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MHS girls hold off Hall

By Jim Tierney
Manchester Herald

Some anxious moments were in store for Manchester High girls' basketball coach Joe DePasqua after his Indians experienced a scoring drought of 5:16 in the fourth quarter of Friday night's season opener versus Hall High of West Hartford at Clarke Arena.

However, in the final minute of play, Manchester's Jen Brindisi and Jodi Widmer each converted a pair of free throws as the Indians came away with a 43-33 non-league victory.

Manchester will next travel cross-town to meet rival East Catholic Tuesday night at 7. Hall is 0-1.

After a 15-footer by senior Cheryl Fowler (11 points) to open the final eight minutes, giving Manchester its biggest lead of the game at 36-25, the Indians' next field goal came with 2:06 left. Amy Shumaker (eight points) followed up a missed free throw by Tricia O'Connell and Manchester led, 38-31.

Fortunately for Manchester, which was 2-for-13 from the field in the fourth quarter, Hall also was cold in the shooting department. The visiting Warriors were 2-for-11 in the final stanza.

"Our goal is to keep everybody under 40 points," DePasqua said. "I kept saying that and I think we forgot about us scoring (in the fourth quarter). We just went cold. I think everybody was real tight. Hall is always a close game."

Brindisi, who had a team-high 12 points, scored six of her eight second-half markers in the third period as Manchester increased its slim 20-19 halftime edge to 34-25 after three quarters.

Hall committed 16 of its 27 turnovers in the first half. Manchester only turned the ball over a total of 13 times.

DePasqua cited the play of Shumaker in the middle. "Amy Shumaker played a great defensive game," he said. "They were going back door on us and I told her to sag into the middle. And she was just picking off passes and that's what got us the lead."

The closest Hall would get in the fourth was 36-31 after a free throw by Nikki Schuler (game-high 16 points) with 2:31 left.

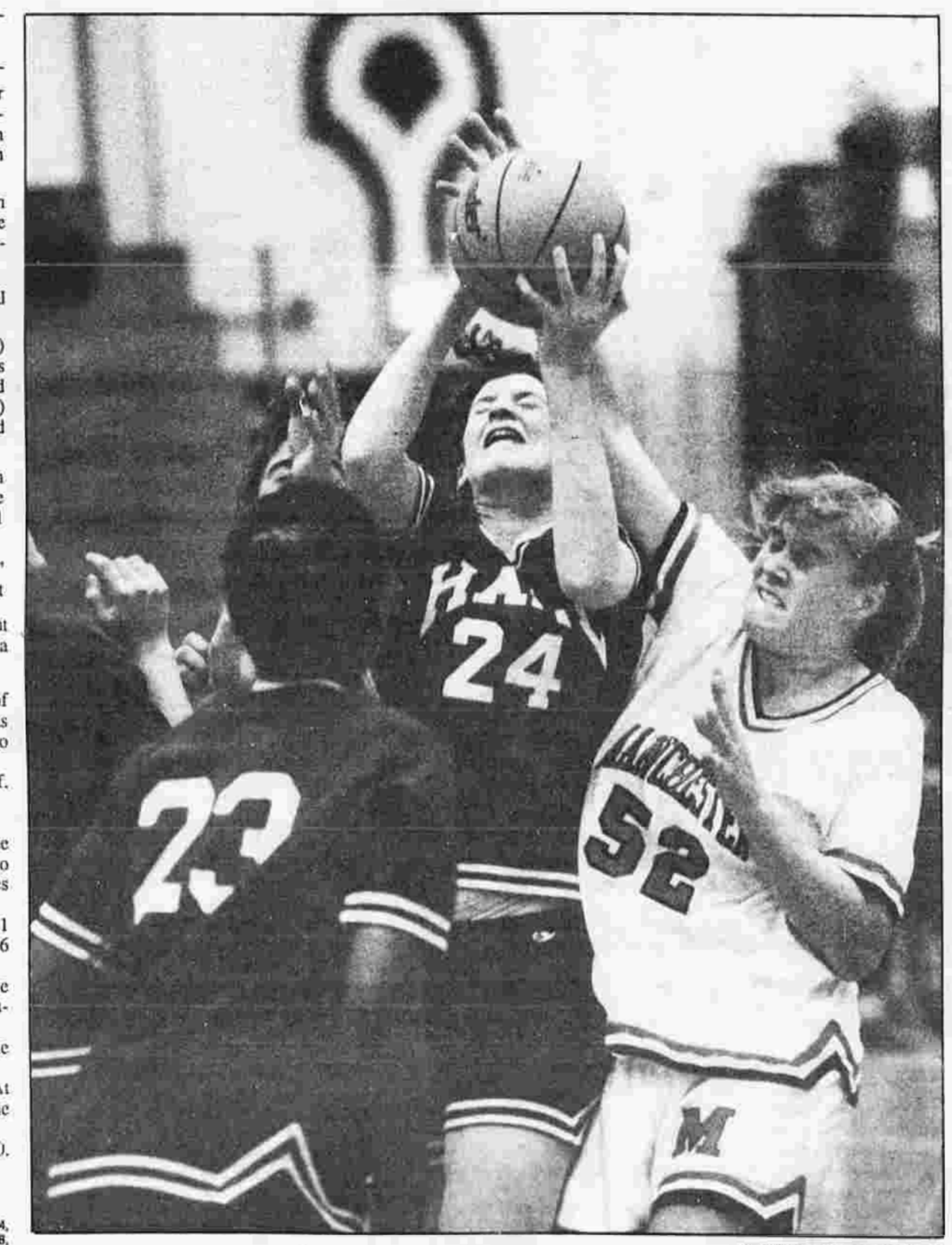
"Hall's a good team," DePasqua said. "They have decent size. Right now we don't have size with our injuries."

Kathy King (6-0), Shelly Dieterle (5-11) and Julie Holmes are all sidelined with injuries to the Indians.

"Everyone contributed," DePasqua summarized. "At the end, we hit our foul shots and that's the name of the game."

Manchester also took the junior varsity contest, 35-10. Patsy Hornbostel led the young Indians with 10 points.

MANCHESTER (43) — Cheryl Fowler 4 2-2 11, Jodi Widmer 1 2-2 4, Tricia O'Connell 2 1-1 5, Jen Brindisi 4 4-6 12, Amy Shumaker 4 6-0 8, Tierney Dumas 1 1-4 5, Cheryl O'Connell 0 0-0 0, Patsy Hornbostel 0 0-0 0. Total 18 10-21 40.
HALL (25) — Rachel Smith 0 2-2 2, Nikki Schuler 7 2-4 16, Katie Gallagher 1 1-4 3, Anita Rosenberg 2 3-6 7, Debbie Cohn 1 1-7 3, Michelle Robinson 0 0-0 0, Colleen Conn 0 0-0 0, Jill Michalek 1 0-2 2. Total 12 9-25 33.
*Points gratis: M. Fowler, Halftime: Manchester 20-19.



WHOSE BALL — Manchester High's Amy Shumaker, right, closes her eyes as she tries to get a grip on the basketball along with Hall High's Anita Rosenberg (24) during Friday's 1989-90 opener for both schools at Clarke Arena. Shumaker had eight points in the Indians' 43-33 victory.



HO-HO-OOPS — These two youngsters don't find anything amusing about the man in the funny red suit. Ashley and Samantha Jahnke of Andover went to visit Santa at Center Springs Park Friday, but it was less than a happy experience.

High court won't hear seat belt case

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Iowa woman battling her state's mandatory seatbelt law lost a Supreme Court appeal today.

The justices, without comment, refused to hear Linda Diane Clark's arguments that the law, similar to those in most states, violates her constitutional rights.

Mrs. Clark, a Marshaltown housewife, was ticketed April 26, 1988 for not wearing a seatbelt while teaching her daughter how to drive the family car.

The violation carries a \$10 fine. With court costs, Mrs. Clark faced paying \$21.50.

Challenging her jury-trial conviction through the Iowa courts and to the Supreme Court has cost her about \$1,000 so far. Mrs. Clark said in a recent telephone interview, "Mrs. Clark acted as her own lawyer throughout the unsuccessful court fight."

The Iowa Supreme Court ruled in another case that the state law is constitutional, and spent just two paragraphs in upholding Mrs. Clark's conviction last Sept. 18.

In the appeal acted on today, Mrs. Clark said, "This case provides the court with an opportunity to delineate the boundaries of state action as regards inalienable rights of the individual citizens."

Arguing that the safety of wearing seatbelts is questionable, Mrs. Clark's appeal said, "When state regulation causes injury and death by an unproven speculative measure of safety, a justiciable controversy exists."

Mrs. Clark told The Associated Press she believes her right to travel and her right to be free from unnecessary government regulation is violated by the seatbelt law.

"In a free country, they can't do that," she said.

Mrs. Clark said she has no doubt the time and money invested in her court case was well spent.

Program encourages understanding

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

When the grant money used to sponsor a program designed to increase multicultural awareness in Manchester schools dried up in the late 1970s, the program didn't.

The school administration and Board of Education were so pleased with the work of the multicultural staff that they decided to continue funding the program through the town's own education budget.

But without the federal contributions, the staff had to be cut back to one position, the multicultural director.

Today that position is still very important, says Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Personnel Wilson E. Deakin Jr. "If you believe in a pluralistic society — and that's what we have — and people getting along and working together, then this is something we have to work at in the schools."

In the Manchester school system about 13.5 percent of the students are minorities. Including the almost 100 students based into town from Hartford, 924 of the total student population of 6,837 are non-whites.

Deakin said these statistics reveal a drastic change from when he came to Manchester about 20 years ago. In 1970, the minority population was less than 2 percent.

And with these demographic changes come problems, and one of the primary functions of the multicultural director is to solve the problems that arise in an integrated school system. Lou Irvin, a former college and semi-professional football player, has that job.

Working with Manchester's high school and junior high school students since 1981, Irvin has earned an excellent reputation. "You talk to him about emotional subjects, and you don't get an emotional response," says Deakin. "You get a professional response."

A graduate of Hampton and Virginia State universities, Irvin works in many ways to reach the goal of multi-cultural harmony within the schools. Some of the tasks include:

- Coordinate the Project Concern program which brings more than 20 minority students — mostly black — from Hartford into the Manchester schools.
- Acting as an ombudsman for minority students having problems in the schools.
- Disseminating information about different ethnicities and cultures.
- Aiding the schools in recruiting minority teachers.

Irvin, who is black, helps minority students mostly in small groups or individually. He says his function is to try to solve whatever problems they may have. "Anything from when a kid has difficulty attending school, to problems with teachers, to problems at home," he said.

Deakin said, "He has become so effective at this, that it's not unusual to see white kids in his office."

Irvin said he spends some of his time in what he calls "crisis intervention." This includes settling disputes between students or between teachers and students. "Anytime anything happens that could be construed as a racial incident, I am empowered by the superintendent to chase, intercept, and sort out whatever it is."

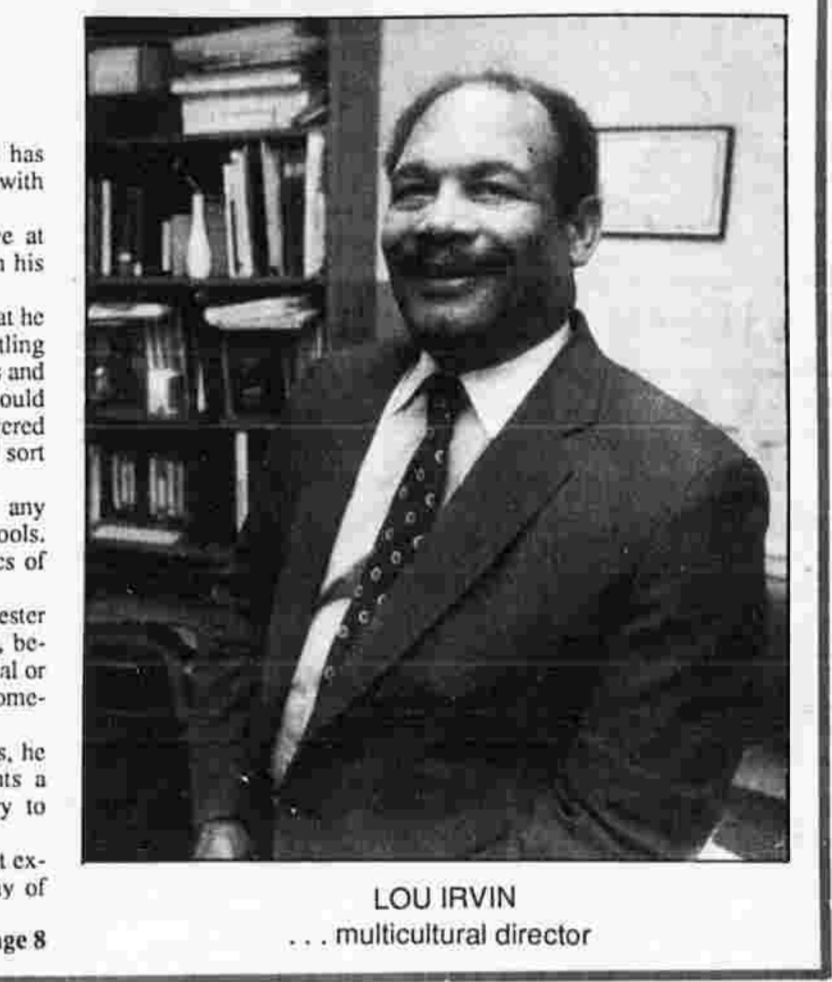
However, Irvin said, he is not aware of any recent racially motivated incidents in the schools. And he has not been asked to record statistics of such cases.

The schools keep no statistics, said Manchester High School Vice Principal Barbara Quinby, because it is difficult to classify incidents as racial or non-racial. To find out why someone does something is not simple.

Irvin says rather than dwelling on statistics, he takes a positive approach when he confronts a problem. "The climate is one where we try to evaluate it."

Racism does exist in the schools here, but it exists everywhere, he said, and there is no way of preventing it.

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LOU IRVIN ... multicultural director

Lights, sound, action: Directors to be on TV

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

Members of the Board of Directors can set their sights on Hollywood now that the town administration is planning arranging televising their meetings on cable television.

Town Manager Richard Sartor has announced a time has already been set to televise the new board's first organizational meeting, last month's swearing in ceremony. The videotaped program will be aired at 6 p.m. Dec. 21 and 28 on Cox Cable's public access channel 13.

Sartor, who is familiar with televising town governmental meetings from his days as South Windsor's town manager, says board members are urging him to arrange the broadcasting of their regular meetings.

"This should have been done before," said Democratic Town Director Stephen T. Casano. "We have been extremely lax."

Televising the meetings will have many advantages and disadvantages, Casano said. "The people who watch three or four of these programs are going to know whose prepared. If I sit there and say nothing and do nothing, then people will know I'm not prepared." With meetings on television, "nine directors will be prepared."

Presently, he said, only the 10 to 20 people who regularly attend meetings and those who read the newspaper accounts know about the politicians and administrators who work for them. "We now operate in a vacuum."

Asked if broadcasting the meetings will be on TV, page 8

Crash injuries deplete family's resources

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

In June of 1988 "Bill" was in an automobile accident and sustained spinal damage and multiple head, face and leg fractures.

The injuries left him unable to work.

In October he almost died from spinal meningitis, caused by leaking spinal fluid.

Separated from his family (wife and two small children) by the long ordeal, "Bill" has progressed to living with an uncle and daily checks by visiting nurses.

Without money he can only dream of re-establishing a home for himself and family, but he hopes to spend Christmas with them.

Donations to aid "Bill," his family and over 440 other Manchester/Bolton needy families, can be mailed to MACC Seasonal Sharing, Box 773, Manchester.

Non-perishable food, gifts and toys may be left at the fire stations at 53 Center St. and 32 Main St.

Sears' conduct questioned but she denies any bias

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

Democratic Town Committee Chairman Theodore R. Cummings today accused a member of the town Ethics Commission of acting unfairly in connection with a hearing held in September.

Cummings said that commission member Mary Sears acted unethically at a Sept. 7 hearing by not responding to inquiries made by Chairman William FitzGerald as to possible prejudices held by members of the commission in a case involving then Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Alfred Sieffert Sr.

Cummings' comments came on the heels of a request by Sears that the town's Board of Directors investigate whether the Planning Department knew of Sieffert's involvement with Preferred Equities, a business partnership that includes Cummings, Manchester developers Robert F.

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About Town

Overeaters Anonymous to meet

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

Depression discussed

Depression Anonymous, a support group for people suffering from depression, will meet Tuesday at Manchester Community College in the Lowe building at 6:30 p.m. in room 2051.

The group follows the 12-step program modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous. No dues or fees are required. For more information, call Sherry C. at 645-1856.

Diabetes group to meet

The East of the River Diabetes club meets Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Manchester Memorial Hospital. "What happened at Thanksgiving" will be the subject of the talk by Nancy Englehofer, a registered dietitian at the hospital. Meetings are free and are open to anyone interested in learning about diabetes. For more information, call 643-9854.

Group plans party

The Daughters of Isabella will have its annual Christmas party on Tuesday at 6 p.m. at St. Bridget School cafeteria at 80 Main St. Members should bring a \$3 gift. Ida Corrier and Rea Maher and the committee will be hostesses.

Bolton concerts planned

The Bolton High School and Center School Bands will have separate performances this week in the high school gymnasium. The high school band will have its winter concert on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., and the center school band will have its winter concert on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Both concerts are open to the public, and admission is free.

Masons to meet

The Manchester Lodge No. 73 AF & AM will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple for its annual meeting and election of officers for 1990. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Public Meetings

Manchester

Permanent Memorial Day Committee, Lincoln Center pool room, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Education, 45 North School St., 7:30 p.m.

Andover

Westlands Commission, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.
Recreation Committee, Town Office Building, 8 p.m.

Bolton

Public Building Commission, Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Coventry

Board of Education Transportation Committee, Coventry High School, 6:45 p.m.
Board of Education Buildings, Needs and Growth Committee, Coventry High School, Room 28, 7:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.
Finance Committee, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.
Youth Advisory Committee, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.

Lottery

Here are Sunday's lottery results from around New England:

CONNECTICUT
Daily: 9-3-6. Play Four: 7-2-2-0.
MASSACHUSETTS
Daily: 8-4-2-5.

Here are Saturday's lottery results from around New England:

CONNECTICUT
Daily: 4-4-7. Play Four: 7-8-5-9.
MASSACHUSETTS
Daily: 4-7-0-6. Megabucks: 3-6-13-15-26-31.
NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine daily: 0-7-9.
Megabucks: 16-17-19-28-31-39.
RHODE ISLAND
Daily: 2-3-8-8. Lot-O-Bucks: 2-7-14-36-37.

Weather

REGIONAL Weather
Tuesday, December 12
Tonight, a 30 percent chance of light snow early, otherwise mostly cloudy. Low 15 to 20. Tuesday, cloudy and cold. A 50 percent chance of snow in the afternoon. High in the mid 20s. Outlook Wednesday, partly sunny and cold. High in the mid 20s.
A cold front was moving off the New England coast this morning.
Weather summary for Sunday:
Temperature: high of 32, low of 14, mean of 23.
Precipitation: 0.00 inches for the day, 0.05 inches for the month, 53.17 inches for the year.
Temperature extremes for today:
Highest on record, 64, set in 1906.
Lowest on record, minus 6, set in 1958.

Obituaries

Anna Louise Brown

Anna Louise (Bushnell) Brown, 71, of East Hartford, formerly of Manchester, died Sunday (Dec. 10, 1989) after a long illness.

She was born in Williamstown, Dec. 3, 1918, the daughter of the late Dr. Fred F. and Anna (Jacobson) Bushnell and the stepdaughter of the late Fanny (White) Bushnell.

She was a graduate of Manchester High School and the Morse School of Business. Before retiring in December of 1988, she was the office manager for Bill Barry Volkswagen in West Hartford, having been employed previously at other automobile dealerships in the Hartford area. She had been an East Hartford resident since 1967, previously living in Manchester.

She was a member of Center Congregational Church for more than 50 years, a member of the American Business Women's Association of Hartford, the Emblem Club of Manchester, the Manchester Historical Society, the Connecticut Historical Society, and the Temple Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by five nephews, Dr. Richard W. Bushnell, Peter M. Bushnell, and Paul F. Bushnell, all of Manchester; David F. Bushnell of Bolton, and Dr. James M. White of East Berlin, Pa.; two nieces, Dr. Patricia A. White, and Jane E. White, both of Charlotte, Mich.; and a close friend, Sarkis Charanian.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Watkins Funeral Home, 142 E. Center St. Burial will be in Nathan Hale Cemetery, Coventry. Calling hours are Tuesday 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Visiting Nurse and Home Care Association of East Hartford, Inc., 70 Canterbury St., East Hartford 06118, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Nash W. Rowlett

Nash W. Rowlett, 67, of 58 Ashworth St., died Saturday (Dec. 9, 1989) at his home. He was the husband of Mary (Martin) Rowlett.

He was born Aug. 23, 1922 in Corbin, Ky., and had been a Manchester resident since 1952. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Army with the 101st Airborne Division. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, and a recipient of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

Before retiring in 1980, he was employed as a foreman for Pratt & Whitney, where he worked for 30 years.

He was a member of Manchester Lodge No. 73 AF & AM, the Scottish Rite bodies, the Sphinx Temple of Hartford, a member and Past Grand Tall Codar of Nutmeg Forest No. 116, and also a member of the American Legion Post No. 102, and a life member of the VFW in Manchester.

He is also survived by four daughters, Barbara Gagnon of Fairfield, Natalie Ketchum of Escandido, Calif., Donna Dotery and Lisa Diamond, both of Manchester; a brother, Maynard Rowlett in Michigan; five grandchildren; a great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St. Burial with full military honors will be in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. Calling hours are Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. with a Masonic memorial service at 7 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 243 E. Center St.

Margaret Galumboski
Margaret E. (Sacherek) Galumboski, 69, of Marlborough, was born in the Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, West Hartford, Burial will be in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield.

The funeral is Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, 400 Main St. Burial will be in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 243 E. Center St.

Robert H. Cote
Robert H. Cote, 69, of Manchester, husband of Najia (Falconieri) Cote, died Friday (Dec. 8, 1989) at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Augusta, Maine, and had lived in the Hartford area for 50 years. Before retiring, he was employed by the Eastern Trucking Co., East Hartford. He also was a member of Local No. 671, East Hartford.

He is also survived by two sons, Robert L. Cote of Riverside, Calif., and Richard H. Cote of Vernon; two daughters, Renette A. Dewees of Granby, and Lita A. Croft of East Hartford; a brother, three sisters; three grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral is Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, West Hartford, Burial will be in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield.

Police Roundup

Manchester police chased a local man who drove a truck from Manchester to Wethersfield Saturday, and arrested him on charges that include misuse of registration plates, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than four ounces of marijuana, police said.

James N. Martin, 26, of 20 Westland St., was pulling on to downtown Main Street at about 10:45 a.m., when police halted him so that an officer could investigate an expired 1987 emissions sticker on the Ford Bronco he was driving, police said.

Instead of pulling over, Martin headed south on Main Street and increased his speed, passing several cars by driving over the street's median divider line, police said. Police pursued him on Interstate 384 heading west, police said.

Traveling at speeds in excess of 85 miles per hour, police chased Martin onto I-84, then south on to Route 15 and I-91, police said. Martin tried to evade police by passing cars on all sides of the highways, including the breakdown lane, police said.

Martin was caught after state police, who had been alerted to the pursuit by radio, slowed traffic down on I-91, bringing many cars, including the truck Martin was driving, to a halt in Wethersfield, police said. Police searched the vehicle and found a marijuana pipe and some marijuana, police said.

Upon his arrest, Martin said he was trying to evade police because he knew the vehicle he was driving should not be on the road and he didn't want to get caught driving it, police said.

He also was cited for engaging police in pursuit, expired emissions and failure to wear a seat belt, police said. He was held on \$5,000 bond and scheduled to appear Wednesday in Manchester Superior Court, police said.

Arrest on trespassing charge
Manchester police arrested a local man Sunday after he violated a court order by visiting a former live-in girlfriend's Manchester home and assaulting her, police said.

Raymond B. Ather Jr., 32, formerly of 30 Oak St., but of no certain address, was cited for assault, criminal trespassing and interfering with a police officer, police said. A 23-year-old woman who lives at the address had a court order of protection against him, police said.

The woman called police about 2:45 a.m., and said that Ather had choked her and hit her, giving her a bloody lip, police said.

When police arrived, Ather had left the scene, but he was arrested at his mother's East Hartford address, where he tried to physically resist his arrest, police said.

He was released on \$1,000 bond and scheduled to appear Tuesday in Manchester Superior Court, police said.

Births
FRANKLIN, Ian Andrew, son of Glenn M. and Jennifer Rivers Franklin of 118 Nike Circle, was born Nov. 22 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Rivers of Cheshire, S.C. His paternal grandparents are Gerald and Maureen Franklin, Santa Ana, Calif. He has two brothers, Joshua, 8, and Steven, 1, and a sister, Gabrielle, 10.

LEBEL, Kristin Anne, daughter of Thomas and Diane Sjoblom LeBel of 22 Crosby Road, was born Nov. 14 at Hartford Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Betty and Bill Sjoblom of Brookfield Center. Her paternal grandmother is Phyllis LeBel of West Palm Beach, Fla.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Wednesday at 9 a.m. at St. Maurice Church, 32 Helton Road, Bolton. Burial will be private in the Holy Family Cemetery, Gorham, N.H. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Maurice Church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

The Ladd Funeral Home, 19 Ellington Ave., Vernon, is in charge of arrangements.

Edward J. Bloustein
NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP) — Edward J. Bloustein, the president of Rutgers University since 1971, died Saturday after suffering an apparent heart attack in Nassau, the Bahamas, where he was attending to a business meeting. He was 64.

A lawyer, philosopher and educator, Bloustein was born in New York City.

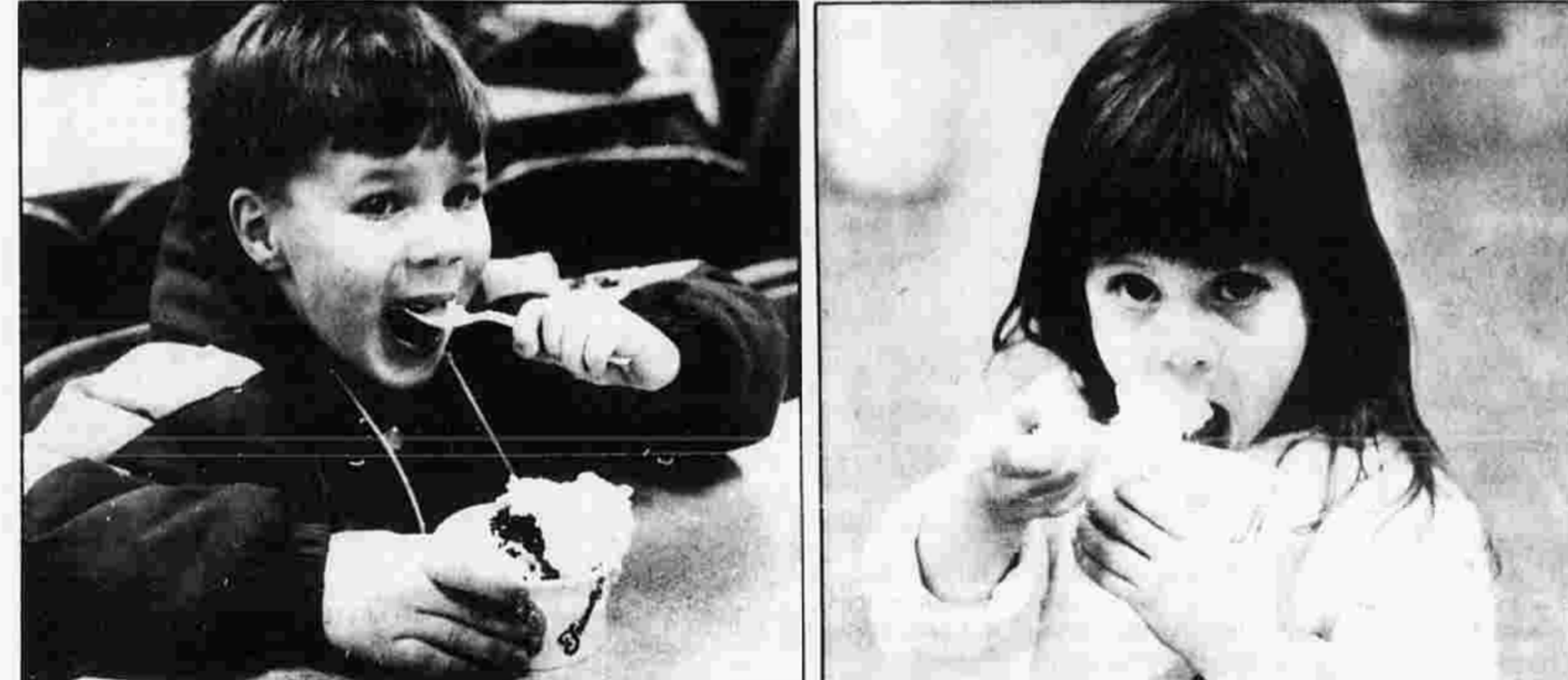
Bloustein taught philosophy at Brooklyn College and Cornell University and worked as a political analyst for the U.S. State Department. He also worked as a law clerk for Stanley H. Fuld, the chief justice of the Court of Appeals of New York, from 1959 to 1961, and taught at New York University from 1961 to 1965.

Before coming to Rutgers, Bloustein was president of Bennington College in Vermont from 1965 to 1971.

MANCHESTER



Reginald Piro/Manchester Herald



Reginald Piro/Manchester Herald

ICE CREAM! — Debbie Moretz, top right, of Bank Street, serves Tasha Kremer, top left, of Center street, Jessica Kremer, middle, of Pine Street and Katie Rokoyky of Walnut Street during an ice cream social Thursday at the Washington School. Enjoying the treat are Steven Moulton, bottom left, of West Street and Jill Foster of Courland Street.

In Brief . . .

Civitan cites Laurie Prytko

The Civitan Internationally Distinguished President Award was recently presented to Laurie Prytko, executive director of the MARC. This is the first time the award has been presented to a Manchester Civitan member. It is given in recognition of her outstanding leadership as president of the Manchester Civitan Club during 1987-1988, her support of the ideals of Civitan and her achievement in her organization of a Junior Civitan Club.

Vice principal to leave

Gwen H. Brooks, vice principal of Manchester High School, will leave the school system in January after almost 27 years to become a professor of education at Connecticut College in New London. One of the first women administrators in the town, Brooks has served as vice principal at the high school since 1981.

Munns appointed

State Rep. Paul Munns, R-Manchester, has been named co-chairman of the House Republicans Policy Committee on Mass Transit. Munns said "Mass transit will be a vital concern to the people of our region and our entire state."

Public notice

PLEASE NOTE: This space is available as a public service to any non-profit organization wishing to publicize an up-coming event or community message. There is absolutely no charge for this space. Please send complete information you wish to publish at least 3 weeks in advance of event. Messages published will be at the discretion of Lynch Motors.

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Marlow honored for work

George H. Marlow, a Manchester retailer active in civic affairs, was honored Saturday at the Manchester — East of the River Israel Bonds Reception at the home of Leah Spector, 67 Wyllys St.

Science teacher is honored

Florence Levine, a teacher at Manchester High School, has been honored as an outstanding teacher of science. At a ceremony Oct. 19, hosted by Northeast Utilities in cooperation with the Connecticut State Department of Education, she was presented with a certificate of recognition and a \$100 savings bond. She was selected in 1986 as a state finalist in the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching.

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Firm determined to build cellular telephone tower

By Nancy Foley Manchester Herald

Metro Mobile C-TS of Hartford will not change its mind about the location of a cellular phone tower it plans to build in Manchester, according to Gary Schulman, vice president of northeast operations. The company has already been sensitive as it could to the needs of the community while making the search, Schulman said. For example, the company would not consider placing the tower in a residential neighborhood.

It is now up to the Siting Council to balance the concerns of the community and the needs of the company, he said.

The sites were chosen after an analysis of the area by an independent consulting firm, according to Schulman. One of a number of sites also unhappy with the Center Street site because it borders the historic district.

The town Planning and Zoning Commission has said the Hartford Road site is inappropriate and has not yet made a statement on the Center Street location. The PZC does not have the power to decide the location of the tower because, as a utility, cellular phone technology falls under the jurisdiction of the state and the Federal Communications Commission.

Schulman said he Friday he was not aware of the opposition to the tower. He had been traveling and was unavailable for comment previously. The Center Street location is the company's first choice and the Hartford Road site is only an alternative, Schulman emphasized.

"We feel that the prime site is the one that we should be pursuing and is the best place for the tower."

Though both sites are technically good, the Center Street site in an industrial zone, where the company prefers to build, he said.

Schulman described the proposed tower as a cylindrical pole, three feet at the base and one foot at the top with platforms at the top to mount the antenna. If built on Center Street, the tower would be 140 feet and 120 feet at Hartford Road.

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Schulman described the proposed tower as a cylindrical pole, three feet at the base and one foot at the top with platforms at the top to mount the antenna. If built on Center Street, the tower would be 140 feet and 120 feet at Hartford Road.

The company has already been sensitive as it could to the needs of the community while making the search, Schulman said. For example, the company would not consider placing the tower in a residential neighborhood.

It is now up to the Siting Council to balance the concerns of the community and the needs of the company, he said.

The sites were chosen after an analysis of the area by an independent consulting firm, according to Schulman. One of a number of sites also unhappy with the Center Street site because it borders the historic district.

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Seasonal Sharing Appeal is far short of its goal

With Christmas drawing near, the Manchester Area Conference of Churches has raised only \$7,943 of its \$30,000 goal for its Seasonal Sharing Appeal, according to Nancy Carr, executive director of MACC. Contributions have dropped 36 percent from last year, she said.

Seasonal Sharing Appeal provides a week's supply of food, gifts, vouchers redeemable for clothing and basic household items to over 440 low income Manchester and Bolton families.

Last year at this time, contributions totaled \$10,783, while this year they have reached only \$7,943, she said. Last year's contributions represented a 14 percent decline from 1987.

At the same time contributions are dropping, the number of needy people referred to the program has been increasing, she said.

In addition to the food and gift baskets and vouchers, the Seasonal Sharing Appeal supplies 40 to 50 hot meals to shut-ins on Christmas Day, since the Meals on Wheels program does not cover the

holidays. It also provides gifts for the isolated elderly and convalescent home patients and for each person in the Samaritan Shelter for the homeless.

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In Brief . . .

Bolton extends car program

BOLTON — Due to the tremendous response to the junk car removal program, selectmen have announced that the program is being extended through Jan. 19.

The last day residents can pick up forms for the removal is Jan. 15, according to information received from the town. To participate in the program, Bolton residents must register with the selectmen's office by bringing the title for the vehicle and signing a consent form for each vehicle.

If residents do not have, or cannot find, the title, the town has a form that can replace the title. Vehicles filled with trash, excess tires and other debris will not be considered for removal.

The vehicle will usually be removed within five business days of the receipt of title, or the fully completed replacement form. Anyone with questions on this program should call the selectmen's office at 649-8066.

Pastor appointed in Coventry

COVENTRY — The Rev. Richard J. Alhamoni was appointed pastor of St. Mary's Church, effective last Thursday.

Alhamoni had been the pastor of St. Joseph Church in Dayville and St. Ignatius Church in Rogers since 1987. At St. Mary's, he succeeds the Rev. Robert W. Barnes, who was named pastor of St. Joseph Church in Occum in September.

Alhamoni is originally from Norwich. He graduated from St. Patrick Cathedral School in Lenox, Mass. in 1971, he graduated from Villanova University in Villanova, Pa. He also attended St. John Seminary in Brighton, Mass.

Assistant dog warden needed

BOLTON — The town is looking for applicants for an assistant dog warden. The position entails working with the town dog warden in enforcing regulations, and handling stray dogs. The position is generally paid on a per call basis. Anyone interested in this position should call the selectmen's office at 649-8066.

Recycling program forming

BOLTON — The selectmen are making plans for a recycling program here. The program would include glass bottles, aluminum and tin cans, newspapers and magazines, corrugated cardboard and some plastic containers.

According to a news release from the town, it is not known when the recycling program will begin, but public information will be available and there will be education sessions before the program begins.

Bolton Lake level lowered

BOLTON — A valve project in Bolton Lake has been repaired and the lake will be lowered by the state Department of Environmental Protection so residents can repair sea walls.

According to a news release, the DEP will gradually lower the level of the lake by four feet between now and February.

Besides allowing repairs to sea walls and other structures abutting the lake, the lake is also lowered to help control weeds growing in the lake by freezing them.

Residents are reminded that some work done may require Inland-Wetland approval or building permits. Residents should call the town enforcement agent to find out if a permit is required.

Student in United Way program

Sendia Kim, a sophomore at Manchester High School, is part of a team of 12 students taking part in this year's United Way of the Capital Area Youth Leadership Venture Funding Program, developed to promote community awareness among teenagers, while encouraging volunteerism. The students review proposals from area schools, and decide how to allocate funds to them. This year a \$10,000 grant to the program from United Way will be used to program combating drugs and alcohol abuse.

Kim is active in the Student Council, and is a member of the German Club and the Business Leaders of America. She is a past vice president of marketing for the Junior Achievement. She is also a volunteer at Manchester Memorial Hospital, and a member of the youth group at Center Congregational Church.

Drivers must wear safety belts

State Rep. John W. Thompson, D-Manchester, vice chairman of the General Assembly's Human Services Committee, is reminding police departments and school officials that school bus drivers are required to wear safety belts.

He said a constituent has told him law enforcement personnel believe school bus drivers were not subject to the state's mandatory seat belt law. Thompson said that when he set out to request legislation requiring school bus drivers to use belts, he found the state Department of Motor Vehicles has the requirement in its school bus regulations. Thompson said in a news release that he has sent a letter to superintendents of schools asking for their participation in enforcing the seat belt law.

Outstanding minority students

Three students from Manchester High School are among 115 outstanding minority students recently honored at the University of Connecticut. They are Krish Rose, Alexa E. Cruz, and Dave C. Jarvis. They will be offered early admission to the university under the program. The top minority students are selected from more than 300 nominations made by high schools throughout the state.

Fussacos on fiscal panel

State Rep. Peter Fussacos of Marlborough, whose 55th Assembly District includes part of Manchester, has been named to the newly created Fiscal Reform panel of the House Republican Policy Committee. The panel is one of six groups charged with creating a caucus package of legislative proposals. The measures will be backed by the 61 Republican House members during the 1990 legislative session. Fussacos is a member of the Legislature's Finance Committee and an assistant minority leader.

Student gets scholarship

Patrick Gorham of 90 Cooper Hill St. a student at Fortham University, has been awarded a scholarship by the O'Meara Foundation, Inc. of Rocky Hill. The foundation was founded in 1944 to provide scholarship assistance to students from Hartford County. Applications for scholarships may be requested during April from the foundation's office at 4 Grimes Road, Rocky Hill, 06067.



MASKED SKATER — Bryan Gillig, 6, of Bolton, sports a safety mask while skating at Charter Oak Park Saturday. His father is Dr. Franklin Gillig, who works at the Manchester Memorial Hospital emergency room. Dr. Gillig has his son wear the mask in an attempt to forestall emergency treatment for skating injuries.

High school expansion is before board tonight

The Board of Education will hear a report from Superintendent James Kennedy on a proposal to expand the high school tonight. The Board is expected to make a decision in January on three alternatives to deal with a projected space crunch at the elementary schools.

Kennedy will offer information on a high school expansion that will cost \$3.67 million, according to Allan B. Chesterton, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

The proposal involves moving the ninth grade from the junior high schools into the high school. Then, sixth graders would be moved into the junior high, creating more space in the elementary schools.

The alternatives include re-opening and adding space to Bentley school at a cost of \$1 million, and adding space to three elementary schools at a cost of \$5 to \$6 million.

When the Board approves one of the plans it will have to seek permission from the Board of Directors to place the proposal on a referendum. That could happen in November of 1990.

Projected elementary school enrollment for 1997 is 4,557, an increase of 574 from 3,983 this year.

The Board of Education will also consider a request for permission to apply for a vocational grants from the schools. Under an agreement with the state, schools can apply for money for vocational programs, such as industrial arts and home economics, according to Chesterton, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

The schools must reapply every three years. The school district must approve some of its own funding for vocational education, in order to be eligible for the state money, he said. Last year, the Board of Education contributed \$60,000 and the state granted \$90,000.

Because the school system has a fund of about \$50,000 to replace vocational education equipment, anyway, the money from the state only adds to the district's resources, Chesterton said.

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No politics, just legal opinions, says Coventry's attorney

By Jacqueline Bennett
Herald Correspondent

COVENTRY — A town attorney's loyalty should be to the law and not to the political party in control of the local government, says Abbot Schwebel, whose law firm was recently reappointed by the Town Council to represent the town.

Schwebel, 49, has served as the town attorney here since 1973, under seven Town Councils, Republican and Democrat controlled, five town managers and an acting town manager.

"I feel strongly attorneys should not look at an issue for its political ramifications but its legal ramifications," Schwebel said during an interview.

The council voted unanimously at a meeting Monday night to reappoint Schwebel's Rockville firm of Schwebel, Burke, Hall, Pigeon and Grati P.C., to represent the town.

Schwebel asked that the firm be appointed as in the past, rather than just himself, to "facilitate court appearances and allow other members of the firm to attend meetings and court cases if a time or scheduling problem arose."

Questions about the political nature of the position of town attorney have been raised recently, following the change of town attorneys in both Manchester and Vernon after the Democrats in both towns lost their long-held control over the local governing bodies to the Republicans.

"I can say honestly with all due respect to both parties in Coventry, I have never been asked to make a political decision," Schwebel said. "I have never been asked my political affiliation." He adds that he is unaware of the current council's political makeup.

Schwebel lives in Ellington and according to the town clerk's office, is a registered Republican.

The current seven-member council in Coventry is controlled by a five-member Democrat majority, elected Nov. 7, and led by Chairwoman

neticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven. Those new transplants range from 8 to 18 inches in 1988.

"Established trees suffered some dieback, but it would say they weathered the drought quite well, except those who let their grass choke their trees," said Jaynes, who is also president of the Connecticut Christmas Tree Growers Association.

"Some growers also irrigated their crop with equipment they normally use for strawberries, blueberries and other fruits and vegetables."

"It was a tremendous amount of extra work. We were watering literally 24 hours a day for two weeks," said Terry Jones of Jones Tree Farm in Shelton.

Jaynes said this year's wetness hasn't really hurt the crop. "There's been a little bit of disease problem on some of the Fraser and balsam firs. Some of the new growth with back because of a fungus on there. It's something we don't see in a dry season," he said.

But it's not a big problem. "In fact, it's not even evident on the trees this time of year," he said.

Now families are climbing in the car and searching for that special tree.

"Thanksgiving, I couldn't believe it," Mrs. Allen said. "They started the day after Christmas." Mrs. Allen said they looked at the calendar and realized there's five weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas this year instead of four.

One stop is the former Richardson farm in Westport, which the Connecticut Audubon Society took over in 1973 and maintains to help fund its educational programs.

"We get a lot of people coming from Long Island, from New York City," she said.

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NATION & WORLD

Bush's China initiative sets up confrontation with Congress

By Jim Drinkard
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, in sending two high-level envoys to smooth U.S. relations with China, is virtually assuring himself of a new fight with Congress in return for benefits that remain unclear.

The trip by National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft and Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, announced in the middle of the night Saturday by the White House, made it appear Bush is retreating from efforts to punish Beijing over last June's bloody crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators.

The move has given new Bush critics a responsive cry who already had found Bush timid in his congressional criticism of the Far East.

Number of kids in institutions continues to grow, says study

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of children placed in foster care, juvenile detention centers and mental health facilities has grown to nearly 500,000 and could reach 840,000 by 1995, according to a congressional report being released today.

The report, approved by the Democratic majority on the House Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families, said federal funding for major children's services has not kept pace with the increase, especially for preventive services designed to keep children in their homes.

The report said the sum of 11 large states showed the number of children in foster care dropped by 9 percent between 1980 and 1985. However, the number rose 23 percent between 1985 and 1988, while federal funding for child welfare services aimed at keeping children in their homes rose 7 percent, according to the report.

The number of children in public and private juvenile detention centers rose 27 percent from 1979 to 1987, as funding under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act declined from \$100 million in fiscal 1979 to \$66.7 million in fiscal 1989, the report said.

Higher pay, fewer jobs await '90 college grads

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — College graduates this spring will make more money, but find fewer job opportunities, according to a survey of nearly 500 U.S. employers.

Hires will be down 13.3 percent compared to last year, according to the 199th annual survey by the University of Michigan's Career Development and Placement Services office.

The average starting salary for a graduate with a bachelor's degree will be \$25,256, up 3.3 percent from a year ago. The expected starting salary for master's of business administration graduates will be \$39,840, a 3.1 percent increase; \$33,740 for master's degree graduates, up 3.3 percent; and \$37,111 for graduates with doctoral degrees, up 2.4 percent.

In recent years, engineering majors will get the highest starting salaries for new college graduates, with chemical engineering leading the way at \$33,380. Mechanical engineering ranks second at \$32,256, while electrical engineering is at \$32,060.

The survey released Sunday was based on responses from 479 employers in business, industry, government, and educational institutions.

Patrick Scheetz, who directed the study, said reasons for the drop in planned hiring included limited growth in new business, mergers and buyouts; increased global competition; and slow turnover of current employees.

Employers expected to have large hiring increases include: public utilities, up 29.4 percent; metal products, up 24.2 percent; petroleum, 22.1 percent; construction and building materials, with chemical engineering leading 19.3 percent; printing, publishing and informational services, 13.7 percent.

Those expected to have decreases included automotive and mechanical equipment, down 58 percent; electronics, 24.5 percent; government administration, 20.9 percent; aerospace, 20 percent; the military, 16.8 percent; and diversified conglomerates, 13.7 percent.

The survey also found:

- The greatest job opportunities are in the Southwest. Next best is the Northeast, followed by the Southeast, North-Central, South-Central, and Northwest states.
- Employers requiring drug testing of new college graduates rose to 47 percent of those surveyed, up from 32 percent last year and 27 percent the year before. Testing for alcohol was required by 25 percent of those surveyed, up from 14 percent. Testing for AIDS was required by 4 percent of employers, a slight increase from 3 percent for the 1988-89 graduates.

China today lodged a protest with Norway over Sunday's presentation of the award to the Tibetan spiritual leader, and said the official Norwegian participation would "greatly impair" relations.

At the white-tie ceremony attended by Norwegian King Olav V and other government officials in Stockholm, Sweden, the Buddhist monk said China's rejection of his 1987 peace plan was forcing him to rethink his approach and that he might withdraw his proposal.

But, he added: "Our struggle must remain non-violent and free of hatred."

Sweden's king, Carl XVI Gustaf, awarded gold Nobel medals to nine laureates who won the prizes for literature, chemistry, physics, medicine and economic sciences. Six were Americans.

"I accept the prize with profound gratitude on behalf of the oppressed everywhere and for all those who struggle for freedom and work for world peace," he said.

The Dali Lama, 54, was chosen at age 3 as the reincarnation of Tibet's god-king.

China's crackdown, and who now suggest a curious contradiction: a hard-line Bush when it comes to Soviet human rights policy, but a pushover for China.

"There seems to be a double standard," said Rep. Stephen Solarz, D-N.Y., who as chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Asia subcommittee is a leading congressional spokesman on the Far East.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III acknowledged Sunday that topics of discussion between the president's men and the Chinese leadership include the status of Fang Lizi, a dissident who has taken sanctuary in the U.S. Embassy in Beijing since the crackdown. He declined to say whether any progress was being made toward freeing Fang.

Whether progress on that issue or some other potential

gain was Bush's object, the domestic political risks are far more apparent. Solarz said the president risks abdicating policymaking on China to Congress, which "more clearly reflects the will of the American people."

Unless the situation changes, Congress when it returns in January is likely to force a new confrontation with Bush over legislation formalizing and perhaps expanding U.S. economic sanctions against China, and over a bill granting Chinese students automatic visa extensions if they are in danger of political persecution at home.

Bush vetoed both measures in the waning days of the 1989 congressional session. He said he bills were unnecessary because he took administrative action to accomplish the same things and because the bills were an unwarranted intrusion on his foreign policy prerogatives.

The Scowcroft-Eagleburger mission was a departure from past U.S. practice, in which the "China card" usually has been played to gain leverage over the Soviet Union. But at few times in history has the United States needed leverage less than in the current climate, as communist rule crumbles in the Soviet sphere of influence.

Solarz speculated that Bush and his two envoys, both protégés of former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, are in danger of political persecution at home.

"These guys have a deep personal stake in the Sino-American relation. Nixon, Kissinger and Bush were all present at the creation," Solarz said. "They're trying to preserve a relationship which they created and nurtured and which for a long time served (the United States) well."

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Pro-abortion demonstrators interrupt Mass at cathedral

NEW YORK (AP) — Chanting abortion-rights and AIDS activists lay down in the aisles of St. Patrick's Cathedral Sunday, forcing Cardinal John J. O'Connor to interrupt his sermon while police carried protesters out on stretchers.

More than 4,500 demonstrators marched outside, along a stretch of Fifth Avenue normally crowded with shoppers and sightseers, chanting, "Teach safe sex" and "Just say no to AIDS."

Police Sgt. Peter Sweeney said 68 were arrested outside.

In 1988, two months after 11 silent protesters were arrested inside the cathedral, a state judge issued an injunction barring demonstrations inside.

Those arrested Sunday were charged with disorderly conduct and trespassing, Sweeney said. Some also were charged with resisting arrest.

The protest was organized by the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, or ACT UP, and Women's Health Action and Mobilization or WHAM!

"ACT UP and WHAM! both have a history of forceful, loud demonstrations," organizer Victor Mendolia said. "We demand to bring our issues to the cardinal directly and that's what we did."

They criticized O'Connor for his opposition to abortion and his vocal support of Operation Rescue, a group that stages blockades and sit-ins at abortion clinics nationwide; for lobbying against education about safer sex and condoms, especially in schools; and for his opposition to gay rights legislation.

Church officials, anticipating the well-publicized demonstration, took the unusual step of clearing the church after the 9 a.m. Mass, then searching the bags of everyone entering for the 10:15 a.m. Mass.

The cathedral doors were locked a few minutes after Mass started, said an archdiocese spokesman Joe Zwillinger. Police were stationed all around the massive cathedral, including at the rail in front of the altar.

Police said 43 people were arrested inside the packed cathedral when they jumped from their seats near the start of O'Connor's homily and stretched out in the center aisle, some chanting themselves to peals.

O'Connor was forced to distribute copies of his sermon rather than read it, and he asked the congregation to stand and join him in reciting prayers to drown out protesters' chants.

He continued the Mass while dozens of uniformed and plainclothes police walked up and down the aisle, ferrying the protesters out on bright orange stretchers.

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OPINION

Tower site the lesser of 2 evils

The chairman of the Cheney National Historic District Commission frequently says that preservation of a historic district which is being renovated for as contemporary use is largely a matter of working out compromises.

For that reason the commission members would be wise to oppose construction of a tall antenna in the heart of the district, but not to object to its construction where it would be visible from the district.

It would be better if the tower could be located someplace where it would not even be visible from the district, but that does not appear to be one of the choices open to the historic commission or to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The antenna is needed by Metro Mobile for the operation of a cellular phone system in the area and because Metro Mobile is a public utility, authority for deciding where it will be built rests with the state's Siting Council and the Federal Communications Commission.

Bruce Comollo, the attorney who will represent the historic commission in the matter, has advised the commission that it would weaken its case before the Siting Council if it opposed both locations when the council holds a hearing on the question Dec. 28.

The role of the Cheney National Historic District Commission is to protect the historic integrity of the district to the extent possible, and, although compromises may be disappointing to historic purists, they are a necessary part of the process.

If, in fact, the antenna has to be erected at either Hartford Road and Prospect Street, or near Center Street, the Center Street site is by far the less objectionable.

Open Forum

Reiterates gratitude

To the Editor: At this season of giving I would like to reiterate my gratitude to those responsible for the re-opening of Highland Park School. The joy and improvement in the children is wonderful.

May this give hope to those parents now going through a "present darkness". I'm 70 now, and recall that after World War II, Manchester had overcrowded schools, double sessions and children transferred about. Unpleasant. Youth is such a short time and yet such an important part of the growing process. But... Manchester built Verplanck, Bowers, Buckley, Waddell, Hing Jr., High and Manchester High School!

I also recall the friends and relatives who gave their lives so that "future" generations could be free to inherit the American dream. It seems hard to believe that these "future" generations, some now living in towns around Manchester, find it difficult to build schools for today's children. Perhaps no one built a school for them when they were younger.

Was it Charles Dickens, that great writer of situations... who penned the immortal words that Tiny Tim spoke, at the end of the beloved "Christmas Carol"... what were they... "God bless all men, everyone?"

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Illustrations on show

To the Editor: The Lutz Children's Museum is filled with paper whales, monkeys, puppies, rabbits, ducklings, and many memories, thanks to the Savings Bank of Manchester. SBM is sponsoring a traveling exhibit of 60 original children's book illustrations that runs through Dec. 23. The artists featured include Robert McCloskey, author and illustrator of the Caldecott Medal winning, "Make Way for Ducklings," and Edgar Purin, Ingrid Mortensen Aulairé, Kate Seredy, Don Freeman, Ruth Gannett, and Mary Villaggio. We invite children of all ages to view and enjoy, or remember this exhibit. We wish to thank SBM for sponsoring the Lutz visit of this exhibit.

Steven Ling,
Director
Lutz Children's Museum

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On playing with blocs

By Ben Wattenberg
Gorbachev and the East Europeans are scrambling the geopolitical jigsaw puzzle. It's a great moment. The focus is on Europe. The bloc-builders are at work. Will a newly free Eastern Europe and an already-free Western Europe unite commercially? Culturally? Will Europeans inherit the earth? But wait a minute, Wan! America supposed to inherit the earth?

The now-forming 1992 European Community (EC '92) will be made up of 12 West European nations with 320 million people, all pledged to free trade and unimpeded migration. The six once-capricious nations of Eastern Europe comprise about 115 million people. Add Yugoslavia and the non-EC nations of Western Europe (like Sweden), and the grand total is—half a billion people!

That's twice the number of people in the United States. Most of the Europeans are already wealthy and modernized. That gives us North Americans about 280 million, not much less than the existing EC '92 bloc. Moreover, we take in immigrants and are growing. The ECs have mostly plateaued.

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Congress friend to car trade

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — The technology has been around for years to substantially reduce the number of people who die every year in traffic accidents, but the auto industry has resisted safety modifications. Stubborn resistance alone would not have stymied safety regulations if the auto makers did not have a friend on Capitol Hill — Rep. John Dingell, the Democrat from Detroit.

Dingell has championed the cause of consumers on many issues, but when it comes to auto safety, he has a blind spot. As one auto safety expert put it, "Dingell is the congressman from Detroit, not the congressman from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration."

Since 1981, Dingell has used his powerful position as chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee to stall almost every important piece of proposed auto safety legislation. The Center for Auto Safety, a private group that lobbies for stronger legislation, estimates that 100,000 lives could have been saved had all the safety measures Dingell has opposed gone into effect when they were first put on the table.

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader calls Dingell, "The No. 1 enemy of consumers in the House of Representatives."

Sitting in one of Dingell's subcommittees currently is the reauthorization bill for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the agency that writes and enforces auto safety standards. The bill passed the Senate unanimously in August, but if history is any indicator, it will sit in the House for a long time. The last reauthorization bill died in Dingell's committee in 1987.

The current version includes some long-overdue changes. Among them are provisions to reduce the damage from side-impact accidents that are responsible for about 9,000 deaths a year. The bill also tightens the construction standards for minivans, light trucks and four-wheel drive vehicles.

It isn't the tough standards that Dingell seems to mind. It's the headlines writer who calls itself the American Food Security Coalition, wants Congress to stop the EPA from removing lead from the market.

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Big battle brews on fungicides

WASHINGTON (AP) — A tentative decision by the Environmental Protection Agency to ban the EBDs pesticides widely used on many important food crops may erupt as a major 1990 agricultural issue on Capitol Hill.

The agency proposed a week ago to halt the use of EBDs on 45 food products, including tomatoes, potatoes, bananas and lettuce.

Critics of the plan say it will boost consumer food prices and cause hardships for growers.

Used by farmers since the 1930s to combat fungus and mildew, the pesticides — which include some such as Maneb and Zineb familiar to home gardeners — have been linked to cancer.

Although hailed by the Bush administration as a move to protect consumers, the EPA announcement is producing some concerns as it gradually sinks in.

For example, Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Cal., chairman of the House Agriculture subcommittee on domestic marketing, consumer relations and nutrition, has been contacted by farm groups in Georgia who are concerned about the planned curb on EBDs.

Rep. Secretary Krista Harden said Hatcher is consulting with a state coalition that has formed around the EBDs issue and may hold hearings on the subject when Congress returns in January.

"The ban is too severe," said Lowell Peavy, owner of Peavy Farm Service in Camilla, Ga., which sells fertilizer to local farmers. "We fear we are going to fall in the same category as the apple people with Alar."

Peavy said he fears area farmers will stop producing without EBDs and that will hurt his fertilizer business.

The product is the main fungicide used on leafy vegetables, said Peavy, who said it can easily be washed off.

But if you eat the plant without washing it you would have to get 13,000 pounds of it to get the amount the rat had on the test," said Peavy.

He said the coalition of producers and agribusinessmen he is leading, which calls itself the American Food Security Coalition, wants Congress to stop the EPA from removing lead from the market.

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INTO HIS JOB — Letter carrier Joe Bronersky seems to really get into his job along his route in Hanford, Calif. Bronersky, who only gets a half-hour lunch break, makes the most of his time by using a relay box for a quick stop recently.

Gorbachev warns his own party

MOSCOW (AP) — Mikhail S. Gorbachev, facing domestic challenges to one-party Communist rule in the German Democratic Republic and Czechoslovakia, has largely lost their positions.

Czechoslovakia on Sunday named its first government dominated by non-Communists in 41 years, and East Germany's cabinet Communist officials faced overwhelming defeat.

All three Baltic republics were annexed by the Kremlin in 1940. The elections Sunday were the first in the Soviet Union to include candidates from the de facto alternative political parties. First results were not expected until later today at the earliest.

In Moscow on Sunday, 5,000 people marched in sub-zero temperatures in support of reformist lawmakers. Police did not stop that protest, but they pushed several hundred others off Pushkin Square after speakers ripped up photographs of Gorbachev and Soviet founder Vladimir Lenin.

Demonstrators chanted, "Freedom! Freedom!" as the helmeted riot police pushed, shoved and kicked them. Tass said 20 people were detained.

Boris Yeltsin, an unorthodox member of the 250-member Central Committee, told fellow reformers that Saturday's meeting was dominated by conservatives complaining about Gorbachev's changes.

A conservative Central Committee member, speaking Sunday on condition of anonymity, said Gorbachev offered to resign after Kemerovo party chief Alexander Melnikov "really let himself get carried away and said something like this: 'Is it proper to go bowing to the capitalists, to go asking a blessing from the Pope?'"

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New fees on generics proposed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration plans to propose that generic drug companies pay "user fees" to help beef up government regulation of an industry reeling from a bribery and fraud scandal, sources say.

The plan drafted by the Food and Drug Administration would impose registration fees on generic drug makers and charge them another fee for each application they file, said a source who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The fees would raise about \$18 million as part of a \$144 million package of FDA fees the administration plans to propose in its fiscal 1991 budget, the source said.

The Bush administration, like the Reagan administration, favors user fees because they raise money without raising taxes. Plans to extend these fees to the drug industry have been proposed before, only to be axed by opponents on Capitol Hill.

But this time, a plan directed at the generic drug industry is believed to have better chances, largely because of disclosures that suggest that some generic drug makers have bribed FDA officials, cheated on patents and otherwise sidestepped FDA regulations.

"There has been some Hill concern about the ability of the FDA to do its job," said one source at the Department of Health and Human Services, which includes FDA. "I think you'll find they're more receptive to talking about FDA user fees than talking about user fees in general."

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on consumer protection, demonstrates some evidence of a shift in opinion. His panel uncovered the problems that have led to the bribery convictions of several generic drug company executives.

Under the House panel's recall of more than 80 generic drugs, Dingell, who has opposed user fees, "is increasingly coming to favor them" for the generic drug industry, as long as the money raised is used exclusively to strengthen the generic drug approval system, said an aide to the congressman who spoke on the condition he not be identified by name.

The generic drug industry opposes the plan, which would hit generic companies only, not brand name drug makers — with a registration fee of about \$6,000 on each company and another charge of about \$17,000 for each generic drug application they submit for FDA review.

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High School Roundup

Girls basketball teams suffer a losing weekend

PUTNAM — Utilizing its quickness, Putnam High ran past Coventry High, 51-37, Saturday night in non-conference girls' basketball action.

Putnam goes to 2-0 with the win while the Patriots even off at 1-1. Coventry was back in action tonight at 7 at home against Bolton High.

"They (Putnam) were quicker than us. We kept it close (early) but their quickness started to show," said Coventry coach Ray Dimmock, "and they were able to get the ball inside for a lot of good, easy shots."

Putnam had a 17-10 lead after one quarter and 30-20 edge at the half. It went to 40-26 after three periods.

Coventry's effort was hampered by the absence of 6-foot senior center Michelle Dixon, who had a prior commitment. "She had six or seven blocked shots in the first game (against Cromwell) and where Putnam hurt us was inside," Dimmock said.

Jen Page had 18 points to lead Putnam. Freshman Jenny Davis scored 18 and Johanna VanKrainen scored 9 to lead Coventry. Stacie Renfro and Jenna Haynes also played well for Coventry.

PUTNAM (51) — Dawn Bortis 22.4, Hannah Seriale 4 12.9, Beth Caven 3 12.7, Stacie Renfro 9 20.8, Jenny Davis 18, Johanna VanKrainen 9. Coventry (37) — Jenny Davis 7.4 18, Helen Plante 10.2, Stacie Renfro 9, Jenna Haynes 9, Dawn Bortis 9, Johanna VanKrainen 9, Dawn Bortis 9, Jenna Haynes 9, Dawn Bortis 9, Jenna Haynes 9.

Bolton girl lose to East Granby — The inability to put the ball in the basket cost the Bolton High girls' basketball team as it dropped a 35-22 non-league decision to host East Granby High Saturday afternoon.

Bolton, 0-2, is back in action tonight at 7 on the road against Coventry High.

It was the season opener for the Crusaders.

East Granby had a 12-10 halftime lead, which it widened to 26-16 going into the final eight minutes.

"The third quarter we got six points and they got 14, that didn't help us," said Bolton coach Dave Lete. "We're struggling putting the ball in the basket. We got some good shots, but we couldn't put them in."

Carla Dulack had nine points to lead the winners. Teresa McMahon and Danielle Carlyle led Bolton with nine and eight markers, respectively.

East Granby also took the junior varsity game, 22-17. Freshman Shirleen Deen led the young Bulldogs with six points.

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Ledyard High girls trim East Catholic — Ledyard — For the second time in as many nights, East Catholic High girls' basketball team couldn't buy a basket and the consequence was a 42-29 setback to host Ledyard High Saturday night in non-conference play.

The Colonels moved to 2-0 with the win while the Eagles are 0-2. East is back in action Tuesday at 7 p.m. when it hosts cross-town Manchester High.

Ledyard had a 10-5 lead after one period and 18-11 halftime bulge. A 14-4 edge in the third period broke the game open with Ledyard possessing a 32-15 margin going into the final eight minutes.

"It was a continuation of the previous night's game — poor shooting and lack of execution," noted East coach Donna Ridel.

Stephanie Reichardt led East with nine points and 10 rebounds.

Ledyard also took the junior varsity game, 27-22. Allyson Irish and Cathy O'Brien netted six apiece for the 1-1 young Eagles.

Ledyard (27) — Allyson Irish 12.4, Cathy O'Brien 6. East Catholic (22) — Sun Ferguson 0 0 0, Barbara Chrostowski 0 0 0, Chris Dube 0 0 0, Kelly Hermine 1 0 2, Phip O'Brien 4 0 8, Denise Miles 0 0 0, Margaret Riley 1 2 4, Ann Witekowsky 0 0 0, Stephanie Reichardt 9 12.9, Totals 13.4 26.

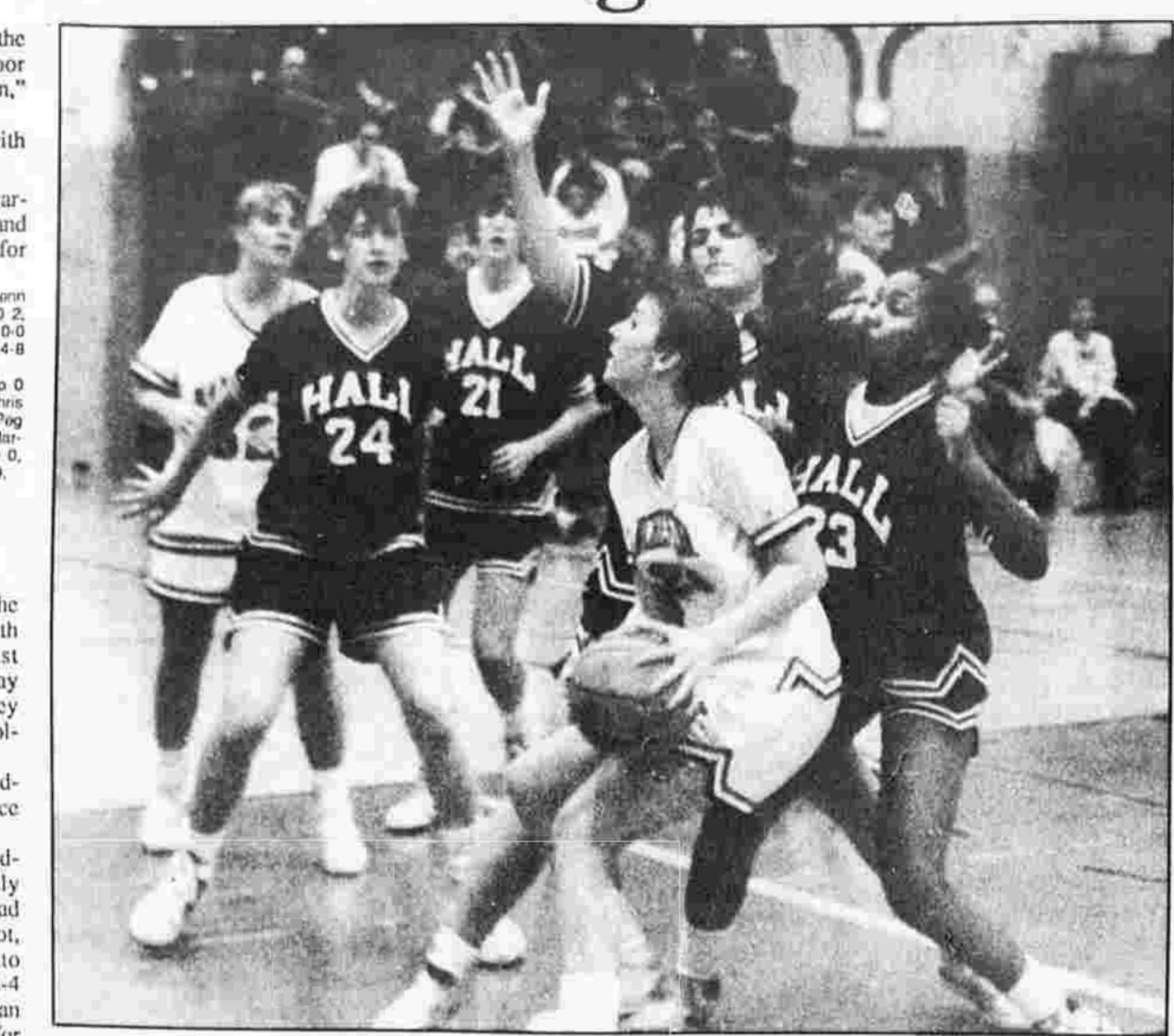
Manchester icemen open with a win — BOLTON — Four goals in the third period stopped a 4-4 tie with Manchester High skating past Housatonic Valley, 8-4, Saturday night in the scholastic ice hockey opener for both schools at the Bolton Ice Palace.

Manchester resumes play Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. at the Ice Palace against Farmington High.

A coast-to-coast goal by Chip Adabbo in the third period only 1:12 old gave Manchester a 4-4 lead it would not relinquish. Scott Winot, with assists from Jason Pellegrino and Tim Shumaker, made it a 6-4 game 10 seconds later and Brian Wry added two insurance goals for the Indians.

Manchester opened the first-year Housatonic squad, 49-23.

Lucas Cosgrove, Pellegrino, Tim Archambault and Dave Ciolkosz had the other Indian scorers.



Manchester High ice hockey players in action during a game at Bolton Ice Palace.

IN TRAFFIC — Manchester High's Tricia O'Connell has the basketball, but finds herself under pressure by Hal's Michael Robertson (23) and partially hidden Debbie Cotti during last Friday's game at Clarke Arena. The Indians, 43-33 winners over Hall, will take on cross-town East Catholic High at the Eagles' gym Tuesday night at 7.

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Springer takes third at nationals

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Shira Springer of Manchester placed third in the 13-14 age group of the TACUSA National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships Saturday at Purdue University, Springer, 14, was timed in 15:04 for the 2.5-mile course. A total of 212 runners participated in her race. Springer, who was the top high school girl in the Manchester Thanksgiving Day Road Race, is a freshman at Loomis Chaffee in Windsor.

Ray places 14th at nationals

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — East Catholic High junior Chris Ray, the reigning Connecticut State Open cross country champion and winner of the TAC Region 1 cross country meet, placed 14th in the 15-16 age group at the TACUSA National Junior Olympics Cross Country Championships Saturday at Purdue University.

Ray, representing the Willimantic Athletic Club, was timed in 16:24 for the 3.1-mile course. The top 25 finishers were named All-Americans by TACUSA.

UConn women top Dartmouth

STORRS — With junior forward Kerry Bascom joining the elite 1,000-point club, the University of Connecticut women's basketball team topped Dartmouth, 89-72, Saturday night at the Field House.

The 6-1 Bascom poured in a game-high 29 points to move her career total to 1,007 points in 62 games, fifth on the all-time list. Bascom also grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds for the Huskies, now 9-1 for the season.

U.S. draws Czechoslovakia

NEW YORK (AP) — Now that the U.S. soccer team is at the World Cup party, it doesn't just want to party. "I hope our guys are not satisfied with just being invited to the 'dance,'" U.S. coach Bob Gansler said after Saturday's draw for the 1990 World Cup. "I feel we have to come with the conviction that we can get to the next round. It's silly for us to have worked for a year to qualify for this prestigious tournament and say we're happy with what we have done."

Qualify for the next round? The rest of the world doesn't think the Americans have a chance. "The United States is in Group A with Italy, the 5-2 favorite, Austria and Czechoslovakia. The Americans open against the Czechs at Florence on June 10 and play Italy at Rome on June 14 and Austria at Florence on June 19. The top two teams in each of the six groups advance to the second round, along with the four best third-place teams.

Ogrin, Schulz take team title

WELLINGTON, Fla. (AP) — David Ogrin and Ted Schulz, teaming together for the first time, rallied from a four-stroke deficit after five holes Sunday to win the \$600,000 Chrysler PGA team championship.

Schulz had four birdies on the front nine of the 71, 16-hole Cypress course as he and Ogrin shot 32-33 for a 72-hole 31-under-par 257. They finished two strokes ahead of Blaine McCallister and Charlie Epps.

Frost wins Sun City golf event

SUN CITY, South Africa (AP) — South Africa's David Frost shot a 4-under-par 68 Sunday to win the Million Dollar Challenge tournament and golf's biggest prize, \$1 million.

Bies declared senior winner

KAANAPALI, Hawaii (AP) — Heavy rains washed out play Saturday and made Don Bies the winner of a storm-shortened, 36-hole Kaanapali Classic, the final official event on the Senior PGA Tour in 1989.

Connors defaults tennis final

PALM COAST, Fla. (AP) — An injured left knee forced Jimmy Connors to default the final of the ITT Stakes Match on Sunday, handing Andre Agassi the title and a check for \$297,800.

McEnroe-Grabb secure title

LONDON (AP) — Patrick McEnroe and Jim Grabb ended a six-month title drought, winning the Masters doubles championship, the final event of the Grand Prix season, on Sunday.

Jorge Paez retains IBF title

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Jorge Paez, angered by a one-point deduction for holding in the sixth round, retained his IBF title by knocking out challenger Lupe Gutierrez and retaining his International Boxing Federation featherweight title Saturday.

Blair shares first place

KARUIZAWA, Japan (AP) — American Bonnie Blair prevented an East German sweep by tying Angela Hauck for first place in the women's 1,000-meter race Sunday in the 1989-90 Speed Skating World Cup's Karuizawa meet.

Breland defends WBA crown

TOKYO (AP) — Mark Breland defended his World Boxing Association welterweight championship, battering Japan's Fajio Ozaki on Sunday. Breland had opposed the bout after four rounds. All three judges had Breland leading 30-27 after three rounds.

Kentucky gets a lesson about probation

By The Associated Press

Kentucky's illustrious but probation-riddled basketball program learned the hard way what the NCAA hath wrought. The Wildcats, in the first of a three-year probation for violating NCAA rules, went to Lawrence, Kan., not far from the NCAA's back yard, Saturday and were pummeled 150-95 by second-ranked Kansas — the most points the Jayhawks have ever scored and the most Kentucky has ever surrendered.

"Nobody wants to get beat that bad," Rick Pitino, Kentucky's first-year head coach, said. "It's embarrassing. But if we come back and really fight, good things will happen. All around, Kansas is a great team."

"If we want to get better, we have to take these kind of losses. We have to learn your lessons while you're rebuilding."

Kansas coach Roy Williams said he didn't run it up on the Wildcats. "I have to feel for Kentucky," Williams said. "You like to run up and down the court, but it's hard when the other team has more bodies. Today was our day. What can I say?"

However, Kentucky couldn't lay claim to giving up the most points Saturday. That honor, as usual for Michigan, Christian Lacther had 26 and Phil Henderson 22 for Duke.

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3-pointer for a 129-88 lead. The 150 points easily erased the Kentucky opponent record of 116, set by Northwestern in 1966.

Brown led the Jayhawks with 31 points and Rick Calloway had 21. Kentucky got 32 from Derrick Miller, including eight 3-pointers, and 20 from John Pelphrey.

No. 12 Oklahoma 89, No. 5 UNLV 81; Terry Evans made six of his 3-point tries and scored 24 points as Oklahoma beat UNLV for the fourth year in a row. The Rebels, playing for the first time since Nov. 24, led for the final time, 68-67, with 9:56 left on a basket by Larry Johnson, who scored 29 points.

Oklahoma took control with a 12-4 spurt over the next three minutes.

No. 8 Michigan 113, No. 6 Duke 108; Sean Higgins scored seven of his 32 points in overtime as Michigan won its fifth straight since opening with a loss to Arizona. Duke (3-2) also lost to top-ranked Syracuse on Wednesday night. Both teams made the Final Four a year ago.

Duke trailed 51-38 at halftime but Greg Koucek's tip at the buzzer gave the Blue Devils a 94-94 tie at the end of regulation. However, Higgins started the overtime with his sixth 3-pointer and Loy Vaught scored Michigan's next six points, including a short jumper that put the Wolverines ahead to stay, 105-101 with 2:52 remaining.

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Arkansas (5-0) led 31-10 with 7:17 game and USU never got closer than 18 thereafter.

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The big, bad Chicago Bears are no longer big — just bear.

The Bears' bid for a sixth straight NFC Central Division title ended Sunday when the Green Bay Packers beat them 27-17 behind rookie Barry Sanders' 120 yards rushing and two touchdowns against the NFC's top-rated rushing defense, Chicago (6-8), which had won 10 straight from Detroit, dropped from contention with its first four-game losing streak since 1981.

"It took this to let us know that the Bears aren't invincible. Lions safety Bennie Blades said, 'You just have to go out there and play their type of physical football.'"

Chicago coach Mike Ditka apparently has become resigned to the Bears' shortcomings.

FOCUS

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Belated thanks for Abby's advice

DEAR ABBY: This is a belated thank-you. Several years ago, I wrote to you as the mother of three small children. My problem was that because of our parents' divorce and remarriages, my husband and I were on the road keeping everybody happy (except ourselves) from Thanksgiving through Easter. Christmas was horrible! One year, we were in three different states and drove 1,500 miles in eight days.

You told me that children need traditions and my husband and I should start our own—in our own home. That's exactly what we did. Thank you!

We still spend Thanksgiving with either his parents or mine, but Christmas is ours. The old train is under the tree, we open presents in our pajamas and enjoy each other and our children.

My husband travels much of the year, so being home and having few demands is double success. Keep up the good work.

KRIS PAIGE, YARDLEY, PA.

DEAR KRIS: Thank you for the thank-you. Several others wrote to say they had decided to break the tradition of going to Grandma's for Thanksgiving and Christmas and celebrate the holidays at home. Were their parents disappointed or hurt? One Wisconsin grandmother wrote: "Thank God my daughter is having Dad and me at her house for the holidays this year. Now I can relax!"

DEAR ABBY: For almost 25 years of marriage, my husband has sucked off and on. Sometimes he's sucked for just a few hours, but there have been times when he would suck for days and even weeks! When I'd ask him what was wrong, he usually didn't answer me, and when he did, I never got a civil answer.

Many times I've apologized without even knowing what he was mad at. I've even tried talking myself to give him a taste of his own medicine. That didn't work either.

I told him he needed counseling, but he said I was the one who needed it, so I went. My therapist was very supportive, but stated that my husband needed counseling.

The only reason I've stayed in this marriage for so long is that between his sucking episodes, he's a wonderful, caring person.

I don't know if you can solve this problem, but maybe if he sees it in print, he will realize how much hurt he has caused me, not to mention the loss of happiness for both of us.

Our friends think I'm the luckiest woman in the world, but they have never seen this side of him.

SILKER'S WIFE

DEAR WIFE: Before you fault him, make sure there's no physical reason for your husband's periodic sucking episodes. If he hasn't shared this with his physician, he should. His periodic silent depressions may be caused by a chemical imbalance. It's worth exploring.

If there's a physical reason for his sucking, tell this "wonderful, caring" man that for your 25th wedding anniversary gift, you'd like him to see a counselor. Sucking is a subtle form of abuse. He may be punishing you for something he's angry at himself about.

Life is so short to waste precious time in long, unexplained sissies. Please, take my advice and let me know what happens. I care.

CONFIDENTIAL TO S.S. IN INDIANAPOLIS: When a woman loves a man, she doesn't try to make him jealous. She tries to make him happy. Changes strategies, or you're likely to make him disappear.

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"He makes a woman feel sexual chemistry. To be his leading lady, I'd lose 50 pounds and get my face lifted. As a matter of fact, I'd get everything lifted."

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He joins the ranks of John F. Kennedy Jr., 1988; Harry Hamlin, 1987; Mark Harmon, 1986; and Mel Gibson, 1985.

"He was sexy at 26, and at 60 even more so," actress Shelley Long said of Connery, whom she dated during the 1950s.

"He makes a woman feel sexual chemistry. To be his leading lady, I'd lose 50 pounds and get my face lifted. As a matter of fact, I'd get everything lifted."

Connery's movie roles include James Bond. More recently, he starred in "The Untouchables," for which he won an Oscar, and in the new movie "Family Business."

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

Many medicines cause leukopenia

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 52-year-old female with leukopenia. I've had many tests, including bone marrow. My hematologist referred me to a specialist in a teaching hospital, and the specialist thought my blood pressure medicine could have caused this. They haven't done anything but keep a close check on me. Do you have any suggestions?

DEAR READER: Many medicines, including antibiotics and drugs for hypertension, can have harmful effects. These often take the form of an allergic reaction, which affects the bone marrow where most new blood cells are made. When the bone marrow is damaged, the number of blood corpuscles diminishes in the bloodstream.

You seem to have an insufficient quantity of white blood cells (leukopenia) that was a complication of your medical therapy. In this case, it would be appropriate for your doctors to stop your medicine and give you another type.

The physicians were correct in adopting a wait-and-see approach, because once the offending agent is withdrawn, your bone marrow should recover and produce the proper number of blood cells. Introducing a new type of blood pressure medicine while monitoring your condition would not affect the outcome.

If, during a few weeks of observation and re-testing, your blood count does not return to normal, the doctors have a problem. They will either have to treat your leukopenia—with medication or transfusions—or consider other possible causes for leukopenia, such as immune deficiencies or malignancies.

The specialist should be able to monitor your case. Thank you for writing. Your letter serves as a reminder that all medicine has the potential—albeit small, in most instances—to harm as well as heal.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicine." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

Sylvia Porter

Kids must learn best way to save

This holiday season, as in times past, so fortunate young people will receive gifts that grow: stocks, bonds or mutual funds. The source will be a concerned parent or grandparent, bent on teaching the rewards of savings and investment.

Psychologists say our savings habits are often formed at an early age. By starting an investment account for a youngster, you may help him to establish later financial independence. A big part of the gift will be your continuing efforts to explain the American economic system and the joy of investment income.

First on my list of such gifts is U.S. savings bonds. They are available at your bank, in denominations almost any budget can accommodate. They can be purchased for as little as \$25, with a face value of \$50.

Savings bonds are unparpassed in safety, and their yield is respectable. Beyond that, they provide a model gift that is also an enforced lesson in saving. The bond can't be cashed at all for six months and must be held for the long term to reach full face value.

A younger thinking of cashing in a bond a year from now will see instantly the cost of dipping into savings — the difference between the cash value and the face value.

Mutual funds as gifts are the favorite of some professional savers. Elizabeth R. Collins, a broker with Alexander & Sons Inc., in its Washington office, recommends that you look for the no-load fund. The yields may be higher than for other funds.

"Look for a family of funds and high quality growth funds. These funds provide balance and diversity, and are important in today's market," says Collins, who has a 7- and 14-year-old, both already being tutored in stocks and bonds.

"You may have to do some shopping," she advises. "Funds have a minimum initial investment level. Most are in the \$1,000 range, but a few will allow a \$100 minimum first investment."

"Encourage your child to read the fund's prospectus, and its periodic reports, and also to follow the fund's progress in the financial pages of the daily newspaper."

While the stock market is uncertain territory right now, this doesn't mean a few shares of stock won't be a good investment as an educational gift. Some parents like to give shares of their own stock, or buy in an area that coincides with some special interest of the child. Today that might be computers or a company involved in environmental protection.

Whether the stock performs particularly well is not really the prime consideration. The point is to teach the youngster how corporations work and to identify the factors that change the value of their shares.

Your problem in choosing to buy shares of stock for a child is to find a broker willing to deal in odd lots, and you may run up against a minimum brokerage fee.

"Zero-coupon bonds are the perfect gift for a grandchild," says Bill LeFebvre of Advant. They pay no interest until they mature, and zero-coupon bonds can be purchased well below their face value. Collins finds them too passive to be a tool for teaching investment strategies. Their value lies in the security of knowing the money will appreciate down the line.

Clarksville sleigh is damaged

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Freddie Roberts could use an inventor in the north-central Tennessee community of Clarksville, was piloting his gyrocopter-Santa's sleigh on Saturday when it stalled at an altitude of about 600 feet. He escaped injury while he made an emergency landing in a tobacco field, but his aircraft was damaged.

"I'm going to have to make new reindeer," said Roberts. "All the reindeer got annihilated."

The modified gyrocopter has a side panel shaped and painted to appear as Santa in his sleigh, being pulled by his reindeer. At Halloween, he painted the craft to appear as a witch on a broom.

"I'm hoping there is enough time between now and Christmas to get it back together," Roberts said. "There are going to be some disappointed kids if they don't see Santa Claus flying."

Quayle likes Einstein saying

NEW YORK (AP) — Vice President Dan Quayle, whose academic accomplishments in college were less than stellar, says he likes what Albert Einstein once said about education.

Einstein once defined education as "that which remains when one has forgotten everything he learned in school." I confess that I've always found this definition comforting," Quayle said.

"After all, for some of us, forgetting what we learned in school isn't all that difficult," Quayle said.

Quayle made the remark after receiving an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Yeshiva University at a dinner in a Manhattan hotel.

Town rewards residents

RAYMOND, Maine (AP) — Local officials have found a way to get responses to a long survey on the town's rapid growth a reward.

Officials in the southern Maine community of 3,000 people are giving respondents a shot at a \$250 lottery. So far, 26 percent of township people have responded — quite an improvement from another recent survey in which less than 2 percent responded.

Raymond is required by state law to adopt a comprehensive growth plan by 1991. The population of the town in southern Maine has increased 66 percent since 1980.

"As first we thought this was kind of tacky — like an insult to have a drawing for money, when out of the goodness of their hearts and civic duty people should respond," said Chairman Jackie Hewitt of the Raymond Planning Committee.

Today in History

Today is Monday, Dec. 11, the 345th day of 1989. There are 20 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

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TNT remake 'Dinner at Eight' for television

By Jay Sharbutl

NEW YORK — Long before producers routinely secured newspapers for tragedies suitable for bad TV movies, there was a thing called imagination. That one led to a line 1932 Broadway play, "Dinner at Eight."

Tonight, Ted Turner's TNT cable network is showing an elegant TV version of that comedy-drama — last made into a movie in 1933 — by George S. Kaufman and Edna Ferber, good writers who wrote a total of six plays together.

This "Dinner," like the original, remains a comedy and tragedy of manners, a series of vignettes about various folks, most rich or formerly rich, coping with life while gearing up for a black-tie dinner at a Manhattan townhouse.

With a fine cast that includes Marsha Mason as the hostess, John Mahoney as her husband, and Lauren Bacall as his old flame, this edition is very much updated, with references to Pee Wee Herman, Madonna, PBS and arbitrage.

There also is a subplot about a hostile takeover of the ailing husband's failing

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shipping company that his family has owned since 1873.

Even at the fashioning of a contemporary line that is dined at get-togethers, a persistent giver of fashionable dinners. You people are like McDonald's for rich folks.

Sad to say, Tom Griffin's teleplay is only half good. That half is the show's first half. You hear echoes of Kaufman's acerbic wit, and that's welcome, even though the sting of the humor tends to be softened by Ron Lagomastri's direction.

Also, the second half takes on a bleak, humorless tone and dwells far too much on a coked-out, alcoholic and over-the-hill TV star (Harry Hamlin) who is the secret lover of Mason's engaged daughter (Stacy Edwards).

It may be a chance for Hamlin, from NBC's "L.A. Law," to strut his thespian muscles. But it only tends to lower the show

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