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## Merrill eludes manhunt

TORONTO (AP) — As police continue a massive manhunt for Frederick Merrill near the jail he escaped from, the suspect may be hitchhiking along a Canada expressway about 40 miles west of Toronto, police said.

Police said Merrill, 42, who escaped from Toronto's Don Jail on Wednesday, may be headed for Canada's less-populated provinces where he is less likely to be recognized.

Police interviewed a truck driver Thursday who said he apparently picked up Merrill Wednesday about 40 miles west of Toronto, a little more than an hour after his escape.

"He said he just got out of jail," said Blair Holland, a truck driver.

Holland said he dropped Merrill off along the highway that led west to Windsor, Ontario, Canada, near Detroit.

Holland said that his passenger did not reveal his name and told him he planned to hitchhike to a nearby jail in Milton, Ontario, where his brother would be released.

Police said that Holland was "40 percent" sure after seeing photographs in a lineup that the man was Merrill. Holland's report of sighting Merrill, one of 400 that police have received, is the strongest clue that the escapee has left Toronto.

"I couldn't understand the fellow going to pick up his brother without a car, though," Holland said. "He was just babbling nonsense, saying things like how he had never been in a big truck before. I was happy to get him out of the truck, to be honest with you."

Merrill escaped from an "escape-proof" exercise area on the roof of the Don Jail's hospital ward Wednesday, said Sgt. John Zegall of the Toronto police. Merrill scaled a 12-foot fence topped with barbed wire, ran across a roof and climbed down a drain pipe 60 feet to the ground and freedom, police said.

If we can get him back in here before he attacks anyone, that's a plus," Zegall said.

Police have issued a Canada-wide alert for the man.

"He is desperate — he is facing a long term in prison," he said. "Our main concern is his rough treatment towards women."

Merrill was awaiting sentencing on five charges including sexual assault, breaking and entering, and robbery.

It was Merrill's fourth escape from prison. He escaped from Connecticut prisons in 1967 and 1968 and most recently on Aug. 23, 1987 when he scaled a fence at the state's maximum-security prison in Somers.

Merrill was recaptured last September as he worked in an apple orchard in Upper Hamstead, New Brunswick.

Merrill faces charges in Connecticut in connection with 1987

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GARDEN ARTS — Kimberly Raymond and Heather Whitford, students in the Connecticut Concert Ballet, rehearse a dance they will perform at Saturday's

Arts in the Garden, a festival to be held at the corner of Porter Street and Westminster Road. Story on page 17.

## O'Neill defends tax increase, calls it 'thing we had to do'

By Peter Viles  
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — A day after he signed a \$694 million tax increase, Gov. William A. O'Neill described the unprecedented tax hike as "one of the things we had to do" and talked confidently about running for re-election.

"Well, of course, no one wants an increase in taxes, including me," the governor told reporters Thursday at an impromptu news conference.

"But it comes a point when you have to do certain things and that was one of the things we had to do."

O'Neill, who signed the tax increase and a \$6.8 billion budget

Wednesday, defended the new taxes, saying they would help keep state programs funded and help cities and towns avoid local property tax increases.

The tax increases, effective July 1, include raising the state sales tax from 7.5 percent to 8 percent, increasing the corporate tax, and raising taxes on capital gains and dividends and interest.

As he has throughout the legislative session, O'Neill pointed to surrounding states which also face fiscal troubles this year.

"The state of Connecticut had a problem. We have resolved that problem. And no other state in the

union can say the same.

"In states surrounding us that have income taxes, for example, are founding their way along. We in Connecticut took positive action, clear direction. We've moved forward, and I think overall we did the right thing."

O'Neill also dismissed a recent poll showing a serious dip in his approval ratings, and said he still plans to seek another term in 1990.

"Well, you're never popular when you're raising taxes, and that's understandable and I understand it very thoroughly," O'Neill said.

He said he will decide whether

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## Vote valid, 8th counsel tells board

By Alex Girelli  
Manchester Herald

The election of Thomas E. Landers as president of the Eighth Utilities District was valid despite a discrepancy between the number of votes cast and the number of voters checked off on a voter list, the district's legal counsel says.

Attorney John D. LaBelle Jr. gave the opinion in a Thursday memorandum that he delivered to the president and the district Board of Directors. Landers was elected May 24 by a 7-vote margin over Gordon B. Lassow. Lassow's campaign manager, Betty Sadloski, had questioned the discrepancy.

LaBelle said in the opinion, "There is no presumption of fraud or impropriety. Even though more votes were cast than were marked on the voter list maintained at the front entrance to the auditorium, that fact alone does not establish fraud or prove that an excessive number of ballots were cast."

The narrowness of the margin of victory cannot be used in conjunction with the disparity in vote total and checkoff total to invalidate the election because no determination of who voted for which candidate is possible."

Landers beat Lassow by a vote of 137-130. A total of 569 votes were cast, but two were declared invalid. Only 257 names were checked off on the voter list.

Sadloski said today that she did not know what further steps might be taken.

"We have to see what the options are," she said.

She said she has been told by the state Elections Enforcement Division that it does not have jurisdiction over elections in taxing districts like the Eighth District.

Sadloski said, "I feel sorry that

the district would have to have a year under a clouded regime."

Landers could not be reached this morning for comment.

In his memorandum, LaBelle quotes from American Jurisprudence, a legal encyclopedia, that "A charge that illegal votes were cast in favor of a candidate is necessary and the party disputing an election has the burden of proving for which candidate the votes were cast. The candidate receiving the greater number of

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## Unemployment rate dips; job growth falls

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's unemployment rate dipped to 5.2 percent in May but — in a sign of a slowing economy — job growth fell to its lowest level in more than three years, the government said today.

The civilian jobless rate, taken from the Labor Department's monthly household survey, fell from April's 5.3 percent, in line with the expectations of analysts.

But non-farm payroll growth, taken from a separate survey of business establishments, was up by only 101,000, down from April's revised growth of 206,000 jobs. The May growth was the lowest month-to-month gain since 84,000 added payroll positions were reported in March 1988.

For the past three months, an average of only 100,000 jobs have been added to non-farm payrolls each month, down from the robust average monthly gain of 270,000 jobs reported in 1987 and 1988.

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## Challenges confront Chief Mace and his firefighting 'family'

By Alex Girelli  
Manchester Herald

Soon after John Mace and his wife, Ginette, bought their house at 104 Irving St. and moved from the south end of town, a friend approached Mace with an application to join the Eighth Utilities District Fire Department.

Mace had no experience in firefighting, but the idea of being in the volunteer fire department appealed to him.

He joined in 1976. Except for a couple of years when he dropped out to be with his young children, he remained active with the department in various capacities.

He is bound to be very busy from now on because he was appointed fire chief Jan. 1. He has taken over as fire chief at a time when the department will have to meet new challenges brought about by expansion of the district, including a giant shopping mall in Buckland and other commercial development to be protected.

There are more than 100 firefighters in the department.

with 60 or 70 of them regularly active in firefighting. Besides a training company for volunteers who are less than 20 years old, there are two companies of firefighters. The department is considering the formation of a third one when the district takes over a firehouse it will get from the town under terms of a recently approved agreement over fire protection and sanitary sewer jurisdiction.

The department has been developing specifications for a mid-sized pumper it plans to buy as a first-response truck for the new firehouse. Mace said that the department will probably also station another engine there, perhaps Engine 3, a 1960 truck now at the department's Fleming Road station.

Mace says new construction in Buckland will incorporate the latest fire-resistant materials, but the vast retail outlet will have a lot of merchandise, much of it flammable.

There will be more runs

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Patrick Flynn/Manchester Herald

HE LIKES THE CHALLENGE — John Mace has been chief of the Eighth Utilities District Fire Department since Jan. 1. He took over at a time when the

commercial development in the Buckland area will mean expanded responsibilities for the department.

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## About Town

### Cancer support offered

"United: A Group for Cancer Patients, Friends, and Families" will meet Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Manchester Memorial Hospital. The group meets regularly on the first and third Monday of each month in Conference Room C. This self-help group provides the opportunity to discuss with others feelings, attitudes, and ways of coping with the diagnosis of cancer, either as a patient, or as the loved one of a patient. For more information, call 647-4799.

### Student get-together set

There will be a get-together at Nathan Hale School Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Families are encouraged to attend, as students will be able to meet their new principal and their teachers and their classmates. Nathan Hale School is located at 160 Spruce St. Students are asked to report to the cafeteria upon arrival to receive their name tag, and then proceed to the gymnasium.

### 10th year reunion planned

The Manchester High School Class of 1979 will hold the 10th year reunion Nov. 24 at the Colony in Vernon. For more information, call Jim at 563-3896 days, Walt, 223-2869 nights, or Curt 688-4353, nights.

### Lay volunteers needed

The American Red Cross is in need of volunteers. The next lay volunteer class will be held June 15 at Connecticut Valley East headquarters, 20 Hartford Road, from 10 a.m. to noon. The health history interviewer class will be held June 21 at Nathan Hale headquarters in Vernon. For more information, call 645-5111.

### YWCA child care available

The YWCA Nutmeg branch will be accepting registrations for its Before and After School Child-care Program located at Keeney Street, Martin, Wadell and Buckley schools. Persons requiring full-time care (four or five days, morning and afternoon) may register now. Those requiring part-time childcare (one to five days, morning and/or afternoon) may register beginning June 19. All registration will be accepted in person only at the YWCA located at 78 N. Main St. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Special appointments may be arranged. A \$28 registration fee and a completed registration form are required to reserve a slot. For more information, call 647-1437.

### Grange meeting is slated

Manchester Grange will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the grange hall on Olcott Street for the election of officers. There will be an auction table.

### Verville sessions scheduled

Verville Care Centre of Rockville will offer an educational program for family members of severely mentally ill adults. The program will consist of 20 consecutive weekly sessions beginning Thursday. Location and additional information will be given at a registration interview. There will be no fee charge for the program, but the size is limited to 20 persons. For more information, and to set up a registration interview, call Tyler Beckwith or Dottie Stawasz, 871-8227.

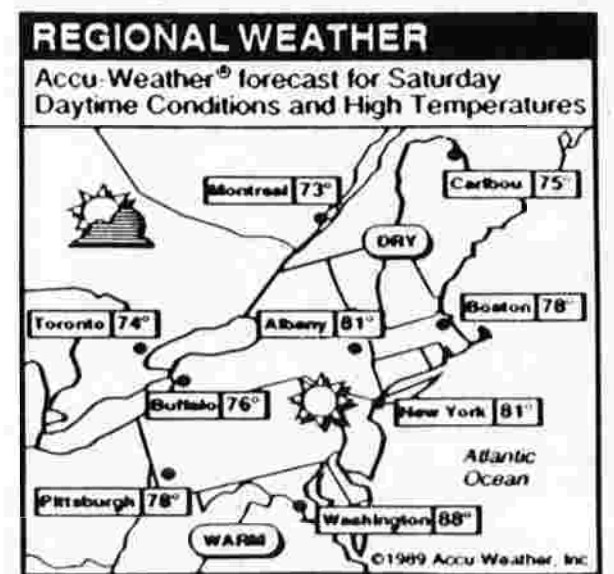
### June VBAC meeting set

The June meeting of the Vaginal Birth After Cesarean (VBAC) Information Group will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. on Salem Road in Hebron. The meetings are open to the public and provide support and information to couples who have had a cesarean birth experience and wish to have a natural birth. The group also offers a list of VBAC participating physicians and midwives and a lending library with books and cassette tapes. For more information, call Bea Art, 128-0366, or Nancy Hinchey, 376-5884, or Suzanne Vacek, 875-5466.

### Current Quotations

"We will spare no effort to achieve agreements that will reduce the risk of war and strengthen the foundations for peace." — White House press secretary Martin Fitzwater as President Bush ended a week of meeting with U.S. allies in Europe.

"The problem with loggers in Washington state is we have this lumberjack image. ... We're business people, not big, dumb oaks." — Bill Pickel, head of the Washington Contract Loggers Association, on efforts to win public support for an industry beset by environmental concerns.



**STAR ATHLETES —** Melissa Bagge and Rich Griffith, fifth-graders at Buckley School, received the Sean Prescott award for being best athletes at the school Thursday. Both will have their names engraved on the plaque they are holding.



Patricia Flynn/Manchester Herald

### Obituaries

#### Malcomb J. Dean

Malcomb J. Dean, 47, of Hartford died Wednesday (May 31, 1989) at a local hospital. He was the grandfather of George Hodge of Manchester. Besides his grandson, he is survived by two sons, Robert Dean of Hartford and John Dean of Norwich; three other grandchildren, all of Hartford; and a great-grandchild. The funeral will be Saturday at 8:15 a.m. from the DeLeon Funeral Home, 164 Main St., Hartford, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 9 a.m. at St. Peter's Church, Hartford. Burial will be in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Calling hours are today from 5 to 9 p.m.

#### Todd M. Nevius

Todd Martin Nevius, 26, of 15 Danforth Lane, Rocky Hill, died Wednesday (May 31, 1989) at home after a long illness.

#### John D. Rolston

John D. Rolston, 73, of Hobe Sound, Fla., formerly of East

Hartford, died Saturday (May 27, 1989). He was the father of John Randolph Rolston of Manchester and the brother of Inez R. Anderson of Manchester. Besides his son and sister, he is survived by a brother, Kenneth M. Nevius of Rocky Hill; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Moore of Wethersfield; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Nevius of Bridgeville, Del.; and an uncle, Neeron Cremations Services of Lake Worth, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

#### Card of Thanks

The family of Mamie Manegga wishes to thank all their family and friends for their expressions of kindness and sympathy during their recent bereavement. Special thanks to all the nurses at the Manchester Memorial Hospital third floor north, for the special care and attention that was given to our mother, Mamie. We also thank Dr. Daniel R. Tardif, Dr. Jeff Ettinger and staff, and Dr. Richard Fichman and staff.

### College Notes

#### Hancock receives award

Martin Hancock of Manchester, a member of the class of 1992 in the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, has been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship by the University of Connecticut Health Center Auxiliary. The funds will be applied to tuition and fees for the first semester of the 1989-90 academic year.

#### Business major graduates

Christine Colantoni, daughter of John Colantoni of Manchester and Mrs. Ellen Galvin of Manchester, is a recent graduate of Mitchell College, New London. She majored in business administration and earned an associate's degree in science.

#### Cole honored at Vassar

Marlene B. Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cole of Carpenter Road, a senior at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., has been elected to membership in the Vassar chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the national academic honor society. Cole graduated on Sunday.

#### Gately earns college award

Stephen P. Gately, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Gately, Cedar Mill Road, Bolton, a senior at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., has been elected to membership in the Vassar chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the national academic honor society. Gately graduated on Sunday.

### Lottery

Winning numbers drawn Thursday in New England:  
Connecticut daily: 76. Play Four: 6013.  
Massachusetts daily: 8912.  
Tri-State (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont) daily: 896, 1294.  
Rhode Island daily: 3705.  
Rhode Island Lot-O-Bucks: 12, 23, 25, 28, 35.

### Chance of storms

Manchester and vicinity: Tonight, a chance of thunderstorms early. Then partly cloudy. Low around 60. Northwest wind around 10 mph. Chance of showers 30 percent. Saturday, partly sunny. High in the middle 80s. Outlook for Sunday, fair. High around 80.

Southwest interior, coastal: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 60 to 65. Northwest wind around 10 mph. Saturday, partly sunny. High around 80. Outlook for Sunday, fair. High around 80.



Today's weather picture was drawn by Kristan Blake, 9, a fourth-grader at Bowers School.

### Police Roundup

#### Cocaine seized, 4 arrested

Members of the Tri-Town Narcotics Task Force seized 30 grams of cocaine valued at \$6,000 in Manchester Thursday evening and arrested four men in connection with the incident.

Police arrested Larry Maynes, 33, of 209 Talcottville Road, Vernon; Vincent Valentine, 25, of 28 Oakland Terrace, Hartford; Frederick Lee, 33, of 240 Mount Vernon Drive, Vernon; and James M. Connelly, 28, of 60 Turnbierbrook Drive, Vernon, at 6:15 p.m. Thursday. Lt. Orville Cleveland of the Manchester Police Department said today.

All were presented in Manchester Superior Court this morning, police said. Cleveland said police were ready to execute a search warrant at Lee's home when police saw Lee. Connelly and Maynes pull out of Lee's driveway. Police in an unmarked car followed their car to a parking lot at 179 Tolland Turnpike and watched them, Cleveland said.

Valentine pulled up next to their car and Maynes got into Valentine's car, where a transaction took place, Cleveland said. Police blocked the two cars and Valentine rammed a police car with his car, Cleveland said. Valentine got out of his car and ran a short distance before police caught him, Cleveland said.

Maynes ran across Tolland Turnpike to a parking lot and was caught by police after a brief struggle, Cleveland said.

Maynes was seen carrying a bag of cocaine during the chase but did not get it when he was caught, Cleveland said. Police found the bag, which contained 30 grams of cocaine, nearby, he said. Police also found a bag containing a half-ounce of marijuana valued at about \$100, Cleveland said.

At around 9 p.m. Thursday, police executed a search warrant at Lee's home and found scales with cocaine residue, a substance used to cut cocaine before it's sold and pieces of paper used to hold smaller amounts of cocaine for sale, Cleveland said. Valentine was charged with sale of cocaine, reckless endangerment, interfering with police, attempt to assault a police officer and second-degree criminal mischief, Cleveland said. He was held on \$50,000 cash bond.

Maynes was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell, possession of marijuana, interfering with police and attempting to destroy evidence, Cleveland said. He was held on \$50,000 cash bond.

Lee was charged with conspiracy to possess cocaine with intent to sell, Cleveland said. He was held on \$25,000 cash bond.

Connelly was charged with conspiracy to possess cocaine with intent to sell, Cleveland said. He was held on \$15,000 cash bond.

#### Chain accident damages cars

Police suspended the license of an 81-year-old Bolton man after a Thursday morning accident on Main Street in which he backed his car through an intersection and into five parked cars, police spokesman Gary J. Wood said today.

George Hawkins of 28 Hebron Road, Bolton, was charged with evading responsibility and unsafe backing, Wood said. He said Hawkins left the scene of the accident and was apprehended at the U.S. Postal Service office on Broad Street.

The accident occurred at 10 a.m. in front of the Full Gospel International Church, Inc., 745 Main St., where the five cars were parked, Wood said. He said Hawkins quickly backed his car through the Bissell Street intersection and into the cars. Hawkins told police that he got his foot caught in the carpeting around the car's accelerator, Wood said.

Because of Hawkins' age and the circumstances of the accident, police suspended his license and will have it retested to get it back, Wood said.

#### Four arrested in Coventry

COVENTRY — Four residents were arrested Thursday on charges of sexual assault and indecent exposure.

Landrie, 28, of 17 Kingswood Trail was charged with fourth-degree sexual assault and risk of injury to a minor in connection with an incident at 11 p.m. on Sunday, police said. Landrie was released on a \$1,000 non-surety bond and is scheduled to appear in Rockville Superior Court June 20, police said.

Police did not have details on Landrie's case or any of the other arrests. All of the arrests were made on warrants from Rockville Superior Court. Also arrested Thursday were Roberto Purvis, 34, of 171 Union Drive and Henry Purvis, 40, of the same address, police said. Both were charged with risk of injury to a minor and disorderly conduct in connection with an investigation that began in March, police said.

Both were released on a written promise to appear in Rockville Superior Court June 20. Police also arrested Deborah Anselmo, 31, of 117 Wampanoag Drive, on charges of disorderly conduct stemming from a May 7 incident, police said. Anselmo was released on a \$250 non-surety bond and is scheduled to appear in Rockville Superior Court June 20, police said.

#### Quiltalain deeds

Rita A. Pace to Raymond M. Pace, Lydall Woods Colonial Village, no conveyance tax.

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# LOCAL & STATE



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**SERENADE —** Members of the Silk City Chorus sing a barbershop tune for scholarship recipients Thursday at the Lowe Program Center at Manchester Community College. The chorus was one of the contributors to the Manchester Scholarship Foundation fund of \$90,000.

## Young scholars get help at ceremony

By Rick Santos  
Manchester Herald

In 1977 the Manchester Scholarship Foundation distributed about \$12,000 to help local high school graduates pay for college. On Thursday, the foundation gave out \$90,000.

"We've had a particularly successful year," said foundation President Patricia J. Ladd in her welcoming speech at the 24th annual awards ceremony held at Manchester Community College's Lowe Program Center. The organization received \$28,000 in new donations and has established four new awards, Ladd said.

Before she finished her brief speech, Ladd asked the 37 award recipients to remember the foundation, later in life, with donations.

The scholarships were presented to the Manchester and East Catholic High School graduates by William R. Johnson, one of the foundation's 24 directors and former president of the Savings Bank of Manchester. His comments induced laughter among participants and about 400 others at the ceremony.

When one of the students, Manchester High School graduate Scott Kosak, said he planned to attend Springfield College to study rehabilitation services, which includes training for drug and alcohol addiction therapy, Johnson said, "I hope we gave you a four-year scholarship because I think we're going to need a lot of people to do that."

Later, when Johnson read the name of the award donated by himself, he slipped and called it the William Johnson Memorial. After catching his mistake, he said, "Whether they're scholarship winners or not, we educate them, and we educate them well."

DiRosa said. The criteria for receiving awards are financial need, academic record, school and community activities, initiative and work experience, said Anne Beecher, co-chairwoman of the foundation's scholarship and loan committee and member of its board of directors.

Recipients must also be either residents of Manchester or those in the Project Concern program, which brings students from Hartford to the suburbs.

After the awards were presented, the Silk City Chorus, a barbershop-style singing group, performed three songs in honor of the students.

## \$5,000 pay hike is asked for 2

The Board of Directors will consider raising the maximum salary of the water operations manager and sewer operations manager by more than \$5,000 a year to compensate for increased duties.

The current salary range for both positions is \$33,984 to \$40,782 a year. The proposed increase would bring maximum salaries to \$39,082 to \$46,899 a year. Assistant Town Manager Steven R. Werber said in a May 24 memo to the directors.

The sewer operations manager has additional responsibilities for the transmission and distribution crew. The sewer operations manager's duties have increased

because of the expanded sewer treatment plant and oversight of sewer line maintenance crews. The proposed increase is the result of earlier collective bargaining with the employees' union, Civil Service Employees Affiliates Inc. Local 760, Werber said.

The pay hikes are effective July 1 and will cost about \$4,418 net a year, Werber said. The Water and Sewer divisions contingency fund will cover the increases.

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## Town commission OKs proposals for Cheney bathhouse

By Alex Girelli  
Manchester Herald

A proposal to restore the vacant Cheney Bros. bathhouse at 27 and 29 Pleasant St. to its original appearance and convert it to an office building won the unanimous support of the Cheney National Historic District Commission Thursday.

Commission members toured the old bathhouse before meeting in Probate Court to consider the proposal by the owners of the building, Kenneth Spector, Dr. William Spector and Berline S. Stoltz.

The Sectors plan to demolish a garage just east of the bathhouse to make room for parking but will use bricks from the garage to fill in a hole in the front of the bathhouse that will be created when they remove a wide door. The door was installed after the original construction in 1913.

The building measures 6,300 square feet. In another vote Thursday, the commission approved a plan for a wheelchair lift to the east side of Cheney Hall and for a wall northwest of the building to support the roof.

The Cheney Hall Foundation and the Connecticut Historical Commission have already approved the plan, which will be considered by the town Planning and Zoning Commission.

But the Cheney district commission voted against a change in lighting plans for the Kaiser Permanent health maintenance organization at 130 Hartford Road. Kaiser Permanent proposed to use three high-powered modern lights in a rear parking lot, which representatives said would be hidden from clear public view and used mostly by staff members.

The commission members voted to require the owners to use period light fixtures in all lots. That will require more lights each, which will cost at least twice as much as the modern ones.

The commission did approve a proposal to remove a wooden bridge that is part of the entrance to the HMO building so that a ramp for handicapped persons with a slight grade can be constructed. And it approved placing iron trash receptacles on the grounds.

The commission postponed action on allowing construction of a tool shed on the grounds of the Cheney Homestead on Hartford Road, until the Manchester Historical Society provides more specific information on routing the driveway to a more historically accurate location.

The proposal for the bathhouse renovation was explained by Kenneth Spector, and Dr. William Spector and Berline S. Stoltz.

They said the plan calls for windows in the building, some of which have been changed since the construction, while negotiations of the original windows.

Where new bricks, which do not match the originals in color, have been used for repair, they will be replaced with the bricks from the garage to be demolished.

Trim along the edge of the roof will also be replaced with material more historically accurate. Spector said all exterior trim in the building would be as close as possible in color to rest of the trim in the Cheney Historic District renovation.

About 22 parking spaces will be provided.

## State offers \$80,000 for downtown parcel

By Nancy Connelmon  
Manchester Herald

The state will pay \$80,000 for a strip of land needed for the Main Street reconstruction in front of the municipal parking lot at Main and Forest streets.

The parcel is about 20 feet wide and 50 feet long, Robert Huestis, budget and research officer for the town said today.

Of the total price, the state will pay \$63,000 for a 0.6-acre parcel of land and \$17,000 for 11 parking spaces that will be lost because of the taking, Huestis said.

The number of spaces in the lot will be reduced from 129 to 118. Huestis said the state will also increase the number of spaces on Main Street in front of the lot from 11 to 22. Huestis said the state will be diagonal, he said.

The lot also will be extended to the building. Huestis said the state will be a washout.

Huestis said. The Board of Directors is scheduled to vote on the state's offer Tuesday. The Parking Authority's board of directors voted to authorize Town Manager Robert B. Weiss to accept the offer, Huestis said. A May 19 memo to the directors.

The state is offering \$9 per square foot of the lot. An independent appraiser valued each square foot at \$8 to \$10. "It's (the offer) pretty much in keeping with square foot costs," Huestis said. "This lot is right on the street which increases its value."

The \$63,000 may be used as payment on a loan the Parking Authority took from the town's General Fund to buy the lot, Huestis said.

The two developers who have expressed an interest in the lot are aware that the state will take a portion of it, Huestis said. Pacitti Construction Co. of Philadelphia in February proposed building a \$15 million commercial complex on the lot.

New York developer John Finquerra and a partner have also expressed an interest in the lot. Finquerra and New York City attorney Richard Rippe have a \$1.3 million option to buy the block of stores next door.

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## LOCAL & STATE

### Sub cracks downplayed

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — An Electric Boat spokesman says a company memo overstated the seriousness of cracks in the steel hull of the fast-attack nuclear submarine Topeka.

A memo from Electric Boat to the Navy and Congress that was obtained by news organizations last week described a pair of 5-inch-long cracks as "severe." EB spokesman Neil Ruenzel said Thursday the memo was only a "draft." The Providence Journal-Bulletin reported in today's editions.

"We probably incorrectly used the word 'severe,'" Ruenzel said.

The 5-square-foot section of hull plate that contained the cracks was cut out of the submarine, Ruenzel and a Navy spokeswoman said. The cracks were the only ones discovered in the Topeka.

Electric Boat assembles submarines in Groton, Conn., from hull sections made at its Quonset Point plant in Rhode Island. The company blamed the cracks on problems with steel from Arco Inc. of Parsippany, N.J.

No problems have been reported with the hull of the Trident submarine Pennsylvania, which also is made with Arco steel, Ruenzel said.

The repair to the Topeka should not change the Sept. 30 date on which EB is scheduled to turn the sub over to the Navy, he said. The Topeka will be commissioned later this year.

### House approves ash dumps

HARTFORD (AP) — The House of Representatives has voted 102-43 to give state officials authority to oversee local objections and put ash landfills in North Haven, Montville and New Milford.

The bill, approved Thursday, goes to the Senate.

State officials have estimated the state needs 250 acres of landfill space during the next 20 years to dispose of the estimated 24 million cubic feet of ash that the state's six incinerators will generate.

Ash is currently being buried in five temporary landfills, but state officials predict they will be full within four years.

The bill does not identify the sites by name, but it is written so that only four locations in the state would comply.

The fourth, Windham, was taken out of the bill by an amendment passed Thursday. Windham is already home to an incinerator and a temporary ash landfill.

Earlier attempts at similar legislation that did not narrow down the landfill sites failed because too many lawmakers felt they might be voting for a landfill in their own district.

### Twenty protesters arrested

WETHERSFIELD (AP) — Twenty people are arrested after staging a day-long "sit-in" at U.S. Sen. Christopher J. Dodd's Connecticut office to demand that the United States cut off military aid to El Salvador.

The demonstrators entered the office building at 11:30 a.m. Thursday remained inside the office building until they were arrested by Wethersfield police around 7:30 p.m. Wethersfield police officer Frederick Lopez said.

Lopez said the protesters were arrested without incident and charged with second-degree criminal trespass. Nineteen of the protesters were released on a written promise to appear in Hartford Superior Court on June 19.

### OTB contract rejected

NEW HAVEN, CT (AP) — Employees of American Totalisator Co. who service betting equipment and computer systems in the state's Off-Track Betting program have rejected a three-year contract offer from the company, but will continue to work pending further negotiations, a union official said.

The 26 employees who staff the OTB computer center in New Haven and maintain equipment at the New Haven Teletrack and OTB outlets statewide planned to picket outside the Teletrack and the New Haven computer center after their contract expired at 12:01 a.m. today, said Dion Guthrie, business manager of Local 150 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

The workers voted 20-8 on Thursday to reject the contract.

American Totalisator has told the state Division of Special Revenue that if there is a strike the company would continue to operate the OTB computer system. OTB generates about \$10 million annually in state revenues.

Guthrie said the technical workers are presently paid \$12 an hour, and the union is asking for 80-cents-an-hour increase. The union is also asking for 10 percent annual bonuses for weekend and evening shifts. Guthrie said. He said the company has rejected all demands.

### Deficit up by \$30 million

HARTFORD (AP) — State sales tax revenues continue to slump helping push the anticipated state budget deficit to \$128 million in May, up from the April estimate of \$97.9 million, the governor's budget chief, Anthony V. Milano, said.

The \$25 million dip in sales tax receipts was partially offset by a \$10 million increase in corporations taxes and a \$10 million jump in the capital gains, interest and dividends taxes. Milano said Thursday.

The inheritance and estate tax was down by \$3 million, while tax refunds were up by \$5 million.

In addition, the "lapse" — money budgeted but not yet spent — was reduced by \$15 million from last month's estimate of \$170 million. In other words, \$15 million more will be spent than last anticipated.

Milano said the deficit would be covered by the \$130 million left in the state's budget reserve, or rainy day fund.

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# NATION & WORLD



THE CHAMP — Scott Isaac, 14, of Littleton, Colo., holds aloft his trophy Thursday after winning the 62nd National Spelling Bee in Washington. At left is William Burleigh, of Scripps-Howard, sponsor of the event.

## Spelling bee champ made right choice: It's s-p-o-l-l-i-a-t-o-r

By W. Dale Nelson  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In January, Scott Isaac started studying 104 dictionary words a day, the number he could fit on a piece of computer paper. It paid off.

Thursday, Scott, a 14-year-old eighth grader from Littleton, Colo., won the 62nd National Spelling Bee in a speldown with Ojas Tejani, 12, a sixth grader from Hixson, Tenn.

They were the last survivors of a record 222 local and regional bee winners who were in the field when the national competition started on Wednesday.

The final word was "spoliator." Scott said he had studied the word, which means a spoiler, and the only thing that made him hesitate over it was whether it ended with "er" or "or."

He made the right choice, and tonight will collect \$1,500 at a prize banquet. Ojas will get \$1,000, and others will receive smaller prizes.

Scott flew to New York Thursday night to appear today on ABC's "Good Morning America."

He was also invited today to meet with Vice President Dan Quayle, along with all of the bee contestants from Quayle's home state of Indiana.

He is the 30th male champion or co-champion of the national bee. Girls have won the crown 35 times.

This was his third time in national competition. Altogether, starting in the fourth grade, he has competed in 15 local, regional and national bees and has won

eight of them.

In 1987 he placed 41st in the national competition, misspelling peitacine, which means relating to parrots. In 1988, he flunked telecephalon, a subdivision of the forebrain.

"I might be into words when I get older, or I might become a pilot," he told reporters. He said he is thinking of trying for the Air Force Academy or going to San Jose State College after high school, but first he would like to be on the staff of the National Spelling Bee.

Both Scott and Ojas are engineers' sons. Bud Isaac is an oil engineer in Denver and Indian-born Vinay Tejani is a chemical engineer. The boys' mothers list their occupations as homemaker.

Scott attends Kent Denver Country Day School and Ojas goes to St. Nicholas School in Chattanooga.

Ojas said he studied from 40 minutes to as much as 3½ or 4 hours a day in preparation for the competition.

In the final rounds, Ojas correctly spelled "sponaceous," an adjective for something resembling soap, and Scott countered with the correct spelling of "ideaphoria," which is a capacity for creative thought or imagination.

Both spellers missed "pasiography," which means an artificial international written language. Ojas then missed the next word, "senescing," which means growing old.

Scott spelled the word correctly and under contest rules had to spell the next word correctly, which he did.

## Chinese students in new protest

By Jim Abrams  
The Associated Press

BEIJING — Hundreds of students today burned copies of an official newspaper to vent their anger over the increased government condemnation of the democratic reform movement in communist China.

Earlier in the day, about 1,000 helmeted soldiers jogged near Tiananmen Square in the latest government ploy to intimidate the students, who have been staging anti-government protests since mid-April.

In Nanjing, about 400 students from universities there began walking toward Beijing, 1,000 miles to the north, to add their support to the pro-democracy movement.

An American student in Nanjing said the Chinese were inspired by the U.S. civil rights movement and its marches on

Selma, Ala., and Washington.

The demonstration by about 500 students outside the office of the Beijing Daily came as activists defied the fourth week of their defiant occupation of Tiananmen Square.

"Rip it up and burn it!" shouted students crammed into a narrow lane outside the paper's gate as they threw dozens of copies of the daily into a bonfire.

The students were particularly incensed by an article in Thursday's edition claiming dissension among different factions directing the movement.

The Beijing Daily, which is controlled by the city Communist Party, is known for its hard-line views.

In Tiananmen Square, about 10,000 students were massed today in defiance of martial law orders to move. Up to 200,000 students have occupied the square, the symbolic heart of

China, since they launched their protests six weeks ago.

Four people, including Taiwan singer Hsu Te-chien, today began a hunger strike on the martyrs' monument in the square in the latest activity to draw attention to the democracy movement. Hsu defected to China six years ago.

Several hundred people gathered around the green canvas tent, pitched under a sign reading "No other choice."

The hunger strikers inside pledged not to eat for 72 hours. The other three fasters were two university students and a computer company employee.

The People's Liberation Army troops ran out of a nearby train station and through the surrounding neighborhood today before they returned to their camp, about a mile from the square.

It was the third straight day that troops have appeared on city streets, reinforcing government

pronouncements that the army is poised to carry out Premier Li Peng's order of martial law for Beijing.

Chinese sources said factories and work places were also ordering workers to participate in a pro-government march today through central Beijing. Several sources said workers were being paid \$2.70 and were given bread and eggs to join the rally.

The propaganda blitz against the students even reached the storefront of the American fast-food restaurant Kentucky Fried Chicken near Tiananmen. A large banner outside the restaurant read, "Maintain stability and unity. Protect order in the capital."

The students, who have gained considerable support from ordinary citizens, are demanding more democracy, an end to corruption among officials, and a dialogue with the government.

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## Mystery ends without a solution

By Royner Pike  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — It was like plowing through a whodunit that took five years to read and finding out there was no last page.

A \$500,000 treasure hunt that drew lovers of mystery and money ended last week with no payoff — and no solution.

No one has been able to decipher the code that leads to a fortune promised in the story titled "Treasure: In Search of the Golden Horse." The yarn was released in 1984 as a book, videotape and laser disc.

The book and film project was developed on the heels of such best sellers as "Masquerade," which offered prizes to readers who solved the mystery.

Readers and viewers of "Treasure" had until midnight May 26 to figure out the clues, go to the site and dig up the treasure, a small statue of a horse made with a kilogram of pure gold. Inside the statue is a key to a safe-deposit box containing an annuity that will pay \$25,000 a year for 20 years.

According to the book, the trove is hidden in a public place accessible round-the-clock somewhere in the United States.

It was the third straight day that, declared Thomas Conlon, one of three people who knows the solution.

Conlon, president of D.L. Blair, a sales promotion company that conducts contests for large corporations, acknowledged Thursday that his offices have been besieged by callers who had tried for years to figure out where the golden horse was stashed. But he said:

"There was no promise, no suggestion, in the sponsor's advertising or in the products that the sponsor produced that said non-winners would ever get the solution. The only thing we can do is follow the rules exactly to the letter."

In most national contests, names of winners are announced but not their submissions, according to professionals in the field.

With "Treasure," the rules said the prize, if unfound, goes to a charity and all the public is entitled to know is which charity.

The charity is Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America.

David Davison, assistant executive director of the Philadelphia-based youth service organization, said an official of the charity would dig up the golden horse this summer.

Besides physically unearthing the horse, the charity official must agree never to reveal where it had been buried, Conlon said.

The other people who know the secret are Sheldon Renan, a Los Angeles-based writer who developed the project and wrote the story of the treasure hunt, and Paul Hoffman, who constructed the codes and clues.

## Community aids mutilated boy

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — A 7-year-old boy mutilated in a sexual attack is acting as if nothing is wrong after his release from the hospital; he wants to return to school and get a new Nintendo game, his mother says.

People shocked by the attack have donated about \$200,000 to help the boy resume a normal life.

"It's a miracle," Helen Harlow, the child's mother, said Wednesday after he was released from Mary Bridge's Hospital.

The fact that he's healing so rapidly and that his spirits are so high and that the trauma doesn't seem to have made any kind of mental block is something else," she said in an interview with KING-TV in Seattle.

He was raped and choked May 20 by a man who lured him into the woods while the boy was riding his bike. The child's penis was cut off in the attack.

Carl Kenneth Shriver, who authorities said has a history of violence against young people, has been charged in the assault.

Ms. Harlow said her son, who has a different last name, is eager to resume a normal life and wants to go back to school.

"He's not looking at this as a problem. He's just looking at it as how it is and now let's get on with life. Where's the next Nintendo game?" I needed Zeld One, not Zeld Two."

Ms. Harlow added that she wants to do what she can "to make sure this kind of thing never happens again and to thank everybody that's been so wonderful."

Officials said Wednesday that people have donated \$200,000 to a trust fund and the hospital waived \$12,000 in bills. In addition, the state Crime Victim Compensation fund most likely will pay up to \$150,000 for his remaining medical and counseling bills.

The state pays up to that amount for anyone who is an innocent victim of a felony or gross misdemeanor, said Mark McDermott, who administers the program.

The boy's mother has said neither she nor his father have medical insurance to cover the child.

Police Detective Stan Mowre, who led the fund-raising effort, said details of how the "Community Cares Trust Fund" will be administered are being worked out. But he said, "All moneys will go for expenditure of the boy for education and medical bills."

Just how much the boy's medical and counseling care will cost over his lifetime remains a big question. Doctors say the boy will need reconstructive surgery to rebuild his penis, and he already has begun seeing a mental health counselor.

Throughout the state, people have dug into their pockets at Elks meetings, grocery stores and taverns to help. Mail stuffed with letters, checks and cash has arrived by the bucket at Pacific First Federal Savings Bank's James Center branch, said manager Jim Bichel.

The mail run peaked Tuesday when the bank received 1,369 checks and letters, said Debbie Anderson, personal banking representative. There also have been two offers of computers and a trip to Disneyland.

"It's a kind of fun," Bichel said. "There's a sense of unity among the staff to get it done for him."

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# OPINION

## Take a look at format of meetings

Republican Director Ronald Osella has raised questions about the format of the meetings of the Board of Directors and those questions deserve some consideration.

When the directors decided to hold two meetings a month normally instead of one, they did so to avoid having to deliberate on important policy matters at late hours after fatigue had set in. That was a good decision.

When the directors depart from that procedure and do all of their business in a single meeting, they defeat themselves.

They also force citizens who want to speak to them about matters not on the agenda for that evening to remain at the meeting until very late.

Osella's objection to that is right. The directors should not be meeting late into the night and citizens should not be kept waiting a long time for the opportunity to talk to the board on matters within the board's jurisdiction but not on the meeting agenda.

Osella also argues that the directors should be using the format they adopted for a two-meeting procedure and not the older one devised for a single meeting.

That two-meeting format provides an opportunity for comment from the public at every meeting on matters not on the agenda.

Granted, the board should be using whatever meeting format it has adopted for use, but the second opportunity for general public comment seems to be unnecessary.

One public forum a month is enough. There are many opportunities for the citizens to communicate with directors, individually and as a group.

There are regularly scheduled sessions at which any citizen can speak to a director assigned to listen. It is not difficult to write to the board of directors, or to phone them.

The directors are not remote from anyone who wants to communicate with them.



By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

## Open Forum

### John Sullivan: prince among men

To the Editor:

Someone once said, "If you want something accomplished, ask a busy man." That man in Manchester is John Sullivan.

John has been involved with the Leukemia Society of America for almost 20 years as a trustee, large contributor and chairman of the Manchester area Celebrity Walter Watness Luncheon. He has always been there when we needed him and never said no to any of our requests.

This year's was the most successful luncheon to date, raising over \$10,000 with 200 people in attendance. This money will directly aid patients with leukemia and related diseases in the Manchester area. Sullivan is to be commended for his dedication to the Leukemia Society, his community spirit and his loyal following of friends.

With Brad Davis of WDRM radio acting as master of ceremonies, Julie Tashjian, secretary of the state, as hostess, and Connecticut first lady Nikki O'Neill as the head waitress, the cadre of waiters and waitresses was led by Joyce Epstein in her Century 21 cheerleading outfit. They were joined by Jane Brown, Ed Boland, Joanne McCarthy, Tim Berg, Bill O'Neill, Cynthia Berowitz, Willie Pep, Mary Heslin, Frank DeLucca, Mary Ellen Klinek, Tom Tierney, Yasha Escalera, Mike Guay and Mike Adams of Channel 3.

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## CARROT AND STICK...



## Who's liable in liability lottery?

By Walter R. Means

WASHINGTON — It's the bizarre lawsuits that get the attention — the man who sued the subway for his injuries in a suicide attempt, the woman who claimed damages from a bourbon-maker saying the whiskey she drank caused birth defects, the bride-to-be who collected from an amusement park for injuries suffered when her fiancé banged his bumper car into hers.

But the impact of a costly and often capricious liability system goes far deeper. Critics call it a liability lottery. Business leaders warn that it is a brake on the economy and it puts U.S. firms at a disadvantage in world markets.

The Committee for Economic Development, an organization of business leaders and educators, says high insurance costs, increasing legal fees and court judgments are only a fraction of the real cost of the liability system. It argues the system produces higher prices, keeps goods and services from the consumer and discourages innovation.

It seems almost everybody sues for almost anything these days. Business would like to see changes in the liability system, a system that has moved gradually away from one in which the plaintiff had to prove negligence or fault to recover. Now, some argue, it is one of strict liability against product manufacturers, doctors, accountants, lawyers, even clergymen.

One objective of the system is supposed to be to deter liability by

making the party responsible pay, sometimes heavily. The advocates of change say that isn't working.

They say imposing liability against defendants who have taken reasonable precautions can undermine the incentive for all manufacturers to be careful. If they're going to lose anyway, extra care doesn't pay.

The safest way out is to withdraw a product or service that has been involved in a liability award. One manufacturer decided not to market an asbestos substitute because of the risk of lawsuits. The Conference Board, a business group, surveyed corporate chief executives and found nearly half of their firms had dropped products and nearly 40 percent had withheld new ones because of liability risks.

The CED is urging a uniform federal product liability standard, to replace a system built around court decisions and widely varied state laws.

In a policy study it has just published, that group urged a return to a system of liability "based on some notion of fault or responsibility for harm." It says punitive damages, which often represent the big money in the liability system, are limited and ordered only in cases of willful misconduct.

Businessmen seldom are fans of government regulation, but the liability crisis has changed some attitudes. Compared with the lawsuits of the past decade or so, the regulators are starting to look good.

As a result, strengthened and binding health and safety regulation

by the government is one of the cornerstones of the drive for an overhaul of the liability process.

Would-be reformers want more explicit regulation for health and safety. The tradeoff proposed in the CED study would be to have government regulatory approval supplant and preempt liability lawsuits.

That would apply only to design or labeling rules explicitly approved by the government. It wouldn't cover defective products or cases in which a manufacturer broke the rules to get regulatory approval.

So far, efforts to replace the system with one of uniform federal rules have run into the potent opposition of trial lawyers. Consumer activists are wary of limits or restrictions on damages. So change won't come easily.

But the CED study argues persuasively that it's going to take some kind of reform to create a more rational process.

It cites the case of a drug for morning sickness, later alleged to cause birth defects although there was no evidence of a link in scientific studies. In 17 lawsuits, the manufacturer won 12, the Reagan administration sued to prevent the drug from being marketed. A Massachusetts judge dismissed one case for lack of evidence. A District of Columbia judge said the case was a jury, which awarded the plaintiff \$20 million.

Walter R. Means, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 25 years.

### Where's incentive for the workers?

To the Editor:

In every job you usually have an incentive or goal. In this day and age, to find a good-paying job to support a family is hard. The paycheck may be great, but let us look at other benefits that are lacking. You, the employee, are just as human as those for whom you're caring for. The adrenaline has reached its peak, causing further stress and strain on the job. Somehow we're "committed" to the needs of the superiors but it also should be vice versa.

Short-term disability is a nice achievement, if given. Take, for example, an employee who had a sudden illness or accident. Their sick time has been drained to nothing, leaving only their vacation and personal time left. The employee is forced into choosing the option or facing the other option which is no paycheck. This causes the employee, ill or injured, to come back to work literally by force. The reason for other choice but to come back to work is as follows: no sick time, personal time or vacation, and last but not least, no short-term disability. To work for a place without these options can put a damper on working hard or cause a lack of any interest in working there at all.

For the employee, paranoia settles in due to no backing or support on their records as well as from the working office. So instead of enjoying their job they realize the hassles of trying to keep well for their own benefit later on. Manchester Memorial Hospital has realized that for continuous employment and incentives other than a good paycheck, there are other benefits to consider. One of them is short-term disability.

The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few or the one.

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Emotions mixed as doctor retires

To the Editor:

Upon reading of your retirement in the Herald, I have mixed emotions. You

Dr. Frank H. Horton

Upon reading of your retirement in the Herald, I have mixed emotions. You

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## Holding up the aid to Nicaragua

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — The Bush White House is touting a kinder, gentler attitude toward Nicaragua. But behind the scenes the administration has found a new way to wage a covert campaign against the Sandinistas — by bullying international banks that are supposed to be aloof from politics.

Representatives from several countries gathered in Stockholm last month to talk about aid for Nicaragua. The Sandinista government, never a model of fiscal responsibility, was knocked to its knees by the damage from Hurricane Joan last October and needs help from outsiders.

Not only did the Bush administration shut the meeting, it urged other countries not to go. And knowledgeable sources claim the White House pressured the independent World Bank and International Development Bank to stay home too. Both banks, based in Washington, D.C., were invited to attend as observers. They loan money to foreign governments.

At the Stockholm conference were surprised when the World Bank did not send a representative. There have been sizeable fires in national parks and forests already this spring in a number of states including Texas, Florida, Wyoming and Colorado.

Summer fire conditions "are being watched very closely," said George Berkley, a spokesman for the National Park Service. He added, however, that climate and other conditions give no suggestion that the fire season will be anywhere near as devastating as last year.

The task force, which was called to review federal fire management policies after last summer's fires at Yellowstone, had concluded that there are environmental benefits to allowing controlled fires, but that greater assurances must be shown that a fire cannot get out of control before it is allowed to burn.

Latin American watchdogs say the real victims of the political game-playing are Nicaragua's poor people, especially those living along the hurricane-ravaged Atlantic coast.

The Council on Hemispheric Affairs, a human rights group specializing in Latin American affairs, claims that by pressuring the banks Bush is merely "continuing the Reagan approach of unrelenting hostility toward Nicaragua." World Bank officials initially agreed to attend the meeting on the condition that Nicaragua's past bad debts would be discussed but not forgiven.

Schools turning out extremely high percentages of delinquent borrowers will face an escalating series of corrective and punitive actions under new regulations announced Thursday by Education Secretary Lauro Cavazos.

Cavazos also said his department will take administrative steps and submit a package of legislative proposals to Congress as part of a strategy to ease the default problem, which is expected to cost taxpayers \$1.8 billion this fiscal year.

"There are some unscrupulous and uncaring institutions out there who are taking advantage of a program designed to help our students, not financially shackle them," Cavazos said. He said such schools "promise to educate but deliver only a debt."

The prime targets of the crackdown are for-profit vocational schools which have an average default rate of 40 percent, compared to 20 percent for community colleges and about 10 percent for other types of institutions. The top 10 schools on a list released by the department were all trade schools with default rates topping 40 percent.

Officers of two major proprietary school associations called the Cavazos approach definitely preferable to the plan advanced a year ago by his predecessor, William Bennett.

Bennett's plan called for punitive proceedings against all schools with default rates above 20 percent. Cavazos said that would have affected 2,500 schools and been impossible for the department to administer.

Under his approach, schools must have default rates over 40 percent to trigger proceedings to limit, suspend or terminate their participation in the huge student loan program. Those at 40 to 60 percent will have to reduce their rate by 5 percent a year to avoid triggering the proceedings. The system takes effect Jan. 1, 1991.

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## NATION & WORLD

### Pope assails materialism

TRONDHEIM, Norway (AP) — Pope John Paul II today called on Roman Catholics and Protestants in Europe to fight the forces of materialism that he said threatened individualism and their freedoms.

On the second day of a five-nation tour of Scandinavia, a stronghold of Lutheranism, John Paul traveled north to this fjord city of 135,000 people where less than 1 percent of the residents are Catholics.

The papal tour of Scandinavia opened Thursday with a frank exchange between the pope and Norway's top Lutheran bishop, who urged the Roman Catholic leader to view Scandinavia's dominant religion as an equal.

The five-country, 10-day tour is the first ever by a pope to this region, where the Protestant Reformation vanquished Catholicism four centuries ago.

With only 200,000 Catholics in the five countries, or less than 1 percent of the population, the pope's visit was a surprise. The pope's trip was also a surprise to the local population, which has been used to seeing him only on television.

Scandinavian attitudes also contrast with Rome on issues such as abortion, contraception and divorce, all prohibited by church teaching.

### Fire control is ordered

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Interior Department is ordering strict fire control for national parks and wilderness areas, saying last summer's "let it burn" policy was "impractical and unprofessional."

A joint directive, embracing a task force report, was issued Thursday by Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan and Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter, whose department has jurisdiction over national forests.

There have been sizeable fires in national parks and forests already this spring in a number of states including Texas, Florida, Wyoming and Colorado.

Summer fire conditions "are being watched very closely," said George Berkley, a spokesman for the National Park Service. He added, however, that climate and other conditions give no suggestion that the fire season will be anywhere near as devastating as last year.

The task force, which was called to review federal fire management policies after last summer's fires at Yellowstone, had concluded that there are environmental benefits to allowing controlled fires, but that greater assurances must be shown that a fire cannot get out of control before it is allowed to burn.

### Student loan payments sought

By Jill Lawrence  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An Education Department crackdown on schools with soaring loan default rates is drawing praise from lawmakers and passing moral blame from the trade schools that will be most affected by the more stringent policies.

Schools turning out extremely high percentages of delinquent borrowers will face an escalating series of corrective and punitive actions under new regulations announced Thursday by Education Secretary Lauro Cavazos.

Cavazos also said his department will take administrative steps and submit a package of legislative proposals to Congress as part of a strategy to ease the default problem, which is expected to cost taxpayers \$1.8 billion this fiscal year.

"There are some unscrupulous and uncaring institutions out there who are taking advantage of a program designed to help our students, not financially shackle them," Cavazos said. He said such schools "promise to educate but deliver only a debt."

The prime targets of the crackdown are for-profit vocational schools which have an average default rate of 40 percent, compared to 20 percent for community colleges and about 10 percent for other types of institutions. The top 10 schools on a list released by the department were all trade schools with default rates topping 40 percent.

Officers of two major proprietary school associations called the Cavazos approach definitely preferable to the plan advanced a year ago by his predecessor, William Bennett.

Bennett's plan called for punitive proceedings against all schools with default rates above 20 percent. Cavazos said that would have affected 2,500 schools and been impossible for the department to administer.

Under his approach, schools must have default rates over 40 percent to trigger proceedings to limit, suspend or terminate their participation in the huge student loan program. Those at 40 to 60 percent will have to reduce their rate by 5 percent a year to avoid triggering the proceedings. The system takes effect Jan. 1, 1991.

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### Prime minister approved

TOKYO (AP) — Parliament today approved Sosuke Uno as prime minister, and he pledged reforms to clear the air of an influence-peddling scandal that has decimated the top ranks of the governing Liberal Democratic Party.

The 66-year-old former foreign minister also spoke out against the United States, saying Washington's use of its new trade law to force concessions from Japan was "like negotiating with your fists up."

The conservative party was to get new leaders and a new cabinet was to be installed in an effort to wipe the state clean of the Recruit Co. scandal before an election for the upper house of Parliament, expected within two months.

The scandal surfaced a year ago, ruined many careers and forced Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, 65, to resign and take responsibility for a widespread loss of trust in politics.

### Friends mourn farmer

GREENFIELD, Iowa (AP) — Dixon Terry, a defender of family farms who became a powerful Democratic politician, died doing what he loved — working the fields, friends said at his funeral.

About 1,000 mourners, including the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, filled Greenfield United Methodist Church on Thursday. The crowd overflowed to the lawn outside. Tears flowed freely.

"He parted doing a good thing, with his shoes on," said Jackson. "No man conquered Dixon Terry."

Terry, 39, died Sunday after falling on his way to work outside his home in Iowa. He was struck by lightning while riding on a hay rack and died on a rolling hill where the view extends for miles.

### Fight shapes up over pill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Both sides in the abortion battle are squaring off over a "morning after" abortion pill that is available in France but not in the United States.

Officials of National Right to Life said they are prepared to encourage a boycott of products distributed by an abortion affiliate of the French manufacturer of the pill if there is an attempt to license the drug in the United States.

On the other side, leaders of the National Organization for Women and the Fund for the Feminist Majority call such tactics "medical censorship." They say the drug is safe and that federal health officials and commercial drug companies to start American testing of the abortion pill.

The drug, called RU486, is now being used for about 15 percent of the elective abortions in France and is being studied for use in the United States. RU486 has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for distribution in the United States.

The president arranged separate meetings Monday with the cabinet and with Democratic and Republican congressional leaders to assess the results of a week-long tour of Rome by the president.

Bush called Mrs. Thatcher a prime minister "who holds the reins of history."

He noted "it was in this very city that a little more than a year ago King Martin Luther King Jr. was shot and killed, leaving behind ideas that were to bear his name."

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