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## Vote discrepancy questioned in 8th

By Alex Grelli  
Manchester Herald

The re-election of Thomas E. Landers as president of the Eighth Utilities District by a margin of 7 votes May 24 has been clouded by the possibility that about a dozen more people cast ballots than were checked off on the voting list used at the district's annual meeting.

Gordon Lassow, Landers' opponent in the race, said today he was unaware of any claim about a discrepancy and has no plans to

raise a question. But his campaign manager, Betty Sadloski, said she plans to check with state election officials to see if anything can be done.

John D. LaBelle Jr., the district's legal counsel and the moderator who presided at the election meeting, said he will look into the problem, but added, "My gut feeling is that nothing can be done."

LaBelle said he doesn't know if the checkoff count is wrong. It could be wrong, he said, if some voters entered the gym of Wad-

dell School by different entrances and bypassed the checkoff process.

Told about Sadloski's plan to check with the state election officials, Landers said, "I hope she does."

Sadloski said she counted the number checked off on the voting list several times Tuesday night, coming up with totals of 257 and 259. She then counted them in company with District Director Samuel Longest, a Lassow supporter, and they came up 247.

But 269 votes were cast at the

meeting, LaBelle disqualified two of the written ballots and declared Landers a winner by 137 votes to 130 for Lassow.

The presidency was the only contested office.

Sadloski said she and Longest gave the list to Mary Beth Litrico, district clerk, and have asked her to recount and inform them by letter of her result.

Landers said today that he learned Tuesday night that Sadloski and Longest went into the district office after hours, found the key to a locked cabinet where

the voting list was stored and delivered the list to Litrico at home.

He said Litrico phoned LaBelle, who told her to return the list to the locked cabinet and to keep the key in her possession.

Sadloski said that Longest was permitted to deliver the list to Litrico. She said LaBelle told him it would.

LaBelle confirmed both versions of the account.

Sadloski said since Longest is a

district director, he has a right to enter the office.

"If Tom is trying to make it look as if I've done anything wrong, he's crazy," Sadloski said.

This morning, LaBelle said he has not looked at the law yet. But he said the use of the checkoff list was not legally in effect. Later in the meeting, the district voters voted officially to institute use of the list in future elections.

He said there is a multitude of reasons why a discrepancy could

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## Bush urges leveling of Berlin Wall

By Terence Hunt  
The Associated Press

MAINZ, West Germany — President Bush today challenged the Soviet Union to bury the Cold War by ending the division of Europe, starting by tearing down the Berlin Wall.

"Let Europe be whole and free," he declared.

In a major speech clearly aimed at Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the president said popular demands for democratic reforms are sweeping through the communist world, forcing a re-examination of Cold War fears and security precautions.

"The world has waited long enough," said Bush, who plans to visit Poland and Hungary in July. "The time is right. Let Europe be whole and free."

"The Cold War," he said, "began with the division of Europe. It can only end when Europe is whole."

Triumphant after his debut at the NATO summit in Brussels, Belgium, the president spoke in the Rhine River city of Mainz before an audience in the Rheinoldhalle theater. Four blocks away, about 250 demonstrators protested Bush's visit under a heavy police guard.

The protesters waved banners and placards reading "Bush Go Home," "Bush Is Not Welcome Here" and "Bush — Hands Off Nicaragua." The main bridge spanning the Rhine River was sealed off, and helicopters circled the hall where Bush spoke.

In the capital of Bonn, boats crammed with security agents in diving gear watched over the nearby Rhine when Bush made a farewell visit to U.S. Ambassador Vernon Walters. "Youth are the

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## Economy up, cooling talk of recession

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's chief economic forecasting gauge shot up 0.8 percent in April as it reversed course after posting declines in the previous two months, the Commerce Department said today.

The upward turn in the Index of Leading Economic Indicators allowed the index to steer clear of the traditional signal of a forthcoming recession — three declines in a row.

The index, designed to foretell economic activity six to nine months into the future, had dropped a revised 0.8 percent in March and 0.3 percent in February.

Analysts said April's upturn, which had been widely anticipated, was consistent with the view that while the economy is slowing, there still is enough strength left to power the record peacetime expansion through its seventh year.



Reginald Pinto/Manchester Herald

METS MADNESS — Kerry Tedford, 15, of 53 Westerly St. shows off her collection of more than 1,000 baseball cards in a room filled with New York

Mets memorabilia. She also owns a Mets watch and a record called "Get Metsmazed" that features different players singing.

## Mets score high with Kerry

By Nancy Conzelman  
Manchester Herald

Kerry Tedford is upset because her mother threw away a leaking pen. "Mom, that's the pen that Mackey Sasser touched," Tedford laments. "I had to dig it out of the garbage before."

"Well, you'll have to dig it out again," Kerry's mother, Karen, says.

For a New York Mets fanatic like Kerry Tedford, a pen used by catcher Mackey Sasser is worth rooting through the garbage to find.

The 15-year-old met Sasser in April when she caught a ball during a pre-game warm-up and Sasser later signed it.

"I asked him out but he didn't respond," Tedford says.

The ball sits on a shelf above her bed at the family's 53 Westerly St. home along with figurines of the Mets and autographed, framed pictures of three of the players. Newspaper articles about the Mets are taped to the walls next to posters and pennants.

Like other 15-year-old girls, Tedford has a collection of dolls and stuffed animals, which are crammed on another shelf in the room.

But it's the collection stashed under the bed that makes Tedford different from many other girls her age — or girls any age.

She pulls five large binders from under the bed that contain more than 1,000 baseball cards, 300 to 500 of which are Mets cards.

## Sales tax jumps to 8% on July 1

Senate goes along with House tax bill

By Judd Everhart  
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Connecticut's sales tax, already the highest in the nation at 7.5 percent, will jump to 8 percent on July 1 under a \$664 million tax increase bill now headed for the governor's desk.

On Tuesday night, the Democratic-controlled state Senate reluctantly agreed to go along with the House version of the tax bill, which also increases business, real estate, capital gains, interest and dividends taxes.

The additional money will be used to balance a \$6.82 billion budget for the year beginning July 1. The Senate had approved that budget earlier in the day Tuesday.

Senate President Pro Tem John B. Larson, D-East Hartford, who had announced in April that the Senate Democrats would not agree to a half-point increase in the state sales tax, said he was forced to put aside his personal beliefs because "part of leadership... is to develop a consensus."

The Senate Democrats said that by buying the House bill, they could finish the 1989 session by the mandatory adjournment date of June 7 and avoid a special session.

Democratic Gov. William A. O'Neill indicated earlier Tuesday that he would sign it into law. The new taxes would be effective July 1.

The final vote, which followed less than a hour's debate, was witnessed by House Speaker Richard J. Baiducci, D-Newington, whose leadership as the new speaker had been tested on the tax debate.

Senate Majority Leader Cornelius P. O'Leary, D-Windsor Locks, said, however, that the decision to approve the House version had been reached before O'Neill spoke. "We were virtually there before his arrival," was the way O'Leary put it.

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## Schools may benefit from budget package

By Andrew Yurkovsky  
Manchester Herald

Larger education grants in the Legislature's \$6.82 billion budget may lead local educators to seek restoration of some items that had been cut from their budgets, officials say.

Under the Legislature's budget passed Tuesday, which still needs the approval of Gov. William A. O'Neill, the formula for state education aid to towns would be more generous than the one O'Neill proposed in February.

O'Neill revised the formula passed by the Legislature last year, providing less money than had been promised.

Manchester stands to gain \$360,000 under the Legislature's budget, Coventry \$49,331, Bolton \$7,739 and Andover \$16,765.

Manchester, Bolton and Andover have already set their school budgets based on the smaller amount of aid under the governor's budget. But officials in Manchester and Bolton said the

additional money in the Legislature's plan could pay for items that have been cut.

In Coventry, where a budget has not been adopted yet, cuts made to the school budget by the Town Council could also be restored, Coventry School Superintendent Nathan Chesler said Tuesday.

On Tuesday, the state Senate passed the same budget plan that had been passed last week by the

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# LOCAL & STATE

## Dinners honor Weiss

Two dinners to honor retiring Town Manager Robert B. Weiss have been set for June.

The Community Child Guidance Clinic of Manchester will honor the manager at its annual dinner meeting Wednesday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Marco Polo Restaurant in East Hartford. The dinner also will celebrate the clinic's 30th anniversary.

A second dinner to honor Weiss will be held at The Colony of Vernon on Saturday, June 24. The cost of the dinner is \$45 per person. Reservations can be made through the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce. The dinner is on June 19.

Cocktails will be from 6 to 7 p.m. The dinner will begin at 7 p.m. and a short program will follow. Music for dancing will be provided.

## Two in photo session

Laurie Brindisi and Alicia Mezritz, two Manchester High School students who are attending classes at Manchester Community College through the High School Partnership Program, have been chosen to attend the New England Camera Club Council's 4th annual Photographic Conference at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst from July 7 to 9.

The students will be among several high school photographers who will be guests of the council. The council will provide lodging and meals.

Brindisi and Mezritz are members of MCC's camera club. They were nominated to attend the conference by the club's adviser, Sylvian Ofara, associate professor of photography at MCC.

## Three in Cum Laude

Three Manchester residents were among 40 students at the Loomis Chaffee School, Windsor, who were inducted into the Cum Laude Society, a national academic honor society, in a school convocation May 11.

They are Barbara Jane Chisholm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chisholm; Gary Garber, son of Mr. and Mrs. David S. Garber; and Sara Rosenberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Rosenberg.

Three thousand students worldwide are selected annually for induction into the society, which has 316 chapters. Selection is based on a student's grades in junior and senior years. Inductees must rank in the top 20 percent of their class.

## Goldstein in new post

Amy Goldstein has been named budget and accounting manager at Manchester Memorial Hospital. She took over her new post May 22.

Goldstein received a master's degree in business administration and a bachelor's degree in health systems management from the University of Connecticut.

She had worked for Mount Sinai Hospital in Hartford as a budget analyst, seminar budget analyst and assistant director of budget reimbursement. She also worked at the Lorain Manor Nursing Home in Hartford as administrative office manager.

Goldstein is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives. She lives in West Hartford.

## Second murder trial for Crafts scheduled to start in September

STAMFORD (AP) — The second trial of a man accused of killing his wife and putting her body through a wood chipper will begin in September, if no problems develop with the case.

Judge Martin Nigro Tuesday set Sept. 6 as the tentative starting date for the trial in Norwalk Superior Court. He also decided to begin jury selection in the trial of Richard Crafts of Newtown on July 6 in Stamford Superior Court.

The two dates were picked to avoid both the July 4 and Labor Day holidays. Nigro said he selected the dates after being told by attorneys that they expect the trial to last about three months.

Jury selection had been tentatively set to begin Tuesday, but State's Attorney Walter Flanagan said that wasn't possible. He said transcripts from the first trial have not yet been completed, making it necessary to delay the proceedings.

Crafts, a former airline pilot, is accused of killing his wife, Helle, and then disposing of her body using a wood chipper. Helle Crafts, a 39-year-old flight attendant, was last seen alive in November 1986, and Richard Crafts was subsequently arrested in January 1987.

Crafts' first trial ended in a mistrial last year in New London Superior Court. A mistrial was declared after one juror refused to continue deliberations and vote with other jurors to find Crafts guilty.

Public Defender Gerard Smyth told the judge that Crafts is opposed to holding a trial in Norwalk because his two young sons live in nearby Westport and they would be exposed to publicity. Crafts also is displeased that

the court is close to Newtown, Smyth said.

"He is concerned it will invite more people to attend from that town," Smyth said.

But Nigro said the trial had to be held in Norwalk because the court there is more secure, is easily reached by state highway and is structurally sound.

"We're at risk in trying a case in the event of rain," Nigro said.

He was referring to a leaky roof that has damaged roof tiles and led court officials to suspend a bucket from the ceiling.

During the brief hearing, Smyth renewed an earlier motion to lower Crafts' \$750,000 bond.

The 51-year-old Crafts has not been free since his arrest. Last month, Smyth proposed that Crafts' bond be lowered.

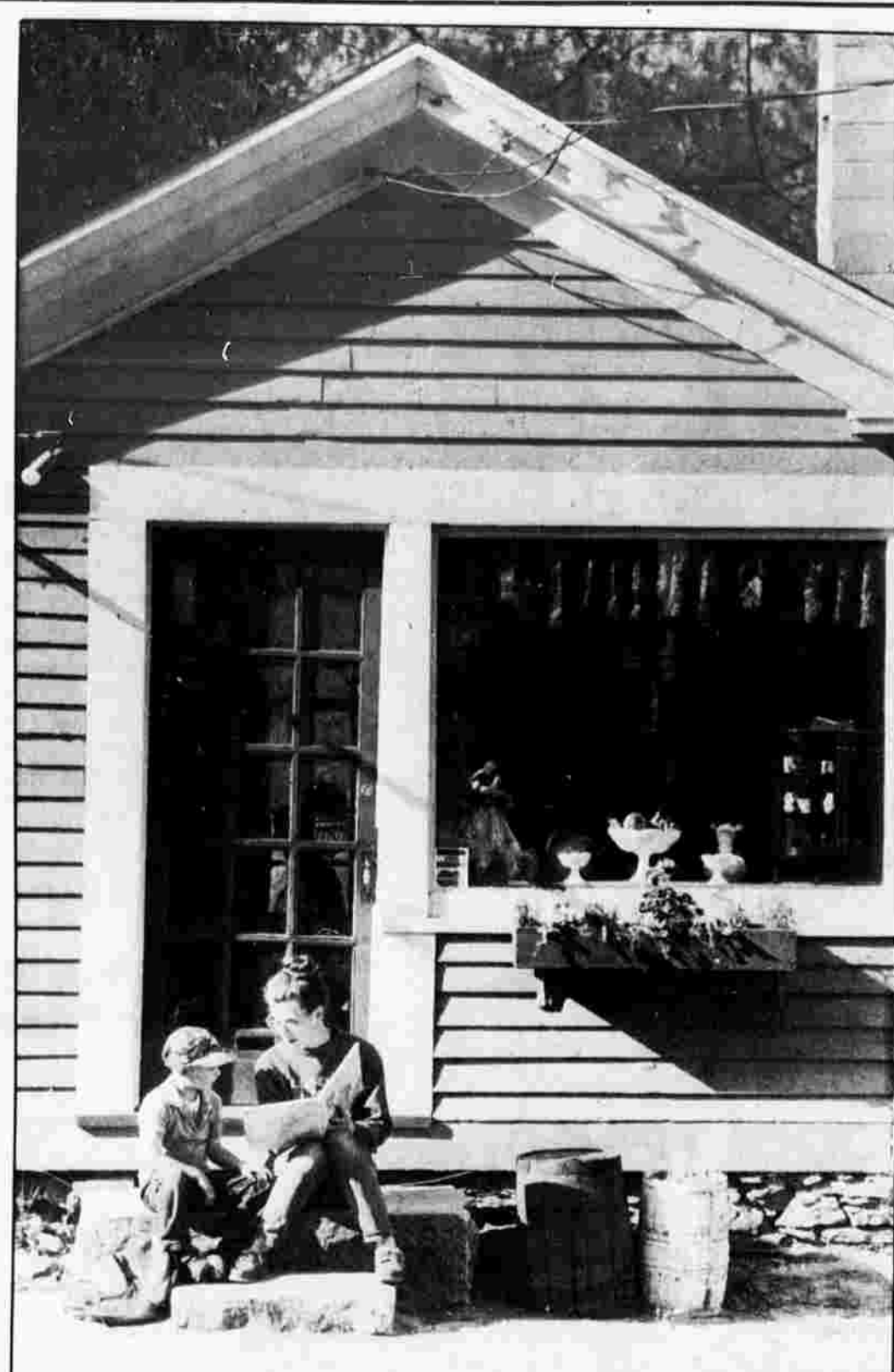
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BUS STOP READING — Barbara Timberman and her son, Teddy, 6, of 1194 Main St., Coventry, fit in some time for reading while Teddy waits for the school bus last Tuesday morning. Teddy is a kindergarten student.

## Health bill passes

A bill introduced by state Rep. Edith G. Prague, D-Columbia, that would allow life insurance policies to carry riders for long-term health care was passed two weeks ago by the state House of Representatives.

The bill was passed earlier by the state Senate and now awaits the signature of Gov. William A. O'Neill.

The rider will allow a portion of the life insurance to go to long-term health care.

In a news release, Prague said that insurance companies would be willing to offer such coverage once the state insurance commissioner adopts the necessary regulations.

## SATs given Saturday

The Scholastic Aptitude Tests and the Achievement Tests will be given at Manchester High School on Saturday.

All those who have registered to take the examination should report to the cafeteria lobby at 7:30 a.m. with tickets of admission and positive identification, such as a driver's license, recent passport or a photo identification card. No one will be admitted without proper identification.

Parking will be in the student parking lot next to Brookfield Street.

## Hop-a-thons aid MDA

The Manchester Community College Child Development Center held four "hop-a-thons" recently and raised \$450 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The money will help support clinics at the Newton Children's Hospital and the University of Connecticut Health Center and will provide wheelchairs, orthopedic aids, physical therapy and summer camp programs for MDA's clients.

## Hospital workers get measles shots

By Maureen Leavitt  
Manchester Herald

Employees at Manchester Memorial Hospital have been rolling up their sleeves to receive a measles vaccine to guard against a breakout of the contagious disease.

The hospital is aiming to protect its patients, especially those with immunosuppressive illnesses, and those who are receiving chemotherapy and radiation therapy, said Andrew Beck, director of public relations at the hospital.

No measles breakout has been reported at the hospital, but there have been cases in hospitals in all of Hartford, and at college campuses in Hartford and New Britain.

The hospital is targeting physicians, volunteers and employees who were born after Jan. 1, 1957, Beck said. People born before Jan. 1, 1957, are believed to have built up an immunity to the disease, Beck said.

"The hospital decided we should reduce the unnecessary exposure to the measles virus, and the best way for us to do that is through immunization," Beck said.

Even people in the target group who have already been immunized are receiving the vaccine, Beck said. The first vaccine

## Archdiocese suggests subsidies for schools

HARTFORD (AP) — Catholic churches that do not have parochial schools are being asked by the Hartford archdiocese to support those that do.

In addition, some money now used for other ministries would be redirected to the schools.

The proposal departs from past practice when a local parish traditionally has supported its own school, with little or no direct subsidy from the archdiocese.

The proposed plan would institute a system to help all the schools, spreading the financial burden among all 882,000 parishes of the archdiocese.

Among the plans being considered are a 5 percent tax on Sunday collections, allocating for schools 20 percent of the archdiocese's annual appeal or increasing the amount the parishes with students in archdiocesan schools are assessed.

"The fundamental issue is less a matter of money than one of conviction and priorities," Archbishop John P. Whealon wrote to pastors of the 229 parishes in the three-county archdiocese.

He said he would back down "if the parish families are preponderantly opposed to these recommendations."

He asked the pastors to consult their parish councils and finance committees and to respond to him

might not have been effective, Beck said. There is no danger in receiving the vaccine twice.

Earlier this spring an outbreak of measles paralyzed college campuses at the University of Hartford and Central Connecticut State University, New Britain.

Serious medical complications have occurred in patients with inadequate immune systems who have contracted measles in other parts of the country, Beck said.

With the help of the state Department of Health Services, the hospital began holding vaccination clinics last week. The clinics continued over the weekend for weekend employees and will continue this week. In all, about 500 people were targeted for the vaccine, Beck said.

Other hospitals in the state that have instituted measles clinics include Hartford Hospital, Mount Sinai Hospital and St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, all in Hartford, and Middlesex Memorial Hospital in Middletown, Beck said.

In addition, the Manchester traditionally has supported its staff about the disease and the reasons for immunization, Beck said.

"Measles is one of the most communicable diseases," Beck said. The virus can stay in a room up to two hours after the infected person has left, he said.



ART FEST — Alysia Parkinson and Melissa Pelletier, kindergartners at Coventry Grammar School, dance during the school's presentation of Arts Around the World last Tuesday. Kindergartners performed Austrian songs.

## Deer hunt set after move fails

STONINGTON (AP) — A controlled deer hunt has been rescheduled for Masons Island as a result of the failure of hunt opponents to find a way to relocate the deer without endangering the animals' lives and spreading Lyme disease.

"From all the advice we've had, I don't think there is now any possibility of moving them," Thomas VanWinkle, president of the Masons Island Fire District, a local taxing authority, said Tuesday.

The hunt had been scheduled for last fall, but was postponed after a small number of island residents raised money to have the deer relocated.

The Masons Island Fire District decided over the weekend to reschedule the hunt for this fall because those advocating the relocation of the animals were unable to come up with a viable plan, said VanWinkle.

"We postponed it once to satisfy a small number of the people. Now it's time to go ahead with the plan," he said.

VanWinkle estimated only about 10 percent of the island's residents had opposed the controlled hunt. About 150 homes lie within the fire district.

The hunt was planned after residents complained that the island's deer population, which VanWinkle estimated at 40 to 45, was destroying shrubbery. Residents are also disturbed by the high incidence of Lyme disease on the island, a disease transmitted by deer ticks.

VanWinkle said it was estimated that 15 to 20 deer would have to be killed.

Earlier this month, a private firm hired by hunt opponents recommended against moving the animals because of the high cost involved and because the state Department of Environmental Protection indicated it would not issue permits to move the deer.

The group recommended residents be provided with information on how to coexist with the deer and recommended a study for a long-term strategy for a control program.

Moving the deer was not a realistic plan because many would not survive the move and there would be a risk of spreading Lyme disease, said Mark Ellingwood, a DEP wildlife biologist.

"Masons Island has a high incidence of Lyme disease and we are not anxious to see the ticks distributed to other areas," Ellingwood said. "A controlled hunt is more practical and reasonable first effort. We are not pretending that this will solve all the problems, but it is a first step."

In April, biologists working with the Friends of Animals said they would not help move the deer during the spring because it would endanger the pregnant females.

## Kennelly jumps into U.S. House race

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Rep. Barbara B. Kennelly, seizing on the turmoil in the House Democratic hierarchy, is jumping into the race for the No. 4 leadership post.

The fifth-term congresswoman said Tuesday she would become the highest ranking woman in House history if she won the chairmanship of the House Democratic Caucus. The post ranks behind the speaker, majority leader and whip.

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"I started today and my opponent started on Friday, and obviously people didn't know there was a race," she said.

Once she made her decision Tuesday, Mrs. Kennelly quickly shot out a letter to her Democratic House colleagues. "The phone would have taken too long," she said.

Mrs. Kennelly is a leader among women lawmakers, pushing early and strong for the vice presidential candidacy of colleague Geraldine Ferraro in 1984. But in many ways, the Connecticut congresswoman fits better into the old boys' network on Capitol Hill than many of her male colleagues.

The 52-year-old Hartford Democrat is the daughter of the late

John Bailey, a former national party chairman and long-time state party boss. She served as caucus chairman, is the front-runner in a four-way race for whip.

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Hoyer has been lobbying members for their support since Rep. Tony Coelho, D-Calif., shocked the world of Capitol Hill politics over the weekend by announcing his resignation. Coelho had been whip and was expected to run for majority leader after Majority Leader Thomas Foley, D-Wash., re-

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### LOCAL & STATE

#### Developer sues PZC

The Brophy Ahern Development Co. of West Haven is suing the Manchester Planning and Zoning Commission, claiming the commission has required the firm to unnecessarily replace sidewalks and curbs for the conversion of the Cheney Bros. weaving mill.

#### 'Drug prisons' urged

NEW HAVEN (AP) — Soon-to-be-obsolete military bases should be renovated and used in the war on drugs as "drug prisons," Gov. William A. O'Neill told a Senate subcommittee.

#### Man held in break-in

HARTFORD (AP) — A 35-year-old Texas man has been charged with attempted burglary at the State Library, state police said.

### Baseball Bush

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Her most valuable card is a 1955 Ted Williams card given to her by her father. Mark, in mint condition, the card would be worth about \$200, but after years in a cigar box, Tedford's card is probably worth only \$50 to \$60, she says.

But, "people now are starting to accept it at school," she says. Her girlfriends are also getting into watching Mets games during slumber parties, Tedford says.

### Education

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state House of Representatives Tuesday. The Legislature's budget package makes a \$23 million cut in education money compared with the \$40 million cut in the governor's budget, state Rep. John W. Thompson, D-Manchester, said Tuesday.

### DWI bill

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It calls for automatic license suspensions of 90 days for first-time offenders, but allows them a 30-day period in which they can argue at administrative hearings that they were wrongly arrested.

### ANXIOUS AUCTIONEERS



Hugh O'Neill, left, and Michael Gallacher, members of the board of directors of Visiting Nurse and Home Care of Manchester, display items which they will auction off at a service auction Saturday at 7 p.m. at Willie's Steak House. More than 100 items will be up for bid, including gift certificates to several restaurants. Tickets are \$4. For tickets or more information, call 647-1481.

### Man denies murder

HARTFORD (AP) — A Hartford man has pleaded innocent to charges that he murdered a 13-year-old friend last month, Orlando Figueroa, 22, also waived his right to a probable cause hearing in the case Tuesday.

### Livery hearing slated

J. William Burns, state transportation commissioner, has announced that a public hearing will be held Tuesday on operation of a livery service in Manchester.

### Lawyer wins a round

HARTFORD (AP) — A New Haven lawyer who has been the subject of three court orders seeking to suspend his practice has won a battle before the state Appellate Court.

### Canoeist's body found

HARTFORD (AP) — Results of an autopsy performed on the body of a Hartford man were expected to be released today, two days after he disappeared when his canoe overturned in the Connecticut River, state officials said.

### Sales tax District

From page 1

ise, that's the art of politics," O'Neil said. He spent a half-hour with the Senate Democrats. He was joined by state Democratic Chairman John F. Droney Jr.

The paper ballots were distributed and then collected by six tellers, three named by Landers and three by Sadloski. LaBelle said he has not heard any claim that ineligible persons had voted.

Landers said there is no reason to believe that people who voted were not eligible voters or that they all voted for him.

Landers said the problem shows that the district will have to have more control over the meetings in the future. He said the hall will have to have only one entrance open. He said some people may have entered the meeting late and were not checked off.

### Red Globe

From page 1

A new grape variety called Red Globe is attracting a lot of attention around the world. Each berry is the size of a small plum with bunches that are large and lush. Spectacular as a holiday centerpiece or part of a tempting fruit and cheese platter, these sweet, juicy grapes are available through January.

### Christmas Rose

Christmas Rose berries are large and bright red in color with thin, translucent skins. Sugar content is high, giving these grapes a delightful tart-sweet flavor. Available through January, look for this newcomer in increasing quantities.

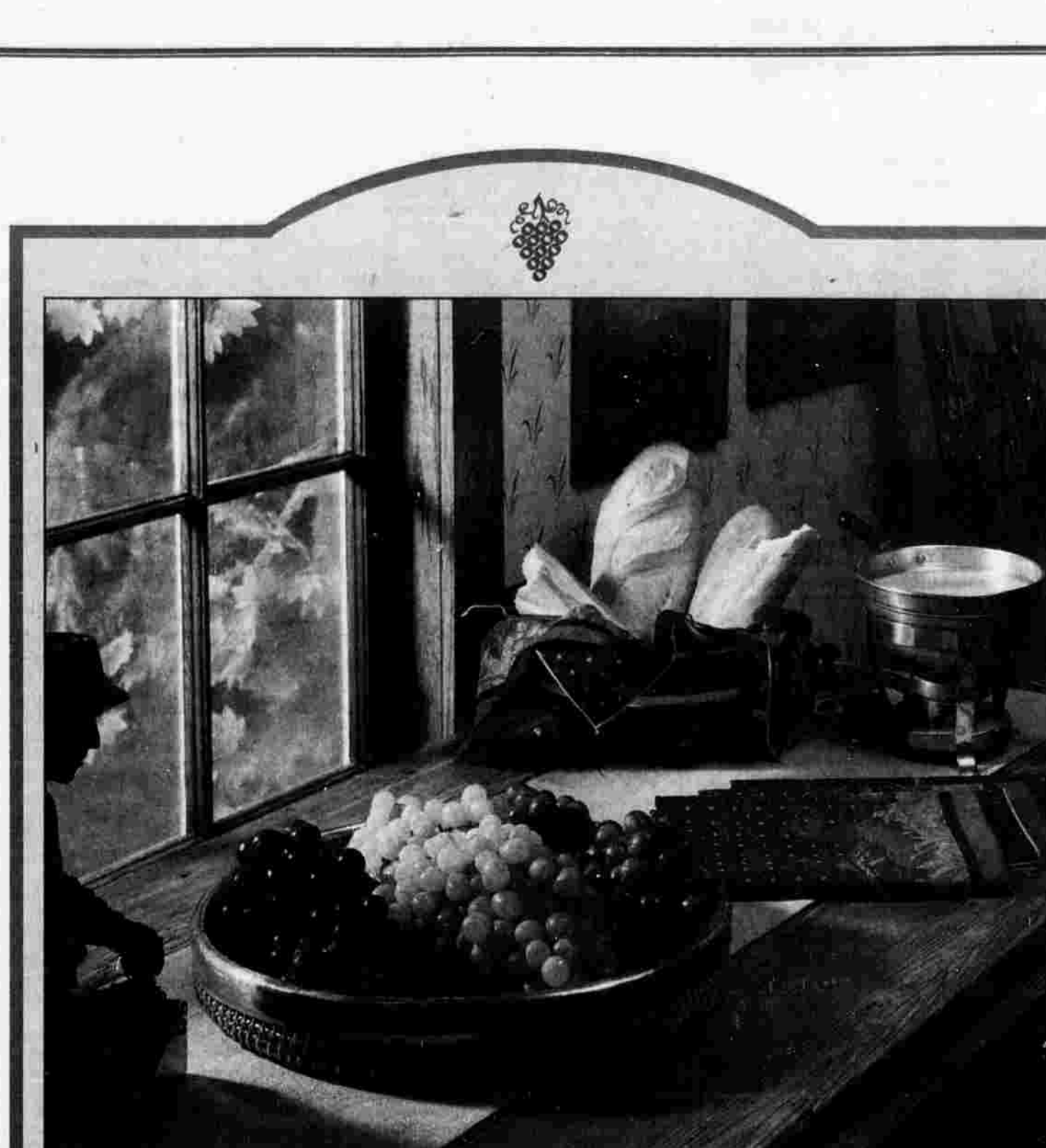
### Calmeria

Traditional grape lovers prize the green Calmeria and often refer to them as "lady fingers." The berries are distinctive: long and oval in shape with a light green color frosted with natural bloom.

### Thompson Seedless

Thompson Seedless grapes are bright green and conical in shape and come in large clusters. Sweet and juicy, they make for good snacking and are available through November. Thin-skinned, easy to eat and easy to separate from the bunch, they are well-suited for use as an ingredient in salads, sauces and desserts.

### FOOD



### GRAPEES The Natural Snack

and beauty they seek. Twelve major varieties are harvested from May through February. Grapes' variety and ease of use make them a welcome addition to the list of kitchen staples; their simple, classic beauty makes them a welcome addition to the table.

### Ribier

Ribier grapes are big, beautiful and deep rich blue/black in color. They ripen early and their heavy skins hold a high sugar content for full, mild flavor.

### Emperor

Emperors are the traditional grapes of the fall holiday season. In Eastern cities where European traditions hold strong, Emperors reign supreme and are important for both Christian and Jewish celebrations.

### Ruby Seedless

In late summer, deep red seedless grapes begin to appear in produce departments nationwide. They are called Ruby Seedless and will be the predominant seedless grape through January. Firm and sweet, Ruby seedless have tender skins that make them popular for snacking.

### Tokay

Large berries with a deep red color, Tokay grapes have a subtle taste and crisp texture. These qualities make them a favorite and frequently the number one fall seller in some Eastern urban markets.

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# Coventry deserved its shot at the title

Just think: If there hadn't been a playoff game in 1978, Boston Red Sox fans couldn't hate the New York Yankees — and Rocky Dent in particular — as much as they do.

The teams tied in the American League East pennant that year, requiring a one-game playoff to see who would play the Kansas City Royals in the ALCS, and eventually the Los Angeles Dodgers in the World Series.

The Yankees won it, thanks to Dent's pop fly to left off Mike Torrez that landed in the screen atop the Green Monster. The rest, as the saying goes, is history.

What if they had settled the tie by flipping a coin? That's what Coventry High and RHAM High did last Friday, and it didn't set too well with Coventry Coach Bob Plaster. Who's to blame him?

The Coventry Patriots lost four of their first six Charter Oak Conference games, putting them in the hole in the COC East race. The Patriots merrily chased the RHAM Schems the rest of the way.



Thoughts ApLENTy  
Len Auster

catching them in the frantic final week of the season with two big wins over Vinal Tech and Portland.

That gave Coventry a streak of six straight conference wins.

RHAM, meanwhile, was being upset by lowly Rocky Hill by a 14-5 count. That loss, coupled with Coventry's closing rush, left each club 11-5 in the COC East.

The COC East leader was to meet the COC West leader for the conference championship.

There was "a tiny thing" wrong with the scenario. The COC did schedule its regular season games so no one would have to play the final week before its title match. But the wet spring forced everyone to schedule games right up to the deadline. Having the championship game delayed beyond the CIAC tournament is not preferable, but it has been done before. If memory serves, it was the old Hartford County Conference.

Plaster wonders why his club couldn't have met RHAM in a playoff, with the winner of that game playing Cromwell.

It's a valid question, one the Charter Oak Conference could have explored. It would have been better than a coin flip.

Even Red Sox fans would agree to that.

Len Auster is sports editor of the Manchester Herald.

## SPORTS



NABBED — Oakland's Mark McGwire is tagged out by Boston second baseman Marty Barrett on an attempted steal in the ninth inning of Tuesday night's game at Fenway Park. The A's won, 4-2.

## A's tough out a victory over punchless Bosox

By Dove O'Hara  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Dave Stewart led the victory "a tough one."

Rick Honeycutt described his game "by far the toughest" of the season.

And the Oakland Athletics showed their toughness once again Tuesday night, in a 4-2 victory over the punchless Boston Red Sox.

Smarting from a 3-2, 18-inning loss on Monday night, the Athletics rebounded to avoid a second loss in a row for a third time this year.

Dave Parker drove in three runs with a sacrifice fly, a double and a ninth inning homer and Lance Blankenship had three hits for the defending American League champions.

While remaining percentage points behind California with a 34-17 record in the AL West, the Athletics won for the 21st time in 26 games decided by two or fewer runs.

"Just outstanding, always with these guys," Parker said. "All

## Griffey Jr. doing amazing things at 19

By Jim Donaghy  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ken Griffey Jr. liked hitting — home runs at Yankee Stadium so much that he did it again.

The 19-year-old Seattle rookie homered twice Tuesday night as the Mariners beat New York 3-2 in the debut of left-hander Randy Johnson for the Mariners.

Griffey leads all major league rookies with nine home runs and 20 runs batted in.

When his father, Ken Griffey played for New York from 1982 to 1986, Griffey Jr. would often shag fly balls in the outfield and play catch with Rickey Henderson on the sidelines.

"Yankee Stadium to me is a monument," Seattle Manager Jim Lefebvre said. "I got goose bumps coming into the Stadium with the Oakland A's. It can be a very intimidating ballpark with

## Manchester is eliminated from state tourney play

By Jim Tierney  
Manchester Herald

HAMDEN — The one person Manchester High expected to be its main nemesis in its Class LL state tournament first-round encounter with Hamden High was the Green Dragons' 6-6 Scott Burrell. He's been touted as one of the top pitching prospects in the country, and also has been recruited to play basketball for the University of Connecticut.

With all eyes, including several major league scouts, on Burrell's each and every move, it was the No. 9 hitter in the Green Dragon lineup who emerged as the sparkplug for Hamden.

Burrell struck out three shutout innings in relief of Burrell to gain the save, deposited a two-out double, and then hit a home run to tie the game in the eighth. He was then hit by a pitch from southpaw Jim Kitsock down the rightfield line to ignite a six-run second inning as 14th-seeded Hamden eliminated 19th-seeded Manchester, 6-1, Tuesday afternoon.

Hamden (11-8) will host Shelton, a 5-4 winner over Southington, on Thursday. Manchester is scheduled to play on Friday.

With Hamden runners on first and second, Burrell pitched to a pair of batters who struck out. Marcus Mateya's one-hop shot to first base, the fourth Hamden run in the game, was a sacrifice fly to John Sullivan, who had two hits, followed with an identical base hit down the rightfield line to make it 2-1.

Ken Mead grounded an RBI infield hit between shortstop and second base, and Marcus Mateya's one-hop shot to first base, the fourth Hamden run in the game, was a sacrifice fly to John Sullivan, who had two hits, followed with an identical base hit down the rightfield line to make it 2-1.

Burrell, who had two hits, capped off the inning with a monstrous two-out homer over the 338-foot sign in left center.

"Jim (Kitsock) just lost his stuff in the second inning," Manchester Coach Don Race said. "The No. 9 hitter (DeLuca) was an important part of the team. It's just a matter of time before he'll be a star. We let him go away."

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WINDING UP — Hamden's Scott Burrell, shown in a file photo, hurled the first four innings Tuesday afternoon as the Green Dragons eliminated Manchester High, 6-1, in a Class LL first-round clash.

however, felled any serious damage when he pitched Leonard off second base.

"Our team didn't come out of a hitting slump in the second half of the season," Race said. "Keith DiVeso looked good today but the rest of us didn't look good."

HAMDEN (6) — Sullivan 2b 4-1-2, Mead 3b 2-1-1, Burrell 4b 2-1-2, DiVeso 1b 2-2-2, Pincus 2b 2-0-0, Hodder 3b 1-0-0, DeLuca 2b 2-0-0, Farrell 1b 2-1-2, DeLuca 2b 2-1-1, Totus HAMPSHIRE (5) — Jorgensen 1b 1-0-0, Barry 3b 2-0-0, Jorgensen 1b 1-0-0, Vanhook 2b 2-2-1, Cunningham 2b 2-1-0, Lohme 2b 0-0-0, Sears 2b 2-1-0, Kitchcock 1b 0-0-0, Helin 1b 0-0-0, Algeron 2b 1-0-0, Gilbert 2b 1-0-0, Davis 2b 1-0-0, Teten 2b 1-1-1, Manchester 100 000 3-4-2, Burrell, DeLuca and one, Pincus, Kitchcock, Helin (3), Lopez (1-5), WP: Burrell (7-3), LF: Kitchcock (1-5).

## High School Roundup

### Nonnewaug upsets Coventry in tournament play

COVENTRY — A six-run sixth-inning explosion and the relief pitching of Jim Pieger lifted Nonnewaug High of Woodbury to a 7-6 upset win over Coventry High in Class S first-round clash Tuesday afternoon.

Nonnewaug, 11-10, is the No. 23 seed and advances to Thursday's second round against seventh-ranked Gilbert School of Winsted. Coventry, the No. 10 seed, went out at 14-7. The loss snapped the Patriots' five-game winning streak.

Nonnewaug scored its six runs, taking a 7-3 lead, on six hits. Four of them were the infield variety.

"There were a couple of choppers, one hit the (pitching) rubber and deflected away," said Coventry Coach Bob Plaster.

The Patriots scored three times in the bottom of the seventh, falling a run short. What could have made a difference was a ball hit by Gary Omen. His screaming liner up the middle was glove by winning pitcher Dave Rosen. Eastern, the No. 12 seed, is now 11-5 while 21st-ranked Manchester bows out 10-9.

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### MHS girls softball out of tournament

BRISTOL — The end came quickly for the Manchester High girls' softball team as host Bristol Eastern put together back-to-back hits in the bottom of the 10th for a 5-4 decision Tuesday afternoon in a state Class LL first-round clash.

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### MHS boys track has several quality

EAST HARTFORD — At the Class LL sectional meet Tuesday afternoon at East Hartford High School, the Manchester High boys' track team qualified nine individuals and two relay pairs for Saturday's state championships at Willow Brook Park in New Britain.

The Indiana 4 X 100 relay of Harold Barber, Kevin Colletti, Will Rivera and Ed Saunders, which placed second, broke the school record with a time of 4:29. The previous mark was 4:44 set in 1975.

The top nine individuals and six relays advanced to the state meet.

Senior Craig Hempstead advanced in both the 1600- and 3200-meter runs, placing third and fourth, respectively. Senior Todd Lisscomb qualified in the 5000 (third) and 3200 (fifth) meters. Senior Ed Saunders took fourth in the 100 (fifth) and 200 (fifth). Senior Ed Saunders took fourth in the 100 (fifth) and 200 (fifth).

Dave Gabriel was fourth in the 1600 while Matt Prignano was fifth in the javelin. Donnie Hemmaway secured fifth in the 300 intermediate hurdles. Dave Campbell qualified in the shot put to fly out to right to end the game.

Alairie took third in the 3200 while the 4 X 400 relay of Rivera, Gerry Holles, Dave Lavigne and Dave Campbell was third.

### Chabot advances to Class L Meet

MADISON — East Catholic High's Paul Chabot qualified in two events for Saturday's state Class L Championship Meet at Tuesday's Class L qualifying meet at Hand High.

Chabot was fourth in the shot put at 41 feet, 8 inches and fourth in the discus at 125 feet, 8 inches to move into Saturday's state championship meet at Middletown High School.

Also advancing were Tom Carlson in the 3200 and Chris Ray in the 5000. Carlson was seventh and Ray eighth in their respective events.

### MHS golf team wins its finale

BRISTOL — The Manchester High golf team ended its regular season with two 1-0 victories over Bristol Central and Fern Hill of Enfield Tuesday afternoon at Paganubau Country Club. The Indians' final record is 21-6 and they will compete in the state tournament Monday at The Farms Country Club in Wallingford.

Manchester's Ray Smith was the medalist with a 38 for the par-35 course. Manchester took the medal point with 162 compared with 165 for Bristol Central and 172 for Fern. Other Indian scorers were: Jason Outway 40, Bruce Berzenski 40, Ken Saunders 44 and Matt Miner 46.

### East golf team third in the ACC

NEW HAVEN — The East Catholic golf team placed third in the All Connecticut Conference championships Tuesday afternoon at Yale. Fairfield Prep took first place with a score of 510 followed by Notre Dame of West Haven with 526, East totaled 540.

Freshman Pat Purcell led the Eagles with an 85 earning him all-ACC honors. Other Eagle scores were: Todd Ezmerick 82, Reid Gorman 90, Scott Senseney 92, Mark Peterson 92 and Dan Maher 93. East's final league record is 10-5.

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## Dyak, MacMullen lead mixed doubles

Manchester Sports Hall of Fame member Cathy Dyak and her partner Bill MacMullen took the lead in the mixed doubles event at the 59th annual National Duplek Bowling Congress Tournament at Holiday Lanes on Spencer Street.

Dyak and MacMullen combined for a total of 994 to hold a 17-pin lead over Carol Burk and Todd Tarconte, who were at 977. Burk and John Gorman of Connecticut were third at 956.

There were new leaders in virtually every category with bowlers from North Carolina leading the charge. Summer's Awesomeness of North Carolina took the lead in the 5-man team Class A field with a total of 2183. Wilda's Wild Ones, who held the lead from the first weekend, is next at 2161. The Brew Crew of Maryland held onto the Class B lead at 1922.

Virginia taking over second place at 1720. The Swags of North Carolina took the Class B lead with a total of 1635. The Mount-

## Pistons want more than just Thomas

DETROIT — Detroit Pistons have mixed emotions about turning the NBA Eastern Conference final into a one-man show.

The Pistons and Chicago Bulls meet tonight in Game 5 at the Palace with the best-of-7 series tied 2-2.

That's mainly because one man, either Chicago's Michael Jordan or Detroit's Isiah Thomas, has been dominating while the other has been held in check.

Jordan scored 32 points as Chicago won Game 1 and 46 as the Bulls overcame a 14-point deficit down the stretch to win Game 3. Thomas, who had a total of 14 points in those two games, scored 33 and 27 in the games the Pistons won.

The storyline seems obvious: stop Jordan and you can beat the Bulls. It's a story that irritates some of Jordan's teammates.

## Sabatini in third round at French Open tennis

PARIS (AP) — Gabriela Sabatini, edging closer to a confrontation with defending champion Steffi Graf, became the first player to reach the third round of the French Open today, sweeping past Alexia Dechaume of France, 6-3, 6-1.

The second-seeded Argentine was not at her best on the Center Court at Roland Garros, but was still too strong for an opponent equipped with dangerous groundstrokes but lacking mobility and experience.

As Sabatini came off the court after her 72-minute victory, her half of the draw suddenly opened up as Helena Sukova, who seemed headed for a meeting with Sabatini in the quarterfinals, was upset in straight sets on a side court.

The fifth-seeded Czechoslovakian, who reached the final of the Australian Open in January, was beaten 6-1, 7-5 by Japan's Akiko Kijimuta, the 91st-ranked player

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# FOCUS/Advice

## 'Proper procedure' requires her silence

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a problem that needs urgent attention. I have been living with a man for 11 years. I am divorced. "Jim" is not, but he's legally separated. Jim's family knows about me. They have been invited to their homes many times, and they have been invited to ours.



**Dear Abby**  
Abigail Van Buren

Here's the problem: Jim's son is getting married, and Jim's estranged wife (I'll call her Judy) is having the dinner at her home for the bride and groom and has asked Jim to attend the dinner and act as the host.

Since Jim and I intend to have our own dinner for the bride couple, I see no reason for Jim to attend Judy's dinner. He has given me all kinds of excuses why he should be there, so I finally agreed that he go, even though I would rather he didn't.

I also understand that the bride's parents plan to give a dinner. If they invite Jim and Judy as a couple, I definitely feel that Jim should not go because they plan on having another dinner to which Jim and I will be invited. I feel that Jim should refuse all invitations that include Judy since my problem is that I am very

self-conscious about my body. He tells me to exercise, but I don't think that in one month's time I will feel comfortable in a skimpy bathing suit.

I want him to have a wonderful time, but he won't if he senses that I'm miserable. I do not want to ruin the wonderful vacation that he has planned for just the two of us, but just can't stop feeling depressed about it.

Should I go and try to fake a good time for his sake?

**SELF-CONSCIOUS**  
**DEAR SELF-CONSCIOUS:** Buy some shorts and a halter top, or a pretty gaudy "shift," and forget the skimpy bathing suits. Once you're on the beach, you will see all shapes and sizes — and discover you look better than most. Trust me. You won't have to "fake" a good time; you'll have one.

**DEAR ABBY:** A recent column contained a letter about a small child falling into a swimming pool, and the CPR that saved him. Good. I'm glad the child is OK. But very young children should be taught some survival techniques.

A child of 2 months can be placed in a inch of water in the bathtub. He is taught to turn itself over, put its hands under its chest, and get its face out of

the water so it can make a noise. By 2 years, my own children could all float on their backs!

When they were 3, I started teaching them to undress in the wading pool. Their sandals and summer shorts came off. Later, they used the same technique in deeper water.

As they grew older, the clothes became heavier and they learned to take off sneakers, shoes and winter boots — waa! "fun!" but when my 10-year-old son went through the ice in a swamp (a place he was forbidden to go!), I bought new boots and found him — but I had a living son!

Of course, children need to be carefully watched, but they also need to be taught how to take care of themselves in emergency situations and they're never too young to learn.

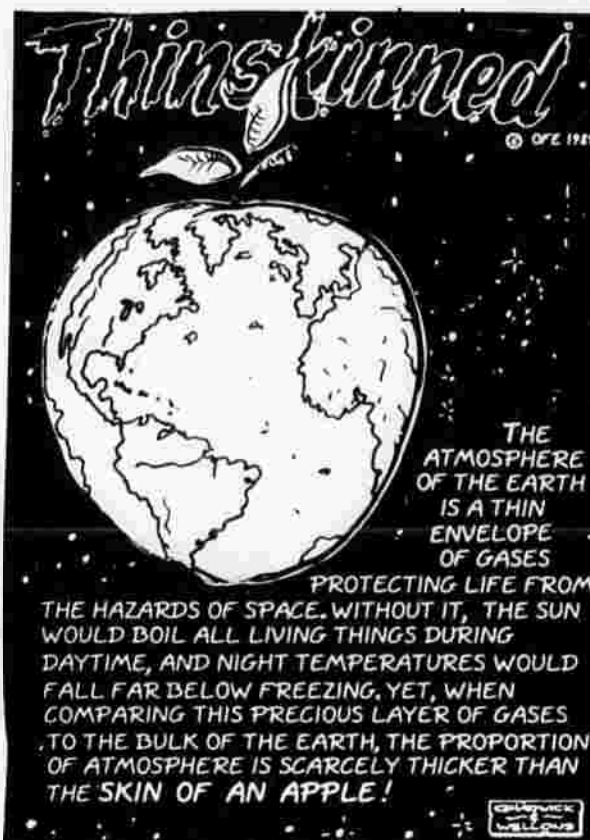
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**DEAR K.L.:** I do. And I did.

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**Dr. Gott**  
Peter Gott, M.D.

## Some snorers can be helped

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I've recently married and have not been able to sleep a whole night with my husband because of his snoring. I heard there is a new drug in the form of nose drops. Should he see an ear-nose-and-throat doctor or might the drops help?

**DEAR READER:** Snoring is a difficult problem to correct. In older adults, it is commonly caused by age-related relaxation of tissues at the back of the throat. The problem is often compounded by excessive use of sedatives or alcohol, allergies and nasal polyps (benign growths deep within the nose). I suggest your husband be examined by an ear-nose-and-throat doctor in hopes that there is a correctable cause for his snoring. For example, surgery to remove polyps or sagging tissue can correct the problem. Sometimes the cure is as simple as cutting down on alcohol consumption, avoiding sleeping pills or using a decongestant medicine at bedtime. In any case, an otolaryngologist would be a good place to start.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I have chronic swimmer's ear problems. Do you have any suggestions for a solution?

**DEAR READER:** Chronic otitis externa (swimmer's ear) is a recurring painful infection of the ear canal, usually caused by both yeast and bacteria. Several topical medicines, such as Cortisporin and Otobain, are available to treat the infection. Two or three drops of the solution in the affected ear twice a day for a week will usually do the trick. Prevention is a major consideration. The micro-organisms that cause otitis externa thrive in a dark, warm, moist environment. Because people who swim in fresh water usually get their ears wet, this water can remain in the ears overnight, providing an ideal situation for infection to develop. (Salt-water swimmers almost never get swimmers' ear.)

We used an easy and inexpensive method to solve the problem. I instruct patients to pour about a third of a cupful of rubbing alcohol into each ear canal at night, wait a few moments and then allow the alcohol to drain out. The alcohol attracts water and then evaporates, leaving a dry canal. Also, the alcohol has antiseptic properties. By using this technique during the swimming season, many of my patients have been able to avoid swimmer's ear. If the alcohol method is ineffective, patients should be examined by an ear specialist.

## Child care credit is possible with some simple adjustments

Assume you are among the millions of taxpayers who help support retired parents in your case, say to the tune of \$4,800 a year.



**Sylvia Porter**

That's serious money. In a 33-percent tax bracket, you and your spouse need taxable income of \$7,164 to net \$4,800. Why don't you claim your parents as dependents and claim dependency deductions of \$2,000 for each of them? Simply because in many cases, your parents' income is too high.

The big news here — as Eli J. Warach, tax attorney and chief editorial consultant at Prentice-Hall, told me — is that with a slight change in the way you handle the \$4,800, you can turn a bad tax set-up into a great tax benefit.

Look at this hidden tax winner: Money you pay to help support your parents can also, under the right conditions, qualify for the child care credit. (That's the tax credit for paying someone to look after your children while you and your spouse work.)

Just a simple change in how you contribute money to your parents can convert non-deductible support dollars into tax-saving payments.

Typical situation: Your parents often look after your children while you and your spouse work. Your parents aren't your tax dependents, but you can pay them for their child-care services.

Again, there is tax relief in the child care credit.

A couple where one spouse is employed and the other is a full-time student is entitled to the same child care credit as a couple with both spouses working, if

the full-time student is enrolled in a schooling has any connection with a past or future job.

Key point: In order to be a "full-time student," your spouse has to be enrolled in school at least five months of the year.

Example: Mr. Leo has a full-time job and Mrs. Leo is very active in community affairs. The Leos have a housekeeper, Emma, who has no connection with a past or future job.

Not as things are now, Reason: Mrs. Leo's four months of schooling during the year aren't enough to qualify her as a full-time student this year.

Tax-saving move: Mrs. Leo has a two-week introductory course that starts in August. In July she goes to school in five different months, instead of four. Payoff: Mrs. Leo meets the full-time student test and the Leos can claim a child care credit for five months of Emma's salary.

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## Parents not liable for son

**DEAR BRUCE:** Our 23-year-old son was involved in an automobile accident several weeks ago. Without our knowledge, his insurance was canceled due to non-payment of his premium. He does not live with us and has been on his own since he completed high school five years ago. The car, of course, was in his name.

Is there any way the people he injured the accident was his fault could hold us accountable? We are a responsible middle-class people, but we don't believe that we should have to pay for his stupidity.

**R.B. COLONIA, N.J.**

**DEAR R.B.:** To the best of my knowledge, you are not responsible. Your son is a fully emancipated adult and answerable for his own actions. Clearly, because your son is one that requires drivers to be insured, he will not only lose his driver's license, but if a judgment is successful against him, he will also lose whatever he owns. However, it's unlikely that he owns much. The judgments will stay with him, and could force him into a bankruptcy action.

While we cannot judge his actions with respect to the accident, he was grossly irresponsible in allowing his insurance to lapse. There are times, however, when as a parent you must stand back and say, "You made the bed. Make the best of it."

**DEAR BRUCE:** I am a 38-year-old single parent. I work in a brewery on the third shift and make decent money but don't want to spend the rest of my life doing manual labor. While my oldest child is 18 and about ready to leave the nest, my youngest is only 4. I think I am going to be offered a job as an airline attendant, but to accept the position I must move from La Crosse, Wis., to Pittsburgh.

If I take the job, I will be away from home two and three days at a time. This will require me to leave my youngest child with a sitter. On the other hand,



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Bruce Williams

the chances for advancement are far greater than the job I now have.

I am sure I would enjoy this a lot more than running a forklift and doing general cleaning work in the brewery. My problem is that I have never lived anywhere but La Crosse, and I have friends here. I hate to disrupt my child and move her, but if a judgment is successful against him, he will also lose whatever he owns. However, it's unlikely that he owns much. The judgments will stay with him, and could force him into a bankruptcy action.

Given these conditions, and asking into account that you still have at least 25 years of business life ahead of you, I would go for it. Of course you will need to make arrangements for additional child care in the brewery. But chances are if your new job does not work out, you could return to your hometown and find a position similar to your current one. Good luck in your new life.

**DEAR L.S.:** It doesn't seem like much of a choice to me. I'd move. There is no reason your younger son can't get used to Pittsburgh. It is a very pleasant community. More important, I believe that a child growing up in a home with a mother as unhappy with her job as you are is not nearly as unhappy with those mother enjoys her work.

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**DEAR BRUCE:** America's top radio talk host, Bruce Williams, has a new book, "Smart Money, Manchester Herald, P.O. Box 591, Manchester 06040.



The Associated Press

**FAREWELL** — Gunther Gebel-Williams, star animal trainer with Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus, kisses an elephant after leading animals on a march to the Spectrum in Philadelphia Tuesday. Williams is on a farewell tour as he plans to retire after more than 20 years in the center ring.

## PEOPLE

### Williams' daughter to debut

**MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)** — A woman who went to court to prove she's the daughter of country music legend Hank Williams Sr. will make her professional singing debut Sunday at a festival honoring her late father.

"I'm going to do it for a tribute to my father," said Cathy Desprea Adkinson, who was born in Montgomery five days after Williams died on Jan. 1, 1953.

As a professional singer, Mrs. Adkinson is using the name "Jett Williams," which combines the last names of her parents.

Mrs. Adkinson plans to sing several of her father's songs at the Hank Williams Memorial Association's annual music festival Sunday in Evergreen, 75 miles southwest of Montgomery. She will be accompanied by two members of his original Drifting Cowboys band.

She was born Anthea Belle Jett, the daughter of Nashville, Tenn., secretary Bobbie Jett, with whom Williams lived during the summer of 1952 but never married. An Alabama judge ruled in 1987 that Mrs. Adkinson is Williams' daughter.

The only child from Williams' two marriages is entertainer Hank Williams Jr.

**Danny Thomas honored**  
**MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)** — Danny Thomas' humanitarian work as founder of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital here will be recognized this week in Toledo, Ohio, where the entertainer was raised.

The Medical College of Ohio at Toledo will present Thomas an honorary degree Friday during commencement ceremonies, according to a statement Tuesday from the Memphis hospital.

Thomas, best known for the television comedy "Make Room For Daddy," founded St. Jude in 1962 and regularly makes personal appearances on behalf of the institution.

The hospital is a leading biomedical research center dedicated to finding cures for childhood cancer and other catastrophic children's diseases.

**Atkins seeks a record**  
**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — Chet Atkins and his fellow guitarists will try to pick their way to a world's record Friday when they gather at a shopping mall to play the same song simultaneously.

They hope to establish a record for most guitarists playing one song together. They also aim to prove that there really are 1,822 guitar pickers in Nashville as the Lovin' Spoonful declared in their 1966 hit record, "Nashville Cats."

Nashville's guitarists will meet at Hickory Hollow and Rivergate malls.

Atkins will lead the guitarists at Hickory Hollow and guitarist Harold Bradley will conduct those at Rivergate 25 miles away. There will be a telephone hookup between the two so that each group can be cued simultaneously.

**Prince takes controls**  
**CIRENCESTER, England (AP)** — Before christening an airship, Prince Charles took over the controls. Once on the ground, he named it the Prince of Wales.

The Prince of Wales was the pilot of the \$4.65 million airship Tuesday for 26 minutes of an hour-long flight. At the Kenilworth Royal Air Force base near Cirencester in Gloucestershire, the 40-year-old heir to the British throne performed the christening ceremony, smashing a bottle of champagne on its side.

**Bridge**  
Willy Nilly had a tough bidding decision after his partner had responded with one no-trump. Eventually he jumped in his six-card spade suit. Since North had enough to bid game, he bid four spades. No doubt North is still hoping to see Willy play a hand well someday.

West led the club king. Willy took the ace and right away played three high diamonds, pitching his club loser. Next he played a spade back to the queen. West took the king and played a play out the spade ace. East got two more spade tricks, and the contract was down one. Even if declarer plays a high heart out of his hand, East should keep declarer out of dummy by ducking.

The correct play is for declarer to lay down the ace of spades at trick two. When the king drops, he can play diamonds as before, and then run the 10 of spades. He will lose one spade trick and the heart ace, making an overtrick. If no spade honor appears, he will still be able to play up to the dummy's spades. If he could get that dummy, he could guard against that distribution by leading the 10 of

**QUESTION:** Is it past or passed as in "having gone by the house?"

**ANSWER:** Past is correct. "We have gone past the house" in which the verb is have gone. However, passed would be necessary as part of the verb: "We have passed the house." In terms of verb parts, passed is the past participle of pass.

**Do you have a question or comment on our language?** Please write Geoffrey McQuinn, Manchester Herald, P.O. Box 591, Manchester 06040.

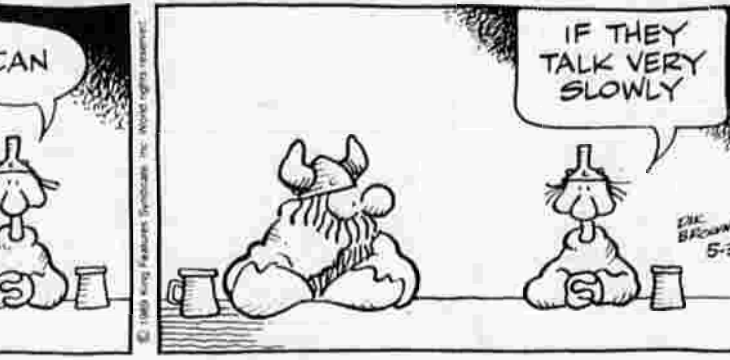
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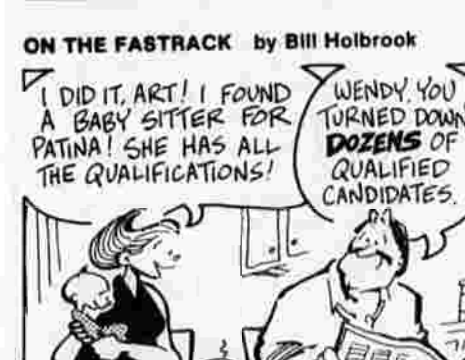
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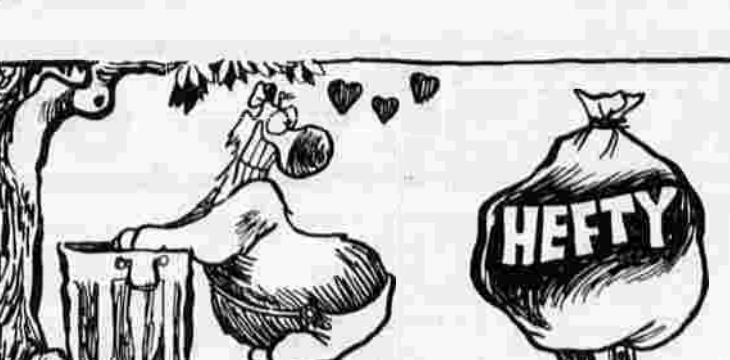
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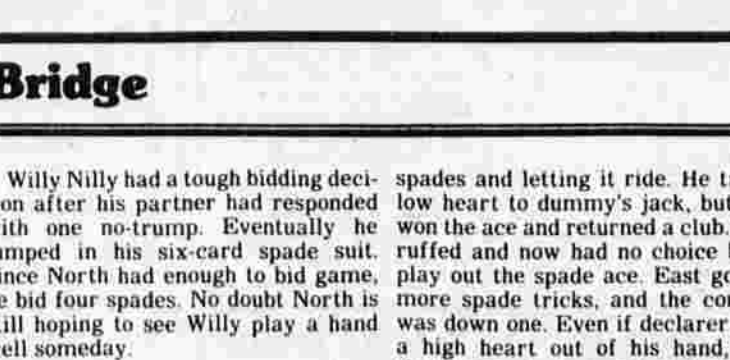
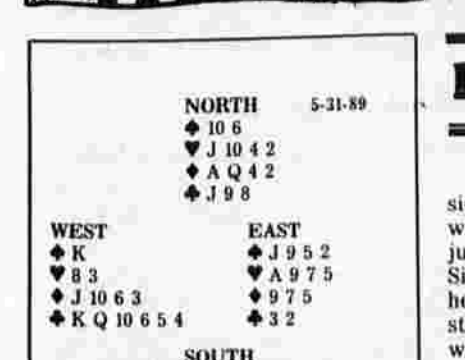
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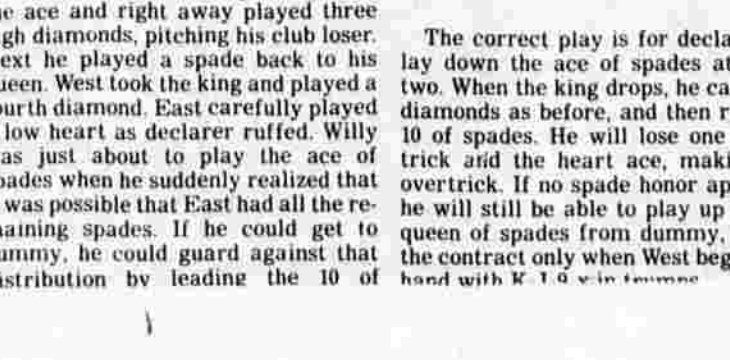
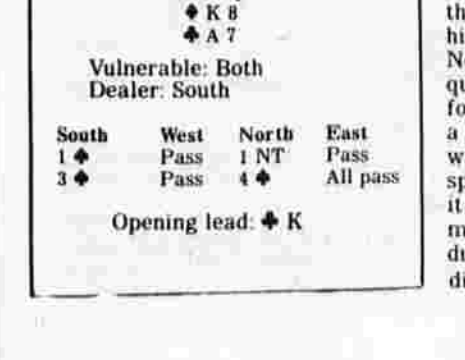
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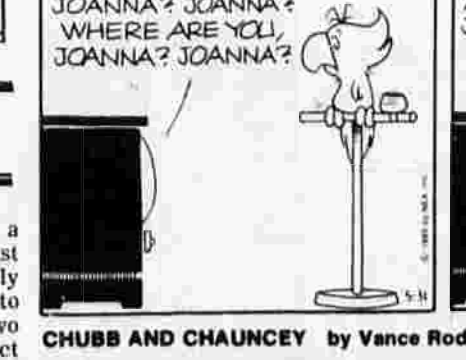
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## Cops comb Canada for Merrill after rooftop escape

By Maureen Leavitt  
Manchester Herald

The "peanut butter bandit" has done it again.

Former Tolland resident Frederick Rodney Merrill, once a suspect in a yet unsolved Manchester murder, completed his fourth escape Wednesday when he escaped from a prison in Canada.

Merrill escaped from an exercise yard on the roof of the Don

Jail in the east end of Toronto around 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and remained on the lam early today, Metropolitan Toronto police Inspector D.A. Walker said.

Walker said Merrill apparently scaled a 12-foot high barbed-wire fence, ran across a roof and then climbed down a drain pipe 50 feet to the ground.

Merrill, 42, who has a long history of violent crimes, was awaiting sentencing July 27 in connection with a string of violent

crimes, including the rape of a 15-year-old girl. Merrill pleaded guilty on May 15 to charges stemming from the rape, the beating of a woman with a cable and several burglaries in the Toronto area. Merrill could receive a maximum of three life terms for the burglaries and 28 years for the assaults.

"I think we've got just about every Toronto policeman out there, but I doubt he's still in Toronto," Staff Sgt. Dave Lott of

the Toronto police 55th Investigative Unit, said today.

Merrill earned the nickname the "peanut butter bandit" after he escaped from a Connecticut prison in 1968 by using a gun his mother hid in a peanut butter jar. She also provided a handcuff key and money.

A spokeswoman with the Connecticut state police said today that troopers will be "keeping an eye out for him" in case he decides to return to the state.

Merrill's mother, Gladys Merrill, of Tolland, declined comment on her son's latest escape today.

Merrill is accused of committing the crimes in Toronto after he escaped from the Somers State Prison Aug. 23, 1987. He was being held at Somers awaiting trial on assault and burglary charges stemming from the 1987 rape and beating of a South Windsor woman.

Merrill is considered to be

extremely dangerous, and pictures of him are being circulated throughout Canada, Lott said. Police had no reason to believe Merrill had any outside help in the escape, he added.

Last spring, Merrill was questioned in connection with the murder of 88-year-old Bernice Martin of Manchester, which occurred four days after the sexual assault in South Windsor.

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## Manager gets praise from EDC

By Rick Santos  
Manchester Herald

Past and present Economic Development Commission members and community business leaders had nothing but praise for retiring Town Manager Bob Weiss at a breakfast meeting today.

Weiss, 66, will leave the position June 30 after 23 years of service to the town.

"He's been the sparkplug for all economic development in the town," said Commission Chairman Al Werberner during the meeting at Adams Mill Restaurant on Adams Street. "He's been our mentor, our guide, our counselor."

Werberner lauded Weiss for his business sense.

"He has an innate grasp of what can be done and what can't be done," the chairman said.

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REMEMBERING — Aaron Cook, left, at a breakfast meeting held by the EDC at the Adams Mill Restaurant. Weiss had just come in out of a rainstorm.

## Push begins for stronger death penalty

By Judd Everhart  
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Proponents of a stronger death penalty called on the state Senate to allow a full debate and vote on a bill designed to make capital punishment easier to impose.

One of the bill's most outspoken opponents, Sen. Anthony V. Avallone, D-New Haven, co-chairman of the Judiciary Committee declared Wednesday that he had the votes to kill the bill by sending it back to committee, a procedure known as recommittal.

Proponents said Avallone was using parliamentary maneuvering to avoid having to vote on the issue.

Sen. Thomas Scott, R-Milford, told reporters at a news conference this morning that the state's current death penalty statute is a "bogus" law crafted by lawyers who oppose capital punishment.

Claudia Wasson, mother of slain Milford Police Officer Dany Wasson, said the current law "is just not workable."

The man who shot her son to death "has his life. I go visit a grave every day," she said.

"Avallone said he had 19 votes in favor of recommittal. Nineteen is the minimum needed in the 36-member Senate to approve anything."

He rejected the proponents' claim, saying a vote to recommittal would be the same as a vote against the bill. "I really don't believe this is an issue that people can hide from," he said.

Those sentiments were echoed by Senate President Pro Tem John B. Larson, D-East Hartford, who said that "recommittal sends the same message."

Further, with the session required to adjourn by June 7,

debate time is becoming increasingly precious and a lengthy debate wouldn't likely change any minds on the issue, Avallone said.

He said he expects the Senate to vote on recommittal today.

Larson said he would prefer to debate the bill and then vote against it.

Rep. Peter A. Nystrom, R-Norwich, a staunch supporter of the bill, said he was outraged at the plan to kill the bill and blamed Larson.

"That's what they did last time," Nystrom said. "It's clear Larson is afraid to stand up and be counted. He's trying to hide under procedural maneuvers. He's going to anger a lot of people."

He predicted the debate on recommittal would last as long, if not longer, than a debate on the bill itself.

Sen. Michael P. Meotti, D-Glastonbury, who opposes the bill, said recommittal should not be interpreted as an attempt to avoid the issue. "That is absolute, total crap," he said.

Recommittal of the bill would allow the Senate to avoid "two hours of grandstanding," he said.

Scott said there was no valid reason not to go forward with a full debate.

"The public supports it," Scott said of the death penalty. "For that reason alone, we should debate it. (The death penalty) is a deterrent and, to the extent that it's not, it's justice."

"We want to send a clear message to the (Senate Democratic) leadership: this bill deserves consideration, not sleight of hand," Scott said.

Avallone said that if the bill is

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## Jim Wright's gone but not the issue

By Jim Drinkard  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The resignation of House Speaker Jim Wright removes a heavy political weight from Democrats, but also leaves open the question of whether the "mindless cannibalism" he warned against may consume others in an era of heightened public concern over ethics.

Majority Democrats may have cause for concern, too, with a newly aggressive Republican minority hoping to parlay the ethics issue into success at the polls.

A sense of unease lingered in the Capitol even after the widespread relief over the Texan's announcement Wednesday, a decision everyone had known for weeks was coming.

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Wright's supporters were bitter, and some vowed revenge on the Republicans.

One obvious potential target is Rep. Newt Gingrich of Georgia, who some Democrats say skirted ethical standards with publication of his own book, Gingrich, Wright's earliest and most vocal accuser, slipped out of the Capitol without talking to reporters after the speaker's resignation speech.

Wright himself called for a truce in the ethics war that has claimed him and the No. 3 House Democratic leadership official, Rep. Tony Coelho of California, and holds the potential for wound-

ing a number of others. Coelho stunned the House last week with his announcement that he would resign rather than face an ethics investigation into his own personal finances.

Democratic Rep. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., summed up Wright's parting words this way: "a warning, stop attempting to get each other, stop looking for retribution and vengeance."

Wright also said it is time to change the rules and procedures that led to his political demise before his case ever went to trial.

"Maybe the whole process needs some change and clarification," he said.

But so far, the victims have all been Democrats, and Republicans may be forgiven if they have trouble understanding why they

should agree to a cease-fire in a war they are winning.

After all, Democratic caucus chairman William Gray of Pennsylvania, hoping to move up on the leadership ladder, has been told that investigators are looking into questions about the running of his office. He insists he is not a target of any investigation and is cooperating with officials. But his irate complaint over news leaks of the inquiry are eloquent testimony to his fears of becoming a political casualty.

Government sources also say a grand jury in Washington, D.C. is beginning to look into the hiring practices in the office of Walter Fautroy, a non-voting delegate for the District of Columbia. And

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### TODAY

**Abortion funding**  
The state House, considering an abortion bill for the first and probably last time this year, rejected a measure that would have sharply limited state-funded abortions for poor women who don't qualify for Medicaid. Story on page 5.

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KENNETH N. TEDFORD wants time with family

## Tedford won't seek seat in November

Democrat says director's work much more now

By Alex Girelli  
Manchester Herald

Democratic Town Director Kenneth N. Tedford said Wednesday he will not run for re-election in November.

Tedford announced his decision at a meeting of the Democratic Town Committee. He said his decision was based on personal and business reasons.

Tedford said today he wants to spend more time with his family.

He said the amount of time required by the position has increased greatly since he first became a director in 1982. Then, he said, a director was out three or four nights a month. Now the job requires being out two or

three times a week.

Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr. said today that being a town director requires a lot of time and it has been a particularly time-consuming job for Tedford because he has been his party's leader on budget matters for the past few years.

It was at the close of a brief talk on the current budget that Tedford told Democratic Town Committee members of his decision.

Tedford said he will not drop out of politics entirely.

"I'll continue to work for the candidates," he said.

Today, Tedford said he will be available to serve on special committees he thinks the directors will have to appoint to take up specific questions like the future of the town golf course and of solid waste disposal.

He said directors in the future will not be able to handle those

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Howroyd seeks support in race to replace 'boss'

Josh M. Howroyd, who served as campaign manager for Democrat Kenneth N. Tedford in Tedford's three campaigns for the town Board of Directors, is interested in succeeding Tedford on the board.

Tedford announced Wednesday that he will not seek re-election.

Howroyd, 36, said this morning he will seek the nomination from the Democratic Town Committee, but he will not force a primary if someone else is chosen instead.

"I'm very interested in running," Howroyd said.

Howroyd said he will seek support from town committee members.

Howroyd, who is an executive

assistant in the state Department of Administrative Services, is a former member of the town Zoning Board of Appeals and an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

He has long been active in the Democratic Party.

Howroyd said he was interested in running for the Board of Directors in 1987, but the town committee nominated Mary Ann Handley instead and he would not force a primary election.

He said primaries "are not viable alternatives in Manchester politics."

Theodore T. Cummings said today that while he is very interested in being a town director, he will not be a candidate this year. He said his wife will have a baby and he does not want to commit the time it would take to be a director.

Cummings is the son of Theodore R. Cummings, Democratic town chairman.