as a computer systems support analyst is challenging. But, she says, "I also need to channel my energies and creativity into working with people."

Before she began working with her present students, she tutored a Korean woman who

has since returned to her native country.

Adrenyak is one of nearly 100 Literacy Volunteers tutors helping people in eight east-of-the-river towns become more literate. According to Jonathan Kozol, author of "Illiterate America," 50 percent of American adults are unable to read an eighth-grade-level book.

In Connecticut, there are an estimated 600,000 adults who are functionally illiterate, according to statistics provided by the association. The 18 Connecticut affiliates of Literacy Volunteers provide tutoring services to more than 3,500 students. Nearly 94,000 hours of

tutoring were provided by more than 3,900 volunteers during the past year.

In addition to recent immigrants, volunteers tutor adults who are unable to read and write well enough to acquire work skills or to develop their personal lives. The group estimates that students can improve one grade level with each 35 to 45 hours of tutoring.

The office of the Connecticut River East affiliate is on the Manchester Community College campus. For information on training workshops, call 647-6216.

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Lappen's involvement with PTAs began when he became a member of the Highland Park School PTA in 1980. He says his wife, Sandra, "needed company" at the meetings.

When Highland Park closed in 1984 because of declining enrollment, he became a member of the Martin School PTA. He and his wife have two children, Emily, 14, and Kevin, 11.

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## Lappen breathes life into town PTA council

By Andrew J. Davis  
Manchester Herald

From a humdrum beginning in the Parent-Teacher Association, Craig S. Lappen has made it to the top.

Lappen, 42, of 286 Timrod Lane, has been president of the PTA Council for two years. He says he became president mostly because someone was needed to take charge of the

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# Little League head gives of his heart

By Len Auster  
Manchester Herald

Remember the words of the late President John F. Kennedy at his inaugural address in 1961? He said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

Vic Helin was about to graduate from Fitchburg High School in Massachusetts that year. Maybe he didn't even hear those words that day, but he says today he truly believes in their meaning.

"You just get involved," said Helin, 43, an engineering aide in instrumentation at Pratt and Whitney, and commissioner of the Manchester National Little League for the past 10 years.

"That's my nature," he continued. "Instead of watching, I feel if you have something to contribute, you do it. Everyone likes to lean on the fence and watch the world go by. That's not me."

Helin was a three-sport star in high school in baseball, football and basketball. A Manchester resident since 1963, he became involved in Manchester Little League when the oldest of his four sons, Chris, started in rookie league.

Chris, 20, is now a junior at the University of Connecticut. Matt, 16, is a junior at Manchester High School. Helin's other two sons, Mike, 12, and John, 10, are students at St. James School.

Helin's first association with Little League was as Peter Allen's assistant. "Some like to watch, some like to do. Little League, with all these little guys with all they need to learn, they need all the help they can get. It's infectious. I started hitting ground balls, and then you learn how to coach."

His coaching career lasted all of one year. "The next year, his son Chris went to Leber Field to play with the Oilers and Fred Parlato. I said, 'That's it.' He was a more experienced coach," Helin said.

"My one hang-up is not coaching your own son. You can coach in the back yard, but not at the Little League field. But then I started saying, 'What can I do?'"

Little did Helin know what he was getting into. "Fred said, 'Do you really want to help?' and I said, 'Sure, what can I do?'"

His first assignment was along the lines of cutting the grass at Leber Field.

"Parents' cleanup day," Helin explained. "Instead of just hanging on the fence watching, I'd be doing something."

His association with Little League, the Manchester Little League, grew considerably. "The following year, Fred said they needed someone to put it together," Helin said.

That led to the commissioner's post, which he still continues to hold.

The assignment includes fund-raising, scheduling games, scheduling umpires, the hiring and sometimes the firing of coaches, and the reporting of every National Little League game to the newspaper.

Helin's No. 1 priority, however, is baseball.

"I'm a baseball purist. Baseball and kids, that's number one and then fund-raising, the concession stand, etc. I want to make sure the coaches are thinking baseball first, not my son or not my success as a coach."

"What I tell new coaches is that this is baseball and kids first. This can be an awfully rotten world to a 12-year-old kid and let this be good because it may be the last good thing they'll see."

It's a family affair with the Helins. Vic keeps the scorebook in order and handles the microphone at Leber Field, announcing the batters and complimenting fine fielding plays. Meanwhile, his wife, Anne, is in charge of the concession stand. They've been there for their three oldest sons, and now with John, who'll be playing again with Boland Bros. when the season resumes in May.

Helin doesn't see an end to his involvement, even after John has completed Little League.

"It's infectious. Sometimes we look at each other and say what the heck are we doing? Why? But we know there aren't a heck of a lot behind it."

"The masses like to lean on the fence and watch the world go by. That's not me. You see a lot of people you can squeeze to get involved and they will, but you have to be a gentleman about it. But the vast majority of people will sit and watch. John has three more years. Will we have had enough?"

"There's always something bigger and better to do. There's always one more team to see. You know what keeps you going? It's seeing a little Tiger, a nine-year-old. You see and you say, 'Hey, this is going to be a good ballplayer. I want to watch him.'"



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**DEDICATION —** Vic Helin, right, commissioner of the Manchester National Little League, talks with Jim Leber, center, and his son, Peter Leber, at the dedication of Leber Field last year. Left, Helin practices with his son, Mike, 12.

# Crime-watch groups always on patrol

By Andrew J. Davis  
Manchester Herald

They are the extra eyes and the ears of the Manchester Police Department.

That is how police describe members of the 16 crime-watch programs in Manchester.

Crime-watch is a simple concept, according to Harry W. Reinhorn of 209 Spring St., a volunteer coordinator of a crime-watch area. In the program, neighbors look after one another by reporting suspicious activity in their neighborhood to police.

"That's all it is," he said. "Neighbor looking after neighbor."

The town's program was started in 1982 by Reinhorn after the Donald S. Genovesi family of 65 Thayer Road were victims of an April 1982 burglary and assault. "It just got to the point where I felt we should have a safe neighborhood," he said.

Each area has block captains, who take calls from people in the program about any odd activity in the neighborhood. The block captains contact police.

The crime-watch people do not play police, and volunteers are discouraged from approaching criminals, Reinhorn said. No crime-watch volunteer has ever been hurt, he said.

"We do not encourage contact with crooks," he said. "We're not police officers. We don't pretend to be. There are a lot of looks out there. We don't take risks."

Neither is crime-watch a vigilante group, said Reinhorn. He said the group will not work with people "if they have that in mind."

"It (crime-watch) brings awareness to the area," he said. "I think people are more aware. It helps."

The best part of the program is the fact that neighbors get to know neighbors, Reinhorn said. An area needs about 75 percent participation from residents for it to work, he said.

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**STANDING GUARD —** Harry Reinhorn stands beside a crime-watch sign in his neighborhood. Reinhorn and dozens of other Manchester residents help each other by keeping an eye out for crime.

Another benefit of the program is that people learn how to better protect their homes, said police officer Laurence Wilson, who organizes the program with Reinhorn. Through the program, people learn crime-prevention tips such as learning how to identify people, and buying better locks, he said.

During the summer, Wilson will offer a "home security survey" to residents. "They can do something to strengthen their safety," he said.

Boredom is the biggest problem associated with a crime-watch program, Wilson said. To make sure the area does not become susceptible to crime again, refresher courses are offered, he said.

A crime-watch is only as good as the people who are in it, Wilson said.

"It's the people behind the (posted neighborhood crime-watch) signs that keep crime-watch going," he said. "No

area in town is not vulnerable to attack (but) if you take these safeguards it will deter it. Don't be afraid to call (the police)."

Wilson said he had no specific statistics on whether crime was lower in areas with a crime-watch program. But he says he knows that citizens help police by becoming involved.

"Crime-watch is not going to hurt," Wilson said. "I don't think it (crime) has gone up. It has done a pretty good job."

Members of a Bolton crime-watch program helped police link robbery suspects caught in Glastonbury to robberies in Bolton last summer, Wilson said.

The main benefit, though, is neighbors watching out for neighbors. It brings people closer together and helps make the neighborhood safer, Wilson said.

"It's neighborhoods joining together to help each other," he said.

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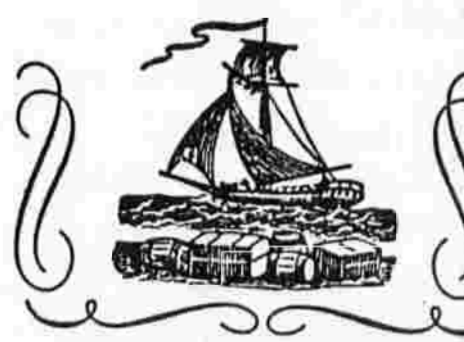


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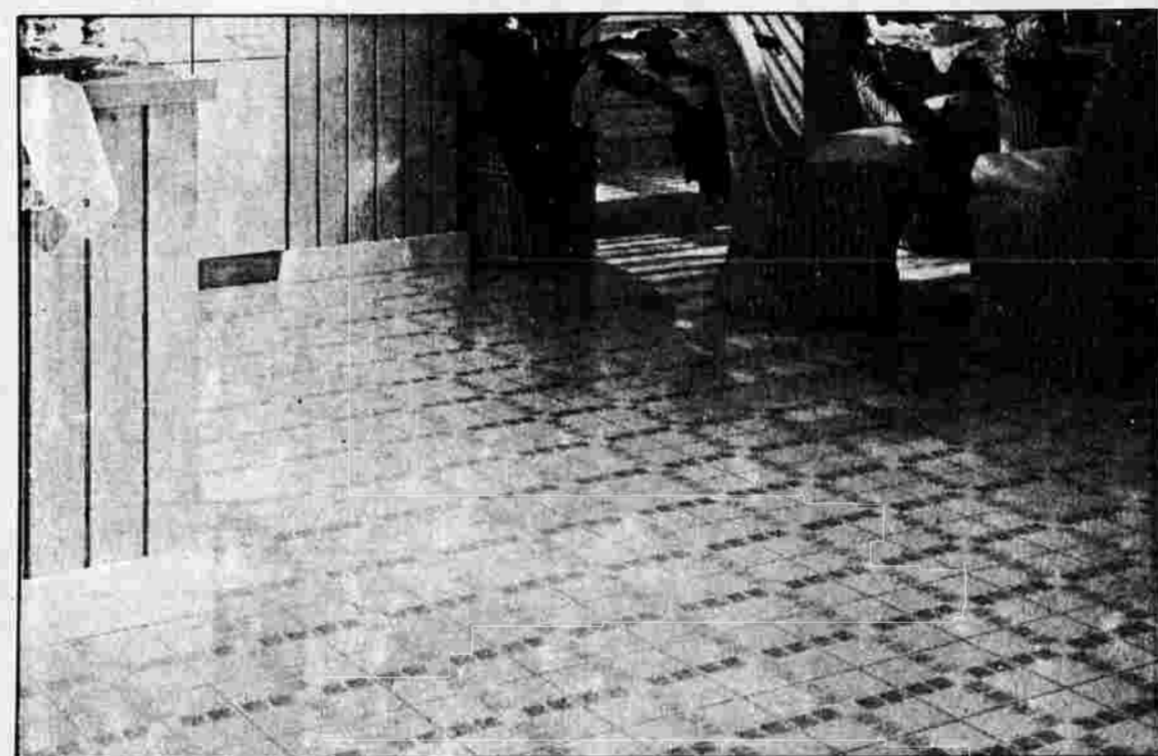
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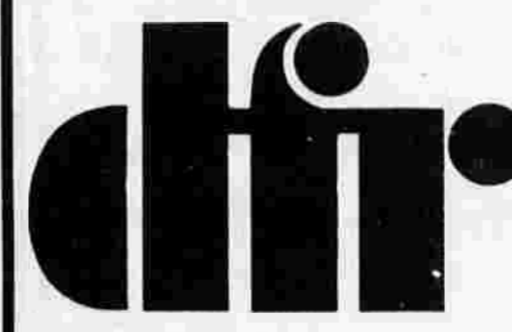
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**HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE** — Former Girl Scout leader Linda Carlson gets some help from her daughter, LeAnna, 8½ months, in teaching child care to daughters Teri Jamaitis, left, and Wendy Parkany.



**FORMER LEADER** — Linda Carlson has taken time off from her duties as a Girl Scout leader to care for her infant daughter but still goes back to visit former troop members.

## Girl Scout leader is a 'true friend' to troop

By Nancy Concelman  
Manchester Herald

For Linda Carlson, Girl Scouting has always meant more than crafts and camping. As a Girl Scout, Carlson has seen Mount St. Helens from a helicopter, had lemonade with former first lady Nancy Reagan and lived in the 1800s. Carlson, 34, has been a Girl Scout for 27 years, eight of them as a leader. She said she became a Brownie at the age of 7, "because it was the thing to do. All my friends were Brownies."

But while most of her friends dropped out before becoming seniors, Carlson stuck with Scouting and discovered a world beyond campgrounds and meeting halls. "I found out about all the things I could do that interested me," she said.

One of those things is travel. In 1986, Carlson left her home at 21 Bremen road in Cuernavaca, Mexico, as a representative of the United States Girl Scouts at the Juliette Low International Session in Cuernavaca, Juliette Low founded Girl Scouts more than 75 years ago.

In 1983 she traveled to Washington, D.C., as the state's representative to a Leadership Today & Tomorrow Conference. She and representatives from all over the country went to a tea at the White House.

"They call it a tea but we had lemonade," Carlson said. It was there that Carlson met Nancy Reagan.

"She's very nice," Carlson said.

Carlson took the helicopter ride over Mount St. Helens during a trip to Portland, Ore., when she represented the Connecticut Valley Girl Scout Council, which includes Manchester, Bolton, East Hartford, South Windsor and other Hartford area towns.

Carlson has shared many other experiences with her Cadette troops over the years, including a trip to the Norlands Adult Live-In Center in Maine. She heard about the center through the Connecticut Outdoor Education Association. Carlson, a special education teacher at East Hartford High School, is an association member.

For three days at the Norland center, Carlson and her troop dressed and lived as people did in the 1890s. Among other things, they gathered eggs and milked cows, Carlson said.

Senior Girl Scout Teri Jamaitis, 16, of 20 Linwood Drive, remembers that trip and other activities Carlson and her co-leaders got their Cadettes involved with, including working toward their horseback-riding badges.

"She (Carlson) really wanted us to be involved," said Jamaitis, a Scout for 10 years. "She made it enjoyable."

15-year-old Senior Girl Scout Kristen Cyr of 20 Packard St.

Carlson said getting Scouts involved helps motivate them to stick with scouting. She is a member of the Wider Opportunity Committee, which gives Scouts the chance to travel all over the nation and world.

"I'm a real big fan of Juliette Low's," Carlson said. "She said if the girls don't like it, it won't work. That's what I've tried to go by."

"Linda is very dedicated to Girl Scouts," said Elyse Petzold of 182 Lamplighter Drive, who worked with Carlson for 2½ years as a co-leader. "She really encouraged the girls to do a lot of activities outside the troop."

Carlson tries to share her experiences with younger Girl Scouts to encourage them to stay in. The worst part of Scouting is having girls drop out, she said. Many don't make it past the Cadette level, which is for girls 12 to 14.

"Girls get negative and drop out without giving it a chance," Carlson said. "Girls don't realize what's out there. They think they've done it all."

Carlson became an assistant leader when she was 18 years old and had a Cadette troop in Manchester for seven years before her 8-month-old daughter, LeAnna, was born.

She ran a tight ship, requiring her Cadettes to make their own uniform skirts or have their mothers make them and encouraging the Scouts to earn the money for their trips.

"They enjoy them more that way," Carlson said.

Though she has given up her troop for now to care for LeAnna, Carlson hopes to become a leader again when her

daughter, her "future Girl Scout," gets involved, Carlson said she also hopes to begin traveling again as a scout representative when her daughter gets older. Carlson's mother was a leader for eight years.

"I want to start all over again with LeAnna," she said. "This time I'll move up with her like my mother did."

In the meantime, Carlson is still helping to train future leaders. As a Connecticut Valley Council trainer, she teaches the basics in the Girl Scout Handbook and how to conduct a meeting, but also encourages them to open up to their troop.

"Juliette Low had so much vision because she saw that Girl Scouting is something that girls would enjoy and learn from. And they still are today," she said.

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MEMORIES — Linda Carlson pages through a scrapbook that contains highlights from her 27 years as a Girl Scout.

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**PICK A COLOR** — Mary and Fred Blish select a color for use with a stencil that is part of the set for "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940," the March production of the Little Theatre of Manchester. The Blishes are active in LTM and the restoration of historic Cheney Hall.



**FAMILY PORTRAIT** — Fred Blish, extreme right, had the role of Oscar in LTM's 1978 production of "Little Foxes," performed at East Catholic High School. Mary Blish costumed the show. When Cheney Hall is renovated, LTM will put on its performances in that historic building.

## Blishes strive to reopen historic Cheney Hall

By Alex Girelli  
Manchester Herald

When Town Manager Robert B. Weiss approached Fred T. Blish III in late 1981 about having the Little Theatre of Manchester manage historic Cheney Hall and present its plays there, the idea appealed to Blish.

Blish was then a leader in the theatrical group which had been active in town for more than 20 years. Together with David Newirth and Frank Minutillo, also leaders of the LTM, Blish met with Weiss.

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The link between LTM and the restoration does seem to be a natural one. It could hardly be said that LTM had been founding.

It had been successful since its first production, "Bus Stop," in March 1961, when it strained the capacity of the auditorium of the Community Y by packing in about 500 people for each of two performances.

But LTM had never had a home of its own for very long and Cheney Hall will give it a permanent home, something every theater group wants. The hall will benefit by having someone to manage it.

Even now, LTM is performing at the East Hartford Middle School because it cannot arrange for a hall in Manchester.

It has had workshops in a number of places that no longer exist or have been converted for new purposes. It once occupied the old Circle Theater that stood on Oak Street. And for a time it was at the Varn Mill at 210 Pine St., sandwiched between a gym and a gymnastics school, which made rehearsals a bit noisy at times.

From 1960 to 1966, LTM operated under the auspices of the Recreation Department, but that arrangement fell through. During some of those years, LTM conducted a children's theater for the Recreation Department. It got so popular, Fred recalls, that LTM could not find scripts with enough roles for all the kids who wanted to participate.

So Ruth Rowley, a veteran of LTM who came to the group from one of its predecessors.

Most of the funds contributed or pledged for contribution so far have come from state grants and private foundations.

The key to getting grants, Mary Blish has found, is building a case and then picking the right grantors at the right time. Some foundations don't want to contribute, for instance, until 50 percent of the funds have been raised, which creates a bit of a chicken-and-egg problem.

"I've gotten three or four rejections for every check I've received," she says.

And, she said, you have to provide some reassurance that their contributions are going to give them a sense of pride in accomplishment.

So far, the effort has gone well, and Mary Blish is encouraged about the future. But she does not expect the job to be easy.

In a letter that accompanies a plan for the latest fund-raising campaign, she wrote, "This community endeavor continues to be a major undertaking, and this fund-raising proposal is ambitious and optimistic."

That grant amounted to a vote of confidence at the same time it presented a steep challenge, Mary Blish says.

In the current fund-drive plans, she hopes to persuade the Hartford foundation to increase its grant by \$50,000.

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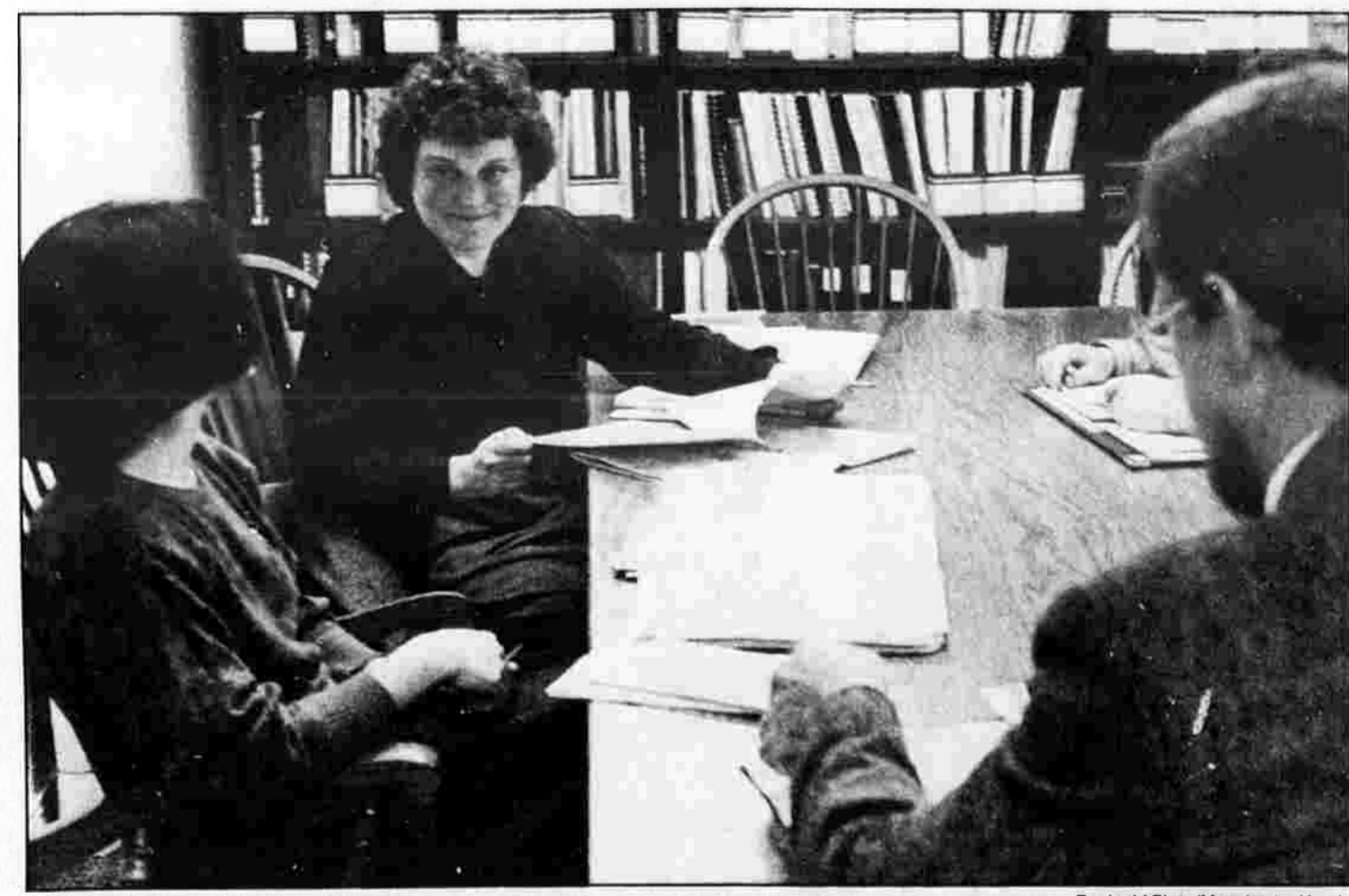
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**LOOKING FOR SOLUTIONS** — Mary Wellemeyer meets with other members of a committee investigating the need for affordable housing in Manchester. She and 11 other residents were asked to help develop some solutions to the local housing crisis.

## Volunteering is her way of life

By Maureen Leavitt  
Manchester Herald

If you happen to run into Mary Wellemeyer downtown one day, chances are she will persuade you to volunteer for a social cause in town.

Wellemeyer, who has lived in Manchester for seven years, considers herself a catalyst in getting people involved in new projects in the community.

She is an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Society-East and also was instrumental in organizing a local group that will build housing for the poor.

Volunteering is something that comes naturally for Wellemeyer.

"I don't know how else to live," Wellemeyer said. "I can't just go skiing."

Even when she finds the time to ski, she said she can be found on the ski patrol, a group of volunteers who supervise the sport on public slopes.

Wellemeyer admits she has the uncanny skill of getting people to offer their knowledge, expertise and time to volunteer.

"What I'm really good at doing is pulling together the common threads, and encouraging them to do things. It is a mystery to me," Wellemeyer said.

"I can sit with a group of people, and at the end, we have a plan. They feel there are things they can do. There's something about having me with them, but I haven't figured that out yet."

Surprisingly enough, Wellemeyer found the roles reversed somewhat in January when she was asked by the housing subcommittee of the town Board of Directors to work with 11 other citizens to develop some solutions to the

local housing crisis.

Wellemeyer said sometimes she feels overwhelmed at the amount of work that needs to be done in the community, and all the projects her church would like to take on.

"I frequently wonder if I'm crazy," Wellemeyer said. "It's a little too exciting doing odd jobs, getting from one to the next."

Wellemeyer said at first she felt she had too many commitments to work on the citizens' committee, but then she said she realized she had something to contribute to the town.

"I knew I could fit it into my life with a shoe horn," Wellemeyer said.

She was instrumental in organizing a Hartford-based affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a non-profit group which builds or renovates housing using as much volunteer labor and donated materials as possible.

The houses are sold to families at cost. No interest is charged on mortgages. Wellemeyer said she was able to generate enough interest last year in other church members to organize a local affiliate.

In addition, she said, she was able to contact people throughout the greater Hartford area who had some experience with Habitat for Humanity to help get the group off the ground.

"It just seemed like some-

thing we could do," Wellemeyer said. "If people in my church were interested, I figured other people would be interested and they were."

The group hopes to begin building a home in the Hartford or East Hartford area by the summer.

Wellemeyer has a bachelor's degree in economics from George Washington University and her doctorate, also in economics, from the University of Connecticut.

After playing the role of a college economics professor in Maine for almost 10 years, Wellemeyer decided to trade in her teaching theories for what she calls a practical perspective.

"It wasn't as if I chucked the whole thing," Wellemeyer said.

She has been nurturing ideas about public policy, housing, human development and environmental issues for years and decided to apply her theories to direct social action.

After moving back to Manchester and settling down with her 18-year-old son, Michael, she became involved with the Connecticut Citizen Action Group in the eastern portion of the state.

"The CCAG led me more and more into being concerned with housing," Wellemeyer said.

She worked with a tenant organization in Willimantic and met people in Norwich who had been evicted by what she termed a "heavy-handed approach."

"The tenants in Willimantic and Norwich made me think there was something to do that wasn't being done," Wellemeyer recalled.

The paid jobs she takes to support herself, her son and two nephews living with her are



**WHAT A TREAT** — Carol Iczkowski, a member of the Unitarian Universalist Society-East, hands Wellemeyer a basket of goodies at a Middle Eastern party held recently at the Unitarian meetinghouse. Wellemeyer is chairman of the society's Social Responsibility Committee.



**NO LAUGHING MATTER** — Mary Wellemeyer finds a rare chuckle in a report on affordable housing. She is reviewing it at a meeting of a committee of citizens and directors looking into the affordable housing issue.

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## Race director doesn't shirk from challenges

By Jim Tierney  
Manchester Herald

When Jim Balcome was asked to direct the Manchester Road Race 11 years ago, he didn't blink an eye.

After all, Balcome was no stranger to service. For the past 22 years, he has served the students at Rockville High School as a guidance counselor, along with coaching the boys' and girls' cross country track teams for the first 16 years.

If that wasn't enough, Balcome took on the task of directing the Manchester Community College New England Relays two years ago. In his first year with the Relays in 1987, he was responsible for assembling a world-class field of milers which saw the first-ever sub-four-minute mile run in Connecticut, when Ireland's Gerry O'Reilly hit the tape in 3:59.36.

"There's not much time off," the 46-year-old Balcome, a Manchester resident, said of his non-stop community involvement. "It becomes intertwined."

Balcome, when first encountering the job of director of the road race, never realized the enormous amount of time it consumed.

"I guess I was very naive," he said. "I knew there was a problem, a challenge. I thought maybe if I applied myself, I could solve it."

The rest, as they say, is history.

"I saw the immensity of the thing and became fascinated by it," Balcome said. "Now, it has emerged into one of the best road races in the nation."

Balcome also, somehow, finds time to attend annual road race conventions to keep updated on the trends and to gain perspective on the Manchester race. One telephone is not enough in the Balcome house with the many calls he receives and makes as part of his road race and Relays responsibilities.

"I very much enjoy doing it," Balcome said. "We take the time to deal with everyone's concern."

Balcome says the road race has benefited Manchester as much as the community has benefited the race.

"I think the Manchester Road Race has made Manchester develop a profile of being an absolute nice town," Balcome said. "The Manchester Road Race sends out so many positive vibrations to so many people in the state of Connecticut. I would say that we're responsible for the image being maintained that Manchester is the 'city with village charm.'"



**RARE RELAXATION** — Jim Balcome relaxes outside his office at Rockville High School. Balcome spends his spare time serving the community by directing the Manchester Road Race.

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## Opera buff has heart for music, head for success

By Alex Girelli  
Manchester Herald

Glendell Kirk Davis has impressive credentials. She is a 1964 magna cum laude graduate of the Southern University, Baton Rouge, La., with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. She has a master's degree in computer science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where she was in the top 1 percent of her class. She has a master's degree in business administration from the University of Hartford, where she graduated first in her class with a perfect quality-point average.

That's the kind of background you'd expect to lead someone to a high-level business career, and it has. Davis is director of corporate finance and investment in the Data Processing Department of The Travelers Insurance Co. It's the kind of experience you would expect in people who win science and math awards and scholarships, and she has.

But the high-tech interests give no hint of what motivated Davis, who lives at 348 Kennedy Road, to become an opera buff and devote time and energy to the Connecticut Opera Association.

Davis says she used to play the saxophone in high school. She acted in plays and sang in choruses in her high school and college days. She has been interested in art and music all her life, even while she was making a mark in other fields.

When a friend invited her to join the Connecticut Opera Association in 1980, she welcomed the chance.

She is now vice president and assistant treasurer of the association, having served on most of its committees.

She feels her participation makes a contribution to improving the quality of life in the Hartford area.

She describes opera in the phrases all opera enthusiasts know

— "the perfect fusion of music and drama, the ultimate art form."

Her favorite opera is Puccini's "Turandot." She has a large picture of the "Turandot" set when the Connecticut Opera Association presented the work in a grand way at the Coliseum in the Hartford Civic Center in 1982.

The year before, the association had presented another extravaganza in the arena with Verdi's "Aida."

Davis feels those two spectacles worked to attract more people to opera. She agrees that from time to time some things should be done to broaden the appeal of opera, even though traditionalists prefer more orthodox productions.

And she said she feels some of the intimacy of opera is lost in arena productions.

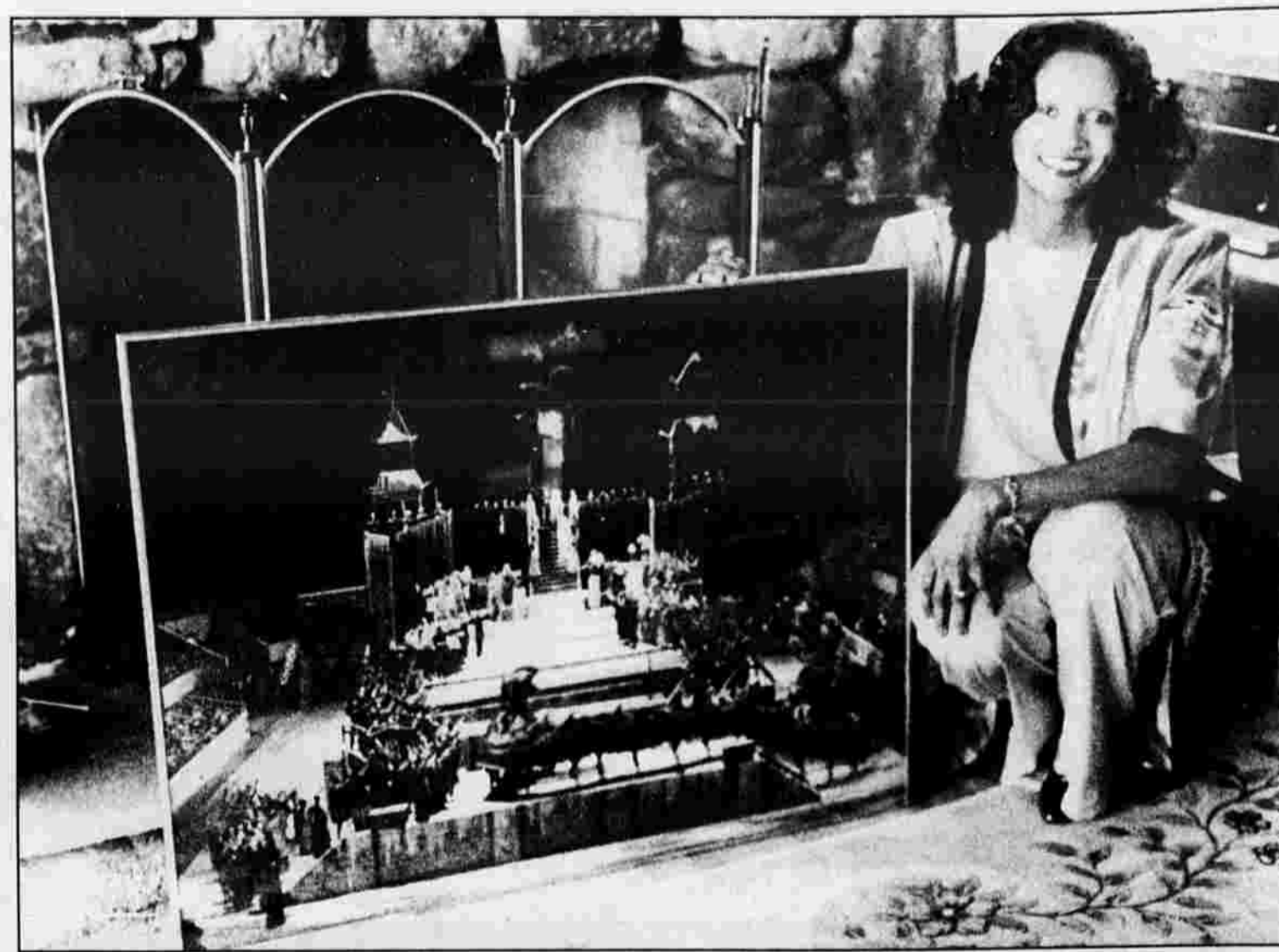
Her own favorites are the Italian operas, particularly those of Verdi and Puccini, but she feels the association should also venture into Mozart and Wagner works. She is not so enthusiastic about comic operas, like Mozart's "Cosi Fan Tutte."

Her chief aim in her work for the association is in helping to ensure its financial stability "so that we will be able to continue to present opera."

As a result, she is involved in fund-raising. But she also sees herself as an emissary to improve the image of opera and to create public enthusiasm and support for it. Some people perceive opera as being very aristocratic.

Davis says she is able to bring her experience in finance and marketing to her work in behalf of the opera association.

George Osborne, general director of the association, says she had a broad input into the association over the years and has made a substantial contribution in opera education and other fields as well as in finance and marketing.



FAVORITE OPERA — Glendell Kirk Davis, vice president and assistant treasurer of the Connecticut Opera Association, shows a picture of the set used by the opera company in 1982 for her favorite opera, Puccini's "Turandot."



OPERA AFICIONADOS — George D. Osborne, general director of the Connecticut Opera Association, left, and Glendell Kirk Davis, third from left, congratulate performers after the opera "Roméo et Juliette" at the Bushnell on Feb. 18.

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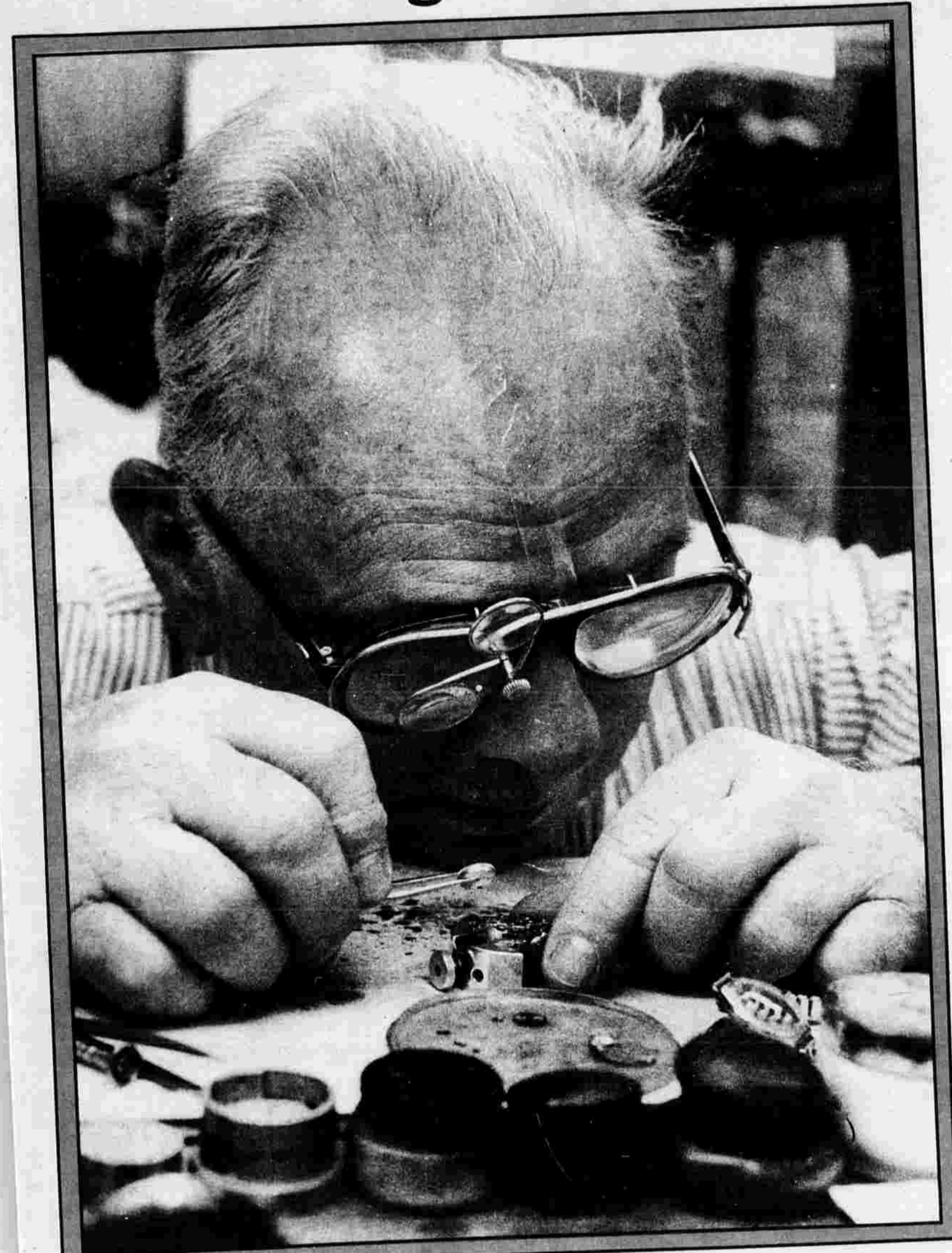
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**MUTUAL AID** — Connie Migliore talks with another trucker on her CB. She says most men drivers respect her.



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**WHAT'S YOUR HANDLE** — Connie Migliore, in the cab of the 18-wheeler she drives, checks out her CB radio before pulling out of the parking lot. Her handle is "Heartbreaker."

## Diminutive truck driver hauls a heavy load

By Barbara Richmond  
Manchester Herald

She's only 5 feet 4 inches tall, but she handles an 18-wheeler better than most people handle a regular car. Connie Migliore, 28, of Manchester, drives the big truck for Plastifoam, a Vernon company. She's a single parent with a 9-year-old daughter named Dawn. Juggling a truck driving schedule and Dawn's schedule isn't always easy but Migliore likes the challenge. Why earn a living driving a

truck when it would be much easier to have a desk job? "I always liked to drive my car around so I decided a job driving would be for me," she explained. Her first job was driving a van for a delivery company. Her route was to Boston every day and she said, "I got bored." To help ease the boredom, she had a CB radio installed and was able to talk with the truckers on the road. Her handle was "Heartbreaker." "They convinced me if I drove a big truck I could make better money," she said.

They didn't convince her immediately. Migliore took a year to think about it and decided to give it a try. But first she had to go to a training school for trailer-truck drivers. This took three months going five nights a week. After overcoming that hurdle, the next big obstacle was taking the state test. It wasn't like taking your run-of-the-mill driver's test. "The test involved doing a pre-trip safety check, making sure the equipment is safe to go on the road," she explained.

"Then I had to hook up and unhook the trailer properly. I had to back the truck up between rows of flags without knocking down any of them," she added. She also had to do what is called jack-backing the rig. "That's bringing the cab around on an angle so while you're unloading, the street isn't completely blocked," she said. Some people will go out of their way not to have to parallel park their car, but Migliore had to show the state inspectors that she could parallel park her 18-wheeler.

And of course, she had to prove she knew all of the rules of the road. After all of that, she was given her Class I license. "The day I received my license someone called the driving school and wanted to hire a new driver. I got my license and a job the same day. I was ecstatic," she said.

Before taking the job with Plastifoam, and after the van job, she had driven for a steel company. And truck drivers don't just sit and drive all day — they have to unload the truck when they reach their destination. But Migliore said, "There are a lot of jobs some women can't do because they involve heavy unloading." Most of the Styrofoam she trucks is in panels for insulation. "It's bulky, but not heavy," she explained.

What's the worst thing about driving a truck? She says, "The hours are about the worst thing. Wherever I go I have to be there by 7 or 8 a.m., to avoid the rush-hour traffic, especially when going to New York or New Jersey." Her usual starting time is about 4 or 5 a.m. to New York or New Jersey. It's about 250 miles one way. A truck driver can legally drive 500 miles a day.

"The summertime is the longest hours," Migliore says. "We have a lot of orders because there is more construction work going on. In the summer, I work 12 to 15 hours a day, up to 60 hours a week." Migliore credits a girlfriend of hers with making it possible to keep her off-beat hours. She takes care of Dawn. "Being a single parent, I really have to work those hours to make it in New England," she added.

Harrowing experiences? She's had many. "I carry light loads, which makes it pretty dangerous driving in high winds," she explained. She remembers how she and her truck almost blew off a bridge in Enfield when the winds were almost at hurricane gusts. "I saw the trailer in front of me swinging from side-to-side. Then I felt the wind hit my trailer and felt like I lost control. I looked in my mirrors and my tires were off the ground. I thought I was going to roll over and off the bridge — luckily I didn't."

She had what she defined as a close call when she was hauling steel. She said she had been delivering a load of steel in upper state New York and a week later a bridge she been on collapsed. "Sometimes it doesn't

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**HEAVY LOAD** — Connie Migliore unhitches her trailer so it can be reloaded for her next day's run for Plastifoam Corp. of Vernon.

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**DAILY LOG** — Checking out the daily log is one of the added chores Connie Migliore sees to as driver of an 18-wheeler.

## Female truck driver asks for no favors

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make any difference how good a driver you are — a lot is circumstance and luck," she said.

Of course, weather conditions play a big part in driving a truck. The first snowfall of this past winter created very icy conditions. She was on her way back from New Jersey.

"What should have been a three-hour trip took her nine hours," she said.

She had an empty truck which created more of a chance to jack-knife. She said she saw hundreds of accidents that day and she was almost one of the statistics.

"A woman driver in the express lane on the George Washington Bridge hit a snow bank and fish-tailed, went into the median divider, and did a 360-degree turn right in front of me," she said.

She added, "I had a split second to think — I thought I was going to run over her, but I stopped on the ice and couldn't believe I didn't hit her — and I made it home."

What are some of the things that car drivers do that are unnerving to truck drivers?

"Some of them see what they think is a big space between a truck and another car so they jump in. They don't stop to think a truck is carrying a load and can't stop on short notice. After they cut in front they slow down and this is very dangerous and causes a lot of accidents," she cautioned.

Passing trucks on the right is also very dangerous. She didn't hesitate to add that a lot of truck drivers follow too closely and this is also a hazard.

She usually doesn't stay anywhere overnight. But once she got stuck on the George Washington Bridge in New York for four hours.

"I had to keep clutching and my legs hurt so much I finally decided to stop at a motel that night even though I was only a couple of hours from home," she said.

She said that, as a woman truck driver, she has to be a little tough at certain times. But, she was quick to add, she still likes to be feminine

while standing up for her rights. Men often wanted to test how tough she is.

"Once my truck was stuck in the mud and some of the men started yelling at me, and they asked me if I wanted one of the men to get the truck out. They thought because I was a woman I couldn't do it," she said.

She's been threatened by a gang member in a Connecticut city who said he'd blow her head off because she asked him to move his car.

"You can't back down from these kind of things," she said.

The terrible potholes in some of the roads are also a threat to truck drivers, Migliore said, noting that every time the truck hits a pothole the trailer moves.

Women truck drivers, although not as rare as they used to be, still cause some drivers to do a double take.

What are some of the things that women truck drivers have a saying, "A

woman has to do a job three times better than a man to be considered half as good as one."

Strangely enough, both drivers working for Plastifoam are women.

"We are close but not competitive and she's also a single parent. I think we're closer because it's hard for women in this field. We stick together," Migliore said.

Asked if she thought many of the truck drivers take drugs, Migliore said she thinks that very few long-haul truck drivers do.

"Most are sensible and reliable people who care a lot about other people," she said. Besides being her own boss while she's on the road, Migliore feels the job has a lot of other benefits.

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## Dog officer will retire after laudable career

By Barbara Richmond  
Manchester Herald

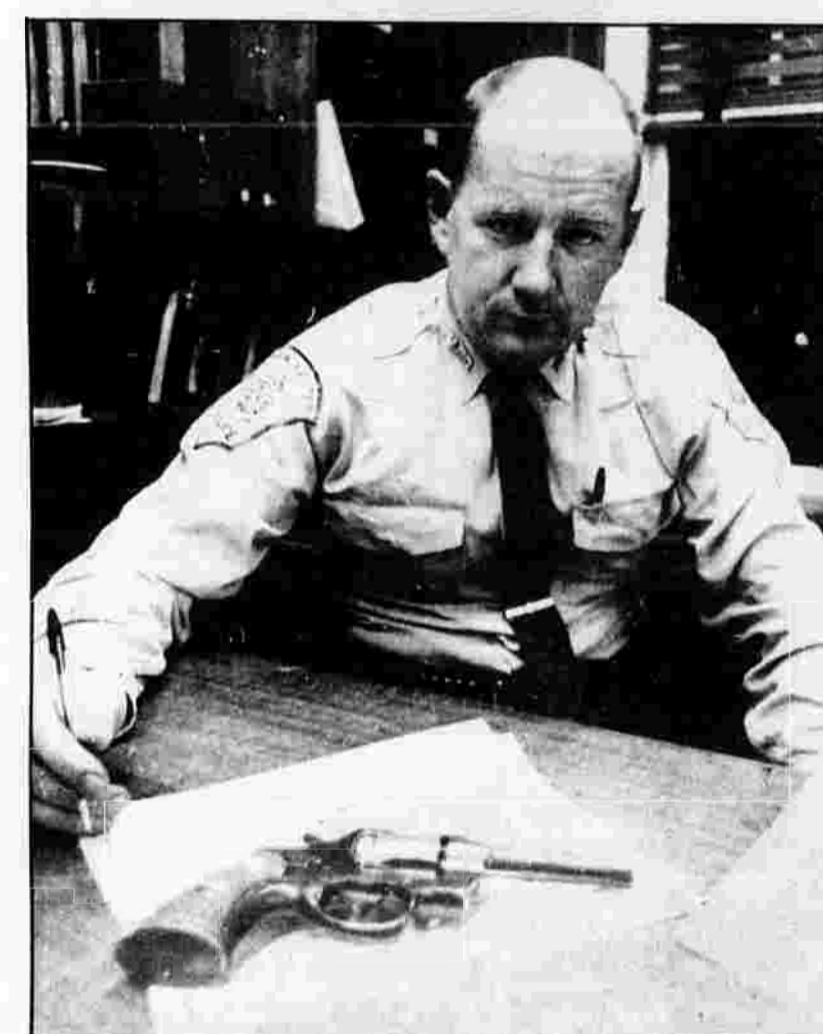
Richard Rand, Manchester's dog warden, wears badge No. 1 of the Manchester Police Department. He will be retiring that badge next January, after serving with the department for 33 years.

Rand, 59, is leaving behind a career that ranged from shoot-outs with bank robbery suspects to picking up stray dogs. And despite a somewhat illustrious career before that, it is the latter effort he says he has grown to love and one he will hate to leave.

Rand has served as dog warden, or more formally, canine control officer, for almost 11 years. Before that, he became famous as a marksman when he tried to foil a robbery on Nov. 7, 1968, at the Hartford National Bank and Trust Co. on West Middle Turnpike.

The \$59,000 heist at the bank — now Connecticut National Bank — was reported in the newspapers at the time to be the biggest robbery in Connecticut history. And Rand became a local hero after he became involved in a shootout with one of the robbers.

Rand, who narrowly missed being hit when one robber fired a sawed-off shotgun, shot a robber in the neck. The robber was later arrested as he was getting a



TOWN HERO — Officer Richard Rand poses with the gun he used to try to foil a bank robbery on Nov. 7, 1968. Rand became a local hero after he shot one of the robbers, which eventually helped solve the crime.

"The dog warden position was open, and I decided I'd rather chase dogs than teen-agers."

"When you enjoy your work, the time goes fast, so I've stayed on for almost 10 years."

bullet dislodged from his mouth at Hartford Hospital. That led to the arrest of three other suspects in the crime and recovery of part of the money.

For his efforts then, Rand was feted by town officials, law enforcement authorities and school children. He even received a letter of congratulations from J. Edgar Hoover, the late director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Despite all that hoopla, Rand found himself going to the dogs less than a decade later.

"The dog warden position

was open, and I decided I'd rather chase dogs than teen-agers," Rand said.

Rand and Police Chief Robert D. Lannan joined the department with three other officers in 1957. Lannan and Rand are the only ones of those five still there. However, Lt. Walter Cassella has been on the force a little longer than they have, Rand said.

Rand recalls how the department had trained police dogs back in 1958. Herman Schendel, then chief of police, raised and trained German shepherds although the dogs the department used were not ones he had trained. Rand said he was one of eight officers who was assigned a dog.

He said the dogs were with the officers all of the time and were even taken home with them. He recalls how his dog had cornered a man who came to check the meter on Rand's home while Rand was out.

The dog was well-trained that it wouldn't let the man leave. The dog had a long formal name but he was called Dexter for short. Rand remembers that the dog did not harm the man.

If the department has the need for a police dog now, it asks the state police for a dog.

Rand could have retired after he had served with the department for 25 years. "If I had been a regular patrol officer, I probably would have," he said. "When you enjoy your work, the time goes fast, so I've stayed on for almost 10 years."

He said he still has to go through all of the training that the regular patrol officers do.

According to the Town Charter, the police chief is the dog warden and the chief designates an acting dog warden. The appointee doesn't have to be a police officer, Rand explained that it helps to be a police officer in case other problems are involved.

Although his job is to enforce the dog laws, Rand gets called on for a lot of other things, such as to come to the aid of animals. Animals he has attended to include deer hit by cars, injured skunks, and bats in a building.

"I only handle these cases if there is a threat to people or the animal itself," Rand added.

He also has to answer complaints about roaming dogs, barking dogs, dog bites and cruelty to animals. Cruelty to animals is a criminal charge. Rand said he does not respond to too many complaints



BEST FRIENDS — Officer Richard Rand tries to calm down a new tenant at the town dog pound. He left behind an illustrious career as a marksman on the town police force to become dog warden.

involving cruelty to animals.

The department is now recording information about dogs on computers. Rand has the job of putting the names of licensed dogs and their owners into the computer.

There are 3,200 licensed dogs in Manchester and probably another couple of thousand not licensed, he said.

Along with this, Rand is checking on the owners of dogs who haven't renewed their licenses. He said when all the information is computerized, it will be much easier to find the owners of the unlicensed dogs.

Although the past couple of months have been slow, Rand picks up an average of 40 to 50 dogs a month, many of them with known owners. The others are put up for adoption.

He says the adoption rate has been very good. Rand says the only dogs put to death are those that would be poor risks to put in a home. Those dogs include those that are overly aggressive, very old, or visibly sick.

That part of the job is one Rand says he really dislikes.

For Rand, being the dog warden is a big change from his days as a regular police officer. He recalled how his first beat was walking around the North End. His beat took him from St. Bridget Church on Main Street

to a restaurant known as the White Eagle, then to Burr's nursery on Oakland Street and to the farmer's cooperative on Apel Place.

He said the first time he arrested someone was on Apel Place. He was making a routine check of a car parked there when it turned out to be stolen. The youth behind the wheel ran away.

Although Rand is looking forward to his retirement in another year, he says he will miss working with the dogs. He may even come into the pound and adopt one.

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## Moscow printer would be without work here

Editor's note: Andrew Yurkovsky, a reporter for the Manchester Herald, returned last month after working for a Moscow newspaper, Moskovskaya Pravda, in a three-month exchange sponsored by the New England Society of Newspaper Editors and the Union of Soviet Journalists. In this interview, he gives us a special glimpse of one of our neighbors in the Soviet Union.

By Andrew Yurkovsky  
Manchester Herald

MOSCOW — The slow pace of the technological revolution in the Soviet Union means that Yevgeny I. Panov doesn't have to worry about losing his job in a profession that has all but disappeared in the United States.

Panov, 51, is a makeup man for the Moskovskaya Pravda typographical plant, which prints Moskovskaya Pravda as well as about 150 other newspapers and about 10 magazines. Six days a week he and two other men put together the columns of lead type that are used to make the printing plates for the four pages of Moskovskaya Pravda, the morning newspaper of the Moscow Communist Party and government.

At U.S. newspapers, workers like Panov have long ago been replaced by computers and phototypesetting. But in the Moskovskaya Pravda composing room, where Panov works, you can still hear the clattering sound of the linecasting machines that transform the reporters' typewritten articles into lines of raised metal type.

Although a small amount of typesetting at the plant is now being done by a computer and laserprinter, Panov believes that the linecasting machines will remain in use for a long time to come. "I think that it won't be soon," he said.

"Every page is different," he said.

He noted that the typesetters have to sit at the linecasting machine all day. The



FRAME-UP — Panov works on the "chase," in which a full page of the newspaper is assembled.



DETAIL WORK — Panov checks the lines of type that make up a story. Typographical errors can be corrected by removing a line of type and replacing it with a new one.

the complete changeover to computer technology.

A native of Moscow who is married and has a 26-year-old son, Panov is a tall, balding man who wears glasses and has a ready smile. He says he enjoys his job, despite the hazards of working with ink and lead type.

And he says that he supports the economic and political changes now taking place in the Soviet Union, which he believes have made life more interesting here.

Panov has worked his whole life at the Moskovskaya Pravda plant. When he started out in 1954 at the age of 16, his job was to print proofs of articles after they had been typeset.

He decided to get a job at the plant because at the time it was located on Chistoprudny Boulevard, a five-minute walk from the apartment he shared with his mother. He needed the money to supplement the salary of his mother, a nurse who made about 36 rubles, or \$56, each month. His father had left his mother after he was born.

"What could I do?" Panov asked. "I had to work. The times were difficult."

While employed at the plant, he studied for three years at the No. 42 School for Young Workers. In 1963, he received the equivalent of a high school diploma.

From 1960 to 1962 he trained as a makeup man on four of the papers printed at the plant. Since 1962, he has worked continuously on Moskovskaya Pravda.

He had the choice of becoming a makeup man or a linecasting operator. But though working on a linecasting machine is cleaner, he said, being a makeup man is more interesting.

Every page is different," he said.

He noted that the typesetters have to sit at the linecasting machine all day. The

makeup men, on the other hand, can take time out to relax while the editors are deciding which story should go where, he said.

At one time, he said, even his co-workers would play table tennis in a corner of the composing room when they weren't busy.

Panov's salary of 300 rubles a month, or about \$480, is above average by Soviet standards. Because his work is considered hazardous, every day he also receives three coupons for use at the plant's snack bar — one for 50 kopecks (80 cents), a second for a bottle of milk or yogurt, and a third for a glass of fruit juice.

Thirty-five rubles (\$56) each month go to pay for his three-room apartment on Zvenigorodskoe Highway, across the street from the present Moskovskaya Pravda plant. He said he doesn't keep track of his other expenses, and he doesn't have a savings account.

He lives in the apartment with his wife, Nina, an administrator in the printing section of the Ministry of Defense; his son, Konstantin, who is an engineer; and Konstantin's wife, Olga, a bookkeeper.

Apartments for young couples are difficult to find, and Panov said that his son and daughter-in-law haven't talked about moving out yet.

The apartment building in which they live was built for the typographical workers when the new Moskovskaya Pravda complex, which includes the plant and editorial offices, was relocated in 1976 to the corner of 1905 Street and Zvenigorodskoe Highway.

Because of the hazardous nature of his job, Panov will be eligible to retire at the age of 55. He blames the lead he works with for his hair loss, which he said began about 20 years ago.



A PRESSING JOB — Yevgeny Panov, a page-makeup man for Moskovskaya Pravda, puts together the columns of metal type that will be used to make a printing plate for the next morning's paper.

Still, he said that he might continue to work beyond age 55. He doesn't think that new printing technology will arrive quickly enough to replace him.

And he said, even if the new technology does arrive soon, the old technology will still be needed as a back-up when the computers break down.

Victor P. Shkarov, the chief layout editor for Moskovskaya Pravda, shares Panov's doubts about the new technology. He said that the official view is that larger papers like Moskovskaya

Panov will become fully computerized within three or four years, but he thinks the process will take longer, partly because of the time needed to train workers.

"I don't think it will be as soon as we think," Shkarov said.

Panov, who is not a member of the Communist Party, said that the Soviet policy of economic restructuring, or perestroika, has not had an effect on his job. Though he said he supports the political and economic changes now going on, he noted that shor-

tages in the stores have not been alleviated.

A salary hike hasn't helped either, he said. Last year, those makeup men who work evenings began receiving an additional 30 to 35 rubles (\$48 to \$56) every month.

"The pay has increased, but money is money. There's nothing to buy," he said.

In his free time, Panov tends the 10 aquariums in his home and his two pet turtles.

"And for the most part, I read," he added, noting that he has time only for newspapers.

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HAPPY HOUR — Main Pub bartender Margaret DelMastro listens to a customer's story during a recent day at work.

## Bartender enjoys her freedom

By Andrew J. Davis  
Manchester Herald

Margaret H. DelMastro is not your stereotypical bartender.

She is not muscular. She does not smoke a cigar, and she is not a man. But if you walk into the Main Pub, she'll pour you a drink and listen to your problems just like any muscular, cigar-chomping male bartender would.

DelMastro, 23, of Manchester, has been a bartender at the Main Pub for two years. She said she enjoys the freedom and loose atmosphere associated with a bar.

"I'm not the kind of person who likes a desk job," she said as the television aired afternoon soap operas and a row of patrons sipped drinks. "It's (working in a bar) not that proper. It's more casual."

DelMastro said one of the chief benefits of being a bar-

tender is being able to meet different people. Though bartenders are known as pseudo-psychologists, DelMastro said she does not give advice often. Though she sometimes hears about people's personal lives, usually people talk to her just to have someone to talk with, she said.

"People don't come in and tell you their problems," she said. "It's just someone talking. I just listen."

Often she gets to hear a customer's funny story or gossip. When asked to tell one of the stories, she said she could not remember any that could be printed in the newspaper. The stories were either too risqué or revealed secrets that are only told amid the dim lights and drinking found in a bar.

There are bad points to the job, said DelMastro, who finished last in the 1988 Manchester Herald Waiters' Race.

which starts the annual Feast Fest. Sometimes patrons become drunk, obnoxious or try to pick her up.

"You meet different people all the time," she said. "Sometimes when people get drunk and obnoxious, it's hard to deal with. Sometimes people are obnoxious (when they) whistle or snap to get your attention."

Sometimes people even call her "honey" or "dear." DelMastro said she takes her time serving "obnoxious" people, who often get the hint to behave.

When patrons try to hit on her, she quickly tells them that she is married.

DelMastro moved behind the bar after six years as a waitress at the Main Pub and other bars. She said she did not go to bartending school and is not required to have any certification.

She learned how to be a bartender from being a cocktail waitress.

"Sometimes at schools they teach you how to make drinks you'll never (use)," DelMastro said. "You have to know what goes in (drinks) as a cocktail waitress."

But bartending is not what DelMastro says she wants to do forever. Though she has no formal plans, she said she wants to attend college someday.

"Eventually, I want to do something else," DelMastro said. "You can't bartend forever."

For now, she is happy being the daytime bartender at the Main Pub. It is an enjoyable job where the clientele varies from the lunchtime businessman to young adults who like to party.

"It's a lot different," she said of the crowd. "Business people come for lunch. At night, it's the young crowd. In the daytime, it's yuppie. At nighttime, it's something else."

MIX MASTER — Margaret DelMastro makes drinks for customers Bill Flynn, Don Levitt and Andre Thivierge, all of Manchester.

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## Hospital lab tasks complex and demanding

By Jacqueline Bennett  
Manchester Herald

Straight from the heart. That is where Betty Arigno's desire to be a medical laboratory technician came from. In the 21 years she has worked at Manchester Memorial Hospital, that hasn't changed.

"A medical laboratory technician is a health care professional. To be a health professional you have to care enough to outweigh the risks. It has to come straight from the heart," Arigno said.

Born and raised in Manchester, Arigno graduated from Manchester High School in 1964 and later received an associate's degree in medical technology from Westbrook College in Portland, Maine. She, her husband and two children live in Coventry.

It was as a student in "Doc" Emery's (Phillip L. Emery) biology class at Manchester High School that Arigno discovered her interest in her current field.

"That biology class opened up a whole new world to me — the human body. All it takes is the right course and that special teacher," Arigno remembered.

Her entire career has been spent at MMH and she is happy with that choice. "There is a family atmosphere here," said Arigno.

Arigno loves her work but admits it is complex and demanding. "The medical lab technician aids the physician in diagnosis and treatment of the patient," said Arigno. "You must have a thorough knowledge of biochemistry and biology."

She notes also that the field is predominantly female. The work involves evaluating a variety of tests such as blood and urine, as well as knee fluids, semen counts, spinal fluids and plural fluids, which can be highly infectious.

Arigno says such tasks provide her with enormous

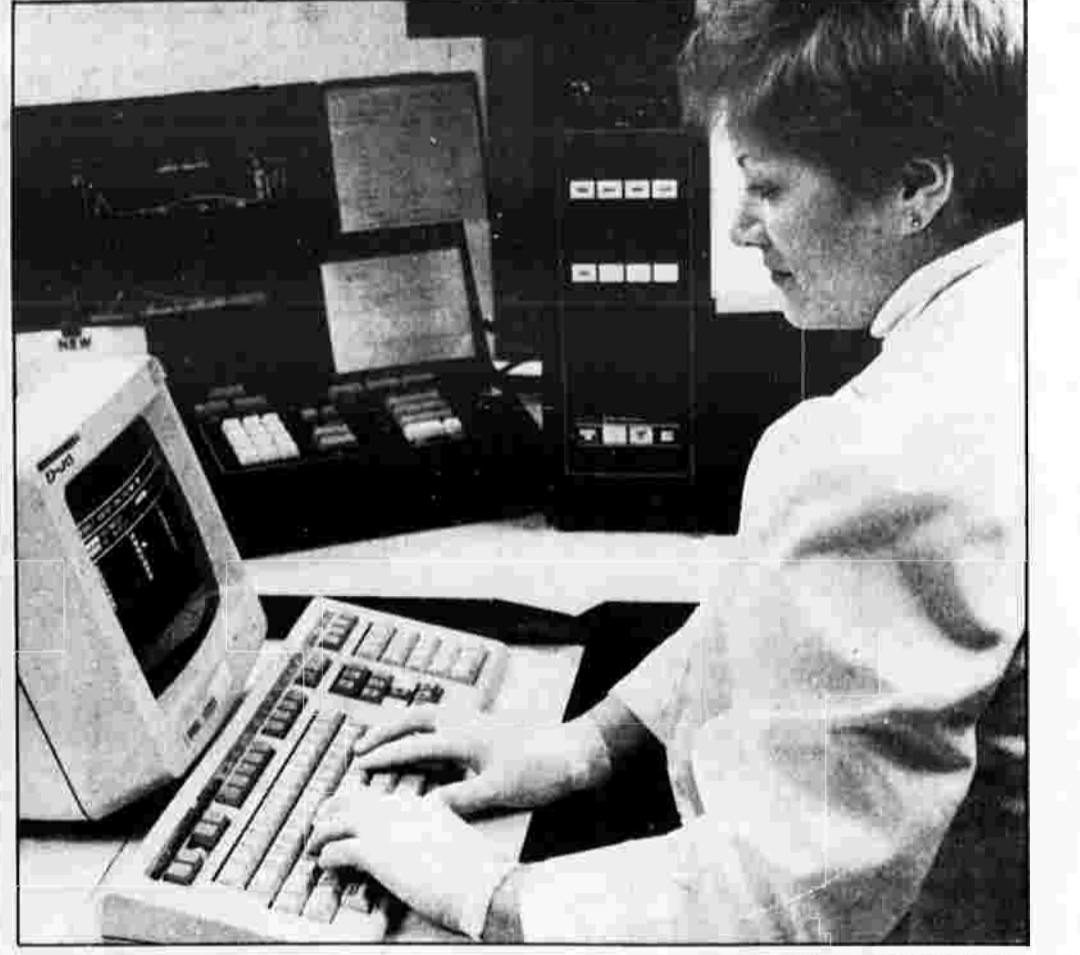
professional fulfillment. "It's like solving a puzzle," she said. But it is risky. "The technical is always at risk."

Although blood is drawn from a patient and travels directly into a vacuumized container, there is still the risk of contact with blood which transmits the fatal disease. Blood vials must be uncapped and blood samples dropped onto a microscope slide for analysis.

Because of that, there is always the danger of blood spills, said Arigno. She said each vial is treated as though it is contaminated before any



DROP OF LIFE — Betty Arigno, a medical laboratory technician at Manchester Memorial Hospital, prepares a sample of blood for testing. Technicians wear gloves for their own protection.



ELECTRONIC ASSISTANT — A sophisticated computer helps medical laboratory technicians like Betty Arigno determine whether there are any abnormalities in the blood being tested.

evaluation is done and precautions are always taken. Use of gloves is mandatory and when dealing with an infectious patient, sometimes a mask and gown are also required.

Arigno emphasized that such risks are not new because technicians have always had to deal with body fluids, some of which can be infectious. The most rewarding part of her job, Arigno says, is personal contact with patients. But that also can lead to the most trying aspect of her work.

"My greatest gratification comes from patient contact. Patient contact, like drawing blood and bedside manner is important. When someone comes into emergency, you are usually the third person they see and you have to assure them," Arigno said.

Arigno says it is difficult for her to learn that a patient has a serious or terminal illness. She especially remembers Barry Sylvain, an out-patient at the hospital for 10 years who died of cancer last summer.

"I did the original blood work on Barry and sometimes he would specifically ask for me to draw his blood," Arigno said as her voice became choked up with emotion. The hospital staff planted a tree in Sylvain's memory on the grounds of the facility.

The laboratory itself is large, elaborate and located close to the emergency area. There are three shifts and technicians work seven days a week. A larger number of the 20 technicians on staff work during the day when the tasks are more specialized.

To work the third shift, which Arigno has, a technician must be able to work in any of the laboratory's seven departments. Those departments are phlebotomy, hematology, bacteriology, coagulation, chemistry, urine analysis and blood banking.

The laboratory does 200 complete blood counts, or analyses, daily, plus additional

types of tests in the various departments. Under normal conditions, a blood count takes about three hours. In an emergency, it is done within 30 minutes to one hour.

Besides the hospital, the lab also serves physicians in private practice affiliated with Manchester Memorial Hospital and area convalescent homes.

For technicians with a bachelor of science degree, the pay scale at the hospital is \$12.40 to \$17.36 per hour. Without that degree, technicians can make \$11.48 to \$15.84 per hour, according to Amy Avery, assistant director of public relations at the hospital.

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**NEW SUPPLIES** — Frank Sutton, left, and Glen Ferguson, EMT intermediates with the Manchester Ambulance Service, get medical supplies from Irene Smith to replace some used for a patient.

## Smith handles EMS in a no-nonsense way

By Alex Girelli  
Manchester Herald

Irene Smith calls herself "gutsy" and "aggressive." People who know her are more likely to say "forthright" and "outspoken."

No matter how you put it, she approaches her job as emergency medical coordinator at Manchester Memorial Hospital with a no-nonsense attitude that seems to stem from a conviction that emergency medicine, particularly cardiac-pulmonary resuscitation, is everybody's concern.

Speaking to groups about CPR is not a major part of Smith's duties, but when she is invited to speak, she is persuasive. "I just don't mince any words," she said in a recent interview.

Here are some of the words she did not mince:

- "Every member of a family with a swimming pool should learn CPR."
- "Teachers should learn it. They are role models for the students."
- "Don't let anybody tell me they don't have \$30 to pay for a CPR course."
- "People have a million excuses for not doing a good thing."
- "If you have an elderly person in your house and you don't put a railing up on the stairs, you are wrong even if the person never falls down the stairs."

She did not bother to add that not learning CPR is the equivalent of neglecting to provide a rail. To her it was self-evident.

"It's just like learning never to carry a pan of hot water over a baby," she said. Her strong opinions on the subject come from personal as well as professional views.

She does not hesitate to tell audiences that her 25-year-old son was pulled out of Columbia Lake. No one around knew CPR. He died.

Recently, Smith was involved in teaching CPR techniques to about 100 physicians. You might expect that all physicians would know CPR and, of course, know the principles.

But Smith points out that a doctor would almost never have to use CPR in his work environment. At a hospital, someone else would be available to do the CPR in an emergency, freeing the doctor to observe the patient and make the decisions.

But Smith applies her CPR logic. Doctors are real people who are not always in the work environment.

"Suppose someone collapses in the home while a doctor is there," Smith asks. Smith has been deeply involved in the town's Advanced Life Support program.

since its beginning in the early 80s. The hospital exercises medical control over the program through its emergency department.

In the early days, the director of nursing was one of the members of the Emergency Medical Services Council. Smith was a staff nurse in the hospital's emergency department. She approached the director of nursing and told her that an emergency department nurse, not the director, should be a member of the council.

Smith was named to the council and is still a member. Five years ago, she was appointed to her position as emergency medical services coordinator and for six months she was in the field with the paramedics who are stationed in the Town of Manchester Fire Department.

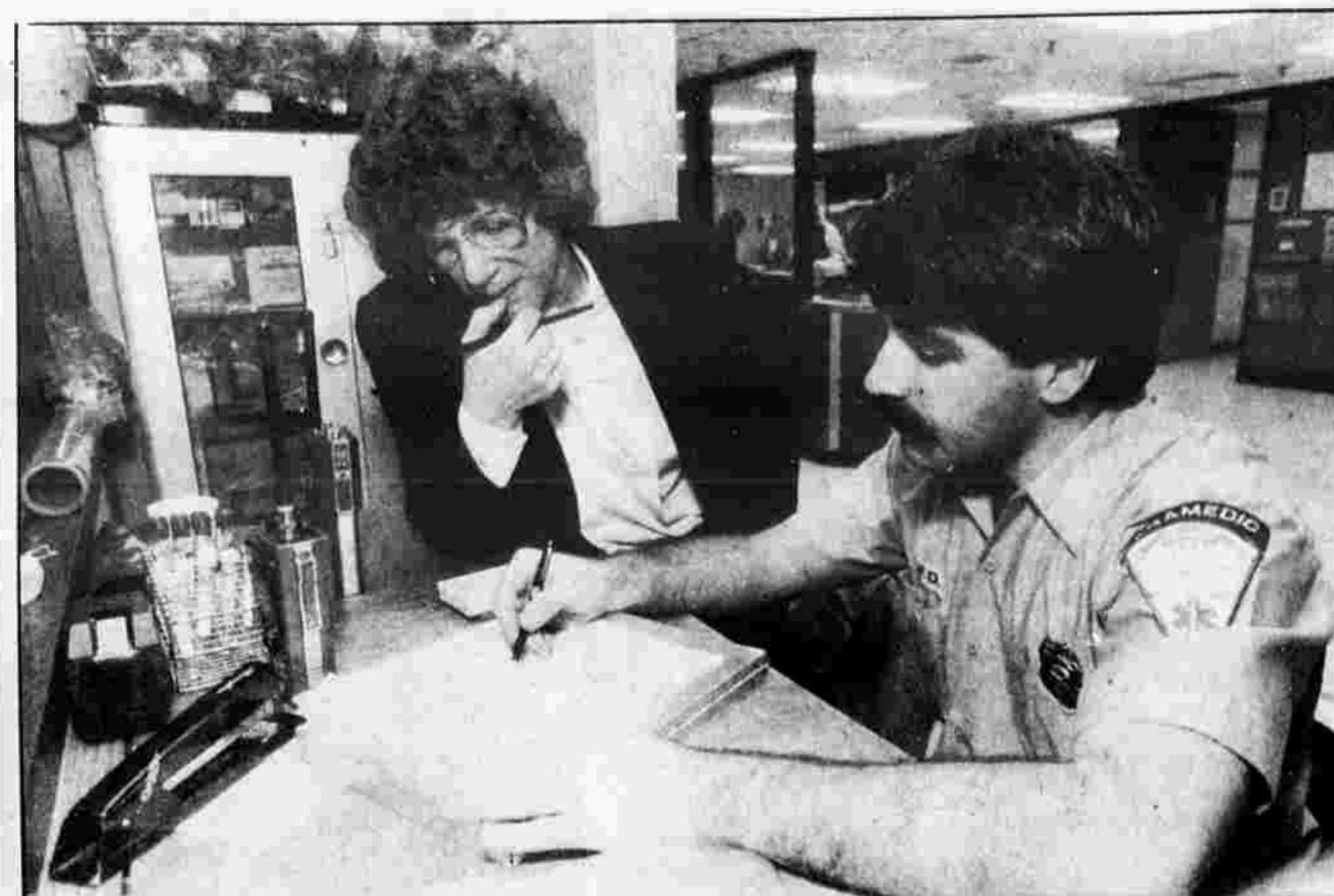
Monitoring the paramedic operation and providing continuing education for paramedics is still the major part of her job.

The task is called quality assurance. The idea is to determine how things should be done before anything goes wrong and then go back and measure performance against the standards set.

The best situation and one that is quite normal, Smith says, is when you critique a case with the paramedics involved and are able to say, "You did it right and this is the reason it was right."

Last month, Smith lectured at Manchester Memorial Hospital to paramedics working under the control of her own hospital and two others, in a cooperative continuing education session by the three hospitals.

She and Dr. Joel J. Reich are deeply involved in state EMS project. Reich, as chair-



**MAKING A REPORT** — While Irene Smith watches, Michael DuBois, a paramedic with the town's Emergency Medical Service, makes out his "run form" after completing an emergency call.



**CLASS DISMISSED** — Irene Smith passes out attendance records to paramedics who attended a lecture she gave at the hospital. Teaching is part of her job.

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## Penney manager finds his career a rewarding one

By Maureen Leavitt  
Manchester Herald

The way in which Dennis D. Radabaugh performs his job requires a lot of legwork.

Radabaugh is manager of the J.C. Penney Regional Catalog Distribution Center, located off Tolland Turnpike in Manchester. The 2.2 million-square-foot complex, which opened in 1982, fills catalog orders for customers throughout the Northeast and parts of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware.

The distribution center, which is only one of six centers in the country, stretches across 44 acres of Manchester. Although he never calculated the miles he walks, Radabaugh said he does cover a good deal of territory throughout the day as he talks with associates, the word J.C. Penney Co. uses for employees.

"I generally get through the building several times a day," Radabaugh said one February afternoon from his office.

Radabaugh, a tall, lanky man with a deep voice laced with a mild Midwest-Southern accent, considers the catalog business a straightforward one which affords him the opportunity to discuss with his employees how business is progressing.

"If you know your associates, they're going to tell you how things are running," Radabaugh said. "I can tell more from talking to associates than reading any computer printout or report."

And communicating with associates is one of the ways Radabaugh assures the center as a whole is working to keep the business in good working order.

Radabaugh graduated with an economics degree from Wisconsin University in 1966. He entered Penney's management trainee program and has been with the company's catalog division ever since.

He modestly refers to his climb within the company ranks as a "succession of management positions with increased responsibility."

He attributes his success with the company to learning to work well with other people and having the ability to motivate and guide employees.

"Some of it's timing and some of it's luck," Radabaugh added.

He moved to Manchester a

year before the distribution center opened. He lives here with his wife and daughter, who is a third-grader at St. James School. He also has a daughter who is married and lives in Houston and a son who is a sophomore attending the University of Wisconsin.

Radabaugh said his stay in Manchester has been "an absolute delight. Manchester is a very unique community with great potential," he said.

He credits the town manager and local officials for having the foresight to retain the town's uniqueness despite the regional construction boom.

"I just think it's a unique small city that does a lot to protect its individuality and heritage, yet isn't afraid to progress as the times require."

The fact that high housing costs in the Northeast prevent people from moving here from other states to work is an issue businesses should be concerned with, Radabaugh said.

"It's a problem that's going to have to be wrestled with by not only the business community, but public officials as well," Radabaugh said.

As for the new mall being built in Buckland is concerned, Radabaugh again credited the town for luring the mall here.

"It's a positive addition to the business community," Radabaugh said. "I think a regional mall is needed in eastern Connecticut. Manchester was very astute in doing what they did to get it located in Manchester."

He said the mall will broaden the tax base for the town, and also keep taxes down.

Likewise, Radabaugh sees the town's plans to revitalize the downtown shopping district as a boon to the town's economy as well. He said the downtown shops will attract a different clientele than typical mall patrons.

Will Manchester be able to preserve the town's uniqueness with the rapid pace of development the town is experiencing?

"Absolutely," Radabaugh replied.

"There still is room for development, but I think the town will have to be selective to see what kinds of development it wants, and making sure it's the kind of development that compliments what's already here," Radabaugh said. "The town has already done a good job of seeking out types of new businesses that do that."

**SCALING THE HEIGHTS** — Dennis D. Radabaugh, manager of the J.C. Penney Regional Catalog Distribution Center on Tolland Turnpike, stands among stacks of merchandise stored on enormous shelves throughout the warehouse. Radabaugh joined the company in 1966 and became manager of the Manchester center when it opened in 1982.



**WORKING TOGETHER** — Secretary Ada R. Flynn and Dennis D. Radabaugh, manager of the J.C. Penney Regional Catalog Distribution Center, work on pending projects. Radabaugh says he likes to open the lines of communication with employees.

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## Brays made a career out of stitching time

By Len Auster  
Manchester Herald

For as long as Bill Bray can remember, there has been a Bray involved in the watch-repair business.

His uncle, Frances E. Bray, got the family involved in the specialized field before World War I.

"He worked at a drug store at the top of the hill," said Bray, referring to the corner of Main and Center streets. "He had a bench there."

Bill Bray, who now operates at 699 Main St., thinks his uncle opened his own place on Main Street sometime after World War I.

He guesses that it was the year after the old State Theater block was built, so he puts it at around 1927.

Bray, 62, is a native of Coventry and a 1945 graduate of Manchester High School.

"We didn't have our own high school (in Coventry) so we were bused in," he explained.

He worked on a farm until he was 20 years old, before an invitation from the uncle changed his future.

That's a change that's approaching four decades.

"He needed some help and asked if I would come help him," Bray recalled. Deciding that farming wasn't the life for him, he attended the School of Horology in Philadelphia,

where he learned all about the watch-repair trade, for two years. He paid his own way, working part time, including a job at the biggest Y in Philadelphia.

Bray entered the business in 1950. It's a business that few choose to enter today.

"(That's) because it's very confining. It's very tedious work. And I hate to say it but there are a lot easier ways to make money than to be at a bench and confined to do one



Reginald Pinto/Manchester Herald

**FULL SERVICE** — Bill Bray holds some of the rings that are for sale at Bray Jewelers, 699 Main St. He's been in the jewelry business since 1950.

watch. And to do one watch, it takes a good hour, if not more. That's if you want to do it right," he said.

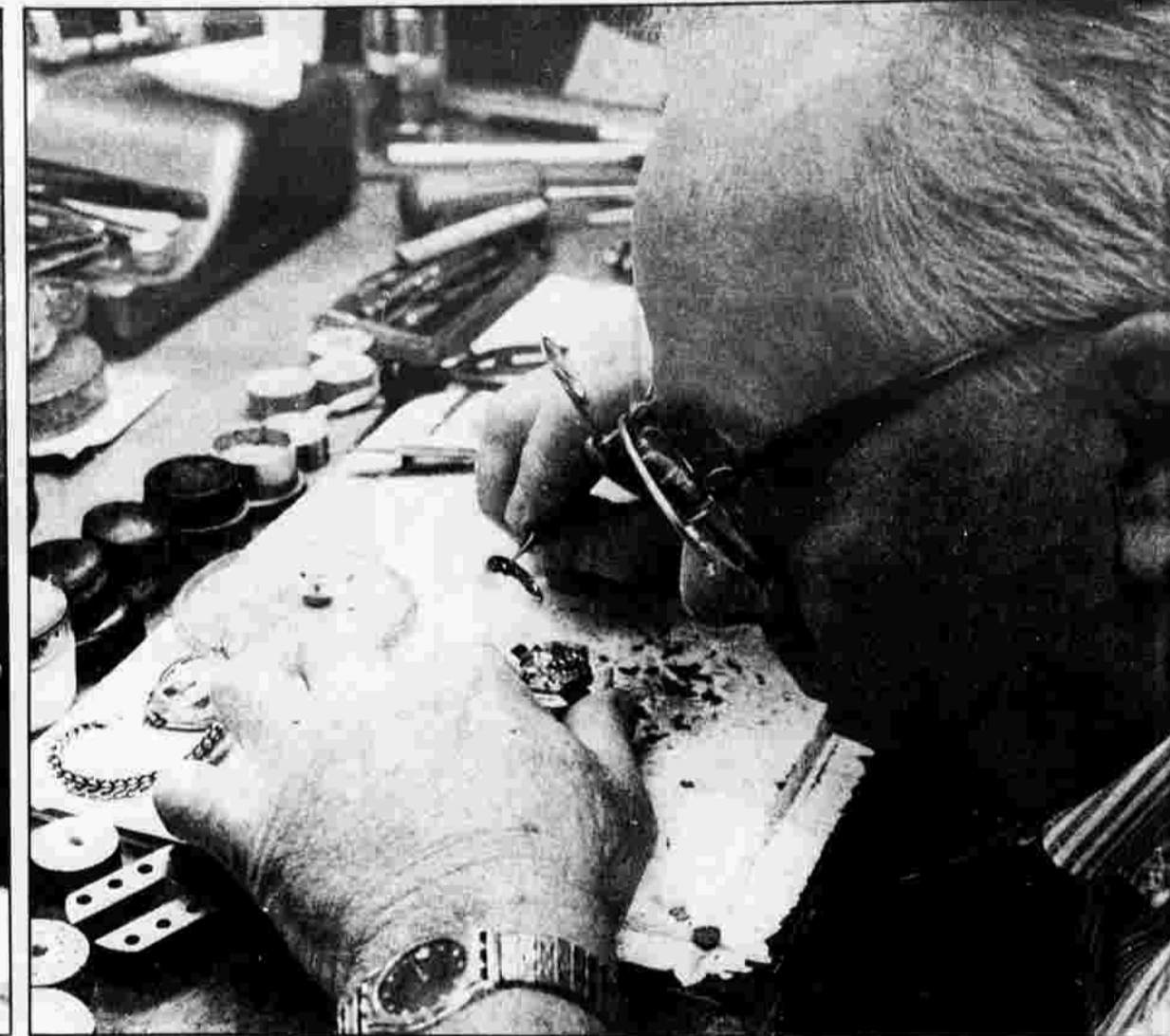
Bray acquired ownership of the jewelry/watch-repair business from his uncle's widow in 1978. He's joined in today's operation by his wife, Merlene, and the youngest of their two sons, 25-year-old

Wayne, a former standout baseball pitcher at East Catholic and Rockville high schools.

Wayne started helping on a part-time basis five years ago, getting into it steadily only the last couple of years.

The work is not easy. "You have to be devoted," Bill Bray said. "I'd say for 30 years my average day was 13 to 15 hours a day, five days a week."

And it's a field where practice does make perfect. "You develop hand and eye coordination. It takes years of training. It's almost equal to



Reginald Pinto/Manchester Herald

**METICULOUS WORK** — Veteran jeweler Bill Bray starts to put a watch back together after some repair work.

what a surgeon does.

"You need a good, steady hand. Eyesight is important. You have to make sure things fit where they are supposed to go."

He says the best part of his trade is meeting people.

"Some people say 'why don't you retire?' But I like to keep busy and have something to do. "And I'm most fascinated meeting people. That's why I stay in business. I find people

fascinating, even if now and then they give you a hard time."

Retirement is the furthest thing from Bray's mind.

"I have no thoughts (of retiring) now," Bray says. "I'd like to see Wayne make a go of it. It (Bray Jewelers) has been established in the family. But it's not easy."

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