



FREDERICK MERRILL ... manhunt is over

Merrill recaptured in Canada

By Maureen Leavitt
Manchester Herald
and The Associated Press

Frederick Merrill, one of the most wanted men in North America, was captured early today after a break-in at a suburban Toronto house, Canadian authorities said. The capture ended an intensive manhunt that began May 31 when Merrill, 42, broke out of Toronto's Don Jail, apparently by scaling a 12-foot barbed-wire fence, running across a roof and climbing down a drain pipe 50 feet to the ground.

Merrill, formerly of Tolland, had been awaiting sentencing for sexually assaulting a 15-year-old girl and beating another woman. He had also been convicted of several burglaries in the Toronto area and was facing three life sentences. Merrill was awaiting trial in the 1987 rape and beating of a South Windsor woman when he escaped from the Somers state prison on Aug. 23, 1987. Merrill eluded capture for 13 months before being arrested in an apple orchard in New Brunswick on Sept. 23, 1988. The May 31 escape was the

fourth time Merrill had escaped from jail since 1967. The three earlier escapes were from Connecticut prisons. Jill Johnson, a constable for the Peel Regional Police in Ontario, said Merrill was arrested at about 3 a.m. today during a house burglary in the city of Brampton, Ontario, about 20 miles west of Toronto. A number of early-morning break-ins in the residential area where Merrill was captured had been reported and items such as clothing and foodstuffs were taken, said Superintendent George Thompson of the 53th

division of the Toronto Metro Police. Early today, called police after she said he had woken up to find someone leaving her bedroom. Police responded and searched yards in the neighborhood. One officer discovered a patio door leading into another home open, and heard someone inside, Thompson said. The officer discovered a man in the house and called for assistance. A fight began between officers and the man and a butcher knife fell from the man's clothing, Thompson said.

Once he was handcuffed and in custody, police found a quantity of foodstuffs on the man. The man identified himself as Rejan Pelletier of Mississauga, Ontario. Later he was identified as Merrill by Sgt. John Murray and Constable Robert Byrnes, the Toronto detectives who have been leading the manhunt for the escaped convict. Merrill is scheduled to appear in College Park Court in Metro Park, Toronto, and will be remanded back into custody in a See MERRILL, page 12

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Price jumps put inflation above 1988

By Nancy Benoc
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumer prices rose a sharp 0.6 percent in May, pushed up by strong increases in food and gasoline costs, the government said today. The rise in the Consumer Price Index, the government's primary gauge of inflation at the retail level, followed an even stronger 0.7 percent April increase that was the largest jump in more than two years, the Labor Department reported.

During the first five months of the year, consumer prices rose at an annual rate of 6.7 percent, a significantly faster pace than the 4.4 percent price increases registered in 1987 and 1988. Inflation at the wholesale level has been even stronger, rising at an annual rate of 8.4 percent so far this year.

"Reports of inflation's demise have been grossly exaggerated," said economist David Berson of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. "The core rate doesn't appear to have subsided and, with the economy running close to full employment, will edge up as the year goes on."

Despite the persistently strong price increases, some other analysts believe inflation now may begin to level off and that it could start to drop again late this year. "It's not a good report, but we can look forward to a plateauing of this increase," said Stacy

Kottman, research director at the Economic Forecasting Center at Georgia State University. "In the last half of 1989, the (inflation) range will come down."

Today's report will be closely scrutinized by the Federal Reserve Board, which last week slightly eased its grip on the money supply in the belief that the slowing economy will help to tame inflation.

Analysts believe the central bank will wait for further evidence that inflation is under control before it eases any more. In May, the overall inflation rate was heavily influenced by a 1 percent increase in energy costs. These costs had shot up 5.1 percent in April, when there was an all-time record increase in gasoline prices of 11.4 percent. Last month's increase in gasoline costs was a still-strong 3.9 percent, which accounted for about one-fourth of the overall increase in the CPI for May.

Food and beverage prices, meanwhile, increased 0.6 percent last month after rising 0.5 percent in April. The May increase included a sharp 3.2 percent jump in prices for fruits and vegetables. Beef prices rose 0.5 percent and poultry prices 2.2 percent.

Excluding the volatile food and energy categories, other consumer prices rose 0.5 percent in May, up from a 0.2 percent increase in April. Many analysts

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Bolton board orders report from principal

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

BOLTON — High school Principal Joseph Fleming has until September to submit a plan to the Board of Education to correct deficiencies found by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

The board, meeting at Bolton Center School, requested the report in a 5-0 vote Thursday night.

The plan must be submitted to the association by Oct. 1. A report issued last month by a visiting committee of the association said the school could lose its accreditation if improvements were not made in facilities, curriculum, and methods of measuring student performance. Fleming was invited to appear

before the school board to discuss the accreditation association's evaluation of his school.

He told the board that he realized problems exist in the school, but he said he wanted to emphasize to the board and the audience of about 50 people that, "Make no mistake about it, the curriculum at Bolton High School is strong."

The principal concluded his evaluation of the school by refuting an accusation in the report that he is more concerned with "student control" rather than "student learning."

He said he has worked hard for 14 years creating an atmosphere in which teachers are able to teach and students are able to learn. At this point, the audience applauded loudly.

During discussion of the report and its findings, Democratic board member John T. Muro said he agreed with many of the criticisms found in the report including one that says, "Issues of curriculum, instruction, and student learning are more important causes of the disaffection between the board and the principal."

Republican board members Michael L. Parsons and Thomas A. Manning, School Superintendent Richard E. Packman, and

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THREE WISE WOMEN — Manchester High School graduates Penny Parent, left, Amy Kelliker, center, and Kim Fowler talk Thursday before Manchester High

School's 96th commencement. Diplomats were given to 454 members of the class of 1989. More pictures on pages 6 and 12.



JACOB LUTES III ... last MHS ceremony

Pride mixes with sadness as 454 plus 1 leave MHS

By Nancy Conzelman
Manchester Herald

Manchester High School's 96th commencement Thursday marked an end and a beginning for 454 people — plus one.

Feelings of pride were mixed with sadness when seniors gathered one last time as the class of 1989 and Principal Jacob Ludes III gave his 11th and final address to Manchester High School graduates.

Ludes will leave Manchester to become superintendent of schools in Montville Aug. 1.

Thursday evening's ceremony was bittersweet for Ludes, who saw his son James graduate. James said after the ceremony that having his father as principal

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was "a very interesting experience."

He said he tried not to be a liaison between his father and the students.

"I was trying to be myself, Jim Ludes," he said.

"I'm very proud of James and I'm proud of so many people in the class of 1989," Jacob Ludes said after the ceremony. "It's been an exceptional class."

Ludes cited the accomplishments of some individual class members from elementary school through high school during his brief introductory speech.

"Clearly we have been impressed by the class of 1989," he

said. "You have been bright, supportive of one another and spirited ..."

James P. Kennedy, Manchester school superintendent, congratulated graduates and parents.

"A little bit of heart-felt thanks to Mr. Ludes for 11 years of great leadership at the high school," Kennedy added.

The graduates and nearly 2,000 parents, friends and family members burst into deafening applause and gave Ludes a standing ovation.

"Way to go, Ludes!" a graduate yelled.

The walls of the gymnasium reverberated with yells and applause throughout the hourlong

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Jack Hunter, contractor, dies at 66

Jack R. Hunter, former president of Jack R. Hunter Inc., a general contracting firm, and former chairman of the board of trustees of Manchester Memorial Hospital, died today at Hartford Hospital after a prolonged illness. He was 66 years old.

Hunter, who lived in Boynton Beach, Fla., retired in 1988 from his professional and hospital positions.

Hunter was appointed to the board of incorporators of Manchester Memorial Hospital in 1987 and immediately became a member of the building committee. He was elected to the board of trustees in 1986 when he became chairman of the building committee, a position he held until 1982. He served as vice president of the board from 1974 to 1982 and chairman of the board from 1982 until 1985. He oversaw the expansion of the physical plant of the institution

throughout all his years of service until his retirement.

Hunter's contribution to Manchester Memorial Hospital was lauded today by hospital leaders.

"Jack Hunter's passing was a loss for the hospital and the community. We have lost not only a leader but a good friend," said Michael Gallacher, hospital president.

"Jack Hunter has been a mainstay of this hospital since his initial involvement in 1987 when he became an active member of the building committee. Every new building project the hospital has undertaken since then bears his imprint and has benefited from his expertise and involvement. But buildings alone do not make a hospital, and Jack Hunter was very supportive of the programs that went into the buildings, notably the expansion of our mental health

service into a broad-based community service," Gallacher said.

William R. Johnson, who succeeded Hunter as chairman of the hospital board of trustees, agreed that Hunter was instrumental in the expansion of the hospital, both in the physical plant and in services.

"He was a real force in the hospital and the community. His death is a real loss," said Johnson, retired president of the Savings Bank of Manchester.

Thomas F. Ferguson, who has the longest term of service as a hospital trustee, said, "In the history of Manchester Memorial Hospital few people have contributed as much as Jack R. Hunter. His unstinting gift of time and expertise has made Manchester Hospital one of the outstanding small-city

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About Town

Learn public speaking skills

Toastmasters International will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Community Baptist Church, 585 E. Center St. The group helps people to develop and improve speaking and presentation skills, better listening talents and strong leadership skills. For more information, call 646-7971.

KoC meeting Monday

The board of directors of Campbell Council, Knights of Columbus, will hold its annual summons meeting Monday at 8 p.m. at the council home. All council members are invited to attend.

Overeaters get help

Are you addicted to food? Overeaters Anonymous meets at First Baptist Church, 240 Hilltown Road, every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 1 p.m. and Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. There are no dues or fees. Everyone who wants to stop overeating is welcome. For more information, call 524-4544.

Watercolors are exhibited

The public is invited to an exhibit of watercolor paintings by Beverly Kaiser and her students at her home, 22 Elizabeth St., Ellington, Tuesday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. One of Kaiser's limited-edition prints will be given as a door prize.

Sign up for fall craft fair

Applications are now being accepted for the sixth annual Manchester Community College Alumni Association Craft Fair. More than 45 booths, spaces, 8 by 10 feet, are available for \$30 each. Crafts must be handmade. The fair will be held Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lowe Program Center. For more information, call 647-6137.

Business women to meet

The American Business Women's Association, Robin Chapter, will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday at the Holiday Inn, 363 Roberts St., East Hartford. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Susan Ferguson, president, will preside over the meeting. For more information, call Mary Clemente, 569-0113.

Students to go abroad

The Manchester Chapter of American Field Service held a potluck supper June 7, during which members wished participants of the "Americans Abroad" program good luck on their summer exchanges. Five students from Manchester High School will be spending their summer abroad. They are Mark Bradford (Germany), Sheryl Brandak (Denmark), Peggy Call (Portugal), Kristina Harrison (Finland) and Andrew Sivik (Denmark). AFS also wished a safe return home to Frederique Gebard of France and Nicole Meyer of Switzerland. They spent the school year at MHS.

Coventry Lake festival set

The Lake Wanganbung Folk Festival Revival will be held Sunday, June 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Patriot's Park in Coventry. Musical groups scheduled to perform include the "Village Jammers," "One Quart Short," "South County Rounders," "Bruce Pratt," and "String Fever." In addition, there will be an opportunity for amateur musicians to take advantage of the open microphone between sets. The open-mic session is a first-come, first-served basis. Amateurs can arrive at 12:30 p.m. to sign up. No alcohol or pets are allowed on the premises.

Read in Center Park

Mary Cheney Library is sponsoring a summer reading program for children aged 5 to 12, "Fly High With Reading." Tuesdays from June 27 through Aug. 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in Center Park. Students can bring their lunch and listen to stories. If it rains, students can skip lunch and listen to the stories in the library. There will also be movies and special programs throughout the summer.

Lottery

Winning numbers drawn Thursday in New England: Connecticut daily: 337, Play Four: 0011. Massachusetts daily: 5883. Tri-state (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont) daily: 764, 6599. Rhode Island daily: 7184. Rhode Island Lotto-Bucks: 4, 18, 24, 32, 35, 538, 1934, 61556, 494823.

Weather

REGIONAL WEATHER
Accu-Weather forecast for Saturday
Daytime Conditions and High Temperatures
Map showing weather conditions across the region with temperatures ranging from 68 to 78 degrees.



REPAIR WORK — Matt Schrag of Glastonbury, left, and Paul Marella of 0133 Jordt St. repair the roof on a garage on Bissett Street Tuesday. The men worked on the roof despite a light rain.

Obituaries

Helma Ackerman
Helma (Suessman) Ackerman, of 82 Conway Road, died Thursday (June 15, 1989) at Manchester Memorial Hospital. She was the widow of Hans M. Ackerman. She was a member of Congregation Tikvoh Chadashoh. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lore Fiano of Bolton, two grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. The funeral will be Sunday at noon at Congregation Tikvoh Chadashoh Cemetery, Windsor. A memorial service will be observed at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lore Fiano, 121 Birch Mountain Road, Bolton.

Eleanor Thomas
Eleanor (Kiloury) Thomas, 74, of Manchester, died Thursday (June 15, 1989) at Manchester Memorial Hospital. She was the wife of Sylvester B. Thomas. She was born in Williamette and had lived in Manchester for more than 30 years. Besides her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Susan Thomas of Manchester. The funeral will be Saturday at 8:15 a.m. at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 9 a.m. in St. Bridget Cemetery. Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m.

Robert G. Dickinson
Robert George Dickinson, 68, of Key Largo, Fla., formerly of Amston Lake, died Thursday (June 15, 1989). He was the husband of Joan Marie (Lander) Dickinson and the father of Barbara Nozick of Coventry. He is also survived by two sisters, Florence Campbell of Houghton and Beverly Pergamali of Miramar, Fla.; three other daughters, Sue Cavalero of Vernon, Annette Gardaga of East Hadham and Karen Dickinson in Texas; a son, Robert Dickinson of Key Largo, Fla.; and four grandchildren. A memorial service will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Andrew's Church, Colchester. Memorial donations may be made to the Leukemia Society.

Malvin G. Darling
Malvin G. Darling, 75, of 54 Downey Drive, died Thursday (June 15, 1989) at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Gloria (Wiczorek) Darling. He was born in the Winsted section of Winchester on April 23, 1914, the son of the late Frank and Malvina (Lupien) Darling. He had been a resident of Manchester for the last 20 years. He was employed by the state.

Rain continues
Manchester and vicinity: Today drizzle and fog early, but becoming partly sunny and warmer with a 50 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. High around 80. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Low in the mid 60s. Saturday, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers in the afternoon. High 80 to 85. Sunday, a chance of showers. High around 80. Coastal: Today, cloudy but becoming partly sunny and warm. A 50 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. High 75 to 80. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers. Low near 65. Saturday, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. High near 80.

Service Notes

Trombly 'Sailor of the Year'

Petty Officer Richard Trombly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Trombly of 121 Cushman Drive, has been selected as "Sailor of the Year" at the Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, at Norfolk, Va. Capt. P.A. Canady, commanding officer at the base, said the distinction is a major milestone in Trombly's naval career. Competition for the honor is fierce, he said. "Officer Trombly's selection from among his contemporaries was based not only on his contributions to the United States Navy, but also on his outstanding contributions to the civilian community," Canady said. Trombly and his wife, Kathy, have one son, Jason, 7. Trombly is a graduate of Manchester High School.



Richard Trombly

Police Roundup

Four arrested in drug raid

COVENTRY — Four local people were arrested Thursday on drug charges after the Coventry Police Department and members of the Tri-Town Narcotics Task Force executed a search and seizure warrant at a Flanders River Road home, police said. Arrested were: Keith J. Heinonen, 22, of 307 Flanders River Road; Susan G. Zevotek, 23, of the same address; David M. Makuch, 17, of the same address; and David A. Young, 24, of 2663 Main St. Heinonen and Zevotek were charged with possession of marijuana, conspiracy to sell marijuana, possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia, and operating a drug factory, police said. Makuch was charged with possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Young was charged with conspiracy to produce marijuana, police said. A small amount of marijuana was confiscated and an even smaller amount of cocaine was taken, police said. The cash value of the drugs was not available, police said. All four were released on non-surety bonds and are scheduled to appear in Rockville Superior Court July 11.

Lorraine M. Ano
Lorraine M. Ano, 61, of 30 Locust St., died Thursday (June 15, 1989) at her home. She was the wife of Calvin P. Ano. She was born April 22, 1928, in East Hartford, and had lived in Manchester for most of her life. She was a member of the Genesis Society of Manchester. Besides her husband, she is survived by her mother, Evelyn Piccarello of Storrs; three sons, Ronald Kelsey of Bolton, Edward Kelsey in Florida and Scott Kelsey of Manchester; two stepchildren, Calvin Scott Ano and Brenda Lee Ano, both of Anable Forks, N.Y.; two brothers, Harold Piccarello of East Hartford and Irvin Piccarello of Bolton; two sisters, Louise Logan of Storrs and Barbara Archer of Stetson, Maine; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. A prayer service will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., calling hours are Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, East Hartford.

Graduations

Bolton High School: Tonight, 6 p.m., at the school. Coventry High School: Saturday, 1 p.m., at the school.

College Notes

Flores earns B.S. degree
Anne M. Flores, 24 of Wilfred Road graduated from Clarkson University, Potsdam, N.Y., on May 14. She earned a bachelor of science degree. She majored in electrical and computer engineering.

Gets position at Bryant
James Lemieux of Scott Drive, a student at Bryant College, Smithfield, R.I., has been selected as the swimming pool supervisor for the 1989-90 academic year. Lemieux is a senior finance major.

Thoughts

I read somewhere that the most prevalent modern disease is boredom. Eric Fromm identifies boredom as the cause of a wide range of problems, from violence to drug addiction. You are bound to be bored if your world revolves around yourself. Faith is the strongest antidote to boredom. Faith gives you something to do, and a reason to do it. What's whom have you put your faith in? Try God. Rev. Dr. Shephard S. Johnson South United Methodist Church

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Minority isolation a worry

By Judd Everhart The Associated Press

HARTFORD — State Education Commissioner Gerald N. Trozzi says he worries about a continuing isolation of Connecticut's poor and minorities in cities. "That may be Connecticut's destiny, a permanent isolation of these classes," he said Thursday. "We could have some very serious problems if we continue to isolate so much poor amidst so much wealth." Trozzi told the civil rights coordinating committee of the state Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. The key to improving educational opportunity is working toward eliminating poverty, he said. "The issue here is poorness, not color of skin. It's a direct correlation between socio-economic background and educational achievement," the commissioner said. The O'Neill administration is the target of a lawsuit that claims Trozzi's department has not lived up to laws requiring it to provide equal educational opportunities in all cities and towns, regardless of local wealth. He told the committee that he could not comment on the suit. Sheff vs. O'Neill, except to say how ironic it is that he is a defendant when he has spent his career trying to ensure equal educational opportunity. "The basic principle (of) what they want is of course, support," he said. The suit was filed in April on behalf of 17 black, Puerto Rican and white children from the Hartford area. This year, the State Board of Education asked Gov. William A. O'Neill to appoint a blue-ribbon commission that would make recommendations on integrating Connecticut schools. O'Neill has agreed to do so. Trozzi said that the panel would take at least a year to complete its work, which would mean making recommendations to the 1991 General Assembly. By then, he said, the state is likely to be in better fiscal shape than it is now. That would mean more money would be available to implement recommendations.

Arthur L. Green, executive director of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, said after Trozzi's presentation that it is frustrating to think it will be another two years before any recommendations are acted on. But he said he is confident that with people like Trozzi involved, the commission's work will be successful. "Another blue-ribbon commission, another study, tends to turn me off," Green said. "I would hate to think that these things are used as a substitute for immediate action. We have the facts, we have the information. We know what some of the solutions might be." He said he hopes the General Assembly can put aside politics and deal with integration and the children affected in a straightforward way.



PROTECTORS OF THE ENVIRONMENT — Sixth graders Jimmy Amendolea, left, and Nelson Rouleau of Waddell Elementary School pose in front of a map of Planet Earth.

Landers says law prohibits taking papers from 8th's office

By Alex Girelli Manchester Herald

Eighth District President Thomas E. Landers said Thursday he will stress at next Monday's meeting of district directors that it is against state law to remove district documents from the district's office. Landers said Thursday that he has checked state statutes and found they require keeping the original documents in the office. His investigation stemmed in part from an incident after the district's annual election when voter checkoff lists were taken from the office by district Director Samuel Longest and Betty Sadloski and brought to the home of district Clerk Mary Beth Litrico to be checked. Longest had Sadloski discovered that while 269 voters were cast in the election only 297 names of voters had been checked off the list. Landers beat his challenger, Gordon Lassow, by 137 to 130 votes, with two ballots declared invalid. Sadloski was Lassow's campaign manager and Longest was a Lassow supporter. District legal counsel John D. LaBelle Jr. said later the election was valid despite the discrepancy because use of the voter list was unoffical and there was no way to establish that anyone voted fraudulently because voters were not segregated in the meeting hall from non-voters. Landers said he does not want to make a big issue of the matter, but will point out the legal requirements. The meeting Monday will be held in Cronin Hall of Mayfair Gardens beginning at 7 p.m. The directors will consider awarding a contract for conversion of the former Willis garage at 18 Main St. to new district offices and a meeting room. The low bidder for the work is Dm Construction Co. of Manchester, which submitted a base bid of \$397,450 for the conversion. District voters have approved appropriation of \$500,000 for the conversion. Landers said he will propose hiring a clerk of the building with a Alan Lamson, architect for the project, in overseeing the conversion. Landers said he understands some directors feel a district representative is not necessary. Landers said he will propose naming the new office facility the Eighth Utilities District Municipal Office, and will propose to name the meeting hall in honor of Don Willis, who owned the building when it was the Don Willis Garage. At 7:30 Monday bids will be opened and interested parties are invited to attend. A proposed sewer to serve residents on North Main Street and a short section of Tolland Turnpike. The sewer line would largely serve to serve as an alternate section of the trunk sewer planned for the Pavilions at Buckland Hill if it ever necessary to direct the sewage through it.

Students save a rain forest by 'buying' an 8-acre portion

By Rick Santos Manchester Herald

What do you do if you're in elementary school and you want to preserve a piece of nature? You get together with a bunch of your pals and buy 8 acres of rain forest land in Central America, and then you don't let anyone farm your land. Actually, the 175 students at the Waddell Elementary School do not own the land outright, said Juan Sanchez, director of the Center for Environmental Education, a division of the Manchester school system. The students, through two worldwide conservation organizations, have purchased an agreement with the governments of the Latin American nations that 8 acres of rain forest land will not be used for logging or farming, the teacher-naturalist said. The key to improving educational opportunity is working toward eliminating poverty, he said. "The issue here is poorness, not color of skin. It's a direct correlation between socio-economic background and educational achievement," the commissioner said. The O'Neill administration is the target of a lawsuit that claims Trozzi's department has not lived up to laws requiring it to provide equal educational opportunities in all cities and towns, regardless of local wealth. He told the committee that he could not comment on the suit. Sheff vs. O'Neill, except to say how ironic it is that he is a defendant when he has spent his career trying to ensure equal educational opportunity. "The basic principle (of) what they want is of course, support," he said. The suit was filed in April on behalf of 17 black, Puerto Rican and white children from the Hartford area. This year, the State Board of Education asked Gov. William A. O'Neill to appoint a blue-ribbon commission that would make recommendations on integrating Connecticut schools. O'Neill has agreed to do so. Trozzi said that the panel would take at least a year to complete its work, which would mean making recommendations to the 1991 General Assembly. By then, he said, the state is likely to be in better fiscal shape than it is now. That would mean more money would be available to implement recommendations.

burn farming, he said. Slash and burn farming is a technique in which a forest area is cleared for farming. The soil cleared typically remains fertile for only two years. Sanchez said the technique works on a small scale, but when used by large populations, like today, the rain forests die. Rain forests are important, he said, because scientists estimate 50 percent of all species of plants and animals live there, and also because the bases for many medicines are found in some of the plants. The 8 acres of the Waddell students bought cost \$225 at a rate of \$25 to \$30 an acre, Nelson said. The money was raised, primarily, by a letter-writing campaign. Two sixth-graders, Nelson said, drafted a letter asking for donations and students took copies home to their parents. From May 22 to 26, 175 contributions were made. The students became interested in conservation when Nelson, a sixth-grade class began studying environmental issues, including endangered species, the teacher said. "When they became aware of the impact of species becoming extinct, totally, they started asking about what they could do to make a difference," she said. When Sanchez and Clark told the class about the possibility of buying rain forest land, Nelson said, school officials decided to open the program to all of Waddell. Rain forests are wiped out by soil erosion caused primarily by cattle ranching and slash and

something you just read out of a textbook that isn't meaningful to me on a personal level," she said. "What enthused them was that they could do something important that people really responded to, that they could have this much influence themselves," Nelson said. "As a teacher it's important to lead them into something, but they're actually doing it, not me doing it." The project touched on math, social studies, and research skills. Trying to visualize the size of an acre and learning the concept of perimeter are math-oriented topics, Nelson said. She said the students used their research skills to find out about the endangered species that live in the land they bought. Students also practiced language arts when designing a poster campaign to help raise money, Nelson said. The project involved social studies, as the students studied the people, history, and geography of the land. The exact geography of the land is still in question, Nelson said. Of the 8 acres, some of it purchased through the National Audubon Society, is in the tiny country of Belize, which is bordered by Guatemala on the south and west, Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula on the north, and the Atlantic Ocean on the east. But another part of the land, purchased in a second deal with the World Wildlife Federation, is in either Mexico or Guatemala or both, Nelson said she won't know the exact location until she gets the certificate for the land.

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BUSINESS

'Industry poorer' with Coleco sale

By Susan Fisher
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Troubled Coleco Industries Inc. has agreed to sell most of its assets to Hasbro Inc. for \$85 million cash, a deal analysts said means the demise of the hottest-selling toy in U.S. history — the Cabbage Patch Kids.

"Coleco always stood for innovation and the ability to take risks," said Paul Valentine, a toy analyst with New York-based Standard & Poor's. "The industry is poorer because of their demise."

Under the agreement announced Thursday, the Avon-based Coleco, now operating under Bankruptcy Court protection, will also receive warrants to purchase one million shares of Hasbro stock.

The Pawtucket, R.I.-based Hasbro, the largest U.S. toy-maker, will receive Coleco's product line, which includes Scrabble and Parcheesi board games as well as the Cabbage Patch dolls, Coleco Chairman Morton Handel said.

In addition to buying inventory and the equipment to make the products, Hasbro will buy certain accounts receivable, Handel said.

Coleco will retain all of its cash assets and real estate in Mayfair and Amsterdam, N.Y., which it will convert to cash, Handel said.

At the completion of the transaction, Coleco will have as much

as \$150 million in cash — the \$85 million from Hasbro and about \$65 million Coleco had in the banks in mid-March, Handel said.

The cash raised will be used to pay off the company's debts, he said. When Coleco filed for bankruptcy protection a year ago, it listed debt of \$540.3 million.

The agreement still must be approved by the Bankruptcy Court, and a hearing is expected to be held next week or the first week of July, Handel said.

The deal is also subject to the approval of Appalachian Art-works Inc., creator of Cabbage Patch Kids, and Coleco directors. It must be completed by July 17.

If the deal is approved, most of Coleco's remaining 250 employees are expected to be laid-off, although some may be hired by Hasbro, Handel said.

Coleco has about 75 salaried employees in Avon, 75 in Mayfield, N.Y., and a total of about 100 assembly line workers at both locations.

"Coleco was pretty much the victim of its own success," said David Lebowitz, senior vice president of the New York-based American Securities Corp. "Cabbage Patch in 1985 was the largest single selling toy of all time, selling 600 million dollars plus at wholesale."

The success of the homely Cabbage Patch dolls forced Coleco to expand, borrowing money to do so, he said. When Cabbage Patch Kids sales tumbled and new products — including the Adam home computer and toys based on Rambo movies — did not sell, they could not pay off the new debts, he said.

Valentine said Arnold Greenberg, the former Coleco chairman, managed the company too aggressively without focusing on cost controls.

"They managed their company for a sales revival that never came," Valentine said. But, he added, it was Greenberg who transformed Coleco into a major company.

Greenberg's Russian immigrant father, Maurice Greenberg, founded the company as the Connecticut Leather Co. in Hartford in 1952. Greenberg began by selling leather and shoe heels and leather goods.

Arnold Greenberg joined Coleco full time in 1968, at the urging of his brother Leonard. He brought the license to the Cabbage Patch Kids in 1982 after several major toy companies turned down the handmade dolls designed with their own set of adoption papers.

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Key events in decline of Coleco

HARTFORD (AP) — Here is a chronology of key events in Coleco's financial decline:

1932 — Russian immigrant Maurice Greenberg founds the Connecticut Leather Co.

1961 — The Connecticut Leather Co. becomes Coleco Industries Inc.

February 1983 — Coleco introduces the Cabbage Patch Kids doll and sells \$67 million worth by the end of the year.

June 1983 — Coleco unveils Adam, an easy-to-use, low-priced personal computer. The company says it will ship 500,000 by year's end.

June 6, 1983 — Coleco's stock hits an all-time high of \$65 a share on the New York Stock Exchange because of anticipated sales of Adam.

October 1983 — Coleco begins shipping Adam after delays caused by technical problems. Stockholders file class-action lawsuits against Coleco in U.S. District Court saying company withheld information about Adam's problems.

January 1985 — Coleco abandons Adam, taking losses of \$118.6 million.

January 1986 — Cabbage Patch fever continues with 1986 sales hitting \$600.5 million. Coleco reports its best year ever, with total 1986 sales of \$776 million and earnings of \$22.9 million.

December 1986 — Forbes magazine ranks Coleco as the most profitable public corporation in the United States, with an average five-year return on equity of 122.3 percent.

February 1987 — Coleco reports losses for 1986 of \$111.25 million, resulting from plunging sales of Cabbage Patch Kid dolls.

May 4, 1988 — Coleco lays off 473 workers, 45 percent of its work force.

May 5, 1988 — Arnold Greenberg, son of Coleco's founder, steps down as chairman and chief executive officer to give new management a chance to save the West Hartford toy company from bankruptcy. Morton Handel, a 14-year Coleco veteran, is named as new CEO.

May 13, 1988 — Coleco has fallen into default on interest payments on \$335 million of debt and has not been able to renew \$180 million of credit the company needed to provide working capital.

May 20, 1988 — Coleco loses the license to market Trivial Pursuit after Dec. 31.

June 1, 1988 — Coleco offers to make debt holders majority owners of the company if they agree to accept the company's restructuring plan.

June 30, 1988 — Coleco gives up on its financial restructuring plan and says it only has enough money left to operate for one more week.

July 11, 1988 — Coleco files for protection under Chapter 11 of federal bankruptcy laws.

July 12, 1988 — The company's stock closes at \$1.37 1/2 a share.

Japanese to keep all Thermos plants

CHICAGO (AP) — Thermos Co. built its business on keeping hot drinks hot, but some construction workers who sip their lunchtime coffee from Thermos bottles say the company's sale to a Japanese firm leaves them cold.

"The Japanese are buying up America," said Derry Caldwell, a hardhat working downtown. "We like American-made products because it gives jobs to Americans and helps our economy."

Electrician Gary Callahan said he'd stop buying Thermos products if new owner Nippon Sanso K.K. moves the company's manufacturing plants out of the United States.

But Nippon Sanso has no such plans for Thermos, according to Bank of Tokyo Vice President Yasuo Kenaka, who helped arrange the \$134 million purchase from Household International Inc. The deal

was announced Thursday. Kenaka said Nippon Sanso will retain all of Thermos' operations, which include a propane-grill factory and corporate headquarters in Freeport, Ill., a factory in Freeport, Ill., two plants in the United Kingdom and one in Canada.

A Thermos plant in Norwich, Conn., is being closed and is not included in the sale, said Ron Slade, Thermos' personnel director in Freeport. The company employs 1,000 people worldwide.

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BUSINESS

Sales outpace inventories

WASHINGTON (AP) — Business inventories rose 0.6 percent in April but the buildup was outpaced by a 1.7 percent increase in sales, the government said Thursday.

The Commerce Department said inventories held on shelves and backlogs climbed to a seasonally adjusted \$769.8 billion in April following a 0.3 percent rise in March.

Business sales, meanwhile, increased to a seasonally adjusted \$816.3 billion after holding steady in March. March sales followed a 0.9 percent plunge in February, the sharpest fall since January 1987.

The April business activity produced a decrease in the ratio of inventories to sales. It was 1.49, meaning it would take 1.49 months to exhaust inventories at the April sales pace. The ratio stood at 1.51 in March and 1.50 in February.

Baldor to close state plant
NEW MILFORD (AP) — The Baldor Boehr Co. has announced plans to close its plant by the end of the year at the earliest and move operations to Arkansas, eliminating about 180 jobs in Connecticut.

Operations at the factory, where electric motors for industrial use are made, will be moved to a new plant being built in Clarksville, Ark., the company said Tuesday.

MARKET REPORT

Activity over the past 30 trading days



DOW JONES AVERAGE

OPEN 2,455.97

LOW 2,452.83

CLOSE 2,473.90

CHANGE Down 21.33

Housing starts continue to decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite falling interest rates, housing construction continued to decline in May, down 2.1 percent from the previous month to the lowest level since the last recession in 1982, the government said today.

Mortgage rates, which peaked at 11.12 percent in March before falling to 10.2 percent by last week, had been blamed for the recent decline in housing activity.

Analysts had thought the falling rates would boost the pace.

Nevertheless, new homes and apartments in May were built at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.31 million units, down from 1.34 million in April when construction fell 5.0 percent, the Commerce Department reported.

It was the fourth consecutive monthly decline, the longest string since activity slowed for five months in a row from February through June 1987.

The April level was the slowest pace since the 1.30 million rate in December 1982.

The housing industry has been among the sectors of the economy hardest hit as interest rates have edged upward over the past year.

Until recently, interest rates attempted to restrain inflation. Construction of single-family homes fell 4.6 percent in May to an annual rate of 980,000 units.

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OPINION

Campaign fodder for Republicans

The performance of the General Assembly in the last session will surely give the Republican Party plenty of campaign material for the 1990 gubernatorial election.

Democrats insist publicly that the people of Connecticut will understand the need for budget and tax increases to meet the state's commitments to citizens. Privately the Democrats are concerned, and with good cause.

The Republicans are sure to make good use of the budget and tax issues in 1990. Unless the Democrats do something dramatic to redeem themselves in the early days of the next legislative session, they will suffer at the polls.

It is less clear what effect the legislative chaos will have on local elections, like the one coming up this year in Manchester.

But the local Republican Party has gotten an early start on the campaign. If the party can find good candidates, it stands a good chance of making gains locally. Criticism of the performance of Democrats statewide may figure in the campaign.

In February, Manchester had looked forward to \$12.4 million in state aid to education and revenue sharing funds. Later, it looked as though the town would get only \$11.4 million in education funds and no revenue sharing.

The state budget passed by the Legislature gives the town more than \$11.9 million in a combination of education aid and revenue sharing.

While the Legislature did provide some immediate help to the town budget makers, the town does stand to suffer in a long run from changes made in the formula for education aid.

Education aid goals established in the formula for future years mean Manchester will get about \$3.2 million less than it otherwise would have, according to the town's budgeting expert.

That may be one of the things the Republicans will talk about between now and November.

Restorative rain soaks the senses

Rain. When it comes, we grouse. It gets us wet, makes us wrestle wayward umbrellas in the wind, interrupts our plans, darkens our mood.

Rain creates spring floods, chases the family from backyard barbecues, and reduces powdery snow to muddy slush.

We are swept along like periled leaves in the gutters of streets. Sated by water, we disparage our sodden journeys. Self-conscious, self-pitying.

On the heels of eight days of sunshine, rain still bugs us down.

We rebel. How dare rain fall! We fuss at small inconveniences.

Rain, falling gently or in torrents, revives the world and breaks up monotony. Fresh, pungent smells on city streets and distant woodlands. Memories of ourselves as children wading in puddles and soaking our socks.

We abuse rain, we abuse water. We should disabuse ourselves of the notion that rain is offensive and unsightly. Too serious adults in a too serious world, we push aside simpler pleasures.

Rain is good, restorative, fulfilling. Like warming sunshine, it soaks the senses.

Best of all, rain is wet.

—The Day, New London

Open Forum

A successful term for UNICO chapter

To the Editor:

As my term as president of the Manchester Chapter of UNICO National closes, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all of the individuals and local businesses who have made my two-year term successful.

UNICO is an Italian service organization which adheres to the motto of "Service Above Self." Our local chapter has grown to a membership of about 85 hard-working individuals. These individuals, along with the entire Manchester community, have made it possible for our chapter to continue the virtues which UNICO stands for: U for unity, N for neighborliness, I for integrity, C for charity, and O for opportunity to serve.

Although we are proud of all of these qualities, it is the C (charity) which prompts this letter.

Over the last two years, our chapter

has raised more than \$45,000, which was donated to local charities. We do not retain any of this money for ourselves (our dues pay our administrative expenses).

Where does this money come from? It comes from the people of Manchester and surrounding towns who so generously support our golf tournaments, our car raffles, our pancake breakfasts, etc. You, the contributors and patrons, are too numerous to mention, but you know who you are. From our hearts and the hearts of those recipients of our charity, we thank you.

Where does the money go? It goes mostly to local endeavors such as MARC Inc. (equipment for their bakery, \$5,000); the TLC Foundation (to help with the purchase of their group home, \$5,500); Manchester Scholarship Foundation (educational scholarships, \$4,000); MARCH Inc. (assistance for their various mental health programs, \$2,800); Lutz Children's Museum (audiovisual equipment, \$2,000); Cheney Hall (restoration of the historic building,

\$1,000); University of Connecticut (establishment of permanent chair in Italian history, \$3,850); Tollard Region Foundation (support for summer programs for the handicapped, \$1,650).

We have also contributed amounts ranging from \$300 to \$1,200 to support our Christmas presents to the elderly project, the Silverstein Youth Center, Camp Kennedy, Manchester libraries, the Manchester Bicentennial Band Shell, Safe Rides, and many other local charities, in addition to our national contributions to help fight Coley's Anemia and mental illness.

It has been an honor to serve the members of UNICO who truly put "Service Above Self."

It has also been gratifying to deal with the people of Manchester who so willingly have opened their wallets to support our projects.

Rick Bottaro, President
Manchester Chapter, UNICO National
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"Donald Trump today revealed a plan to acquire the planet Mars."

Lost horizons

U.S. prosperity depends on long-term thinking

By Lawrence H. Summers

During the early weeks of the Bush administration, Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady announced that his highest priority was to get American businesses to start taking the long view. "We are headed in the wrong direction when so much of our young talent and so much of this nation's resources are aimed at financial engineering when the rest of the world is laying the foundation for growth," he said.

True enough. But now, months later, the administration has made only one concrete proposal that affects business' horizons—a cut in capital gains taxes to 15 percent—and that proposal has a rather shaky foundation. What, then, should Congress and the administration do to get Americans firms to take a longer view? Here are some steps that should be taken.

1. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT should seek reforms in the way American corporations are run—real reforms that is, not some managers' proposals to ensure their own job security.

Corporate executives constantly complain about being slaves to the stock market, forced to satisfy shareholders by boosting quarterly earnings and thereby forgoing investments that would pay off over the long term. They also claim that pressures to focus on the short term have increased as hostile takeovers have become more common, and that the increased debt burdens that often follow takeovers or even successful takeover defenses leave corporations strapped for the cash needed to take advantage of investment opportunities.

Most college students are familiar with this kind of reasoning. They frequently argue (as all of us once did) that exams have the undesirable effect of forcing students to cram, of diverting them from pursuing the subjects that interest them most, and of damping their creativity. They're right. But exams also persuade students to read more and drink less than they otherwise would.

The market is really no different. Market forces may discourage corporations from taking the long view on some occasions. But the idea of "long-term intangible benefits" is

often invoked to justify the corporate equivalent of wine-tasting 101. One recently acquired company spent more than \$75 million a year on an auto racing program that promoted its corporate name but none of its specific brands. It was a long-term expenditure, all right—so long term that there were no foreseeable benefits.

In Japan, where leveraged buyouts and hostile takeovers are largely unknown, it is standard practice for a company's bankers to sit on its board of directors. Their financial stake gives them a strong incentive to keep an eye on the long run. Public policy can help create the right climate for this kind of corporate structure. It should relax rules that permit many financial institutions to hold any bond, no matter how risky, but forbid or sharply curtail their holding of stock. Federal and state regulators should also see that corporate directors are not directly selected by corporate CEOs and that directors' compensation is tied to a company's long-term performance.

2. THE TAX SYSTEM should be reformed to discourage, rather than encourage, short-term speculation. The volume of speculative trading on financial markets has skyrocketed in recent years. Fortunately, there is an excellent tax instrument for discouraging it. Virtually alone among major financial centers, the United States does not levy taxes on the turnover of stocks and other securities. A half-percent tax would have a negligible impact on the investment decisions I make for my retirement, but it would have a major impact on those who earn a good living by buying at 10 o'clock and selling at 11:30. It would discourage investors from relying on the "continuous trading" strategies that Brady's commission singled out as a contributing factor in the crash. In the process it might well make our markets more stable and our economy more productive.

3. INCREASING NATIONAL saving and reducing our costs of capital should be our most important national priority.

Improving the quality of management and cooling down the markets would help American business take the long view. But that's not nearly enough. As long as capital costs far

Bad-news carrier punished

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — The career of Army Staff Sgt. William Murphy is ruined, all because he wouldn't turn back when he saw what he thought was racism. Murphy's mistake was that he stood up for two soldiers, one black and one white, who wanted to marry.

The captain who supervised Murphy and the young couple called the bride's family to discuss the implications of her planned marriage to a black man and then refused to give the woman leave for the wedding. Murphy sided with the couple. Now he is doing mental work and the captain, Sheila O'Connor, is on the fast-track to the top.

Before Murphy tangled with O'Connor he was regarded as one of the Army's brightest Russian linguists, translating Soviet military manuals into English.

Today Murphy is a gofer. He chauffeurs Army brass. He carries papers from office to office. After a long string of outstanding evaluations in his eight-year career, Murphy lost his top security clearance, was reprimanded for "disrespect toward a superior commissioned officer," and branded as disloyal.

Murphy's story as revealed by Army documents is a blatant example of the military's bungling its own personnel matters. That's business as usual. Except this time Rep. Roy Dyson, D-Md., and two senators, Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., are angry enough to lean on the Army to reopen the investigation into the allegations of racism. "The case is a tragedy," Dyson told our associate Jim Lynch, "but the Army is content to sweep it under the carpet."

O'Connor was in charge of Murphy and some 100 other soldiers at the Foreign Materials Intelligence Group in Aberdeen, Md. Last year, a white woman and a black man under O'Connor's command announced their marriage plans.

According to affidavits from the bride and her relatives, O'Connor, who is white, phoned the bride's mother and grandmother and asked them if they were aware the groom was black. O'Connor also allegedly solicited their opinions on interracial marriage.

O'Connor told Army investigators that her calls were motivated by concern, not racism, and the Army accepted that explanation without talking to the mother or grandmother. It is not unusual for a captain to counsel a subordinate on a marriage but even the Army admitted the phone calls to the bride's family were "unusual."

The bride, a private, was outraged by the intrusion and filed a equal opportunity complaint against O'Connor. When the private asked for a few days' leave to get married, O'Connor denied the request. Army investigators also decided that action was not racially motivated.

It was not the first time O'Connor was accused of being prejudiced. "Three years ago, sworn testimony in a court-martial proceeding against a non-commissioned soldier indicated that O'Connor had blamed the man's religion for some of his problems."

When word of the marriage conflict spread through the ranks, Murphy, who is white, circulated a petition to support the young couple. The command caught wind of the petition and called the soldiers together. They were warned that the signing the petition was tantamount to "mutiny."

At that point, the Army's investigation into O'Connor turned into a witch hunt to find the author of the petition. Murphy took the credit. The Army reprimanded him for being disloyal and sent him to a psychiatrist who pronounced him "normal."

O'Connor survived the investigation unscathed and was given a meritorious service award last fall. The couple got married.

Murphy has hired seasoned military lawyer James Klimaski to help him clear his record so he will be able to get government jobs in the future. Murphy is 40 years old and knows that his Army career is dead. As a young man, he tried to join the Army and serve in Vietnam, but an illness kept him out. He tried to join again and failed a physical. Finally, at the age of 32, Murphy was admitted to the Army. "I just thought it was something I loved the country," he said.

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The Keeney Street School Parent-Teacher Association board would like to thank the Manchester Herald for all the coverage it has given our school this year. With your support we have been able to raise money for special programs and equipment necessary to run these programs. It is gratifying to see a local newspaper so supportive of the area schools.

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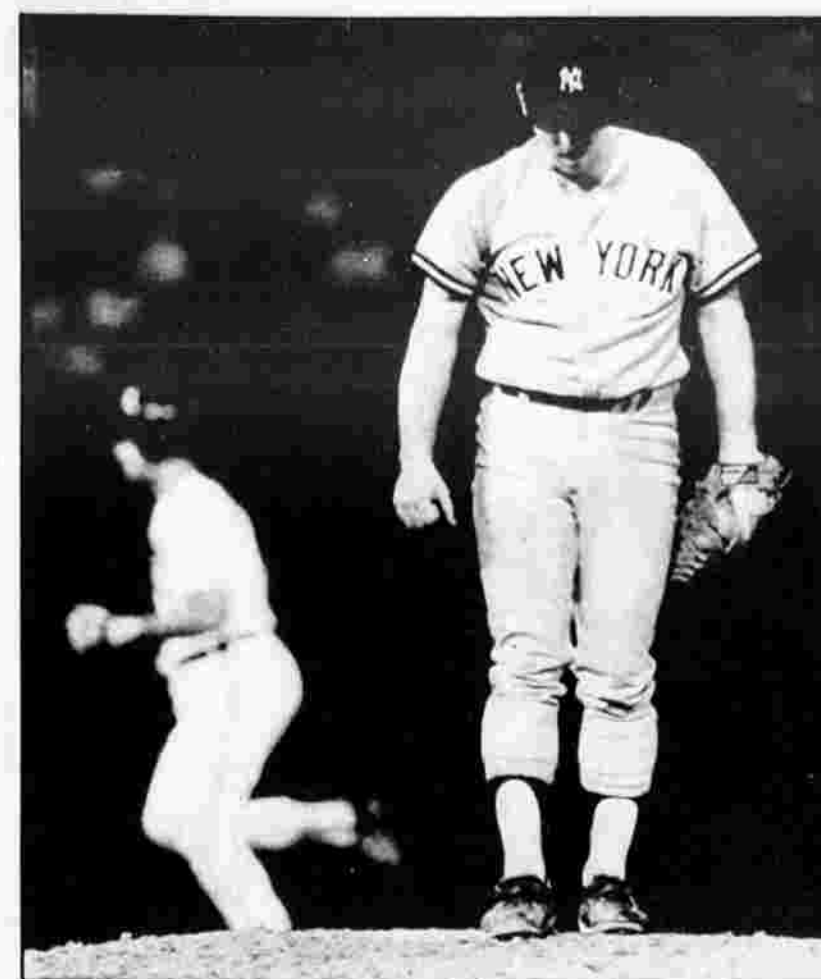


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Gonzales' bat heats up when Yanks are in town



By The Associated Press

HOME RUN — New York Yankee pitcher Richard Dotson looks down after giving up a solo home to the Orioles' Cal Ripken in the fourth inning of Thursday night's game in Baltimore. The O's won in 10 innings, 3-2.

Long night of baseball at Shea worth it to the Mets

By Ben Walker
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — After a long night of mist chances, the New York Mets finally reigned. Greg Jefferies singled home the winning run in the 12th inning Wednesday night, ending a five-hour evening in the rain and leading the Mets over the Chicago Cubs 4-3. The game was twice delayed by showers for 1 hour 31 minutes and finished at 1:24 a.m. EDT. "You get tired and want to get over with," Jefferies said. "When we were losing 2-0 in the fifth inning and we were pouring, we were saying, 'Let's get this one over with and get out of here.'" Instead, Dave Magadan's two-out, two-run single in the ninth of Cubs relief ace Mitch Williams made it 3-3. "Tonight, I basically stunk. I cost a game we had an opportunity to win," Williams said. "It's not really easy to blow that off. But in this role, you have to."

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Rene Gonzalez probably could roll out of bed on Christmas morning and get a base hit — as long as he was facing the New York Yankees. A .283 hitter against everyone else in his 2½-year major-league career, Gonzalez raised his lifetime average against the Yankees to .370 with a two-out single in the 10th inning that gave the Baltimore Orioles a 2-1 victory Thursday night. "I haven't played in a while (he was 6-for-9 and hadn't had a hit in almost two weeks), but he threw me the same pitch twice in a row and the second time I hit it off the hands, off the label, and it landed in deep shortstop," Gonzalez said of his winning hit to short center field Lance McCullers. "I'd be an idiot to say it's easy," said Gonzalez, a utility infielder who came on after third baseman Craig Worthington was lifted for a pinch hitter in the eighth. "Staying loose to play defense is nothing, but when you sit for weeks and have to go in and hit, it's different."

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IN BRIEF

By Doug Tucker
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UNDER COVER — Payne Stewart, right, chats with his caddy Mike Hicks after Stewart birdied the 14th hole to go 4 under par at the U.S. Open in Rochester, N.Y., Thursday. Stewart finished the day tied for the lead.

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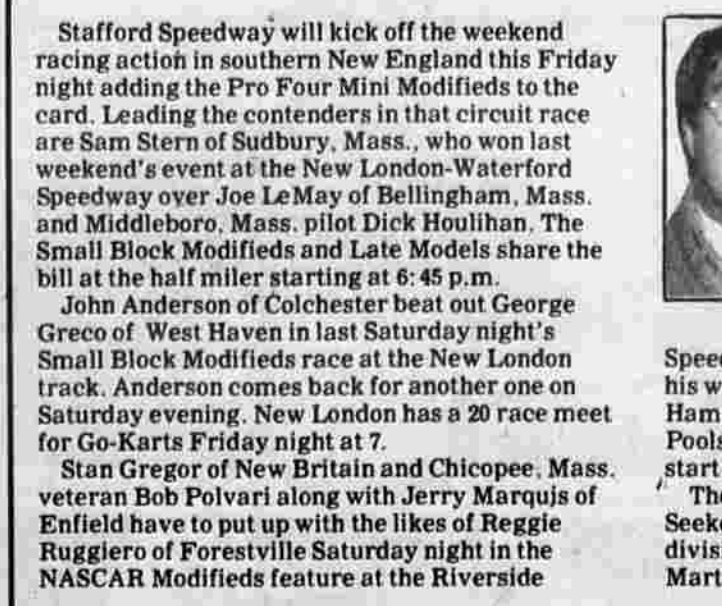
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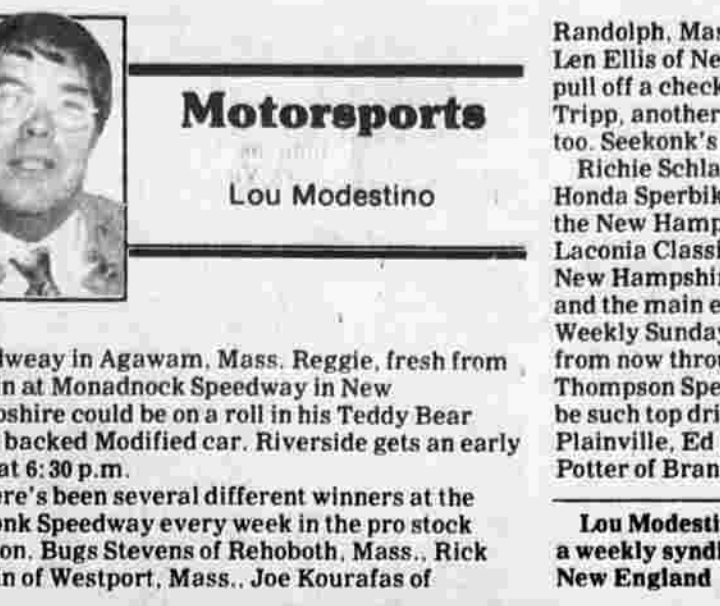
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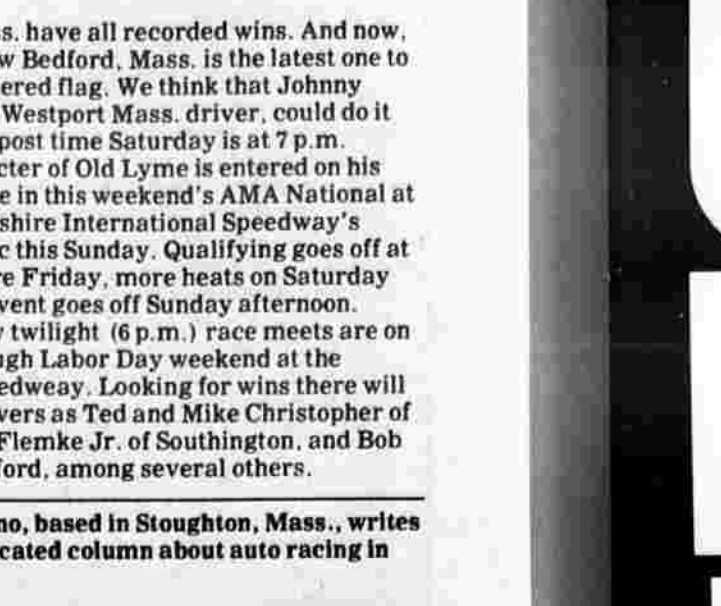
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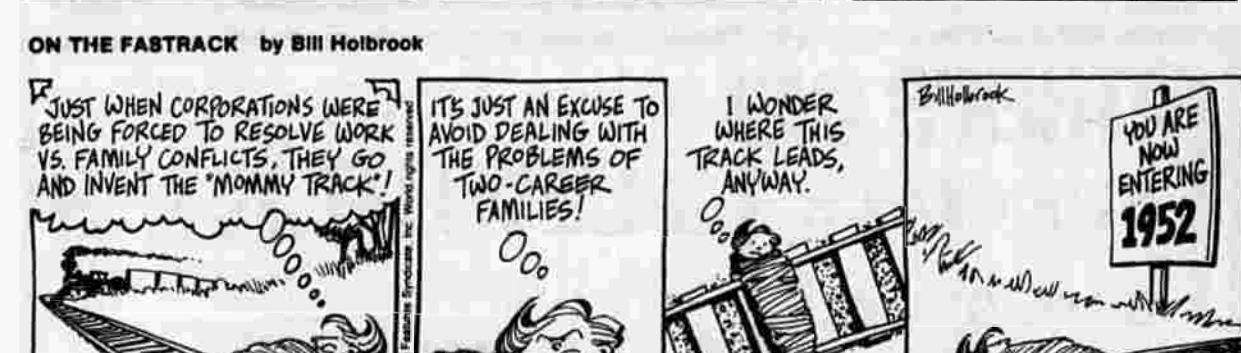
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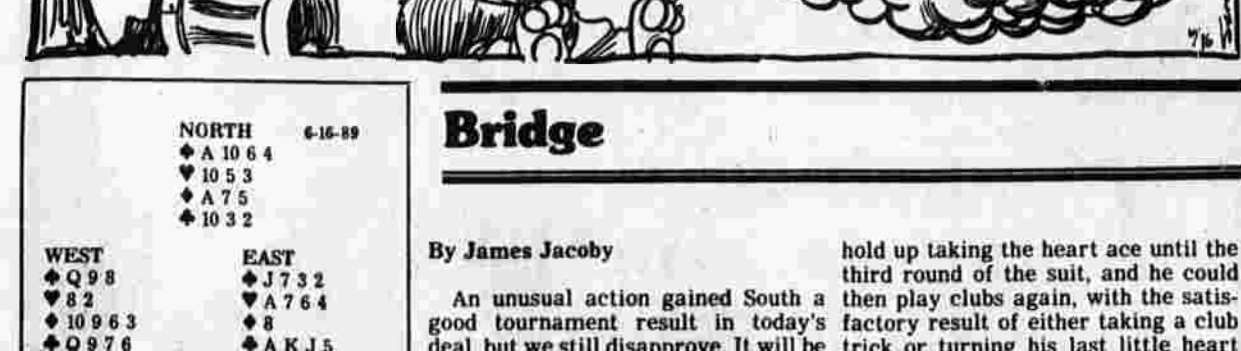
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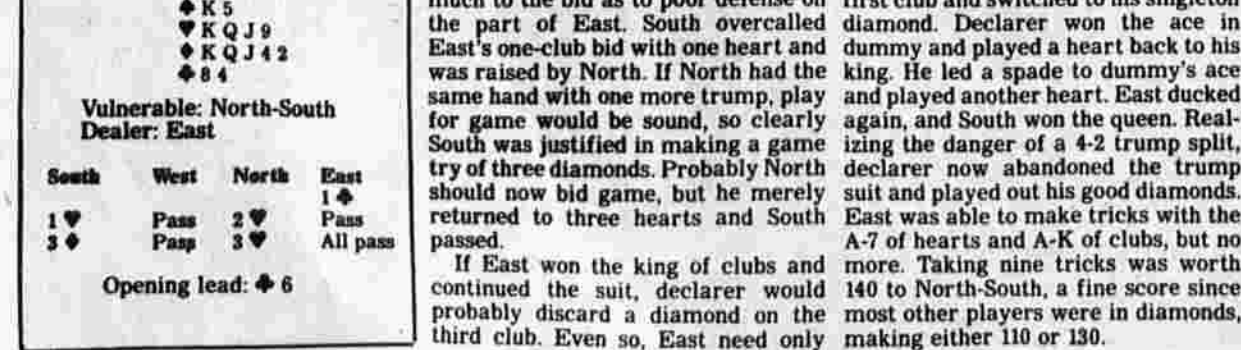
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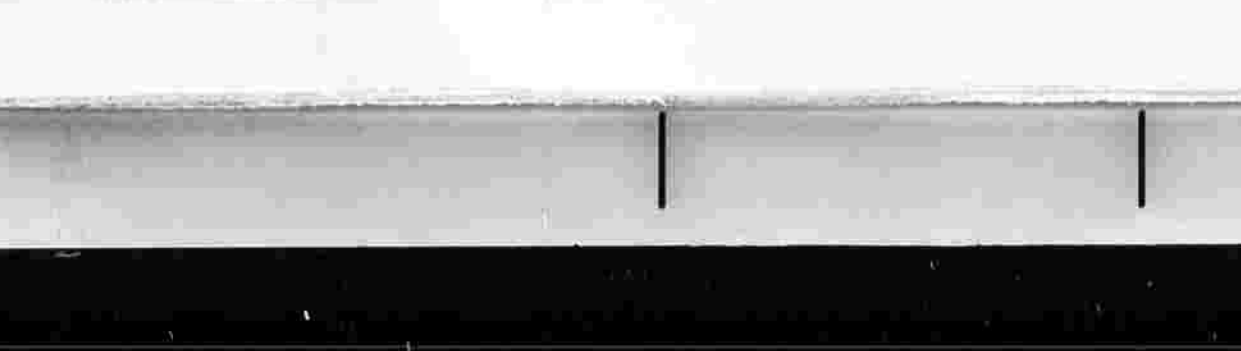
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Bridge

By James Jacoby

An unusual action gained South a good tournament result in today's deal, but we still disagree. It will be apparent that the result was not due so much to the bid as to poor defense on the part of East. South overcalled diamond. Declarer was the ace in East's one-club bid with one heart and was raised by North. If North had the same hand with one more trump, play for game would be sound, so clearly South was justified in making a game try of three diamonds. Probably North should now bid game, but he merely returned to three hearts and South continued the suit, declarer would probably discard a diamond on the third club. Even so, East need only

NORTH	6-10-10		
♠ A 5 4			
♥ 10 5 3			
♦ 10 7 4			
♣ 10 3 2			
WEST	8-9-9		
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♥ K 7 6 4			
♦ 10 9 6 3			
♣ Q 9 7 4			
SOUTH	6-4		
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♥ K Q 3			
♦ K Q J 4			
♣ 8 4			
Valuable North-South Dealer: East			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	All pass
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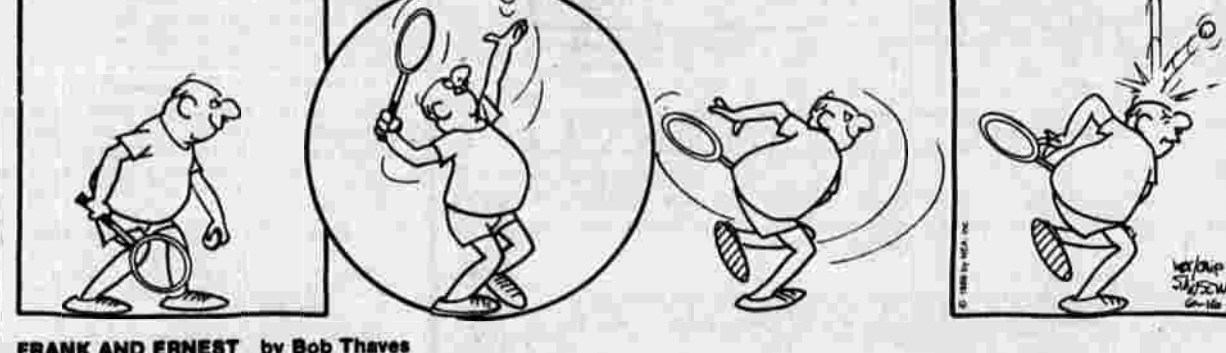
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FOCUS/Advice

Woman doesn't want portrait taken

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced from my first husband for five years, and am now happily married to another man.



My problem is my niece (by marriage to my first husband) — I will call her Melanie — who is now 17 years old and still keeps in touch with me. Melanie has been calling me with a rather strange request. She wants me to arrange a "family portrait" to include me and my ex-husband, who is her mother's brother. In that picture she wants her own mother and father, who are now divorced and both living with other mates, and herself!

Melanie has been begging me to round up these people and arrange for a studio portrait. When I asked her what her mother (my ex-sister-in-law) thought about this idea, she said, "She said she would be rather uncomfortable with the idea, but she would do it if you would."

Abby, I am not comfortable with this idea, but I hate to hurt Melanie's feelings. How would you handle this?

DEAR ABBY: These days, with so much pressure on us to "optimize" our time, it is very frustrating to have to lose so much time in public jockeying for a place, or your turn in line. So, when someone jumps in with this idea, when you've been waiting for a very long time, you must not want to create a scene.

What, if anything should be said if a salesperson overlooks you waiting, and turns to a newcomer on the scene? Is it better to let it go, or what?

Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

FUMING IN ONTARIO

DEAR FUMING: I would not get into an argument with a stranger who deliberately moved in ahead of me in line, neither would I fume about it. If the line were a long one, you can be sure that someone else would remind the "queue-jumper" where the end of the line was.

If a salesperson "overlooked" me to wait on a newcomer, I would politely remind that salesperson that I was "next." (Nice guys who are too nice finish last.)

MY NAME IS LEGION

DEAR ABBY: I would tell Melanie that the "family" she would like to recreate for a family portrait no longer exists, so it is very unrealistic to take a "family portrait" now.

Let her accept as gently as possible. The poor girl is still hurting, and has not yet accepted that the "family" she once had is no longer a family.

DEAR ABBY: In regards to the fathers who are divorced, pay child support, but are dissatisfied with the amount of child support that actually goes toward the child's needs: If the fathers are concerned as they claim to be, they should seek custody of their children, and make sure their children receive the care and attention they deserve.

I am a happily married man (thank God) and our marriage is strong, but my parents were divorced. My father paid child support, but I was raised by my mother, who was a very bitter and unhappy woman.

The real tragedy of my divorce is that I grew up seeing my father through my mother's eyes. I never really knew my father until I was 18 or 19 years old.

I know it wasn't his fault, but in retrospect, I would be settled for a little more of his time and a lot less money.

Children who grow up with two parents who really care about each other don't know how lucky they are.

MY NAME IS LEGION

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Kristofferson keeps word

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Entertainer Kris Kristofferson and his wife, Lisa, honoring a promise to become guardians of the woman's three daughters.

The Malibu couple's request was granted Tuesday by Superior Court Judge David Rothman after several days of closed hearings to decide custody of Maria Juana Aguilar's children.

Rothman granted guardianship to the woman's sister, Vicenta Aguilar, with whom the children will live in Culver City. He refused a guardianship request from the family of Ricardo Arauz, who pleaded guilty in March to second-degree murder in the shooting death of his common-law wife.

The father's relatives had sought guardianship of the two children fathered by Arauz: Maria, 4, and Maria, 5. The father of their 12-year-old half-sister, Brenda, lives in El Salvador.

Shortly before she died, Aguilar confided that she feared for her life because of her husband's beatings. A week later, she was shot three times and killed.

Burstyn get Broadway role
NEW YORK (AP) — Ellen Burstyn will be Broadway's new "Shirley Valentine." The actress who won a Tony Award for her performance in "Same Time, Next Year" and an Oscar for "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore" takes over the title role in Willy Russell's one-woman comedy July 17, a spokesman for the show said Thursday.

Pauline Collins who won the 1989 best actress Tony Award for her portrayal of Shirley, a bored English housewife who runs off to Greece, leaves the play July 1. From July 3 through July 15, the role will be played by Patricia Kilgariff.

"Shirley Valentine" won the 1989 Olivier Award in London as best comedy of the year and also was nominated for a Tony Award as best play.

Bonet sues drug store

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actress Lisa Bonet is suing a drug store chain over a photograph of her baby that disappeared from a set of newly developed snapshots and turned up in a supermarket tabloid.

Miss Bonet, star of "The Cosby Show" and the movie "Angie Heart," filed suit Wednesday in federal court saying that when she picked up developed film from a neighborhood Oreo Drug Store in suburban Reseda, a negative and photograph of her then 3-week-old daughter, Zoe, was missing.

The National Enquirer ran the photo Jan. 10 with an article on Miss Bonet and musician-husband Lenny Kravitz that speculated that she had a high-kicking hell-raiser "to a 'doting mother.'"

The lawsuit asks for unspecified general damages and \$5 million in punitive damages. The complaint doesn't name the tabloid, but it accuses Oreo's parent company, Anaheim-based America Drug Stores Inc., of "willful, wanton, malicious and oppressive" conduct in its handling of Zoe's photo.

Gabor files police complaint

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An attorney for Zsa Zsa Gabor said he will file a complaint accusing Beverly Hills police of roughing up the actress during her arrest for alleged traffic law violations.

Gabor claims a "gorgeous officer" mistreated her, impounded her \$215,000 car and misplaced a diamond brooch during her arrest Wednesday. She was released Wednesday afternoon on her own recognizance and ordered to appear in court July 12.

Gabor held a news conference Thursday dressed in a sweater monogrammed with "Rodeo Drive Beverly Hills." She showed bruises on her wrists and arms.

Our Language

Immemorial describes something extending back in time beyond memory or record. This adjective, which came into English in 1602, isn't from time immemorial.

Varnish is a liquid preparation used to give wood or metal a hard, glossy surface. Try varnish, a word you might take a shine to.

QUESTION: A story describing some firmen said, "They were abers." Is that spelled right?

ANSWER: No, it isn't. The correct spelling for the plural of hero is heroes, with a second E. An exception in some dictionaries is the plural heroes, used for more than one hero sandwich. I'd say the least those firmen deserve the proper spelling of heroes.

Do you have a question or comment about our language? Please write to Jeffrey McQuinn, in care of the Manchester Herald, P.O. Box 591, Manchester 06040.

OUR FASCINATING EARTH by Philip Seff, Ph.D.



ON MARCH 1981 THE EARTH UNDERWENT A NEAR MISS WITH A LARGE ASTEROID. THE CELESTIAL OBJECT WAS ABOUT A MILE IN DIAMETER AND PASSED WITHIN 500,000 MILES OF THE EARTH. COLLECTOR WITH AN OBJECT THIS SIZE WOULD HAVE BEEN CAUSING PROBLEMS IN A CITY SUCH AS LOS ANGELES THAT WOULD REMAIN WHERE THIS GREAT METROPOLIS NOW STANDS, NOTHING BUT AN OBSCURE TOWN IN THE GOOD OLD...

Dr. Gott
Peter Gott, M.D.



Chorea can be helped by drugs

DEAR DR. GOTT: Our brother has been diagnosed as having chorea. Can you tell us about this?

DEAR READER: Chorea is a disorder characterized by brief, purposeless movements of the facial muscles and the extremities. There are several types. Huntington's chorea is an inherited neurological affliction that begins in middle age and is associated with intractable mental deterioration. It is untreatable but the personality changes, dementia and progressive incoordination can be helped by tranquilizing drugs.

Sentile chorea is also hereditary and affects elderly patients; however, it does not produce the devastating mental changes of Huntington's disease. The mouth and tongue are primarily affected; this chorea can be treated with dopamine-blocking agents, such as chlorpromazine.

Sydenham's chorea follows streptococcal infections, particularly rheumatic fever, in children. It is usually not permanent.

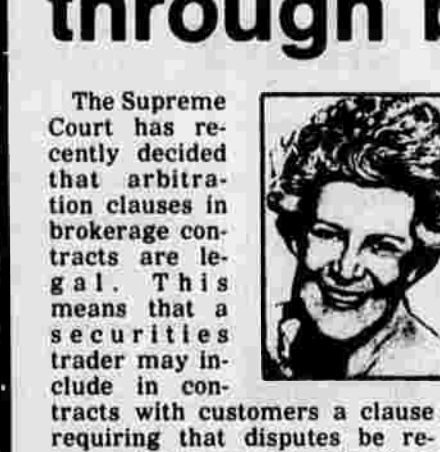
Chorea gravidarum is an unusual condition affecting pregnant women, who usually have a history of rheumatic fever, that begins early in pregnancy and disappears spontaneously after delivery. The cause is not known. Women taking oral contraceptives will occasionally exhibit chorea.

Chorea can also be caused by certain drugs (such as phenothiazines and anti-emetics), hyperthyroidism and lupus. To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my health report, "Lupus: The Great Imitator." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-3689. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it harmful to apply deodorant-antiperspirant to areas other than underarms, such as between and under the breasts?

DEAR READER: You may safely apply these products to other body areas. However, remember that people are sometimes quite allergic to the compounds in deodorants, as well as to the aluminum salts in antiperspirants. So, before you apply the substances to other areas, make sure that they do not produce a rash in the usual locations.

Investors can settle disputes through binding arbitration



Sylvia Porter

The Supreme Court has recently decided that arbitration clauses in brokerage contracts are legal.

It means you cannot sue your broker.

The decision of the high court doesn't end the battle over arbitration clauses. It does, though, shift the battle from the courtroom to the nation's legislative bodies.

Most brokerage contracts — the sort that you sign when you open an account with your broker — contain in the small print the provision that, if you have a dispute with the brokerage house, you agree to submit your claim only to binding arbitration.

Chances are you will never have a problem with your broker and that, through careful planning, the two of you will achieve a mutually profitable relationship. But that's not always the case.

Mistakes are made. Unrequested trades are made and requested trades are not made. Dispute can arise over whether you actually gave instructions to your broker. It happens thousands of times each year.

In an overwhelming majority of cases, arbitration would be the method you would choose anyway. The rules are simple: If you have a dispute with your broker, you must agree to submit your claim only to binding arbitration.

But in arbitration the decision is handed down without any explanation of the reasoning behind it. Except in cases where gross impropriety on the part of the arbitrator is alleged, there is no appeal.

Due to the fact that arbitration is private, it is argued, brokerages can make mistake after mistake — either because of negligence or dishonesty — but are not exposed to the public scrutiny they would receive in a court.

There was a record swelling of the arbitration backlog following the October 1987 stock market crash, but the Securities Industry Association (SIA) says this has pretty much simmered down.

In its ruling, the Supreme Court decided that the existence of arbitration clauses is not in and of itself illegal. This means that in order for those clauses to be rendered void, a law would have to be passed making them illegal.

Smart Money

Bruce Williams

DEAR BRUCE: We had a small fire in our rental apartment. My wife is a hobbyist, and some of the materials she was working with fell on the rug and caught fire. Our table and the rug were burned. The apartment was damaged by smoke.

Our landlord accepts responsibility for the rug and smoke damage since it is her property. We of course, are responsible for the damage to the table. Where we disagree is the deductible. Our landlord says there is a \$250 deductible and, since we caused the fire, we should pay her the money.

I contend that this is a business expense, a hazard of renting property, and she should pay the \$250. We have always had very cordial relations with our landlord and would like them to continue, but I don't see why we should have to pay the \$250. Do you?

F.I. Ferndale, Mich.

DEAR F.I.: It seems to me when one insures property with a deductible the hazard is that it must be paid in the case of a loss. While it could be argued that there would have been no loss if it weren't for your wife's actions, unless she was grossly negligent and a successful civil action is mounted against her, I wouldn't pay the \$250. This is a risk of being a landlord and a business expense one must anticipate.

The only fly in this ointment is that you mentioned having had cordial relations with the landlord. It might be in the best interest of this relationship to compromise and each of you pay \$125. Legally, I doubt if your landlord could collect from you, but it may well be worth the \$125 to continue the amicable relationship you have enjoyed.

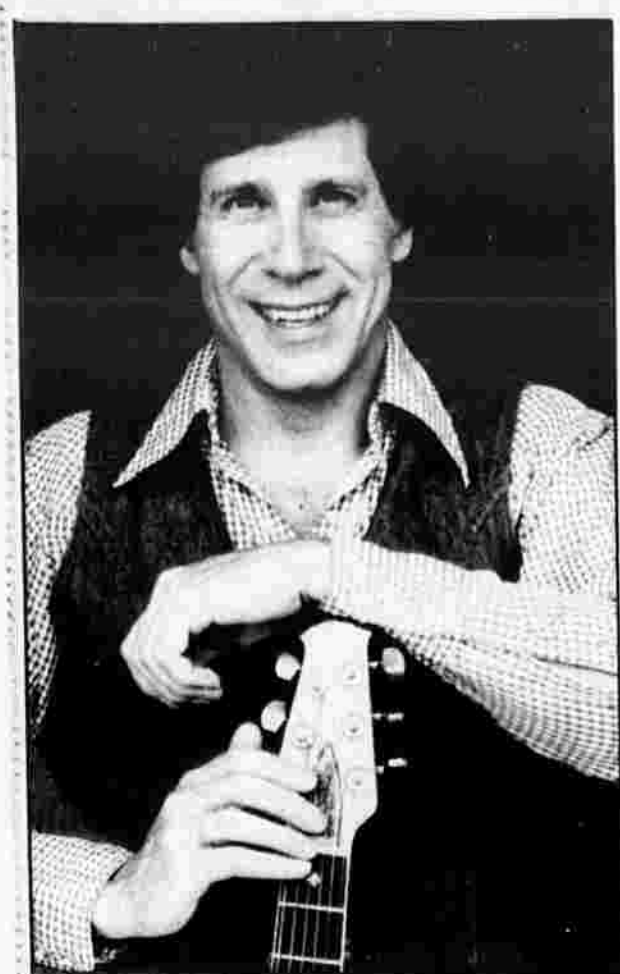
DEAR BRUCE: We recently moved into a brand-new home. Like many new homes, there are things the developer is supposed to correct. Until

Bruce Williams, America's top radio talk host, is heard each week night on NBC stations. Questions should be sent to: Smart Money, Manchester Herald, P.O. Box 591, Manchester 06040.

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WEEKEND



STRUMMING ALONG — Don Donegan, a one-man band, and vocalist Melissa Cokette will present a concert on Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Manchester Bicentennial Band Shell, on the Manchester Community College campus. Also on the bill for that evening are the Farmington Valley Sweet Adelines, a women's chorus presenting unaccompanied, barbershop-style music. If it rains, the concert will be Wednesday, June 21, at 7 p.m. All band shell concerts are free. The audience is encouraged to bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets.

In the ring

Where will you find 14 powerful tigers, a family of musical clowns and a dairying performance on a 75-foot-high space wheel? At the Shrine Circus, this weekend at the Hartford State Armory, at the corner of Broad Street and Capitol Avenue. Performances are tonight at 7:30, and Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets at \$7 each, may be reserved by calling 278-1161.

Coffee with Hugh

Hugh Blumenfeld of Coventry will be featured at 8 tonight at the Folk Coffee House of Populous Putting a club at 820 Main St., Willimantic. This will be Blumenfeld's last performance before taking on the post of music director at the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. Admission is \$4 per person.

Just for folks

There will be storytelling, square dancing and traditional games on Saturday at the Family Folk Festival, held at Hartford's Wadsworth Athenaeum in conjunction with the opening of a major exhibit of folk art. The traveling exhibit, from the Shelburne Museum in Vermont, will be open for two months.

At the festival, from noon to 4 p.m., artists will demonstrate their crafts, such as carving, quilting, quilting and stenciling. There will be hands-on workshops and lots of entertainment. Admission to the museum, the folk art exhibit and the festival will be free.

Also on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to noon, the museum will offer an Expertise Clinic, providing participants the opportunity to discover more about the American folk art treasures they may own. The fee per object is \$5. The museum is at 600 Main St., Hartford. Parking for both events is available at the Travelers Plaza Building, 46 Prospect St., for 50 cents.

Feeling crafty

One of the area's largest crafts fairs, attracting 275 professionally juried artisans from two nations, will be set up this weekend at the Polo Grounds, Town Farm Road, Farmington. The show is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$3.50 for adults, free to children 12 and under.

They're falling

The Connecticut Sierra Club is planning a walk through the Case Mountain and Highland Falls area, led by naturalist Paul Krashefski. Participants should look for Krashefski at 9 a.m. in the six parking spots off the east end of Spring Street, near the waterfall and the small, stone bridge.

Cinema

HARTFORD
 Cinema City — Murrer of the Heart (PG) Fri 6:30, 9:30; Sat and Sun 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30. — Scenes From the Class Struggle in Beverly Hills (R) Fri 7:30, 10:30; Sat and Sun 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30. — The Untouchables (PG) Fri 7:30, 10:30; Sat and Sun 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30. — The Untouchables (PG) Fri 7:30, 10:30; Sat and Sun 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30. — The Untouchables (PG) Fri 7:30, 10:30; Sat and Sun 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30.

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MANCHESTER
 UA Theaters East — See Anything (PG-13) Fri 7:15, 9:25; Sat and Sun 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15. — The Untouchables (PG) Fri 7:15, 9:25; Sat and Sun 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15. — The Untouchables (PG) Fri 7:15, 9:25; Sat and Sun 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15.

VERNON
 See the Best (PG) Fri 7:30, 9:40; Sat and Sun 1:30, 4:40, 7:50, 10:00. — The Untouchables (PG) Fri 7:30, 9:40; Sat and Sun 1:30, 4:40, 7:50, 10:00.

On the right track

Attention, all track fans. This weekend is the 14th running of the Manchester Community and College/New England Relays, a two-day track and field event. The events begin Saturday at 9:15 a.m. at Manchester High School's athletic field, with the women's discus throw. At 9:30 a.m., other events begin, including the long jump, shot put, javelin throw, high jump and pole vault. Running events start at 10:30 a.m.

The morning also features the Junior Relays, which are events open to those 8 to 13 years old. Official ceremonies are scheduled for 11:45 a.m., highlighted by the running of the Christie McCormick/ComFed Mile. Field events continue through 4 p.m. Admission is \$3. Refreshments will be sold.

On Sunday, a four-mile Distance Race and Fun Walk will start at 9:30 a.m. at Manchester Community College. The entry fee is \$6. Participants should arrive by 9 a.m.

Horsing around

If you're fond of equestrian events, you'll want to take in the Tolland County Equestrian Horse Show, starting at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Cooperative Extension Center, 24 Hyde Ave., Vernon. For more information, call 875-3331.

Come to the fair

The St. Bridget Bazaar, with its Ferris wheel, fried dough, face painting and fascinating games, will be open this evening from 6 to 10 and Saturday from 10 to 10 p.m. Light dinners, such as sausage and peppers, hamburgers and hot dogs, are available. A raffle will be drawn at 11 p.m. Saturday for a new Buick LeSabre. The fair is in the church parking lot, 80 Main St.

Fathers are feted

Fathers' contributions to their children's emotional, mental and physical development will be highlighted on Saturday at a picnic and rally in front of the Connecticut Supreme Court Building, 231 Capitol Ave., Hartford. The picnic is from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., with free sodas and rides on the Bushnell Park Carousel to follow. An award will be presented to the Connecticut Father of the Year, and a press conference will be held at 11:15 a.m.

It's berry good

This is a berry busy weekend. South Windsor's Strawberry Festival will be on Saturday at Nevers Road Park from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., rain or shine. There will be games, pony and wagon rides, craft booths, and, of course, strawberry shortcake. There will be a Strawberry Festival tonight from 6 to 8 at Yeomans Hall, off Route 87 in Columbia. The cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12, for all of the strawberry shortcake that you can pack away.

There will be an Old Fashioned Strawberry Festival Saturday at the Burnside United Methodist Church, 14 Church St., East Hartford. Ham, bean and strawberry shortcake dinners will be served at 5 and 6:30 p.m. for \$6 per adult, \$3 per child.

There will also be a Strawberry Festival & Old Fashioned Country Fair at the United Methodist Church on Route 179 in North Canton on Saturday, featuring strawberry shortcake, sundaes, homemade crafts and more.

The annual Strawberry Festival will be held Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Calvary Church, 400 Buckland Road, South Windsor.

King of comedy

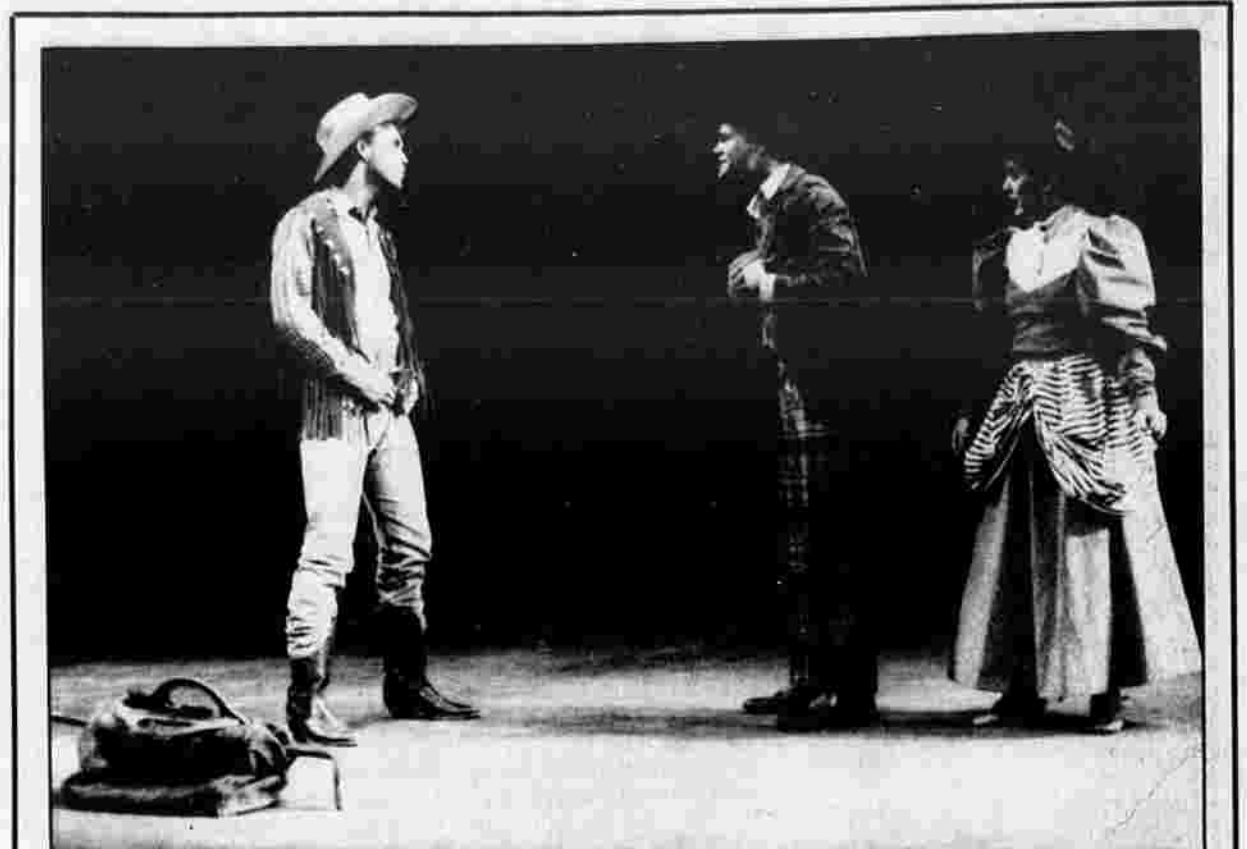
Four films which were written, directed and acted by Charlie Chaplin will be shown Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Hartford's Wadsworth Athenaeum, 600 Main St. Admission is \$3, and parking is available at the Travelers Hartford Club garage, 46 Prospect St., for 50 cents.

Murder for a cause

"Beyond A Shadow," a new murder mystery drama, will be presented this week and next week as a benefit for the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp for children who are terminally ill. The show asks the audience to serve on the "jury" in determining the guilt of sociologist John Hunter Fenton III, an insurance company heir, in the murder of his mother and stepfather. The performances are tonight and Saturday, June 23 and 24 at the Wallace Stevens Auditorium, Hartford Insurance Plaza, 600 Asylum Ave. Tickets are \$5. There will be a reception after tonight's performance.

Go for a drive

Sunday is Carriage Day at the Museum on the Green, Glastonbury, and at the Welles Shipman Ward House, 972 Main St., Glastonbury. Antique vehicles will be displayed. Admission is free for families, children and Historical Society members; others are \$1. From noon to 4 p.m., Allegra Farms of East Hampton will provide rides in an elegant, horse-drawn carriage around the Glastonbury Town Green, Main and Hubbard streets. Rides are \$2 per person.



GIRLFRIEND STEALING — Will Parker, looks on as the men argue, in the production of "Oklahoma!" at Nutmeg Summer Theatre.

Audiences will fall in love with stars of 'Oklahoma!'

The words of one of the hit tunes from the musical show, "Oklahoma!" were very descriptive of last Friday evening's audience at the Harriet S. Jorgensen Auditorium in Storrs.

"People Will Say We're in Love" could have been written about the reaction which this opening night crowd had about the production of "Oklahoma!" which opened the new season of the Nutmeg Summer Theatre at the University of Connecticut.

Spectators hooted, cheered and clapped thunderously enough to bring the very talented cast out for two encores. More than 45 years after it first opened in New York, the show is still fresh enough to interest modern audiences. This audience, at least, clearly loved everything from the villain's grim smile called "Lonely Room" to the extremely flirtatious tune, "I Can't Say No."

The Nutmeg Summer Theatre brings together relatively young professionals with talented students, primarily from UConn's own Department of Dramatic Arts.

The "Oklahoma!" cast is headed by two relative newcomers to the operatic field. Steve Isari, a veteran of the cast of the cowboy, Curly, with many charm and authentic-seeming emotional swings. Kristen Plumley, an opera

graduate student at the Hart School of Music, brings to the stage a sweet, believably innocent Laurey with few of the prissy mannerisms which make some renderings of this character less appealing to audiences.

Equally skillful, and perhaps even more popular with the audience, was Linda Dubuc, as Ado Annie. Her background is musical comedy, rather than opera, and she is an accomplished comedienne with excellent timing. She seems made for the part of Annie, although this is her first time performing the role of the gal who's always ready for love.

Annie claims that "kissin' her favorite fella." Those she kisses includes her steady beau, Will, played by John F. Weger Jr., and peddler Ali Hakim, done by Joe Sampson. Weger, a genuine Texan with a perfect cowboy's walk and drawl, has a good voice and stage presence. But it's tough to compete with Sampson, a graduate student in acting at UConn, who had the audience in stitches during most of his scenes.

In a song that's frequently dropped from performances, "It's a Scandal! It's an Outrage!" the peddler laments the advent of fathers with shotguns who force young men to marry

their would-be girlfriends. "If you make one mistake when the moon is bright, then they'll tie you to a contract so you'll make it every night," he sings. The men's chorus which joins in on this number is also superb.

Stage business throughout is extremely good, thanks to fine directing by Nafe Katter and little touches added by choreographer B. Peter Westerhoff. Whoever decided to put a belt/roose around Hakim's neck during the "Scandal!" number should be commended. He left the excitement of the city and the large Greenwich Village folk music scene behind, but the 30-year-old city native doesn't mind.

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"I'd be much happier if people like the songs enough to sing them," he said. "That's the real reward."

But in New York Blumenfeld got the exposure and experience he needed to release his first record in October 1987. He credits Fast Folk Musical Magazine of New York with helping him and other folk singers by including their songs on compilation records the magazine put out every year.

"The idea was not to make people famous," Blumenfeld said. "It got people in contact with each other. It also gave us experience in the studio."

Blumenfeld's first record, called "The Strong In Spirit," ranked fifth in The Advocate Newspapers' list of top 10 folk albums of 1988 and was praised by critics and musicians, including



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Appreciation beats fame and fortune, says folk singer

By Nancy Concelmon
 Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — Two years ago, folk singer Hugh Blumenfeld moved from New York City to a small, historic home in Coventry surrounded by trees and accessible only by narrow, rural roads.

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Dash is better than flash

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. (AP) — Jimmy Jardin learned again a fisherman's lesson: Dash is more important than flash in scallop shucking.

Sporting Day-Glo sunglasses, a fluorescent windbreaker and plenty of gold jewelry, all eyes were on Jardin at the International Scallop Shucking Contest preliminaries Thursday.

The 25-year-old fisherman entered as champion, but left knowing how fleeting fame can be.

In just over nine minutes, Jardin pruned 182 scallops from their shells.

Fast, but Mark Picano and others were faster. Picano took first place by shucking 196 scallops in about the same time.

Picano will be one of four scallop shuckers representing the United States in their annual face-off against Canada this year.

Picano's secret? No flash. "Concentration and rhythm, that's what you need."

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