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ALMOST THERE — Jim Corrigan of Antonio's Pizza and Family Restaurant heads for the finish line Thursday to win the annual Feast Fest Waiters' Race, sponsored by the Manchester Herald.

Waiters' Race launches Feast Fest

Residents cheered their favorite runner Thursday as 32 waiters and waitresses streamed toward the finish line in the annual Waiters' Race held to kickoff the annual Feast Fest. The race, sponsored by the Manchester Herald, is held for waiters and waitresses from restaurants participating in the Feast Fest. Jim Corrigan of Antonio's Pizza and Family Restaurant on Main Street, who won in 1987, was also the winner this year. "I feel great, it was a lot of fun," he said. Corrigan won a \$100 gift certificate. Participants were required to fill a wine glass, scramble an egg, don a chef's hat, put from the runners' neck. Childs received a \$50 gift certificate. The race began at the Manchester Herald and ended at the Feast Fest site in the parking lot of Main and Forest streets. The festival is being held today until 10 p.m., Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. This year's fest features 17 booths and 52 different foods and beverages, including mussels, baby back ribs, clam chowder, and Mississippi Mud Pie. Prices for food range from 60 cents to \$3.60. Tickets are 60 cents each. Last year they were 50 cents each and 140,000 tickets were sold. The price has been raised this year to cover new food taxes and the cost of the event. The Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce and other organizers hope to sell 180,000 tickets this year.

Leaders call for speed on drug bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional leaders are calling for accelerated action on the Bush administration's anti-drug bill, with the Senate already approving a \$45 million down payment from lawmakers' own budgets to finance the fight. "Let's begin to break the habit and begin to help those who need help," Sen. Pete Wilson, R-Calif., said as the Senate voted 83-8 on Thursday to cut its own mass mailing funds by \$45 million and devote the money to drug programs. It was the first move to funnel money into the war on drugs since President Bush on Tuesday night unveiled his \$7.9 billion strategy that relies partly on such transfers to pay the bill. The amendment was attached to a \$2 billion legislative expenses bill that must be reconciled with a differing House-passed version. Calls proliferated Thursday for speeded-up approval of the Bush administration drug bill, which is expected to reach the hopper in a week or two. Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and House GOP Leader Bob Michel, R-Ill., emerged from a White House meeting and urged extraordinary steps to "emphasize the sense of urgency needed to bring about congressional action." Senate Judiciary Chairman Joseph R. Biden Jr., D-Del., called for talks with the White House to set ground rules that would put the bill "on, to use Washington jargon, a fast track." "Whether we accept this strategy in total or whether we add to this strategy, it's all going to have to happen in the next few weeks," Biden said as national drug policy director William Bennett arrived on Capitol Hill to sell the administration's plan. However, Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, and House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., have not said thus far whether they believe action on the bill should be accelerated. Foley spokesman Jeff Biggs said the issue should be handled "as expeditiously as possible." Mitchell said through his office that "needed-up action was under consideration." The Bush blueprint would be financed partly by cutting \$716 million in existing programs. Most of the money already is authorized for fighting drugs, but about \$2 billion would represent fresh funds. Aid to Andean nations in fighting the cocaine cartel, interdiction of drug shipments from South America, tougher treatment for offenders and new prisons are part of the plan, along with more education and treatment. Democrats called for new revenue to finance the drug war when Bush announced his plan Tuesday, but party leaders later said there was no chance for approval in the face of the president's continuing opposition to a tax increase. Please see DRUGS, page 10

No conflict found in Sieffert case

By Rick Santos, Manchester Herald. The town Ethics Commission has determined in a 3 to 2 vote that Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Alfred Sieffert Sr. did not have a conflict of interest when he voted to approve a three-lot subdivision proposed by a local developer who recently built an addition to a home owned by Sieffert's wife. The conflict question was raised in a Hartford Courant story published Aug. 17. The story said Sieffert cast the deciding vote on Aug. 7 in a 3 to 2 approval of the subdivision proposed by builder Barney Peterman Sr. Wallace J. Irish, a Republican candidate for the town Board of Directors, called Sieffert's vote "an example of the arrogance of power" and called for Sieffert, a Democrat, to resign from the PZC. Sieffert, who has been a member of the commission for more than 20 years, responded with a news conference held in the kitchen and a deck off the room. He presented canceled checks showing he had paid Peterman \$26,202.80, which he called fair-market value, for the 12-by-16-foot room extending off the deck. He denied any conflict and asked for the Ethics Commission to determine if a conflict existed. The commission voted after listening to evidence presented by attorneys for Sieffert and Peterman and asking questions of the attorneys. "It's something they fear being 'hooked up' to," said Chairman William Fitzerald, Robert Franklin, Diane Comello, M. Adler Dobkin and Sol Cohen. The two dissenting votes were cast by Jonathan Mercier and Mary Sears. "I don't think we did our duty to the town of Manchester and to Al Sieffert," Mercier said after the meeting. The commission listened to lawyers "hired by interested parties" and made a premature decision, Mercier said. "I'm very sorry that that attitude prevades the way this commission approaches problems." Mercier said the commission's decision "has the appearance of a whitewash." A thorough investigation, Mercier said, would have made the commission's vote more credible. Now, he said, people around town will be saying, "Al Sieffert — we know how things work." Although Mercier cast a dissenting vote, he said, "I have no reason to support a finding that there was a conflict of interest, but I am unable to decide that there was not a conflict of interest at this time." Please see SIEFFERT, page 10

Social Security tax increase eyed Plan shifts Medicare burden to workers

By Jim Luther, The Associated Press. WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate tax-writers swamped by complaints from retirees are weighing whether to raise Social Security taxes on workers and their employers to help pay for Medicare catastrophic insurance for older Americans. "You almost have a sense when you go home of being unwanted, unloved and unappreciated on this issue," Sen. Robert Packwood, R-Ore., said Thursday as the Senate Finance Committee began considering how to respond to the complaints. The tax increase, which probably would be opposed by the Bush administration, is only one of several ideas the committee is considering. The catastrophic insurance program, aimed at protecting retirees from being bankrupted by a catastrophic illness, has been under attack since it was enacted a year ago as an expansion of Medicare. The program is financed by beneficiaries, and most of the complaints have come from higher-income retirees who contend they are bearing most of the cost of the program. "I will oppose any increase in the flat premium paid by retirees of modest means," said Bentsen, referring to the \$4-a-month fee assessed on all but the poorest Medicare beneficiaries. The committee staff outlined several ways that catastrophic benefits could be reduced to lower overall costs. About two-thirds of the cost of the program is paid by the 41 percent of older citizens whose incomes are high enough that they owe federal income tax of more than \$100. They pay a surtax of 15 percent of income tax above \$150; about 1.8 million of the 33 million Medicare beneficiaries will pay the maximum surtax of \$800 this year. A single retiree would have to owe at least \$5,333 in income tax before having to pay the \$800 maximum. The surtax rate is due to increase to 28 percent and the maximum surtax to \$1,050 by 1993. The rest of the cost is financed through the flat \$4 monthly fee, which is scheduled to rise to \$10.20 by 1993. The Bush administration said it would prefer no change, but builder Barney Peterman Sr., director of the Office of Management and Budget, conceded "that doesn't seem to be what's going to happen." Diefenderfer said repeal of catastrophic care would worsen the federal deficit in 1990 by as much as \$7 billion, because taxes earmarked for the program come in faster than benefits are paid out. Killing the program would automatically trigger across-the-board cuts in most federal spending. "There is considerable support in the House for outright repeal of the catastrophic care plan, an idea that drew the support of Sen. John C. Danforth, R-Mo. "I question the kind of commitment we made last year," he said, noting the program leans toward long-term hospital care. "This isn't something they (older Americans) want," Danforth said. "It's something they fear being 'hooked up' to" life-support equipment and the like.

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About Town

Garden club auction slated

The Manchester Garden Club is holding a "Silent Auction," Monday at the Community Baptist Church on East Center Street, at 7:30 p.m. The club will be auctioning perennials and house plants. Members are asked to bring a contribution. Yearbooks are available. Dues also will be collected.

Hebrew reading to begin

The National Jewish Outreach Program is having a five-week course in Hebrew reading starting Monday at the Temple Beth Shalom, 400 East Middle Turnpike, from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Dr. Richard Plavin, rabbi of the congregation, will instruct. He holds a Masters Degree in Hebrew Literature from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and a doctorate in education from Columbia. For more information, call 643-9563.

Mentally ill group to meet

The Alliance for the Mentally III of Manchester will meet Monday at Genesis Center, 105 Main St., at 7 p.m. The support group, affiliated with the Connecticut Alliance for the Mentally III, Inc., is open to families and friends of individuals with prolonged mental illness. For more information, call Edna E. Jacobs 643-6677.

OA support offered

Overeaters Anonymous meets every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at the First Baptist Church, 240 Hillston Road, at 1 p.m. The group also meets on Thursdays, from 7 to 8 p.m. There are no fees and everyone is welcome. For more information, call 524-4544.

Pinochle scores posted

Here are the results from the Manchester Senior Pinochle Club on Thursday at the Army and Navy Club. Dominic Anastasio, 635; Gladys Seelert, 610; Ethel Kreuz, 608; Sol Cohen, 597; Arline Pastun, 594; Clara Clark, 591; Eleanor Moran, 586; John Klein, 583; Ruth Baker, 582; Anthony DeMaio, 580; Edith O'Brien, 577; and Gene DeCarli, 574. The game starts at 9:30 a.m. and all senior member are welcome.

Writers Club to meet

The Wit and Wisdom writer's club is having their monthly poetry reading on Saturday at Whitson Memorial Library, North Main Street, and a prose meeting on Sept. 23, both at 2 p.m. Original poems and prose will be read and discussed and the public is invited to share original works.

Local group to meet

Widows and Widowers Assn., Chapter 11, will meet Sunday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 60 Church St., at 2 p.m. There will be an officers and board of directors election for 1989 through 1990. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Isabella meeting set

The Daughters of Isabella will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the First Federal Savings and Loan Association at 344 W. Middle Turnpike. Barbara Heale and her committee are in charge of refreshments.

Softball tournament set

The Manchester Police Department Athletic League is hosting its first annual city police softball tournament on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The games will begin at Charter Oak Field, on Charter Oak Street at 6 p.m. on Friday and 9:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. There will also be games in Robertson Park, Nike Site, and Keeny School Field. A celebrity game will be held on Sunday between Channel 3-WFSB and Channel 30-WVIT at Charter Oak Field and the championship game of the tournament will follow.

Flea market set

The Manchester Grange 31 is having a flea market Saturday at the Grange Hall on Olcott Street at 9 a.m. There will be a bake sale and coffee and doughnuts will be offered. Other refreshments will also be available.

Weather

REGIONAL Weather

Saturday, September 9
As the weather turns to be the day, conditions are high to light rain.



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DOUBLE TROUBLE — Siberian tiger twin brothers, Al, left, and Steve, sit together in an outdoor exhibit at the Philadelphia Zoo Thursday. The cubs and their mother Martina were just put in the outdoor exhibit this week.

Obituaries

Lydia Reichle

Lydia (Tabacar) Reichle, 81, of Glastonbury, died Thursday (Sept. 7, 1989) at Hartford Hospital. She is survived by her granddaughter, Patricia Malan of Manchester. The funeral will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in Elmston St. John's Methodist Episcopal Cemetery in New York City. Calling hours are today from 6 p.m. until the time of the service. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 670 Prospect Ave., Hartford.

Deaths Elsewhere

Tom Blackaller

SONOMA, Calif. (AP) — Three-time America's Cup competitor Tom Blackaller died Thursday of an apparent heart attack. He was 52. In 1987, Blackaller's revolutionary twin-rudder, 12-meter yacht, the USA, was eliminated by Dennis Conner's Stars and Stripes in Australia. Conner went on to beat New Zealand to capture the America's Cup. In 1983, Blackaller was skipper

Angel Estrada

NEW YORK (AP) — Fashion designer Angel Estrada, who produced limited-edition dresses and small collections, died Wednesday of respiratory problems brought on by AIDS. He was 31. Estrada specialized in evening clothes that were elaborately fashioned and sewn in his Manhattan house. He sometimes used corsets and boning to add sculptural affects to his armorlike dresses that retained a romantic, feminine quality.

Military Notes

Is cadet at West Point

Richard N. Rasso, son of Julie D. Erlinger, 99 Shady Mill Road, Bolton and Richard G. Russo of South Woodstock, has been accepted into the U.S. Military Academy's Corps of Cadets after training at West Point, N.Y. He is a 1989 graduate of Woodstock Academy.

Fish is decorated

Capt. Brian A. Fish, son of Calvin and Carole Fish, 33 School St., Coventry, has been decorated with the sixth award of the Air Medal at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. The medal is awarded for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. Fish is an electronic warfare officer with the 343rd Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron. He is a 1982 graduate of McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

Completes guard training

Army National Guard Pvt. Matthew J. Hawrylko, son of Anita C. Thibault, 63 Lakewood Circle, South, and Dennis J. Hawrylko, Marlborough, has completed training at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga. He is a 1988 graduate of South Windsor High School.

Fog forming, sunny Saturday

Manchester and vicinity: Tonight, clear with patchy fog forming. Low around 55. Saturday, mostly sunny. High around 85. Outlook for Sunday, partly sunny with a high around 85. Coastal: Tonight, clear. Low 60 to 65. Saturday, mostly sunny. High near 80. Outlook for Sunday, partly sunny with a high near 80. Northwest hills: Tonight, clear with patchy fog forming. Low around 55. Saturday, mostly sunny. High 80 to 85. Outlook for Sunday, partly sunny with a high of 80 to 85.



Today's weather picture was drawn by C.J. Harris of Bowers School.

College Notes

Norton on dean's list

Karen Norton, daughter of Jean and Delwyn Norton of 21 Agnes Drive, has been named to the dean's list at Eastern Connecticut State University for the spring semester. She is a graduate of Manchester High School and is a junior at the college, majoring in elementary education.

Graduates from Keene

Tamara R. Wagner of Bolton is a recent graduate of Keene State College, Keene, N.H., with a bachelor of arts degree.

Public Records

Quit claim deeds

Jeffrey A. Dupont to Jeffrey A. Dupont and Dawn A. Dupont, 175 Love Lane, no conveyance tax. Richard E. Merritt, trustee for Richard E. Merritt Agency Inc. Profit Sharing Trust to Richard E. Merritt, 65-67 Hudson St., no conveyance tax.

Clarification

A story published Aug. 31 on storm drains off East Eldridge Street did not clearly state that the drains were covered by removable wooden pallets before police asked a developer to cover them more securely. Also, in his report on the matter, Police Officer Robert F. Mazzone said that an open area on the side of one drain was large enough for a child to "crawl" into, not fall into as the story reported.

The Manchester Herald strives to be accurate and fair. If an error is made, we want to make a correction. The Herald's phone number is 643-7211.

Lottery

Winning numbers drawn in New England Thursday: Connecticut daily: 977. Play Four: 4357. Massachusetts daily: 5522. Tri-state (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont) daily: 437, 527. Rhode Island daily: 8557. Rhode Island Lot-O-Bucks: 2, 11, 14, 19, 35.

Public Meetings

Bolton

Republican Town Committee, Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Pollen Count

NEW HAVEN (AP) — The ragweed-pollen count for Connecticut on Friday was 11 and the mold-spore level was low, reported the Hospital of Saint Raphael.

Thoughts

How many countless times have we tried to get and even by the autographs or pictures of a favorite movie star, singer or sports hero? How many times have we told or eagerly listened to others telling stories of how we caught a glimpse of them? How many times have we stood in a line or in a restaurant? There seems to be something special about a person for whom we are willing to stand in line to have a story to tell. How much better our world would be if we sought such experiences with Jesus Christ! I'm afraid we don't hear too many or tell many stories about personal encounters with Christ so we might do well to start directing our ambitions and time to seek the experience of Christ kind to meet Jesus Christ. All we have to do is open our hearts to his word, give our hands to our neighbors, celebrate our faith in prayer and we will be able to "superstar" written in our hearts.

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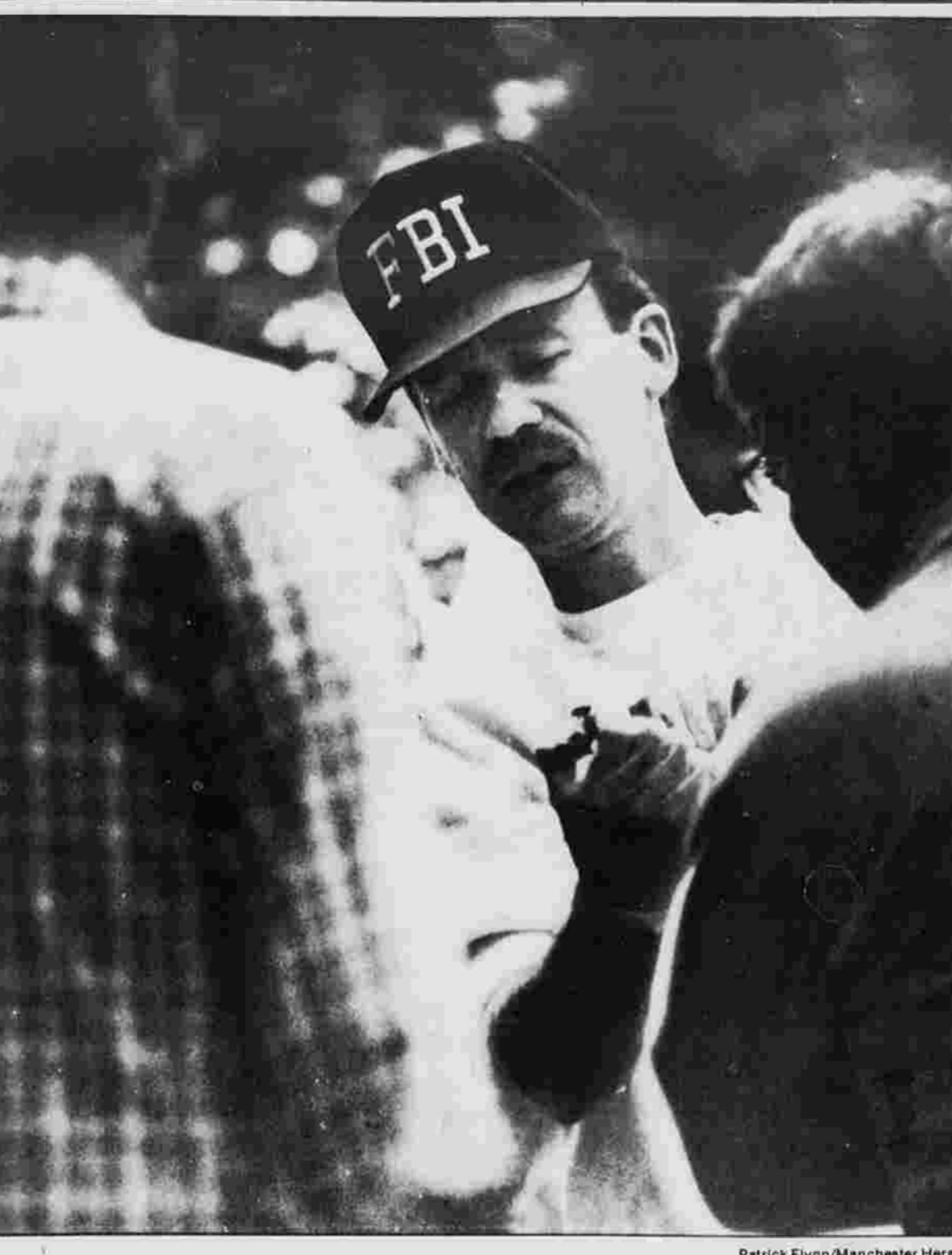
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Decision awaited in FOI case

By Alex Girelli, Manchester Herald

Attorney John D. LaBelle Jr., legal counsel for the Eighth Utilities District, argued before a Freedom of Information hearing officer Thursday that a committee which studied district election procedures is not a public agency under FOI law. LaBelle argued that the election committee was a citizen study committee with no authority and not required to keep minutes of its meetings. He represented the district and the committee in the hearing on a complaint brought by district resident Perry Dodson, who was represented by attorney Kevin O'Brien. Dodson, an unsuccessful candidate for district president who describes himself as a district activist, said he needed the information on deliberations of the committee to make informed decisions on district matters, including election procedures. The hearing was held at the FOI office in Hartford. Dodson has asked for minutes of the meetings held by the election study committee and was given brief reports on seven meetings after he had lodged a complaint with the FOI commission. Dodson, under questioning by O'Brien, cited a number of instances in the reports in which it said decisions were made but also said no votes were taken. LaBelle objected to testimony about the content of the reports, which he said was not an issue in the complaint. O'Brien cited a report on a meeting held Sept. 28 last year which said, "Due to the fact that there was not a quorum of the committee present no formal meeting was held." He said that constituted an acknowledgment that the other meetings were formal meetings and that formal minutes should have been kept. The district clerk did attend the meetings. The reports provided to Dodson came from notes kept by District Director Ellen Landers, chairman of the committee and the only district director who was a member of it. In an April 17 letter to Dodson, District President Thomas E. Landers said that since there never was a quorum of directors present at a meeting, the clerk was not present to take formal minutes. O'Brien said the report of a meeting Nov. 11 indicated that four directors in addition to Ellen Landers were present and the five directors constitutes a quorum. LaBelle said the meeting was one at which comment from the public was sought, and that the directors were attending as interested resident residents. Over LaBelle's objection, a Manchester Herald account of Dodson's request for information was entered as an exhibit. The story quoted Directors Landers as saying she had taken extensive notes at the meetings. O'Brien said that the reports supplied to Dodson are incomplete, however. The committee made a report to the district Board of Directors and the some changes were put before the district voters at the district's annual meeting May 24. The voters rejected a proposal that candidates for office be required to declare their candidacies in advance. Besides Landers, the election committee members were Thomas H. Ferguson, who has since been elected a district director, Mary Warrington, and Robert Blechman. The hearing officer Thursday was FOI Commission Gloria Schaffer.



LEARNING — Dr. Wayne Lord, a forensic entomologist from the FBI, during the "scene investigation" held in Manchester Thursday for police departments.

No bones about it, training help police do a better job

By Diane Rosell, Manchester Herald

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Cummings urges GOP 'lighten up' in its criticisms

By Alex Girelli, Manchester Herald

Democratic Town Chairman Theodore R. Cummings called on the Manchester Republican Party to "lighten up" today, calling Republican criticism of a decision against installing a stop sign as a kind of "clawing, slashing, desperate thrashing around" for issues. Cummings said that when Mayor Peter DiRoos for voting on Main Street reconstruction because he owns a store on Main Street. Cummings said that when Lawrence threatened to sue, Naab and Werthoven apologized to him. He mentioned criticism of Mayor Peter DiRoos for voting on Main Street reconstruction because he owns a store on Main Street. Cummings said that when Lawrence threatened to sue, Naab and Werthoven apologized to him. He mentioned criticism of Mayor Peter DiRoos for voting on Main Street reconstruction because he owns a store on Main Street. Cummings said that when Lawrence threatened to sue, Naab and Werthoven apologized to him. He mentioned criticism of Mayor Peter DiRoos for voting on Main Street reconstruction because he owns a store on Main Street.

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SWORN IN — An interpreter translates the witness oath as Elisabeth Nielsen is sworn in at the second trial of Helle Crafts. Mrs. Nielsen is the mother of the victim of the so-called wood-chipper murder.

Divorce testimony allowed

NORWALK (AP) — The second trial of Richard Crafts in the so-called wood chipper murder began the same way the first one did, with a judge allowing testimony indicating that Crafts' wife wanted a divorce and didn't trust him. The jury on Thursday did not get any hint, however, of prosecutors' grisly theory in the case: that Crafts killed his wife Helle in 1986 and disposed of her body using a chain saw and a wood chipper. Her body has never been found, and prosecutors have based their case on circumstantial evidence and on the discoveries of a small handful of body parts, among them the crown of a tooth, a fingertip and tiny shards of bone. Prosecutors have never been able to explain when and where Mrs. Crafts, an airline stewardess, was killed. The defense contends that she may still be alive.

Boyfriend is arrested in motel beating death

EAST HARTFORD (AP) — A 37-year-old East Hartford man faces a manslaughter charge in the alleged beating death of his girlfriend in a motel room the two shared, police said. Robert Andrews was arrested by East Hartford police late Thursday afternoon and charged with second-degree manslaughter in connection with the death of Coleen Conner, 40, whose body was found Wednesday in a room at the Executive Motel in East Hartford police Sgt. Alexander C. Grimshaw said. Andrews is being held on \$75,000 bond at the East Hartford Police Department pending arraignment in Manchester Superior Court Friday, Grimshaw said. The state medical examiner's office has ruled that Conner died of trauma to the chest with internal injuries. Conner suffered broken ribs in a beating by her boyfriend on Sunday, three days before her body was found, police said. Conner's body was found on the floor of her room shortly after 1 p.m. Wednesday by the motel manager, police said. A chair was toppled over, but there were no other signs of struggle, police said. Andrews had been living in Room 168 for several weeks with Andrews, until he was charged Sunday night with second-degree assault after the two fought, police said. Andrews had been held on \$1,000 cash bond by East Hartford police until Tuesday, when he was arraigned in Superior Court in Manchester and released on a non-surety bond. A Superior Court judge in Manchester issued a restraining order Tuesday, ordering Andrews to have no contact with Conner, court records show. Andrews, who had been staying at a shelter for the homeless in Manchester, heard police were looking for him Wednesday and called the East Hartford Police Department. He was released after questioning. Police said they are still trying to determine when Conner received the injuries she died of.

Judge orders life term in roommate's murder

NEW LONDON (AP) — A Cuban woman, who shot her roommate to death last year, barely kept from laughing as a Superior Court judge sentenced her to life in prison, suspended after 30 years. Caridad Borges, 32, was sentenced by Judge Paul M. Vasington for the Aug. 30, 1988, murder of Elizabeth A. Emilyta, 24. Emilyta died of a gunshot to her temple. The two women shared an apartment. Borges was also given five years probation. Borges told police that the shooting was accidental and that she did not think the gun was loaded. She said she and Emilyta stopped their car at a gravel company in Montville and that she removed a .25-caliber handgun from a glove compartment shortly before the shooting. Vasington said he was convinced by Ms. Borges' facial expressions that she felt little remorse, noting "she was straining not to laugh." "It's always the unloaded gun that kills somebody," Vasington actually intended to kill the victim and she did it in cold blood." Assistant Public Defender Gail A. Heller, Borges attorney, said her client is a likable person who feels remorse for Ms. Emilyta's death. She said Ms. Borges has suffered a life of pain with an abusive father who eventually had her arrested and held as a political prisoner in Cuba before she was deported to the United States. Borges pleaded guilty to murder on July 20 under the Alford Doctrine. Under the doctrine a defendant does admit to the crime, but concedes a conviction would be likely if the case went to trial.

Northeast states facing possible tax shortfalls

ROCKPORT, Maine (AP) — Northeastern governors are bracing for possible budget shortfalls as an economist warns that state revenues might roll in at a slower pace than they have in recent years. Gerald Miller, executive director of the National Association of State Budget Officers, warned Thursday of the tax shortfalls after a Bush administration official predicted a lackluster economy in the region following a period of rapid growth. "Most of us — we certainly — have started looking at options if we find that revenues are not keeping pace with projections," Maine Gov. John R. McKernan said. Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis agreed that the northeastern economy was cooling down. "Because Massachusetts and New England were growing at such a tremendously rapid rate, we're going to have to expect some slow down in the near future," he said. "I don't see that now," Dukakis said. Michael J. Boskin, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, said the northeastern economy, which climbed along a 2 percent range for some few years, is on the brink of a mild downturn. He said the Northeastern Governors that he expects the national economy to grow in the 2 percent range for about a half year, slightly less than recent 3 percent growth.

State Lyme cases increase by 17%

HARTFORD (AP) — As summer draws to a close, the amount of reported cases of Lyme disease has jumped 17 percent in Connecticut from the same period a year ago, state officials said. The increase is a result of greater news-media and medical attention the ailment has been given in the past year, said Dr. Matthew L. Carter, an epidemiologist with the state Department of Health Services. "There has been a steady increase. But you have to be real careful with numbers," Carter said. "The epidemic here is 14 years old, and you don't expect to see an explosion in cases." Nationally last year, 4,500 cases of Lyme disease were reported, Carter said. In Connecticut, the state where the disease was discovered 14 years ago, there were 1,100 cases. The increase is a result of greater news-media and medical attention the ailment has been given in the past year, said Dr. Matthew L. Carter, an epidemiologist with the state Department of Health Services. Besides the increasing numbers, doctors treating the ailment report seeing more patients in the later stages of infection with profound — and sometimes irreversible — symptoms, including mental impairment like that suffered by Alzheimer's victims. Although Lyme disease responds well to antibiotics early in the course of infection, it is believed to resist later treatment. Early signs of infection include a circular rash and fatigue. Untreated, the disease can worsen to symptoms like those of arthritis. Later signs include heart and nervous system impairment. The ailment eventually called Lyme disease was first identified in 1975 in the Connecticut shoreline town of Lyme. In recent years, the disease has appeared in many other states and countries. Despite the increased attention the disease has gotten, Carter said only about 20 percent to 30 percent of the cases are being reported to doctors to the state health department. Also affecting the figures this year is a new Lyme disease definition the state has adopted.

Driver had conviction for drunken driving

COLCHESTER (AP) — The 23-year-old whose truck smashed into an ambulance last week, killing himself and three others, did not have a conviction for drunken driving, records show. Jonathan Collard was arrested May 9 in East Hampton and pleaded guilty to operating under the influence June 14 in Superior Court in Middletown, court records show. Police records in East Hampton show that, on May 9, Collard was traveling 73 mph on Route 66 and that his pickup truck crossed the center line three times in less than half a mile as a police officer followed. When the officer stopped him, Collard could provide no license information, had no insurance or registration, and appeared to have been drinking. A breath test showed his blood alcohol level at 206 — more than twice the legal limit of 100. Collard later pleaded guilty to drunken driving and was given a 90-day suspended sentence and a \$500 fine. At the same time, the Department of Motor Vehicles suspended his right to obtain a driver's license. Test results that will show whether Collard had been drinking will not be available for several weeks, state police said. The pickup truck that Collard drove was registered to his brother, Donald, state records show.

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Tobacco lobbyists gear up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers from tobacco-growing states are trying to figure out how to fend off a proposal headed for the Senate floor that would permanently ban cigarette smoking on all domestic airline flights. The Senate Appropriations Committee voted 17-9 Thursday for legislation containing the ban, setting up a likely vote by the full Senate next Tuesday. The smoking provision, broadening the prohibition against smoking on flights of two hours or less, is part of an \$11.9 billion measure for transportation programs for fiscal 1990, which begins Oct. 1. The ban survived an effort by Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., to dilute the proposal by simply making it a permanent extension of the ban on smoking aboard two-hour flights. Cochran's amendment was defeated 18-11, with panel Democrats voting 11-5 and Republicans voting 7-6 against it. Cochran said after the vote that he didn't know whether he would file his amendment on the Senate floor. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., whose state is the nation's largest tobacco producer, also said he would ensure how he would respond. "We'll have to circle the wagons," he told a reporter. The prohibition against smoking on short flights — covering four-fifths of all domestic airline traffic — will expire in April unless it is extended. The new restrictions would take effect 90 days after the bill becomes law, and would supersede the current prohibition if enacted before April. The House on Aug. 3 approved a permanent extension of the ban on smoking aboard two-hour flights. The two chambers will have to reconcile their differences before sending the measure to President Bush for his signature. Health groups and airline employees unions have worked for the tougher restrictions, arguing that the evidence shows that non-smokers risk cancer and other diseases by inhaling cigarette smoke, especially in closed airplane cabins. "This is the largest preventable cause of death in this country," said Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., sponsor of the measure. Lautenberg cited a surgeon general's report concluding that 400,000 people die annually from diseases caused by smoking. The surgeon general has also estimated that 5,000 non-smoking Americans die annually from the effects of breathing secondary cigarette smoke. The appropriations panel also rejected 18-3 an amendment by Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., to ban alcohol and cigarettes from airlines.



OH, SAY CAN YOU SEE — President Bush watches over his shoulder Thursday as the U.S. flag is raised during a ceremony at Fort McHenry in Baltimore. Lou Miller, garbed in a colonial uniform, stands behind the president.

Senate approves legislation aimed at helping disabled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Disabled Americans, including most AIDS victims, would get new legal protections in jobs and public places under a Senate-passed emancipation proclamation for the disabled, heading to the House. The measure, passed 76-4 Thursday night, is being billed as the logical extension of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964 that gave similar rights to blacks and other minorities. "In a sense, this legislation is an emancipation proclamation for the disabled, and America will be a better, fairer and stronger nation because of it," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., whose Committee on Labor and Human Resources cleared the bill last month. The measure prevents employment discrimination against the handicapped, requires equal access to public accommodations such as stores, restaurants and transportation, and requires special telephone service for the hearing- and speech-impaired to no greater cost than regular service. Sponsored by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, the bill had 59 Senate co-sponsors and was widely supported by advocacy groups, with a qualified endorsement from the White House. In a historic gesture to the bill's beneficiaries, the Senate waived its usual strict access rules and allowed sign-language interpreters on the floor during the debate. "The Americans with Disabilities Act is a landmark statement of basic human rights that will make the promise of equal opportunity a reality for 43 million Americans with disabilities," said Harkin, who has a deaf brother and quadriplegic nephew. Businesses with 15 or more employees will be covered, but for the first two years of the law only businesses with 25 or more employees would be affected. Violations of employment discrimination rules would be sanctioned by injunctions, back pay and attorneys' fees. Violations of the public accommodations sections would be punishable by a fine of up to \$50,000 for the first violation and \$100,000 for the second. The agency recovered only \$20 million of the \$2.6 billion from polluters, who are supposed to pay for the cleanup work, the study said. "We think improvements are possible, but substantial progress has been made," said Walter Kovalick Jr., the EPA's deputy director of Superfund. While only 34 dumps had been declared clean by September 1988, Kovalick said cleanup is under way on more than 170 others. Designs for waste isolation or treatment facilities or other cleanup work are in progress at 230 dumps. Studies of the extent of contamination and cleanup options are under way for more than 640 other waste sites, Kovalick said. The \$2.6 billion actually spent

Critics complain that Superfund is 'super slow'

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Only 34 of America's 1,175 worst toxic waste dumps were cleaned during the first eight years of the Superfund program, and polluters paid less than one-tenth of the cost, the Rand Corp. said today. "Superfund has been super slow at cleaning up toxic waste sites, spending available funds and recovering its outlays from those who did the polluting," the non-profit think tank said in a statement summarizing the study by its Institute for Civil Justice. When the Superfund law comes before Congress for reauthorization in 1991, lawmakers may want to ask whether attempting to make polluters pay is worth the delay, Acton said. "We could say let's forget about cost recovery and then clean sites like we build highways," with taxpayers footing the bill, Acton said. That possibility was criticized by Linda Greer, technical director of the Hazardous Waste Treatment Council, which represents companies that do cleanup work. "There is no inherent reason EPA cannot go ahead and aggressively clean up these sites, then go back to the responsible parties (polluters) and get the money," she said. Congress is unlikely to make taxpayers assume more cleanup costs given existing budget woes, said Tom Gilroy, spokesman for the Chemical Manufacturers Association. While other industries have tried to escape cleanup costs, "our position has been and still is that the polluters should pay," Gilroy said. The opera "Faust" by Charles Gounod was first performed in Paris in 1859.

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British hostage reported dead

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The wife of missing British pilot Jack Mann, a World War II fighter pilot, said today she had been told her husband had been killed in action.

Mann, 75, disappeared May 12 as he drove to a bank in Syrian-occupied West Beirut.

None of Lebanon's major groups has specifically identified him as a hostage. But a previously unknown faction, the Cells of Armed Struggle, claimed that it kidnapped an unidentified British pilot the day Mann disappeared.

It demanded the release of Arab jailed in Britain for the 1987 killing of Palestinian cartoonist Ali Najj al-Adhami. But Scotland Yard said no arrests had been made in that slaying.

There has been no word since then about Mann's whereabouts.

His wife, Sunny, said she received a telephone call Monday from an unidentified man who told her: "I have had news about your husband."

She said she later met the man at a shop in west Beirut's Hamra commercial thoroughfare and "he told me that Jack is dead."

"I waited, but there was no news about Jack on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday," Mrs. Mann told reporters at her west Beirut apartment.

"I don't know. There's no proof that he's dead at the moment," she said.

But she noted that the report of her husband's alleged death "seems correct."

Mrs. Mann refused to answer any more questions. A British Embassy spokesman, who asked that



Mother Teresa has heart attack

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — Mother Teresa, the Nobel Prize-winning Roman Catholic nun known for her work with the world's poor, suffered a heart attack this morning, her doctor said.

Her condition had stabilized and was improving, however, said Dr. A. Bardhan.

He said she is being given further details but the official All-India Radio report said she was alert and was visited briefly by the governor of West Bengal state.

Mother Teresa, 79, became ill Sunday night but insisted on attending Mass on Monday. Her condition continued to deteriorate and on Tuesday she was admitted to the intensive care unit at Woodlands Hospital, suffering a high fever and an irregular heart beat.

Born in Albania, Mother Teresa became known for her work with the poor in this eastern Indian city.

MOTHER THERESA

No room at the inn, witness says

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Some of the people TV evangelist Jim Bakker is accused of defrauding said they were told there were no vacancies when they tried to use lodging they had reserved at the ministry's resort.

There were more people than there was room," said Lamar Kerstetter, a retired coal miner from Shamokin, Pa., who suffers from black lung disease and cancer and lives on disability insurance.

Kerstetter was one of five so-called PTL lifetime partners who testified Thursday, saying they had paid the PTL ministry for lodging at Heritage USA, PTL's religious retreat in Fort Mill, S.C.

Bakker's lawyers asked the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., on Thursday to halt the fraud and conspiracy trial, pending an appeal of U.S. District Judge Robert Potter's refusal to dismiss the charges against Bakker.

Lawyers Harold Bender and George T. Davis on Wednesday asked Potter to throw out the charges against Bakker, citing possible grand jury misconduct.

Defense attorneys claim Jessica Hahn told a Charlotte radio station grand jurors approached her in a courthouse restroom and asked for her autograph during a break in her testimony in September 1987.

Bakker's attorneys said the grand jurors violated their oath of impartiality, and thus tainted the process leading to Bakker's indictment.

Prosecutors say Bakker, 49, used nearly \$4 million in ministry funds obtained from the sale of partnerships in the ministry's hotel to bankroll his extravagant lifestyle.

He unveiled the lifetime partnership program in early 1986, selling donors he would offer 25,000 partnerships in the 504-room Heritage Grand Hotel, under construction. Only half the hotel rooms were available for partners.

Lila Angel testified that she expected a return for her money. "I worked until I was 77, and I save my pennies. I still do. That \$500 was quite a bit of money for me," she said.

Defense attorneys had said in opening arguments that money given to the ministry was in the form of donations, not meant as money paid for a product.

William Mayberry, the general manager of Heritage Grand Hotel

Japanese roach entry small but high quality

DALLAS (AP) — Michael Bohdan says the entry to his company's contest from Japan is somewhat reassuring.

"Yeah, they've got cockroaches, too," he said.

Bohdan, whose wife refuses to let him bring his work home, is one of four regional coordinators of a contest to find the largest cockroach in the world. The American Cyanamid Co. is paying \$1,000 to whoever brings in the largest cockroach.

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OPINION
Town hall proposal needs work

The decision of the Board of Directors to reduce the proposed bond issue for an addition of the Municipal Building is a good one, but a lot more work will have to be done before the Nov. 7 election if the project is to win voter approval.

The space is needed. Everyone agrees on that. The cost of providing it, even at its lowest, is high. The alternative would be to postpone the work, make more stop-gap measures and then do the job right sometime later when the cost will be still higher.

Town officials have lowered the prospective cost to the point at which the bond issue being requested is \$13 million. The figure, however, does not represent a true project cost because the assumption seems clearly to be that another \$930,000 is available from other sources.

Beyond that there is an assumption on the part of some town directors that careful review of the plans over the next few weeks can produce some savings. Before the voters go to the polls to make a decision, they should have a clear idea as possible of what the real cost will be.

Furthermore they should have a clear idea of what the money will buy and whether there are some things that have been cut from the project that will soon have to be added to it at additional cost.

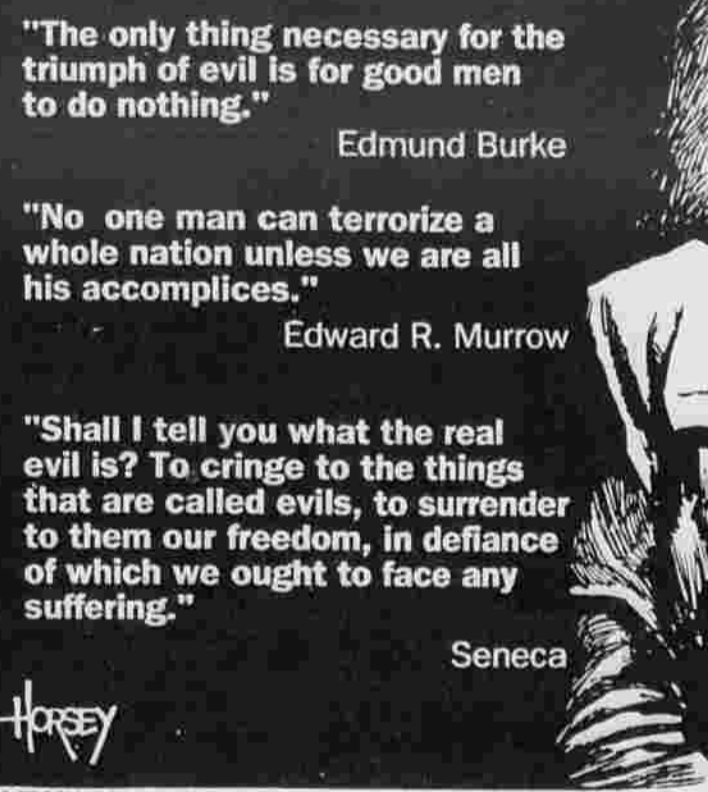
The number of alternative ideas about how to solve the space problems that have emerged in a short period have left the citizens puzzled. There is nothing wrong, certainly, with having explored a lot of options and having sought as many opinions on them as possible.

But the time has come for a very specific proposal, with as many details worked out as possible. The voters should know what they are voting on. The chief burden for making decisions in the next few weeks will fall primarily on the town's space study committee of citizens and town administrators.

They have their work cut out for them. What they come up with by election time should be concrete and clear. There is a tendency to vote against something you don't think you really understand.

Jim Bern ... You're the expert — how do you think my new drug program is going, so far?

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Seneca

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Edmund Burke

Edward R. Murrow

MANHATTAN, Kan. — One of the standard ways that researchers test people's memories is to give them a set of, say, 100 digits and ask them to recite the figures they remember. Those who can only recall four digits have poor memories; the average is seven, and anything over 10 is said to be very good.

Well, forget it. In the case of Srinivasan Mahadevan, anyway. He is an Indian graduate student here at Kansas State University, who can regularly remember 35 numbers if he sees them on paper, or 35 if they are given verbally.

And that's only for starters. Mahadevan can also memorize complete airline schedules, whose pages from telephone directories, and if he chooses, every word of this story. He has, in fact, committed to mind the first 35,000 numbers of the values of pi, the Greek mathematician ratio.

Mahadevan has one of the most remarkable memories in the world. His university associates say they know of only a handful of others whose ability to recollect is as astounding. He can only remember this story, they add, he can, theoretically, recite it for a few hours and remember it backward, verbatim.

Indeed, his capability is so amazing that it has attracted the attention of the U.S. government. The National Institute of Mental Health is presently underwriting a KSU program to study the student. The goal of the program is simple: The institute wants the Mahadevan to find out how Mahadevan does it.

The goal may be impossible to realize, of course. But there are already clues. Mahadevan says that he may have inherited his talent. His father is a distinguished physician in Mangalore, India, who has memorized virtually all of William Shakespeare's works, including 37 plays and 150 lesser writings.

The son says he never had much interest in Shakespeare himself, but he started memorizing information as

BST may hurt cows, humans

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — Chemical companies and the Food and Drug Administration say there is no danger in the latest food bugaboo — Bovine Somatotropin or BST, a man-made hormone that gets more milk for the money out of dairy cows. But confidential studies from the chemical companies' own scientists say something else.

Some of those studies indicate BST may harm cows and cause fluctuations in the quality of milk. But what has some grocery store chains talking about refusing BST milk is the lack of research on what affect the hormone has on people.

A number of American grocery chains have publicly questioned the safety of BST milk. Wisconsin Secretary of State Doug La Follette recently called for an embargo on it. Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream announced it will not use BST milk until the full FDA approval is in hand.

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The first of three tritium-producing reactors at the department's Savannah River complex near Aiken, S.C. will begin low-power testing late next summer, and production is expected to start by late 1991.

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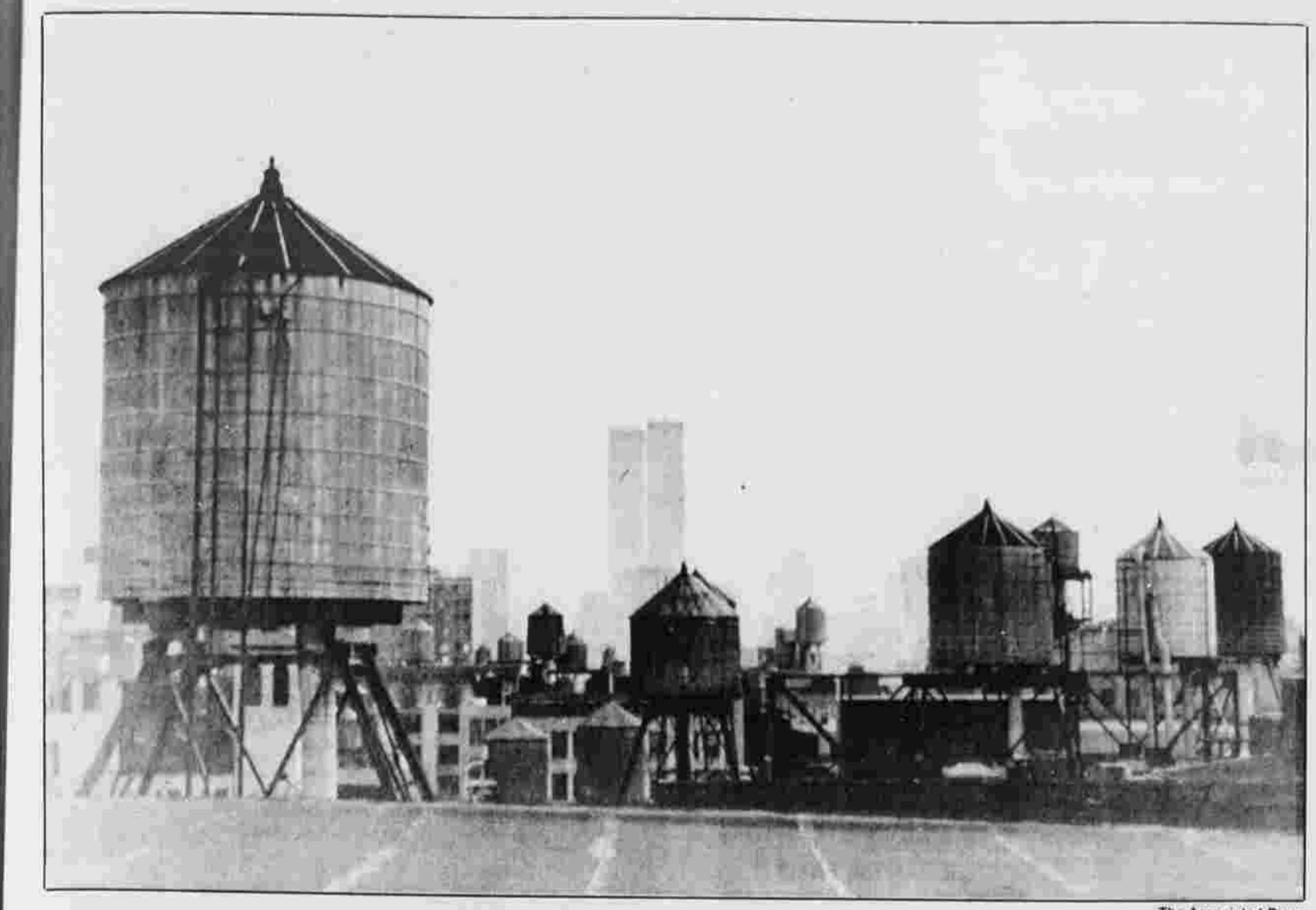
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Plan to consolidate anti-crime forces raises questions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Dick Thornburgh faced tough questioning by lawmakers today about his plan to merge the Justice Department's 14 organized crime strike forces into U.S. attorneys' offices.

A number of prominent congressional Democrats jumped to the defense of the anti-mob units in the spring when Thornburgh announced plans to place the strike forces under the control of local federal prosecutors.

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PICASSO ON THE BLOCK — This early Picasso self-portrait was auctioned by Sotheby's in New York Nov. 15. They are hoping they painting will fetch a price similar to a Van Gogh sold two years ago that netted \$53.9 million.

Protest forces Colombians to lift army rule in 2 towns

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — President Virgilio Barco was dealt a setback in his war on drugs when public outrage forced him to back off from imposing military rule on two cities believed to be strongholds of cocaine traffickers.

Barco replaced the mayors of the cities with military officers on Thursday but rescinded the orders in the face of charges the action was unconstitutional and anti-democratic.

One person was killed and at least seven others were injured in violence nationwide a day after an alleged money launderer was extradited to the United States.

In Medellin, headquarters of the powerful Medellín cocaine cartel, two policemen were slightly injured when bombs placed under a table destroyed a fast-food restaurant in a busy pedestrian mall.

Classes at the National University of Bogota were suspended for the day after skirmishes broke out during a demonstration by about 500 students protesting U.S. aid to help Colombia fight its war on drugs.

The students shouted "Gringos go home" and burned an American flag. Groups of youths with white hoods on their heads flung firecrackers at police and two students were injured in scuffles.

Also in the capital, gunmen in a speeding car killed cattle rancher Jaime Castillo Franco and wounded his driver. Flying discs injured two bystanders, a woman and her daughter.

It was not known if the slaying was related to the government's anti-drug war, which began Aug. 18 when assassins believed to be paid by the cocaine traffickers killed the front-running presidential candidate, Sen. Luis Carlos Galan, a strong foe of drug dealing.

Under emergency measures imposed by Barco, authorities have seized millions of dollars in real estate and other property believed to belong to the drug

Sieffert

Sieffert's attorney, Ronald Jacobs, attempting to prove there was no conflict of interest, presented the commission with stacks of documents, including copies of Sieffert's bank statements, records of Peterman's purchases from the appliance store in which Sieffert is part owner, and a transcript of the Aug. 7 PZC meeting at which Sieffert cast the vote in favor of Peterman's three-lot subdivision on North Main Street.

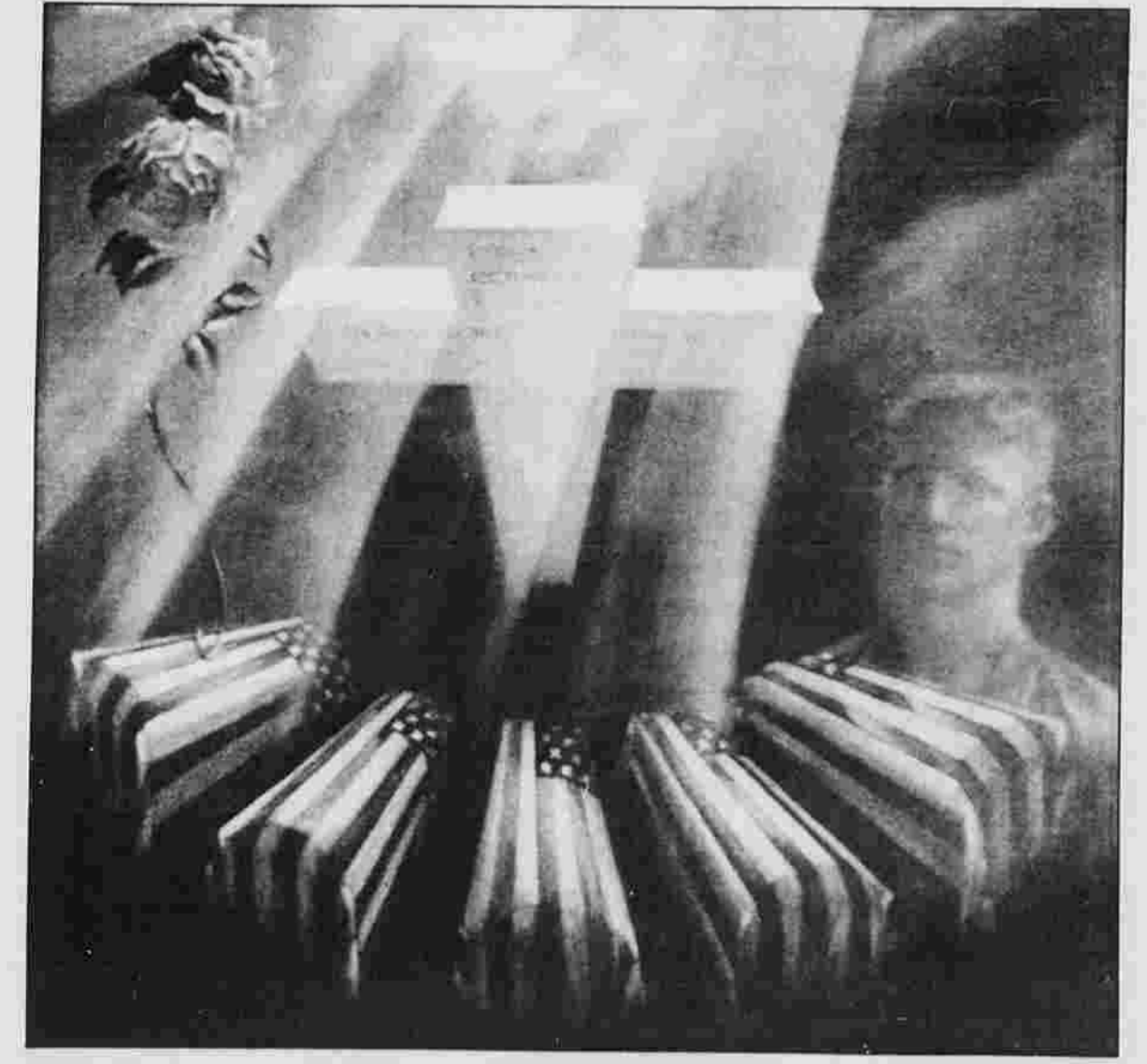
About Sieffert's work for the PZC, Jacobs said, "It's truly unfortunate that after 23 years of unpaid service that we have to be here tonight."

Sieffert's counsel built his case also by calling upon witnesses, including local builder Thomas Levitt, who testified that, by his standards, the \$26,329 Sieffert paid Peterman for the project was at fair market cost. The choice of the builder was reasonable, Jacobs said, considering Sieffert got other cost estimates for the addition.

When the controversy first arose, Sieffert said he and his wife, Penny Sieffert, publishers of the Manchester Herald, opted for Peterman to build the addition and deck because they preferred his design and because they did not want to wait until August or September when other companies said the addition would be started. Peterman did the job in June.

Jacobs maintained also that in a small town like Manchester, people cannot always do business with people they do not know. "They don't operate in a vacuum," he said.

Peterman, who was at the hearing, was represented by attorney Lawrence Rubiconi, who said he attended to prove his client did not buy appliances from Sieffert in exchange for a vote.



SOLDIERS RECALLED — An onlooker is reflected in the glass encasement of a painting titled "Light Shining Out of Darkness" that hangs in the National Guard Armory in Manchester, N.H. It commemorates five Manchester men who were killed by the same land mine shortly before they were to ship home from Vietnam 20 years ago.

Drugs

Bennett's initial tour of committees Thursday was smooth for the most part, with Democrats quick to praise the Bush Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on crime, told Bennett the plan was off to "a very, very good start."

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But his warm reception in the Senate was broken when Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., questioned him about the administration's continued refusal to ban American-made assault rifles.

The administration barred import of a number of the military-style weapons earlier this year, but it has not moved against domestic weapons.

Kennedy said recent seizures in Colombian drug raids show "half of the guns that are used locally are being manufactured here in the United States of America."

Bennett said he had received similar reports about the arsenal of Colombian drug lords. "It is a matter of concern to us," he said, but added he would not recommend a ban on the manufacture and production and distribution of the weapons in the United States.

On Thursday, more Americans were reported leaving. They included 20 families of employees of U.S.-based Occidental Petroleum Co., a source said on condition of anonymity. He said they left Wednesday night.

Three Americans playing on popular semi-pro basketball teams in Medellin also left, said Jaime Arenas, president of the Colombian Basketball Federation. "Unfortunately, we had to do this because of the violence affecting Colombia and in particular Medellin," he said.

Barro tried to step up pressure on the drug lords by replacing the mayors of two of the traffickers' strongholds, Puerto Boyaca and Pacho, with army officers.

But the move was met by a storm of protest. Civilians and politicians from all of Colombia's political parties accused the government of being anti-democratic and said the action was unconstitutional because it allowed the replacement of elected officials.



SHOWING OFF — Second-place winner Sean Childs, left, from Goodtime Charlie's American Bistro in Glastonbury, balances his tray before Thursday's Waiters' Race while a friend watches.

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Five who didn't come home remembered 20 years later

By David Tirrel-Wysocki
The Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. — They called it the saddest day in Manchester's history — the late summer day 20 years ago when five of the city's sons, killed by the same land mine in Vietnam as they prepared to head home, returned in flag-draped coffins.

A few days later, the rest of their National Guard unit arrived home to a different, but equally emotional welcome.

"We cried at both," said former guardsman Roland Provencher of Manchester, whose best friend was one of the five guardsmen killed Aug. 26, 1969. "It was a very sad and a very happy time."

New Hampshire's 3rd Battalion, 107th Infantry, was one of the first units to be sent to Vietnam in 1968, becoming one of the first of a handful of National Guard units to go. Some of its nearly 600 soldiers will meet in Portsmouth Sept. 15 to mark the 20th anniversary of their service.

The unit's artillery batteries were in the thick of combat, sometimes being dropped by helicopter into bombed-out jungle clearings to support ground troops. Until just before they came home 20 years ago this week, only two had been killed.

"But the deaths of the five Manchester guardsmen, killed by a land mine as they rode in the back of a truck after surviving a year in Vietnam, shocked the city and state, and brought home the meaning of war."

Yvonne Lussier remembered sitting on the porch when a military official came up to tell her that her only child, Richard Raymond, had been killed.

"It was 'he's hurt' and he said, 'It's much more than that. He's gone,'" she recalled this week.

Two thousand people jammed Manchester's small airport when the bodies arrived on Aug. 30. "There were those five caskets," said Mrs. Lussier. "Everyone was crying. It was too sad to think about."

Two days after the last funerals, the rest of the 197th flew into Peace Air Force Base in Newington

SPORTS

Dent revives Yanks

SEATTLE (AP) — The fifth-place New York Yankees are the hottest team in the major leagues and Don Mattingly credits new manager Bucky Dent for the turnaround.

Mattingly hit a two-run, bases-loaded single in the eighth inning Thursday to spark a six-run rally and lift the Yankees to their eighth consecutive victory with a 6-4 decision over the Seattle Mariners.

"It would have been nice to play like this a month ago when we were still in the race, but we're looking ahead," said Mattingly. "Now we have to take strength in the fact we haven't given up. We've got to give Bucky (Dent) a lot of credit for that."

The Yankees have a 10-11 record since Dent replaced former manager Dallas Green three weeks ago.

"It's always positive in our clubhouse even when we're losing," Mattingly added. "He's (Dent) kept a nice relaxed atmosphere. This is the most relaxed dugout since I've been here."

New York owner George Steinbrenner hasn't confirmed that Dent will be the manager next season.

Mattingly wouldn't demand that Dent be retained as manager, but he did call for some stability for the franchise which has had 14 managerial changes in the past 10 seasons.

"It's inappropriate for me to say I want Bucky to be our manager, that's not my job," Mattingly remarked.

"If we do decide Bucky Dent is the guy, we should stick with him and give him a term. We've got to get someone long term sooner or later."

Dent wouldn't comment about his status for next season. In the 1989 season, which opens Wednesday at Rockville High, Dent will find senior Corey Craft at striker and junior Peter Farley on right wing and senior Peter Giansante on the left.

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Guntalis will be the stopperback and will be flanked by senior Lucas Groggier and sophomore Jeff Ross.

Senior Dave Stephenson, the lone returning starter from last year's team, will be assigned the center midfield position. Stephenson is the leading returning goal scorer from last year, having scored four times. On either side of Stephenson will be juniors Nigel Cooper and Jason Dielerle. The Indian forward line will find senior Corey Craft at striker with junior Peter Farley on right wing and senior Peter Giansante on the left.

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NFL to open, but teams not set

By Marv Schneider
The Associated Press

Ready or not, the NFL season opens Sunday.

And a lot of teams aren't ready. Because of an unusual number of holdouts and injuries, many teams would just as soon put the whole thing off for a couple of weeks.

Count the Minnesota Vikings among them.

"I wish we had just a little more time to fine tune this operation," Coach Jerry Burns said. "But the white blitzes at high noon in Chicago, Green Bay, Indianapolis and New Orleans Sunday — 1 p.m. in Pontiac, Mich. and Atlanta. Kickers will head toward the ball and the 1989 season will be launched."

Three hours later, it will happen in Minneapolis and six other cities.

Early games on Sunday feature Cincinnati at Chicago, Dallas at New Orleans, the Los Angeles Rams at Atlanta, Phoenix at Seattle, Philadelphia at Kansas City at Denver and San Diego at Pittsburgh. New England at the Los Angeles Raiders.

The New York Giants are at Washington Monday night.

One reason Burns would have liked more time to get his Vikings ready for the opener against the

Agassi passes biggest test

By Hol Brock
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The noise started in the upper reaches of the National Tennis Center, then tumbled down section by section until soon Andre Agassi was standing in the middle of a mausoleum.

His baleful eyes seem to plead for help. He might as well have been trying to hail a taxi on a rainy night in Times Square. This crowd was not going to let up. Not with Jimmy Connors battling for survival against the teen-aged heartthrob with the frosted shoulder-length hair and denim shorts.

Agassi knew this would happen. New York's workers are emotional tennis fans when it comes to old favorites. They shook the place for Chris Evert's exit a couple of days ago. Agassi watched that and said to himself, "Andre, you're in for it."

When Connors got into a fifth-set jam against the kid in Thursday's U.S. Open quarterfinal, the fans rallied to the side of their old pal. For awhile, Jimbo responded, breaking Agassi's service and holding his own, pushing the final set score to 4-5 and cheering himself on.

"I could just feel the pressure," Agassi said. "I've never felt it like that in my entire life. The crowd wasn't helping, but I can understand why."

Connors responded, with a little help from his shaken opponent. "He was gagging, but I started out too late in the fifth to give him a chance to," Connors said. "He was starting to. You feel it. The thing was so hot that the time Connors got it back in gear in the fifth, it was just too late.



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McCarthy likes challenge that awaits MHS soccer

By Jim Tierney
Manchester Herald

Last November the Manchester High boys' soccer team strung together a fine 16-3-1 mark and forged its way to the Class LL state championship before bowing to Chesire.

Along the way, the Indians went 12-1-1 in the CCC East to garner league honors.

Gone from that talent-laden squad are 10 of the 11 starters which would probably give most coaches heartaches. However, 10th-year Indian coach Bill McCarthy is positive concerning the 1989 season, which opens Wednesday at Rockville High.

"We're very optimistic," McCarthy said. "Last year we were expected to go right off the bat. (This year) As we go along, hopefully working together and playing all the time together, we'll get stronger. I think the talent's there to have a successful year."

That talent begins with junior goaltender Mike Milazzo. "He (Milazzo) is a good goalie," McCarthy said. "He's got the lack of returning offense and almost relishes the anticipation factor."

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NFL Roundup

By Ben Walker
The Associated Press

STARTING TIME — The National League pennant races might take shape. Then again, they could be more tangled than ever in a few days.

"I can start, I'm fine," ex-holdout Fryar said. "Nobody would have thought I'd be here. Now they know I'm in shape."

At noon and Wesley Walker, the Jets' best receiver, could use more time after ending holdouts, but under new coach George Seifert they should be ready for the opener against the Colts.

Some of the summer's most prominent holdouts were top draft choices.

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IN BRIEF

3 on 3 tournament is set

The Manchester Jaycees first annual "3 on 3" basketball tournament will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 4 p.m. at the Mahoney Rec Center.

LeSure tennis tourney set

The Manchester Rec Department is sponsoring the third annual Jim LeSure Tennis Tournament on the upper courts at Manchester High School.

Tickets for dinner available

Tickets are now on sale for the 10th annual Manchester Sports Hall of Fame dinner on Friday, Sept. 22, at the Army and Navy Club.

Softball tournament set

The Manchester Police Athletic League is hosting the first Silk City Police Softball Tournament today through Sunday at Fitzgerald Field.

Fund to benefit Yale

NEW YORK (AP) — Major league baseball announced Thursday that gifts in memory of the late Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti should be made to a fund that is being set up in his name at his alma mater.

Rangers, Wings in deal

NEW YORK (AP) — A swap of left wings Thursday set Kris King to the New York Rangers and Chris McRea to the Detroit Red Wings.

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The rest of the Top 25 schedule includes Virginia at No. 12 Penn State, No. 14 Syracuse at Temple, No. 15 Texas A&M at Washington.

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DILLON by Steve Dickenson



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BLONDIE by Dean Young & Stan Drake



ROSE IS ROSE by Pat Brady



ON THE FASTTRACK by Bill Holbrook



THE GRIZZWELLS by Bill Schorr



BRIDGE

Bridge Counting takes priority. By James Jacoby. When one player opens with a preemptive bid at a high level, you would normally expect him to be short in all the other suits. But he still must hold 13 cards, and it doesn't hurt to play out the cards and notice the distribution. More often than not, you will be rewarded. After West had bid four hearts, North mastered up a brave double, and South was happy to bid four spades. West led K-A of hearts and then the 10 of diamonds. It was no trouble for declarer to win the king of diamonds and play first to dummy's spade king. Since West showed out, East had a sure trump trick with the

SNAFU by Bruce Beattie



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CHUBB AND CHAUNCEY by Vance Rodewald



FOCUS/Advice

Addresses should not be given out

DEAR ABBY: I am very much upset after having read about the 19-year-old man who became obsessed with a 21-year-old movie actress, so he tracked her down and fatally shot her.



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

What is even more frightening is the fact that he was able to obtain the girl's home address through her motor vehicle registration. I understand that because this information is a matter of public record, it is accessible to anyone who wants it.

Abby, I think we need some laws to protect public figures from people who are obsessed with celebrities. Remember what happened to Jodie Foster, John Lennon and Theresa Saldana? And now Rebecca Schaeffer can be added to that list.

What do you think?

HEARTSICK IN OREGON

DEAR HEARTSICK: I think the home addresses of private citizens — regardless of whether they're celebrities or not — should not be available to anyone without the knowledge and consent of the people who are being sought. It's not only a matter of privacy; it's a matter of security.

Abby, I cannot get a "back-dated marriage certificate" because the marriage you describe as a "common-law" was clearly invalid. Sorry, but your daughters are out of luck so far as joining the Mayflower.

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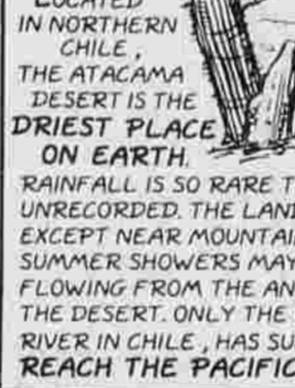
DEAR WAITING: Your common-law marriage would not have been valid under any circumstances, since John was already married. Even if you had been married by someone authorized to perform a marriage ceremony, your marriage would have been bigamous and, therefore, invalid.

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OUR FASCINATING EARTH by Philip Self, Ph.D.



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With pension funds, maybe you can take it with you.

When Congress reconvenes, the agenda will include measures designed to reform the private pension system, which many of you depend on for retirement income.

Any new pension regulations that come out of the discussion probably will be to your benefit, but right now your interests are not foremost in the debate.

Rather, government is concerned about tax revenues and employers are fretting about their capacity to fund and administer retirement programs.

Little will happen soon unless you, as voters and employees, display more awareness and concern. In due course, major decisions may be made without your voice being heard, possibly this year.

Sen. James M. Jeffords, a Vermont Republican and the leading congressional advocate of "pension portability" bills, introduced in this Congress a bill similar to one he introduced — as Rep. Jeffords — in the House last year.

The core idea of pension portability is to make it possible for employees to transfer pension funds they've earned from one employer to another tax-free.

But the subject is not that simple. The nation has accumulated a trillion-dollar pension deficit. The lives of more than 100 million people are directly affected.

Pension portability has been discussed in Congressional committees and in oversight legislative hearings for a decade and a half. What everyone has learned is that there are numerous complex issues.

Nevertheless, Jeffords believes private pension plans have been cut repeatedly by tax legislation for employees to find it difficult or impossible to cope at all.

Sen. Curtis, chairman of the Pension Committee of the American Academy of Actuaries, "With the pension world in virtual chaos, any change, no matter how well intentioned, could have unanticipated and deleterious consequences."

More time, they say is needed for previous legislation to be implemented and studied before further changes are made. Jeffords' bill would reduce the probability that an employee with a lump-sum cash

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.



Beta-blockers add to weight

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can beta-blockers make a person gain weight? I'm a migraine-headache sufferer and take 80 milligrams of Inderal a day. Thanks to the medication, I've been free of headaches for two years but have gained 15 pounds. I also have fewer bowel movements than I did prior to the medication.

DEAR READER: Beta-blocking medicine causes relaxation of blood vessels, which is the reason the drug is useful in combating high blood pressure and migraine headaches, two conditions marked by excessive spasm of arteries. This relaxation effect can often lead to fluid retention (edema) and weight gain. Therefore, patients taking beta-blockers can experience puffy legs and, in some cases, heart failure, when excess fluid accumulates in the lungs.

Also, beta-blockers cause constipation. A few pounds of fluid buildup is a small price to pay to avoid migraines. The edema is not harmful and, if necessary, be treated with diuretics, medicines to rid the body of excess water. Your doctor may be able to adjust the dose of Inderal to minimize fluid retention. Ask about this in addition, by reducing salt in your diet, you'll experience less edema. Working with your physician, you should be able to arrive at a dose (or type) of beta-blocker that will prevent migraines and cause only minor fluid retention.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Headaches." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland 44101-3569. Be sure to mention the title.

Our Language

Book cheats or swindles. Should you have trouble with this verb, just remember that the book is the end of the creek.

Use full-scale to describe something having the same size or proportions as the original. As a dieter, though, I try to avoid full-scale.

QUESTION: We've seen traffic signs for "HAZMAT trucks." What's "HAZMAT"?

ANSWER: HAZMAT combines the first syllables of hazardous and materials. It refers to trucks that carry hazardous materials such as poisonous chemicals, gasoline, or other dangerous substances. In these perilous times, you can expect to be seeing more of the explosive HAZMAT.

Smart Money

DEAR B.R.: I answered one of those ads in the newspaper for work at home. They want me to send out assembly work at home. I have many companies that will give housewives like me a chance to do assembly work at home.

While \$20 is not a whole lot of money, every nickel counts right now. Is this a rip-off or are there clear opportunities for assembly work at home?

DEAR B.R.: You got the right term — rip-off! With the advent of desktop publishing, people are whipping out all sorts of scams and busting people like yourself.

But this is a double dip-bustle. Not only will you be hustled for 20 bucks, but when you contact them for the home stuff you'll be hustled again for \$30, \$40 or \$50.

While there may be some legitimate home assembly, I have yet to find it. These cons are right up there with stuffing envelopes — just inside the letter of the law but clearly a rip-off.

DEAR BRUCE: We are moving from Kauai, Hawaii to Phoenix, Ariz. We have a home here and will be selling it at a rather substantial profit.

Since we are well under the age of 55, there may be some taxes to pay and as a consequence, I want to buy a house immediately to avoid paying those taxes. My husband said we should move a little

Work at home advertisements aren't what they seem to be

slower. We have recommended renting in an area that is unfamiliar, until you know the area well enough and then to consider penalty or payment. That may be OK for most people, but we would have to pay a lot of taxes if we follow your advice. Is that not true?

DEAR R.M.: I think if you check with a tax accountant, you will find that you have two years to make the reimbursement without penalty or payment of taxes.

I agree with your husband. Take some time to get to know the new area in Arizona before you invest your money. Since there should be no problem in renting a piece of property, I would do so for six months.

Check public transportation, property, shopping centers and so forth and then make your decision.

PEOPLE

Nelson may start network

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country music star Willie Nelson has bought more than 4,000 old TV shows and hopes to air them on a new cable network next year.

Nelson said Wednesday he purchased the programs from Norman Lear's Act III Entertainment and plans to broadcast them on The Cowboy Network, which he hopes to start. The shows include old programs by country stars such as Dolly Parton, Marty Robbins and Porter Wagoner.

"I feel that the Cowboy Television Network which we will launch next year will provide an excellent vehicle to permit other fans to enjoy the performance of these artists again," Nelson said.

Nelson said WZTV in Nashville, an independent station, would be a base of operations, but he divulged no other details about the planned network and the purchase price of the shows. The Tennessee newspaper quoted anonymous sources as valuing the programs at more than \$1 million.

Julian Lennon just like John

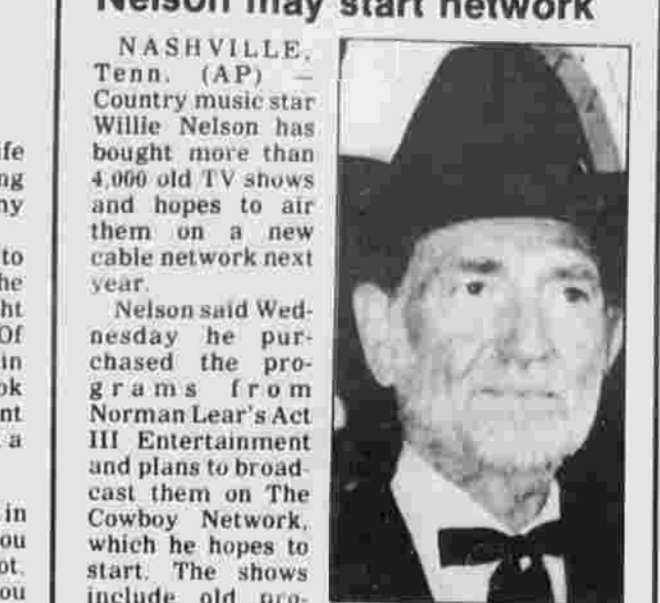
NEW YORK (AP) — Julian Lennon says he's just like his late father, short-tempered and cynical.

"I have the same wit, the same sense of humor," Lennon said in the Sept. 8 issue of USA Weekend.

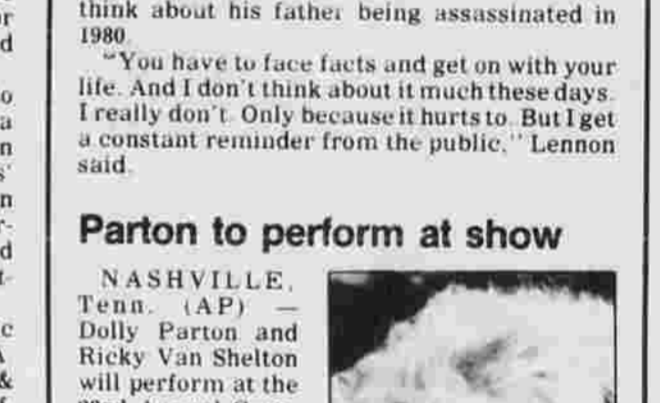
"And I'm very aggressive and opinionated; I have very strong beliefs, as he did," Lennon said of his father, John Lennon, who left Julian's mother to marry Yoko Ono.

Lennon, who has followed in his father's footsteps as a musician, said he tries not to think about his father, being assassinated in 1980.

"You have to face facts and get on with your life. And I don't think about it much these days. I really don't. Only because it hurts. But I get a constant reminder from the public," Lennon said.



Willie Nelson



Julian Lennon

Parton to perform at show

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Dolly Parton and Ricky Van Shelton will perform at the 23rd Annual Country Music Awards show.

Anne Murray and Kenny Rogers will be hosts of the two-hour show, which will be broadcast live Oct. 9 from the Grand Ole Opry House on CBS-TV.

Parton, who was host of the 1988 awards show, will perform "He's Alive," backed by a 90-piece choir from Nashville's Christ Church Pentecostal.

Last year, Parton won the Vocal Event of the Year award with Linda Ronstadt and Emmylou Harris for their "Trio" album. This year, her video "Why'd You Come in Here Looking Like That?" is nominated for Video of the Year.

Salamis for Viola victory

NEW YORK (AP) — A Manhattan delicatessen gave away hundreds of salamis to pay off on a promise that anyone showing up with a ticket stub from a New York Mets game won by pitcher Frank Viola would get one.

"Hopefully, we didn't get in over our heads," said Steve Cohen, manager of the Second Avenue Deli as he watched 500 salamis given away Thursday after the Mets beat the St. Louis Cardinals, 13-1.

Abe Lebewohl, the deli's owner, had promised a free, 1-pound salami to anyone producing a ticket stub from a New York Mets game won by Viola, who grew up on Long Island and whose father had eaten at the deli.

The giveaway continues each time Viola wins a game the rest of the season. The Viola lost his first three decisions after the offer was made in early August. On Monday, he shut out the Dodgers in Los Angeles. One Manhattan man who sent away for a ticket to the game but did not attend showed up Tuesday morning and was given two of the 17 salamis for being first.

Depp guilty of assault

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Actor Johnny Depp was given an absolute discharge after pleading guilty in Vancouver court to an assault charge.

The 25-year-old star of the Fox television series "21 Jump Street" was charged in March after a confrontation with a security guard following a hotel party. Depp's lawyer, Richard Israel, told provincial court his client regrets the incident.

Depp, who is an undercover officer on the TV show, knows he didn't live up to the responsibility of being an American allowed to work in Canada, said Israel. The lawyer said Depp overreacted during a discussion with the guard.

Both the defense and prosecution asked the judge on Thursday to grant a discharge, which means Depp will have no record of a conviction.

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