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COLD WORK — Richard Kenworthy of Glastonbury carves a swan in ice at Manchester Ice & Fuel Inc., 51 Bissell St. Kenworthy, an independent caterer and chef, says the hardest part of the job is transporting the sculpture to his client since the sculpture will weigh about 125 pounds and is delicate.

Bush revives Contra lethal aid option

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is sending mixed signals about seeking military aid for the Nicaraguan Contras, seeming to revive that option after his spokesman ruled it out a day earlier.

"We will leave our options open," Bush said Thursday after visiting El Salvador's ailing former president, Jose Napoleon Duarte, at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

On Wednesday, after Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega called off a 19-month cease-fire, Bush spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said regarding

the possibility of seeking military aid for the rebels, "We don't want to go that route. We want to get free elections."

Bush had appeared on Tuesday to leave the door to military aid open when he specifically declined during a news conference to rule it out.

After his visit to Duarte, who is thought to be near death from stomach cancer, Bush also accused Nicaragua of "armed subversion" of its neighbors.

"It's not clear how far Ortega intends to take his military and in-

timidation campaign. Accordingly, we must and we will leave our options open," he said.

Pressed to elaborate, Bush said only that he would let his statement stand for itself. Congress cut off military aid to the Contras in February 1988 but has approved humanitarian aid for the rebels through February, when Nicaragua is scheduled to hold national elections.

Bush said it was hypocritical for Ortega to expect the Contras to disband and return home voluntarily

"while sending in vast armed forces to attack them."

Sentiment on Capitol Hill appears to be strongly opposed to restoring military aid to the rebels, although the House, often a bastion of anti-Contra sentiment, blamed the Sandinistas Thursday for the escalation in fighting in Nicaragua.

The State Department said two military operations launched by the Sandinistas were "large-scale" and involved the use of artillery and air-

Jobless rate is steady at 5.3 percent

But statistics detect problems in the manufacturing sector

By John King
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Unemployment held steady at 5.3 percent last month as the economy added 233,000 jobs, the government said today in a report that showed continued troubles in the industrial sector.

The Labor Department said all of the non-farm payroll growth in October came in the service-producing sector, with most of that coming as schools and local governments continued to add jobs for the school year.

The department revised September payroll growth downward to 201,000 from the previously reported 209,000.

The manufacturing sector, which lost a revised 88,000 jobs in September, lost an additional 13,000 in October to post its fourth consecutive monthly decline.

Underlining the weakness in that sector was new data showing the average manufacturing workweek fell from 41.8 hours to

40.8 hours and overtime was virtually non-existent after averaging just under four hours a week for several months. The automobile manufacturing industry continued to struggle, losing 14,000 jobs last month.

The 233,000 jobs added to non-farm payrolls was more than most analysts had predicted and likely will give pause to Federal Reserve policymakers who had been seen as leaning toward a further easing of credit, which in turn would lower interest rates.

Analysis said the report showed the economy continued to expand, although at a far slower pace than last year, and that the growth was strong enough to prevent a further easing of credit by the Federal Reserve. The Fed policymakers meet Nov. 14 to discuss monetary policy.

"The economy is clearly slowing down but once again there's no recession in these numbers," said Michael Evans, head of a Washington forecasting firm. "There

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Absenteeism rate plunges at schools

By Rick Santoro
Manchester Herald

A computer-aided system of monitoring students' attendance combined with a follow-up counseling program at Illing Junior High School has cut absences almost in half, says school Vice Principal Andrew Vincens.

The program has been so successful it has been implemented at Bennett Junior High School, he said.

For the 1984-85 school year before the program began, the overall absenteeism rate at Illing was measured at almost 8 percent, Vincens said. Since the program's implementation, absences have steadily decreased to 4 percent this year.

Bennet Vice Principal Marsha Gamber estimated decreases in absences at her school to be similar.

Vincens said Illing uses the school computer to quickly find out which students have been absent and whether the absences are excused. Simply knowing a student is missing classes does not mend the problem, Vincens said, but the school can use that information to create a list of students who are missing classes.

And then they decide which staffer will meet with a given student.

"The worker who meets with the student is whoever feels they know the student and parents best," Vincens said.

As well as meeting with the students, the parents are contacted either by letter or phone.

"If this doesn't solve the problem, then the parents are called in," he said.

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Crash kills town man

A one-car accident on Spruce Street early today left a Manchester resident dead and his wife hospitalized, police said.

Michael A. Doane, 35, of 132 School St., died when the Subaru sedan he was driving crashed into a telephone pole in front of 117 Spruce St., police said. An autopsy will be done to determine the cause of death, police said.

Ellen M. Doane, 32, was in stable condition at Manchester Memorial Hospital today where tests were being done to determine the extent of her injuries, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Speed was not a factor in the accident, which happened at 12:13 a.m., according to police. An investigation is underway to determine the cause of the accident. Neither passenger was wearing a seatbelt, police also said.

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Hiring superintendent high point for Mickel

By Jacqueline Bennett
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — After six years on the Board of Education, 600 meetings and an estimated 2,000 hours devoted to board matters, Chairman Lawrence Mickel says he's retiring to spend more time at home.

"I decided my family deserved more of my time," Mickel, 52, said during a recent interview.

Although he officially remains chairman of the board until the new board is elected Tuesday, Mickel, chairman for the past two years, conducted his final meeting Oct. 26 at Coventry High School. He was presented with a plaque by vice chairwoman Judy Halverson, who has served with him for many years.

At the meeting, Halverson praised Mickel for his calm handling of sometimes volatile issues and quipped that during future meetings, "We know you'll be at home — we'll call you."

Mickel says he will spend his free time with his wife, Ellen, a teacher at G.H. Robertson School in town,

and their children, Meredith, 11, who attends Capt. Nathan Hale School, and Todd, 9, a fourth-grader at Robertson.

Mickel says he wants to do some coaching for his youngest son's basketball team. He recently became a deacon at the family's church, the Storer First Congregational Church.

As the principal at Orchard Hill School in South Windsor, a position he has held since 1966, Mickel says the demands of his job have changed. Therefore, he also wants to be sure he has the time necessary to continue to address those demands appropriately.

Over the years on the board, Mickel says there have been gratifications and frustrations.

"Without a doubt, the most gratifying has been the hiring of the new superintendent, Michael Malinowski, this year," said Mickel.

The board acted as its own search committee to fill the position left vacant by a resignation and put "a lot" of work into the process, he said. Mickel said he believes Malinowski will provide the town



NOT RUNNING — Lawrence Mickel, with his wife, Ellen, and their children, Meredith, 11, and Todd, 9.

Industry warns public on limits to degradable plastics

By John Donnelly
The Associated Press

Some of the nation's largest plastics companies who rushed to get degradable products onto the market are warning the public that the items can hurt more valuable recycling efforts and won't cut down on trash in dumps.

Industry officials say they're concerned that widespread disillusionment over such degradable products as trash bags and diapers will lead to a backlash of more legislated bans against non-recyclable plastics.

Plastic producers, including Dow Chemical Co. and Mobil Corp., are joining environmental groups to produce a statement dispelling notions that degradable products will extend the life of landfills.

Degradable plastics have "little significant role" in helping solve the nation's garbage-disposal problems and "could significantly deter" recycling efforts, according to a draft statement being circulated today by industry, environmental and government officials in the alliance.

More than two dozen officials met last summer to address the

issue. Acceptance of the draft statement is a formality, according to Karl Kamena, director of government affairs for the Midland, Mich.-based Dow Plastics. Dow makes degradable plastic six-pack rings.

Degradable plastics, which were introduced in the United States only about two years ago, have become hot selling garbage bags. No figures are available, but the country's two biggest selling brands — Hely and Glad bags — exclusively use the ingredients to make the bag quickly disintegrate.

Degradable products break down to their basic components when exposed to air and sunlight. But entombed in oxygen-starved landfills, they don't disintegrate, industry officials say. Other plastic degradable products include grocery bags and sheets used on farms to hold down weeds.

The draft statement, obtained by The Associated Press, comes at a time when the plastics industry faces increased pressure from municipalities to develop recycling markets for their product.

Plastics industry officials say more than 350 legislative initiatives

have been introduced at the federal, state and local levels to curb the use of non-recyclable plastic products.

"If the public develops false expectations for degradable plastics — that it will magically solve the solid waste problem — we are fearful of an overreaction against the industry," Kamena said Thursday.

Kamena and other industry officials said degradable plastics do have beneficial uses such as in compost bags and six-pack rings, which lessen chances of entanglement for

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Mini-fair Saturday

A mini-fair featuring hand-crafted Christmas decorations will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at the North United Methodist Church. The mini-fair will include wooden door and yard ornaments, knitted and crocheted items, Christmas decorations, baskets, aprons, and postcards. The church is at 300 Parker St.

Square dancing

The Manchester Square Dance Club will be holding a mainstreet plus dance from 8 to 10:45 p.m. Saturday at Tilling Junior High School. The event will feature live music by The Country Spice Band featuring Dave Hass and Ed Ruty. Donations are \$10 per couple. Refreshments will be served. The school is at 229 East Middle Turnpike.

Holiday fair scheduled

The Center Congregational Church of Manchester is holding their annual Holiday Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church. The fair will feature a country store, baked goods, a mitten tree, heirlooms, books, toys, and a tag sale. Refreshments will be served all day, and a luncheon will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The church is at 11 Center St.

Genealogy seminar

"So You Want to Find Your Ancestors" is the title of a seminar on genealogy that will be presented from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Historical Society of Glastonbury's Museum-on-the-Green. Genealogists Judith Johnson, of the Connecticut Historical Society, and Celia Roberts, of the Mormon Library, are the speakers. Refreshments will be served. Admission is \$2 for the general public and free for Historical Society members and students.

P&W handicraft show

The Pratt & Whitney Club will sponsor their 11th annual Handicraft Show and Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the club auditorium at 200 Clement Road in East Hartford. Exhibitors will feature a wide variety of crafts and Christmas items including doll furniture, designer jewelry, folk art, silk flowers, wreaths, toys, and decorations. Admission and parking are free.

Snowflake Shoppe Bazaar

The Snowflake Shoppe Bazaar will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Vernon. The bazaar will feature patchwork crafts (including placemats, chair pads, appliance covers, and pot holders), Christmas tree and home decorations, Cabbage Patch and Barbie doll clothes, toys, knitted items, baked goods, and attic treasures. Coffee, kuchen, and pumpkin squares will be available during the morning. Lunch, including corn chowder, hot dogs, and sandwiches, will also be served.

Pianist to perform

Pianist Lenore Fishman will make a free solo performance at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Wood Memorial Library at 783 Main St. in South Windsor. A native of New York trained at the Juilliard School and Indiana University, Fishman will play an all French program in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution. A reception will follow the program.

Folk coffeehouse

The Wintombury Folk Fellowship will hold its monthly coffeehouse at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Wintombury Baptist Church on 54 Maple Ave. in Bloomfield. The featured performers will be Harvest, a folk-punk trio from the Tolland area and Manchester folk singer, songwriter, and guitarist Vicki Biske. Admission and refreshments from the coffee and juice bar are free. Donations are suggested to help meet expenses.

Calligraphy exhibited

Catherine Filoramo Thrall and Emily Raymond, both of Manchester, are exhibiting some of their calligraphy from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Old State House in Hartford. Admission to the exhibit is free. The show lasts through Nov. 13.

Nature lecture

"Country Walks in Connecticut" is the title of a free lecture and book signing by Susan D. Cooley to be held at 3 p.m. Sunday in the art gallery of Jorgensen Auditorium at the University of Connecticut at Storrs. Cooley will sign her book of the same title after the lecture.

Lottery

Winning numbers drawn Thursday in New England:
Connecticut daily: 468. Play Four: 3748.
Massachusetts daily: 8129.
Tri-state (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont) daily: 459, 1883.
Rhode Island daily: 0685.
Rhode Island Lot-O-Bucks: 1, 15, 19, 23, 39.

Weather

REGIONAL Weather
Saturday, November 4
A cold front will bring a change in weather and high temperatures will be in the 40s.

Montreal	34°
Caribou	35°
Burlington	42°
Albany	43°
New York	46°
Washington	51°

Weather summary for Thursday:
Temperature: high 40 to 52, low of 41, mean of 47. The normal is 50.
Precipitation: 0.00 inches for the month, 46.41 inches for the year.
Temperature extremes for today: Highest on record 71, set in 1975. Lowest on record, 30, set in 1951.



SATURDAY FAIR — Peg Rudeen, left, and Barbara Skoog pose with some of the items available at the fifth annual St. James School Craft Fair. The fair will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the school. The school is located at 73 Park St.

Obituaries

George H. Crandall
George H. Crandall, 71, of 211 Homestead St., died Wednesday (Nov. 1, 1989) at his home. He was the husband of Angelina (Terragni) Crandall.

He was born in East Hartford, April 30, 1918, and had lived in Manchester since 1939. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving with the Seabees. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserve and was in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict, for a total of nine years.

His wife, he is survived by a son, Rexford Crandall of Manchester; a son and daughter-in-law, Edwin and Rosemary Crandall of Andover; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Stephen Lauretti of Manchester; two brothers, Alfred Crandall of East Hartford, and Herbert Crandall of Windsorville of East Windsor; and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother, Henry Crandall.

In Brief . . .

Largest 'crack' haul reported
HARTFORD (AP) — A Halloween drug bust led to four arrests and the seizure of 1,500 vials of "crack" cocaine — the largest crack seizure ever in Connecticut, state police said.
State police said Thursday they also seized \$2,100 in cash Tuesday afternoon when they raided the first and second floor apartments at 509 Zion St.
Arrested were Rona Colon, 47; Carmen Rivera, 31; Maria Rivera, 30; and Sonia Ramos, 21. All four are from Hartford.
They were charged with possession of narcotics and possession of narcotics with intent to sell.

Tax agents eye boat owners
HARTFORD (AP) — A visit by state tax agents to 14 marinas along Connecticut's coastline may result in complaints being filed against as many as 600 boat owners for failing to pay the state sales or use tax, the Department of Revenue Services reported Thursday.
DRS Commissioner Timothy Bannon estimated that purchases totalling about \$500 million are in question. The state could be owed more than \$3 million in past taxes, he said.
DRS said it will begin sending notices to boat owners within the next few weeks asking them for proof that applicable sales or use taxes have been paid.

Gejdenson on 'Sixty Minutes'
WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Rep. Sam Gejdenson,

burial will be at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours.
The Potter Funeral Home, Wil-limantic, is in charge of arrangements.

Albert L. Schulze
The funeral for Albert L. Schulze, 80, of 25 Olcott Drive, who died Wednesday (Nov. 1, 1989), will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., in charge of arrangements.

In Memoriam
In sad and loving memory of Beatrice A. Little, who passed away on November 3, 1978.
Life must go on, we know it's true. But it's not the same, since we lost you, sadly missed, Children and Grandchildren

Police Roundup

Man faces drug charge
A Vernon man was arrested Thursday night in a Manchester parking lot for 440 Oakland St. on a charge of possession of a drug with the intent to sell, police said.
Craig Wendell Perry, 26, of 401 Talcottville Road, held 2.64 grams of cocaine when police arrested him at 11:20 p.m., according to the police report. He was held on \$10,000 bond.
Perry was scheduled to appear in court today.

Alarm sounds, but no fire
A smoke detector two floors above the area where Wednesday's fire at the Clock Tower Mills apartment complex started sounded a false alarm this morning, a fire department spokesman said.

Deputy Chief Robert Bycholski said he could not say whether or not the alarm at the Elm Street complex was activated because of residue from the fire, which started in a sauna and caused about \$150,000 damage.
The company that installed the alarms is clearing them out this week, so they don't malfunction, Bycholski said.
Today's alarm was sounded just after 9 a.m., he said.
Fire officials have listed arson as the likely cause of Wednesday's fire.

Military Notes

Trains in New Jersey
Pvt. Eric S. Moyer, son of Dean and Trena Cramer of 2365 Boston Tpk., Coventry, has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J.
He is a 1989 graduate of Rockville High School.

Completes Infantry School
Army National Guard Pvt. Eric A. Nixon has completed training at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

He is the son of Christine A.M. Cox and stepson of Brian P. Cox of 192 Maple Drive, Coventry. He is a 1989 graduate of Coventry High School.

On duty in South Korea
Army Capt. Gregory C. Kane, son of Stratton J. and Janice G. Kane of 255 Mountain Road, has arrived for duty in South Korea.

He is a 1980 graduate of East Catholic High School and a 1984 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

Current Quotes

"Ollie, this one's for you." — Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., whose bill to restore Oliver North's \$23,000 annual pension, revoked after North was sentenced for illegally shredding documents in the Iran-Contra scandal, was approved by the Senate.

Correction

A story published Wednesday did not give the location of a full-day seminar on "Managing Stress Through Personal Empowerment." It will be held Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Registration is required. The program costs \$65. For more information, call 647-6600 or 643-1223.

Thoughts

"You shall not kill" is followed by:
"You shall not commit adultery."
"You shall not steal."
"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."
These are the sixth through the ninth commandments given as rules for living by God in the Bible, Exodus 20:13-16.
Who is not guilty of breaking these holy laws?
God is a forgiving father if we confess to him our guilt.
Do you know these rules? Learn them. Live by them.

Lawrence S. Staples
South United Methodist Church

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LOCAL & STATE

Nursing home faces complaint

By Dianna M. Talbot
Manchester Herald

The state Department of Aging will investigate a complaint that the Crestfield Convalescent Home-Penwood Manor failed to provide proper care for a former patient.
The complaint against the Vernon Street nursing home was filed by Joan Bassett of Vernon. She claims that the home caused two accidents that injured her father, over-medicated him and mistakenly characterized him as feeble minded.
Bassett said today that nursing home employees mistreated her 85-year-old father, Ralph Von Deck, during his stay there from late March to Oct. 17. She has sent a letter of complaint about the nursing home to the state Department of Aging and she said the agency will investigate the complaint.
Her father has since moved in with her.

Crestfield's administrator, Gary Speiker, was unavailable for comment early today.

In her letter to Commissioner Mary Ellen Kinnick, Bassett accused the nursing home of being understaffed and taking inadequate care of its patients.

"We observed that almost all patients who were confined to their beds and wheelchairs would repeatedly ask the nurses and/or staff to take them to the toilet, but in large part they were ignored," she wrote.

Von Deck, who suffered a broken hip in a fall in March and was admitted to Crestfield for mainly physical therapy purposes, "kept getting worse and worse" at the nursing home, Bassett said. He was kept restrained to a wheelchair most days and to his bed at night and given medication that acted as a tranquilizer without notifying her and kept in "diapers" that were not changed regularly, she added.

Bassett said she intends to pay her father's remaining bill of \$2,700, but is upset about the care that is available for the elderly in general.

Grant aids group home

COVENTRY — A \$526,613 grant from the state Department of Housing will benefit a group home for the blind being built on Stonehouse Road, Lars Guldager, executive director of the Connecticut Institute for the Blind, which is building the home, said today.

"I think this is wonderful which we received the grant because if we hadn't we would have had to go out and borrow money" in order to finish the home, Guldager said.

The federal government also partially funded construction of the home, which is expected to be complete next month.

The institute is also building homes for its clients in Helton, New Hartford and Granby, Guldager said. Students will live at the homes and go to school during the day. The institute runs educational programs for its clients in communities throughout the state.



FAIR WARES — Gail Andrew of Andover and Capt. Pearl Asperschlagger of the Manchester Salvation Army admire wares that will be on sale when the Manchester Salvation Army holds its annual bazaar and luncheon "Home for the Holidays" on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 661 Main St. The luncheon will be run by the Salvation Army Band and Songster groups.

District asks contractor for price to regrade lot

The Eighth Utilities District will ask the contractor who is converting the Willis garage to a district office building for prices on regrading and repaving a section of the parking lot north of the building.

At a meeting Thursday night, the district directors authorized Alan Larson, architect for the project, to find what the cost will be for regrading part of the lot to provide for good drainage. The change is needed because the bottom of a door opening has been lowered to provide a safe passage and the new level is below the grade of the lot.

About 1,500 square feet of bulk-salt will be removed. One possibility is that the removal can be done by district public works employees.

State rests its Crafts case

NORWALK (AP) — The state rested its case in the so-called wood chipper murder trial after Richard Craft's brother-in-law testified that he saw his brother in the woods where they were searching.

In testimony that never surfaced in Craft's first trial, David Rodgers told the court Thursday that when he and his brother-in-law testified that they were diving for evidence in Lake Zoar in Southbury, Crafts refused to let them dive, there's no body — it's gone."

Crafts, 51, is accused of murdering his wife, Helene, in 1986 and using a chain saw and wood chipper to dispose of her body. His first trial in New London Superior Court ended in a mistrial last year.

Campaign '89

Meotti will seek state funds for restoration work at pond

By Alex Girelli
Manchester Herald

Democratic state Sen. Michael Meotti will seek state funds to finance all or part of the cost of restoring Center Springs Pond.
Meotti, of Glastonbury, represents the 4th Senatorial District, which includes Manchester, and is chairman of the Conservation and Development subcommittee of the General Assembly's Appropriations Committee.
At a joint news conference Thursday with Democratic Town Director Stephen T. Cassano, who is seeking re-election, Meotti said he will propose a committee bill for an appropriation for dredging the pond and taking other steps to make it usable as a skating area.
While Meotti does not have a

specific figure in mind, Cassano said rough estimates for the cost of the work range from \$100,000 to \$150,000.
Cassano said the town would have to spend about \$25,000 for a diagnostic study to determine where the pond would have to be dredged and how the inflow and outflow from the pond might have to be changed.
He said he has learned informally from Ecosystems Consulting Services of Coventry, which has done a preliminary study, that the prospects for restoring the pond are good.
He said that he will ask that the Board of Directors to vote at its November meeting for a diagnostic study which he said could be completed by April. He said bids for the work could be taken in May with work to start in July.
"There probably would be skating

in the winter of 1990," Cassano said.
Meotti predicted that state funds could be available in time to meet that schedule. He said he might consider including the funds in the budget for the state's Department of Environmental Protection and earmarked for the pond project.
The restoration of the park has figured in the election campaign with both Cassano and Republican Director Theunis Werkhoven pressing for restoration of the pond.
One Republican director candidate, J. Russell Smyth, said at a news conference that the park is unsafe and should be abandoned to the drug users and dealers he said frequent. He later apologized for the remark and other Republican candidates have distanced themselves from the view expressed by Smyth.

Suspect innocent, says lawyer

MILFORD (AP) — The attorney for the Derby man accused of killing three of his neighbors said he believes the state will have a very difficult time trying to prove they arrested the right person.

David Egan, the public defender representing Derek Roseboro, said he believes statements Roseboro made to authorities were not given voluntarily and therefore should not be used against him.
Even if the statements are found to be admissible, Egan said he does not believe they are as significant as published reports have claimed.
"I can assure you there are different interpretations that can be placed on statements Mr. Roseboro made," he said.

Egan proposed barring only members of the news media, and not closing the hearing altogether, after State's Attorney Mary Galvin said she strongly objected to any order that would keep the victims' relatives from being able to be in the courtroom.

In denying the request, Superior Court Judge Michael Hartner said he believed the jury selection process would take care of any problems of bias resulting from pre-trial publicity. Prospective jurors are questioned about their knowledge of a case.
A hearing to determine if there is enough evidence for the state to proceed with a trial of Roseboro on charges of capital felony and burglary was postponed until next Tuesday. The defense asked for time to review a large amount of new information that was collected by police and turned over to prosecutors last week.

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Those who have registered to take the Scholastic Aptitude and Achievement tests on Saturday should report to the Manchester High School cafeteria lobby at 7:50 a.m. Those taking the tests should bring their ticket of admission and positive identification, such as a driver's license, recent passport, or other photo identification card.
No one will be admitted without proper identification. Parking will be at the student parking lot adjacent to Brookfield Street.

SAT tests are set Saturday at school

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ?

ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR RE-EVALUATION OF NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM OF \$600,000.00 ASSESSORS PROFIT \$42,000.00

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Campaign '89

Democrats for Coventry school board count on experience

By Jacqueline Bennett
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY— With three incumbents on the ticket and three of their four candidates themselves educators, Democrats running for the Board of Education have experience and expertise that can't be beat.

"Education is my life" — Judith Halvorson, 46, currently vice-chairwoman of the board, said during a recent interview.

Halvorson, an elementary school teacher in Chaplin, has served on the board since 1981, including two years as chairwoman. She is also chairwoman of the school building committee that has supervised work on G.H. Robertson Grammar School and Coventry High School to bring them up to current building code standards.

Renovations are planned for Coventry Grammar School and Capt. Nathan Hale School, work that must be done under state mandate. Soon townpeople will be asked to approve funding for that work. Halvorson says she wants to remain on the board and see the projects through.

Also on the ticket are incumbents Kathleen Ryan and Patrick Flaherty and newcomer Paul Manzone.

A 19-year town resident, Halvorson is married to Peter Halvorson, a Democratic candidate for re-election to the Town Council. They have one grown son.

Originally from Ohio, Halvorson received her bachelor of arts in education from the University of Cincinnati. She received her master's degree in elementary education and curriculum from an advanced sixth year certificate in reading and supervision, both from the University of Connecticut.

"I am certified for every administrative position except superintending. But I like teaching," said Halvorson.

Besides the renovations, Halvorson says she is committed to continuation and improvement of maintenance of school buildings and continued review and strengthening of the curriculum. She also says studying the demographics of the growing community and planning for future needs is important.

"It is also important that the board continue to communicate with the public about the goals and objectives of the school system," Halvorson said.

Responding to criticism about higher taxes and the increased education budget this year, a \$9 million budget, Halvorson said, "It's funny, when people get on the board suddenly they don't think there is any fat in the budget."

Incumbent Kathleen Ryan, meanwhile, blasts the GOP critics.

"The Democrats are cast as big spenders, we're responsible spenders," Ryan said. "The Republicans let everything go (maintenance) and the Democrats come along and have to clean up the mess."

Initially Ryan, 36, was appointed to the board to fill a vacancy. She was elected to her current seat in 1987.

She is also chairwoman of the board's transportation committee and has taken the heat from parents over ongoing problems with buses to the schools and other problems with the current bus company — Madison-based Laidlaw.

"Sometimes I don't think people realize how hard we work or how much time we put in — but it comes with the territory," said Ryan.

Ryan met with Laidlaw officials numerous times last year trying to resolve problems they say are a result of driver shortages.

With the five-year contract with Laidlaw up in June 1990, she says it is time to go out to bid for another company and possibly down the road explore lease-purchase of buses for the town.

A teacher at Howell Cheney Technical School in Manchester, Ryan and her husband are 12-year residents of the town. They have a son in kindergarten in town. She grew up in Thomaston, received her bachelor of arts from Albertus Magnus in New Haven and her master's degree in education from Central Connecticut State University in 1975. She has also served on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Flaherty has a reputation for candid views.

He says that is an excellent reason for voters to support him.



PAUL MANZONE



PATRICK FLAHERTY



JUDY HALVORSON



KATHLEEN RYAN

"I am an honest, hard-working person. I am always willing to speak out and express my opinion," said the 28-year-old Flaherty, appointed to the board in February to fill a vacancy.

A 1979 graduate of Coventry High School and a graduate of Harvard University in Boston, Flaherty is a financial research officer for Connecticut National Bank in Hartford.

"I have two unique qualities I bring to the board. I am a fairly recent product of the Coventry school system and having been on the council, I understand the budget from their perspective," Flaherty said.

He says he is committed to the concept that "education doesn't stop at age 18" and would like to see the community become more involved with the schools.

In addition, Flaherty says he wants to bring quality staff development programs to the schools and as a board member will work to see that "we confront children as people."

That means, he says, remembering that public education is for all children.

Though a new candidate, Manzone says as an educator himself, he brings experience to the board. A guidance director for Windham Regional Technical School, Man-

zone, 40, says support services for students are critical.

"The schools are taking on more parental duties," he said. Manzone says problems with

drugs, broken homes, lack of home supervision, runaways and even suicide face educators every day and must be addressed in the schools.

Originally from Ansonia, Man-

zone and his wife have lived in town since 1975. They have two children. He received his master's degree in education counseling from Fairfield University.

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Cobb raps Bogli, school board as mired in politics

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

Lame duck, two-term Board of Education member Bernice Cobb leveled charges Thursday that the school board has become too political and takes responsibilities beyond its scope.

Campaign promises to bring the board closer to the Board of Directors, Cobb said, has contributed to her discontent.

"I am leaving because of disillusionment," said the Republican whose term ends when new members are sworn in Nov. 13. "When I first served on the board, it was non-partisan and people benefited from the development of the school board."

"But now the board has gotten very, very political," she added.

As an example, she pointed to Democratic campaign advertisements crediting the party with this year's re-opening of the Highland Park elementary school. Specifically, she said school board member Terry Bogli and Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr., candidates for re-election, had given the Democrats credit for the re-opening.

"Highland Park (re-opening) was the work of the administration and the entire (school) board," which has six Democratic members and three Republicans, Cobb said.

Therefore, she said it is unfair for Democrats to be taking the credit, exclusively.

Bogli, reiterating the ad, said the Democrats deserve the credit because Republican directors suggested cutting \$840,000 from the education budget, a move that would have postponed the school re-opening.

Concerning politics on the school board, Cobb said, "After 30 years of teaching, I've never seen the board so divided as it is now. I don't think politics should have any part on the Board of Education."

Bogli said, "I don't see where the board has been political. The board on any occasion votes in a non-partisan manner."

And this year's candidates for the school board have shown agreement across party lines, she said. As an example, Bogli pointed to votes by Democrats and GOP members to increase the communication between the two boards.

But Cobb sees that as a sign of the growing political nature of the school board.

"I think we're getting too tied to the Board of Directors," she said.

She said the pressure for the school board to become more involved with directors is caused by Bogli's relationship with her father, Democratic Town Committee Chairman Theodore R. Cummings Sr.

Bogli responded to those accusations by saying Cummings was not involved with the proposal to increase communication between the boards.

"Ted (Cummings) and I very rarely discuss Board of Education mat-

ters," Bogli said.

Continuing her assault on the school board and specifically Bogli, Cobb said the board has become too involved with the development of the Nathan Hale School special focus program, the enhanced curriculum to be offered in the school next year.

"Education should be in the hands of the educators," Cobb said. "It's up to the administration to take over and let the talented teachers and administrators develop the magnet school."

Although Cobb acknowledged a teacher, Margery Bialeck, is overseeing the implementation of the program, she insisted the board's role in the development of the program should be nothing more than giving its approval.

Bogli, who sits on a special focus subcommittee, said she acts merely as a liaison between the subcommittee and the board. It is in two subcommittees of the focus subcommittee where most of the development of the program is done.

Although Cobb said the program is a great idea, she has been critical of the teaching strategy planned for it. At last week's board meeting, she said a plan for 15 minutes per day of conversational foreign language training will not be successful.

Bogli said Bialeck, after hearing Cobb's complaint, offered to take her to visit a similar program in Glastonbury that is successful, but Cobb refused.

"I think it's unfortunate that Mrs. Cobb is disillusioned with the board," Bogli said. "She's made some fine contributions."

Cobb said she will continue to support the schools in a volunteer capacity.

"I'm very caring as to what happens in this town as far as education is concerned," she said, adding, "I think Manchester has to look very closely at it's elected officials."

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re-election say they doubt division within the party will affect the outcome of the election, at the final meeting of the current board last week, Sullivan let her feelings be known.

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Republicans for school board seek input

By Jacqueline Bennett
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY— People should feel at ease approaching the Board of Education about problems, say Republicans running for the board.

"People think (of) the board' sitting behind this big table and they're afraid to come. But I tell them it's just regular people," said Pamela Sewell, a Republican candidate.

Sewell, 38, is the only one of the four candidates to have previously held an elected office. She is the daughter of Roland Green, a Republican candidate for the Town Council. She served on the board from 1983 to 1985.

The other candidates include incumbent, Marian Bommarito, appointed to fill a vacancy left by a resignation less than two months ago, and Constance Lathrop and her daughter, Wendy McMahon.

Elected in 1987, Republican Ellen Sullivan, currently on the board, was endorsed by the Republican Town Committee in her re-election bid. But she withdrew her name when her husband James Sullivan failed to win the endorsement of the committee in his bid for re-election to the Town Council.

The committee instead endorsed Roland Green for a council seat. Phillip Carpenter, also endorsed to run for the board, withdrew his name from the state because he said he supported the Sullivans and did not want to be associated with a ticket that included Green.

Green is a frequent critic of public officials.

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Banker to Rowland: 'Let's fight'

HARTFORD (AP) — Fairfield banker Joseph McGee says the Republican Party needs a little excitement, and shouldn't just give the 1990 gubernatorial nomination to U.S. Rep. John G. Rowland for the asking.

"Why be so boring? Let's have a fight," said McGee, who said he would formally announce his candidacy for the nomination on Nov. 14.

Rowland, a three-term congressman from Waterbury, is widely

viewed as the likely nominee of the GOP next year.

"I still think the Republican Party should have options," McGee said. "It's not healthy to select a candidate in 1989 for a 1990 election. So there's going to be some fun in the Republican Party."

"Let the people decide," said McGee, a People's Bank vice president who worked as an aide to the late U.S. Rep. Stewart B. McKinney, R-4th District.

Others weighing a bid for the top spot on the 1990 Republican ticket include state Senate Minority Leader Reginald J. Smith of New Hartford and New Haven developer Joel Schiavone.

Meanwhile, Democratic Gov. William A. O'Neill shrugged off the suggestion by former Democratic U.S. Rep. Robert Giannino of North Haven that O'Neill not seek re-election and let someone new take over.

The governor noted that Giannino served 24 years in Congress, while "I've only been here nine."

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DiRosa blasts Republican tax proposal

By Alex Giril
Manchester Herald

It will not be possible to support next year's budget increase until the revenue increase from the growth in the Grand List without serious effect on town services, Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr. said Thursday.

DiRosa, a Democrat seeking reelection to the Board of Directors, referred to a Republican pledge to keep expenditures within the amount of revenues to be produced by the natural increase in the Grand List.

DiRosa made his comments at a news conference he called to sum up his views on election issues.

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Compounce tax unpaid

BRISTOL (AP) — Lake Compounce Festival Park will not be able to open next season unless it pays its state taxes, a state Department of Revenue Services spokeswoman said.

Phyllis Parizek, a spokeswoman for the tax department, said the permit needed for the park to sell tickets was suspended after park officials failed to attend a tax department hearing Wednesday.

"We took this action because we felt we were in effect getting nowhere with collecting the money they owe us," Parizek said.

Michael Blanco, director of sales and marketing for the park, said the park plans to reopen next spring as scheduled. He said it will pay the back taxes as well as any interest payments or penalties due.

The park voluntarily turned in the permit after falling behind in tax payments, Blanco said.

"There are a number of reasons for it," he said. "There is no business going on at the park right now. ... There's really no problem."

Blanco said the park's new owners are a "start-up group" that suffers cyclical shortages of cash.

Earlier this fall, the state placed liens for \$221,000 against the park for the non-payment of admission, dues and charter taxes. Its permit for collecting those taxes was suspended.

The struggling park's financial outlook may brighten if the park sells off its wooden carousel, which has been valued as high as \$1.2 million.

A coalition of local business leaders and historical groups is trying to save the carousel, but has not yet suggested a plan for saving it from an auction.

Lake Compounce owes a variety of state and local taxes, as well as bills from several private companies, Blanco said.

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Takeover bid pondered

NORWALK (AP) — Good economic times in the paper industry have not been lost on Great Northern Nekosoa Corp., the object of a takeover bid this week by Georgia-Pacific Corp.

The Norwalk-based paper products company had sales of \$3.6 billion in 1988 and healthy earnings so far this year from its 20,000 employees work more than 3 million acres of timberland and make paper used for computers, envelopes, business forms, books, magazines, catalogs and newspapers.

Last year's net sales of \$3.6 billion were up from \$2.6 billion in 1987 and \$2 billion in 1986. The company posted increased sales and earnings figures in each of the first two quarters this year.

"Who knows what the next step might be?" said Cornelius Sewell, an analyst with Argus Research.

Great Northern's board of directors has until Nov. 13 or 14 to accept or reject the \$58-per-share bid made by Georgia-Pacific, a forest products company based in Atlanta.

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Prosecutors drop charges against New Haven gays

NEW HAVEN (AP) — A weekend clash between gay activists and police at Yale University is the latest, and some say most serious, flare-up of tensions between homosexuals and officials at the Yale Law School.

On Thursday, prosecutors dropped charges against four of the eight people arrested during the confrontation that began when police arrested a New York lawyer attending a lesbian and gay studies conference after complaints that someone had hung obscene posters in the Yale Law School.

"This entire episode is official censorship by Yale University and is an officially condoned bashing of the gay and lesbian community," said William Dobbs, who was arrested after the poster complaint.

Charges against Dobbs were not dropped Thursday, and he was back in court Nov. 20. The cases of four other defendants also were continued.

Several of those arrested held a news conference before their arraignment Thursday and called on the university to intervene on their behalf. They also criticized Schmidt and said the arrests galvanized Yale's lesbian and gay community.

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10 month old gorgeous home set on 4+ acres. Large salt in kitchen with pantry, hardwood floors, 1st floor laundry and finished living room, 2 1/2 baths, jacuzzi. Truly a custom home with a brook at rear of property.

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BOLTON \$229,900
Immaculate 1810 Colonial
Stately four bedroom home set on 1+ acres. Beautifully decorated with new pine floors in breakfast room and den, fully appl. kitchen with new cabinets, french doors to sunroom, and many more custom features.

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This 7m, 1 1/2 bath, Malvern View Line is only \$141,900! Call us today. "WE'RE SELLING HOUSES!"

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OUT OF STATE OWNERS
Need immediate sale of their 8 m, 4 bedroom 3 full bath home on a 120'x283' wooded lot! Asking \$182,500.

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Expanded and expanded to allow your lots of flexibility with this 10 m Cape Cod in Manchester. 4.5 beds, 4 beds, country kitchen, spacious 1st fl. family rm, fireplace, two floors, sparkling deck & upper to low set-up. Extra large lot. REDUCED AND ANXIOUS!! \$189,900.

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To Highland Park School! This attractive 7 m. Ranch on Oak Grove St. in Manchester is priced just right! 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, stone front and stone fireplace, fully appl. kitchen, covered deck. Built in 1980. NEW PRICE: \$172,000!!

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Beautiful 3 bedroom well kept fireplace & sliders patio area a highlight of this 3 bedroom beauty. Call Barbara for more info.

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Plus shade trees, excellent colonial, room to roam, fireplace, hardwood floors, priced to sell. Call Nancy Driver.

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This beautifully maintained, 3 full bath home has recently been redecorated. It has many amenities such as central air and central vac. etc. Call today for details.

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Spacious 4 bedroom Colonial on desirable area of Manchester. First floor family room and laundry. Priced to sell.

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OPINION

Our choices for board of directors

Manchester voters have been bombarded by one of the most vigorous campaigns for the Board of Directors in recent town history. On Tuesday, the campaign will end.

If many voters feel this has not been the most inspiring campaign, they are right. They can take comfort, however, in the knowledge that candidates of both parties are far more reasonable and responsible in office than they are in the heat of the campaign. If the extravagances of the campaign give a true indication of what to expect, Manchester government would be in a sad state.

The truth is that Manchester has had good government for many years under both Democratic and Republican majorities and is well served by the council-manager government and a political system which needs no major changes.

This is not to say that office holders are perfect or incapable of making errors. The town's failed tax revaluation and wetlands violation in relocations to the sewage plant were clearly errors.

The directors should have halted the revaluation earlier. Because the Democrats were in power they bear the greater responsibility for not doing so, but the Republicans did not show any greater wisdom in the matter at the time.

The wetlands error should have been caught at either the local or federal level before it became so serious. After the error was detected, it seems clear that the proposed punishment became far too severe to fit the crime and the town was right to fight back.

Before the election two years ago, the Herald observed that voters should judge incumbent directors on the basis of overall performance in office and overlook some lapses in judgment. That observation still holds.

Some of the newcomers on the ticket are talented and sincere people. Some of them have agendas which appear to the Herald to be too limited, but individual voters may find their views persuasive.

The Herald has concluded that errors and an overheard campaign notwithstanding, the incumbent directors deserve to be returned to office.

Therefore the Herald recommends:

Therens Werkhoven, Republican, Werkhoven a retired engineer, devotes a good deal of time to his directorship, much of it in the field. He is determined to augment information from the town administration with his own on-site observations. His conclusions may not be valid in every case, but he does serve as a check and balance.

Ronald Oesha, Republican, Oesha has been the most outspoken member of the minority. He has frequently challenged Democratic positions and surely will continue to do so. The guarantee in Manchester that there will always be a minority representation on the board is a benefit only as long as that minority is prepared to raise questions.

Peter P. DiRosa Jr., Democrat, DiRosa has worked hard as chairman of the board and as mayor and has been an effective leader of the majority on the board. He has been a highly visible figure who has pressed for the town's economic development, sometimes at his own political risk. He seems strident at times, but never equivocal.

Stephen T. Cassano, Democrat, Cassano is a veteran director who has pushed a number of projects in his time, like the controversial Bennett Housing for the Elderly and restoration of Center Springs Park. His links with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and the National League of Cities continues to bring to Manchester a broad perspective.

James F. Fogarty, Democrat, Fogarty has been a director since 1981 and has remained consistently a moderate with a deep interest in Manchester's welfare. He has an innate conservative skepticism toward unorthodox ideas and has to be convinced of the wisdom of any program before throwing his support behind it.

Mary Ann Handley, Democrat, She has served on the board for one term and has demonstrated a deep interest in services to residents. She is not particularly partisan in her approach to government and makes independent decisions. Her vote against the proposed solution to the municipal office space problem is an example.



Democrats are democrats

By Joe Spear

It is the Democratic Party just sick, or is it dying? Its feeble performance in the current battle over a cut in the capital gain tax suggests the virus that has laid siege to the once thriving party is a fiendish bug in deed.

In brief, what happened is this: During the 1988 campaign, George Bush promised to cut the capital gains tax rate, taxes paid on profits realized from the sale of assets like stocks, bonds and real estate. As an election issue, it clearly rode in the back seat while flags and pledges did the driving.

But surprisingly, the House recently voted — with 64 Democratic defections — to reduce the capital gains rate from the current top of 33 percent to 19.6 percent for the next two years, 28 percent thereafter. Democrats lined up with Republicans for sundry reasons — some votes were tradeoffs, some were payoffs, and some were cast because industries in their home districts would benefit from the reduced tax rates.

The capital gains debate gathered steam before House leaders could get organized, and they were thrown into utter disarray. Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., took considerable heat for trying to frame the issue as a populist, rich-vs-middle class debate.

Rep. Les AuCoin, D-Ore., told the New York Times that "the American people do not buy... into a class warfare political argument." Rep. Ed Jenkins, D-Ga., a leading proponent of the tax break, said, "The party I know and love and have worked for is not interested in class warfare schemes. I don't think that plays anymore."

For anyone who believes in a robust two-party system, this maneuvering table, led by a leading proponent of the tax break, has worked for us in the past. It is not Democrats, they are Democrats.

Fundamentally, there is nothing new about this debate. The Democrats have been representing the middle class against the monied interests since Thomas Jefferson argued with Alexander Hamilton around George Washington's Cabinet table. Since there are millions more average folk than rich folk, there is no reason why the arguments are any less valid today than two centuries ago.

Think about it, Democrats:

• The man elected president is the product of the privileged classes and a millionaire. He went to Andover and Yale. He has country club habits and mansions. His private jet is a hummingbird, affects an effete air and tends to speak in an esoteric gibberish. None of these, of course, are indications of fitness as you consider that his big economic decision as president was to thumb his nose at "the help" by voting a second freeze in the minimum wage. His second

Weather meddling possible

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

LENINGRAD, U.S.S.R. — The Soviet Union could launch a "weather war" against the United States and, because of the whimsy of weather patterns, Americans wouldn't even know it.

The notion sounds like fantasy, but scientists say it is true. The Soviets are not the ones meddling with Mother Nature. They are so afraid of America's capability to wage war with the weather that they quietly signed a treaty with the United States some years ago that banned hostile manipulation of the weather. The trouble with the treaty is that it is totally unverifiable.

For the record, no U.S. intelligence agency has any evidence that the Soviets are engaged in even minor skirmishes using the weather. The only country that has ever used weather as a weapon is the United States.

From 1967 to 1972, the Pentagon conducted a \$2.6 billion weather operation designed to make the Ho Chi Minh Trail slippery. Mistakes were made. Once, seven miles of rain was dumped on an American Special Forces camp in two hours. It is possible that the American cloud seeding compounded a deluge in August 1971 in North Vietnam that resulted in flooding that killed thousands of people.

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Open Forum

Shelter a model

People are also concerned that growth will erode the character of Coventry. The present council has worked to control the use of the lake through imposition of quiet hours and a lake patrol. A study of the lake as an environmental system is also under way. The Democratic candidates will work to see the results of the study implemented to further upgrade the lake as a basic community resource. The present council has worked to improve our parks and recreation service both through seeking acquisition of Camp Creaser/Treman Meadows from the state and by implementing a grounds maintenance program to preserve the value of existing facilities. The Democratic slate is committed to continuing this effort. Further, we have also supported efforts for historic preservation by developing a grant to study the Millbrook area and seeking its inclusion in a proposed National Heritage Corridor.

The citizens of Coventry have also told us that they want to see some town services improved. During the past two years, we have undertaken the expansion of the Booth and Dimock Library which will soon open. We have started a systematic effort to improve and renovate our roads and bridges both through the state's Local Capital Improvement Plan. The Democratic slate for Town Council is also firmly committed to the completion of code and renovation work at both the Capt. Nathan Hale School and the Coventry Grammar School. These represent the issues most often identified by the people we have spoken with over the last several weeks. We hope this serves to make our positions on these issues clear. We will continue to seek to retain the rural character of Coventry. Working in cooperation with the Board of Education and other town boards and commissions, we intend to provide Coventry's voters with the best of results they deserve from town government and the kind of government which they can contribute to meet their obligations as citizens. Pressure must be put on the relative state agencies to force them to provide the needed support services that are lacking.

Manchester has indeed made an effort to take care of its citizens, and it has also provided necessary temporary care for others in need. It is meeting its obligations to its citizens and it should not be expected to be the service provider for the communities east of the river.

Stephen T. Cassano
Deputy Mayor
Manchester

Mrs. Ross

My name is Rebecca Townsend. In 1975 I was in Mrs. Ross' kindergarten class. In 1977 I was in her 2nd grade class. Although it seems so long ago I still have many fond memories. She was a wonderful lady and the world's greatest teacher. I had a vision impairment from birth which made it difficult to see a lot of things, but Mrs. Ross was always there to help me when I needed it. When I first started kindergarten, school had already been in session a couple of weeks. I was so afraid to walk into that classroom, but she stood beside me and walked in with me. I can remember one Halloween I finished my work first and she let me color the pumpkin that was to be hung on the bulletin board. I was so happy and proud to do it. Then there was graduation from kindergarten to 1st grade. I can still picture Mrs. Ross standing in the middle of the gymnasium with her beautiful long hair passing out the diplomas to the children. Most kids forget their teachers as they pass into another grade, but I remembered her through all 11 years of school. I'm just sorry I never got to see her. She was never forgotten.

Now it's my own child. I hope very much when she grows up and goes to school she tells me she has the world's greatest teacher just like Mrs. Ross.

Rebecca Townsend
W. Garrison
28 Linwood Road
Manchester

Disappointed

As a member of the Loomis House Public Safety Facility Committee I was naturally disappointed with the recent town council decision not to pursue our proposal. I would like to point out some facts that have either not been considered, or have been ignored by the Council in their deliberations.

1. The cost of our proposal (1.26 million) will provide the town with a modern police facility in a much more visible location at a cost well under half that of the proposed 3.2 million addition to the town hall, and will adequately provide for police needs well into the next century.

2. The proposed addition placed at the rear of the Loomis House is fully aesthetically compatible with this beautiful 19th century dwelling. The 1.26 million budget includes restoration of the Loomis House to meet the 10 suggested guidelines published by the Secretary of the Interior as accepted national standards for the rehabilitation of historical structures. The Loomis House interior space will be restricted to police and other public safety use. Police "hard use" facilities will be confined to the addition.

3. The completed facility will be in full compliance with all appropriate federal and state building and life safety code requirements, including handicapped accessibility.

4. The town will recapture the approximately 2600 square feet presently used for police purposes at the town hall. Based on an approximate cost of \$182,000 (\$70 per square foot), this space will allow the town to adequately expand its operations within the confines of the existing structure.

5. The town will recapture the approximately 3.2 million dollars added to the town hall. Based on the current grand list, financed by the town with short term notes, our proposal represents less than 1 mill in taxes per year for a ten year period. Revaluation may reduce this cost even further.

6. The bottom line is all of the above, and, in my opinion, represents a win/win situation for the taxpayers of Coventry. Could it be that this proposal makes too much sense?

Michael F. Cleary
River Road North
Coventry, CT

Thank you

On Sept. 16 and 17 the Manchester Soccer Club and Manchester Community College sponsored the Nutmeg Soccer Classic 1989. It was a huge success due to the involvement of many people and businesses. We would like to thank these people for all their help.

With the support of Cigna, local businesses, and the people of Manchester, the Nutmeg Soccer Classic proved to be a successful tournament for our youth. We would like to thank the coaches of our teams for their commitment to the youth of Manchester. Our youth can feel increased self-esteem as they learn the sport of soccer through their coaches.

Thank you to the parents of the children for their help in organizing the tournament. A round of applause is given especially to Greg Barbato, Molly Cort, Sharon Jaworski, Sandy Lassen, Diane Repoli, Mark Blout, Helene Springer, Bob Salomon, Gary Roberts, Jim Marchand, Phil Robelmyer, Kathy Egan, Jackie Sonberg, Ginny Schneider and Joy Dorin.

David E. Prindiville D.M.D.
310 Timrod Road
Manchester, CT
62 Emily Lane
Manchester, CT
Chairman of Nutmeg Soccer Classic

Myopic

This is an open letter to the members of the Neglected Taxpayers of Bolton. Recent articles in local papers have shown your position as being proponents of closing Bolton High School as a solution to Bolton's high taxes. The growing opinion in Bolton is that this would favorably reduce taxes in town. I think, however, that you are wrong in your reasoning.

While the Board of Education budget is high at it is not as bad as other towns. Bolton is outspent on a per student basis by over 60% of the towns in the state of Connecticut. Yet, the education "the system provides is consistently better.

If the school is closed where do you propose sending the students that will be left without a school? To Manchester? They just reopened two school this year to ease overcrowding in their system. Or, how about Glastonbury? Well, they too, are experiencing a building boom. What happens in five years when the school towns can no longer accommodate Bolton students?

Do you have any idea how much money students out of town will cost? I can assure you it will not be cheap. In fact, it may be more costly than running the high school. That would only increase taxes more and Bolton would have no say in what the kids are taught. I thought TNT was dedicated to stopping such tax increases.

Why not avoid this problem by simply bringing up 7th and 8th grade students from the Center School. That would allow the high school to support itself until the town of Bolton is no longer in the lower grades reach the high school level.

The problems facing Bolton today are very complex and long term. Please, TNT, for the sake of Bolton's children, do not be myopic in your suggested solutions to these issues. Closing Bolton High School is not an economically viable option for the town of Bolton. It can only make things much worse.

Glen Dube,
Class of 1990
9 Stonehedge Lane
Bolton

Recall actions

To the Editor:

Republican candidate Joyce Carilli-Bellard has served on the Town Council before.

At one council meeting, when concerned citizens filled a room in overflowing to protest cuts in the education budget, she walked out, purposely leaving the council without a quorum.

Coventry voters would do well to remember this when they elect the voting booth Nov. 7.

Glen Dube,
Class of 1990
9 Stonehedge Lane
Bolton

Open Forum

True friend

To the Editor:

Steve Cassano has been a true friend of the Manchester recreation program. Over the years, he has promised to pursue new programs, facilities and maintenance improvements. A look at what has been accomplished shows that he has succeeded. We have new soccer fields, indoor soccer for children, a cross country ski trail and expanded passive recreation program. The recently completed reorganization of the Park and Rec departments has clearly led to a better field maintenance program, and Steve's efforts to restore Center Springs Park have been particularly impressive as most of the costs were paid for by state monies.

Many people would have abandoned their efforts to restore Center Springs as opposition was vocal and continuous. Steve refused to quit however, and the real winners are the people of Manchester. We need that kind of leadership in Manchester.

Vote for Steve Cassano — he is choice for a better tomorrow.

Bonnie Slomonsky
521 Lawton Road
Manchester

Vote Barrette

To the Editor:

Dear Coventry voters:

I urge you to vote for Harvey Barrette for Town Council on Nov. 7 — for three good reasons: he is experienced in town government; he's a local businessman who understands the need for economic development; he's a life-long resident who pairs the interests of the town first.

Harvey has been on the council for two months now (replaced a member who resigned), doing a fine job, getting experience that will serve you well in the next term. He's been on many boards and commissions, the latest being Parks & Recreation where he had a lot to do with increased patrol on the lake in the summer months and better maintenance for

Open Forum

True friend

To the Editor:

Over the past month, the Democratic candidates for the Town Council have been actively campaigning throughout town. Townspeople have told us what issues are of concern to them. These are the issues people have spoken to us about and our record and position on them.

Growth is a major concern. The current council has supported and the new Democratic slate is committed to support the completion of the revision of zoning regulations and the updating of the Plan of Development. An orderly Plan of Development is the key to dealing with development pressure. Our slate is also committed to continue support for the Economic Commission in its efforts to bring new business to town and thereby, to enhance our tax base.

Philip C. Bouchard
Chairman
Campaign Committee
332 Broad & Milk St.

Honored to serve

To the Editor:

My name is Roland C. Green. I am asking the voters of Coventry to consider me as a town councilman for the next 4 years.

I am running on the Republican ticket. I would further urge you to support the Republican team of candidates at the voting polls. I believe Coventry is in need of change and as a united team the Republican slate will bring with it the overall blend of ideas and visions to overcome the challenge that is inevitable in Coventry's future.

If for one candidate encourage anyone to check out my character and credentials as I would feel honored to serve as a councilman in Coventry. Let your conscience be your guide.

Make sure you vote Nov. 7.

Roland C. Green
475 Ripley Hill Road
Coventry

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Major factor

To the Editor:

Steve Cassano is the volunteer advisor of the MCC Older Adult Program. Our association has grown in numbers, activities, class offerings and programming and Steve has been a major factor in all of our success. He is a planner, organizer and a motivator as he has been constantly involved with our Board of Directors in helping our organization grow.

Steve's involvement on national committees has also been a great asset as he is our featured speaker every March when he reviews legislation and policy changes affecting older adults. It is very valuable meeting for us as we become aware of changes that directly affect us.

Steve Cassano has shown by example that he cares about people. His constant willingness to give of his time to help others is apparent. We need him back as a board member and I hope you too will vote for Steve Cassano on Nov. 7.

Edna P. Schuetz
Coventry
Manchester Community College
Older Adult Association

Brochure error

To the Editor:

The Coventry Republican Campaign Committee wishes to apologize for a misprint in our recent brochure that was mailed townwide as of Oct. 27. In the section containing a sample ballot, it was printed that R. James Cooke is running to fill a vacancy for a two year term on the Board of Directors. Review, Mr. Cooke is running for a full four year term and is an incumbent member of the Board of Directors. The committee regrets this error and hopes this clarifies the matter.

Philip C. Bouchard
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Ask support

To the Editor:

The good of the town.

In stark contrast, Joyce Carilli-Bellard's track record is a disaster. She has deliberately walked out of meetings to leave the council without a quorum when they were about to vote against her wishes. Such actions show contempt for the townspeople and the council.

I am extremely saddened that the Republican Party rejected a candidate with an exemplary record and endorsed a candidate with such a tarnished one.

If an one thoroughly disenchanted Coventry Republican.

Judy Jacobson L. Dwyer
396 Main St.
Coventry

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Attend

The program is primarily aimed at those students missing school for reasons that are suspect.

"Sometimes you get kids that got the sniffles, and they don't feel good, and they don't want to go to school," he said.

These students are encouraged to meet with the school nurse for an examination to see if she thinks they should be kept out of school.

"The main success of the program is, one, they're monitored, and two, there's communication," Vincens said. "I think sometimes that when students know they're monitored, they're going to come to school."

Vincens said he and the school system's Youth Services Coordinator Robert Digan developed the program when they met in attempt to find a way of solving the problem of students with severe attendance problems. They noticed the problem was more severe than they estimated, and there was a need for a more comprehensive monitoring system.

At the weekly meetings on Friday, "we review every single absence," Digan said.

With about 790 students, Illing averages about 30 absences per day, and the reasons given for about five of the 30 are not valid, such as oversleeping, not catching the bus, or truancy.

Digan, who said the primary function of youth services is attendance, lauded Vincens for his efforts to improve attendance, calling him a "great leader."

To further the mission of getting students in school, Vincens and Digan are working with the Manchester Chamber of Commerce Youth Services Coordinator Robert Digan developed the program when they met in attempt to find a way of solving the problem of students with severe attendance problems. They noticed the problem was more severe than they estimated, and there was a need for a more comprehensive monitoring system.

Jobless

ix, however, continued sign of accelerating wages and the Fed is worried about that, so they couldn't possibly ease that as a result of this report.

The Labor Department determines unemployment through a household survey and its job-growth totals through a separate business survey. The two surveys often give conflicting data on employment growth and today the department said it had determined why — more Americans are holding two or more jobs.

"Most dual jobholders appear on two or more payrolls in the business survey but are counted only once in the household survey," Labor Statistics Commissioner Janet Norwood said in testimony she was giving Congress today. "With the demand for labor strengthening considerably in recent years, increasing numbers of workers have taken on second jobs."

Also up at a rate higher than predictions were average hourly earnings, which rose 0.7 percent in October, a sign that upward pressure on wages persists. Most analysts had predicted an increase of 0.4 percent.

The October report showed that the civilian labor force grew by 65,000 Americans last month to 124 million and that 117.5 million of them had jobs. The labor force consists of those who either have jobs or are actively seeking work.

Bush

ack helicopters.

The House resolution called on Ortega to "cease his reckless rhetoric" and said Nicaragua's leaders must fulfill commitments to end their aggression in the region, end their tyranny over their own people and permit the establishment of democracy inside Nicaragua.

Meanwhile, Ortega and the U.S. State Department offered sharply conflicting versions of the reasons behind a recent reinforcement of an estimated 2,000 Contras into Nicaragua from base camps in Honduras.

The State Department said the rebels' intentions were peaceful but Ortega forcefully disagreed.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher, citing reports from Contra leaders, said about 2,000 rebels have infiltrated into Nicaragua in recent weeks. A Pentagon estimate said about 4,000 Contras are now in Nicaragua and 10,000 others remain in Honduras.

Boucher said one purpose for the reinforcement was to encourage Contra supporters to register to vote. Other officials, insisting on anonymity, said a number of Contras, worried about a Central American plan to demobilize them, decided to return on their own but were forced back against their will later without arms to protect them.

Trash

lifecycle.

But the degradable materials "contaminate" recyclable plastics, producing a less sturdy mix, the report said. Environmentalists say some recycling centers now turn away degradable plastics and could prove to be a disincentive for people to recycle plastics and other items.

Allen Gray, a Mobil spokesman, said his company makes degradable Hefly trash bags only because consumers demanded them.

"You're in a competitive situation right now. Consumers have indicated a preference for the degradable bags," he said.

He said the trash bags are "no help as far as solving the nation's solid waste problem."

Other makers of the degradable plastic items defended their product.

"We have a very environmentally friendly product," said Jerry L. Petak, business development manager for Archer-Daniels-Midland Corp., which produces an additive to plastic — corn starch — that speeds the breakdown.

Environmentalists are sharply critical in how companies sell their product.

"When you see degradable bags sold in stores as being helpful to the environment, that's all a hoax," said Darlene Snow, an official at the National Solid Wastes Management Association in Washington.

Hefly trash bags show an eagle soaring over a pine tree with a headline "Degradable." On the back, the text says the bags show "a step in our commitment to a better environment." Glad trash bags headlines say "Degradable" and "Safe for the Environment." On the back, though, the text points out that the material will be "inert" once buried in a dump.

And a TV commercial by Archer-Daniels-Midland suggests a trash can full of plastic would vanish when its degradable agent is added.

Mickel

schools with leadership.

He said Malinowski's "ability to deal with people in a non-dictatorial way, nicely, will affect changes in the district."

The position of chairman has pros and cons, he said.

"As chairman, you wind up with a lot more details to deal with," Mickel said.

But he added the chairman cannot dictate the direction the board takes.

The "toughest" issue, Mickel said, was a proposal to realign the town's schools about two years ago. The plan was abandoned by the board after it met with much public opposition.

"Most difficult has been the annual frustration with the budget," Mickel said.

He remembers spending countless hours reviewing and paring down the school superintendent's budget "only to have someone (at a public meeting) say 'they' (school officials) love to spend 'your' money, as if we are from the state."

He disputes claims there has been fat in the education budgets he has supported. Mickel also criticized the process of referendum voting on the budget because he said "many people vote in ignorance."

Though he's looking forward to more free time, Mickel does not rule out a future bid for a board seat.

Warning on offshore drilling

From Page 1

WASHINGTON (AP) — A panel of the National Academy of Sciences warned today against proceeding with oil exploration off the California and Florida coasts, saying there is not enough reliable technical information on potential damage to the environment.

The scientific panel also was critical of past environmental studies of the Interior Department, saying that in some cases potentially adverse economic and social problems from oil development were ignored.

At each of the three sites, the panel said it found inadequate and unreliable technical and scientific data to warrant going ahead with lease sales.

The conclusions were presented to a presidential task force that is reviewing whether to issue oil and gas exploratory leases for the three offshore sites. The task force is scheduled to make a recommendation to the White House by the end of the year.

The panel, which included experts in environmental science, did not specifically recommend against future development of the three sites, but concluded no such decision should be made without further studies.

The leases involve potential oil and gas drilling on 1.1 million acres of ocean off Southern California, another 6.7 million acres off Northern California, and 14 million acres in the Gulf of Mexico near the Florida Everglades.

Environmentalists have long argued that the three areas should be closed to oil drilling because a spill could cause serious harm to sensitive ecosystems nearby. Residents along nearby coastal areas also have strongly opposed the leases, saying oil development could harm the scenery and affect tourism.

In Florida the threats posed by oil development to tourism "have not even been studied," said the panel, while in Southern California the question of community impact also has yet to be fully addressed.

SPORTS



Joe's World
Joe Garman

Some writers don't always tell the truth

This column is going to be about a subject that has been bothering me for quite a long time. It's about some fellow outdoor writers (mostly magazine) — and how many of them mislead the public to enhance their egos and reputations. And at the same time, they can ruin a fishery.

The straw that broke the camel's back was what I witnessed and heard on the Margaree River, in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, this past October.

I have been going to the river each autumn for the last 10 years. When the fishing was lousy, it was so noted. And when the fishing was good, very few years out of the 10 years that too was expressed. These good years numbered but four. The rest of the time, most fishermen were lucky to land one fish, maybe, in a 10-day period. It was the ambience, the fine people who lived and came there, the wonderful scenery, the river itself, that brought most of us die-hards back each year.

In fact, one year when I was interviewed for Canadian National Television, as to why I came back each year, I mentioned the above, and finished my statements with "But the fishing is poor."

Three years ago, the Atlantic Salmon Federation had its annual conference on the Margaree. The river was low, fishing was just about non-existent, and writers from the slick magazines were hard put to write about the river.

That fall, the river produced some great fishing, and the writers returned then and the following year to write glowing reports as to how easy it was to catch Atlantic salmon on the river.

Anyone who has fished Atlantic salmon will tell you it is an iffy thing at best, and each year is a different year as far as fish return to a river. Witness, in fact, three excellent salmon fishermen I know who went fishless for two weeks on the river this year. These men are pros, but that's the way salmon fishing is.

However, these writers made salmon fishing seem like a lead pipe cinch.

One man in particular had informed me last year that he had caught and released six salmon in three days. I pressed me no end, until one of his companions informed me that he hadn't caught a fish at all up to the time I saw him. His article read, "I fish in four days, and made it sound like the fish couldn't wait to hit his fly."

Another one of the outdoor writer wrote an article with so many inaccuracies about the river, we regulars wondered if he'd even made it to Cape Breton.

Results of these articles?

For openers, the river gets crowded with people (a lot of novice salmon fishermen) who think they are going to have a field day catching salmon. Not so. And a lot of people go home unhappy.

The other side of the coin is worse. A river like the Margaree cannot stand over-crowding. Boats get mobbed, litter abounds, courtesy goes by the board, and the ambience is spoiled.

The same thing happened right close to home a few years back. A young man who wanted to see his name in print, and a fairly new fly fisherman to boot, wrote a glowing article for a national magazine about the Wilmamantic River right here in our own state.

Anyone who knows the river, knows that it is small, the fishing pretty well put and take, and come the end of July and August, the river becomes a trickle and trout fishing is practically zilch.

The opening of the season after the article appeared, one almost needed numbered tickets to get near the trout management area on the river. Cars with license plates from Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, and even Vermont were seen in the parking area. It was a joke, and anglers went away angry, both visitors and us New-megs.

So please, any embryonic outdoor writers out there, tell it like it is, not the way you wish it to be.

Joe Garman, a Manchester resident for many years, is a recognized authority on the subject of ham-fry rods, and the sport of fly fishing.

Bird set to return as NBA opens

By Bill Barnard
The Associated Press

Larry Bird's season as a cheerleader is over. His return as one of the NBA's top players began tonight.

The Boston Celtics, who didn't clinch the last spot in the playoffs until the final game of the season, were 7-1 in exhibitions as Bird returned after missing all but six games in 1988-89 because of foot and back injuries. Bird struggled, however, leaving question marks about his future as a team prepared for the season opener against Milwaukee.

"I haven't played as much as I'd like," Bird said. "I get going and I come out of the game and I get going again and I come out. I've struggled a lot more in this preseason than I have in any preseason I can remember."

"I'm not getting the minutes I used to get. So it's something I have to adjust to."

The Celtics, who have won their last 10 home openers, meet a Milwaukee team top-heavy with backcourt strength and problems up front. Forward Terry Cummings was traded to San Antonio and forwards Greg Anderson and Larry Krystkowiak are injured, but the Bucks have guards Alvin Robertson, Ricky Pierce and Jay Humphries, while Paul Pressey moves from guard to forward.

Other season openers tonight include

New York at Detroit, Washington at Charlotte, New Jersey at Miami, the Los Angeles Lakers at Dallas, Indiana at Atlanta, Cleveland at Chicago, Denver at Utah, Minnesota at Seattle, Golden State at Phoenix, Houston at the Los Angeles Clippers and Sacramento at Portland.

Bird, who practices as diligently as anyone, could be hurt from loss of timing than the average player.

"Things flash through my mind that I think's going to happen, and they don't happen," Bird said. "I always said basketball's a reaction game. If I start thinking about how a guy's going to play me, or what they're supposed to do, and they don't do it, it really screws me up. I'm a reaction player."

The Bucks were a surprise last season, winning 49 games in the NBA's toughest division.

The loss of Cummings, who was traded to San Antonio in exchange for Robertson and Anderson, could be the hardest to overcome. Cummings averaged nearly 23 points per game.

"I think it has to come from a team concept where there are two points here, three points there and I believe we'll find a way to get the 110 points we're going to score," Harris said. "We've got a little more speed and quickness and we'll play around the rim a little more frequently than the past teams have."

Auriemma anxious as new season nears

By Len Auster
Manchester Herald

Being on top is one thing, staying there is a completely different story.

The University of Connecticut women's basketball team is climbing to the top of the Big East Conference a year ago, earning its first ever trip to the NCAA Tournament.

Everyone is back from that 24-6 club, but fifth-year Husky coach Geno Auriemma admits to some apprehension as his team prepares for the start of the 1989-90 campaign.

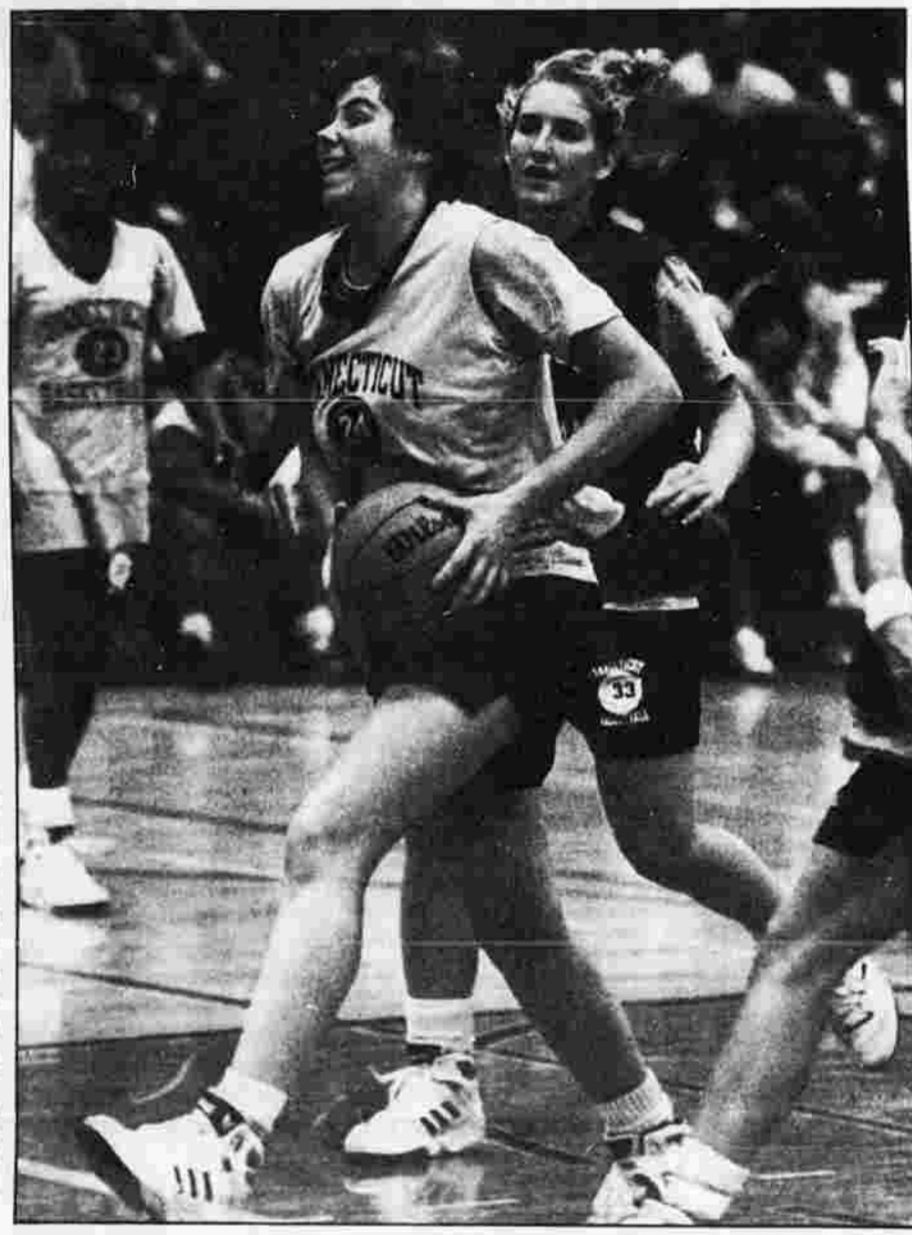
"I should feel pretty good, but for whatever reason I'm a little apprehensive," Auriemma said prior to Thursday night's Blue-White scrimmage at Manchester High School's Clarke Arena.

"I'm apprehensive because this is a different team from last year although we have everybody back," Auriemma, dressed in an Indian red sweater, said. "I don't know what the success from last year will mean. Will they take it for granted that we'll be successful again this year?"

UConn won the Big East regular season at 15-2, and swept through three opponents to take the Big East Tournament championship, too. The Huskies did so, without any seniors on the squad.

Connecticut won't sneak up on anyone this year. "In the beginning we may have snuck up on people," Auriemma said, "but as the year went along as we gained more and more confidence, it became kind of like a snowball."

"We were impossible to stop because the kids had so much confidence," Auriemma is concerned that his team's progress is being impeded by injury. Four of his 15-man roster were in street clothes



Reginald Pinn/Manchester Herald

for the scrimmage because of injuries. "Not everyone is together and it's kind of a distraction," he said. Three of the four on the injured list are freshmen.

"Fortunately we have kids who know the system and we're not in the position where we need them to come in right away. But the freshmen are losing a lot of teaching that goes on."

Auriemma, 1988-89 conference coach of the year, is aware repeating as champs will be more difficult than getting there.

"The reason is because as you get better the things you need to improve on become smaller and smaller and kids sometimes think the little things are not that important. But you have to work all the time to get better," he said.

HUSKY NOTES: UConn launches its season on Nov. 25 at the Iowa Hawkeyes Classic. Its first round opponent is Penn State. It makes its home debut at the Field House on Nov. 29 against Holy Cross. Junior Kerry Bascom was Big East Conference Player of the Year. Big East Tournament MVP and a Kodak All-Star I All-America a year ago. She averaged 22.6 points and 8.2 rebounds a game. But she's just seen she was writing in pain after a collision in the NCAA game with LaSalle. She's fine now. "It was one of those sprains, strains that hurt a lot for a short period of time. Unfortunately, it was 10 minutes where we didn't need it," Auriemma said. "The only healthy freshman is 6-3 Kathy Ferrier out of Bristol Eastern. UConn led the country in three-point field goal percentage (37.7 of 206, 46.3 percent) a year ago. Auriemma thinks his club can lead the Big East in attendance this year. "As we get good, I'm hoping the word will spread that (UConn women's basketball) is something to see."

Indians looking for victory versus Public

By Jim Tierney
Manchester Herald

It has been quite awhile since a local football team has won a game this season. Actually, it was Sept. 23 when Manchester High beat Bulkeley, 27-6, for its only win of the year. Manchester has since lost five straight games.

Meanwhile, witness East Catholic has struggled throughout.

The Indians hope to change directions Saturday afternoon at 1:30 when they host CCC East foe Hartford Public (0-5-1) at Memorial Field. East (0-7) will travel to Trumbull to take on highly regarded St. Joseph's (6-1), formerly the No. 1 ranked team in the state.

Manchester is coming off a good effort, falling 23-12 to unbeaten Enfield. Public is coming off its first game of the season, dropping a 29-20 decision to unbeaten Fermoil High of Enfield. In that game, the Owls intercepted Fermoil quarterback Rob Burns six times.

Public is led by quarterback Eric Shorter, who threw for 256 yards (18-for-33) and two touchdowns against Fermoil and 6-7 wide receiver Harvey Kendall.

"We're not going against an undefeated team for the first time in five weeks," Manchester coach Mike Masse said. "The skilled positions, that's what makes them dangerous. (Public coach) John LaPlante has done a super job turning them around. They're more disciplined. This season has been a journey for us. We had another good week of practice. They could've cashed it in awhile ago. Concentration and poise is the key for us."

Masse said junior Jason Dixon will start in the backfield along with senior Steve Joyner. Terry Perry should see his first action since suffering an injury in the Rockville game two weeks ago.

St. Joseph's, ranked sixth in the state poll, is coming off a 35-6 win over Notre Dame of Fairfield while East dropped a 41-17 decision to previously winless Northwest Catholic of West Hartford.

"If we play like this (against St. Joe's), the score will be double it was today," East coach Leo Facchini said after the Northwest defeat. The lone bright spot for the Eagles last week was junior quarterback Eric Vibberts, who completed 8 of 17 passes for 169 yards. East gained a total of three rushing yards against Northwest.

Henderson after big money

By Ronald Blum
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rickey Henderson wants to return to the Oakland Athletics — for a price.

Henderson, the star of the American League playoffs and a co-star of the World Series, filed for free agency Thursday, five days after the A's completed a four-game sweep of the San Francisco Giants.

"I would say that all things being equal, Rickey certainly would like to stay in Oakland and finish his career there," Richie Bry, Henderson's agent, said Thursday. "His home is there and his family is there."

But there is a big but. "This may be his last major contract," Bry said, "and so he has to capitalize on it for his family."


Henderson, selected Most Valuable Player of the American League playoffs, returned to Oakland on June 20 in a trade with the New York Yankees. Henderson rejected a \$7.2 million, three-year offer from the Yankees before being traded to Oakland. He is believed to be asking for more than \$3 million a year.

"I have a meeting scheduled with Sandy Lerner on the 15th of November in San Francisco," Bry said.



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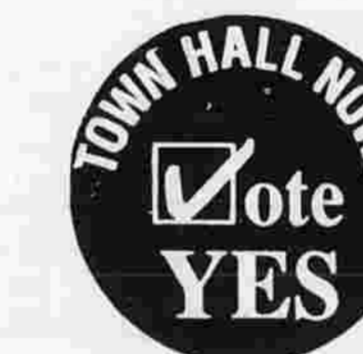
MARCHING ORDERS — Bolton High girls' soccer coach Mike Landolph offers some instruction during a game earlier in the year. Landolph's Bulldogs were in the COC title game against Rocky Hill High today at 2:15 p.m. at RIHAM High in Hebron. Bolton has a 12-4 record while Rocky Hill goes in at 11-5. They met once during the season with the Terriers taking a 4-0 decision.



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NATION & WORLD

Pension bill for North advances

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House must decide whether to go along with a Senate vote to reinstate Oliver North's \$23,000 annual pension, revoked after he was sentenced for illegally shredding documents in the Iran-Contra scandal.

"Let the vendetta end," said Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., whose bill to restore North's pension was approved by the Senate late Thursday on a 78-17 vote. "Oliver North has been punished enough."

But despite that plea, the debate over whether to give North back his retirement pay dredged up bitter partisan feelings stemming from President Reagan's efforts to give North a key role — to evade congressional restrictions and fund the Contra war in Nicaragua.

"We are asked to bend the law for someone who broke the law," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. "North's defense was that he was just following orders. But we settled that issue at Nuremberg," a reference to trials of Nazis involved in World War II atrocities.

The issue now goes to the House, where similar legislation has been introduced but yet no action.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Joseph Biden, D-Del., said he would vote to put North in jail if he could. But he dropped his opposition to the retirement-pay measure after Helms modified it to apply not just to North, but to any military officer who may later be convicted of shredding documents.

"Even a felon deserves equal treatment under the law," Biden said. "I might want Oliver North protesting me in a foboke, but I wouldn't want Oliver North teaching my son or daughter ethics."

Senators ignored warnings from colleagues like Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., who said the move would set a bad precedent and invite future congressional tampering with criminal cases.

"We should not on this floor change that sentence anyone than we should for Zea Zea Gabor," Simon argued.

North, a Marine lieutenant colonel, lost his retirement pay after he was sentenced July 5 to 1,200 hours of community service and a \$150,000 fine on three felony counts. He is appealing the convictions.

One of the counts, shredding government documents, stipulates that anyone convicted "forfeit his office" with the U.S. government.



SENTENCED FOR MURDERS — Former nursing home aide Gwendolyn Graham listens with her attorney as she is sentenced Thursday in Grand Rapids, Mich., to six life sentences for killing five patients and conspiring to kill a sixth at a nursing home in Walker, Mich. Her convicted accomplice and lesbian lover, Catherine Wood, testified Graham told her that suffocating the patients helped her "relieve tension."

Salvador rebels suspend talks

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Leftist guerrillas suspended peace talks with the rightist government after accusing the president of complicity in the bombing of a union hall. Thousands of unionists buried slain companions and vowed revenge.

"Because the color of blood is never forgotten, our slain companions will be avenged!" the unionists shouted Thursday as they marched through the downtown area.

Many carried wreaths and banners denouncing President Alfredo Cristiani's government.

The Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front said Thursday it had "suspended our participation" in peace talks. Rebel and government representatives were scheduled to meet Nov. 20 in Caracas, Venezuela.

The suspension came in a week of rapidly escalating violence and two days after a terrorist bomb killed 10 people and wounded 29 others at a

leftist labor federation. Guerrilla commander Eduardo Suencho telephoned a local radio station to read a rebel communique.

The rebels said they had evidence that the bombing of a hall belonging to the National Federation of Salvadoran Workers was the decision of military chief of staff Col. Rene Ponce, "had the authorization of President Cristiani and was executed by Col. Elena Fuentes," commander of the San Salvador-based 1st Army Brigade.

"The rebels did not describe the nature of their evidence. El Salvador observed the Day of the Dead holiday Thursday, and no government spokesperson was available to respond to the guerrilla ac-

cusation. The two-day holiday honors the deceased. Cristiani, in an address Tuesday night, condemned the bombing as terrorism and pledged an investigation.

Several thousand people took part in a funeral procession for six of those killed in Tuesday's bombing. The four other victims were buried separately by their families.

"Death to D'Aubusson!" chanted the marchers, referring to Roberto D'Aubusson, founder and honorary president of Cristiani's Republican Nationalist Alliance, or Arena.

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Repetitive motion pain is accepted by Chrysler

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Chrysler Corp. agrees to pay \$45,350 in fines and work toward reducing metal disorders that result from repetitive motions performed by workers at its assembly plants, the Labor Department says.

The agreement among Chrysler, the United Auto Workers union and the Labor Department was announced Thursday.

The medical problems at issue are called cumulative trauma disorders. Though going by various names, they all originate in constantly repeated motions.

Perhaps the best known is carpal tunnel syndrome, wrist pain found among people who use computer typewriter keyboards.

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Oldest dinosaur 'puny'

CHICAGO (AP) — The oldest dinosaur may have been shorter than former basketball star Wilt Chamberlain and lighter than football star William "Refrigerator" Perry.

It was puny for a dinosaur. It scampers along on the toes of its rear feet but had "large claws on its forelimbs, used to grasp prey," said University of Chicago paleontologist Paul Sereno.

More importantly, Sereno and other scientists said Thursday they believe the first drawing of the ancient Herreriasaurus may reveal important clues into the evolution of dinosaurs.

"Before, only a few bones of Herreriasaurus were known," said Sereno. "Now, we have everything."

"Basically we have the first relatively complete idea of what the primitive form of the dinosaur looks like. This will help us in trying to figure out the pathways of evolution that proceeded over

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Budget stalemate broken by Bush

President drops his campaign to reduce the capital gain tax

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Father-in-law needs to wise up

DEAR ABBY: My father-in-law is my problem. I have been 15 to 20 pounds overweight most of my life and am self-conscious about it. Whenever I am around my father-in-law, he comments on how much and what I eat, and calls me insulting names such as "Fats," "Hippo," etc.

At first I just let it pass, but after a while it got on my nerves, so I told him how much this hurt me and asked him to please stop. He said, "Well, you'll just have to get used to it."

My attitude toward my father-in-law is at the point now where I can no longer tolerate his insulting behavior, and I don't enjoy being in his company. My husband is an only child and family ties are important to him. We have one child and are expecting another. I'd ask my husband to speak to his father about this, but I'm afraid my father-in-law would resent my coming between him and his son.

What's your advice, Abby? I honestly don't know how to handle this.

HAD ENOUGH
Obviously, you are either unable or unwilling to stand up for yourself, so I suggest you deliver the following message to your husband:

"I have asked your father to please stop his insulting comments about my weight, and he told me that I would just have to get used to it. Well, I'm not willing to 'get used to it,' so I am asking you to please tell your father how I feel because I have had enough, and no longer enjoy being in his company."

I hope your husband is man enough to speak to his father in your defense.

DEAR ABBY: I need to know how much I'm worth. My husband and I differ about the value of a housewife/mother. We have two teenagers (our son is 17 and our daughter is 15).

I do all the marketing, cooking, cleaning, laundry, yard work and chauffeuring our daughter. (Our son has had his own car for nearly a year.)

My husband has a great job that nets him \$70,000 a year, but he wants me to go back to working a full-time job outside the home.

When I did work outside the home, I was totally stressed out trying to hold down an office job — then coming home to all the domestic chores. I was an emotional wreck.

My husband works hard all day, then he comes home to do absolutely nothing. He fixes himself a drink, sits in an easy chair and reads the paper while I prepare dinner. Don't suggest that he help with the housework — he flatly refuses.

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What am I worth today?

M.G. IN SETTLE
DEAR M.G.: Since the cost of living has tripled since 1972, tell your husband you're worth approximately \$53,000 a year.

(P.S. If you're a virtuous woman, the good book says, your price is above rubies.)

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

Avoid surgery for sore throat

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've had a chronic sore throat for 2 1/2 years. A specialist recommended having my vocal cords stripped. Another specialist discouraged this kind of surgery. I live spraying my throat and sucking cough drops day and night. What can be the cause, and what can be done?

DEAR READER: The cause of chronic pharyngitis (sore throat) can be a problem to diagnose. It can be caused by virus infection, allergies and air pollution. For example, chronic mononucleosis is characterized by throat redness and swollen glands in the neck, with or without tonsillitis; it is diagnosed by a blood test.

Postnasal drip from allergies, such as allergic rhinitis, can cause long-standing throat irritation, because the tissues of the throat are inflamed by the constant drainage. Cigarette smoke and other air pollutants, such as smog, also cause chronic sore throat.

I agree with your second doctor that a vocal-cord operation would not solve your problem. I think you should see an otolaryngologist, a specialist in disorders of the ears, nose and throat. After a careful examination and testing, such a doctor should be able to discover the cause of your symptoms and suggest treatment. In the meantime, if you smoke tobacco or any other drug, stop.

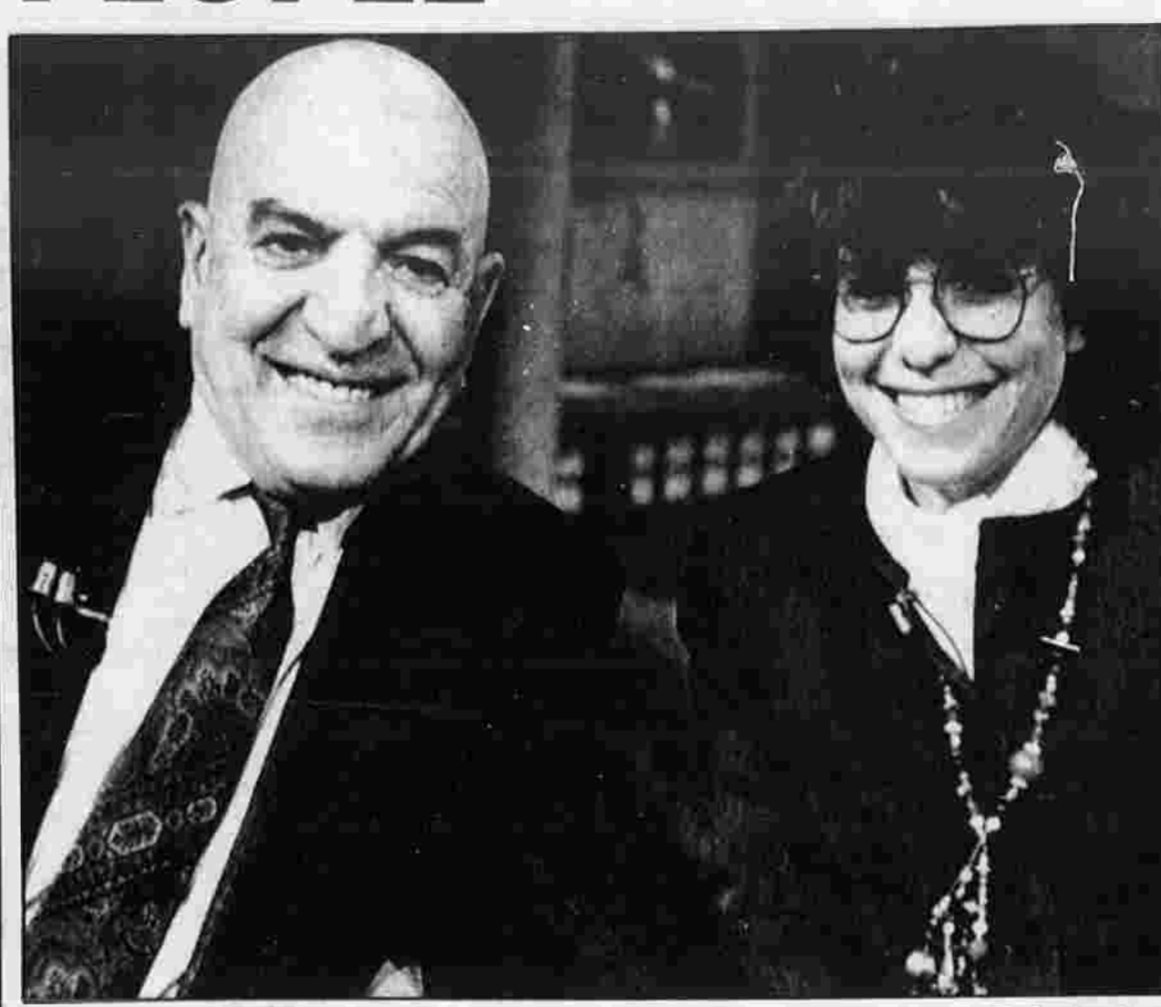
For more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Help 1 — Physical Illness."

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 62 years old and underwent surgery for a hydrocele. Can you tell me what this is, what causes it and the best treatment? I had a similar problem two years ago, which the doctor denied, and wonder why it returned.

DEAR READER: A hydrocele is a benign cyst, containing fluid, next to a testicle. It occurs from an excessive accumulation of lymph fluid beneath the testicular covering and does not require therapy, unless it enlarges and causes discomfort.

Treatment consists of surgical excision; the fluid and the tissue around it are removed. In the past, doctors would simply drain the cyst and leave the covering. This was not a satisfactory solution, as the fluid re-accumulated with time. Complete surgical excision is the preferred treatment, because it is permanent.

PEOPLE



TELLY AND DAUGHTER — Actor Telly Savalas appeared Thursday on ABC's "Good Morning America" with his daughter Candace Savalas. She will play his secretary in the resurrection of his television series "Kojak" which premieres Saturday as the season opener for "The ABC Saturday Mystery Movie."

Flynn a guest at 'Cheers'

BOSTON (AP) — Art imitated life and the art of politics when Mayor Raymond Flynn made a cameo performance playing himself in "Cheers," the situation comedy set in a tavern in Boston's Beacon Hill section.

On a program that aired Thursday, Flynn, plaque in hand and a television news crew in tow, strode into the bar festooned with balloons and jammed with people celebrating the warlock's 100th anniversary.

The crowd on the show includes a barber shop quartet that sings too much, a doctor going into labor, a 106-year-old man who pinches young women.

The mayor, who in real life instituted a poebole hot line, listens patiently as someone complains about potatoes and promises to look into them. But when he discovers the position on the show is the man who writes him weekly missives suggesting how to run the city, he has the postman arrested.

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Soap opera stars want protection of abortion

NEW YORK (AP) — A group of soap opera stars joined Molly Yard, president of the National Organization for Women, and some Brooklyn high school students at a news conference calling for the protection of abortion rights.

Margaret Reed, who plays Shannon McKelch on "As the World Turns," was joined at a news conference by co-star Sherry Ramsey, Rena Sofer from "Loving," and Michelle Roberts, Patrick O'Connell, Gil Rogers and Vince Williams from "Guiding Light."

The actors are members of Daytime for Choice, which includes about 30 soap stars.

"We feel a group of actors on daytime television who feel compelled to speak out in defense of our constitutional right to privacy and reproductive choice, which includes the right to choose whether or not to terminate a pregnancy," Reed said.

"She said many in the group plan to attend a rally in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 15."

Reed said she did not fear a backlash from viewers because "we know from all the polls that the majority of Americans feels this way."

Sandwich named after the Smothers Brothers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hollywood star No. 1, 1902 went to Tom and Dick Smothers, and a sandwich was created in their name at a delicatessen on Hollywood Boulevard.

More than 300 family, friends and fans cheered the famous siblings as they unveiled the star Thursday in front of the Hollywood Deli, which dedicated a sandwich in their honor called "The Smothers Brothers Better Half Sandwich."

Half the sandwich features "Tommy's favorite: Pat Tommy grill pulled on sourdough served with au jus gravy, and half of Dick's favorite: A beautiful combination of fresh sliced turkey on whole wheat."

"Ernie" as she is known to those who follow the royal family, is pregnant with her second child by Britain's Prince Andrew. But the Duke of York was unable to accompany her during the trip, the British Embassy said Thursday.

"He doesn't have to go everywhere with her," embassy spokesman Francis Cornish said. "Fortunately, the royal family is in pretty high demand. In many cases, it makes a lot more sense to split up rather than go hand-in-hand around the continents of the world."

The duchess attended the student rehearsal at the Houston High School for the Performing and Visual Arts and met faculty and students.

Today, after ceremonies at Houston City Hall with Mayor Kathy Whitmire, the duchess was to visit the Mission Control.

The highlight of the trip are the operas — "Mikado" on tonight and "New Year" on Sunday night — performed at the new Wortham Theater Center.

NBC's 'Cross of Fire' is heavy cross to bear

By Jay Sharbutt
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — On Sunday night and again on Monday, NBC will air "Cross of Fire," a two-part tale of a particularly evil Ku Klux Klan leader in Indiana. It's current. Badly written, too.

Let us put it another way. If you heard a character in a form of serious TV drama say "there's lawlessness and loose morals right here in Indiana," would you stay tuned?

NBC's work of serious TV drama tells of the rise in the 1920s of a young, handsome, rich Indianapolis Klansman who denies he is bigoted, likewise the Klan. He insists that each only wants morality, prohibition and patriotism.

A gifted recruiter, he swells Klan membership rolls with such talk. He also is, in his stiff way, crazed with love for a beautiful state education worker who only wants to help the children of black migrant workers learn to read.

With John Heard as the Klansman and Mel Harris as the educator, the film also is, in theory, a drama about how the Klan, masking hatred of blacks, Jews and Catholics, once became a strong political force in America.

Based on what NBC calls the true story of Klan leader and political boss D.C. Stephenson and occasionally using old newsreel clips of Klan parades and seemingly benign deeds, this could have been a good two-hour movie.

But that would have required a decision to either concentrate on the Klan's rise or on Stephenson — whom this film eventually shows as a sham, a drunk and a sadist, one who kidnaps the woman he professes to love and so viciously abuses her after the kidnapping that she takes poison.

Instead, NBC's epic, written by Robert Harris' Madge Oberholzer and directed by Robert F. Coote, is a sprawling, two-hour film that includes a live broadcast of the Klan's rise and a concluding chapter of courtroom melodrama that features Lloyd Bridges as the crafty old defense lawyer.

Sylvia Porter

Take precautions with computers

A California teenager recently used his home computer to hook up to credit accounts at Citibank and before he was caught, he moved thousands of dollars around, taking much of the money for himself.

A few weeks ago, a Long Island teen worked out a way to use his computer to crack the files at Grumman, the defense contractor.

For much of the last year, and part of this year, West German computer hobbyists ran wild in U.S. Department of Defense computers, acquiring thousands of secret documents. What had begun as a lark quickly became an enormous spy scandal.

"You'd imagine that places like the Defense Department would do more to protect their data," says Doug McIlroy of the technical staff at Bell Laboratories. "It doesn't seem to have worked out that way, though."

More and more of our most sensitive information is stored in computer memory banks. For example, when you make a bank deposit, it rapidly becomes bits and bytes in a computer.

In fact, the Federal Reserve estimates that at any given moment most of the country's financial resources exist in the form of computer entries. Those entries just don't represent money — they are money.

Failing to maintain stringent computer security is today's equivalent of walking away from the bank and leaving the vault wide open. The amount of damage that can be done is enormous.

Even if you aren't a computer user yourself, you are at risk. Computer experts are working long hours trying to figure out better ways of keeping data secure. Until then, you must beware.

"There are a number of common-sense approaches people should take," says Russ Glover of Bell Labs, one of the country's biggest technology think tanks.

Among them is the simplest of expedients: When you make a bank deposit or withdrawal, when you charge an item to a credit card, when you use a cash machine — save the receipt. Compare it to your bank statement or credit card bill, make sure your bank balance matches what you think it should be.

"These are precautions you should be taking anyway, but today they are more important than ever."

"Most bank accounts are accessed by four-digit numbers," explains McIlroy. "There are only 10,000 possible combinations. That means that a fairly talented person with a computer could simply guess a number that works for one of many accounts."

If such a person doesn't find much in the account, it's always possible to make return visits, and take the money when the balance is more attractive. It's a time bomb.

"Many people — and the number is growing — conduct much of their banking and investment business from home computers. This means that others, by pressing the right combination of keys, can gain access to their bank accounts and investment portfolios."

Today in History

Today is Friday, Nov. 3, the 307th day of 1989. There are 58 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History

Twenty-five years ago, on Nov. 3, 1964, President Johnson soundly defeated Republican challenger Barry Goldwater to win a White House term in his own right.

On this date:

In 1839, 150 years ago, the first Opium War between Great Britain and China erupted as two British frigates and a fleet of war junks clashed off the Chinese coast.

In 1868, Republican Ulysses S. Grant won the presidential election over Democrat Seymour (Copperhead) R. Johnson.

In 1896, Republican William McKinley defeated Democrat William Jennings Bryan for the presidency.

In 1901, the first automobile show in the United States opened at New York's Madison Square Garden under the auspices of the Automobile Club of America.

In 1903, Panama proclaimed its independence from Colombia.

In 1908, Republican William Howard Taft was elected the 27th president of the United States, outpolling William Jennings Bryan.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won a landslide victory over Republican challenger Alfred M. "Alf" Landon.

In 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik II, the second man-made satellite, into orbit, carrying a dog named Laika.

In 1970, Salvador Allende was inaugurated president of Chile.

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