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Bolton residents air education concerns

By James F. Henry, Manchester Herald... coming freshman to Bolton High School Tuesday for a face-to-face meeting with school officials...



Panela Sawyer, a member of the Board of Education, said that the town could lose control over education if it regionalized with other districts.

Manchester Herald

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1989 Manchester, Conn. - A City of Village Charm Newsstand Price: 35 Cents

Ambush is called terrorism

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) - A gunman ambushed and killed the leader of the Jewish community and authorities today were investigating whether the attack was anti-Semitic.

Extra cops OK'd to meet 'crisis'

By Nancy Concepcion, Manchester Herald... An extensive drug problem, new laws on processing domestic disputes and a projected increase in all types of calls from the rapidly developing North End prompted the Board of Directors Tuesday to approve two additional patrol officers for the Manchester Police Department.

Noriega maintains his grip on Panama

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) - Troops loyal to Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega paroled the streets today after crushing a coup attempt, and a military spokesman said two coup leaders had taken refuge at a U.S. Army base.

Jury's decision makes Breton 2nd man on state's death row

WATERBURY (AP) - Connecticut's death row will soon have its second inmate: Robert J. Breton, a troubled loner sentenced to die for killing his ex-wife and teenage son in a bloody rampage just before Christmas two years ago.

Rail line study funds OK'd

By Nancy Concepcion, Manchester Herald... The district is studying the feasibility of crossing the Connecticut River with that corridor and locating a portion in East Hartford, Ehardt said.

Taxes head citizens' concerns

HARTFORD (AP) - Connecticut residents' biggest worries are high taxes, drugs and crime, the cost of living, environmental protection, affordable housing and education, according to a Connecticut Public Broadcasting survey of 601 heads of households conducted in July also found that the three top pieces of advice to Gov. William A. O'Neill, who's planning to run again next year, were cut taxes and the budget, resign, and do more to protect the environment.

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About Town

Folk music at Lutz

The Lutz Children's Museum will present a folk music program geared for children ages 5 through 12 on Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. at the museum at 247 S. Main St. "Kidfolk" is a collection of traditional and contemporary folk songs performed by folk singer, Kitty Donohoe, a singer/songwriter from Michigan whose programs involve audience participation.

She uses a number of traditional songs and instruments, including guitar, banjo, fiddle, mountain dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, Indian mouth bow, spoons and limberjack. She also recites stories, poems and some songs she has written. Her performance is sponsored by Rothman and Rothman Realtors. Admission is by donation.

Indians honor heritage

Several of the state's Indian tribes will be represented at Manchester Community College on Saturday in a celebration of nature, titled, "Tribal Voices Honor the Earth." The event is open to the public, from 1 until 4 p.m. Authentic Indian art and crafts will also be on display. The program is being sponsored by American Indians for Development, the MCC Student Senate, and the MCC Minority Student Services. For more information, call 647-6140.

Softball tournament set

Easter Seals is still accepting registrations for the Harvest Softball Tournament, slated for Friday and Sunday at Charter Oak Park in Manchester. Groups of 10 to 16 people can enter at all male, all female, or co-ed teams.

Two round-trip tickets to the winner's choice of destination will be awarded to the top fund-raising individual. Numerous area restaurants have donated gift certificates that will be offered in a drawing for those team captains whose team raises more than \$500.

For more information, call July at 228-9438 or 1-800-874-7687.

Blood drive is slated

The Red Cross is holding a blood drive at St. Mary's Church Hall on Route 31 in Coventry from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Also, the Health Link Van of Community Health Care Services will offer earwax screenings and blood pressure checks for free. Cholesterol screenings will be available for \$5. The van will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. You don't have to donate blood to use the van.

Painting course is set

"Creative Painting" is a credit-free course to be taught by George Herrick through the Continuing Education Division at Manchester Community College. Creative Painting begins Saturday, meeting three consecutive Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and costs \$35. In addition to the course registration fee, there will also be a \$25 materials fee payable to the instructor.

International night set

Manchester Community College will sponsor the fifth annual International Night at the Lower Program Center, Saturday at 6:30 p.m. The event begins with an informal concert of American jazz, to be followed by a variety of Indo-Pakistani and Middle Eastern music and entertainment.

The admission price of \$4 includes a buffet of ethnic snacks. The program is sponsored by the MCC International Students Association and the Pakistan-American Cultural Association. For more information, call 647-6123 or 647-6258.

Over eaters get support

A support group for families and friends of compulsive over eaters meets at Manchester Memorial Hospital every Friday night at 7 p.m. Ask at the information desk for the meeting room.

Bronx Zoo visit planned

There is a trip to the Bronx Zoo planned by the Lutz Children's Museum on Saturday. The admission price will include use of the Bengali Express Monorail, a birds-eye view of the zoo on the Skyfari, and visits to the World of Darkness, the World of Reptiles, the Children's Zoo, and the Jungle World.

The bus departs from the museum at 7:30 a.m., and returns at 6:30 p.m. For museum members, the cost for adults is \$23, and children age 12 and under is \$20.50. For non-members, adults pay \$26, and children \$23.50.

Registration information can be obtained by calling 643-0949.

Lottery

Winning numbers drawn Tuesday in New England:
Connecticut daily: 380. Play Four: 6745.
Connecticut Lotto: 2, 6, 8, 18, 34, 41.
Massachusetts daily: 1738.
Tri-State daily (Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont): 965, 6617.
Rhode Island daily: 0803.

Weather

REGIONAL WEATHER

Thursday, October 5

Area weather forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures.



Weather summary for Tuesday:
Temperature: high of 69, low of 46, mean of 56. The normal is 57.
Temperature extremes for today:
Highest on record 85, set in 1959.
Lowest on record 27, set in 1945.



NEW CHICKS — Good Hope, a two-month-old blackfooted penguin chick, checks out the business end of a television camera as Heather Urquhart of the New England Aquarium cuddles a sibling chick named Benguela at the aquarium in Boston Tuesday. The young birds hatched at the aquarium this summer and were introduced to the media Tuesday.

Obituaries

Hubert A. Robert

Hubert A. Robert, 80, of 576B Hilliard St., died Sunday (Oct. 1, 1989) at Rockville Hospital. He lived in Manchester for the last 36 years.

Born in Westfield, Mass., he was employed at the Travelers Insurance Co. for 28 years before retiring in 1971. He was also an army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by three daughters, Eleanor Messier of Springfield, Mass., Carolyn Krouse of Mahwah, N.J., and Marcia Roy of Manchester; two sisters, retired Lt. Col. Helen R. Robert, of Springfield, Mass., and Madeleine Messier of Enfield; and eight grandchildren.

Deaths Elsewhere

Edmund de Szeghly

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — Edmund de Szeghly, the husband of Jolie Gabor and stepfather of Zsa Zsa, Eva and Magda Gabor, died Saturday of heart failure. He was 77.

De Szeghly was Jolie Gabor's third husband. He operated his wife's jewelry store in New York City.

Del Wood

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Del Wood, 69, The Grand Ole Opry's longtime pianist known as "The Queen of the Ivories," died Tuesday after suffering a stroke.

Miss Wood, whose 1951 recording of "Down Yonder" sold more than 3 million copies, became a member of the Opry in 1953 and was the only person regularly featured at the Grand Ole Opry keyboard.

She cut a record featuring "Mine All Mine," for RCA and with "Down Yonder" on the flip-side. "Down Yonder" was second on the pop charts for 27 weeks and was also a country hit. Despite the pop success, Wood decided to focus on the country market.

Sunny Thursday

Tonight a chilly wind with clearing skies shows 32 to 37. Winds west 10 to 15 mph. Thursday sunny and not quite as cool with less wind, highs around 60. Outlook for Friday: some clouds moving in with a warming trend, highs near 70. A storm over eastern Canada is pulling cold air from central Canada down across New England and this will continue through tonight. This warmer ridge of high pressure will move into the region Thursday.

Today's weather picture was drawn by Michelle Miller, a fourth-grader at the Washington School in Manchester.

Insurers hurt by hurricane

HARTFORD (AP) — Travelers Corp. and Aetna Life & Casualty Co. two more insurers to report huge losses from Hurricane Hugo, say the storm is the worst weather catastrophe they have ever had.

Travelers said Tuesday that its losses from more than 9,000 claims, before taxes, are expected to total nearly \$60 million. The after-tax impact has not been determined yet, the company said.

Aetna said Hugo claims will reduce third-quarter earnings by \$35 million after taxes. Depending on what tax strategy is used, the impact could be even bigger, Aetna officials said.

Hugo, which hit Puerto Rico Sept. 18 and the Carolinas Sept. 22, has set record losses for the property insurance industry and for many individual companies.

Aetna anticipates some 16,000 claims from North Carolina, where it is the largest insurer of businesses, and 9,000 from South Carolina, spokesman Jason Wright said Tuesday.

Before Hurricane Hugo, Aetna's costliest weather catastrophe was Hurricane Alicia in 1983, with \$38 million in losses before taxes. No after-tax figure was available, but Wright said Hugo's \$35 million after-tax impact would be greater.

Travelers' previous record for catastrophes was Hurricane Gloria in 1985, with about \$20 million in pre-tax losses and 17,000 claims, said Rosanne Hennessy, a company spokeswoman.

Cigna Corp. has already announced that Hugo losses will reduce third-quarter earnings by about \$90 million after taxes. The Hartford Insurance Group has said Hugo may reduce its profits by \$20 million to \$30 million after taxes.

Public Meetings

Public meetings scheduled tonight:
Manchester
Hockanigum River Linear Park Committee, Lincoln Center gold room, 7:30 p.m.
Andover
Board of Selectmen, Town Office Building, 3:30 p.m.
Coventry
Parks and Recreation Commission, Patriot's Park Lodge, 7:30 p.m.

Current Quotes

"I personally believe, and I say this with a lot of sorrow, that the Panamanian people are highly intimidated by the regime." — Guillermo Ford, Panama's former opposition vice presidential candidate, after forces loyal to Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega crushed a coup attempt.

"Instead of doing something about it, we were like a bunch of Keystone Cops running around bumping into each other." — Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., after U.S. forces didn't fight alongside Panamanian forces in their foiled attempt to oust Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

"Why is it so wrong for Rev. Bakker to buy 10 Rolex watches if he so chooses? For the money was duly earned by him and given to him by an appreciative board." — Harold Bender, Jim Bakker's attorney, in closing argument at the PTL founder's fraud trial.

Thoughts

Jesus asked, "What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self? What we value determines what we treasure. If we value material things that end up with a material treasure that is rooted in this life, in this time, and in this world, Material treasure is temporary in nature and the pleasure it brings is short-lived. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven" (Mt. 6:19, 20).

Does this mean that we should turn our backs on material things all together? No, it means that the things we value most in life should not be the things we can purchase. Instead we should value spiritual things, heavenly things, eternal things, the things of God. Do not love the world or anything in the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever" (1 Jn. 2:15, 17).

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LOCAL & STATE

District ordered to turn over notes on election panel

By Alex Girali
Manchester Herald

The election study committee of the Eight Utilities District has been ordered by a hearing officer of the Freedom of Information Commission to reconstruct "to the extent possible" minutes of meetings held last year and provide them to Perry Dodson, a district resident who filed a complaint with the commission.

The order also requires the election committee to file the minutes with the Freedom of Information Commission provisions for keeping minutes, recording votes, and filing minutes with the town clerk.

FOI hearing officer Gloria Schaffer rejected the claim by attorney John D. LaBelle Jr., district counsel, that the elections study committee is not an agency of the district subject to the FOI law.

The order will be considered by the full FOI Commission Oct. 25. "It's a step toward better govern-

ment in the Eighth District," Dodson said.

Dodson had demanded minutes of the committee's meeting. District Director Ellen Landers, chairman of the committee, responded that no formal minutes were kept. In place of them, she supplied Dodson with reports compiled from notes she took during the meetings, but Dodson said they were sketchy and inadequate.

The Schaffer order says the minutes should include the time each member arrived at and departed from the meeting.

At the Sept. 7 hearing before Schaffer, Dodson was represented by attorney Kevin O'Brien. At the hearing, Dodson cited a number of instances in the reports by Ellen Landers in which it was said the decisions on recommended election procedures were reached, but no votes taken.

Besides Ellen Landers, the committee members were Thomas H. Ferguson, Mary Warrington, and Robert Blechman.

Enrollment hike forecast in Bolton

By James F. Henry
Manchester Herald

BOLTON — There will be a steady rise in enrollment at the elementary school level until the latter part of the next decade, a factor which will impact long-term high school enrollment, according to a study by a local economist.

James Roscoe, of 4 Watrous Road, volunteered to do the study for the Board of Education. Copies of the study, which Roscoe presented to the Board of Education last week, were distributed to residents who attended a special meeting with the Board of Education Tuesday at Bolton High School.

The enrollment in Bolton's schools could have an impact on what course the school department takes as it considers several plans to increase enrollment, including the high school to accommodate grades 7 through 12, thus closing Bolton Center School.

Roscoe said that all of the results he presented should be read only generally, because it is unlikely the data would be exactly correct. He told the board in the meeting last week what it has to do to decide how far wrong they can afford him to be. He said there may be factors in the future that could impact enrollment that he does not know about, and therefore, his prognostications could be wrong.

Roscoe said factors such as new housing being built in Bolton, what types of houses are built, and families with two people working have an impact on enrollment.

According to a graph representing three possible scenarios that Roscoe has presented to the school board, there will be at least 275 resident students at the high school by 1999, up from 200 resident students now.

The graph indicated there could be as many as 325 resident students at the high school by 1999. Resident students are those who live in Bolton.

Roscoe said though he believes the most accurate projection would be 300 resident students at the high school by 1999. Resident students are those who live in Bolton.

There are now Willington students attending the high school, but that town has decided not to send its incoming freshmen to Bolton this year. Bolton is now investigating whether the town of Columbia wants to send its students to Bolton High School.

Klan plans to protest jailing of state member

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. (AP) — The Ku Klux Klan plans to march on Poughkeepsie Sunday if a jailed member of their organization is not freed by then, the organization's national leader said.

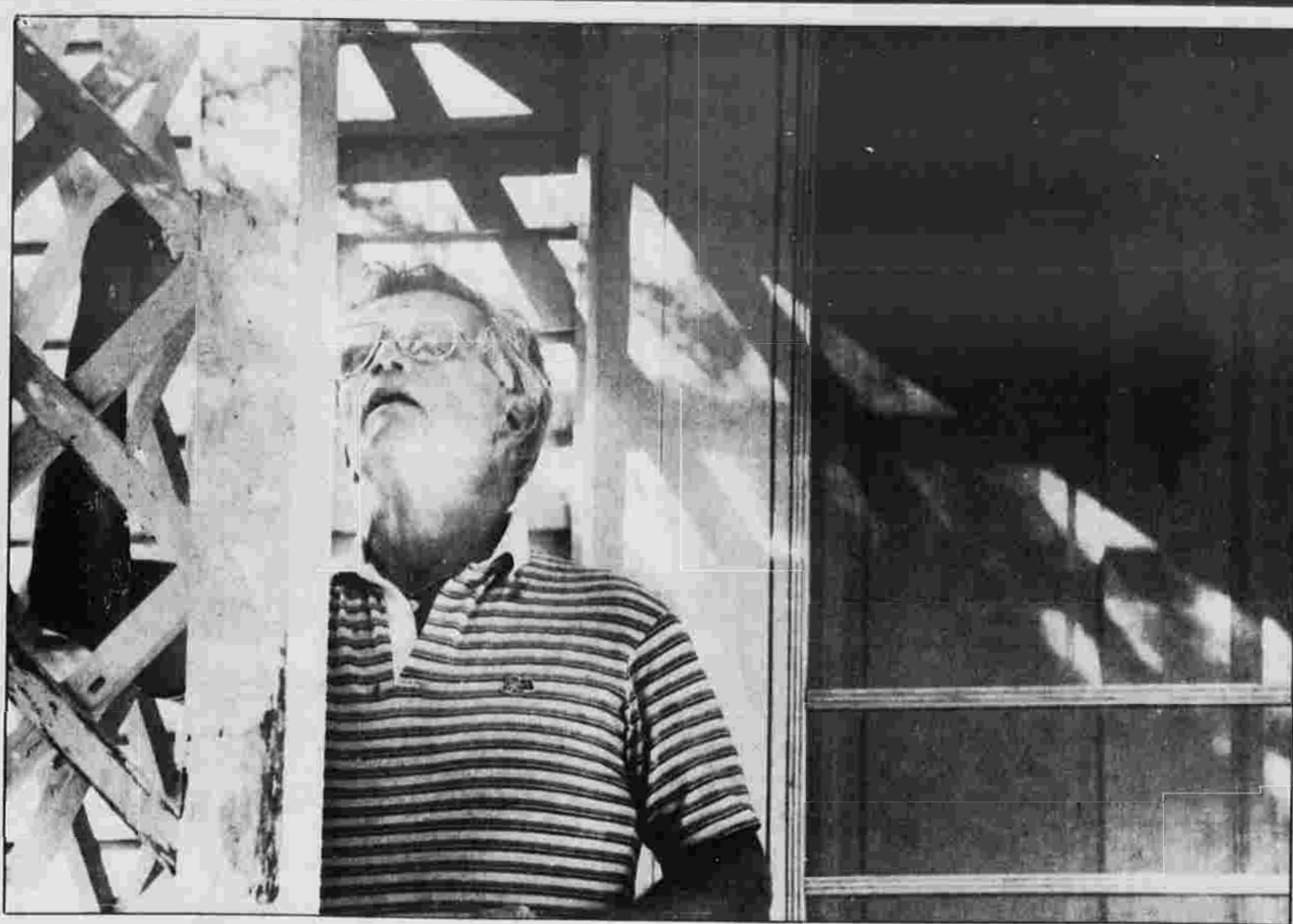
But when he was asked why the group hadn't paid the member's bail, James Farrands, imperial wizard of the Invisible Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, said, "It's counterproductive."

Farrands, 55, of Shelton, Conn., made his comments Tuesday while visiting Douglas Tuttle, 24, grand dragon of the Indiana chapter, in the Dutchess County Jail. He said he and members of the Pennsylvania chapter would demonstrate Sunday and Tuttle, whom he called a "Klan bricker," remains in jail.

Two people were arrested during a protest of Farrands' visit.

Farrands said the KKK, which is reportedly trying to recruit members in the area, gets more publicity by leaving Tuttle in jail.

Tuttle, of Farmersburg, Ind., is being held on weapons charges in lieu of \$10,000 bail. He was charged Saturday with two counts of illegal possession of a weapon for having a loaded handgun and a blackjack in



PRECISION PAINTING — Dennis Robinson of Gastonbury paints some wood trim on a house on Cornell Street Tuesday. Robinson is an independent contractor.

Golf course lease hits temporary snag

By Nancy Connelman
Manchester Herald

A proposed two-year extension of the Manchester Country Club's lease on the town-owned golf course hit another snag Tuesday when the Board of Directors ordered the town attorney to rewrite an ordinance under which the club would operate a private club on 18 of the holes.

If the town decides not to expand the course, the club wants what it calls a right of first refusal to operate a public course and the opportunity to match any bids received from other companies on a long-term lease.

A third provision allows the club to increase dues or greens fees to meet the rent increase. The directors asked the town attorney to include in that provision the current requirement that fees or dues increases be approved by the Board of Directors and not exceed 10 percent annually.

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Campaign '89

Handley learned the ropes, now is eager for more

By Alex Girelli
Manchester Herald

Mary Ann Handley, who has served one two-year term as a town director and seeks re-election, muses that it might be beneficial if new directors were elected for four-year terms instead of two. She said it takes two years to learn the ropes.

It is not the structure of government that is a problem for freshman directors, she says. She knows about that before she ran for office. The problem comes in learning about the mechanics of governance, the nitty-gritty knowledge of how to get things done, consulting the right sources in the right sequence.

It's necessary to learn the vernacular of governance, like any other kind of shop talk. Handley, a history professor at Manchester Community College, says she is troubled by the slowness by which things proceed.

"Arriving at policy takes a long time," she says. Handley may have had to put effort into learning the inside workings of town government, but that has not prevented her from making policy decisions. When the directors voted recently to put a \$13 million bond issue before the voters in the Nov. 7 election, Handley and Barbara Weinberg, a fellow Democrat, were the only two directors who voted no, and for entirely different reasons.

Weinberg thinks the cost is too high and the plan lacks specifics. Handley wants a separate new town hall instead of an addition she says will take up all the available land and preclude the possibility of future expansion.

Handley says she has not found any male-female split on the board and that when she and Weinberg are on opposite sides from other directors it is not normally because they are both women.

Nevertheless both Handley and Weinberg feel there are instances in which women bring a different perspective to decisions, and Handley was annoyed that there were no women on the committee to select a new town manager. She attended the committee meetings even though she was not a member and as a result, felt better about the selection process.

She says she is very satisfied with the choice of Richard Sartor for the post.

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MARY ANN HANDLEY ... "does homework" shy about expressing her views.

Handley is regarded as a liberal Democrat, but she says her philosophy is a classic conservative one. She feels the community is responsible for all its members.

Handley does not think it would be a good idea to elect directors from separate districts instead of at large, because it would be difficult to work that out and preserve minority representation, which she thinks is valuable because it keeps the majority party on its toes and forces it to think through its positions and defend them. She wonders if the political parties might not pay more attention to balancing their tickets geographically, however.

Handley, 52, says she got into politics two years ago because it was a good time in her life to make a community contribution. She has found she likes campaigning because she enjoys putting a campaign organization together, and it gives her a chance to see how she is being perceived by the public.

Handley has come under criticism from Republicans for planning to teach a class on issues in the fall election at the Manchester Senior Citizen's Center. She says she has taught similar courses for a number of years and had invited Republican Town Chairman John Garde to join Democratic Town Chairman Theodore R. Cummings in presenting a session of the course on election issues.

Recently, she said the schedule of sessions has been revamped and the two chairmen will speak after the election along with whoever is chosen by the new board as mayor.

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"We're getting a lot of calls on the yellow jackets," he said. "People say, 'We're bothered. We can't go outside. What can we do?'"

In addition to the colorful yellow jackets, Moore said other wasps are appearing in abundance in the East this autumn. There is the lesser-known bald-faced hornet, which builds large, papery nests in trees and on buildings, and the European giant hornet, a large buff-brown wasp with yellow markings.

Moore said he believes mild winter weather helped nurture the pests. More queen wasps were able to survive and reproduce this spring, he said. Other insects also

flourished, he said, creating an abundant food supply for the wasps.

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Moore advises picnickers to avoid flailing the wasps to show them away. "Remain quiet, that will probably help to some degree," he said.

If you do get stung, the university's extension service says that a wasp sting can be treated by applying table salt to the sting for 30 minutes or with an application of a poultice made with meat tenderizer.

In cases where a sting causes wheezing, swelling of the lips or nausea, it is important to see a doctor immediately, said Lee M. Pachter, St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center pediatrician.

Despite their nasty reputation, Moore said wasps are beneficial insects that eat house flies and some destructive beetles.

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Retirement requests trickle in

HARTFORD (AP) — Almost 3,000 state employees — a thousand more than expected and half of those eligible — have opted for a retirement incentive program that includes bonuses of up to \$600 a month for three years and fully paid medical insurance.

Gordon J. Frassinelli, executive budget officer in the Office of Policy and Management, said Tuesday that 2,951 state workers had applied for the so-called golden handshake and that a few more were trickling in.

Frassinelli said the higher-than-expected number of applicants means that the original plan of replacing one of every four retirees will not be able to be met.

Still, he said he expects disruptions in services to the public to be kept to a minimum.

"We won't know for a while," he said. "We'll have to assess what it all means. It depends where (the vacancies) occurred. I would say we're going to be close to 3,000."

The retirement program was crafted by the General Assembly this year when legislators were looking for ways of cutting the state

budget. They estimated that 2,000 would apply for it and that that would save the state \$25 million.

Under the incentive program, 6,000 state workers who are 55 or older with at least 10 years of service were eligible for bonuses of up to \$21,600 to be paid over three years. Applications had to be in by Oct. 1.

Normally, no more than 1,400 state workers retire in a year.

Gov. William A. O'Neill tried last week to allay the fears of state mental retardation and mental health workers who feared that client care would be hurt by the retirements. He said those in direct-care positions would be replaced.

Of the roughly 250 workers retiring from the Department of Mental Retardation, 123 are in the direct-care category.

Dawn Cross, DMR's personnel administrator, said the agency had previously lost 150 positions due to budget cuts. "If we have to cut more positions (as a result of early retirement), it will be a severe problem," she told the Bridgeport Telegram.

The Department of Mental Health is losing 254 of its 4,000 employees.

The Department of Motor Vehicles lost 114 workers under the program, 14 percent of its 950-person staff.

Another hard-hit state agency is the Department of Transportation, losing almost 300 of its 4,600 employees.

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Boeing workers strike, seeking share of profits

SEATTLE (AP) — Tens of thousands of machinists seeking a bigger share of record aircraft sales struck the Boeing Co. today, threatening already delayed production schedules at the world's largest aerospace company.

Workers in plants in at least seven states — including Boeing's base in the Puget Sound area, Portland, Ore., and Wichita, Kan. — took to the picket lines after a midnight Tuesday strike deadline.

"We have gone through the hard times with this company," Tom Baker, president of District Lodge 751, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, said Tuesday. "We just want to go through the good times with them as well as the hard times."

More than 57,000 machinists, including 43,300 in the Seattle area, voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to reject Boeing's three-year contract offer and reaffirm the strike deadline. The union represents the bulk of the company's production workers.

Don Starkey was one of dozens of volunteers who showed up early today at the Boeing 747 plant in south Everett and joined pickets assigned to plant gates by strike coordinators.

"We've got to get things started here right and let the company know we mean business," said Starkey, an electrician on the 747 flight line.

The strike hits a company struggling to meet delivery schedules in the midst of its fifth consecutive year of record jetliner orders.

Airlines and leasing companies striving to replace their aging fleets and meet a surge in passenger traffic have ordered 736 planes worth \$38.5 billion so far this year.

Though Pentagon cutbacks have reduced military orders, Boeing's commercial division has a backlog of nearly 1,600 jets worth about \$70 billion, with deliveries extending into the mid-1990s.

The backlog has caused embarrassing delays in deliveries of the new 747-400 jumbo jet, Boeing's first in two decades, and forced

Bakker jury undertakes deliberations

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — A jury today is confronting whether Jim Bakker is a "world-class" liar who used the nation's TV airwaves to cheat his PTL followers out of millions of dollars of a devout minister worthy of his flock.

The U.S. District Court jury was beginning its deliberations this morning.

Bakker, 49, is charged with 15 counts of wire fraud, eight counts of mail fraud and one count of conspiracy to commit wire and mail fraud.

He is accused of diverting more than \$3.7 million in PTL money for his own benefit and of conspiring to defraud followers of their money to support his lavish living.

If convicted on all counts, Bakker could be sentenced to 120 years and fined more than \$5 million.

U.S. District Court Judge Robert Potter instructed the jury Tuesday night after closing arguments.

"You can't lie to people to send you money — it's that simple," prosecutor Deborah Smith told the jury.

"You can't tell half-truths. If you do it, if you use the postal service and the public airwaves you will find yourself in federal court answering charges of mail and wire fraud. That's why we're here today, because that's just what Mr. Bakker did."

Prosecutors contend that Bakker solicited money for "lifetime partnerships" at his Heritage USA retreat near Fort Mill, S.C., but used the money for projects other than the lodging he promised. Lifetime partners typically paid \$1,000 for the promise of three nights annually at the theme park. Bakker raised \$158 million through partnership sales.

Bakker, who had sparred with Mc. Smith on the witness stand, scribbled notes during her arguments and glanced at the television screen when she played videotapes of his shows.

"There may have been a time when Mr. Bakker was a man of good deeds back in the 1970s, but as time progressed into the 1980s, he began to use people to obtain possessions and power and keep it," she said.

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Names of the injured and dead were not immediately available.

Rescuers hunt for 9 fishermen

PORT ARTHUR, Texas (AP) — Rescuers in boats and helicopters searched the Gulf of Mexico today for nine people whose fishing boat struck a gas pipeline, causing an explosion and fire that killed two other crew members.

The spectacular explosion was heard by Port Arthur police on shore. "It made a pretty big noise," Sgt. T.K. Donnell said.

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U.S. investors line up behind abortion pill

HOUSTON (AP) — Investors are prepared to help distribute an abortion pill in the United States if it becomes available, the developer of the drug says.

They are "ready to create a new company for distributing the drug in the United States and elsewhere if authorized," said Etienne-Emile Baulieu.

But Roussel-Uclaf, the French company that holds the patent on the pill, is refusing to license the pill for sale in the United States or to sell it here on its own, he said.

The pill also would have to gain federal approval before it could be sold in this country.

Baulieu, a biochemistry professor at the University of Paris School of Medicine, spoke in an interview Tuesday after addressing an American Medical Association science reporters conference.

He did not name the investors interested in the pill, which is called RU 486.

Baulieu also said he believes that his winning of a major medical award last week should help prospects for the pill's introduction to the United States.

Legislators, judges and others will consider that the opinion of such a prestigious (award) jury gives additional credibility to the use of such a compound," he said.

Americans "who are confident in the progress of science with conscience ... will find ways to have it distributed here," he said.

Baulieu won the Albert Lasker Clinical Medical Research Award for his work on hormones and for developing RU 486. Anti-abortion activists criticized the Lasker jury's decision.

In the interview, Baulieu said he believed the award might help persuade Roussel-Uclaf to allow American distribution and help promote American public support for its use, which he called a key factor in its chance for distribution.

In France, Baulieu said, the pill has been given to 25,000 women with a 96 percent success rate.

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OPINION

Homeless efforts fall short

While estimates on the current number of homeless people range between 655,000 to 4 million, Congress has found a possible answer. Spend as little money as possible and let as many people as possible try to find as many cures as possible. This is impossible.

As proof, we have seen the federal government slash \$25 billion from housing programs since 1981 while cities and states conduct half-hearted, uncoordinated and underfinanced efforts to combat the homeless problem.

Nothing has worked, because the number of homeless is growing 20 to 40 percent each year.

The main federal program, the Stewart McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, empowers the government to spend up to \$3 billion over five years for programs for the homeless. Yet, since the legislation was enacted in 1987, Congress has only provided \$1.1 billion in funding.

What's the deal?

State and local governments, which are left in a precarious position scrambling to fill the funding gaps, are reluctant to do much, hoping that the federal government will step back in and take charge.

No such luck.

We see homelessness as a national problem, something that must be coordinated properly on the top. Allocating a few bucks and considering the matter resolved doesn't cut it.

—Delaware County Daily Times, Primos, Pa.



Blumenthal sets his sights

In Dick Blumenthal's orderly mind, serving as Connecticut's attorney general would just be a logical extension of what he's been doing with his life up to now. So he's gunning for the Democratic nomination for the job in next year's state election.

It's the one opening on an otherwise hopeless state which the party will probably field in 1990. And while Gov. Bill O'Neill girds for a challenge by U.S. Rep. Bruce Morrison of Hamden for the top rung, Blumenthal covers the state to solicit support for his own campaign. He says he's doing nicely, thank you.

Blumenthal, a 45-year-old attorney and state senator from Stamford, has formidable company in this shadowy effort to be the Democratic candidate for attorney general. State Rep. Jay Levin of New London was in the hunt earlier and is also taking his case to Democrats statewide.

Blumenthal has made enough contacts by now to prompt State Chairman John Dronoy of West Hartford to issue a firmer-than-ever statement of utter neutrality. Other insiders don't quote me kind — say, however, that the party organization really favors Levin.

Dronoy will say only that it's great to have two such well-qualified candidates in the running.

Blumenthal's four years as U.S. attorney for Connecticut give him a strong background in qualifications. He says it was "the best job an attorney could have."

He loved it, and did extremely well. He took on consumer fraud, drug trafficking,

safety in the work place, organized crime, civil rights abuses and other heavy cases.

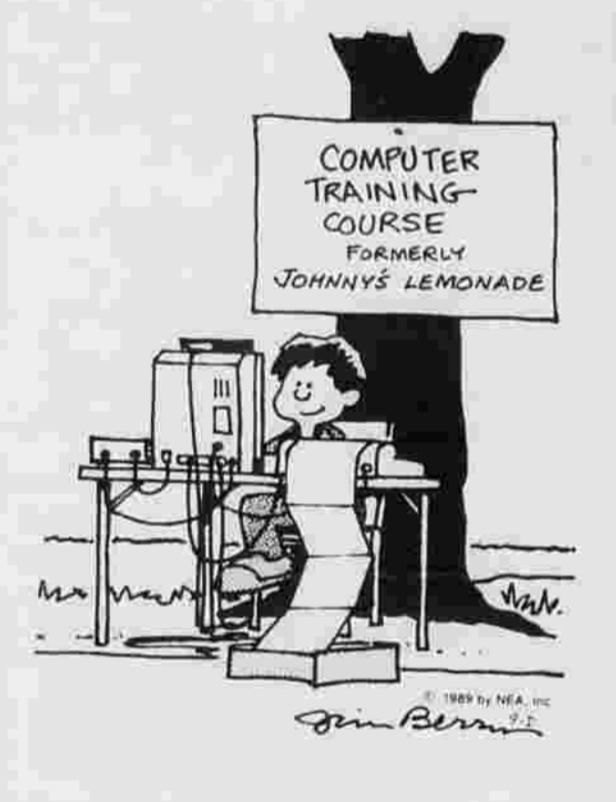
All of this gained Blumenthal media attention. He followed with the less-noticed stint as chairman of the Citizens Crime Commission of Connecticut and then as state representative from Stamford. After the death of Tony Truglia, a well-respected senator from a district which includes the city and part of Darien, Blumenthal was elected to fill the vacancy.

Because of his background as a federal prosecutor, it is strange that Blumenthal doesn't favor granting criminal jurisdiction to the office of attorney general. He says it's because the state has that base covered with a good network of state attorneys.

Blumenthal started his career as a lawyer, a newspaper reporter. He signed on for two summers as a stringer for the Washington Post in England. Back home in the nation's capital later, he scored a major scoop by discovering serious gaps with the federal Head Start program there. That got him the attention of Daniel Patrick Moynihan, then an assistant to the president and now a senator from New York. Moynihan, still a close friend, came to Stamford in September for a Blumenthal fund-raiser.

Blumenthal also served in Washington as an aide to former U.S. Senator Abe Ribicoff. A huge portrait of Ribicoff hangs in Blumenthal's office in the Legislative Office Building in Hartford.

By usual timetables on undernicket cases, both Levin and Blumenthal are starting very early — especially when it's



Open Forum

The TNT credo

To the Editor:

This is an introduction to the first meeting of The Neglected Taxpayers. Obviously, on reading reports of the meeting and letters to the editor, the philosophy of the group was cast aside.

We have come together in the interest of the future of our town. The huge increases in taxes over the past two years has caused many people to fear what the future increases will be.

Throughout the state, school budgets have been a major cause of these increases, as this has been the year for contract renewals with high salary raises along with school expansion needs. Many towns and state representatives are now behind the philosophy which holds to the belief that being against over-spending does not equate with being against progress. For example, a Tolland candidate for his board of Education has stated that he feels a good education is not judged by the amount of money spent on it. An Ellington Board of Education member is resigning because he is against a system in this town, ranging from grade five through twelve. We decided to move from a near-by town five years ago because of a poor educational system in that town. I spent many hours researching and evaluating several towns and their educational systems before we moved. Bolton had by far the superior system. I was disappointed that nothing in the system since moving here to change my feelings about that. My children all have different educational needs and abilities and Bolton education has met them all quite successfully so far.

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Perhaps many of you cannot appreciate

Bolton schools good

To the Editor:

There is a new group, "T.N.T.," which has formed in Bolton. While all of the taxpayers in Bolton are concerned about taxes and getting the most of our tax dollar, there are some things that this particular group of people appear to be choosing to ignore. From the articles in the paper it would seem that many of the people in "T.N.T." feel that the Board of Education is asking for too much. Over the past few months many negative articles have been written about the education in this town, especially about the high school.

I have four children in the educational system in this town, ranging from grade five through twelve. We decided to move from a near-by town five years ago because of a poor educational system in that town. I spent many hours researching and evaluating several towns and their educational systems before we moved. Bolton had by far the superior system. I was disappointed that nothing in the system since moving here to change my feelings about that. My children all have different educational needs and abilities and Bolton education has met them all quite successfully so far.

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To the Editor:

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Confidence in drugs threatened

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — Top officials of the Food and Drug Administration are trying to forestall a panic over the safety of prescription drugs that millions of Americans rely on for good health — if not life itself.

Confidence in the nation's drug supply began eroding after revelations that generic drug companies had bribed and deceived their way into the public's medicine chest. Now, almost by accident, agency inspectors have identified critical problems with brand-name drugs, too.

A well-placed source told our associate Jim Lynch that FDA inspectors have recently uncovered manufacturing violations in at least five brand-name drug plants. The FDA was alarmed to find that some of the drugs under review contained formulas that the agency originally approved.

FDA fears are stirred by the specter of the country losing faith in the entire drug industry.

In recent weeks the FDA has examined the chemical composition of brand-name drugs and found that the generic drug industry's top 20 companies and 30 top drugs. Some of these firms also make brand-name drugs — leading inspectors to broaden their scope.

In several cases, inspectors discovered that the chemical composition of brand-name drugs had been altered since their approval. When documentation was demanded, the government received such shockingly records that some officials doubt the firms would know how to recall drugs if forced to.

FDA inspectors routinely determine whether firms meet the agency's "Current Good Manufacturing Practices." Inspectors ensure that workers are wearing proper clothing and that the drugs and raw materials are safely stored. Inspectors rarely examine the actual product.

Racketeering laws, they complain, give the government so much power to confiscate assets and sue that it's almost impossible to get a conviction. The Sixth Amendment right to choose one's own attorney may effectively vanish because suspects are left penniless before trial.

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FDIC chief: S&L bailout may be short

WASHINGTON (AP) — The \$50 billion Congress earmarked two months ago to rescue failed savings institutions may not be enough, Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Chairman L. William Seidman said today.

"It is possible that \$50 billion will prove to be an insufficient amount to deal with potential failures," Seidman said in testimony prepared for the Senate Banking Committee.

"But it is really much too early to make a reliable new prediction of loss," he added. Today's hearing was the first on the savings and loan bailout since Congress passed the legislation Aug. 9.

Also scheduled to testify were Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, Housing Secretary Jack Kemp and members of the Resolution Trust Corp., created to close and sell failed thrifts.

Seidman, whose agency operates the RTC, said the government has taken control of 283 failed S&Ls with \$12 billion in assets. Of the 283, it has closed 24 small institutions and expects to sell five large institutions by next week.

Through August 1992, thrift regulators may turn over another 300 S&Ls to the RTC, bringing the total failures to nearly 600 with combined assets exceeding \$300 billion, he said.

Those projections "raise questions about the adequacy of the \$50 billion in RTC funding," Seidman said.

His comments throw the strongest doubt yet on whether taxpayers will eventually have to pay a second installment on the S&L bailout.

Private analysts have been saying for months that the \$50 billion would amount to only a substantial down payment on resolving the

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HEAVENLY BODIES — A sculptor in Calcutta works on life-sized statues of the Hindu gods for the annual Hindu religious festival Durga Puja. The four-day festival, which begins Friday, is the largest annual religious festival in India.

Decision pressures defense lawyers

Colombian extraditions upheld

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BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — The Supreme Court has upheld the extradition of U.S. officials say the inability to intimidate U.S. judges leads the Colombians to fear extradition more than any other measure against them. Traffickers of the notorious Medellin cocaine cartel said last month in a letter to Barco that they prefer a grave in Colombia to a U.S. jail.

On Sept. 6, Colombia extradited Eduardo Martinez, an economist thought to work for the Medellin cartel. Martinez was sent to Atlanta to face charges of laundering millions of dollars of drug money.

The United States also wants extradition of two other purported traffickers, Bernardo Pelaez Roldan and Guillermo Buena Delgado, recently captured by Colombian authorities.

The court ruling backs the Barco administration at a time when the conflict shows no signs of abating.

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Senate panel nixes gains-tax reduction, backs IRAs instead

WASHINGTON (AP) — An evenly divided Senate Finance Committee refused early today to reduce the tax on capital gains, voting instead to liberalize Individual Retirement Accounts in an effort to encourage saving.

The 10-10 vote was split nearly evenly among party lines, but both sides agreed the battle will be fought again on the Senate floor, perhaps later this week.

The vote came on an amendment by Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., to substitute a capital gains cut for the expanded IRAs that Chairman Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, had written into the bill. The Bush administration supports Packwood's plan.

The lie vote retains Bentsen's plan to liberalize IRAs.

Each side argued that the other's plan was more beneficial to those with higher incomes, but there was little of the emotional debate that marked House passage of a different capital gains cut and rejection of the same IRA proposal a week earlier.

The vote against the capital gains cut came as the committee completed work on a bill whose chief purpose was to reduce the 1990 federal budget deficit by about \$8 billion. The bill was approved on a voice vote early today.

Most of the deficit reduction would come from a package of relatively minor revenue increases, including permanent extension of the 3 percent tax on local and long distance telephone service.

The biggest single money-raiser in the bill is a \$3.6 billion reduction in government Medicare reimbursement for doctors and hospitals.

The remainder would come from a potpourri of relatively minor tax changes, mostly affecting corporations.

Numerous provisions that have no relation to deficit reduction were tacked onto the bill. One of the biggest was a \$1-billion-a-year saving program for the aged. The program would reduce the Social Security tax deduction for half of IRA contributions of up to \$2,000 a year. That change would go to workers making more than \$20,000 a year, since

those who are permitted fully or partially deductible accounts.

Workers at all income levels would be allowed to take penalty-free withdrawals from their IRAs to make the down payment on a first home or to pay for a college education.

Under Packwood's amendment, the longer a share of stock, land or other investment was owned, the less its profits would be taxed when sold. For example, 95 percent of the profit would be taxed if sold after one year; after six years, 70 percent would be taxed.

The legislation includes several miscellaneous tax cut provisions, in addition to expanded IRAs, that have nothing to do with reducing the budget deficit.

Those include new assistance for rural hospitals that people between the ages of 65 and 69 may earn without losing any of their Social Security benefits. The "earnings limitation" this year is \$8,880; for each \$3 earned above that level, the beneficiary loses \$1 of Social Security.

The bill would repeal a scheduled decline in the 8 percent airline passenger ticket tax, the contract method of accounting that permits big builders and defense contractors to defer taxes; and a lucrative tax benefit for some corporations that allow to fund an employee stock-ownership plan.

Explosion rocks shopping district

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — A powerful bomb exploded in a congested shopping district of the capital today, killing five relatives and injuring 15 other people, police said. Two of the dead were young sisters.

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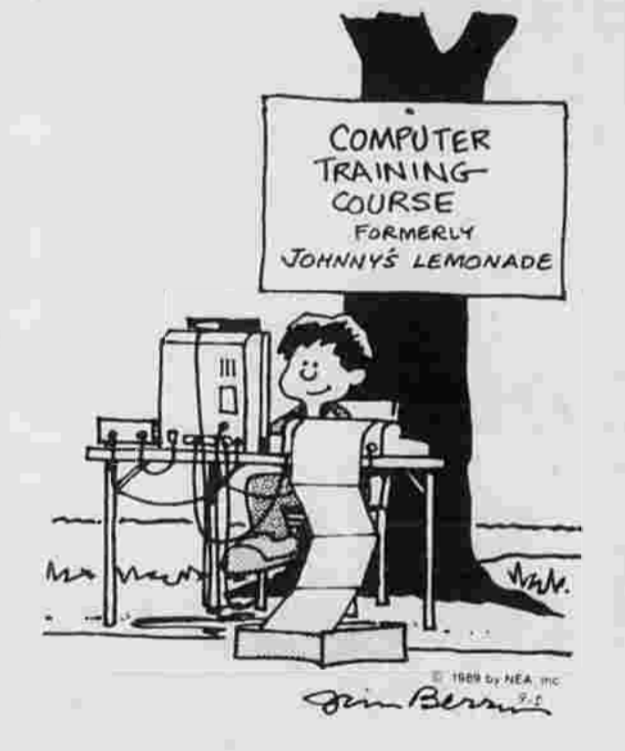
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OPINION

Homeless efforts fall short

While estimates on the current number of homeless people range between 655,000 to 4 million, Congress has found a possible answer. Spend as little money as possible and let as many people as possible try to find as many cures as possible. This is impossible. As proof, we have seen the federal government slash \$25 billion from housing programs since 1981 while cities and states conduct half-hearted, uncoordinated and underfunded efforts to combat the homeless problem. Nothing has worked, because the number of homeless is growing 20 to 40 percent each year. The main federal program, the Stewart McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, empowers the government to spend up to \$3 billion over five years for programs for the homeless. Yet, since the legislation was enacted in 1987, Congress has only provided \$1.1 billion in funding.

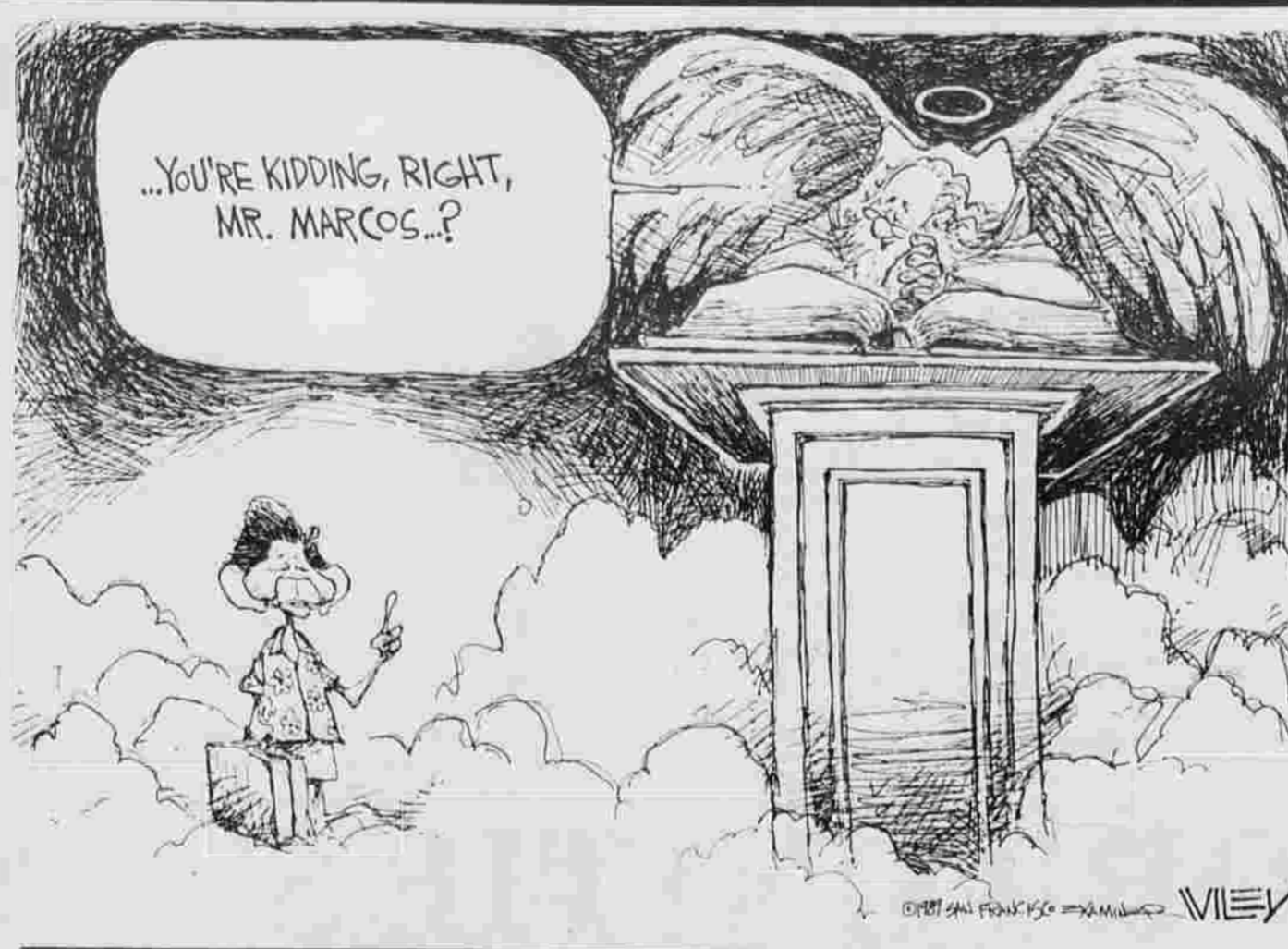
What's the deal? State and local governments, which are left in a precarious position scrambling to fill the funding gaps, are reluctant to do much, hoping that the federal government will step back in and take charge. No such luck. We see homelessness as a national problem, something that must be coordinated properly from the top. Allocating a few bucks and considering the matter resolved doesn't cut it. — Delaware County Daily Times, Primos, Pa.



Open Forum

The TNT credo

To the Editor:
This is an introduction to the first meeting of The Neglected Taxpayers. Obviously, on reading reports of the meeting and letters to the editor, the philosophy of the group was cast aside. We have come together in the interest of the future of our town. The huge increases in taxes over the past two years has caused many people to fear what the future increases will be. Throughout the state, school budgets have been a major cause of these increases, as this has been the year for contract renewals with high salary raises along with school expansion needs. Many towns and state representatives are now behind the philosophy which holds to the belief that being anti-overspending does not equate with being against progress. For example, a Tollard candidate for his board of Education has stated that he feels a good education is not judged by the amount of money spent on it. An Ellington Board of Education member is resigning because he is against a new \$16 million middle school; he feels an annex will suffice and not drain money from expanding school curriculum. We are all believers in strong education, for the students of today will be our leaders of tomorrow. Our concern is to get all we can out of the dollars spent in this direction. It is time for people to balance their views. It is time to seek solutions that will be fair to all income levels, our unity lies in our concern for the importance of our children's education, and a well-functioning town. Towns are realizing that they cannot afford all things for all people. There is an increase in sharing. The state inter-library loan has offered reading that individual libraries cannot keep up with. Hospitals have many support groups that can assist towns in their health care. Schools are sharing educational programs. It is time to use some business rules in town government. A business will go under if it doesn't



Blumenthal sets his sights

By Bob Conrad
In Dick Blumenthal's orderly mind, serving as Connecticut's attorney general would just be a logical extension of what he's been doing with his life up to now. So he's gunning for the Democratic nomination for the job in next year's state election. It's the one opening on an otherwise holdover slate which the party will probably fill in 1990. And while Gov. Bill O'Neill girds for a challenge by U.S. Rep. Bruce Morrison of Hamden for the top rung, Blumenthal covers the state to solicit support for his own campaign. He says he's doing nicely, thank you. Blumenthal, a 43-year-old attorney and state senator from Stamford, has formidable company in this shadowy effort to be the Democratic candidate for attorney general. State Rep. Jay Levin of New London was in the hunt earlier and is also taking his case to Democrats statewide. Blumenthal has made enough contacts by now to prompt State Chairman John Doney of West Hartford to issue a former chairman's statement of utter neutrality. Other insiders — the don't-quote-me kind — say, however, that the party organization really favors Levin. Doney will say only that it's great to have two such well-qualified candidates in the running. Blumenthal's four years as U.S. attorney for Connecticut give him a strong background in qualifications. He says it was "the best job an attorney could have." He loved it, and did extremely well. He took on consumer fraud, drug trafficking,

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Defense lawyers' actions upheld

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Poll

On another question, 64 percent of those queried said they were satisfied or very satisfied with their jobs. Nearly half of the respondents, about 45 percent, said they would vote against incumbent legislators who have supported in the past based on their votes for the recent increases in state taxes.

Death Row

postponed indefinitely because one juror was to give birth by Caesarian section today. After that, two jurors have weddings planned and another has a long vacation planned.

Just after the jury left the courtroom, Waterbury State's Attorney John Connelly comforted relatives of the victims.

"Thank God, it's a relief. We can rest now," said Gloria Breny of Wolcott, Ms. Breton's aunt. She walked out of the courtroom with Lauretta Breny, Ms. Breton's mother.

Breton was convicted in April of the December, 1987 slayings. Authorities said the bloody rampage was apparently sparked by his estranged family's imminent trip to Florida and their failure to send him a birthday card.

During closing arguments, Breton's attorneys had asked for mercy, pointing to testimony from two doctors who portrayed Breton as a chronically depressed loner and the son of alcoholic parents who had abused him.

Breton was convicted of manslaughter more than 20 years ago in the 1966 stabbing death of his father during a fight. He received a suspended sentence and served no time in prison for that killing.

In seeking the death penalty, Connelly had argued that the killings of Breton's ex-wife and son were especially cruel — one aggravating factor under the law — because they took place during a prolonged struggle.

Under Connecticut's revamped death penalty law, the jury had to find at least one aggravating factor

to move the case to the death penalty. The jury found that factor.

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Panama

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Reconstruction of events

EDITOR'S NOTE — Elements of Panama's military attempted to overthrow Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega for the second time in 18 months Tuesday, but loyalist forces defeated them. Here is an account of the failed coup, compiled from reports by Associated Press reporters on the scene in Panama City, Panama (AP) — The first sign of the uprising came at 7 a.m., when gunshots sound through the poor, crowded Panama City neighborhood of El Chorrillo.

The Urúca battalion, entrusted with the security of Panama's Defense Forces headquarters, is in revolt.

The southern are heard at the headquarters of the U.S. Southern Command, less than a mile away. Hundreds of people living near the embattled barracks look at their homes from the streets. Gunfire cracks through the morning. Sirens blare at buildings in the neighborhood, but no civilian injuries are reported. The Red Cross says doctors have been called to the compound.

U.S. troops in combat gear take up positions 600 yards from the Defense Forces headquarters, between the gunfire and U.S. bases. However, they take no part in the fighting.

U.S. helicopter gunships and Blackhawk troop carriers fly over the installations. U.S. troops and armored personnel carriers close the Bridge of the Americas, which crosses the Panama Canal west of Panama City.

As the morning wears on, National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft briefs Bush and visiting President Carlos Salinas de Gortari of Mexico. Former Panamanian Ambassador Juan B. Sosa, also in Washington, says disoriented officers were attempting the coup.

Meanwhile, troops loyal to Noriega are moving out of the barracks. Battalion 2000, named for the late Panamanian leader, is to gain control of the Panama Canal. Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, and his family, leaves Fort Cimarron, 25 miles east of the city; the Machos de Monte come from Rio Hato, 55 miles west.

At 11:30 a.m., as sporadic gunfire continues, the government announces an 8 p.m.-5 a.m. curfew. People flock to grocery stores, stocking up on supplies in case the situation deteriorates.

Bush admits he is disappointed that the coup failed.

At about 4 p.m., Noriega and tells a national television audience the coup attempt was part of the U.S. "permanent aggression" against Panama. He says all parts of the country are under control.

As darkness begins to fall, Noriega emerges from the headquarters compound and waves to reporters. The fate of the rebels is unknown.

Stewart survived his usual early woe in Tuesday night's American League playoff opener, bearing down to get credit for his 3-3 victory over Toronto. He gave up five hits and three runs through 3 1-3 innings, then held the Blue Jays hitless until Dennis Eckersley relieved in the ninth.

Same old Stewart — not much flash or panache, just another "W." And anxious moments galore.

"I don't know why I always struggle early in the game," Stewart said. "I probably haven't had 10 starts this year that you haven't had to stay on the top step of the dugout."

"I think he got into a good rhythm as the game progressed," said

SPORTS

Before the Major League baseball season, the New York Mets were a "lock" in the National League East Division according to most of the experts.

Mets weren't the sure thing in the NL East

There was no possible way, the experts insisted, the talent-laden defending NL East champions would not make it back to the playoffs. They would make amends for losing to the Dodgers, and take their rightful place in the World Series.

No possible way? As the expression goes, "I let me count the ways."

The New Yorkers today are trying to explain how it all went wrong, and trying to figure where the blame lies. Is it with the players? Or does it belong to management? Or both?

Manager Davey Johnson, after a season-ending win over the Pirates, sounds like a man who'll be looking for work next year. Curious, we're talking about the manager who over the last six years has logged the best record: His 575-395 record at the helm is the best in the club's 28-year history, yet...

But Johnson is not without blame. He ran a very lax shop, too loose at times. He tried to come down on some players — Darryl Strawberry and Kevin McEnoldis in particular — for being in the clubhouse in the ninth inning of a game in which the team trailed. He fined the pair for something that was unacceptable all season.

Johnson's apparent unwillingness to heed constructive criticism is legend. The team's television crew, Tim McCarver and Rusty Staub included, always commented about how deep the outfield played all year.

An adjustment was never made. And base hit after base hit fell in front of the Met flycatchers.

The front office isn't without blame, either. It dealt away relievers Roger McDowell and Rick Aguilera, and a suitable right-handed replacement in the bullpen was never found.

The two-headed centerfield of Len Dykstra and Mookie Wilson was severe, and an underachieving Juan Samuel did not prove to be an adequate replacement.

It also released Lee Mazzilli and dealt Wilson to the Toronto Blue Jays for the forgettable Jeff Musselman, who everyone wondered why he was in the Mets' bullpen. Mazzilli and Wilson were two big reasons why Toronto was in the American League Championship Series starting last night.

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Coventry booters recover to crush Cheney Tech

COVENTRY — It didn't start out as a rout, not with visiting Cheney Tech getting the initial score with the game but 77 seconds old. But Coventry High, after a skitterish beginning, tallied the go-ahead marker with 1:27 minutes left in the half and the rout was on with the Patriots overwhelming 61-10.

Coventry's afternoon in COC East Division boys' soccer play. Coventry goes to 3-1 in the COC East, 4-2-1 overall with the win while the Techmen dip to 1-3, 1-5, 1-1.

"The first 12 minutes we didn't look so good," Coventry coach Frank Niederwerfer said. "We came out here figuring we were going to win this game."

Plaster said he isn't sure what woke up his team. "I guess we were out there and figured they were going to win this game."

Regardless, the Patriots turned this one into a game practice, with Tech freshman goalkeeper Chris Daigle the unwilling object of their barrage. He was like a clay pigeon

at a shooting gallery at the neighborhood arcade with the Patriots peppering the Tech goal with 38 shots.

Cheney, catching the Patriot defense flat, made it 4-0 as freshman midfielder Justin Koblish fed a through ball to Bob Goulet, and he dutifully put it into the cage.

"The kids didn't come out ready," Plaster said. "Why, I wish I knew."

Coventry, despite several good chances, didn't pull even until 20:47 mark. The ball came across from the left wing, and Jeff Rheault boomed home a 22-yarder. It would be the first of three scores for the Patriot midfielder.

Rheault put the home club ahead to stay at 37:52. A corner kick was cleared briefly, but Patriot defender Jared Williams lofted it back into the area. Rheault headed it into the top shelf from in close.

It quickly went to 3-1 at 38:50 as John Vincent dribbled through several Tech defenders, with the ball eventually settling in the middle of the field where Steve Poulis's blast was hot for Daigle to stop.

"We played only 30 minutes," Tech coach Frank Niederwerfer said. "It was probably our worst game of the year. We played a decent 30 minutes at the beginning, but then (Coventry) took over."

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"Once we got the first one, that evened us up and took a little of the pressure off," Plaster cited. "I felt we moved the ball nicely. We had a lot of nice runs up front. But how many did we put over the bar, eight," he said shaking his head.

Chris McCarthy, Paul Krukowski and Rheault added second-half scores for Coventry. Poulis assisted on two of the scores for the Patriots, who held a 38-6 edge in shots.

Coventry is back in action Friday when it hosts Rocky Hill High. Cheney's next game is Saturday at 11 a.m. at Bolton High.

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postseason RBI than he had in 27 at-bats last October. "Rickey can beat you with his glove, his bat or his legs."

"Each game will depend on who gets the breaks," Toronto third baseman Kelly Gruber said. "The first break was Gallego's high chopper that I lost in the lights (on the infield) just before Henderson's at-bat. The second break they created themselves with Henderson on the double play."

Blue Jays starter Dave Stieb had won five straight decisions, but he was hit on the head by Toronto's 1-3 innings.

Whalers add youth for season

HARTFORD — Some familiar old faces have been called into duty to handle the management and coaching tasks for the Hartford Whalers.

But it may be some fresh new faces who score the goals — and keep them out of the net — as the Whalers start their season against Montreal on Thursday night.

Todd Kryger, Chris Govevadis and Mike Tomiak are a few of the rookies who will be employed to add some speed and offensive punch to a team that finished 37-38-5, fourth in the Adams Division and 12th overall last season.

Peter Sidorkiewicz and Kay Whitmore will start in goal.

New general manager Eddie Johnston and coach Rick Ley are the veterans who hope to mold the youngsters into a force which will move the Whalers closer to the ever-powerful Montreal Canadiens at the top of the Adams.

"We have enough veterans here, but I think the kids are going to inject a little more enthusiasm," Johnston said as he watched the team practice Tuesday morning from the stands in the Hartford Civic Center. "If every year we can bring a couple new guys into our lineup, we want to close the gap between us and Montreal. That's our guideline."

Johnston, the former assistant GM in Pittsburgh, was hired this year after the Whalers' ownership changed hands. He came in hoping to create a better transition team and a faster team around such veterans as captain Ron Francis, leading scorer Kevin Dineen and Kay Ferraro.

Pressroom additions included Pat Verbeck, a right winger and one-time 46-goal scorer acquired from New Jersey for Sylvain Turgeon, and Mikael Andersson, Buffalo's first-round draft pick in 1984.

To that he is adding youth. Adam Burt, who had five assists in six exhibition games, is a 20-year-old defenseman who was drafted by the Whalers last year. World Junior Championships. Govevadis, a 19-year-old forward was Hartford's first-round pick in 1988, averaged a point per game in exhibition and will share up the weaker left side.

Tomiak is a 25-year-old free agent from the University of Western Ontario who's 6-foot-3, 205 pounds. Management is especially pleased with Kryger, a 24-year-old forward from the University of Connecticut who scored three goals in preseason.

"He brings a lot of speed to it, and speed in our game today is an intimidating factor," Johnston said. "When you see the speed coming at you the defense drops back and it enables you to make the play. You have an extra 10 to 12 feet."

One thing that could hurt the Whalers early on is injuries. The club's premier defenseman, Cliff Samuelson, is sidelined for half the season with a torn ligament in his knee. Dineen and Ferraro skipped practice Tuesday because of unspecified injuries that leave them questionable for the opener.

Jody Hull will also miss the start, and veteran goaltender Mike Liut has a recurring back problem, although he skated at practice Tuesday.

"If we incur any more injuries we may have a problem. But if we stay healthy, we may be able to pole vault over a couple teams" in the Adams, Ley said.

Liut's status is another headache for Ley and Johnston, who don't want to carry three netminders. Liut, 34, still wants a chance to prove himself, after fading out of play last March with a dismal record of 13-19-1 and a 4.25 goals-against average.

Johnston said it may be a week or so before Hartford decides what to do. Duties on Thursday will be handled by the capable Sidorkiewicz, 22-18-4 with a 3.02 goals-against average last year as a rookie. Whitmore will be back.

Hartford defenseman who should instill more discipline in the club.

"We're going to miss Samuelson out there, but it's been pretty disciplined," said one of the eight remaining defensemen, Joel Quenneville.

Stewart survived his usual early woe in Tuesday night's American League playoff opener, bearing down to get credit for his 3-3 victory over Toronto. He gave up five hits and three runs through 3 1-3 innings, then held the Blue Jays hitless until Dennis Eckersley relieved in the ninth.

Same old Stewart — not much flash or panache, just another "W." And anxious moments galore.

"I don't know why I always struggle early in the game," Stewart said. "I probably haven't had 10 starts this year that you haven't had to stay on the top step of the dugout."

"I think he got into a good rhythm as the game progressed," said

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Parity is not the rule in the NFL this season

By Dave Goldberg
The Associated Press

Parity is dead. Long live parity. A quarter of the way through the 1989 season, it is becoming clear that Vince Roelke's favorite slogan—"on any given Sunday"—isn't necessarily the rule in the NFL in this, Roelke's last season as commissioner.

Obscured in the abundance of high-scoring games that until this weekend's falloff had people search-

ing for the source of the new offense, it has become clear that the strong are still the strong and the weak still the weak. That is particularly true at the top and bottom of the NFL, where most of the power resides.

An example is the Dallas Cowboys, a team that no less an expert than former Washington general manager Bobby Beathard predicted could become the first NFL team to reach the Super Bowl.

That was scouted by Lawrence Taylor of the New York Giants, a

team that played what may have been its worst game of the season at Dallas on Sunday and still came away with a 30-13 victory that wasn't as close as the score indicated. New York coach Bill Parcells, substituting liberally, was clearly taking it easy for the final quarter and a half and afterwards gestured his hands under his chin—"Chin up."

"It was not a surprise," Taylor said afterwards of the offense run by the rookie-laden Cowboys. "You could always read what was going on. Sometimes it was so simple that we thought it was just too easy to read—it was just too kind of trick."

It has become clear that the NFL's internal problems more than the Steelers' rivalry. Moreover, Pittsburgh may actually have moved into the middle group following its opening two losses by a combined score of 91-10.

More indicative are such games as Philadelphia's 31-6 victory over Seattle on opening day, a case of top-run team trouncing one in the middle, Houston's 39-7 rout of Miami and a couple of games

played by up-and-coming Tampa Bay.

One of Tampa Bay's defeats was 20-16 to the San Francisco 49ers, in which the Buccaneers allowed Joe Montana to drive his team to the winning score in the final minutes. Another was last Sunday's 17-3 loss at Minnesota, when Tampa Bay quarterback Vinny Testaverde threw 12 consecutive incomplete passes in one stretch. Both losses were typical of a team that is improving but not yet good enough to beat a top runner.

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In Brief . . .

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In all, Coleman was a major league announcer for 34 years, including 10 seasons for the Cleveland Indians and four with the Cincinnati Reds.

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Chicago 0, Minnesota 0
Atlanta 0, New Orleans 0
Jacksonville 0, Tampa Bay 0
Washington 0, Dallas 0
Carolina 0, New York Giants 0
New York Jets 0, Miami 0
Tampa Bay 0, Houston 0
Denver 0, Pittsburgh 0
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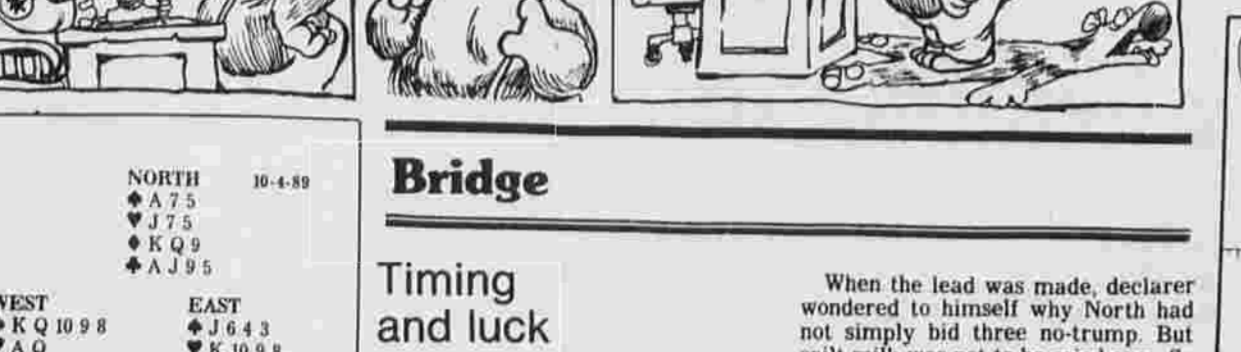
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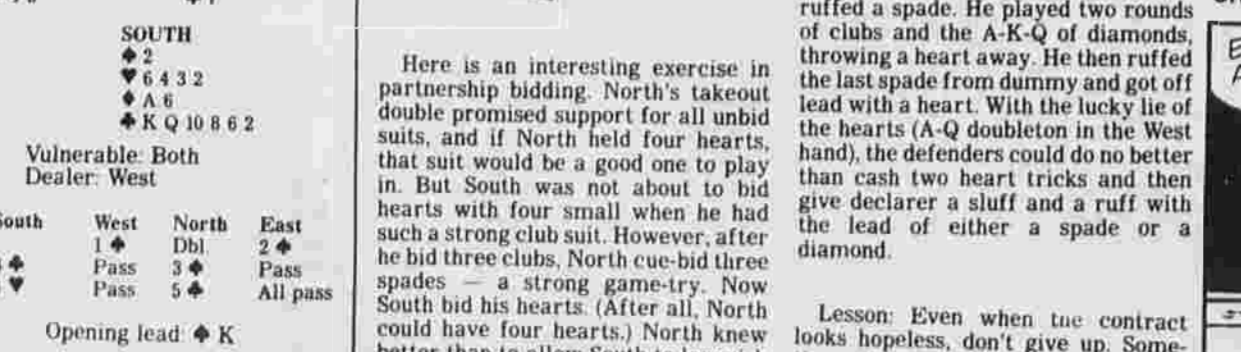
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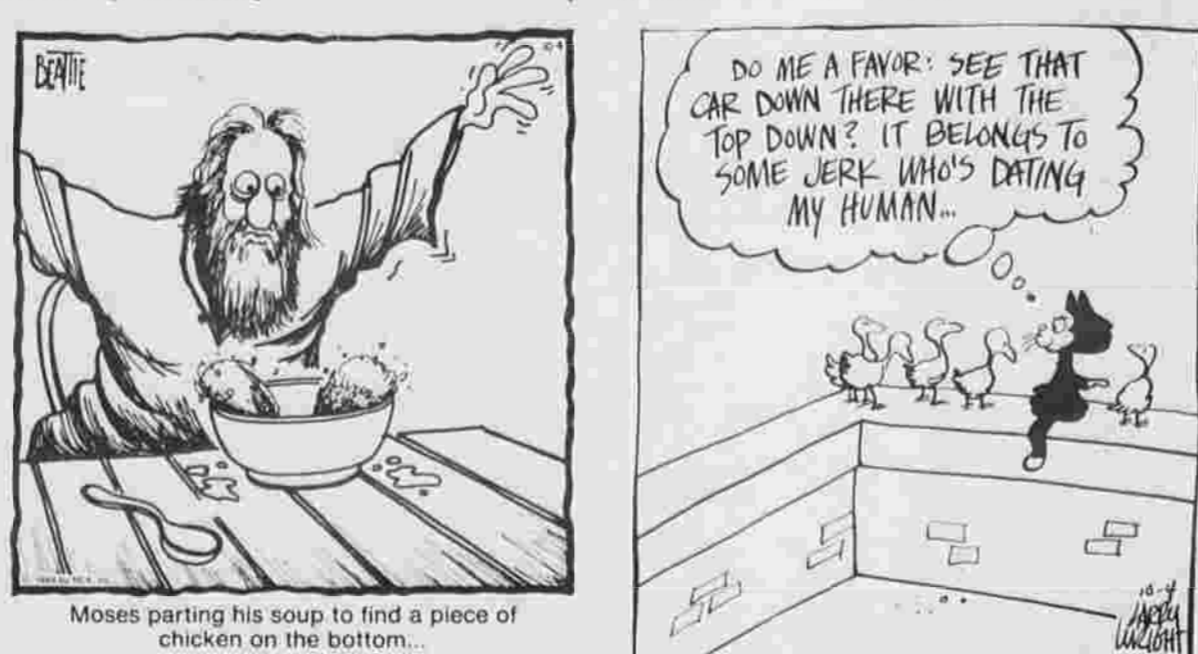
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Puzzles

ACROSS 1 Saloons, 5 Brownish, 9 850, Roman, 12 Selves, 14 Thou, 15 Emerald Isle, 16 Small piece, 17 ground, 18 negation, 19 word, 20 Repeat, 22 Surface (a tree), 24 Dews, 25 Earth daily, 28 Shore bird, 30 Leaf-cutting, 33 Actress Luce, 35 Antenna, 37 Slaps, 38 Wilderness, 39 Safecracker, 40 All, 42 Canal system in northern Michigan, 43 Greek letter, 45 Destituted, 50 Throw out, 54 Strategy, 55 affirmative, 57 Actor, 58 -- song, 59 Small sword, 60 -- again, 61 James Bond, for one, 62 Actor Bruce, 63 Necessity, 4 Lingerie, 5 Energy, 6 Leas, 10 Ducklike bird, 11 Ancient instrument, 19 Out-, 21 Lions', 23 Part of a, 25 Neutral, 26 Projecting, 27 Life story, 28 Consumer, 29 Adjective, 31 Hawaiian food staple, 32 Cook's base, 34 and day, 35 Spooky, 41 Less clear, 44 Graded, 45 Arabic, 47 Athletic buildings, 48 Do farm work, 49 Sheep, 51 Bacchanals', 52 Small bay, 53 Washes, 56 Lion's home, 8 Business-woman, 9 Leader, 10 Ducky, 11 families, 12 Ducklike bird, 13 Ancient instrument, 19 Out-, 21 Lions', 23 Part of a, 25 Neutral, 26 Projecting, 27 Life story, 28 Consumer, 29 Adjective, 31 Hawaiian food staple, 32 Cook's base, 34 and day, 35 Spooky, 41 Less clear, 44 Graded, 45 Arabic, 47 Athletic buildings, 48 Do farm work, 49 Sheep, 51 Bacchanals', 52 Small bay, 53 Washes, 56 Lion's home.

CELEBRITY CIPHER: A grid puzzle with letters for names. Example: 'V B U S J E T L M G R H V E S F J U L M A J V T M U E S L K M V L S A M C J S F J T K G B P R K G L J S X B M G C L M W B J . . . E Q J V B J W G M P . . . PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "No man is so old as to think he cannot live one more year." - Cicero.

JUMBLE

Jumble puzzle: Unscramble these four jumbles. One letter in each jumble is the same letter in the other jumbles to form four ordinary words. Jumbles: TAUID, CERDY, MYNTE, ROBRAW.

AGROGRAPH

Agrograph section: Your Birthdate, Oct. 5, 1989. Includes text about planning social events and astrology.

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By Jay Sharbutt

The Associated Press

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The brainchild and fourth network of cable wizard Ted Turner, Turner Network Television arrived on Oct. 3, 1988, its basic fare classic and maybe-non-classic films of yesteryear and big-budget, made-for-cable movies.

When it began amid considerable drumbeating and cable's first showing of "Gone With the Wind," TNT, a 24-hour-a-day operation, had 17 million subscribers. Now, it says, the figure is up to 33 million.

TNT isn't yet in the top 10 list of cable networks, a list led by mostly sports ESPN with more than 52 million subscribers. "We still have a way to go to catch up with the leaders," concedes Gerry Hogan, TNT's boss.

"But we feel there's plenty of growth left," adds Hogan, who as president of Turner Entertainment Networks is in charge of both TNT and TBS, the latter Turner's cable superstation in Atlanta. Turner's other networks are the all-news Cable News Network and Headline News.

TNT's made-for-cable movies now include miniseries such as the just-concluded three-part historical drama "The Kennedys" and "The Last of the Mohicans," and "The Nightmare Years," based on CBS correspondent William Shirer's memoirs about Germany during Hitler's rise to power.

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Although TNT's target audience is in the 25-54 age range, the network does have younger-viewer fare in the morning and early evening — reruns of Jim Henson's acclaimed "The Muppet Show" series and "Fraggle Rock."

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Scholarship fund is started

A scholarship fund was set up in memory of the late Dan Morline with proceeds from last Friday's Provolone Open at the Manchester Country Club.

Twenty-nine foursomes took part in the tournament and those who played contributed a total of \$550 to be given to the Manchester Scholarship Foundation for a student scholarship in Morline's name.

The major prize awards were 2 pound Provolone cheese balls. This was the 14th year of the tournament that Morline, who died earlier this year, had started.

Norden eligible for trip

Betsy Lou Norden of Manchester is eligible to win a free trip for two to Scotland and \$1,000 cash as a result of scoring a hole-in-one at Manchester Country Club. The ace qualified Norden for the 28th annual Drambuie Rusty Nail Hole-in-One Sweepstakes.

Ralph DeNico, head pro at the country club, is also eligible to win \$1,000 as the golf professional who validated and submitted Norden's entry.

Illing Invitational is set

The 18th annual Illing Junior High Cross Country Invitational will be held Saturday, Oct. 14, at Illing starting at 8 a.m. There will be six races starting with the ninth grade boys' race at 9:30 with the races following in 25-minute intervals.

Medals will be awarded the top 25 in each race and an honorable mention ribbon to everyone who finishes the race. Race director Tom Kelley said there are over 400 entrants already.

Mack gets six months

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cleveland Browns running back Kevin Mack was sentenced to six months in prison after he pleaded guilty to using cocaine.

Judge Richard McDonnell of Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court sentenced Mack, 26, to the Ohio State Reformatory, a prison for first-time offenders younger than 30 years old.

Mack must spend a minimum of 30 days in jail before he can apply for probation, said Frank Gasper, a Cuyahoga County assistant prosecutor. The 26-year-old was arrested June 28 while inside a police vehicle found 11 packets of cocaine valued at \$50 cash.

Graf and Evans are cited

NEW YORK (AP) — Grand Slam winner Steffi Graf and Olympic swimming champion Janet Evans were named as Sportswomen of the Year by the Women's Sports Foundation.

Graf, of West Germany, was named Professional Sportswoman of the Year. Evans, who won three gold medals for the United States at the 1988 Seoul Games, was chosen outstanding amateur.

Gilbert, Agasi breeze

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Top-seeded Brad Gilbert and second-seeded Andre Agassi cruised to easy, straight set victories in the first round of the Prudential-Bache Securities Tennis Classic.

The 28-year-old Gilbert, winner of five singles titles this year, beat Paul Chamberlain, 6-2, 6-2.

Agassi, the world's number one ranked junior Nicolas Pietrangeli, won a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Nicolas Pietrangeli.

Chavez, Taylor bout set

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Mexico's Julio Cesar Chavez will meet 1984 Olympic gold medalist Meldrick Taylor on March 17 in a title matchup of two undefeated fighters, it was announced Tuesday.

The fight for Chavez' World Boxing Council super lightweight crown and Taylor's International Boxing Federation junior welterweight title will be at the Las Vegas Hilton.

Chavez, 27, is 64-0 with 11 knockouts, while Taylor, 23, is 22-2-1 with 12 knockouts.

Davey Johnson is next in line to go

By Ronald Blum
The Associated Press



Davey Johnson, New York Mets manager, is expected to be replaced by Lyle Spivey.

NEW YORK — Davey Johnson is about to hear the same message the New York Mets gave Gary Carter and Keith Hernandez: it's time to move on.

The Mets have decided to fire Johnson, the manager who led them to the 1986 World Series title, two division titles and four second-place finishes in six seasons, sources told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

General Manager Frank Cashen confirmed that Johnson's fate had been decided, but said he would not reveal it until he had spoken with the manager. Johnson, with a 575-395 record since becoming the manager after the 1983 season, was reported to be fishing in Florida, and Cashen said he couldn't reach him.

"When Keith came here, he became the soul of this team and put the body and soul together," Cashen said. "A lot of people tell you Gary put us over the top and I will not dispute that."

Carter, a career .265 hitter, has 304 home runs, 590 on the all-time list. But he hit just 183 this season in 50 games, missing much of the year following knee surgery.

Hernandez, a lifetime .298 hitter, batted .233 this season in 75 games. He missed time with a cracked kneecap and a herniated disc.

Cashen said he thought the two could be productive but perhaps only as part-time players.

"For us to do that in New York is impossible and impractical," Cashen said. "People would see them as the 1986 World Champions. If they didn't perform to that level, they would be, too."

Hernandez agreed with the decision, saying, "I think it's a move in the right direction. I'm not sure I can do it."

He came to the Mets on June 15, 1983, Tuesday night from his Pennsylvania home. "Davey Johnson is still the manager as far as I'm concerned. I'm very happy here I am."

He has received no calls from anybody in the Mets organization," Green said.

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Torch being passed among NHL veterans

By Ken Rappoport
The Associated Press

The torch has been passed by Lanny McDonald following the Calgary Flames' Stanley Cup victory last season. But the fire still burns for many other NHL veterans.

Notable in that group are Guy Lafleur of the Quebec Nordiques and Larry Robinson of the Los Angeles Kings, a pair of 38-year-olds who are acting decidedly younger as the United States at the 1988 Seoul Games, was chosen outstanding amateur.

Robinson begins his 18th season as Lefeur's 16th Thursday night on the NHL opens with nine games. Guy Lafleur, an assistant coach with the Nordiques, was a defenceman with Montreal when Lafleur joined the Canadiens in 1971. He finds it remarkable that time has seemingly not strained Lafleur's spirit.

"He's exactly the same as he was then," Lapeigne said. "He's just as inspired, just as madly in love with hockey, just as dedicated to the job."

"I don't know how he could have stopped playing for as long as he did. It must have crushed him."

Lafleur, who started in Montreal for 14 years as one of the game's great forwards, quit hockey for three years following an arthroscopic split with the Canadiens. But he came back with the Rangers last year, not long after being voted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Signing as a free agent with the Nordiques this year, Lafleur has returned to the province where he won folklore status in the 1960s.

Under Michel Bergeron, who was also his coach with the Rangers, Lafleur is likely to receive ample ice time, especially since he was recently placed on the right side of a line centered by Peter Stastny, the Nordiques' top offensive player. An experiment with Stastny at right wing had been abandoned.

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Raiders name Shell head coach

By El Segundo, Calif. (AP) —

Perhaps it is appropriate the Silver and Black hired the first black head coach. Certainly, it fits Al Davis, the team's managing general partner, who will do whatever he believes will help the Raiders.

The significance of this is that the head coach of the Los Angeles Raiders, Shell said Tuesday when asked if he had taken too long for a team to hire a black coach.

"Just to be involved with the Silver and Black means a lot to me," said Shell, a Hall of Fame defensive lineman for the Raiders.

Shell takes over a long-time winner which has become a loser since late in the 1986 season, the Raiders have a 13-27 record, including 1-3 this year.

Shell, 42, succeeded Mike Shanahan, who was fired two days after the Raiders lost their third straight game. Shanahan was in the second year of a three-year contract.

The Raiders were 7-9 last season, Shanahan's first.

"It is an historic event, I understand the significance of it," Shell said.

"I don't believe the color of my skin entered into this decision. I was the right person at this time," Davis said.

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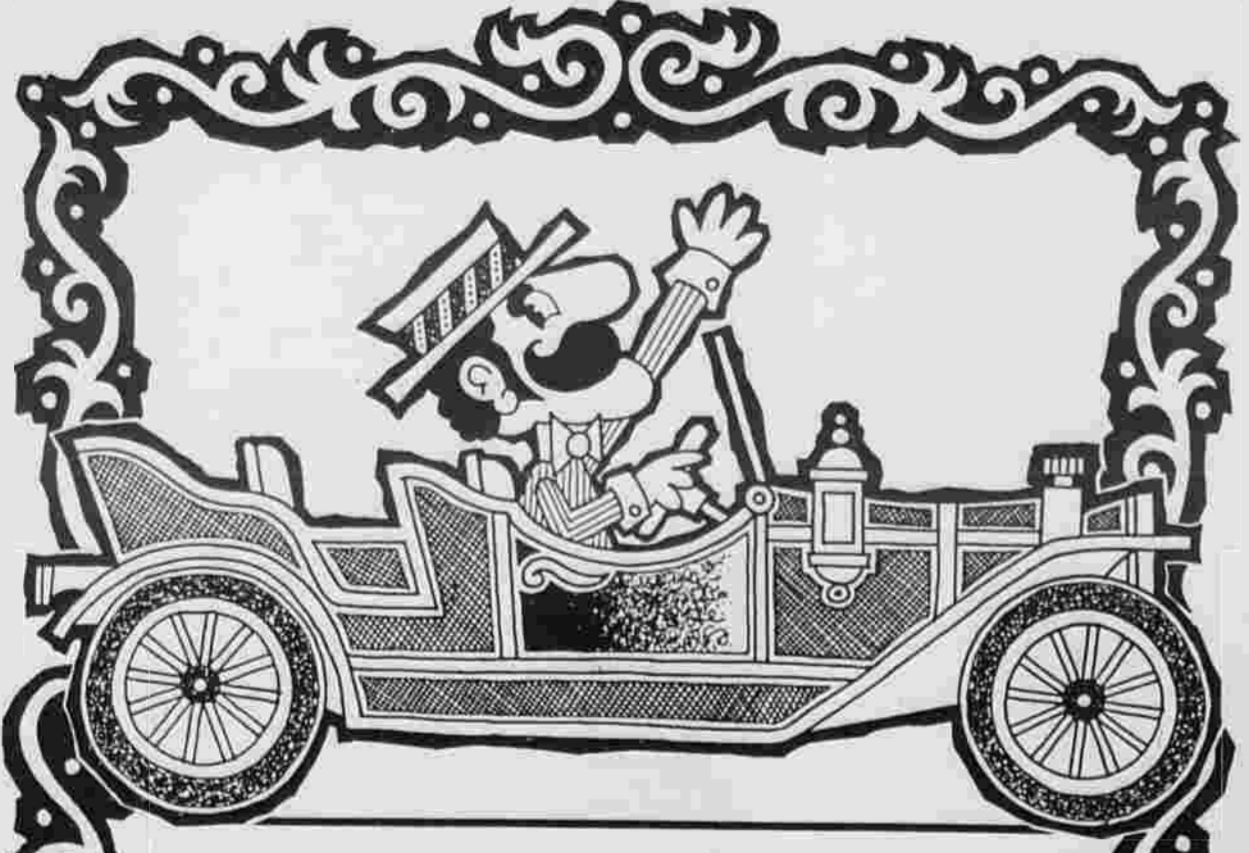
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Evangelist Jim Bakker convicted

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — TV evangelist Jim Bakker was convicted today of fleeing his followers of \$3.7 million.

The federal jury deliberated a day and a half before convicting him on all 24 counts of fraud and conspiracy for overselling time shares, or "partnerships," at his ministry's resort hotels to loyal followers of his PTL ministry.

The 49-year-old preacher could receive up to 120 years in prison and \$5 million in fines at sentencing.

Prosecutors said Bakker diverted the money to live in high style, buying Rolls-Royces, homes, diamonds, an air-conditioned doghouse and furnishings ranging from gold-plated swan bathroom fixtures to motorized bedroom drapes.

Bakker showed little emotion as the verdict was read, nor did his wife, Tammy. She was not charged in the case.

As they awaited the verdict in the courtroom this morning, several Bakker supporters held Bibles open to Psalm 17, which reads: "Thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing."

Prosecutors contend Bakker raised \$158 million by selling "lifetime partnerships" at his Heritage USA retreat near Fort Mill, S.C., but used the money for projects other than the lodging he promised. Partners typically paid \$1,000 for the promise of three nights' lodging annually at the theme park. Bakker resigned from the ministry in 1987 in a sex and

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DOING THEIR BEST — Andrew and Roberta Weigert, pictured in their home on South Main Street, are coping with the effects of lupus, which Roberta has suffered from since 1976.

Immune disease saps energy but not spirit of local woman

By Dick Santos
Manchester Herald

For 13 years she has suffered from a disease that attacks the immune system and splashes the skin, but Roberta Weigert is undaunted.

"The ideal thing is to get back on my feet and get back to work," said Weigert, 41, of 441 S. Main St.

She and more than a half million other Americans, mostly women of child-bearing age, are afflicted with a non-curable disease called lupus. On Oct. 15, a walk-athon will be held starting at the West Hartford Town Hall to help raise money to cure the disease.

Lupus weakens its patients by attacking their immune systems. If it's not treated, it can kill.

"Whether I could die from lupus or complications from lupus, I don't know," Weigert says.

The disease is sometimes visible by the red blotches on its victims' skin. But for people like Weigert, with the serious form of the disease, skin problems are minor compared to other complications.

She has had operations to remove her spleen and replace her hip. She has had a hysterectomy. She suffers from insomnia, fatigue, memory loss, mouth sores, joint pain, and irregular heart beats, just to name a few.

Weigert said she has been told by doctors that her spleen operation, hysterectomy, and heart problem may not be related to lupus.

"I think it was all part of the disease, but I can't be sure," she says.

To ease some of her pain, Weigert takes a drug called prednisone, a steroid that suppresses inflammation of the disease.

Long-term, high doses of the steroid deplete the blood supply to areas of the body, causing tissues and bones to deteriorate. In Weigert's case, she had to have one of her hips replaced with an artificial one, and she plans to have surgery for her other hip.

The drug also is responsible for many of her neurological problems, including insomnia, and depression, she said.

Because of its side-effects, her doctors are trying to wean her off it and start treating her with a new drug that does not have harmful side-effects. But she can not do that yet because her body needs the strength of the steroid.

"I'm now at a very low dose. Hopefully I can get off it," she says, adding she does not want to worry about things she cannot control.

Right now though, she has to stick with the drug.

Another thing which keeps her going is a West Hartford lupus support group to which she belongs.

The group is organized by the Connecticut Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America Inc. The foundation with Costello Industries Inc. is co-sponsoring the second annual "Loop West Hartford for Lupus" walk-athon.

The walk-athon, which begins at 1 p.m. (registration at noon), is a major fund-raiser for the Lupus Foundation, said Laura Verburg, chairwoman of the

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Firehouse controversy heating up

By Alex Ghelli
Manchester Herald

The controversy over whether the town should build a fire station at Toland Turnpike and Deming Street and the effect of the decision on the relationship between the town and the Eight Utilities District is heating up.

Democratic Town Director Stephen T. Cassano said this morning he will propose that a meeting be held at which the proposal would be explained to property owners in the Bryan Farm area and the Talcoville Flats, the area that would be served by the station.

And attorney Kevin O'Brien, who represented the town in negotiations with the district that led to an agreement over fire and sewer jurisdiction, said there are some Eight District activists who apparently are renewing efforts to add the Bryan Farm area to their fire jurisdiction.

He said it was Thomas E. Landers, now district president, who circulated a petition in the Bryan farms area about a decade ago which

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Dalai Lama wins Nobel for peace

OSLO, Norway (AP) — The Dalai Lama, the exiled spiritual and political leader of Tibet, won the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize today for his non-violent struggle to free his Himalayan nation from Chinese rule.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee praised the Dalai Lama's message of universal reverence and respect for all living things. China condemned the selection.

Though he preached peace, his followers repeatedly joined bloody clashes with Chinese authorities in Lhasa, the Tibetan capital, in the last two years.

The chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, Egil Aarvik, said the selection of the Buddhist monk could also be seen as a signal of encouragement for the pro-democracy movement in China itself, which was crushed in June.

"The committee wouldn't have anything against them interpreting it like that," Aarvik said after reading the citation to reporters.

"If I was a Chinese student, I would be fully in support of the decision," he said, referring to the students who led the pro-democracy movement that was violently suppressed in Beijing in June 3-4.

The Chinese Embassy in Oslo denounced the Nobel committee decision as interfering in China's internal affairs and called the Dalai Lama a political figure intent on "splitting the fatherland."

Embassy official Wang Guisheng was quoted by the national NTB news agency as saying, "This has hurt the Chinese people's feelings," and he reiterated the claim that Tibet was always an integral part of China.

Tibet was independent from 1911 until the new Communist authorities in China regained control in 1950.

The Dalai Lama, born Tenzin Gyatso in 1935, had been nominated for the coveted Nobel Peace Prize for at least the last three years, NTB reported.

"It's certainly long overdue for someone who has genuinely worked for peace, not only for the Tibetan people, but he has strived to gain a genuine peace for the entire world," said Tinley Nyundak, a spokesman for the office of the exiled Tibetan

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Rebels rebuffed U.S. on Noriega: Cheney

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said today that rebels refused in a "face-to-face contact" with a U.S. military officer to turn over Panama's leader, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, during Tuesday's failed coup.

Defending the Bush administration against charges that it acted unilaterally in not coming to the aid of the rebels, Cheney said in an interview with CBS that the coup leaders had no intention of forcing Noriega from the country. "This was not a situation where we had a pro-democracy movement trying to topple a dictator and restore democracy to Panama," he said.

President Bush has come under sharp criticism from some Republicans as well as Democrats in Congress for not intervening on the side of the coup leaders. The critics claim he missed a precious opportunity to oust Noriega, who faces drug charges in this country.

"They wanted certainty," Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., said of the administration. "You do not get an engraved invitation to a coup. They just lacked boldness."

But Cheney, former House member, brushed aside congressional criticism as "Monday morning advice."

"The same people who'd be criticizing us if we had intervened are now criticizing us for not intervening," he said.

Cheney said that at one point during the uprising "shortly before the coup collapsed, contact between one of our military officers and two junior officers that were involved in the coup" occurred at Fort Clayton, a U.S. facility in Panama.

Asked about the meeting, Cheney said, "It was a face-to-face contact... And that was where they made it clear to us that they would not turn Noriega over to us." He did not name the individuals involved.

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Judge rules employee files can't be destroyed

NEW HAVEN (AP) — State and local government agencies cannot settle disputes with employees by agreeing to destroy public records, a judge has ruled, in a decision hailed by right-to-know advocates.

Public employers have long used the practice of destroying files that an employee might find embarrassing or damaging as a way of settling conflicts, according to the state Board of Labor Relations, which had argued that collective bargaining laws make such agreements legal.

But Hartford Superior Court Judge Marshall K. Berger found that the practice is "clearly unlawful," even though it has been in longstanding use.

"The tidy resolution of employer-employee disputes is commendable but not at the expense of the laws of this state," he wrote Tuesday in a 43-page opinion.

The decision was praised by the executive director of the state Freedom of Information Commission, Mitchell Pearlman, and an attorney for the New Haven Register, Mark R. Kravitz, as a reaffirmation of Connecticut's right-to-know laws.

"The consequence of upholding the labor board decision would have been that the public could never find out anything detrimental to a public employee or a public employer if both parties agreed to keep the records secret or destroy them," Pearlman said.

Said Kravitz: "The public's right to inspect public records and to observe the function of their public servants is meaningless if there are no records among them to look at."

The court ruling stems from the efforts in 1983 of the Register to obtain copies of citizen complaints and other information on disciplinary action taken against a then-East Haven police officer, Joseph Ridarelli. Ridarelli had been accused by female motorists of sexual harassment. The town, police union and officer eventually agreed to

destroy all records relating to his suspension in return for his resignation.

The town was forced to make public some of the documents that had not yet been destroyed after the FOIC sided with the newspaper and ruled the material was not exempt from disclosure. The police union then complained, taking the case to the labor board.

The FOIC, the attorney general, the Hartford Courant and the Connecticut Daily Newspapers Association joined in challenging the practice of destroying documents.

The labor board, which said Wednesday that an appeal was likely, had argued that files can legally be destroyed if an employer and employee agree to the action through the collective bargaining process.

But Berger said the fact that two parties must bargain "does not mean that the agreement made may disregard other laws."

The judge said the labor board's decision also ran counter to the public policy of Connecticut, which is to provide "liberal public access to public records." The state's courts have held that clauses in collective bargaining agreements which are contrary to public policy are void.

State and local governments are bound by the state Records Retention Act, which requires the state archivist to consider the legal, administrative, fiscal and historical value of documents in reviewing requests for destruction.

Another section of state law states that municipalities may destroy documents by obtaining the approval of both the chief executive officer and the state public records administrator, if no record is required by the law and if a document has been held for the period required by state retention schedules.

"That process is not simple, but rather lengthy and complicated," Berger said. "It will not be quick and easy and most likely will not provide the facile resolution which has been utilized up to the present time."

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