

RECORD

About Town

WATES meeting slated

Manchester WATES will meet next Tuesday at 72 E. Center St. at 6:15 p.m. The meeting will start with weigh-in and a discussion of the monthly business will follow. New members are welcome.

Cholesterol test offered

Health Source is sponsoring a cholesterol screening next Tuesday at Manchester Memorial Hospital, 71 Hayes St., from 7 to 6 p.m. The screening will be in the Health Source resource room, across from the H. Louise Ruddell Auditorium. It costs \$7 and an appointment is needed. For more information, call 647-6600 or 643-1223.

Arthritis help offered

The Arthritis Foundation is sponsoring self-help and exercise classes this fall. To find a program in your area, call 563-1177 or 1-800-541-8350.

CPR classes slated

The Manchester CPR Project is holding an Adult Heartsaver class next Tuesday at Manchester Memorial Hospital, 71 Hayes St., from 7 to 10 p.m. The class will discuss signs, symptoms and risk factors of heart attacks as well as instruction in CPR techniques. Advanced registration is required. For more information, call 647-4738.

Well Child Clinic slated

The Community Health Care Services is sponsoring a Well Child Clinic next Wednesday at St. Mary's Church, Route 31, Coventry, from 8:45 to 11 a.m. All preschoolers from Columbia, Coventry, Chaplin, and Ashford are welcome to receive immunizations and routine physicals. For an appointment or more information, call 226-9429.

Public Records

Warranty deeds

Pamela J. Bayer to Doungdy Hemmavanh, Dmano Hemmavanh and Dkouangxay Hemmavanh, Lydall Street, \$135,000.

Quit claim deeds

Richard F. Bassett to Pamela J. Bayer, Lydall Street, no conveyance tax. Maureen A. Horowitz to Denise L. Lair, 26 Thomas Drive, no conveyance tax. Denise L. Lair to Maureen A. and Ralph Horowitz, 26 Thomas Drive, no conveyance tax. John A. Harley Jr. to Alison J. Hanley, 331 Woodbridge St., no conveyance tax. Robert Krajewski to Ellen Strann and Laurence Krajewski, 206 Hollister St., no conveyance tax. Gerard J. Baronousky to Joyce Baronousky, 325 Woodland St., no conveyance tax. James R. Lindsay and Jennifer Young-Hall to Jennifer Young-Hall and David E. Hall, 423-425 E. Middle Tpk., conveyance tax, \$24.75. Sven Kypert to Barbara J. Kypert, Olcott Street, no conveyance tax.

Births

FERRANTI, James Thomas III, son of James T. and Marvellen Ducharme Ferranti Jr., 158 North Elm St. was born Aug. 29 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Maureen and Robert Ducharme Sr., Worcester, Mass. His paternal grandparents are Gloria and James Ferranti Sr., Windsor. He has two sisters, Katelynn, 3 and Levi, 1.

COOK, Lauren Anne, daughter of Dean J. and Gayle Franklin Cook, Route 6 and Dover, was born Aug. 19 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Dr. Willis and Anne Franklin of Windsor. Her paternal grandparents are Ronald and Joan Cook of 95 Shepard Drive. She has two brothers, Aaron Glen, 6 and Brett James, 15 months.

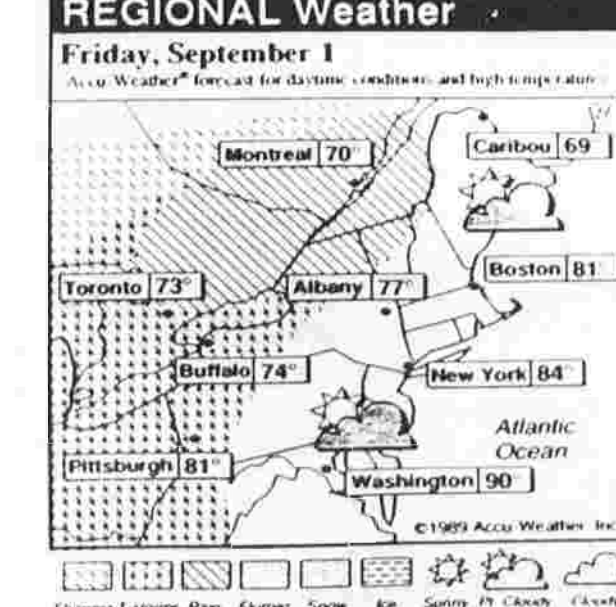
LYMAN, Shannon Elizabeth, daughter of Richard and Heidi Holcomb Lyman, 55 Autumn St. was born Aug. 21 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are David and Elaine Holcomb, 35 View St. Her paternal grandparents are Howard and Claire Lyman, South Windsor.

Pollen Count

NEW HAVEN (AP) — The ragweed pollen count for Connecticut on Wednesday was 10 and the mold-spore level was low, reported the Hospital of Saint Raphael.

Weather

REGIONAL Weather



Friday, September 1
New England: Breezy to calm, with high clouds and light showers. High 70 to 75. Low 50 to 55. Wind: 10 to 15 mph. Partly cloudy.
Boston: High 70 to 75. Low 50 to 55. Wind: 10 to 15 mph. Partly cloudy.
New York: High 70 to 75. Low 50 to 55. Wind: 10 to 15 mph. Partly cloudy.
Washington: High 70 to 75. Low 50 to 55. Wind: 10 to 15 mph. Partly cloudy.

Adopt a pet: Sandy's ready

By Barbara Richmond
Manchester Herald

Sandy, a male blond cocker spaniel, with beautiful wavy ears, is this week's featured pet at the dog pound.

Sandy is about 5 years old. He was picked up on Hillstown Road on Aug. 19. He is well-groomed and looks very healthy. He's ready for adoption.

The spayed female mixed breed, mentioned in last week's column, was claimed by her owner, Kate, the little female beagle, featured a couple of weeks ago, has been adopted by a Manchester family. Ebony, the black male chow cross, featured last week, is still waiting to be adopted.

There were two new dogs at the pound, as of Tuesday. One is a male black cocker spaniel. He's about 5 years old and was picked up on Redwood Road on Aug. 23.

Also picked up on Aug. 25 was a male setter cross, also about 5 years old. He's black and white and was found roaming on Birch Street, near Spruce Street.

The two ferrets, picked up on Prospect Street, where someone left them in a cage, are still waiting for a home. They're very playful. Rand said he will have to turn them loose if



Sandy



Bonkers

someone doesn't adopt them very soon.

The dog pound is located on town property of Olcott Street near the landfill area. Dog Warden Richard Rand is at the pound weekdays from noon to 1 p.m. There is also someone at the pound from 6 to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The phone number at the pound is 646-6642. If there is no answer, call the police department at 646-4555.

All of the cats put up for adoption are neutered or spayed, tested for feline leukemia and given their shots, if old enough when adopted. For more information about other cats call 666-7000, 232-8317 or 242-2156.

Aid to Helpless Animals Inc.,

Police Roundup

Coventry police investigate alleged rape of hitchhiker

COVENTRY — Police are investigating a complaint that a 22-year-old female was sexually assaulted Sunday night on Old Tavern Road near the Mansfield town line, said Coventry Police Chief Frank Traskos.

Traskos said the woman came to the police station Monday, at 4:15 a.m., and said she had been dropped off in a secluded area after being sexually assaulted by three men.

Police said the woman said she voluntarily got into a car with two men Sunday night after hitchhiking on a road in Willington. She was dropped off in Coventry where she accepted a ride from three different men who then took her to Old Tavern Road and using restraint, sexually assaulted her, police said. Traskos said there was a connection between the two cars.

"It's not the whole story but I won't release anything else until further investigating is done," he said.

Traskos said police have suspects at this point, but conflicting stories have to be reviewed with the prosecuting attorney before any arrests are made.

Traskos said police had received a complaint from a resident on Sunday at 6:45 p.m. The resident said three men were leaving a partially clad woman on the side of Old Tavern Road, police said. Police reported the woman was unable to find the woman or the three men.

The woman was taken to Lawrence Memorial Hospital in New London where she was examined and released.

Man arrested twice today

A Manchester man, who was arrested early this morning on a charge of drunken driving, was arrested a second time in the police station parking lot after an altercation with his wife, police reported.

Keith R. Boushee, 24, of 103 Ridge St., was arrested the first time after he failed a sobriety test administered by police when they were checking the scene of a car accident at Chestnut and Church streets, police said. Boushee had crashed his car into the curb on Church Street, damaging a front rim on his car, police said.

Officers reported that when they got to the scene, Boushee was staggering and leaning against the car for support.

After Boushee was charged in connection with the accident, police said they found he had 4 ounces of marijuana and a pipe with marijuana residue. He was charged with driving while intoxicated, failure to stay in an established lane, operating while his license was under suspension, and possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

His wife came to the station and paid the \$100 bond, but before they left the station parking lot, he was observed by officers shaking her and yelling at her, police reported.

He was arrested again on a charge of breach of peace and held on a \$1,000 bond. He was scheduled to appear in Manchester Superior Court today.

Lottery

Winning numbers drawn Wednesday in New England:
Connecticut daily: 691. Play Four: 7065.
Massachusetts daily: 5493. Megabucks: 1, 3, 13, 21, 24, 28.
Tri-state daily (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont): 148 and 4024.
Rhode Island daily: 5515. Grand Lottery: 4, 3, 4, 0, 4, 4, 1, 9, 7, 3, 1, 7, 9, 7, 6, 0, 0.

Thoughts

"Back to School!" — we can't avoid the piles of notebooks and pens in the discount stores. Already before Labor Day some schools are open and another school year is beginning.

Most of us still function by the school year due to so much conditioning. We think of the fall at a time to begin again — to take up projects postponed in the summer or begin new ventures. More and more weddings are taking place in August and September rather than in June as couples begin their married life in the fall of the year.

It's a good time to take stock and ask if you've neglected the spiritual side of our lives. It's not enough to believe good things or live a moral life. Faith is not a matter of "right ideas" but always implies a shared community. Perhaps this week is the week to go back to your church or synagogue and make sure that your children are in Sunday school.

A September resolution this year might be to make a new start in faith as the fall schedule begins. There is a place for you in a Family of Faith in Manchester — this year take the whole family "Back to Faith!"

Rev. Dr. Kim-Eric Williams
Concordia Lutheran Church

LOCAL & STATE

Bowers School lunch critics raving about meals



Amy Lisa Green

"We're having hangerburgers today! And I love hangerburgers!"

— Amy Lisa Green



Reginald Pinto/Manchester Herald

RAVE REVIEWS — Teacher Janet Sterling instructs a group of first-graders as they wait in line at Bowers School Wednesday during the first full day of school. The pupils gave rave reviews to the lunch served at the school.

Waiting in line to get lunch no sweat for hungry pupils

By Nancy Pappas
Special to the Herald

The best thing about first grade is the lunch period.

Just ask John Murdoch, a first-grader at Bowers School, Wednesday was the first full day at Manchester's public schools, and first-graders filed through lunch lines for the first time.

Pupils were bothered little by waiting in line, something they will no doubt have to get used to as they grow older.

"This is great! You get to eat lunch here! I never got to eat lunch in kindergarten," said John, gesturing with a quarter of his hamburger.

Correction: That wasn't a hamburger in his hand. It was a hangerburger. At least according to Amy Lisa Green, who was at the front of the hot lunch line.

"We're having hangerburgers today! And I love hangerburgers!" said Amy, clutching her red lunch ticket.

But whatever you might call them, food critics Jeff Mounce and Daniel Kirk proclaimed these burgers to be excellent.

"It's not as good as restaurant food — it's better!" said Jeff, his mouth full of the substance in question.

His buddy, Daniel, agreed. "Well, they have good ketchup and good meat," said Daniel.

After consultation, the two food experts agreed that the hamburger meat tasted as good or better than what their mom served them at home.

Cafeteria dining presents certain problems and privileges not encountered at home. Amy Estey was surprised to discover how heavy her tray was, once it had been loaded with a burger, corn, potato chips, canned peaches and a carton of milk. Her face pulled together in a huge pucker of concentration as she traveled the distance from serving line to table.

And Justin Snyder extolled the advantages of dining away from mom.

"Your mom's not around to tell you what to do, what to eat first," said Justin.

But food is not the only attraction for those who dine in the cafeteria. "This is really fun,

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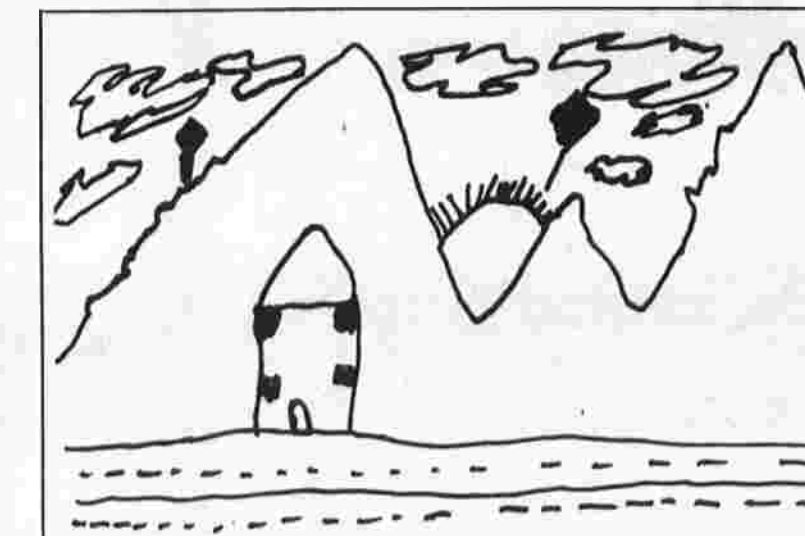
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Mostly cloudy

Manchester and vicinity: Tonight, clear. Low 50 to 60. Friday, becoming mostly cloudy by afternoon. High 80 to 85. Outlook for Labor Day weekend: Saturday, chance of showers, high 80 to 85. Sunday and Monday, sunny with the high 75 to 80.

Coastal: Tonight, clear. Low around 65. Friday, becoming mostly cloudy and breezy afternoon. High near 80. Outlook for Labor Day weekend: Saturday, chance of showers, high around 80. Sunday and Monday, sunny with the high 75 to 80.

Northwest Hills: Tonight, clear. Low 50 to 55. Friday, becoming mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers in the afternoon. High near 80.



Today's weather picture was drawn by Jason Goldberg, who attends Keeney Street School.

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Helmley records sought

HARTFORD (AP) — State Tax Commissioner Timothy F. Bannon is asking for federal tax records to determine whether Leona Helmley, convicted of tax evasion for billing expenses for her Greenwich home to her New York business, avoided any Connecticut taxes.

A spokeswoman for Bannon said the commissioner was asking the Internal Revenue Service for tax records from Leona and Harry Helmley because Connecticut law requires that residents buying items outside the state but using them in the state pay the sales tax on them.

Bannon wants to know if the Helmsleys avoided paying that tax on any of the items used at their Greenwich mansion, Dannelton Hall.

Earlier Wednesday, Leona Helmley was convicted of evading \$1.2 million in income tax by charging \$3.1 million in expenses for the mansion to the Helmsley's hotel and real estate empire.

Among the expenses were more than \$1 million for a pool enclosure with a marble dance floor, side figures worth \$50,000, a \$100,000 indoor-outdoor sound system, and thousands of dollars in landscaping.

Webb decision postponed

HARTFORD (AP) — Hartford State's Attorney John M. Bailey says he will wait until next week before he decides whether to file any additional charges against Daniel J. Webb, the convicted rapist accused in the shooting death of a bank vice president.

Bailey said the decision would be announced when Webb makes his next court appearance on Tuesday.

He refused to say whether he had results yet from the medical examiner's office on tests to determine whether the banker, Diane Gellenbeck, had been sexually assaulted before she was shot in a Hartford park. He is also trying to pin down whether Gellenbeck was kidnapped before being murdered.

If either is found to be the case, Webb could be charged with a capital felony, punishable by death.

Park arson suspected

BRISTOL (AP) — Fire officials have labeled suspicious a two-alarm blaze at Lake Compounce Festival Park that destroyed the wooden building housing the park's bumper-car ride and two neighboring game booths.

No injuries were reported. The park was not scheduled to be open Wednesday, and Lake Compounce officials said they expected the park to open Thursday night for a concert by Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers.

Park officials had no immediate estimate of damages from the blaze, which was reported at 2:25 a.m. Wednesday.

Hospitals boycotting formula in dispute over advertising

HARTFORD (AP) — At least three Connecticut hospitals are retaliating against a company's plan to advertise a new baby food formula by stopping the routine use of Enfamil, one of the country's most popular formulas.

The television and magazine campaign is expected to begin next month for a new Gerber Products Co. formula being manufactured by Bristol-Myers, the maker of Enfamil, but some doctors worry that the advertisement might discourage breast-feeding. They are also concerned that it could interfere with infant nutrition.

"Our feeling is what's best for the baby is not necessarily what's best for the company," said Dr. Joseph H. Zelson, chief of pediatrics at Yale-New Haven Hospital,

and the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington all stopped routine use of Enfamil, which is made by a Bristol-Myers division, Mead Johnson. The hospitals are offering other brands of formula produced by companies that are not advertising.

The percentage of mothers who breast-feed varies according to a number of factors. For example, about 10 percent to 15 percent of the participants in the federal government's Women, Infants and Children program breast-feed, while in "other segments as high as 70 to 80 percent of the mothers breast-feed," said Dr. Donald Schiff, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics. The number who breast-feed beyond several months drops dramatically.

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Drug ring broken

HARTFORD (AP) — Four members of a Colombian family living in Danbury were charged with distributing cocaine in Danbury and New York state, Danbury police said.

Guillermo Jimenez, 34; Mario Jimenez, 26; Nelson Jimenez, 32; and Julieta Cuellar, 29; all of Danbury, were arrested Wednesday on four federal warrants charging them with sale of cocaine, police said.

All four were being held without bond in federal custody in Connecticut pending further federal action. U.S. Attorney Stanley Twardy said Wednesday.

The U.S. Immigration Service will review the immigration status of Mario Jimenez, Nelson Jimenez and Julieta Cuellar, Twardy said.

"Clearly, they (the Jimenez family) are the largest drug dealing network operating in the Danbury area," Twardy said.

However, he said, "Just because they were at the Medellín cartel level."

The Medellín cartel is known as a major supplier for cocaine in the United States.

Danbury police said arrests were the result of an undercover drug investigation over the past year involving 20 felony drug arrests, seizure of about two kilos of cocaine, suspected drug money and motor vehicles.

Twardy said federal search warrants were executed Wednesday at Jimenez residences, but he declined to say if anything was seized.

As part of the investigation, U.S. Immigration Agents took into custody four Danbury residents suspected of being illegal aliens: Elkin Arango, 36; Mayerly Arias Duran, 24; Jose Cotrez, 35; Maria Jimenez, 29.

Taxi driver robbed

STONINGTON — A Westerly, R.I., taxi driver who took four people to Boston only to be robbed at gunpoint says the big city is one place he will no longer go.

"I'm not going to Boston any more. I already told the dispatcher that," Matthew Bishop said after his Monday morning ordeal.

Bishop, 21, a driver for Eagle Cab for the last four months, picked up a man, a woman and two teen-age boys at a truck stop in North Stonington, Conn., early Monday after their car broke down.

He said the passengers gave him a \$70 deposit and went to sleep.

When they arrived in Boston's Roxbury section, however, the man pulled a gun, robbed him of the deposit and about \$70 more he was carrying, and the other passengers grabbed his keys and bag and fled.

Boston police recovered the bag and found the keys, Bishop said. The Westerly Sun the police said he was lucky to be alive.

"They said they didn't understand why they didn't shoot me," Bishop said. "They said, 'Somebody gets shot up here every 20 minutes.'"

Although Bishop's money was not found, he said he expects to be compensated somehow because the passengers' broken-down car is still in Connecticut. He said police in North Stonington have been told of the incident and the garage has been asked to stall anyone who comes to ask for it.

Reprimand recommended in 'unintentional oversight'

HARTFORD (AP) — A Norwich attorney should be reprimanded despite a finding that his failing to properly withdraw from a case was unintentional, a subcommittee of the Statewide Bar Grievance Committee has ruled.

In a decision released Wednesday, the subcommittee rejected two additional counts lodged against Bart Sayet by the New London County grievance committee.

Susan Langford filed a complaint against Sayet in 1985. Langford hired Sayet to represent her in a divorce, but lost custody of her son, when he did not show up at a court hearing on the issue.

The New London County committee in January found probable cause to believe that Sayet violated rules requiring a lawyer to act with reasonable diligence and promptness and keep clients reasonably informed about the status of their cases.

After they reported the alleged violations, a U.S. District Court in Norwich ruled that some of the men's allegations after inspections last month, but it did not expect to rule until next month on whether any of the allegations involved safety violations.

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Trinity blacks optimistic

New president slams racism

HARTFORD (AP) — Black student leaders at Trinity College said they were cautiously optimistic that the racial climate at the school would begin to improve under the guidance of its new president, Tom Gerety.

Gerety used his first official speech, during the college's convocation Wednesday, to condemn racism and exhort students not to let prejudice "poison the spirit" of the college community.

But Shawn Wooden, president of the Pan-African Alliance, a black student group, said "it takes a lot more than strong words to produce change on a campus of this sort."

While Gerety's speech marks an "apparent change from the past," Wooden said, "history teaches me to be leery" of such promises.

Wooden, who was told he "didn't belong" at Trinity by a white student his freshman year, said racism on this campus is just a reflection of our society. I don't think you can change that in a year.

Another member of the alliance, Junior Nicky Jones, said "I am cautiously optimistic. But promises need to be fulfilled and not just for one year."

During his speech before about 1,000 students, faculty members and others, Gerety unveiled the college's stricter policy against racial harassment and called for stepped-up efforts to integrate the school's faculty, administration and student body.

"We must never have a line at Trinity that separates whites from blacks, or from Asians, or from Latinos, or men from women, or any of us from any of the others in our community," Gerety said.

The president also urged the faculty to include questions of race and sex discrimination in a broader context in the college curriculum. Gerety said he would support requiring all students to take at least one course studying racial and sexual differences and the hostility to those differences.

The announcements were in part a response to protests by Trinity's minority students last spring, when about 35 black students occupied the administration building for eight hours to protest racism on campus, school officials said.

There are now about 100 blacks, 100 Asians and 60 Hispanics enrolled at Trinity, about 15 percent of the college's 1,800 undergraduates.

After his speech, Gerety said he chose his first address to the college community as a forum to attack racism because "it is the greatest and most important issue that colleges and universities are facing."

Wherever you look, there's a sense that these institutions don't belong to the minority kids. That has to change," Gerety said.

Gerety said that colleges and universities are the front lines of the next major battle in the war against race discrimination. While there may no longer be legally segregated restaurants and schools, Gerety said, there is a long way to go before minorities will "feel that the society belongs to them" as much as to majority whites.

"Human beings have long reacted with wariness, with suspicion, and even with brutality to difference. It is the task of education to pull us away from that instinct, that reaction," Gerety said.

Steiger asks justices to overturn conviction

HARTFORD (AP) — The state Supreme Court has been asked to overturn to the murder conviction of Eric Steiger, sentenced to life in prison for a double slaying in Suffield in 1987.

Steiger's attorney, F. Mac Buckley, filed an appeal Tuesday, asking the high court to review whether a three-judge panel erred when it ruled Steiger was not insane.

Buckley also asked the Supreme Court to determine whether the panel erred when it allowed prosecutors John H. Malone and Rosta M. Creamer to show eight hours of videotapes of Steiger being interviewed by the state's psychiatrist.

The court also was asked to review whether the panel erred when it denied the defendant's request for a new trial.

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Tax delinquency charge filed against 2 town trash firms

By Nancy Conzelmann Manchester Herald

The Internal Revenue Service has placed liens on two local trash hauling firms that owe a total of \$88,029 in taxes, according to records filed at the town clerk's office.

The IRS on July 12 filed liens against Admiral Trucking Co. and ANCO Inc. of 260 Tolland Turnpike, both of which own Social Security, vehicle and payroll taxes dating back to December 1988 records show.

Admiral Trucking owes \$71,171 in taxes and ANCO Inc. owes \$26,858, records show.

Both firms haul trash for N S Realty, also of 260 Tolland Turnpike. N S and the two trucking firms had filed a lawsuit against the town last year after the town accused N S of dumping out-of-town garbage in the Manchester landfill and attempted to take the firms from the landfill.

N S argued that the waste dumped at the landfill was material that had been recycled. A Hartford Superior Court judge ruled that N S was allowed to dump at the landfill, but the firms were back in court after the town passed an ordinance in January doubling tipping fees at the landfill and increasing fines and penalties.

N S and the trucking firms sued the town earlier this year, claiming the ordinance was discriminatory and the increasing fees would force the recycling firm to close.

As of Aug. 5, N S owed the town \$685,918 in dumping fees, according to a landfill official.

Town officials said the increased fees were designed to extend the life of the landfill. Earlier this month, a Hartford Superior Court judge ruled that the ordinance was not discriminatory and that N S Realty's financial problems could "easily be cured monetarily."

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OPINION

Press has obligation to public

Pity the taxpayers of Manchester. The press, in particular the Manchester Herald, has grossly misled you by telling you exactly how much it will cost to finance the renovation and expansion of the town hall.

At least that is the way some Democratic and Republican town directors see it. They accused newspapers Tuesday of "gross misrepresentation" because stories on the work clearly pointed out that the project would cost about \$30 million after all interest was paid on long-term bonds.

The same stories also clearly pointed out that the cost of the project without consideration of bonding was \$16.5 million, a figure which since has been reduced to \$15.4 million after the project was scaled back.

These directors would have preferred that we did not emphasize the long-term cost of the project. After all, the project is already being criticized by some as too costly.

But these directors are forgetting something. Newspapers are not an organ for public officials. Our obligation is not to publish only the news that is deemed most palatable to the public.

The taxpayers of Manchester have every right to know how much any public project will cost them. They have a right to know what the up-front cost is and what the long-term cost will be.

How many of us would take out a loan for a new car and not want to know how much that new car will cost us in the long run when interest on the loan is considered?

This is not to say that the town hall project is not needed. It is needed.

The town cannot go on forever shifting offices from place to place trying to operate in what is simply too little space. There is some question about whether the town can have a firm proposal ready for consideration by the voters in November.

However the job will have to be done, if not now, then very soon and the taxpayers will ultimately have to face the expense.

Informing the taxpayers about what that expense might be is not "gross misrepresentation." It is a fulfillment of our obligation to the public.



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Open Forum

Too big, too fast

The town hall plan is too big, too expensive, too fast.

There is so much wrong with the administration-endorsed Kestel Boos Associates proposed town hall complex that it's difficult to be brief. I'll try.

Too big - Town hall estimated in February 1988 a total space need of 43,415 net square feet (or 225 net square feet for each of 191 employees).

Too expensive - With the acceptance of underground parking, building options are increased. An underground garage can be built anywhere on the site as long as it has a connection to the new office building.

Therefore, I suggest a new "detached" town office building of not more than 50,000 gross square feet, 38,000 net square feet to be built in the north-central area of the existing parking lot above an underground parking garage.



Families are held hostage, too

BY TOM TIEDE
FISHKILL, N.Y. - When Robert Polhill was taken hostage in Lebanon in January 1987, his mother decided right away to hope for the best. Ruth Polhill knew that other hostages in the Mideast had been eventually released, and she wanted to think that her son would also and soon be given back to his family.

She maintained the attitude for months after a miserable month. The civil war in Lebanon dragged on without mercy, and another American was kidnapped by Muslim extremists. But one of the men who was seized with Robert was set free that week at least something - and so Mrs. Polhill continued to be relatively optimistic.

Now, 2 1/2 years later, she says the confidence is gone. She was stunned by the wanton murder of Marine Corps Lt. Col. William Higgins, and horrified into gloom by the public pictures of his hanging. "I try to be cheerful about things," she says, "but it's hard to be hopeful about this anymore."

Mrs. Polhill says it's also hard to put much faith in the new talks of hostage negotiations. The execution of Higgins has reportedly increased the international wish to find solutions in Lebanon. She considers it a healthy sign. "But I don't like to get encouraged by good news, because bad news usually follows."

In this sense, then, Mrs. Polhill suggests that she is a hostage herself. She still contends he will be released one day, but she says, "I sit and I worry," like a hostage here at home. "and I wait, and wait and wait."

Mrs. Polhill's home is in the lower reaches of the Hudson River valley. She says she is in her late 70s, and that she has been a widow for many years. She says Robert, who is now 35, was born and raised in nearby Beacon, N.Y., right on the river. "And he was a bright young man, he went to Cornell, and we had a wonderful life then."

She says the last time she saw him was a few weeks before he was kidnapped. He was on holiday from his teaching job (accounting) at Beirut University College and visiting Fishkill with his Palestinian wife. Mrs. Polhill says he didn't say anything about being afraid in Lebanon. "But, I don't know," she adds, "he seemed uneasy."

Polhill was nabbed soon after returning to his school. Witnesses said armed intruders came to the campus and demanded to see the foreign staff members. Polhill and three others were taken from the lineup and driven away in a jeep that apparently belonged to the Shiite organization Hezbollah "Party of God."

There has been no word from him since. Mrs. Polhill says she has been told by the State Department that her son is probably being held by a Hezbollah faction known as the Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine, but it also reports that there is no conclusive information regarding his whereabouts or treatment.

Mrs. Polhill says the State Department has been most forthcoming with her. And unlike some of the hostage relatives, she claims the U.S. government is doing all that it can in the matter. She says Ronald Reagan tried, and George Bush is trying. "I'm not sure what others expect," she says, "but we can only ask so much from anyone."

And that does not include military action. Mrs. Polhill says she has talked with released hostages who say that an Army rescue would be disastrous. She says Martin Jensen visited her once. He was a hostage from 1985 to 1986. He said the men would all be killed at the first sign of paratroops or something like that.

This assumes they are still living now, of course. Mrs. Polhill says it's her one remaining optimism. She points out that eight Americans are being held for political and propaganda purposes, and Col. Higgins

been injured or killed or, as in a most recent case, several people killed because someone threatened to harm. The police (in California) were notified by a woman who said her life had been threatened, but the FBI victim was informed that nothing could be done until the person or persons doing the threatening did something.

Well, the police are now doing something. They're investigating what happened. Several people were killed and several injured. If you're driving too fast, not wearing a seat belt, parking illegally, running a stop sign, you're doing something and can be reprimanded.

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Soviets work on equality

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YAROSLAVL, U.S.S.R. - Soviet premier Mikhail Gorbachev - up to his hip-boots in economy reform - appears to be leading a fledgling feminist movement.

Ironically, equality of the sexes was once a feature of Russian life but now has turned into a matter of simple survival.

Beginning with a 1918 decree by Lenin and continuing through the 1977 Soviet constitution, equality has been enshrined in Soviet law. The case of Valentina Tereshkova, who rates a small museum in this, her hometown, tells part of the story. Tereshkova was a young textile worker whose fan letter to the Soviet space program in the early 1960s catapulted her into a three-day space flight in 1963, the year the Soviets claimed a special political coup: putting a woman in space for longer than all of the American men put together.

It wasn't until 1982 when the Soviets were trying to pre-empt the first American woman in space, Sally Ride, that a second female cosmonaut was hurled toward the stars.

Soviet officials boasted to us that women comprise a full 51 percent of the labor force. Most of the secondary school teachers and staffs are female, along with three-fourths of the country's doctors. The rub is that both professions in Russia have a relatively low status and pay poorly.

Women only earn two-thirds of the pay men will earn in the same positions. Nor do women often reach upper-management positions.

In most households, both the husband and wife work. But the husbands have taken a page out of Archie Bunker's book - passing on housework and leaving women to stand in food lines.

Small wonder that one out of every three wives in this city will divorce their husband. They have come fed up with drunken husbands and the drudgery and confinement of sharing small, two-room apartments with parents while waiting for private apartments.

However, to Gorbachev the family crisis could be the death knell for the Soviet empire itself. Gorbachev's view of feminism is inspired as much by national survival as by lofty altruism.

The crisis in the Soviet family has depressed birth rates of Russian children, raising the specter that already restive Soviet minorities will be one day outnumbered Russians. Gorbachev is offering cash incentives for couples with large families.

Gorbachev's celebrated anti-alcohol campaign is another family initiative. (Heavy drinking ranks first here in polls of why wives left husbands.) He castigates husbands who don't help their wives, but expect to be waited on themselves. And he's increasing child allowances, and both the quality and quantity of day-care centers.

Gorbachev is also concerned about abortion and birth control, but not in the same context in which these divisive issues are debated in the United States. Soviet birth control is crude. Five-cent condoms are widely available but are spurned by men. Women regularly have up to four abortions. Only the rarest of young couples have more than two children; most can't afford more.

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Town hall flower arrangement gathers attention

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Old shrubs, a bit overgrown, have been removed from near the building and will be replaced with something more shapely and less overbearing.

Meanwhile, the border around the lawn in front of the building has been planted with impatiens, annuals now in full bloom in a variety of colors.

They catch the attention of passing motorists. Pedestrians on their way into the building stop to admire them.

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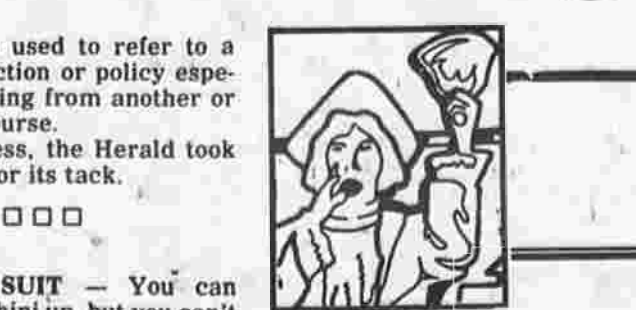
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"ZUKE" SUIT - You can't dress a Zucchini up, but you can't take it out.

Unless you're taking it to the Harvest Festival at The Old Elder Mill at 1287 Main St. in Glastonbury Monday.

Free zucchinis will be given to anyone who enters the Best Dressed Zucchini Contest or the Zucchini Cook-off Monday. Zucchini for the contests will be available Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The limit is one large zucchini per person for the best-dressed contest and 2

pounds per contestant in the cook-off contest.

The best-dressed contest is scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday and is open to children ages 1 through 12. Prizes will be given to the most dapper zucches. Kids should arrive by 12:45 p.m. for judging.

The cook-off, open to amateurs of all ages, is scheduled for 4 p.m. Cooks should arrive by 3:30 p.m. and bring a small sample for tasting. Prizes will be given to winners.

Cooks should submit a typed or neatly written recipe by Aug. 28 for publication in the zucchini cookbook for the event.

FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY - From the Manchester Evening Herald of Aug. 31, 1939 - Townspeople who should know

have conjectured that Selectman Richard Martin is quitting the Board of Selectmen because of the press of other work. That explanation, while good, was never official.

Now, from Mr. Martin himself, we have the real reason. Last night the retiring selectman stated boldly to his colleagues on the board that the reason he is quitting is to make himself eligible for the Old Timers' bowling team.

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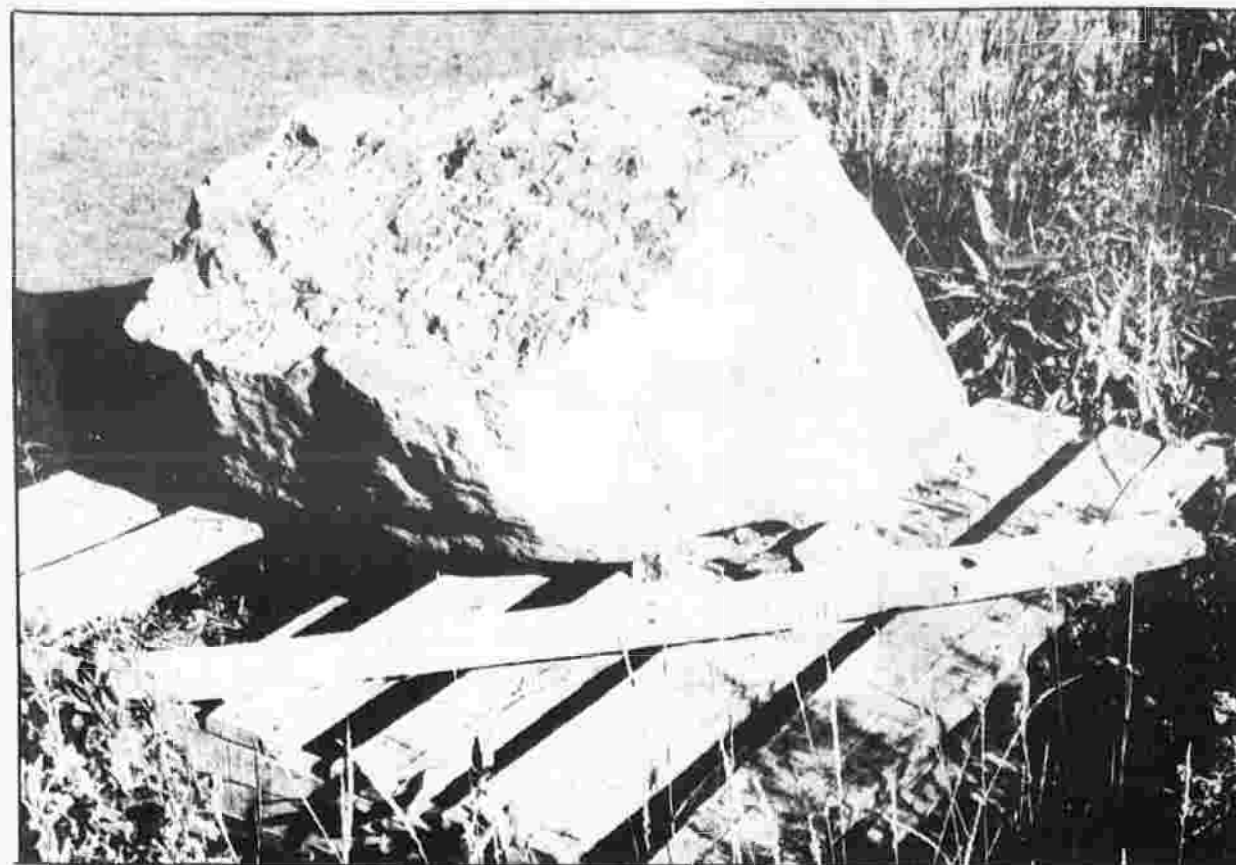
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COVERED UP — Builder Joseph Swenson placed boulders like these on several storm drains off East Eldridge Street after neighbors said they were afraid someone might fall into them. An employee of the town Highway Division refused to comment today on whether the boulders provide sufficient coverage.

Case hinges on defense

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The trial of a woman charged with shooting her lover after a stormy 11-year lesbian relationship may eventually hinge on whether testimony about the so-called battered spouse syndrome is allowed. That decision could come next week in a murder trial that attorneys for both sides believe is one of the first to test that defense in a homosexual relationship. Annette Green, 30, is charged with first-degree murder. Her attorney said Wednesday she was beaten and tormented for years before she fired a single shot from a .38 caliber pistol at the head of Ivonne Julio, 32, after a Hallo-

8th directors meet tonight over hearing

An emergency meeting of the directors of the Eighth Utilities District has been set for tonight to discuss a problem that has arisen over a scheduled public hearing on the installation of a sewer line in the Irving Street area. Mary Beth Litrico, district clerk, said the meeting will be held in the district office in the firehouse at 32 Main St. The meeting was reportedly called because the district's legal counsel, John D. LaBelle Jr., has said that the district directors cannot legally hold a public hearing Sept. 6 on the sewer question. Tonight's agenda calls for canceling the Sept. 6 hearing and setting a new date for a hearing. Neither LaBelle, nor district president Thomas E. Landers could be reached today for further information. However, Director Joseph Tripp said his understanding was that LaBelle has said general statutes require 10 days notice of the meeting and that the district must publish details of financing plans for the sewer in order to make the hearing valid. The district directors decided on the Sept. 6 hearing date at their Aug. 21 meeting. Tripp complained today that LaBelle was raising a question about the legality of the meeting "a week and a half after the meeting at which the date was set."

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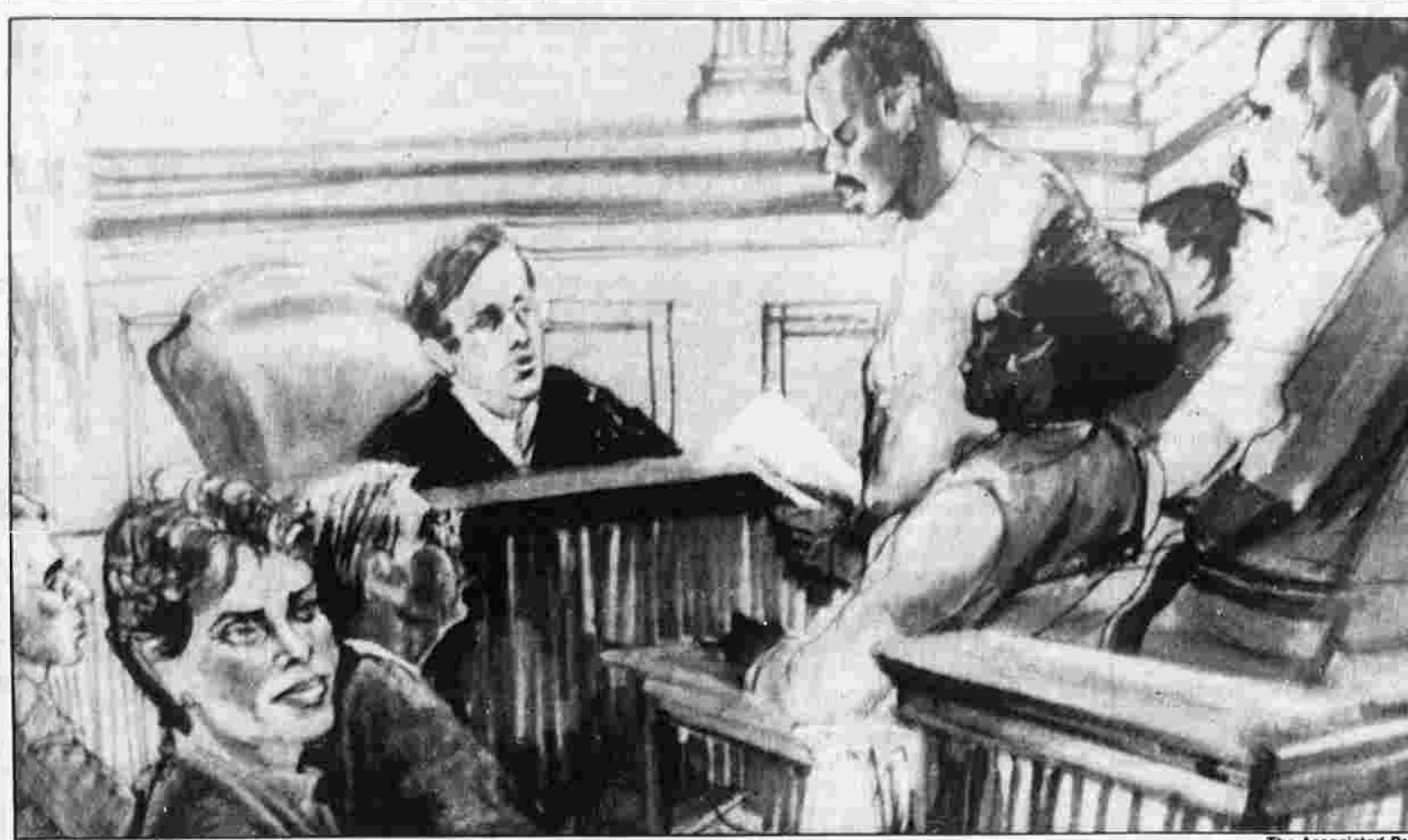
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FOUND GUILTY — Leona Helmsley, left, listens to jury foreman read the verdict Wednesday in U.S. District Court as she was found guilty of tax evasion for charging personal expenses, including underwear, to her

Helmsley convicted as tax cheat

NEW YORK (AP) — Leona Helmsley, the queen of a \$5 billion empire who stood accused of even billing \$8 worth of under-wear as a business expense, showed no emotion upon her conviction of evading \$12 million in federal income taxes. After Wednesday's verdict, juror Michael Clark said the jury decided to acquit Mrs. Helmsley of the most serious charge, conspiracy to commit extortion, because they were unclear on what constituted extortion. "A lot of the people thought that you had to get your legs broken to get extorted and this sounded mild," Clark said. "There were a number of jurors who felt very uncomfortable with the definition."

Witness collapses on stand; Bakker prays at his side

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Jim Bakker knelt and prayed for a witness who collapsed on the stand after testifying that he wanted the TV evangelist "somebody could go to jail" for the PTL ministry's fund-raising practices. Steve Nelson, a former PTL vice president, fainted in the witness stand during cross-examination Wednesday at Bakker's fraud and conspiracy trial in U.S. District Court. Shortly after Nelson slumped with his head leaning against the judge's bench, two nurses in the courtroom rushed to aid him. One, Nancy Summey, is a juror. The other, Sue Patterson, was working as a courtroom artist for the Gannett newspapers. About the same time, Judge Robert Potter recessed court for the day, and Bakker, prompted by defense lawyer George T. Davis, went to Nelson's side and prayed aloud. Lawyers in the trial, forbidden from talking about the case with reporters, did not immediately indicate any concern about the jury being affected by the disruption. Patterson said Nelson recovered consciousness after 15 to 30 seconds and said: "I haven't had anything to eat in a couple of days and I'll be all right."

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Minutes after Bakker prayed at the side of his stricken accuser, he broke into tears at the courthouse door. "I can't go out," he told his lawyers. When attorney Harold Bender moved to open the door, Bakker yelled: "Harold, Harold, don't leave me here!" After Bender returned to the courtroom, Bakker regained his composure. If convicted on all 24 counts, Bakker could be sentenced to 120 years in prison and fined \$5 million. Prosecutors say Bakker and other PTL executives diverted for their own use more than \$4 million of the \$150 million raised from PTL "partners." In the "partnerships," \$1,000 contributors were guaranteed three free nights' lodging each year for life at PTL. The ministry had one hotel and others under construction, but prosecutors say those lodgings could not support the more than 60,000 partnerships sold by the time Bakker resigned. Nelson said that when he first discussed the overbooking with Bakker in 1985, "He told me not to worry, that there was always room at the inn." Nelson testified that Bakker ordered him to keep two sets of lifetime-partnership accounts. He was Bakker's top aide when the evangelist quit PTL in 1987 amid revelations about his 1989 sexual encounter with church secretary Jessica Hahn and a \$25,000 payoff for her silence. Nelson testified before he collapsed that he personally told Bakker and Dorch that "lifetime partnerships" good for lodging and other benefits at PTL's Heritage USA religious retreat and theme park in Fort Mill, S.C., had been oversold. "I told them I thought we had some big-time problems," Nelson said. "I specifically said, 'Somebody could go to jail for this.'"

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Benzene faces new controls

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government is about to clamp tight controls on how cancer-causing chemical benzene is to be handled and stored by industrial users in the hope of cutting releases into the air by 90 percent.

The new controls, a dozen years in the making, were being announced today by the Environmental Protection Agency, agency officials said.

Benzene — a flammable, colorless liquid — is found widely in industry as a byproduct in steelmaking, in the production of styrofoam, as a component of gasoline and as an industrial solvent. It has many other uses.

According to one EPA official, as many as 100 million people across the country are exposed to some level of benzene pollution. Releases into the air can be found anywhere from steel mills and refineries to the corner service station.

In addition to cancer, federal authorities concluded in the 1970s that chronic exposure to benzene also causes leukemia and birth defects and damages blood-forming organs.

Details of the new benzene controls weren't disclosed in advance, but they are considered by the EPA to be among the most costly issued so far in curbing toxic emissions.

Initial capital investment costs are expected to exceed \$1 billion over the next two years. There was no immediate estimate on what additional operational costs companies might face.

We think this is an expensive standard. We think it's worth it," said Gerald Emission, director of the EPA's office of air quality planning.

In 1987, industry users reported more than 32

million pounds of benzene was released into the air, but environmentalists say that doesn't count additional releases by small companies and other facilities — such as gasoline stations — that were not required to make emission reports.

Benzene is only the seventh toxic chemical to be regulated by the EPA, which has been under criticism from Congress for not moving more quickly to curb releases of such substances.

There are more than 300 toxic chemicals for which industry must make annual reports of releases.

EPA officials have acknowledged that the task of developing comprehensive emission controls for benzene has taken too long, but blame much of the delay on the complex legal process they have been forced to follow.

As part of its planned tightening of federal air pollution laws, Congress is considering a revamping of how the EPA deals with toxic chemicals, so the agency can issue broad regulations based on installation of technology that would curb emissions of many chemicals at the same time.

The agency now must deal with each chemical separately — as it has with benzene.

Although some benzene releases are already controlled by either federal or state regulations, the vast majority of the releases are not.

The EPA, for example, says that the largest single source of benzene releases into the air stem from the production of coke in the iron and steel industry. Yet those releases have remained largely uncontrolled until now, according to the EPA.

Paper recycling due in D.C.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The capital paper chase begins in earnest Oct. 1.

In a city where photocopying and paper-pushing have been elevated to art forms, recycling is about to become the new norm.

"Newspaper and office paper, we can produce that in great numbers," said Tara Hamilton, a spokeswoman for the city's public works department. "We read a lot of newspapers, we write a lot of memos, we prepare a lot of reports."

In fact, the city estimates that 53 percent of the approximately 740,000 tons of trash collected each year is paper.

The new recycling law will require office workers, government employees and residents to separate paper from the rest of their garbage.

"Not to be melodramatic, but it's going to change the way we live," Hamilton said Wednesday. "Over the next five years, we are all going to have to change our definition of what we call trash."

While the rules governing paper recycling go into effect Oct. 1, the city has an ambitious plan to begin glass, aluminum and

metal recycling programs by 1994. Hamilton said.

A set of proposed rules stipulates that most city residents will have their newspapers collected on the same day that trash is picked up, while businesses and government offices will be required to hire private haulers to take away their newspapers and office papers.

Condominiums and cooperative apartment groups, which pay for private trash collection, will be allowed to ask the city to pick up newspapers.

The rules, which will be reviewed by the City Council in the next three weeks, allow businesses to apply for exemptions. However, Hamilton cautioned that small stores and offices, rather than paper-producing monsters such as the federal government, are far more likely to avoid having to recycle.

"There are some businesses that are so small, use so little paper, that it doesn't make sense for them to enter into a contract to have paper hauled away," Hamilton said.

However, she said most of those business won't receive exemp-

U.S. calls home dependents as Colombia imposes curfew

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — The U.S. government ordered dependents of its embassy staff to leave Colombia, and authorities imposed a curfew on the nation's cocaine heartland in a bid to stop violence by drug lords.

"Everything has started with no major inconveniences. People rushed to their homes shortly before the curfew time began and now the city is quiet," a spokesman at the Medellin Police Office said by telephone Wednesday night.

The 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew was imposed on Medellin, home of the world's most powerful cocaine cartel, and surrounding communities to discourage bombings and other attacks by drug barons using the toughest anti-narcotics offensive ever launched in Colombia.

A police force of 4,000 was on full alert and 18 special anti-terrorist units were stationed throughout Medellin. Some were reinforced with armored cars, the police spokesman said.

He said a fragmentation grenade exploded in a country club near the city's airport Wednesday night.

Interior Minister Orlando Vasquez Velazquez said the government would extend the curfew, the first in Colombia in 10 years, "wherever it is required to prevent terrorism."

He said Medellin, a city of 2 million, had "become a center of terrorism."

The U.S. Embassy gave no reason for ordering the dependents of its staff to leave, but it was clearly related to the Colombian campaign against drug traffickers and plans to extradite some aspects to the United States.

The extradition of one suspect, reputed Medellin cartel finance chief Eduardo Martinez Romero, was considered imminent.

A police spokesman, Peter Samson, said in a telephone interview "U.S. Embassy dependents have been ordered to leave Colombia in the next few days. That's all I can tell you."

Because of the recurring violence in Colombia, the embassy already had a policy of not allowing dependents under the age of 18 but had permitted other children, spouses, parents and other adults to dependents.

The embassy order would apply to up to 30 relatives of Embassy staffers, a source said. It also recommended that U.S. students leave Colombia. This

raids in which they seized more than \$200 million in property, including lavish estates, office buildings, airplanes and cars allegedly obtained with drug money.

The drug barons responded by declaring war on the government. Medellin and surrounding communities have been rocked by at least 18 bombings and three arson attacks, according to police reports. Several other bombs were found and deactivated.

Medellin Mayor Juan Gomez Martinez said the curfew would remain in effect indefinitely, "until the nights in Medellin quiet down."

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Complaints sink 'wimpy' slogan

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Highway commission-ers dropped plans to print "The Friendship State" on Texas license plates and said they were at a loss for words following complaints that the slogan wasn't tough enough.

Commission Chairman Robert Dedman said Tuesday that he hoped a consensus could be reached on a positive slogan that would temper outsiders' views of Texas.

"We should do everything to say 'I'm all come to visitors to the state and 'I'm all come in bringing hi-tech and other jobs,'" he said.

Responding to an outpouring of criticism about the earlier decision to use "The Friendship State," Dedman said perhaps "Never give up" should be the new slogan.

As it is, Texas plates next spring will remain sloganless, although more colorful with the red, white and blue state flag.

On July 19, the three-member commission approved, with little fanfare, putting "The Friendship State" on the state's \$2 million license plates, hoping the cheery message would attract tourists.

Friendship is the official state motto and the word "Texas" derives from the Spanish pronunciation of an Indian word meaning "friends."

But once word of the decision reached the public, thousands of Texans, prouder of their independence than their friendliness, jammed telephone lines to the highway department and radio call-in shows.

Most said the slogan was too generic and bland. State Treasurer Ann Richards, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, called it "wimpy." Republican gubernatorial candidate Jack Rains said it "looked a little quiche and chablis."

The most popular alternative was the "Lone Star State," although some suggested more topical slogans, such as "Texas, the Insolvent State," or "The Bank Failure State."

"We should be collectively as a group of people as conscious as we can be of being good marketers to the rest of the nation and try to do whatever we can to overcome some of that perceived negative outlook toward Texas," Dedman said.

Study says AIDS spending will tax government coffers

WASHINGTON — State and local governments face increasingly difficult budget choices as the growing AIDS epidemic siphons more of their resources, according to a privately financed survey.

Most states continue to rely heavily on federal money to support AIDS programs, but nine states are beginning to fund their own programs, including North Carolina and Florida — are spending more of their own funds this year than they are getting in federal grants.

Additionally, states further down in the ranking of cumulative AIDS cases are increasing their spending to battle the disease by 10-fold or more, said the survey by the AIDS Policy Center at the George Washington University.

"AIDS is going to increase the budgetary tradeoffs the states must make," said Mona J. Rowe, who helped conduct the survey paid for by the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

In fiscal year 1989, states spent about \$495 million in non-Medicare funds on AIDS education, prevention, testing, care, research and other related activities.

Of the total, states contributed \$252 million from their own resources and received \$243 million from the federal government to spend through state programs. The rest came from private sources.

Overall, the bulk of federal AIDS spending is handled directly by the federal government or is funneled through the National Institutes of Health to private researchers.

The House of Representatives has approved \$1.6 billion for AIDS prevention, education and research during the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. That is the level requested by the Bush administration.

However, there is growing emphasis on money for treatment — especially now that the expensive drug AZT has been recom-mended for hundreds of thousands of people who carry the

education, testing and counseling and patient care. Spending this fiscal year in these categories for the states overall more than doubled from last year.

Besides New York, California and Florida, the states spending more than they received in federal funds this year are: Connecticut, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Washington.

Eight states are relying solely on federal funds for AIDS activities: Idaho, Iowa, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia and Wyoming.

The letter said that the \$3,000 annual cost per patient of AZT will make it difficult to persuade Congress to renew a program that subsidizes the cost of the medicine for patients who cannot afford it.

Kathy Bartlett, a Burroughs Wellcome spokeswoman, said the letter springs from "a failure to recognize how pharmaceutical companies operate."

"It's a marketed drug that help pay for all of your research," she said. Costs for development, marketing and research, she added, "are very, very high."

She said Burroughs Wellcome gave 30 million capsules, wholesale priced at \$1.50 each, to the federal government for the AZT trials. Also, she said, the company continues to conduct studies of the drug.

Public health officials believe that up to 1.5 million people in the United States are infected with the AIDS virus. As of July 31, AIDS had been diagnosed in 102,821 Americans, of whom 59,291 have died since June 1, 1981, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control.

Federal officials estimate that by the end of 1992, the number of reported AIDS cases in the United States will total 365,000. In that year alone, more than 80,000 new cases are expected to be reported and 65,000 people with AIDS are expected to die.

Most state funds are spent on

Tougher credit card rules should help buyers choose

WASHINGTON (AP) — Credit card disclosure rules taking effect today offer the nation's 107 million card holders a new opportunity to shop around for lower interest rates, consumer activists say.

Industry analysts, however, say they expect the new rules to have little impact — at least over the short haul.

The regulations, adopted by the Federal Reserve Board in April, require credit card issuers to disclose the interest rate, monthly fee, grace period and other terms in a chart on applications used to sign up customers.

Previously, the card's costs did not have to be disclosed until it arrived in the mail.

The new rules also require companies to notify existing customers in advance when their accounts are about to be renewed and another annual fee charged.

"Consumers should use the renewed notice as a reminder to switch cards and save," said Elgie Holstein, director of the Bankcard Holders of America, a consumer group. She advised cardholders to pay off their high-rate cards with a cash advance from a low-rate card.

The new rules apply to bank cards, such as Visa, MasterCard

and Discover; to department store cards; and also to cards such as American Express and Diners Club, whose full balance must be paid monthly.

"I'm very hopeful that this will at least provide the edge to consumers to make better judgments," said Peggy Miller, a lobbyist for the Consumer Federation of America.

Miller and other consumer activists believe the regulations should force card companies to compete by lowering their interest rates and annual fees.

Bankers and analysts, however, say most cardholders probably won't see much decline. "It's going to put some strain on

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FRESH MILK — Serena Chan of New York City gets a glass of milk straight from the source Tuesday at the New York State Fair. Chan was among 14 New York City youngsters who won trips to the fair as prizes in a poster contest on how food and agriculture affects their lives.

It's fish 14, president 0

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine (AP) — The vacation was 14 days old and the standings were: Fish 14, President Bush 0. The presidential patience appeared to be wearing thin. Sure he was worried about the drug lords in Colombia and the civil war in Lebanon. But the other thing bugging Bush as he relaxed on the coast of Maine was why the heck couldn't he catch a fish. Despite daily excursions in his speedboat Fidelity — sometimes failed to reel one in. He tried all kinds of lures and a variety of fishing partners — from grandchildren to visiting dignitaries — but still came up with an empty line. He canceled an afternoon of golf Sunday in favor of a fishing jaunt, and on Monday morning decided to forgo his 6:30 a.m. jog to try again. On the advice of longtime fishing buddy Bob Boland the president even ordered the Secret Service to keep extraneous boats, including the small flotilla of press chase boats, 500 feet away on the theory that the vessels might be scaring off the fish. Still no luck. Bush tried not to show dismay, and Barbara Bush claimed the president wasn't bothered a bit. But there were signs it was getting to be something of a sore subject. "The fishing's been lousy," he confided to reporters at the end of the first fishless week. "I fish every single day and haven't got one."

Eventually there were inklings of a Hemingwayesque obsession, as he talked of having a "rendezvous with bluefish." He laid down a decree: "I guarantee there will be fish caught." When he learned that an 18-pounder was caught off one of the TV crew boats trailing Fidelity, he could barely contain his envy. "Eighteen pound bluefish?" he repeated several times. "Out there with us? There's no justice here. That's just not fair." Meanwhile, word was spreading fast about the fishless vacation. The Portland Press Herald came out with a front page graphic called Fish Watch, featuring a picture of a circled fish with a line drawn across it and the statistics on how many days Bush has fished without a catch. When Bush piloted his boat into town one day, a local fisherman gave him a large fish, and Bush grudgingly agreed with the press corps that this seemed the only way he could hook one. Evangelist Billy Graham, Bush's weekend house guest, told a local church congregation the president took him along on a fishing trip as a Jonah, a reference to the biblical figure who was swallowed by a whale. The president laughed and nodded when a reporter asked if he would have Graham bless his fishing rods. Bush has previously espoused a philosophical viewpoint on fish-free vacations, saying the fun was more in the fishing than the catching. But this trip, the situation seemed a bit much to take. By Monday both the president and his staff were trying to put the best face on his bad luck streak. That morning presidential photographer David Valdez caught six fish on the president's boat and National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft caught one that was described by extending his hands about two feet. White House spokesman Bruce Zanca later said diplomatically, "Under the president's careful tutelage, the fishing trip was successful." The fish were caught under his strong leadership.

Bishops file abortion brief

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's Roman Catholic bishops are urging the Supreme Court to use a pair of cases from Ohio and Minnesota to overturn its 1973 decision legalizing abortion. In a friend-of-the-court brief filed earlier this week, the U.S. Catholic Conference said past high court rulings on abortion have usurped legislative authority. The brief added: "For this court, the time has come to decide whether to continue to write rules or to allow legislatures to legislate." The Catholic Conference, an arm of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, filed a similar brief earlier this year in a case the court used to give states greater power to regulate abortions. The justices already have agreed to study the Ohio and Minnesota cases during the term that begins in October. Both cases involve laws that require doctors to notify the parents of young, unmarried girls who seek abortions. The court also will study an Illinois case involving stringent regulation of abortion clinics.

Alabama bans waste import

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Alabama is banning hazardous waste shipments from 22 states and the District of Columbia to keep the state "from becoming the waste dump of the nation," Gov. Guy Hunt said. A representative of the hazardous waste industry said his group plans to challenge the ban — the second of its type in the country — in court.

On Tuesday, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management identified states that would be affected by a law enacted in May. It bars states from sending hazardous waste to Alabama if they don't have some means of disposal within their own borders or if they don't have a cooperative agreement with Alabama. "The intent of this legislation was to force states to accept responsibility for the hazardous waste they generate. In the past, it has seemed Alabama was the path of least responsibility," said Sue Robertson, chief of the department's land division. Alabama's ban is similar to one enacted earlier this year by South Carolina.

Tucker Eskew, an aide to South Carolina Gov. Carroll Campbell, applauded the move and said the two states are aiming for "a regional approach which ensures reciprocity and fair burden sharing" in waste disposal. Richard Fortina, executive director of the Hazardous Waste Treatment Council in Washington, said the lobbying group has made overturning the two states' laws a top priority. He said the state laws violate federal interstate commerce statutes and will cause a shortage of hazardous waste sites nationally. "It is virtually certain we will challenge one. The only question is whether we will challenge both," he said.

Mrs. Robertson said Alabama's ban would affect only the hazardous waste landfill at Emelle, the nation's largest. The law leaves it up to the landfill operator, Chemical Waste Management, to stop shipments from the banned states, she said. South Carolina is the only other Southeast state with a hazardous waste landfill.

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Jesse Jackson is relaxed, biding his time for a while

By Ruth Sinal
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Jesse Jackson is relaxed. One of Washington's newest residents, he is biding his time. Gone for the moment is the fiery preacher of the campaign trail, but the provocative language remains. His voice low, wearing blue jeans and boots, the two-time presidential candidate dodges questions about his political future, especially about talk that he will run for mayor of Washington next year. Jackson has moved his home and office from Chicago to the capital, but that's as far as he'll commit himself publicly. "It's not an appropriate time to discuss" a mayoral bid, he says. "But he drops tantalizing hints. 'I'm not interested in being a mayor under occupation. That's not very attractive,' he said. Does that mean he won't run for mayor? 'There's no race in 1989," is the answer. Jackson calls Washington "the cradle of democracy and the last domestic U.S. colony."

What he means is that the District of Columbia is a city controlled by Congress. Although district residents can vote for president, they have only one nonvoting delegate in the House of Representatives. Jackson wants Washington to become the 51st or 52nd state, depending on whether Puerto Rico votes for statehood when a plebiscite is held there in 1991. "Congress is an occupying power. It can appropriate land, restrict the budget. The mayor is under occupation. He has no ability to influence Congress except through sympathy, and when there's none of that..." There is very little sympathy in Congress for Jackson's old friend from the days of their 1960s civil rights marches, Mayor Marion Barry. The three-term mayor has been dogged by questions about his behavior. He has been questioned about his association with a man later convicted of selling drugs. And two of his top aides have been convicted of stealing from the city. Washington's record drug-related killings, its high infant mortality rate and the city's budget deficit have prompted Congress to commission a critical study of the capital's management. Rather than elevating it to statehood, it has been suggested that the mayor be replaced by a less powerful city manager. Jackson is appalled. "Residents of Washington must be made full partners in democ-

cracy," he said. He needs of statistics Alaska, Wyoming, Delaware, Vermont and North Dakota have smaller populations than Washington's 650,000, who pay federal taxes like everyone else. "This is taxation without representation. Even Beijing and Moscow are represented in their legislatures," Jackson said. With an area of 68.25 square miles, the district would be less than one-tenth the size of Rhode Island, by far the smallest of the 50 states. Jackson shrugs that off. Statehood for the predominantly black district will open the Senate to black Americans who are not currently represented in the chamber, he said. "Would he like to be Senator Jackson, or maybe Governor Jackson?" "That's not the issue here," he said. Jackson, who has never held public office, has said he will not challenge Barry, but political observers suggest the beleaguered mayor may step down some time next year and leave Jackson a virtually clear field. That, in turn, could preclude a third bid by Jackson for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination in 1992.

Suit alleges loss of dimples

NEW YORK (AP) — You might not know actor Laurence Conroy by name, but he bets you know his dimples until a plastic surgeon smoothed one away and, so he says, killed his livelihood.

In a lawsuit made known Tuesday in State Supreme Court in Manhattan, Conroy said his earnings as an actor in commercials dropped more than two-thirds after a 1983 facelift erased his left dimple. "The secret of his success was his dimples. His Irish-American dimply smile," said Robert Harley, Conroy's lawyer. In court papers Conroy, 59, said: "I have a specific look which is all-American, perky... a genuine trustworthy person who sells."

The Daily News reported Conroy sued for \$5 million; the New York Post said \$10 million. Conroy said that before consenting to surgery, he told Dr. James Smith how important his dimples were to his appearances in ads for Irish Spring soap, Bob's Big Boy restaurants, Hathaway shirts, the Belmont Race Track and Delwood Milk, among others. He said Smith assured him the operation would leave his dimples intact.

However, Smith said Conroy was told before the operation that there was no guarantee how the tightening of his jaws would affect his dimples. According to the suit, Conroy won one job for about every six auditions he made before he was operated on Oct. 20, 1983. After the operation, he said he won only one job for every 50 auditions. In 1982 Conroy said he made as much as \$56,000; two years later his earnings plunged to \$16,731. Conroy sued in 1984, but the case came to light in 1987 when Justice Stanley Sklar ruled the actor could add breach of contract to his suit.



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Spending, income rise, showing strong growth

WASHINGTON (AP) — Personal incomes rose a healthy 0.7 percent in July, the best gain in four months, while consumer spending climbed at its fastest pace in three months, the government has reported.

The Commerce Department said that consumer spending rose 0.7 percent in July. It was the best gain since a 1.2 percent rise in April and followed a much weaker 0.2 percent June increase.

The 0.7 percent rise in personal incomes followed a 0.5 percent June increase and was the fastest advance since a 1 percent increase in March.

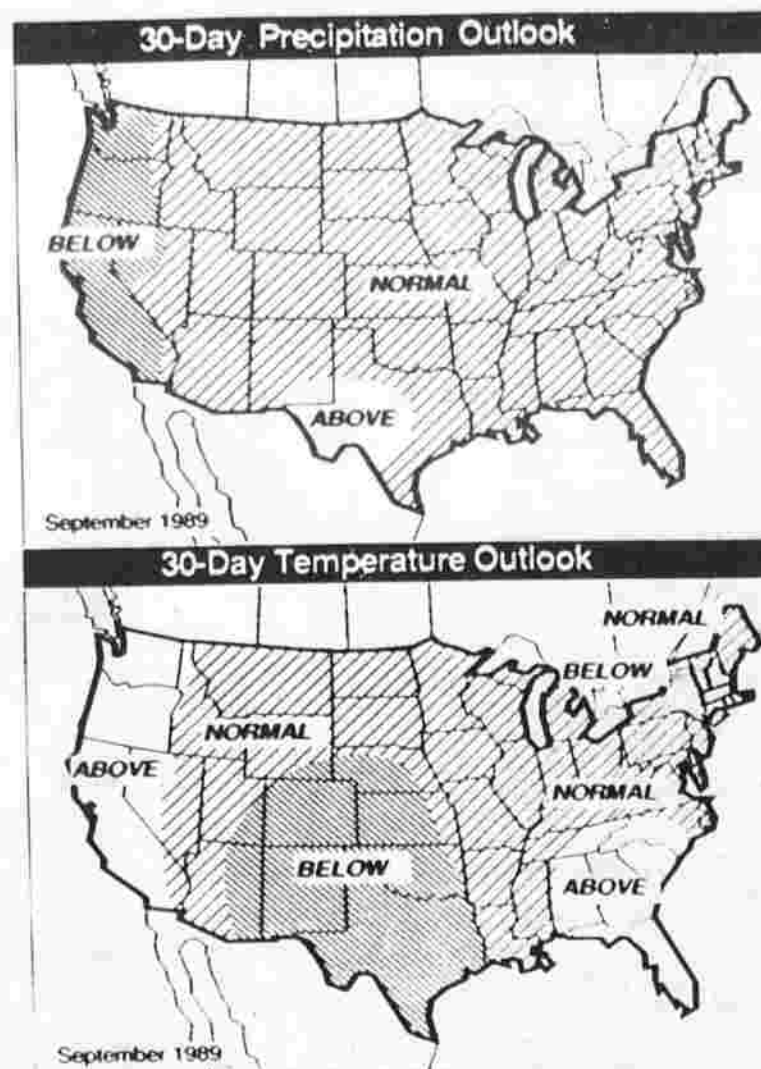
The statistics on Americans' income growth and spending habits provided fresh evidence that the economy is not in danger of toppling into a recession. The report showed that consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity, is being bolstered by healthy gains in income.

Just a month ago, economists were not so certain about the state of the economy. However, a string of government statistics since that time have shown that the economy, and in particular the consumer sector, is not as weak as earlier feared.

Last month, the government reported that consumer spending, after removing the effects of inflation, had declined in both May and June. But in today's report, the inflation-adjusted figures were revised upward to show modest increases of 0.1 percent in both May and June.

On Tuesday, the government significantly revised upward its estimate of total economic growth, showing that the gross national product was growing at a healthy annual rate of 2.7 percent in the April-June quarter instead of the anemic 1.7 percent GNP rate originally reported. Most of that revision stemmed from the fact that the rate of consumer spending was doubled from what the government originally estimated.

Today's report showed that consumer spending continued strong going into the first month of the July-September quarter. Many economists have been busy revising upward their estimates for overall economic growth this year.



Japanese, German ads skipping war issues

NEW YORK (AP) — Japanese and West German companies that ordinarily advertise in weekly U.S. news magazines apparently don't want their products associated with memories of blitzkriegs, gas chambers and death marches.

Time magazine and U.S. News & World Report said Tuesday that some advertisers pulled ads out of their special issues on the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II.

Time and U.S. News declined to identify the advertisers. But the World War II issues were noticeably lacking in ads from Japanese companies, which are heavy advertisers in the magazines.

Newsworld magazine, whose special war coverage was limited to slightly more than two pages of book reviews in its Sept. 4 issue, had a normal amount of advertising from Japanese companies in the issue.

West German companies do not advertise every week in any of the magazines, so it is difficult to determine whether any had pulled ads.

Some of the ads that were pulled were switched to other issues of the magazines, said spokesman Brian Brown said.

"The net of it was that we did lose some business," Time spokesman Brian Brown said.

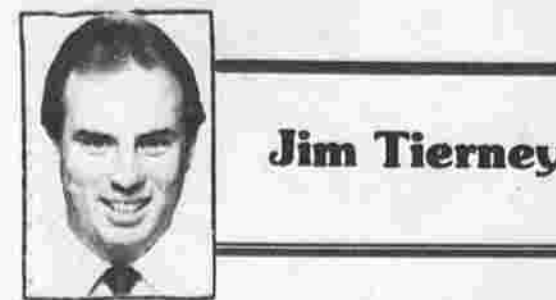
Spokesmen for Japan's Toyota Motor Corp., Nissan Motor Co. Ltd.'s Infiniti division and Honda Motor Co. Ltd.'s Acura division, which frequently advertise in the magazines, said Tuesday that their absence from the World War II editions had nothing to do with the magazines' contents.

"We make it very clear that the story is going to run in any case, and I think that speaks well for editorial integrity," Brown said.

U.S. News has a similar policy, spokeswoman Beth Kieniak said.

World War II began Sept. 1, 1939, when Germany invaded Poland. Britain and France declared war on Germany two days later. The United States entered after being attacked by Japan on Dec. 7, 1941.

SPORTS



Life goes on for UConn soccer team

STORRS — Life without three-time All-American forward Dan Donigan has been a dreadful thought for fans of the University of Connecticut men's soccer team, as it prepares to embark on its 1989 season Friday night at South Florida.

Donigan, a soccer magician on the field, is now property of the Boston Bolts of the American Soccer League. Donigan finished his career fifth on the all-time point list (35 goals, 40 assists) and second in assists. He won the 1988 Adidas Adi Daxlar National Senior Player-of-the-Year award.

A year ago, UConn qualified for the NCAA Tournament an uncanny 15th time in 17 years, a clear testament to the successful program under 21-year Husky coach Joe Morrone.

Morrone annually presents an extremely fit — all UConn soccer players must break 11:30 for two miles in preseason workouts — well-drilled group which contests every match to the bitter end.

As for Donigan's tremendous void, Morrone said, "Danny had that unique quality... you don't replace a guy like that often."

This year's UConn contingent has already done something all of Donigan's teams never did — defeat Seton Hall. Although the Huskies' 3-2 win over the three-time defending Big East Tournament champion was an exhibition game, it sent a distinct, revealing message that UConn soccer will continue to prosper in the post-Donigan era.

"I think they had a little vendetta since we've beaten them twice in the Big East final," Seton Hall Irishman Pat O'Kelly said. "They proved it today. They deserved to win."

Junior Brian Parker, who scored nine goals and dished out six assists last year, is the top returning offensive threat for the Huskies. Sophomore Rob Lindell, who will sit out Friday's opener due to a red card violation in last year's NCAA Tournament loss to Boston University, which scored six goals with seven assists a year ago.

Junior newcomer Danny Sanchez, a junior college transfer from Mesa Community College in Arizona and the first JUCO transfer in UConn soccer history, should help fill some of the Donigan void around the net. Sanchez has already proven he goes to goal with a purpose and is extremely dangerous. During his junior year in high school, Sanchez scored 36 goals in just 14 matches.

Freshman Jay Rensink, a high school first-team All-America selection, will see plenty of action up front also. Junior Brian Anderson of Farmington, who has only two career goals, scored twice in the Seton Hall victory which suggests he may be a goal-scoring threat from his midfield slot.

"I'd like to go in there with a roar and go out with a roar," the speedy Anderson said of the impending campaign.

Wethersfield sophomore Chris Albrecht, unquestionably the biggest surprise of last year's team at sweeper, has been moved to stopper and should continue his defensive prowess. Sophomore Vince Jajuga, switched from midfield to sweeper, is the current surprise. Jajuga, who came out of high school with lofty acclaim, experienced a dismal freshman year.

Now, Jajuga has blossomed into one of the field leaders on the team.

Irishman Ed Kelly, former Seton Hall coach and now in his second year at Boston College, was in attendance for the Seton Hall-UConn exhibition and was thoroughly impressed with the Huskies.

"They were very impressive," the Dublin native said. "Their work on and off the ball was tremendous. They're going to be a tough team to play against. They could be tougher than they were before."

With only two seniors — co-captains Bill Lawrence and Kevin O'Hara — along with 12 freshmen, a rebuilding year may have been in order. The Huskies obviously have other plans. Life goes on after Dan Donigan.

Facchini set for 2nd season

By Len Auster
Manchester Herald

A year ago may have been the toughest in Leo Facchini's life.

Facchini, 34, was named as the head football coach at East Catholic High School on May 21, 1988, succeeding Jude Kelly. The latter in nine years with the Eagles compiled a 61-32-2 mark including back-to-back state championship campaigns in 1986 and '87 and three in all.

It was a tough act to follow, something like trying to replace John Wooden at UCLA.

It was an act that was not duplicated, with the Eagles struggling through a 2-8 campaign in which they lost three games by a touchdown or less. Now, heading into the second season that kicks off on Sept. 16 against New London, Facchini feels he and the team will be better off.

"I feel a lot more comfortable and confident having been here a year," Facchini, sitting in the football office, said. "I think the publicity surrounding the winning streak (state high 16 in a row heading into 1988) and the championships may have become the focal point last year."

But not intentionally, but maybe the kids were more concerned with the winning streak and state championships than playing football as a cohesive unit.

Has Facchini thought of the 1988 season? "Every time I look at the films," the powerfully built Facchini answers. "Hindsight is 20-20. You know... woulda, coulda, shoulda..."

Preparation has gone a lot smoother than a year ago. "I was hired on May 23 (May 21) and 10 days later ran spring practice. We kind of winged it," Facchini recalls. "Things are definitely a lot smoother this time organizational-wise and expectation-wise in terms of what the kids can expect from us and what we expect from them."

"That was evident by spring practice this year which ran 100 percent smoother."

What set East off on the wrong foot a year ago was its opener, also against New London. The Eagles bowed, 7-6, and never did recover.

"The kids possibly lost confidence in themselves (from the opener)," Facchini recalls. "We did everything but deliver a knockout punch. We did everything but put them away. It was our own fault."

By the time Facchini and company got things in gear, and the players normal doubts about their new bosses were set aside, the season was half over. "After the Notre Dame game, things started to slide. We just couldn't overcome the slide we had taken in the first five games."

"We had the talent last year to win more than two football games. I'll put the blame on myself being a first-year coach and also the transition period took longer than envisioned it would."

Facchini is ready to move forward this year. "The reality of life in the ball doesn't always bounce your way and we found out a number of times last year it wasn't bouncing our way. Most people this year will have a wait and see attitude. I'd rather have it that way. Some kids felt they had let down so many people because the win streak ended. I feel we'll be able to concentrate and worry more about our expectations than the newspapers."

Facchini and his staff worked hard in the winter months, attending clinics. He spent considerable time with the staff at the Coast Guard Academy.

"(Coast Guard) runs one of the best wishbones in Division III. It won't guarantee we'll be winners, but we'll be a sound football team," Facchini says. "The long-term goal is to establish my own fundamentally sound football program and we do the best we can for the kids. The day I don't do what's best for the kids is the day I get out."



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NEW YEAR — Leo Facchini is looking forward to his second season at East Catholic.

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McEnroe among victims at Open

By Barry Winer
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NEW YORK — Boris Becker used pluck and luck to survive in the U.S. Open. John McEnroe and Mats Wilander weren't as fortunate.

Becker saved two match points in the fourth set — one on a net cord that was the turning point of the second-round match — then dug down in the fifth to beat Derrick Rostagno 1-6, 6-7 (1-7), 6-3, 7-6 (8-6), 6-3.

Wilander, the defending champion who won three majors in 1986 and none this year, didn't make it to midnight, losing 7-6, 6-3, 1-6, 6-1, 6-4 to 18-year-old Californian Pete Sampras.

And McEnroe, the four-time Open winner in the midst of an outstanding comeback, could not hang on against a player he'd never seen and knew nothing about.

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BAGGED — Two fans wearing "George Must Go" on their T-shirts and paper bags on their head are escorted by security men from the upper deck of Yankee Stadium during the Yankees win over the Oakland A's Wednesday night.

Yankees, for one game, are better than the A's

By Ben Walker
The Associated Press

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Bosox can't do anything with Abbott

By Dave O'Hara
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BOSTON — Most of the 34,000 fans arrived at Fenway Park to cheer the Boston Red Sox.

Before leaving, they gave rookie left-hander Jim Abbott of the California Angels a couple of standing ovations.

In his first appearance in the major leagues' smallest stadium, Abbott shut out the Red Sox on four hits for the second time Wednesday night as the Angels ended Boston's nine-game winning streak with a 4-0 victory.

"Not too much you can do about that one," Boston Manager Joe Morgan said. "We were hotted all the way. He didn't appear to be throwing too good in the beginning, but all of a sudden he began popping the ball. He probably hit 90 mph a few times."

Abbott, 11-9 and the only pitcher with two complete games against Boston this year, struck out seven and walked four in going the distance for the third time in 24 major league starts.

"He did a good job," California Manager Doug Rader said. "He got the ball over, he challenged hitters. He came from behind in the count. He did everything he had to do to win."

Although he had been struggling with a 1-3 record and a 7.61 earned run average in five previous starts in August, Abbott was a little under the gun in taking the mound.

"This was a good win for all of us," he said, referring to Boston's 30 hits and 21 runs in a doubleheader sweep Tuesday night. "We left we had to come back and get a win."

So the young pitcher with a deformed right hand went out and handcuffed the Red Sox, who had outscored opponents 62-24 in their nine-game winning streak.

"They're a very, very good hitting team, but maybe they were a little tired from running the bases last night," said Abbott. "They hit some balls hard, but some were right at people and there were a couple of double plays that helped."

Abbott retired Mike Greenwell on a line drive to left with a runner on third to end the first inning. Then, after two walks and an error loaded the bases with two out in the third, he struck out Greenwell.

"The Greenwell strikeout was a big one-coming so early in the game," Abbott said. "Then I felt more confident as I went along."

Abbott said he has been struggling "but the team has been patient with me."

The main key for me is to throw strikes," he said. "When I do that, I'm confident I can win."

The Angels gave Abbott all the cushion he needed in the fourth, scoring three runs off Boston starter John Nolasco.

Chili Davis began the decisive rally with a single to center and Brian Downing walked. Lance Parrish struck out, but Jack Howell grounded a single to right, scoring Davis, and Kent Anderson followed with a two-run double down the left-field line.

The Angels added a run in the eighth when Anderson followed a walk to Parrish with a double and Parrish came home on a throwing error by right fielder Kevin Romine.

With the victory, California moved back to within two games of Oakland in the AL West. Boston dropped five games behind Baltimore in the AL East.

The two teams wind up the series tonight with one-time Vermont hockey star Kirk McCaskill, 14-7, down to start for the Angels against Boston ace Roger Clemens, 13-9.

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Friendships are likely to take on new meanings for you in the year ahead.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Friends will comply with your wishes to a limited degree.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Social conditions should be to your liking today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You will find a delicate balance that must be maintained in your personal affairs today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Chances are if you pay a lot of money to have a good time today, you won't.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It's admirable to be independent and have strong self-identification.

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Daytime show exposes date rape

By Jerry Buck The Associated Press LOS ANGELES — Actress Laureale Bell visited rape treatment centers and talked to counselors before starting a summer-long story about date rape on the CBS daytime serial "The Young and the Restless."

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buffer of countries against likely German perfidy. Never mind that Hitler would take it all back in June 1941, after he had conquered Europe. But for now it was a secure border.

The expected clash of the giants in the West didn't happen. The French army, brought to the front by a divided government, sat behind the Maginot Line, unwilling to open the issue.

The first British troops could not be expected on the continent until October. Besides, the conquest of Poland had been a demonstration of incredible military force. Even Hitler was grateful for the respite. Any incursion, any air raid, would require his personal approval.

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The stagnant war was called the sitting war. The major confrontation would be in abeyance until Hitler was good and ready, in the spring of 1940.

The German Navy, however, was given carte blanche. With the war against Britain only 10 hours old, the British liner Athenia with 240 passengers was torpedoed west of the Azores and sunk some 2,000 miles west of Scotland's Hebrides Islands. Of the 112 lost, 28 were Americans.

The Germans denied that their submarines had attacked it (it was later proved that the ship was British and international public opinion). Nevertheless, in the first week of the war, the Germans sent 11 British ships to the bottom. For all of September, U-boats claimed 26 ships sunk, and German mines took three more.

Meanwhile, in the United States, Roosevelt sought to move his nation out of its isolationist stance. He was, he said, "almost literally walking on eggs," so politically sensitive was the issue.

At stake was the Neutrality Act. Finally, on Oct. 27, by a 63-30 vote, the Senate repealed the act with the House following. Arms were now for sale on a cash-and-carry basis, and the first British freighters began loading a week later.

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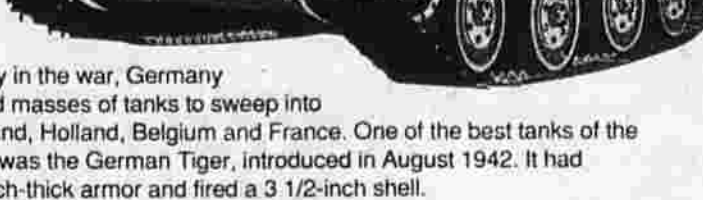
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Technology of World War II

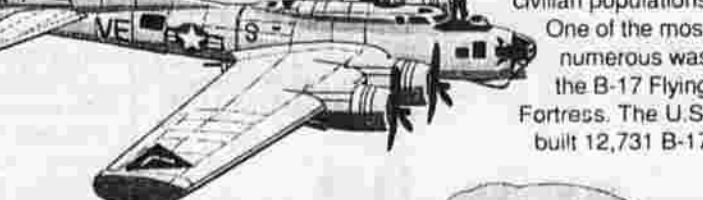
The war pitted powerful industrial nations against each other. These are three of the destructive new weapons they used.



Early in the war, Germany used masses of tanks to sweep into Poland, Holland, Belgium and France. One of the best tanks of the war was the German Tiger, introduced in August 1942. It had 4-inch-thick armor and fired a 3 1/2-inch shell.



Both sides used long-range bombers to attack distant industrial centers and civilian populations. One of the most numerous was the B-17 Flying Fortress. The U.S. built 12,731 B-17s.



The secret Manhattan Project produced the first atomic bomb. Hoping to shorten the war, President Harry Truman used the bomb twice against Japan. The A-bomb ended the Pacific war — but led to the Cold War arms race between the United States and the Soviet Union.

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State museum is storehouse of World War II hardware

By Mark Seovoy The Associated Press DANBURY — These tanks and anti-tank guns fired their last volleys decades ago, but the Military Museum of Southern New England hopes to return them to the front lines — this time in a battle for tourists.

The 12-year-old museum, armed with a vast collection of mostly World War II vintage tanks, cannons, personnel carriers, jeeps and other memorabilia, plans to open to the public for the first time this fall inside a 13,000-square-foot former machine-tool factory in Danbury.

"All these vehicles are one of a kind," Dennis A. Ambruso, the museum's co-founder, said recently as he escorted a visitor on a private tour of the collection, part of which now sits in the factory's parking lot.

"They're reasonably rare and are a good example of everything that was used in World War II," he said of the olive-drab behemoths.

Ambruso, who served in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam from 1965 to 1967 and is a student of military history, came up with the idea of starting the museum in 1981 after acquiring several military vehicles of his own.

He met museum co-founder John V. Valuzzo, a decorated War veteran and avid collector of military vehicles, in 1984 and the museum formally incorporated in 1985 with Valuzzo's M-20 armored utility vehicle and one or two other vehicles.

The collection, assembled from a mixture of Army surplus stock, private collectors and scrap yards willing to part with pieces of history, now has 40 pieces and is worth about \$1.8 million, according to Valuzzo, manager at his father's machine-tool company in Bethel.

The 40 vehicles are scattered throughout the southwestern Connecticut, kept in makeshift storage facilities — a former firehouse in Danbury, Bethel, Seymour and Norwalk.

Until now, the vehicles have been displayed in holiday parades and at military shows. But the museum's director wanted a place where the public could come and view the vehicles.

"You have to have a place to display the vehicles because that gives you credibility," said Ambruso, who quit his job as a lineman for the Southern New England Telephone Co. in April to work full time for the museum.

The Danbury factory, owned by Valuzzo's father, is only large enough to accommodate a small part of the collection, and the search for a larger facility will continue after the museum opens this fall.

The museum got a financial boost in January when it received approval for a \$75,000 historic assets restoration grant from the state Department of Economic Development to help restore

the face of the earth in the violence of war, 20 million of them in the Soviet Union alone. Of the 70 million men and women who fought in the various armies, 17 million were killed.

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Unhappy man wants to become woman

DEAR READERS: Abby is off on a two-week vacation, but she left behind some of her favorite letters taken from her best-selling book, "The Best of Dear Abby."



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am a 23-year-old male nurse. I love sports and excel in track and was saved by the grace of Jesus Christ two years ago. I read the Bible daily and sing in the gospel choir.

Even though I am a born-again Christian, I am miserable. All my life I have wanted to be a woman. I would love to be on the U.S. Women's Olympic Track Team. I can cook, sew and type. I have never cared anything about mechanics, engineering, or any of the so-called masculine careers. I hate hunting and fishing. I could never kill a living thing.

Abby, this secret desire to be a woman is about to destroy me. I am not a homosexual, but I'd give anything to have a sex-change operation. Where is this done? Is it against

the law? I will go anywhere. I'd rather be dead than continue living like this. Abby, if the Lord really loves me, why did he give me a man's body when I feel and think like a woman? I have been this way all my life. Please help me!

DEAR ABBY: Three years ago, my 58-year-old husband had a brief affair with his secretary. It was no secret, and all the tongues in this little town were wagging a mile a minute. Once I found a motel key in his coat pocket, and he had the gall to tell me that he got tired of driving so he checked into this motel to take a little nap. (Three miles from home!)

Well, last year he had an affair that he kept in a locked box. He phones me if he knows he's going to be half an hour late. He says he presents, sends me flowers, and even takes me on business trips, which he never did before.

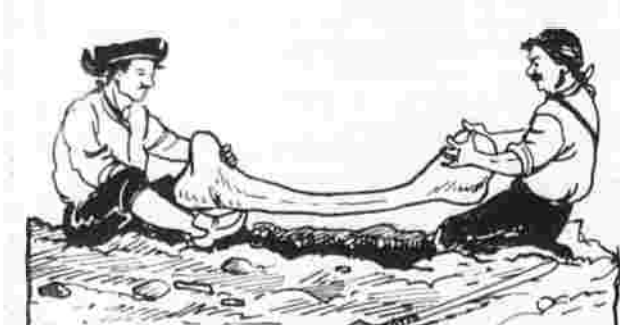
Of course, I'm enjoying all this, but why in your opinion has my husband suddenly turned over a new leaf?

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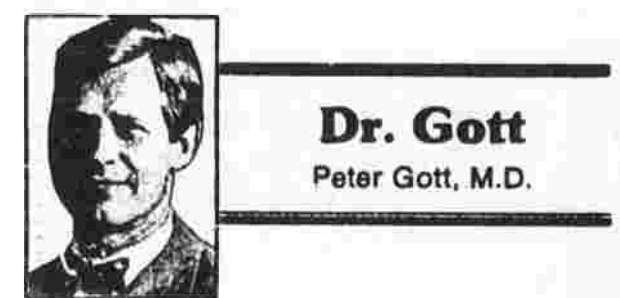
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Genetic factors affect weight

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm interested in maintaining my present weight. I've been told to calculate calorie intake by taking my age, subtracting 18 and multiply by 20. The total is subtracted from 2,100 to determine the total calories to be consumed daily without weight gain. Is this correct?

DEAR READER: Many schemes like the one you describe have been published to calculate proper calories intake. They all have at least two failings. First, the calculations are based on someone else's idea of "ideal" weight. This may not be appropriate for everyone. For example, you may be short and muscular or tall and slender. Depending on your body build, you may require — or fewer — calories to maintain your weight.

To a large degree, our body weights depend on our inherited genetic makeup. You and I could weigh the same but, because of our genetic inheritance, we might burn calories (or store them as fat) at different rates. Therefore, on the same calorie regimen, you would gain and I would lose — or vice versa.

those scientists, physicians and surgeons whose combined efforts have made sex-change operations possible do so with God's guidance. For information about sex-reassignment surgery and related problems, inquire at the nearest medical school that has a human sexuality program.

DEAR ABBY: I saw a man on the commuter train reading a book titled "Dear Abby," and he sure seemed to be enjoying it. I suppose you write it. Please send me the book, and if it's any good I'll send you a check.

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By Sheri T. Pross
The Associated Press

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Back in the 1930s, the CHA had leading national reformers at the helm, and it was smooth sailing into the 1950s, Orfield says. But in the 1960s, unrest began and the properties began to be decreed housing rather than a stepping stone to middle-class.

The agency became crippled by patronage jobs and contracts, and gross mismanagement, Orfield says.

"Lane came in at a time when the CHA had enormous problems and a record of very poor leadership that went back for many years," Orfield says. "He's such a refreshing change, people aren't blaming him for the problems that still plague the project."

"Kids have got to see somebody get up and go to work rather than sitting around waiting for the welfare check," he says. "Kids have got to have role models other than the drug dealer or the pimp or the gang leader."

He wants changes in the federally regulated residency requirements and rent policies that keep people of the same income level in the same buildings. By allowing middle-class families to live in some buildings, Lane thinks working people will inspire kids to stay in school and out of trouble.

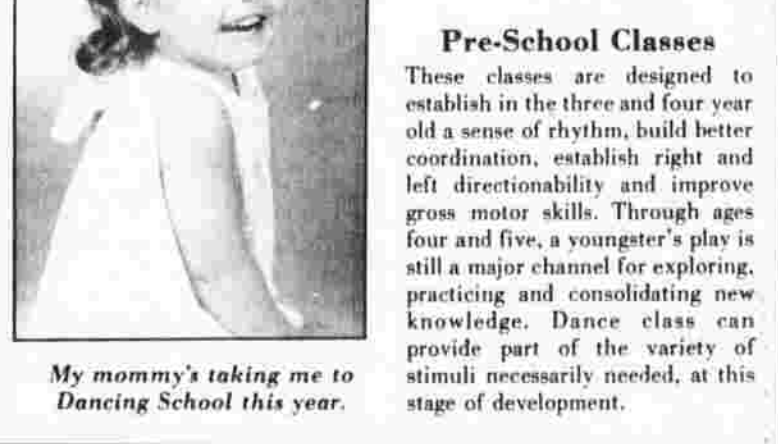
A settlement between the CHA and ACLU prohibits police from searching personal property and entitles the tenants to two days' notice before inspection unless the CHA determines an immediate threat to a building. But under that gray area of the agreement, the CHA can define a threat as the daily living conditions at the projects.

Deputy Superintendent Rudolph Nimocks, head of the Chicago police investigative services bureau, says Lane's aggressive attack on gangs and drug dealers was responsible for much of the crime rate decline last year.

"Vince Lane's activism has helped quite a bit," Nimocks says. "With Vince Lane, we have a stronger day-to-day relationship with the CHA. I talk to him almost every day."

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Numbers whiz has fame but he longs for an ordinary life

By Nancy Shulins
The Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — It's only fitting that Rajan's study to begin with a number: MYX1888, the number that started it all. MYX554 was the license plate on the second car that pulled up to the house in Mangalore, India, where his parents were having a party. MYX558 was the third.

Some other 3-year-old might have sung a song or passed hors d'oeuvres to show off to the grownups. Rajan Srinivasa Mahadevan recited the license plates of all 49 cars in the order in which they'd been parked.

That was the first anyone knew of Rajan Mahadevan's astonishing memory. Twenty-seven years later, millions know of it, and there are days when he wishes he had sung a song or passed hors d'oeuvres.

A memory that can hold fast to 31,811 random numbers yet persistently misplace keys is a curious thing, a wondrous oddity that can bring opportunity, fame — perhaps even immortality — to its owner.

But what of the other things a man has — humor, creativity, intellect? "This damn thing overpowers everything else, to a point," Rajan says.

As a child, he says in the fluid, accented English he was raised with, "I used to be so lost in my own thoughts. I would talk to myself. It was hard to fit in. Other kids didn't know what to make of me."

Rajan's memory was not unexpected. "It's like John Lennon's son and music," he says. His father, a prominent surgeon, knows all 2,156 lines of William Shakespeare's 154 sonnets.

"I was expected to make it big in life. But my academic career was like the drawing of a mountain range."

Rajan tried engineering and business administration, but felt no affinity for either. Then someone suggested he put his memory to the test, by trying to win a place in the Guinness Book of World Records.

He began studying a computer printout of the first 200,000 places of pi, the ratio between the diameter and circumference of a circle. The ultimate test of numerical memory, pi begins 3.14159, then continues on indefinitely with no known duplication or pattern. Two Columbia University mathematicians recently calculated pi to 480 million decimal places.

On June 12, 1980, Rajan flew to Chicago, where he stunned the fifth International Congress on Yoga and Meditation by reciting the first 10,000 numbers.

On July 5, 1981, he stood before a capacity crowd in a Mangalore meeting hall and rattled off numbers so quickly the judges could barely keep up. For three hours and 49 minutes, his memory never faltered. Then, finally, a lapse: He forgot the 31,812th digit of pi — a 5.

Never mind. The record 26,912 — had toppled. "On Feb. 16, 1983, I saw my name in the Book of Records, and I relaxed. That was the argument stopper. Until then, people could say, 'So you have a good memory, so what?'"

"But from 1981 to 1987, I was the best in the world."

In 1987, that honor went to Hidaki Tamoyori of Japan for reciting 40,000 digits in 17 hours, 21 minutes.

Still, memory expert Charles Thompson, a Kansas State University psychology professor, is convinced Rajan's memory is superior. "The Japanese guy made up a story, a mnemonic to help him remember the numbers. His memory isn't as good."

In the lab where Thompson is studying Rajan's memory, numbers flash past on a computer screen, one per second, and Rajan responds as if to music. He taps his feet and rocks rhythmically back and forth in his chair.

can forget, although "it is hard to willfully forget numbers." Random numbers memorized one session come flooding back during another. Keeping the sequences straight requires discipline and concentration.

These are tedious tests. This month's test records ability to recall random digits that appear one per second on the screen. Ten is extraordinary; most people remember about seven, Rajan has recalled 64.

His is not a photographic memory but a highly structured system of some sort, Thompson says. "Rajan has pi stored in a very systematic way in his brain."

As photocopied from a textbook, the numbers are organized in blocks of a thousand, with five blocks to a page. "We'll say, 'Give us the 18,338th digit of pi.' The time it takes Rajan to search his memory for the right thousand block, then the right hundred, and finally to pinpoint the number, hints at how these storage and retrieval processes work."

So does the occasional error. "If he makes a mistake, without fail he'll be in exactly the right spot but a thousand digits off. Or, he'll be in the right spot, only in one digit off." Right position, Wrong page.

A three-year National Institute of Health grant pays for the research and for Rajan's work toward a master's degree in physiological psychology. "I want to know what neurons, what neurochemicals, are responsible for memory."

The entire project "could be interesting and fun and yet not tell us a thing," Thompson says.

After 67 interviews in 56 days, he is tired of performing, tired of being asked if he could memorize a phone book like Dustin Hoffman in "Rain Man," tired of explaining he's not an idiot savant.

Rajan's growing celebrity is evident as he loopes along the wooded paths of the campus, a solitary figure deep in thought, reed-thin with dark eyes darting restlessly beneath lanky curls. He shrugs off his reverie and responds jovially each time a student approaches to comment on his TV appearance or that magazine article.

He chose Kansas State for its psychology department as well as its generous financial aid, never imagining how lonely — how incongruous — he might feel in a small town in Kansas, no matter how friendly the town.

There are far fewer distractions at KSU than at a UCLA or a Columbia," he says philosophically. But he never misses a work.

With testing over for another day, Rajan would much rather discuss something else — his talent for languages, artwork or cooking. A man is more than his memory, no matter how good it is.

"Thirty years from now, I want to see myself as well-rounded. I want to learn more languages, to learn musical instruments, to become as accomplished as possible. One way to grow as a human being is to develop your potential and expand mentally, then to help others develop as well."

chance to travel to bigger cities, and the distances are among the numbers locked in his memory: 1,361 miles to New York, 1,294 to Washington, 488 to Dallas, 114 to Kansas City.

There are other international students at KSU but most are men, and it isn't male company he longs for as he trudges back and forth between the campus and his bachelor apartment. He shares it with another Indian student, who's usually at his girlfriend's. "I'm an incredibly lonely guy," Rajan says.

It's hard to tell at East Eddy's, the pool hall, where he seems to greet everyone. For 20 joyful minutes, he stretches gracefully over a table in the corner. His lanky arms send balls crashing as Dave Jensen watches approvingly.

The regulars know all about Rajan's memory but "we try not to talk about it," says Jensen, the owner's son.

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