

RECORD

About Town

Square dance announced

The Manchester Square Dance Club will hold a mainstream plus level dance on Saturday from 8 to 10:45 p.m. at Illing Junior High School, 229 E. Middle Turnpike in Manchester. Earl Johnston will call the squares. Joan and Armand Donian will cue the rounds. A round dance workshop will be given from 7:30 to 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and donations are \$8 per couple. For more information, call 643-1005 or 643-9375.

Carol Sing planned

The YWCA invites parents and children ages two to six to a Carol Sing on Dec. 19 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The program is free to members, or \$1 for non-member families. Pre-registration is required. Call 647-1437 for more information.

RHAM presents concerts

The RHAM High School music department will present its annual Winter Concerts Monday and Dec. 20, beginning each night at 7:30. Holiday pieces will be performed by the Chamber Singers, Concert Choir, Concert Band and Wind Ensemble. Tickets are \$2, and may be obtained by calling the school at 228-9474, or through any school music student. Tickets may still be available at the door.

Volunteers are needed

The Greater Hartford non-profit agencies seek volunteers through the Voluntary Action Center and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. There are numerous opportunities to get involved. For more information, volunteers over age 60 may call 247-2493, and other volunteers may call 247-2580 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Drawing contest announced

The Savvys Ink of Manchester will sponsor a drawing contest with the Lutz Children Museum's exhibit of Children Books Illustrations. The bank is also supporting the museum's exhibit. All local children ages six to 14 can enter the illustration contest. Contestants should draw a favorite storybook character and drop it off at the museum, located on South Main Street. The deadline is Dec. 20. Winners in three age categories will receive a \$50 savings bond. To enter, drawings must be on an 8 1/2 by 11 inch piece of paper. Entries should include the child's name, address, telephone number, and the age and name of the book used for the illustration. For more information, call the museum at 643-0949.

Clinic rescheduled

The blood pressure clinic sponsored by the Manchester Health Department has been rescheduled to Monday from 9 to 10 a.m. at Westhill Gardens, 24 Bluefield Drive.

CHS Band holds concert

The Coventry High School Band will present "An Evening of Holiday Music" on Friday in the school gymnasium at 7:30 p.m. The donation is \$2, and profits will go toward the Coventry High School Band's 1990 Spring Exchange Concert with the Nepean High School in Ottawa, Canada. Tickets can be purchased from band members or at the door.

FBLA collects food

The Bolton High School chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America is sponsoring a food drive to benefit the South Park Inn Shelter in Hartford. Students will be collecting canned and boxed food until Tuesday, and contributions from the community are welcome.

Lottery

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

CONNECTICUT
Daily: 1-2-7. Play Four: 9-3-2-9. Lotto: 13-19-21-23-27-40.

MASSACHUSETTS
Daily: 5-4-2-1.

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine daily: 1-9-7 and 2-2-8-3.

RHODE ISLAND
Daily: 3-4-8-3. Lot-O-Bucks: 3-8-11-32-39.

More Record news on Page 15.

Weather

REGIONAL Weather
Thursday, December 14
Aqua Weather forecasts for daytime conditions and high temperatures

Weather summary for Tuesday:
Temperature: high of 27, low of 17, mean of 22.
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, 60, set in 1984 and previous years. Lowest on record, Minus 1, set in 1962.



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HOLLY BRUNCH — Carolyn Wilson, left, was hostess to this year's "Holly Brunch," which was held Dec. 1 to benefit the Manchester auxiliary of child and family services. About 160 people attended the brunch. Also pictured are: Margaret Quigley, center, brunch chairperson, and Jean Medusi, hospitality chairperson.

Obituaries

Nina G.R. Beattie

Nina G.R. Beattie, 73, of 52 Oak Grove St., died Tuesday (Dec. 12, 1989) at Manchester Memorial Hospital. She was the wife of James L. Beattie Sr. She was born in Everett, Mass., Nov. 18, 1916, and was a lifelong resident before moving to Manchester 10 years ago. Before retiring 12 years ago, she was a branch manager of the Glendale Square office of the Everett National Bank-Shawmut National Bank of Boston. She is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, James L. Jr. and Eleanor Beattie of Manchester; and a brother, Irving W. Reed in California; two grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

The funeral will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the Watkins Funeral Home, 142 E. Center St. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Calling hours are Friday at 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung and Asthma Association of Connecticut, 45 Ash St., East Hartford 06108.

Public Records

Warranty deeds

Richard K. and Susan M. Cokash to John S. Barracato Jr. and Rebecca A. Bral-Barracato, 143 Blue Ridge Drive, \$220,000.
Terrence E. and Pauline L. Moran to Richard H. and Lori B. Johnson, Manchester West Subdivision, \$203,000.
Laurie Adler to Mark A. Server, Greenview Hill Condominium, \$125,000.
Manchester Townhouse Associates to Scott P. Tierney and Catherine Gagny, Lawton Garden Condominium, conveyance tax, \$98.89.
John C. Haller to Susan C. Rusk, Redwood Farms, \$210,000.
George H. and Catherine C. Nutter to Joseph C. and Michelle M. Kulewicz, 144 Vernon St., \$160,000.
Ernest J. Reed and Brian R. Reed to Mark J. and Elizabeth M. Gerhard, Karen Estates, \$139,000.
Kathleen Perlot and Richard A. Perlot to Steven O. and Leslie H. Kennedy, 30 Sandra Drive, \$169,000.
Manchester Townhouse Associates to Thomas P. and Lora E. Krysiak, Colonial Manor Condominium, conveyance tax, \$98.89.
Frances E. Touraud to James E. Marin, Lake Street, \$129,000.

Multitech New England Inc. to Paul D. and Ana M. Rivera, Oak Grove Farms Condominium, \$124,900.
George J. and Ralpa M. Bernardi to David P. and Giselle P. Kissman, 111 Benton St., \$115,000.
Michael I. and Joan M. Levy to the Bank of East Hartford, Birch Mountain Road, conveyance tax, \$364.99.
George Johnson to Marshall E. Hodge, Brook Haven Condominium, conveyance tax, \$69.30.
Robert N. Masaro to Rose T. Mastelle, Green Manor Estates, \$200,000.
182 Main Street Corp. to John J. and Joann C. Dalone, Lewins Crossing Condominium, conveyance tax, \$181.50.
MIP III Limited Partnership to Utopia Park Associates, 130 Utopia Road, conveyance tax, \$440.

Quit claim deeds

Ralph C. Grey and Hilda I. Klein to Linda I. Grey, Wetherill Village Condominium, no conveyance tax.
Jeffrey M. Steinberg to Lorraine M. Whitehouse, West Side Heights, conveyance tax, \$200.75.
Miriam Seidner to Joyce G. and Edward Epstein, Northfield Green Condominium, \$129,000.

In Brief . . .

Government series starts

The first of a new series of television programs on state government topics arranged by state Rep. Paul Mums (R-Manchester) will be broadcast tonight on Cox Cable's Channel 33. In the program, Mums will investigate the issues revolving around the abortion debate. Guests include Susan Smith, the legislative administrator for the Pro-Life Council of Connecticut, and Deborah Brakulski, the legislative liaison for Planned Parenthood. Programs in the series will be aired every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. "The goal of this show is to bring state issues into local homes to give my constituents a better understanding of the way our state government works," Mums said. Mums said the show is to be taped on a monthly basis with the topic to be announced at the beginning of each month. Program topic requests and suggestions can be forwarded to Mums at the Legislative Office Building, Hartford 06106.

Subdivision request withdrawn

An application for a 41-lot subdivision on Grant Hill Road was withdrawn prior to the meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission Monday night. A hearing on that application was scheduled for the meeting. Quail Run Subdivision is to be located on 65 acres along the Coventry/Tolland town line. Half of the subdivision is to be in town and the other half in Tolland. Commission Chairman Jonathan Kreisberg said hearings on the plan are still going on in Tolland. "I believe they will be reapplying. I think they didn't want hearings going on in both Tolland and Coventry," Kreisberg said.

Shirlene Wade Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17, at the church, 1000 Main St., Manchester.

Police Roundup

Two charged with larceny

Police have charged two men with trespassing on private residential properties on Park Street and entering one resident's parked car. Shame N. Goldstein, 25, and Kevin Jones, 33, both of no certain addresses, were charged Monday with criminal trespassing, burglary and larceny, police said. Upon their arrest, police confiscated two "Light Bright" toy sets and a duffle bag containing a neck brace, umbrella and shawl. Police said the owner of the car identified the items as hers. Both men were held on \$500 cash bond and are scheduled to appear today in Manchester Superior Court. Jones also was cited for failure to submit to finger prints, police said.

Military Notes

Ex-resident commissioned

Lt. William P. Heavey, son of William P. and Ruth F. Heavey of Yarmouth Port, Mass., formerly of Manchester, was designated a flight officer in wing ceremonies recently in the Naval Air Museum, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. Heavey was named to the commodore's list which is comprised of the top 15 percent of Navy officer flight personnel. He was designated as a flight officer in ceremonies at Mather Air Force Base in May, 1984. He is a 1976 graduate of East Catholic High School and a 1981 graduate of Roger Williams College. He is stationed at Whitley Island, NAS, Washington.

On duty in England

Air Force Airman Mare A. Scrivener, son of William L. and Alyce M. Scrivener of 170 Buck Road, Hebron, has arrived for duty in England. He is a fire protection specialist with the 81st Civil Engineering Squadron. He is a 1987 graduate of RHAM High School, Hebron.

Public Meetings

Public meetings scheduled for today:
Manchester
Cheney Hall Foundation, Probate Court, 5 p.m.
Republican Town Committee, Lincoln Center hearing room, 7:30 p.m.
Commission for Disabled, Senior Center, 7:30 p.m.
Andover
Jury Duty Committee, Town Office Building, 8 p.m.
Bolton
Planning Commission, Community Hall, 8 p.m.
Coventry
Town Hall Building Committee, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.

Thoughts

After a particularly exhausting day, my husband arrived home from work and asked me how my day had gone. I proceeded to tell him the events of the day and how tired I was. After I had finished, he then turned to our three-year-old son and asked him the same question. Our son, who had been my side throughout the day, said simply, "I played." To me, the day had been full of work and mundane chores. To our son, these same chores had seemed like play. Our daily tasks and responsibilities often seem so difficult and impossible to overcome. Yet, if we change our attitude just a little, what a difference it makes in our outlook on life. What a difference it makes in how we feel about ourselves and our fellowman. The Lord Jesus said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer: I have overcome the world." (St. John 16:33). May we be of good cheer and bring joy to the lives of others.

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MANCHESTER

Disclosure request forwarded

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

The Board of Directors, responding to a written request from Ethics Commission member Mary Sears, has asked Town Attorney Maureen A. Chmielecki and Town Manager Richard Sartor to examine the possible establishment of financial disclosure regulations for town officials.

The board at its Tuesday night meeting also agreed to ask Town Manager Richard Sartor to investigate whether or not the town Planning Department had knowledge of a business partnership which includes former Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Alfred W. Siefert Sr., Manchester developers Robert F. Blanchard and Paul J. Rossetto, Democratic Town Committee Chairman Theodore R. Cummings, and Dr. Nicholas Palermo. Sears has said that town Planning Director Mark Pellegrini was reluctant to give her information pertaining to an investigation she undertook of voting records of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The Hartford Courant has reported that Siefert did not vote on applications of the partnership while chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission but did vote on applications from individual members of the partnership. Siefert ended his involvement in the partnership in 1985, according to Cummings.

Sears has been accused by Cummings as being an agent of the Republicans and having a bias against Siefert and other town Democrats.

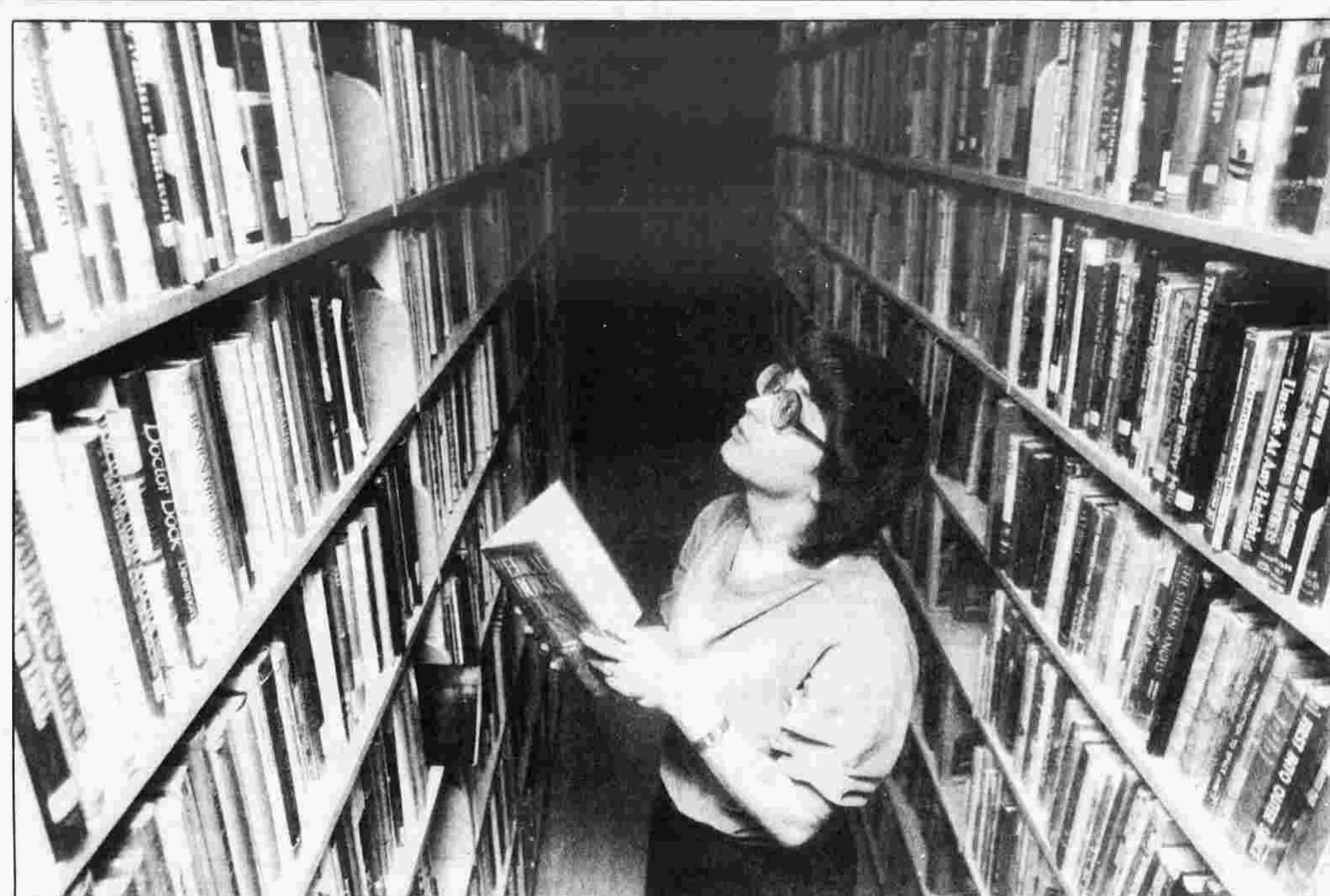
On the disclosure matter, Democratic Director Stephen T. Cassano said disclosure regulations could eliminate chances of officials having conflicts of interest by making it obvious if citizens should not serve on certain boards and commissions. However, Cassano said, many of those willing to serve on commissions are active in the community and have many business connections in town.

"We'd probably lose half the people who serve the town of Manchester. The question is, 'How far do we go?'" he asked. He said to determine whether or not someone had a conflict of interest, "the benchmark has always been financial gain."

Republican Director Wallace J. Irish Jr., who served on the committee which wrote the guidelines used by the Ethics Commission, agreed with Cassano. He said the committee viewed the major indication of a possible conflict of interest to be personal financial gain.

Irish himself is facing a conflict of interest complaint filed with the town Ethics Commission over his voice in favor of a short-term lease extension with the Manchester Country Club for a golf course on town-owned land. Irish is a member of the country club.

In relation to the conflict of interest issue, the Democrats postponed appointing a member to the Ethics Commission because Cassano said the candidate needs a ruling from the town attorney on whether he or she has a conflict.



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LITERARY ALIGNMENT — Terry Carter of 26 Channing Drive, an employee of the Mary Cheney Library on Main Street, works to arrange books at the library Tuesday. Carter works at the library as a 'page', and one of her responsibilities is arranging the books. She has been working there three years.

Cassano raps Republicans for delaying study on pond

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

Democratic town Director Stephen T. Cassano has accused his Republican counterparts of reneging on campaign promises to revitalize Center Springs Park by voting against funding a \$23,000 study on cleanup of the pond.

Funding for the study was defeated in a 3-1 vote at a meeting Tuesday, with Cassano, the lone Democrat present for the vote, the only dissenter. Democrat Pter P. DiRosa Jr. did not attend the meeting and Democrat Joyce Epstein and James "Dutch" Fogarty left before the vote on the study took place.

Cassano said the study should be undertaken because its completion would make Manchester eligible for state moneys that may be available to clean the pond, a project he said would cost about \$150,000. The state would provide 75 percent of the funding.

"After funding for the study was rejected, Cassano said, 'They blew a golden opportunity.' He said the town had a good chance to get state funding for the project because state Sen. Michael P. Meotti, who represents Manchester, chairs the House Appropriations Committee subcommittee on the environment; this committee recommends which projects are funded. Cassano also said that the funds may not be available again. Oeslla said he understood 'the state is in a financial chafe' and even if the pond revitalization program were to be implemented, Center Springs Pond would be overlooked because it is not one of the state's top priorities. Oeslla added that whether the money comes from the state or the town, it is going to be tax dollars. 'The bottom line is it has to come out of someone's pocket,' he said. Cassano responded to the statement after the meeting by saying, 'If it's not going to be spent here, it's going to be spent elsewhere.'

The Republicans captured a 5-4 majority on the board in the Nov. 7 election.

However, Republican Mayor Theunis "Terry" Werkhoven and Republican Director Ronald Oeslla said they were not abandoning the plan to revitalize the pond, but instead planned to include funding for the project in the next budget for the town Parks and Recreation Department.

Oeslla said the restoration should be part of a five-year plan to upgrade the pond as well as Center Springs Park. He said, "I'm willing to continue my commitment to Center Springs Park, but do it through the process." "That's a cop-out," Cassano snapped.

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Patients called 'hostages'

By Nancy Foley
Manchester Herald
and The Associated Press

The financial officer of the Manchester Manor and Vernon Manor has charged that nursing home patients are being used as "political hostages" by the Department of Income Maintenance.

In a Dec. 8 letter to the governor, Paul T. Listro said Medicaid patients should not be transferred because the nursing homes plan to drop out of the Medicaid program.

The Manchester and Vernon homes have been planning to withdraw from the Medicaid program by Dec. 31, and had sought state permission to keep their Medicaid patients until they died or transferred voluntarily. They gradually would have replaced the Medicaid patients with privately paying patients, who can be charged higher rates.

The dispute between the Department of Income Maintenance and the two nursing homes has left about 45 elderly patients under the threat of eviction.

In the letter, Listro said that many of the patients have chosen the facility based upon the medical treatment offered and the proximity to friends, family and community. The Commissioner of the Department of Income Maintenance, Lorraine Aronson, is forcing the patients to move in order to discourage other nursing homes from dropping out of the Medicaid program, he charged.

Aronson said Tuesday that four other nursing homes have already expressed interest in withdrawing from Medicaid, and she said she is worried that there could be a shortage of Medicaid beds if other homes decide to follow suit.

"In my best judgment, there's going to be a significant impact... I am worried," she said.

She declined to identify the four new homes, saying she wanted to be sure they told their patients first, but said their withdrawal could force the relocation of 100 to 200 patients. She said the homes were in southeastern and south-central Connecticut.

Aronson said state regulations require nursing homes taking Medicaid money — as the Vernon and Manchester homes would — to accept new Medicaid patients.

But Marilyn Denny, an attorney for the patients, told Hartford Superior Court Judge Norris L. O'Neill Tuesday that it appears the matter may be settled by the end of the month before the eviction date of Dec. 31.

Sixty-five Medicaid patients have been scheduled to be evicted and about 20 have already been transferred to other homes or have died, Listro said.

The transfers had been halted temporarily by a court injunction obtained by lawyers for the patients, who are suing the nursing homes. In court Tuesday, O'Neill agreed to add Denny's request to add the Income Maintenance Department to the lawsuit. Denny said the addition is "sort of a fail safe" in case the negotiations fall through.

Aronson, Denny and Lewis Wise, the nursing homes' attorney, all declined to describe terms of the possible settlement.



EASY TARGET — George Jordan of 51 Linwood Drive plays hockey alone at Center Springs Park Tuesday. Jordan, who attends Hobart College in Geneva, N.Y., is home for the holidays.

Housing authority in Bolton picks up support from Morra

By James F. Henry
Manchester Herald

BOLTON — A plan to create the town's first-ever housing authority picked up support from First Selectman Robert Morra during a public hearing Tuesday night.

Morra, a Republican, described the authority as a "middleman" designed primarily to investigate the need for housing for the elderly. Town residents will vote on whether to create a housing authority and whether to join a regional compact to provide affordable housing at a Special Town Meeting in the Community Hall Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

"If we're going to address these needs, this is the agency to do it. I'm convinced of that," Morra said at the hearing of the proposed housing authority.

He said the proposed housing authority will not initiate any developments on its own, but will work with developers and various town boards.

First Selectman James C. Veitch, a Democrat, said that the town definitely needs a housing authority.

"There are so many things to know just from this housing situation" that Veitch said the selectmen could not handle the work involved. He said the housing authority is

the answer.

Morra said the housing authority will first determine how much senior citizens in Bolton can afford for living expenses. That information will be used to determine how much in state assistance the seniors could receive.

Winifred Cunningham said the Bolton Senior Citizens Commission, of which she is a member, will issue the selectmen a revised report showing that a large number of seniors in town are interested in living in a senior housing complex.

Based on the information in that report, written by Francine Vecchiola of Mt. Summit Drive, Morra has said there is great need for housing for the elderly.

Ivi Cannon, who served on a committee to review affordable housing needs, asked at the hearing if there is a connection between the formation of the housing authority and the proposed compact with the Capital Region Council of Governments, which asks the town to create between 30 and 40 new units of affordable housing over the next five years.

Morra said residents will also be asked if they want to join the compact at the special town meeting. If the question passes, and if the housing authority is formed, it would split duties among commissions

have found that more can be accomplished. Shoresy said that inland wetlands issues have dominated commission work loads at the expense of conservation matters.

Meanwhile, Gorton said, "There is a lot going on in inland wetlands, and there should be as much in conservation."

The topic of the inland wetlands situation was the first item on the agenda for a public hearing in the Community Hall Tuesday night that was dominated by discussions of creating a housing authority. The entire public hearing, attended by a sparse crowd of residents, lasted just over a half hour.

Inland wetlands agency gets backing in Bolton

BOLTON — The town appears poised to create an inland wetlands commission after a public hearing Tuesday drew no criticism of the proposal.

Currently, issues related to inland wetlands are handled by the Conservation Commission. If voters at a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday vote to create the new commission, the Conservation Commission will be free to work on conservation-related issues.

Conservation Commission Chairman Wayne Shoresy said Tuesday that the commission unanimously supports the split in duties. Planning Commission member Robert E. Gorton said other towns that have

Town cracks down on several violators of sign regulations

By Alex Girelli
Manchester Herald

The owners of the Yarn Mill Apartments in the Cheney National Historic District and operators of four businesses located in the former textile mill have been mailed notices that a number of signs at the building are in violation of zoning regulations for the historic zone.

The notices were sent Tuesday by Thomas O'Marra, zoning enforcement officer, to Larry Brophy, of Brophy Aherm Development Co., the building owners; Samuel Crispino, owner of Movie Express Inc.; D. Quigley, of Fortune Life Weight Center; Linda Mincucci, of Helium Hi's; and Carlene Benito of Just for Licks, all businesses located in the mill.

O'Marra cited a number of violations against regulations for size, number, or style of signs. The notices call on the parties to remove the signs in some cases or to make them comply with regulations in others. Deadlines for compliance range from Dec. 15 to Dec. 28, depending on the specific sign violation.

If the corrections are not made within about 20 days, O'Marra will send them by certified mail. Decisions of the zoning enforcement office can be appealed to the Zoning Board of Appeals within 20 days after the certified mail is sent.

On Nov. 6, Mark Pellegrini, town planning director, wrote a letter to Crispino after a meeting Nov. 3 between Crispino, Pellegrini, and the sign subcommittee of the Cheney National Historic District Commission failed to resolve a dispute over signs at Movie Express Inc.

O'Marra said that during his inspections, he observed sign violations on properties adjacent to the Yarn Mill Apartments and notices of those violations will be issued.

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In the letter, Pellegrini said he had advised O'Marra to issue a notice of violation.

At a meeting of the historic commission Thursday, Beverly Malone, a commission member, expressed frustration over what she considered the long process of challenging signs when store owners refuse to remove them.

O'Marra inspected the signs at the mill on Nov. 27 and on Dec. 5.

The notice to Brophy Aherm says that regulations impose responsibility for compliance with sign regulations on both the building owner and occupants. That notice also says that two signs identifying the Yarn Mill Apartment project appear to be in violation of the regulations.

At Helium Hi's, the sign cited is a flag displayed outside with the company logo and wind streamers. At Just for Licks, three free-standing signs and a window sign on a door are cited. At Fortune Life Weight Center, Linda Mincucci, of Helium Hi's; and Carlene Benito of Just for Licks, all businesses located in the mill.

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Ambassador urges Casolo to cooperate with authorities

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jennifer Casolo could be freed from a Salvadoran jail by Christmas if she cooperates with police investigating a stash of suspected rebel weapons found in the backyard of her San Salvador apartment, according to El Salvador's ambassador to the United States.

Ambassador Miguel Angel Salaverria told reporters Tuesday after a briefing with U.S. Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., that Casolo may have been unaware of the arms hidden in the backyard of her San Salvador apartment. But he said she must reveal the people from whom she rented the dwelling before her release could be considered.

In a related development Tuesday, White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater apologized for remarks made last month shortly after Casolo's arrest by Salvadoran police. Fitzwater was sharply criticized at the time because his statements indicated that the Bush administration gave credence to the charges against Casolo.

Salaverria, after a half-hour meeting with Johnson, said Casolo held her fate in her own hands. "She needs to say who she rented the house from... The decision to say or not to say who she rented the house from is hers," Salaverria said. "The more she cooperates, the easier it will be to end the case."

Johnson characterized the meeting with Salaverria as "encouraging." She said Salaverria gave her no reason to believe that getting Casolo home for Christmas couldn't be realized.

Casolo, a 28-year-old resident of Thomaston, Conn., went to El Salvador in 1985 to work for Christian Education Seminars, a group dedicated to influencing U.S. policy by organizing tours for Americans to learn about the 10-year-old civil war.

Casolo and two Salvadoran friends were arrested Nov. 26 after a

police raid on her white stucco house in San Salvador. From the walled garden behind the house, police said they uncovered 103 mortar grenades, 213 blocks of dynamite, 405 detonators, 150 feet of slow-burning fuse and 21,945 rounds of ammunition for Soviet-made automatic rifles.

She is being held for 90 days pending an investigation into possible links between her, the explosives and Salvadoran rebel forces.

Some initial optimism in Washington Tuesday of Casolo's impending release — generated by comments from Casolo's Salvadoran lawyer — was later dashed when word came from the judge handling the case that the report was the result of a "misunderstanding" and that he had made no decision on Casolo.

Casolo's friends and family insist she is innocent, the victim of a setup.

All considerations have been given to her and we hope that the possibility that she was framed or she was put up or set up" will be the case, Salaverria said.

Johnson said it was her impression that Casolo was being treated fairly and that the Salvadoran government was striving to move swiftly on the case. But she said that Casolo may be concerned for her own safety if she implicates individuals who may be linked to the rebel forces.

"There are things she is willing to talk about with American officials and it is not willing to talk about with Salvadoran officials," Johnson said.

U.S. Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., in a separate news conference, said that former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who is serving as an advisor to Casolo, has developed evidence that would tend to exonerate her. But Dodd did not specify what the evidence was. Dodd called for Casolo's immediate release and said the evidence against her "is circumstantial at best."

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New accounting firm is named as auditor

A newly formed Manchester accounting firm was appointed Tuesday night to serve as town auditor, but not until after the Democratic members of the Board of Directors called into question the qualifications of the company's staff.

The company, Bennett, Katz, and Thibodeau of 112 Spencer St., was nominated by the Republican majority of the board. The company replaces the current town auditor, Okrant & Okrant of 349 E. Center St.

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Court shootings blamed on 2 gangs

NEW HAVEN (AP) — An ongoing feud between two rival gangs of youths erupted in a burst of gunfire leaving three people wounded on the steps of the New Haven Superior Courthouse, police said.

None of the victims was injured seriously in the shooting Tuesday, which police said they believe was drug-related.

Four people were arrested near the scene shortly after the incident, police said.

"They were two rival factions from different parts of the city," New Haven police Lt. James Sorrentino said. "We do have a problem with confrontations between rival groups. I'm sure the initial confrontations between the two groups involved drugs and other illegal activities."

Sorrentino said the confrontation about noon Tuesday involved other people besides those injured and arrested and that an investigation was continuing.

Sorrentino said six shell casings from a 9mm semi-automatic handgun were recovered from the courthouse steps. Police said it has not been determined whether the victims or the suspects were scheduled to appear in court.

Two of the victims were shot in the foot and one in the knee, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Albair Sheffield, 18, of New Haven, was shot in the right foot; Kenny Thames, 20, of New Haven, was shot in the left foot and Barry Lewis, 16, of New Haven, was shot in the left knee.

The three were taken to Yale-New Haven Hospital, where they were listed in fair condition, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Daniel Evans, 17, of Hamden, and Robert D. Robinson, 19, New Haven, were arrested a short distance from the courthouse after a brief foot chase. Evans and Robinson are both charged with three counts of first-degree assault, conspiracy to commit first-degree assault, first-degree reckless endanger-

1,500 to lose jobs

STAMFORD (AP) — Finney Bowes Inc. plans to cut its workforce by 1,500 in the next three years as part of a restructuring that the company said reflects the higher technology of its office products.

Finney Bowes also announced Tuesday that it will cut the number of distribution centers, eliminate some of its field operations and begin a major training program, as part of the initiative to make the company more competitive and efficient in the 1990s.

It said the changes would result in a one-time, \$120 million charge against fourth-quarter earnings, to be offset by a change in income tax accounting procedures.

The company said it expected no immediate layoffs and hoped to cut the workforce mainly through attrition and early retirement. The cuts are mainly in manufacturing and will affect 700 in Connecticut.

Spokesman Terence Marable said he expected some workers would be retrained. He said the last reduction, in 1987, eliminated 225 jobs, mostly through a reemployment of workers.

Finney Bowes, which employs 30,000 worldwide, sells and services office copiers and facsimile machines. It makes equipment for voice dictation, price identification

and mailing and shipping, such as the technology that places bar codes on bills sent through the mail.

"Within the last five years the nature of Finney Bowes' products has been evolving," Marable said. "We've moved from mechanical and electromechanical products to products that are highly electronic and incorporate the latest computer and software technology."

George B. Harvey, chairman and president, said the changes will require fewer jobs in manufacturing, as well as different skills in those who make, sell and service the company's products.

The company said it would undertake major programs to train those who make, sell and service the PW4000 to fit those requirements.

Balair, a charter passenger and cargo airline subsidiary of Swissair, is the 40th customer for the PW4000 engine. Pratt & Whitney will supply Balair with six PW4000 propulsion systems for three twinjets, the company said.

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Pratt & Whitney gets order for engines worth \$45 million

EAST HARTFORD (AP) — Pratt & Whitney PW4000 engines worth about \$45 million to power three new A310-324 aircraft, Pratt & Whitney announced.

The East-Hartford based Pratt & Whitney also announced Tuesday that it plans to offer airlines a growth version of the PW4000 engine for the proposed Boeing 777 aircraft.

"We are talking to airlines interested in the 777 to determine their exact engine requirements," said Selwyn D. Berson, president of Pratt & Whitney's commercial engine business. "We will tailor this version of the PW4000 to fit those requirements."

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Study praises binding arbitration law

It is not to blame for teacher pay hikes, says union's report

HARTFORD (AP) — Some municipal leaders blame Connecticut's binding arbitration law for what they see as exorbitant increases in teacher salaries, but a study commissioned by the state's largest teachers' union concludes that the state's high level of personal wealth and a 1986 school reform law are the chief culprits.

"The binding arbitration law has, indeed, worked, and it works well," said Barry Bluestone, a University of Massachusetts economist who conducted the study.

Under Connecticut's 10-year-old binding arbitration law, arbitrators settle public employee contract issues, including salaries, by selecting either the union's or management's final offer. Local officials cannot overturn an arbitrator's award.

Connecticut's arbitration law was passed in 1979 in an effort to end teacher strikes such as a bitter 1978

walkout in Bridgeport during which a number of strikers were jailed.

There were 55 teacher strikes in Connecticut in the 10 years before the law, but none since then, according to the Connecticut Education Association.

Bluestone, senior associate at the John McCormack Institute at the University of Massachusetts-Boston, said the binding arbitration law has helped prevent strikes.

During the 1980s, public school teachers' salaries have risen at an annual rate of 9 percent to 11 percent. But it was the 1986 reform law known as the Education Enhancement Act that is largely responsible for making Connecticut's teachers among the highest paid in the nation, Bluestone wrote in his report for the Connecticut Education Association.

Although the association, which represents about 30,000 teachers, has mounted a vigorous campaign to preserve the binding arbitration law, Bluestone said he undertook the study with the assurance he would retain full control of its contents.

Bluestone has been an adviser on

labor-management issues for business such as the automobile industry and has done a number of wage studies on public and private sector employees.

Except for Connecticut's Education Enhancement Act, "teachers' salaries in Connecticut, on average, would not be much different today than they would have been in the absence of binding arbitration," Bluestone said Tuesday.

The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, which is seeking to change the binding arbitration law, challenged Bluestone's findings.

"To say we'd be where we are, even without binding arbitration, is without basis. There is no way anyone can answer that question," said Patrick A. McCarthy, general counsel for the school boards' association.

The association filed a lawsuit earlier this year contending that binding arbitration violates the principle of home rule.

Over the past five years, the price of three every four arbitration decisions have been in favor of

unions, McCarthy said.

"We never argued teachers' salaries shouldn't be increased," she said. "The real question now is, can we continue at 8 and 9 percent increases on top of the (improved) base?"

As recently as seven years ago, the average teacher salary in Connecticut was below the national average, behind that of 21 other states, but by 1988-89 it had reached \$37,343, 25 percent above the national average and second only to Alaska's \$41,754.

One factor in that rise, Bluestone said, was the steady rise in the state's per capita personal income, which steadily outpaces the national average.

In 1982-83, Connecticut's per capita personal income was 27 percent higher than the national average, and by 1987-88 it was 39 percent higher, Bluestone said.

"You would expect Connecticut would pay its teachers more than, say, teachers in Mississippi or Alabama," he said.

Woman killed by train

WALLINGFORD (AP) — A Wallingford woman was killed after signals at a railroad crossing apparently failed and an Amtrak train traveling 60 mph slammed into the side of her car, police said.

The woman, identified as Susan M. Smart, 23, was pronounced dead at the scene shortly after the 6:09 p.m. crash, said Wallingford police Sgt. Thomas J. Curran.

Smart was traveling alone in her car and no one else was injured, police said. The train was traveling westbound toward Parker Place Condominiums not far from the town center, Curran said. Smart had been driving west on Parker Street.

Curran said Smart's car was in the middle of the tracks when it was struck on the passenger's side by the southbound train, which included an engine and a passenger car carrying about 35 passengers.

The impact of the collision pushed the woman's car 400 feet south of the crossing, he said.

Curran said an eyewitness told police the gate and lights at the

crossing were not working at the time of crash. He said police have not determined conclusively yet whether they were working or not, but their preliminary investigation indicates they were not.

Many of the residents who gathered around the tracks Tuesday night said that when the lights and gates do work, they often are stuck for so long that people lift them and drive around them.

An Amtrak spokesman at the scene said he could not comment on the accident because it is under investigation.

Tuesday's accident is the second train-related fatality in Wallingford in 1989. In May, Stefania Sadko, 57, a pedestrian, was killed when she crossed the tracks near the Ward Street crossing, using a shortcut from a supermarket.

Last Thursday, Patricia McManus, 45, of Wallingford suffered minor injuries after her car was struck by a slow-moving freight train at the Williams Road crossing on the town's east side.

Agency's bonus plan rewards retirees

HARTFORD (AP) — A salary bonus plan at the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority is supposed to entice top managers to stay at their jobs, but it didn't stop two managers from retiring early this year and collecting a total of \$149,000 in salary bonuses.

The six-year-old plan allows the authority's 11 highest-paid managers to earn thousands of dollars in bonuses each year, but they don't receive the money until they leave.

And rather than being based on performance, the plan is based on the highest salary and length of service with the authority.

Three years ago state auditors criticized the plan, saying it rewarded managers for leaving rather than staying — a criticism they still believe is valid.

The managers become eligible for bonuses after four years at the authority. The money supplements almost 8 percent for authority employees in each of the past three years, which have averaged about twice the top salary when he leaves. In addition, a manager no longer can receive the bonus for a particular year if his performance

was unsatisfactory.

Dubno acknowledged that the plan still could result in bonuses for a manager fired for wrongdoing, but said the manager probably would be entitled to the bonus for the years in which performance was satisfactory.

Managers were paid a total of \$236,651 in bonuses this year. In addition to the \$79,835 paid to Finance Director Donald Looney and \$69,075 to General Counsel Otto Bonaparte, the authority also paid \$87,741 to the estate of Deputy Director Stuart Jennings, who died.

The bonus for managers who leave involuntarily — defined as retirement, illness, firing for incompetence or layoff — increases from 6 percent for each year worked in the first year of eligibility to 10 percent for each year by the seventh year.

For those who quit, the bonus increases yearly from 1 percent a year for each year worked until it reaches a limit of 6 percent in the ninth year.

Because the plan deems retirement to be involuntary, the plan provided a windfall to Donnelly and Bonaparte.

White said the bonuses are not based on performance because all the top managers at the authority do excellent work.

White said the plan was adopted to keep the top managers from going to private financial institutions in the mid-1980s. He said the loss of only four of the original 10 managers who qualified for the plan six years ago showed the plan has worked.

One of those managers died.

Dubno and White also said some of the criticism voiced three years ago has been answered by changes that took effect this year.

Dubno said managers now contribute 2 percent to 3.5 percent of their salaries each year to the special fund — until this year they contributed nothing — thus defraying the cost somewhat.

The plan is now capped at 20 years, Dubno said, meaning a manager could not receive more than twice his top salary when he leaves. In addition, a manager no longer can receive the bonus for a particular year if his performance

Plane parts are found

NARRAGANSETT, R.I. (AP) — Parts of an airplane seat and door jamb that a fisherman brought up in his net with the flounder found a sonar-equipped Coast Guard boat had traversed for seven days. The sonar indicated that in about 100 feet of water sat three large objects that searchers believe may be the plane's fuselage.

"We are optimistic. It's made of metal and it seems to fit," said John Fish of American Underwater Search and Survey, which has donated the sonar gear and manpower to the search.

At least two more days of detailed sonar mapping will be needed, however, before divers can be sent down to determine if it is the New England Airlines plane that disappeared Nov. 28 while on a 17-mile flight from Block Island to Westerly, O'Rourke said.

He said the NTSB was committed to recovering the wreckage. Without it, determining a cause for the crash would be difficult, he said.

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OPINION

Diversity at schools heartening

Manchester school officials feel the need to provide the town's teachers with the background they need to deal with demographic changes in the student population over the last decade which has brought minority students into the system.

Part of an in-service day in May will be devoted to giving teachers information about educating students from different backgrounds. It was apparently the teachers themselves who asked for the guidance and that is a good sign. It indicates an awareness on their part of cultural differences among students that affect their education and a sensitivity to the need for understanding those differences.

Ironically, that sensitivity may come about, not because Manchester educators over the years have ignored the issue, but because they have been making a good effort to address it.

When federal funding for multicultural education was eliminated, the school system continued to employ a multicultural director on the staff. The director, Lou Irvin, has helped minority students in many cases and in the process must certainly have been a help to teachers as well. He started a multicultural club at Manchester High School and similar clubs have been organized at the junior highs.

The goal of the clubs is to eliminate racial isolation by bringing together students with different ethnic backgrounds.

Irvin's work gives the Manchester education system a head start on the problem, and when May workshops take place, the participants will not be starting from scratch.

Looking Back

Union Street mill dates to late 1700s

By Gladys S. Adams

Elisha Pitkin built a cotton mill on the Hookquam River on the west side of Union Street in 1794. Velvet, corduroys and fustians were manufactured here for 25 years.

Elisha had eight sons and one, Samuel, had charge of the cotton mill. In 1819 the Pitkin mill was sold to David Watkinson and he sold it to Union Mfg. Co., a company he had organized and of which he was the principal owner. By 1823 a three-story building made of sandstone from the Buckland quarry had been erected.

An 1825 ad read: Cotton help wanted. Three or four large families consisting of men, women and children to labor in a New Stone Factory in Manchester.

The stone mill was enlarged in 1847, later a brick mill was added and business was prosperous until the Civil War cut off the supply of cotton. People moved away and there were 64 fewer children in Union Village.

The disastrous flood of 1869 left Union dam intact but the original Pitkin mill, a two-story wooden building that had made into a tenement house, was washed away. Frederick Snow was caught in the flood but saved himself by climbing a tree. "He is now on the abutment of the dam, unable to reach shore. He will be got off when the water subsides."

In 1886 G.M. Bartholomew was president of Union Mfg. Thomas F. Plunkett Jr. was treasurer and both men were officers of the Hartford Silk Co. Plunkett embodied "between one half and one million dollars" from Union Mfg. and Hartford Silk and fled to Mexico. Union Mfg. went into receivership and receivers have not unraveled the whole intricate snarl of Union affairs.

Llama Wool and later Hochheimer Bros., wool scourers, occupied the old Union plant but by the turn of the century Cheney Bros. owned the property and used it in setting up their hydro-electric generator.

Aug. 10, 1907: "Cheney Bros. have started men at work tearing down the old Union mill at the North End. With the passing of the mill the state loses the oldest stone mill. The stone in the mill will be used in building part of the new mill which the firm has under way at the corner of Pleasant and Pine streets."

So, the Ribbon Mill, now apartments, has as its foundation hand-cut Buckland quarry sandstone blocks that were originally used to build Union Mfg. Co. The window sills in this building are also sandstone and probably came from the same source.

Gladys S. Adams is a member of the Manchester Historical Society.

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Lieberman is confident

By Bob Conrad

Joe Lieberman looks forward to his second year as a U.S. senator, starting next month, after catching the wave of newsmen that helped make his debut in 1989 exciting.

He is a bit concerned about the second that he'll be wearing—even though it's mostly ceremonial—as co-chairman of a committee to help re-elect Gov. Bill O'Neill. He's heard enough grumbling around the state to realize that may not be easy.

But Lieberman's support of O'Neill is unwavering and he is confident that the Democratic governor, with a little help from the economy, can retain his job next November. As for his loyalty to O'Neill, the senator says "I owe it to him," thinking back to the support he had from O'Neill in his own two campaigns for attorney general and five for the State Senate.

It was that experience of ten years in Hartford, the last six as floor leader for the Democrats, that served Lieberman well during his first year in Washington. Procedurally, it wasn't all that different, he says.

"After all, a legislature is a legislature is a legislature," the New Haven Democrat says.

Lieberman had a lot of company as a new face in the Senate. Twenty-one of the fifty-five senators in the Democratic majority were elected in the last four years. And the leadership under top boss Sen. Chris Dodd, is taking a bump ray for supporting, as Lieberman does, a U.S. role in Central America on behalf of democracy—including the regime in El Salvador, but as it is.

But Lieberman is disturbed by criticism he is hearing of the O'Neill administration from the public. He finds that tax hikes this year stick in their

throat, with most of the blame pinned on O'Neill. Lieberman calls that unfair, though he understands that the governor is the obvious target for reaction to what the Legislature does.

It bothers him, too, that some flak comes from within the party.

So while Lieberman doesn't face a re-election effort until 1994, he is fully aware now that he and Democrats who want to see O'Neill re-elected next year cannot take it easy. He and the panel he chairs (with Dodd) have their work cut out, and they know it.

Political notes
*GOP National Chairman Lee Atwater is a "bright, successful guy who has his respect," says former state Rep. Maurice Mostley of Waterbury, a Democrat. But Mostley isn't switching parties even though he attended last week's big GOP dinner in his city. He just wanted to talk with—and did—a fellow lawmaker of South Carolina State who shares roots with that state.

*Democratic State Chairman John Dronney encouraged state Rep. Jonathan Pelto of Mansfield to continue as the party's statewide political director after Pelto was elevated to deputy majority leader in the state House, an appointment by Majority Leader Bob Frankel of Stratford. At least two others—Reps. Steve Duffy of Bristol and Pat Dillon of New Haven—were interested in the job vacated by outgoing Rep. Paul Giovinetto, the new mayor of Middletown.

Bob Conrad is a syndicated columnist.

Open Forum

Signal needed

To the Editor:
A traffic signal should be installed at the corner of Hartford Road and Pine Street. Too often there are near misses and on some occasions, there have been accidents.

The recent renovation of the Center Historic District and the increased traffic flow, the problem at this intersection has been compounded. Cars coming onto Hartford Road from the convenience store also have difficulty merging.

I believe that if a traffic light were installed here a real safety hazard could be avoided. Let's hope the town is not lulled into inaction until a really serious problem occurs.

Jonathan H. Wodal
192 Hartford Road
Manchester

Ignoring voters

To the Editor:
Were the general manager and Board of Directors listening to the voters Nov. 7? They rejected the size, location, inefficiency and expense of the proposed town hall building complex as well as its high cost.

Now, it appears, the manager and directors are marching forward, ignoring the statement of the voters, acquiring land on Main Street for a scaled-down version of the same referendum-defeated plan.

I guess you don't really want a new town hall; because if you do, you're going about it wrong. If you want voters given the next time, then start all over. Take a new look at future personnel and office space needs, office layout options and new building/fit-out plans followed by a building design competition. This new look requires new people without pre-conceived notions to have such a committee. Al Lutz has all the answers."

Maybe Jay Giles, chairman of citizens building committee, was right last September when he told the GM and board: "You don't need a building committee. Al Lutz has all the answers."

I don't have all the answers, but I do

Resignation could burn Sen. Garn

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON—The body count from the savings and loan scandal now includes five U.S. Senators and with his forced resignation last week, the chief regulator of the industry, M. Danny Wall, who's next.

Congressional and regulatory sources believe that Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, is watching his own reputation as Congress' banking expert go down the drain. Garn must now assume responsibility for the disastrous performance of two thrift regulators he put at the helm. There is also the little matter of the deregulation law he co-sponsored in 1982, which allowed savings and loans to turn themselves into federally insured casinos.

Thus, when Garn complains that Wall, his political protégé, is a "scapegoat," it's reasonable to assume that Wall may be scapegoating for Garn.

Richard Pratt was the first man to become chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board riding on Garn's coattails. Former White House officials say Garn pressed the Reagan administration to give Pratt the job in 1981. Pratt kept himself busy dreaming up regulatory loopholes that lowered the net worth requirements for thrifts and made creative bookkeeping changes that allowed thrifts to paper over their losses. It was the beginning of an eight-year party for the savings and loan industry—a party that taxpayers would eventually have to pay for.

Pratt now concedes that lowering the net worth requirements and liberalizing the accounting standards were bad ideas. But he told our associate Michael Binstein that he still believes deregulation helped more than it hurt. He is on the record arguing that the October 1987 slaying of Kara Laczynski, a reporter with the Journal-Inquirer newspaper of Manchester, He was arrested in December 1987.

Lomax's first trial ended in a hung jury in February.

During testimony Tuesday, Doreen Hood, a reporter at the Journal-Inquirer, described finding Laczynski's body in Laczynski's Hartford apartment on Oct. 5, 1987.

"There were clothes all over the floor, dresser drawers had been pulled out of her bureau, things had been stacked on the hide-a-bed and she was on the floor near the bathroom," Hood said.

Also testifying were Laczynski's mother, Frances, and Thomas Kimbrough, a janitor at Laczynski's apartment complex, who described finding Laczynski's body with a belt wrapped around its neck.

State prosecutors have said they expect to call several new witnesses who did not testify during the first trial.

Among the new witnesses is expected to be Lisette Leon, 22, of Hartford, who said she had known Lomax and co-defendant Willie Askew, 21, of Hartford, since childhood and that she saw both men trying to climb into a window of Laczynski's apartment the night she was slain. Leon said that face presented her from immediately telling police what she had seen.

Askew was arrested in April and charged with felony murder, murder, conspiracy to commit murder, first-degree burglary and first-degree conspiracy to commit burglary. He is awaiting trial and is being held at the Morgan State jail on \$500,000 bond.

Testimony is expected to resume Wednesday.

Laczynski was originally from Union, N.J.

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Pedestrian killed on Interstate 84

FARMINGTON (AP)—A pedestrian was killed on Interstate 84 when he apparently ran across the highway, striking one car and being run over by a second, state police said.

The man, whose identity was not known, was apparently walking on I-84 near Exit 36 in Farmington and run over by a car driven by Richard Gorgino of Bristol, Perucki said.

Perucki said police have no idea why the pedestrian was in the road. He said tests were being conducted to try and determine the man's identity.

The incident is still under investigation, Perucki said.

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State Supreme Court orders companies to pay back taxes

HARTFORD (AP)—By forcing companies that set up special entities to pay more money. Using DISCs, small companies that served as marketing agents for American exporters and provided federal tax breaks, was a common business practice between 1972 and 1984, he said.

"Not only will we have the millions of dollars that were put on hold, we are not going to lose a lot of money we brought in. That was a big concern. We're happy," said Phyllis Tarizek, spokeswoman for the state Department of Revenue Services.

In the unanimous decision released Tuesday, the high court said the state tax code did not allow companies to deduct the commissions they paid to their "domestic international sales corporations," or DISCs, from state corporation taxes from 1981 to 1984, Richard D. Nicholson, legal director of the Department of Revenue Services, said.

Nicholson said the ruling is worth at least \$3 million to the state. The state collected about \$1.5 million in the taxes, but that money was, in effect, frozen in state accounts until the high court made its decision, he said. He said the state knows of about \$1.5 million in taxes deducted as commissions that was not collected.

Nicholson said the ruling could affect numerous Connecticut companies that may find themselves owing the state money. Using DISCs, small companies that served as marketing agents for American exporters and provided federal tax breaks, was a common business practice between 1972 and 1984, he said.

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The subsidiaries were paid commissions by the parent companies and typically returned about half the commissions to the parent company as dividends.

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Gun

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Police have charged 17-year-old Christopher Lacy, of 622 E. Middle Turnpike, and Michael Bourgoin, 17, of East Hartford, with robbery, larceny and assault on a person over age 60. Sheehan, who told police he shot Lacy in self-defense after the youth threatened him, has not been charged.

Police said he had a license for the gun.

Sheehan, a UPS deliveryman, said that he chose to carry the gun to help protect himself from attacks. He declined to say how long he has carried a gun on the job.

Sheehan said he heard about a UPS driver who was shot in Bridgeport a few months ago when

someone tried to rob him. "I said to myself, 'That could happen to me,'" Sheehan, who said he learned about about guns when he served in the Army for four years, also declined to comment in detail on his agreement with UPS to no longer carry a firearm on the job.

"The main issue is public safety," he said. "I'm just happy that everything turned out the way it did" and no one else was hurt.

His wife, Pamela, said, "It didn't bother me that he carried a gun. UPS drivers handle a lot of money. If they are held up by someone, then they are up the creek. Without a weapon, they have nothing to protect themselves with."

Health

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also will testify, he said.

The council wants to be prepared for the worst case scenario regarding budgetary cutbacks, Kraatz said.

"We are uncertain as to what the government or Legislature is going to do," he said.

In order for the mental health programs in town to maintain their present operations, they need a 6 percent inflationary budget increase, Kraatz said.

Last year, despite a multimillion dollar tax increase, state budget cuts resulted in a 4 percent cut in mental health programs within Manchester, he said.

"The problem is, this year the budget looks even slimmer," Kraatz said.

Czechs

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Some Communist lawmakers want the choice to be made by public referendum. But the opposition, hoping to keep its momentum while it can, is pressing for a quicker decision.

Vasil Mohoria, a member of the Communist Politburo, said opposition leaders agreed during negotiations Tuesday that 14 days isn't enough time to choose a president.

Many opposition figures favor Vaclav Havel, a playwright and oft-jailed dissident who is the emotional rallying point of the reform movement.

After discussions by constitutional lawyers from all parties on Tuesday, Mohoria said it might take from 45 days to 60 days for an election to be held, whether in Parliament or by a vote of the people.

Mohoria is a senior Communist who negotiated with the opposition the coalition government chosen last week. The Cabinet was the first to make Communists a minority in the government in four decades.

Mohoria conceded that Havel "represents something and in no way can we underestimate his position in society."

Soviets

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state controls on some prices, sell off some unprofitable state enterprises and lay the groundwork for a type of stock market.

Ryzhkov spoke at length about developing a "socialist market" economy that the state would control, but he gave few details.

He offered no specific proposals on letting market forces dictate prices, which are artificially low because of state subsidies on many goods.

Because of consumer fears that easing price controls will result in exorbitant prices, the government will discuss compensation for price increases beginning next year and only afterwards draft the reform, he said.

Sales

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three years — rose 0.7 percent. Durable sales fell 3 percent in October after being unchanged in September.

Sales of building materials gained 2 percent after falling 1.1 percent in October.

Another durable category, furniture and other home furnishings sales, gained 1.6 percent following a 0.8 percent increase in October.

Sales of non-durable goods rose 0.9 percent, following a 0.3 percent decline in October and a 1.1 percent gain in September.

Plan to purchase tract draws opposition

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

Several citizens and two Republican members of the Board of Directors opposed Town Manager Richard Sartor's recommendation that the town buy two properties next to the Lincoln Center to increase parking capacity.

Sartor, at a public hearing in the Lincoln Center Tuesday night, proposed the purchase of two properties at 470 and 472 Main St. for \$642,400. The Board of Directors voted to delay acting on the proposal after it was criticized.

About five opponents of the land acquisition said the town should not make such a deal until a definite plan for the expansion and renovation of the town offices has been approved.

Theodore Brindamour, of 5 Dover Road, said, "Wouldn't it be better to

wait until we are sure the properties are needed?"

However, Sartor said repeatedly that the properties, owned by Wesley C. and Mary K. Gryk, are necessary to provide additional parking outside the Lincoln Center regardless of any plans to expand and renovate the town hall complex. A \$13.9 million plan was rejected by voters in a referendum last month.

"Without parking, the building is useless. We couldn't sell the building," Sartor said.

With the purchase of the Gryk properties and the leveling of the two buildings on it, the town would have room for about 60 more parking spaces and an entrance and exit from Main Street directly to the Municipal Building, Sartor says the road is necessary for the flow of traffic.

The price of the properties and the assessed value was questioned

by Republican Director Susan Buckno, the deputy mayor. She said the value appeared too high because it was based on assessments done more than six months ago when the market rate was higher.

She also said that one of the properties compared to the Gryk properties for making the assessments was, in her opinion, of far greater worth.

However, Sartor said he received assessments from two appraisers. One priced the Gryk property from \$575,000 to \$580,000, and the other from \$575,000 to \$580,000.

"I would much rather be bringing a number about half of that sum," Sartor said. "The reality is that that is not the market in the world I'm dealing with."

After the meeting, he said Gryk is a smart businessman and is in a favorable position concerning the sale because of the town's needs.

"I can't go somewhere else and buy that land across town," Sartor said.

During the meeting, he said the most expensive way to solve the parking needs is to purchase the land at the proposed cost. The town could take the land by eminent domain, he said, but Gryk would appeal, and when all costs, including legal fees and the cost to relocate those occupying the buildings were totaled, the cost would be more than the \$642,400 for the properties.

Sartor said the deal is scheduled to close Jan. 23, and to make it, he needs the directors' approval.

Buckno, who chairs the board's subcommittee on the town hall, said she will meet with the architects of the rejected town hall plan on Thursday. She said she will try to find a way to provide adequate parking without making the Gryk purchase.

Bush honors cardinals, praises role of religion

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush paid tribute to America's six Roman Catholic cardinals Tuesday and credited religious faith with helping to bring down barriers to freedom in Eastern Europe.

In El Salvador, he condemned "terrorism and murder, whatever the ideology," and stressed that "we will do everything we can to bring to justice those who murdered the six Jesuit priests."

The six priests were slain along with their housekeeper and her daughter last month by armed men who invaded their rectory at the Jesuit university in San Salvador. Some church groups have accused government troops of the killings, which occurred a few days after leftist rebels launched an offensive in the capital.

"In Nicaragua, too, we cannot rest until liberty's victory is won. We want this to be the first hemisphere

made up entirely of free, democratic countries," said the president.

Bush said that at the Dec. 2-3 summit with Mikhail S. Gorbachev of Malta, he and the Soviet president talked of "the freedom to dismantle barriers between nations. And how principles based on conscience can move mountains or — as in East Berlin — even move a wall."

"As we spoke, I thought of how God does move in mysterious ways," said Bush, recalling Gorbachev's words to Pope John Paul II on the eve of the Malta summit, which occurred a few days after leftist rebels launched an offensive in the capital.

"The dinner, which also capped Catholic University's centennial year, honored Cardinals John O'Connor of New York, Bernard Law of Boston, Joseph Bernardin of Chicago, James Hickey of Washington, Edmund Szoka of Detroit and John Krol of Philadelphia. Krol is retired.

"What a wonderful message for this Christmas season — a message of the renewal which springs from faith, hope, generosity, freedom," said Bush. "What a wonderful legacy to leave our children — the knowledge that God can live without man, but man cannot live without God."

Bush also pledged continued support for several other issues important to the Catholic hierarchy: opposing abortion, backing a constitutional amendment to allow voluntary prayer in public schools, and insisting that church-sponsored centers be eligible for any new federal child care aid.

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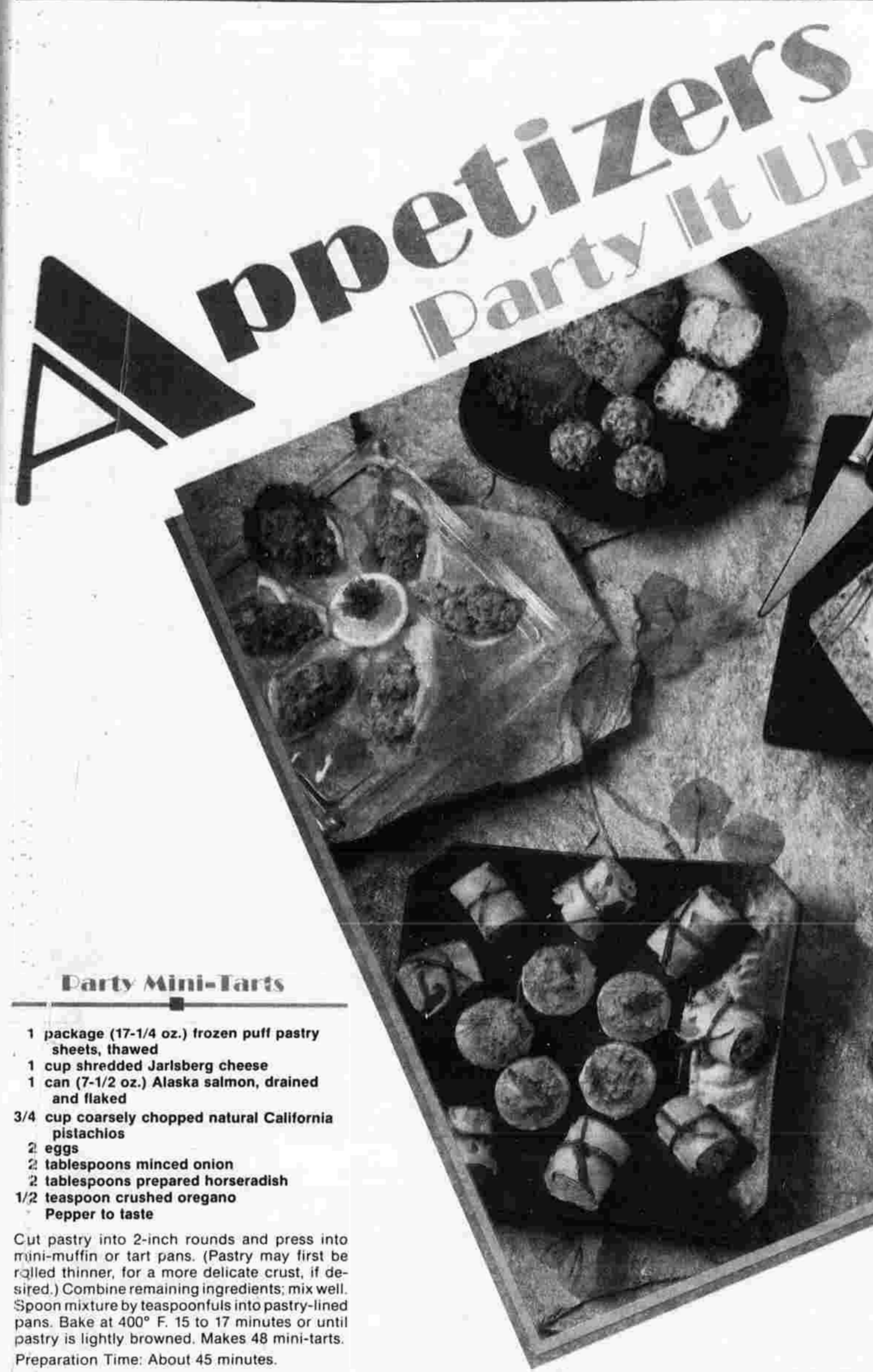
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FOOD

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Everyone loves a party done with style. But, you say, "style" sounds complicated. Not when you plan the festivities around a variety of tempting finger foods — an increasingly popular trend. Each of these recipes, made with complementary ingredients, is surprisingly simple to put together. Since many people today keep an eye on nutrition, even when entertaining, the three essential building blocks offer a healthy bonus.

Although it looks and tastes like a sophisticated terrine, Festive Tricolor Torte is wonderfully easy to make. Versatile Alaska canned salmon combines with the distinctive flavor and delicate color of California pistachios while mellow, nutty Norwegian Jarlsberg cheese melts readily into a foundation that enhances other ingredients.

For a new twist on a perennial favorite, Mariner's Pesto Pizza has the crunch of California pistachios as well as the subtle seasoning (cloves, cumin, caraway) of Nokkelost, another unique cheese from Norway.

Present these Picture-Perfect Pinwheels sliced, layered or, as shown, in small rolls tied with green onions like gift packages. Here, as elsewhere, one can of Alaska salmon helps create a variety of light hors d'oeuvres.

A streamlined version of croustades, Party Mini-Tarts are hearty nibbles to serve warm. Jarlsberg forms a mild, rich tasting base — yet, made from part-skim milk, it's lower than most natural cheeses in calories, sodium and fat.

Luscious Stuffed Lettuce Leaves, inspired by a traditional Oriental appetizer, are also easy to prepare. The savory filling may also be tucked into squash blossoms, endive or celery.

Smoky Salmon Log is quick to fix and adds a touch of luxury. For a sweet finale, here's something a little bit different: Gjetost Surprise Balls made with yet a third special Norwegian cheese. Deep golden and naturally sweet, Gjetost rolled in California pistachios gives a delightful caramel accent.

Party Mini-Tarts

- 1 package (17-1/4 oz.) frozen puff pastry sheets, thawed
- 1 cup shredded Jarlsberg cheese
- 1 can (7-1/2 oz.) Alaska salmon, drained and flaked
- 3/4 cup coarsely chopped natural California pistachios
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons minced onion
- 2 tablespoons prepared horseradish
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed oregano
- Pepper to taste

Cut pastry into 2-inch rounds and press into mini-muffin or tart pans. (Pastry may first be rolled thinner, for a more delicate crust, if desired.) Combine remaining ingredients; mix well. Spoon mixture by teaspoonfuls into pastry-lined pans. Bake at 400° F. 15 to 17 minutes or until pastry is lightly browned. Makes 48 mini-tarts. Preparation Time: About 45 minutes.

Gjetost Surprise Balls

- 2 cups shredded Gjetost cheese
- 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened to room temperature
- 2 tablespoons apricot-flavored brandy (or equivalent apricot nectar)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup coarsely chopped natural California pistachios

Cream cheeses together with brandy and vanilla; roll into bite-sized balls. Roll balls in pistachios to coat. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Makes about 38 balls. Preparation Time: About 30 minutes. *Refrigerate until firm, if mixture is too soft.

Mariner's Pesto Pizza

- 1 tube prepared pizza dough (12-inch crust)
- 2 cups prepared pesto sauce
- 2 cups shredded Jarlsberg cheese
- 1 cup shredded Nokkelost cheese
- 1 cup coarsely chopped natural California pistachios
- 1 can (7-1/2 oz.) Alaska salmon, drained and flaked

Arrange pizza dough in 15x10x3/4-inch baking pan or 12-inch pizza pan. Spread pesto sauce evenly over dough. Sprinkle alternately with cheeses, pistachios and salmon. Bake at 425° F. 15 to 17 minutes or until crust is golden. Cut into 2x2-inch squares and slice each diagonally. Makes approximately 70 pieces. Preparation Time: About 30 minutes. *Or substitute 1 cup additional Jarlsberg, for mild flavor.

Picture-Perfect Pinwheels

- 3/4 cup ricotta cheese
- 1 can (7-1/2 oz.) Alaska salmon, drained and flaked
- 1/2 cup chopped natural California pistachios
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- Salt to taste
- Fresh spinach leaves
- 1 pound wedge Jarlsberg (or equivalent Nokkelost) cheese, sliced 1/16 to 1/8-inch thick

Blend ricotta cheese, salmon, pistachios, lemon juice, peel, nutmeg and salt; mix well. Arrange a layer of spinach leaves on each slice of Jarlsberg cheese; spread evenly with about 2 tablespoons ricotta mixture. Roll up each slice, jelly-roll fashion; secure with toothpick. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Slice in 1/2- to 3/4-inch thick pieces; arrange on serving platter; refrigerate until serving time. Makes about 40 pinwheels. Preparation Time: Under 1 hour. Tip: Instead of using toothpicks, rolls can be tied at intervals with blanched green onions or chives, then sliced or served whole.

Smoky Salmon Log

- 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened to room temperature
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped green onion (scallions)
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon liquid smoke
- 3 drops bottled hot pepper sauce
- Salt to taste
- 1 can (7-1/2 oz.) Alaska salmon, drained and flaked
- 1/2 cup chopped natural California pistachios

Combine cheese, green onion, lemon juice, liquid smoke, hot pepper sauce and salt; blend thoroughly. Stir in salmon. Refrigerate several hours. Shape mixture into log; roll in chopped pistachios. Arrange whole or sliced on serving plate; refrigerate until serving time. Makes about 36 appetizers. Preparation Time: About 30 minutes.

Festive Tricolor Torte

- 1 package unflavored gelatin
- 6 tablespoons dry white wine, divided
- 2 packages (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened to room temperature
- 1-1/2 cups coarsely chopped natural California pistachios
- 1 can (7-1/2 oz.) Alaska salmon, drained and flaked
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 3 cups shredded Jarlsberg cheese, warmed to room temperature
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/2 cup light dairy sour cream
- 2 to 3 tablespoons fresh chopped basil (or equivalent dried)

Soften gelatin in 3 tablespoons wine; set aside. Beat cream cheese until light and fluffy; add gelatin mixture. Divide cheese mixture into 2 equal portions. Mix pistachios into one portion of cheese mixture; spread into bottom of 8-1/4x4-3/4x2-1/2-inch plastic wrap-lined loaf pan. (Or use 2 smaller pans.) Mix salmon and lemon peel into remaining portion of cheese mixture. Spread evenly over pistachio mixture. Toss Jarlsberg cheese with cornstarch. Bring remaining wine to boil in saucepan; gradually stir in cheese until melted. Stir in sour cream and basil. Spread evenly over salmon layer. Cover and refrigerate at least 6 hours or overnight. Invert loaf onto platter. Serve with thick or thin style Kavi Norwegian crispbread. Preparation Time: About 1 hour.

Stuffed Lettuce Leaves

- 1 pound fresh mushrooms, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup dry white wine (or equivalent white grape juice)
- 1 teaspoon marjoram, crushed
- Dash hot pepper sauce
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup shredded Jarlsberg cheese
- 1 can (7-1/2 oz.) Alaska salmon, drained and flaked
- 2 cups chopped natural California pistachios
- 15 to 20 green lettuce fingers (small center leaves, using Romaine)*

Saute mushrooms and onion in butter; stir in wine and marjoram and cook 10 to 15 minutes, until liquid is evaporated. Add hot pepper sauce, salt and pepper; cool. Combine mushroom mixture, Jarlsberg cheese and salmon to blend. Gently stir in pistachios. Stuff mixture into lettuce fingers. Makes 15 to 20 servings. Preparation Time: About 1 hour. *Squash blossoms can be substituted. Stuff squash blossoms; arrange in baking dish. Bake with 3 to 4 tablespoons dry white wine. Cover with foil; bake at 350° F. 15 minutes.

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Mexican holiday treats are perfect for microwave

Nine days before Christmas in Mexico, Las Posadas begin. The "posada," which means "inn or place of lodging," is a religious procession in which Joseph's search for shelter on the way to Bethlehem is re-enacted. It took nine days for Mary and Joseph to make the journey, and this is represented by nine families who meet at a different house each night.

Two children take the lead, carrying figures of Mary and Joseph. The "pilgrims" knock at doors asking for shelter, but the "innkeepers" refuse to let them in. On Christmas Eve, "lodging is found," and the figures are placed in a stable nativity scene, with the Christ child laid in the manger.

When the ceremony is completed, refreshments are served. Typical refreshments to be served are a hot beverage, Chocolate Mexicano, candies, other sweets and treats. In Mexico, hot chocolate is made from a sweetened chocolate spiced with cinnamon. The hot milk and chocolate is poured into a jug and whipped vigorously, using a "molinillo," until a good foam forms on the top.

The "molinillo" is a carved wooden drumstick, with grooves and a loose wooden ring just above the knobby end to produce the froth. Rub the handle between the palms to twist the beater as if you were starting a fire with a stick. If your household is lacking the authentic utensil, we suggest you beat the completed Chocolate Mexicano with an egg beater.

When making candy in the microwave oven, use a heat-resistant 2-quart batter bowl. The temperature of the sugar mixture for our Mexican Pralines must reach 230 degrees F, just short of the "soft ball" stage. In order to set up. Do not let the candy get hotter than this. Due to the carryover cooking, the temperature will increase a few degrees more after removal from the microwave oven.

Do not use a conventional candy thermometer inside the microwave oven. The metal parts and mercury are not safe for microwave use. There are candy thermometers made for use in the microwave oven. They can also drop a little of the hot mixture into a dish of cold water to see if it forms a soft ball.

We have included several Mexican holiday treats which can be made in the microwave. You and your guests will find them delightful.

Chocolate Mexicano

1/2 cup milk
1/2 square unsweetened baking chocolate
2 tablespoons sugar
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Measure milk into a 4-cup glass measure or microwave-safe pitcher. Add chocolate, sugar and cinnamon. Microwave on high power for 3 to 4 minutes, whisking midway through cooking. If using a temperature probe, program to 160 degrees F.

Using a "molinillo" or egg beater, whip vigorously until a good foam forms on the top. Pour into heat-proof mugs. Makes 2 to 6 (small) servings.

Mexican pralines

1 cup evaporated milk
1/2 cups packed light brown sugar
1/2 cups granulated sugar
2 tablespoons margarine
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups pecan halves

Do not recommend making this recipe unless you have a 2-quart batter bowl and a candy thermometer. A proper utensils are necessary for making candy successfully.

Cover two cookie sheets with aluminum foil and spray

Microwave Kitchen

Marge Churchill

with vegetable coating. Set aside.
Measure milk into a 2-quart glass batter bowl. Using a wooden spoon, blend in brown sugar and granulated sugar until no lumps remain. Without stirring, microwave on high for 12 minutes. Test mixture with a candy thermometer to see if mixture has reached 230 degrees F. If not, microwave on high 1 to 2 minutes and test again.

When mixture reaches 230 degrees F, add margarine and vanilla, stirring as little as possible so that candy will not be grainy. Fold in pecans and drop immediately by teaspoon onto prepared cookie sheets. Let cool completely before removing from foil. Store in air-tight container. Makes 40 pralines.

Quesadillas

For each serving:
2 corn tortillas
1/4 cup shredded Longhorn or Monterey Jack cheese

1 tablespoon mild taco sauce
1 teaspoon chopped green chile
Place one tortilla on a plate. Sprinkle with cheese and dot with taco sauce and chile. Place another tortilla on top. Oil tortilla lightly. Cover with a "microwave-cover," or another plate. Microwave on high for 1 minute, or until cheese is melted. Cut into four wedges for serving. Makes one serving.

Almond empanaditas

1 package (15 ounces) refrigerated ready-made pie crust
1/2 cup sliced almonds, chopped
apricot preserves
cinnamon

Remove pie crust from refrigerator and let stand at room temperature for 15 to 20 minutes, at package directs. Unfold one pie crust. Use a 2 1/2 inch biscuit cutter or an empty (4 ounces size) mushroom can to cut 12 circles.

To make filling, combine almonds, 1/4 cup apricot preserves and 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Place 1/2 teaspoon of filling in the center of each circle. Do not overfill. Wet edges of each circle, fold in half and seal with a fork.

Arrange six "empanaditas" in a circle on a glass pie plate, placing sealed edges toward the outside. Brush tops with apricot preserves and dust with cinnamon. Microwave on high for 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 minutes, rotating midway through cooking. Remove from plate and microwave remaining six empanaditas as before. Unfold second pie crust and repeat. Yields 24 empanaditas.

Banana rum cake

Torta de plantanos y ron

Coating for bundt pan:
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
Cake:
1 Butter Recipe Golden Cake mix (18 1/2 ounces)

1 package (3 1/2 ounces) vanilla pudding & pie filling (not instant)
4 eggs

Kellogg's Oatbake tastes like granola, but it's full of sugar

By Bonnie Tandy Leback and Carolyn Wyman

Kellogg's Oatbake. Raisin nut and honey bran. \$3.29 per 14.7-oz. box.

Bonnie: This new cereal from Kellogg's looks a lot like Cheerios. That's where the similarity ends. Oatbake gets almost 30 percent of its calories from sugar; Cheerios only 3 percent. Oatbake has only 2 grams of oat bran, Cheerios has 8.

The other thing that bothers me is the way the message that BHT has been added to the packaging has almost been hidden beneath the listing of vitamins and minerals.

BHT is a preservative added to help keep the cereal fresh. But it has some safety questions attached and can leech from the packaging

Menus

Senior Citizen

The following lunches will be served at Westhill Gardens and Mayfair Gardens the week of Dec. 18-22 to Manchester residents who are 60 or older:

Monday: Apple juice, hot dogs, baked beans, sauerkraut, mustard and relish, hot dog roll, mixed fruit.
Tuesday: Vegetable beef soup, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread, cherry crisp.
Wednesday: Cranberry juice, boneless chicken breast, white sauce, baked potatoes, green beans with pinto beans, dinner roll, cheese and crackers tray, ice cream sundae.
Thursday: Orange and apple juice, barbecued beef ribs, cheddar potatoes, peas and carrots, whole wheat bread, french fry.
Friday: Corn chowder, catch of the day, carnival rice, garden salad with Thousand Island dressing, tartar sauce, rye bread, apricot.

Meals on Wheels

The following meals on Wheels clients the week of Dec. 18-22. The hot noon meal is listed first and the cool evening meal second.

Monday: Beef stew with biscuit, wax beans; Chicken sandwich, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Beef roast with gravy, whipped potato, squash; Egg salad sandwich, fruit, milk.
Wednesday: Chicken a la king over rice, green beans, cauliflower; Turkey sandwich, fruit, milk.
Thursday: Pot roast with gravy, baked potato, zucchini; Chicken salad sandwich, fruit, milk.
Friday: Baked haddock cooked with Newburg sauce, whipped potato, carrots; Tuna salad sandwich, fruit, milk.

Manchester schools

The following lunches will be served in Manchester public schools the week of Dec. 18-22:

Monday: Cheese pizza, tossed salad, chilled pears, milk.
Tuesday: Chicken panini on roll, potato puffs, sliced tomatoes and lettuce, apple crisp, milk.
Wednesday: Holiday brunch: Pancakes with syrup, sausage patty, cherry crisp.
Thursday: Mexican taco with meat, cheese, lettuce and tomato, corn niblets, corn bread, holiday cookies.
Friday: Fresh baked pizza, tossed garden salad, assorted fruit.

Coventry schools

The following lunches will be served at Coventry Grammar, Robertson and Nathan Hale schools the week of Dec. 18-22:

Monday: Chilled fruit juice, calzone, green beans, gelatin with topping.
Tuesday: Holiday brunch: Pancakes with syrup, sausage patty, cherry crisp.
Wednesday: Mexican taco with meat, cheese, lettuce and tomato, corn niblets, corn bread, holiday cookies.
Thursday: Fresh baked pizza, tossed garden salad, assorted fruit.
Friday: Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, choice of vegetable, chilled fruit.

Bolton schools

The following lunches will be served at Bolton Elementary and

Center schools the week of Dec. 18-22:

Monday: Vegetable soup, cheddarburger, potato puffs, frozen fruit bar.
Tuesday: Lasagna, Italian bread, penicillin applesauce.
Wednesday: Fish and cheese on a bun, French fries, fresh fruit.
Thursday: Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, cake with topping.
Friday: Meat and cheese pizza, tossed salad, choice of dressing, fruited gelatin with topping.

Andover-Hebron schools

The following lunches will be served at Hebron Elementary, Gilead Hill and Andover Elementary schools the week of Dec. 18-22:

Monday: Cheddarburger, hash brown, corn, bacon with topping.
Tuesday: Grinders, chips, cole slaw, fruit.
Wednesday: French bread pizza, salad, juice cups.
Thursday: Spaghetti with meatballs, green beans, applesauce, milk.
Friday: Chicken nuggets, rice pilaf, peas and carrots, Christmas ice cream.

1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/2 cup buttermilk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup mashed bananas
1 cup chopped pecans
Rum glaze:
1/2 cup butter
1 cup sugar
1/4 cup rum, light or dark

Lightly grease a large bundt cake pan (microwave safe) with margarine. Mix together coating of cinnamon and sugar. Sprinkle inside bundt pan and shake to coat evenly.

In a large mixing bowl, using an electric beater, combine cake mix, pudding mix, eggs, vegetable oil, buttermilk and vanilla until thoroughly blended. Add mashed bananas and pecans. Pour into prepared bundt pan. Microwave on medium (50 percent) power for 10 minutes and then increase power to high for 5 minutes. Rotate dish 4 times. Place directly on the counter to cool slightly, covered with waxed paper.

While cake is still warm and in the bundt pan, spoon Rum Glaze over the cake. Let sit in the pan 30 minutes before turning out onto a large serving dish.

To make the rum glaze: melt margarine in a 4 cup measure on high power for 1 minute. Stir in sugar and rum. Mix well. Microwave on high power for 2 minutes 30 seconds.

Mexican Bread Pudding

caprirotada a la Mexicana

2 cups milk
1 package (3 ounces) cream cheese, cubed and softened
5 slices toasted white bread, cubed
1/4 butter
1 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt
3 eggs, well beaten
1/5 cup pecans, chopped
1/2 cup seedless raisins

In a 4-cup measure stir together milk and cream cheese. Microwave on high for 4 minutes, stirring once. Place bread cubes in a buttered round dish. Pour hot milk mixture over cubes and let soak 10 minutes.

Melt butter in a 4-cup measure on high power for 1 minute. Stir in brown sugar, nutmeg, cinnamon, salt and beaten eggs. Mix well.

Add vanilla, pecans and raisins. Pour mixture over bread crumbs and stir lightly until blended. Microwave on high power for 7 to 8 minutes. Servings may be spaced or served with heavy cream, or vanilla ice cream, if desired.

Marge Churchill is a Manchester resident who is an authority on many types of collectibles. Questions should be sent to: Microwave Kitchen, Manchester Herald, P.O. Box 591, Manchester 06640.

Chocolate pecan pie

Pastel de chocolate y pecanas

1 pie shell (9 inch) baked
2 squares (1 ounce each) unsweetened chocolate
3 tablespoons butter
1 cup light corn syrup
3/4 cup sugar
3 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cups chopped pecans
1/2 cup whipping cream

Prepare your favorite pie shell by microwave or conventional method.

E. Alan Long, food editor of Northwest Arkansas Morning News, says, "It's a relief to find a cookbook that addresses good taste without being overly influenced by popular health-conscious dictates. The recipes call for ingredients that you can find at most any good grocery store, yet the dishes are sophisticated in a down-home way."

Throughout the recipe sections, the traditional cookbooks or "tips" have been treated as mother-daughter conversations between Downs and Burkhardt.

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Buffet menus featured in book

NEW YORK (AP) — "In Good Taste: A Southern Cook's Collection of Occasional Buffet Menus" features eight thematic buffet menus including a Sunday Night Supper and a Christmas Buffet.

The 112-page cookbook, published by E.B. & Co., a small Tulsa-based publisher, was written by Joan Downs of Wichita, Kan., and edited by her daughter Elaine Burkhardt of Tulsa (S25).

Downs chose the buffet theme, she says, because of the Southern tradition of "serving great portions of Southern taste and hospitality" from the sideboard, a relaxed style of service for varied fare.

The book's 150 recipes represent a collection gathered from years of family entertaining and traveling.

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IN POSSESSION — Manchester High's Cheryl Fowler, photo above, has possession of the basketball as East Catholic's Peg Oliveira (22) comes out to defend during Tuesday night's game at the Eagles' gym. Fowler had a team-high 15 points to lead the Indians. Manchester's Jen Brindisi, right photo, gets off the hardwood to launch a shot as she found some open space in the East defense. Manchester won its second in a row, 61-49, over the wireless Eagles.

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By Len Auster
Manchester Herald

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Celtics a team in woe

By Howard Uman
The Associated Press

BOSTON — In the storybooks, the long-lost hero would simply show up and make everything right again. In the fantasies of fans, that hero is Larry Bird.

In the fiercely competitive world of the NBA, nothing is that simple. "I don't think Larry just walking into the gym is going to immediately make us a team that can't be beaten," Boston Celtics coach Jimmy Rodgers said.

The evidence to support that contention keeps mounting. A quarter of the way into their season, the Celtics are a team in trouble. They are 11-9, just two games better than their record after 20 games last year when Bird played only the first six games.

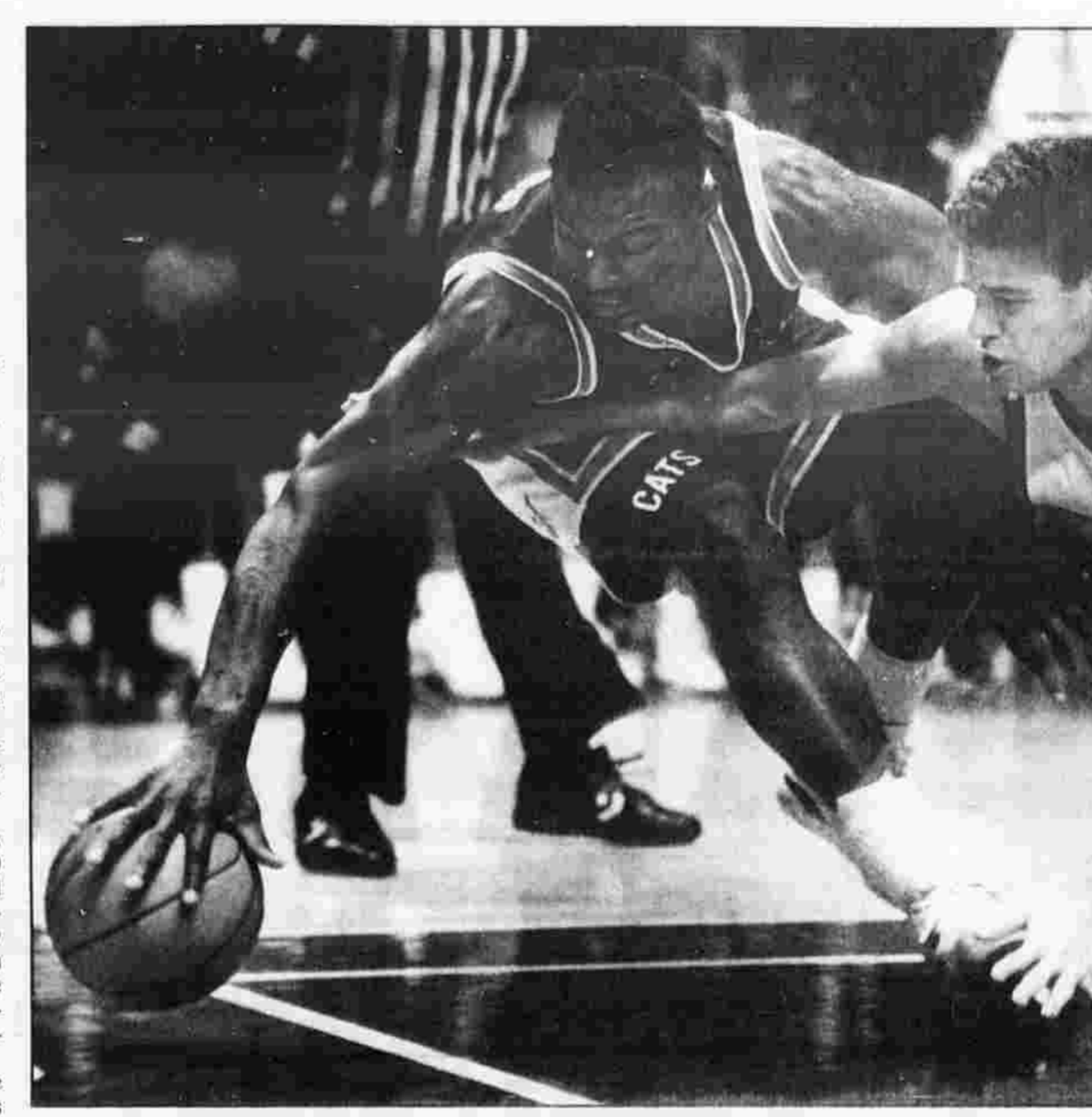
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ON THE FLOOR — Villanova's Rodney Taylor, left, has a hand on the basketball as UConn's Nadav Henefeld makes a diving attempt at it during their Big East Conference battle Tuesday night at the Civic Center. The Wildcats opened a big lead and held off the Huskies, 64-57, snapping Connecticut's seven-game winning streak.

UConn blinded by Big East light

By Jim Tierney
Manchester Herald

HARTFORD — The Big East Conference season opened better than the University of Connecticut and Villanova University was certain to shed some light on the young and talented Huskies, who had cruised through their first eight games with a 7-1 record.

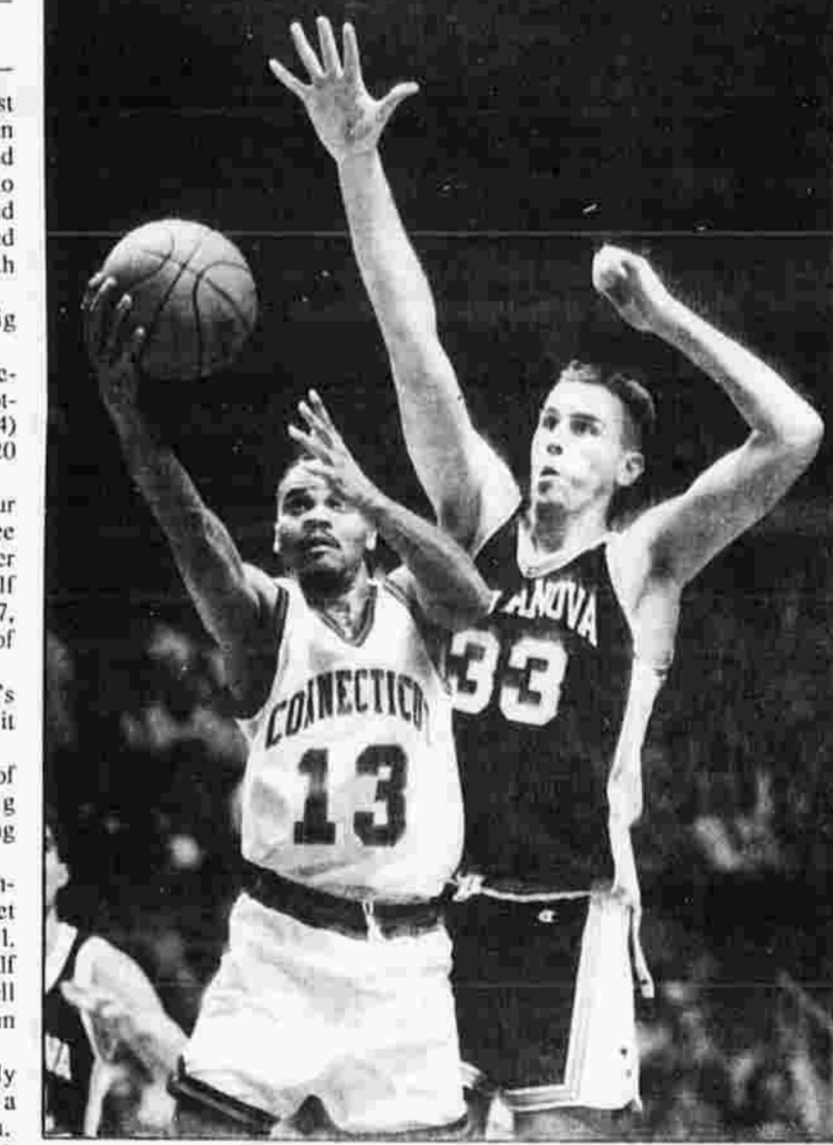
For UConn, their first sight of Big East light was blinding. As a result, the Huskies felt behind by 15 points at halftime, shooting an abysmal 21 percent (7-for-34) from the floor in the initial 20 minutes.

The loss snapped the UConn's seven-game win streak and places it at 7-2. Villanova improves to 5-3. The first half was more a case of the Huskies doing everything wrong, more than Villanova doing everything right.

The proverbial tide was omnipresent on the Husky basket during the first half. Nothing fell. Take away the 4-for-10 first-half shooting by freshman Scott Burrell (game-high 18 points) and UConn was 3-for-24 in the first half.

The Wildcats, which probably should have led by more, held a 31-16 advantage at the intermission. "We didn't have any flow at all on offense," Chris Smith, who was 5-for-16 with 12 points, said. "None of our shots were dropping. The first half hurt us. We struggled in the second half to come back. We knew we weren't going to go in and blow Villanova out."

Husky coach Jim Calhoun knew exactly what killed his club. It was UConn itself. "We faced the enemy and we found it too difficult," Calhoun summarized. "Connecticut was too difficult to beat tonight. The enemy was ourselves and our halfcourt offense."



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IN FOR TWO — UConn's Chris Smith (13) drives past Tom Greis (33) of Villanova during Tuesday night's game at the Civic Center. Smith had 12 points for the Huskies.

UConn responded, however, with a 9-2 run and led, 42-31, after a Greg Woodard 3-pointer with 10:38 left. A soft-shooting left-handed sophomore, Woodard scored a career-high 17 points including all three Wildcat 3-pointers.

"That's exactly what I thought he'd be doing," Villanova coach Rollie Massimino said, referring to Woodard. "That's his role, to shoot the ball."

A Burrell 3-pointer cut the lead to five (52-47) with 3:04 to go. But, Villanova converted 14 of 18 foul shots in the second half to seal the victory.

Nadav Henefeld sank a 3-pointer from behind the NBA 3-point stripe to cut the lead to three (60-57) with 9:2 seconds left. After a foul, Woodard calmly sank both ends of a 1-and-1.

Lakers outslug Hornets

NBA Roundup
By The Associated Press

The fight was a split decision. The game was no contest. The Los Angeles Lakers, sluggish until they started slugging it out, beat up the Charlotte Hornets 103-89 Tuesday night.

"It gave us some incentive," James Worthy, who scored 27 points, said. "It's a shame it takes something like that, but at least we got the win."

That's more than the Lakers got in their last two tries, when they blew fourth-quarter leads in losing to Orlando and Washington. The host Hornets lost their eighth straight.

The turning point in the Lakers-Hornets game came with 10:53 left in the second quarter. Worthy went in for a shot and Charlotte's Stuart Gray and Kenny Gatson went up to block it.

Worthy and Gray began pushing and, after they were separated, Gray tried to punch Byron Scott. Michael Cooper intervened and shoved Gray into a row of photographers on the baseline. Gray got up and tumbled. That's when Michael came in. He's always come in in those situations. He's our bodyguard.

Reference: Michael, Ronnie Nunn and Pete Quinn conferred for five minutes and then announced that Cooper, Worthy and Gray were ejected. Moments later, the officials said Worthy wasn't out, after all.

"We didn't throw James Worthy out," Minkich said. "When I went to the table I said 'Cooper,' and 'Worthy' came out inadvertently. It was my fault."

Pistons 121, Nuggets 108: Detroit gave Denver its first home loss of the season, overcoming a 16-point deficit in the second quarter behind Joe Dumars and Isiah Thomas.

The Nuggets are 9-1 at McNichols Arena. New York is the only remaining home unbeaten. The Knicks scored 27 points and Golden State won its first road game of the season, beating Sacramento. The Warriors lost their first nine games from home.

But the Mavericks 97: Michael Jordan scored 41 points and Chicago beat visiting Dallas for its fifth consecutive game. Jerry Seinsinger scored 29 points for the Pistons.

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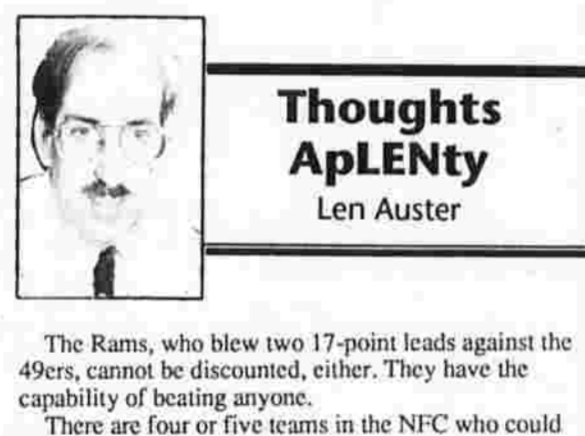
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Look for the 49ers to repeat

One of the favorite questions circulating the office these days is "who is going to make it to the Super Bowl?" It seems quite reasonable, considering the regular season has two more weeks before the postseason festivities get under way.

The one team that appears headed for an appearance in Super Bowl XXIV at the Louisiana Superdome on Jan. 28, 1990 is the San Francisco 49ers.

The defending Super Bowl champs, despite a coaching change, have not missed a beat in the current season. They clinched the NFC West Division title with their stirring 30-27 come-from-behind victory over the Los Angeles Rams in Monday night action.



The Rams, who blew two 17-point leads against the 49ers, cannot be discounted, either. They have the capability of beating anyone.

There are four or five teams in the NFC who could make it to the Super Bowl. The same could be said for the clubs in the American Conference.

Whalers home against Kings

HARTFORD — The Hartford Whalers, riding a two-game winning streak including a 7-3 home ice victory last Saturday night, resume National Hockey League action tonight at 7:30 (SportsChannel, WTIC) against the Los Angeles Kings at the Civic Center.

The Whalers (15-15-1) are in fourth place in the Adams Division, four points behind the third-place Boston Bruins. The Bruins have played one less game than Hartford. Los Angeles (15-12-3) is in second place in the Smythe Division, three points behind the division-leader Edmonton Oilers.

Wayne Gretzky leads the Kings in scoring (14-50-66) while Ron Francis (13-24-37) and Pat Verbeek (18-15-33) are the Whaler leaders.

Yankees add to the rotation in deal that brings them Leary

NEW YORK — Tim Lincecum is ready to come back to the hustle and bustle of New York. "LA gets tired after a while," Leary said. "The fans are so dead."

Win or lose, Leary won't find quiet in Yankee Stadium, where he has pitched next season following a trade on Tuesday. The Cincinnati Reds, who got Leary from Los Angeles last summer, sent the right-hander to New York with outfielder Van Snider in exchange for outfielder Hal Morris and right-hander Rodney Ines.

Leary, 8-14 in 1989 with a 3.52 earned-run average, joins Andy Hawkins and Pascual Perez as the definite starters as the Yankees try to rebuild their pitching staff. New York's team earned-run average of 4.50 last season was second-worst in baseball, trailing only the Detroit Tigers.

NCAA puts N.C. State on probation

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Jim Valvano says he will stay on as North Carolina State basketball coach, and players on his team accepted blame for the sanctions imposed on the program by the NCAA.

"I told you a long time ago and I'll say it again — being part of the problem, being part of the solution was always important to me," Valvano said Tuesday after the program received a two-year probation that included a ban from postseason play next spring. "I have a commitment to young people here and to the department."

The NCAA did not impose harsher penalties, including a ban from television, because the school undertook its own corrective and punitive actions, Charles Smit, director of infractions for the NCAA, said. "This is not a typical major infractions case that we usually deal with," Smit said. "This is not a case where there's academic irregularities. This is not a case where there are cash payments...." to athletes.

The NCAA investigation, sparked by allegations of wrongdoing detailed in the book "Personal Foul," said that in the four years examined "there were as many as 650 erroneous designations" of tickets intended for "players' families and that an excessive number of those were issued with little or no effort to keep track of the shoes."

"We're the cause, not anyone from past teams," sophomore forward Tom Gugliotta said Tuesday night. "It was our own negligence. We were unaware, or weren't too concerned about how we were treating the ticket policy, so we suffer for it.... We never thought we were in any kind of trouble. I don't think people intended to do it."

Neither Gugliotta nor Corbani would say whether they were guilty of breaking ticket rules. The NCAA also did not identify the players involved.

The coach maintained he had no knowledge of any violations. "We did not have any individual in any level of our department who intended to violate any rule, but we did not have in place the proper procedure to ensure that no rules would be violated," Valvano said.

In Brief . . .

Berte earns All-America status

Manchester High senior Meg Berte earned All-America honors in basketball. The American Soccer Coaches Association of America, it was announced by John Mayer, NSCAA national chairman of the secondary school girls' All-America committee.

There will be approximately 55 girls from across the country that will be honored.

Berte and the other recipients will be honored at the NSCAA/Net Life All-America banquet on Jan. 13, 1990, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Berte was instrumental this past year as the Indians went 16-1, won their sixth consecutive CCC East Division championship and were a state Class I quarter-finalist where they lost to eventual state champ Staples High of Westport.

Martin doing well at ECSU

WILLIMANTIC — Senior guard Dawn Martin, a Manchester High graduate, is leading the Albertus Magnus College men's basketball team in scoring, averaging 20 points per game with a high of 26 points against St. Joseph's College of New York.

The 6-foot-4 Lucas starts for the Falcons at center. He leads the team in blocked shots with 11 and has scored in double figures in all six games.

Albertus Magnus was 1-5 through its first six games. This is the school's first year of varsity ball and is playing an NCAA Division III schedule. The programs were begun in November.

UConn women topple Fairfield

FAIRFIELD — The University of Connecticut women's basketball team, thanks to freshman Kathy Ferrer's layup with 29 seconds left in overtime, won its fifth in a row Tuesday night with a 75-73 victory over Fairfield.

Ferrer had 10 points for the Huskies (6-1). Wendy Davis led UConn with 20 points following a Marisa Lishness with 15 and Kris Lamb and Meghan Patynson 11 apiece.

Scully wins split decision

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Middletown John Scully of Windsor earned a split decision over previously unbeaten Billy Bridges Tuesday night at Harrah's Marina and Casino.

Scully (18-1) scored a knockdown of Bridges with only seconds left in their 10-round bout to pull out the decision. Scully won the fight 95-94 on the cards of judges Al Stewart and James Condon. Al DeVito scored the fight 96-94 for Bridges.

Bridges, from Lincoln, N.C., is now 16-1.

Schembecher stepping down?

DETROIT (AP) — Bo Schembecher, college football's winningest active coach, apparently will step down as coach after Michigan's game against Southern California in Rose Bowl on New Year's day.

Schembecher, who will remain as the Wolverines' athletic director, apparently will turn his football duties over to assistant Jack Mueller.

Schembecher told about 200 undergraduates in a sociology seminar Monday that doctors have been urging him to step down for health reasons. He has undergone two heart bypass operations in 21 years at Michigan.

Three students in the class, who all would speak only on condition of anonymity, said Schembecher's retirement from coaching came in response to a question about the \$12.5-million Center of Champions building under construction on the Ann Arbor campus.

"He was talking about how plain the building would be, including the coach's office, and he said that he would never use the coach's office there, and that there would be a different coach then," one of the students said. "Another student asked him who his successor would be, and without blinking he said, 'Gary Moeller.'"

Schembecher was out of the office today, but a news conference was called for 5 p.m. at Ann Arbor.

Beer sales topped in Philly

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Beer will not be sold at concession stands during Philadelphia Eagles games this season in an attempt to control rowdy fans, a vending company executive said.

The Eagles and the club had asked Ogden-Alford to stop beer sales because they believed alcohol abuse helped to cause snovball and iceball throwing and trawling Sunday at the Dallas game, according to Bruce Brown.

The Eagles also announced a total ban on alcoholic beverages at tailgate parties surrounding the stadium.

East German leader resigns

EAST BERLIN (AP) — The leadership of East Germany's Sports Federation resigned in the face of mounting public criticism over excessive government support of elite athletes.

Federation president Klaus Eichler admitted "mistakes" by the federation leadership in recent weeks, ADN reported. The move was announced after an emergency meeting of the federation's national leadership over Berlin.

Zurbriggen wins ski race

SESTRIERE, Italy (AP) — Pirmin Zurbriggen of Switzerland, reviving his hopes of winning a fourth World Cup in his farewell year, captured a super-giant slalom race with a perfect run down a fast and treacherous course.

The 29-year-old Zurbriggen, outpaced a formidable group of Scandinavian skiers and Frenchman Franck Piccard, an Olympic super-giant champion.

Lemieux leads Wales voting

NEW YORK (AP) — Mario Lemieux, Brian Propp, Cam Neely, Paul Coffey and Patrick Roy maintained their leads in Wales Conference voting for the NHL All-Star Game.

Lemieux, a center for the Pittsburgh Penguins, leads all Wales players with 210,541 votes. Propp, the Philadelphia Flyers' left wing, has 100,457 votes. Neely, the Bruins' right wing, leads Pittsburgh's Rob Brown by 42,000.

Roy, the Montreal Canadiens goaltender, has a 68,000-vote lead over the New York Rangers' John Vanbiesbrouck and Coffey, who plays for Pittsburgh, leads defenseman with 184,334 votes.

Baseball ejects Postema from the game

By Jim Liko
The Associated Press

Pam Postema never wanted to be a cause, and now she's not a big-league umpire either. Stalled at the threshold of Triple-A for seven tumultuous years, she has been handed her walking papers by baseball.

"I got my evaluation and the only thing it said was that I ejected too many players," Postema said in a telephone interview Tuesday night from Phoenix, where she was back at her off-season job driving a UPS delivery truck. "That, and that my attitude went downhill at the end of the season."

"It's too bad. I would have been good for the game. I have a lot of integrity and I wouldn't have embarrassed anybody, that's for sure."

"I could understand it if they said I wasn't a good umpire, or I wasn't tough enough on the balls and strikes, or I couldn't handle the bases, or whatever. But this was just outrageous, and it tells me they've got to be reaching."

Postema, 35, came into the business in 1978 as only the third woman umpire in professional baseball, and four years later became the first promoted past Double-A.

She always insisted she cared not for promoting the women's cause, but neither did she let her gender get in the way. Postema's tenure in the game was marked by many of the incidents common to members of the fraternity — she was spat on, cursed at and had a collarbone broken because a young catcher misjudged a fastball — and a few that were not. One night, someone left a frying pan waiting for her at home plate and occasionally she was the victim of sexual innuendo.

But she kept her cool throughout. Her departure rose baseball of one of its more colorful and feisty arbiters and leaves 29-year-old Theresa Cox, who worked last year in the Arizona Rookie League, as the only woman umpire in the game.

"I liked the game, I liked umpiring and I really thought it should be my life. That's why I stuck it out," Postema said. "And I still think I can do the job as well as anybody."

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'Bad' class of rookies doing well

By Dave Goldberg
The Associated Press

Tony Mandarich is an example of the conventional NFL wisdom that says first-round draft choices are wasted because they all hold out. Barry Sanders and Derrick Thomas are the examples that prove the rule.

In any event, 20 of this year's 27 first-rounders have started at least one game this season. The number that was supposed to be a bad class has actually done well.

Other people have done well this year. With two weeks left in the regular season, here are some:

Most Valuable Player
Don Majkowski, Green Bay. Joe Montana has the stats but the others would close where they are without him. Without Majkowski, the Packers now 8-6, would be 4-10.

Others worthy of note include Montana, Christian Okoye of Kansas City, Jim Everett of the Los Angeles Rams, Randall Cunningham of the Philadelphia Eagles (despite his stats, just preparing for him hurts defensive preparations) and John Elway of the Denver Broncos (ditto).

Best Offensive Player
It's Montana, who is setting new standards for quarterback stats, in a romp. Others include Okoye, Thurman Thomas of the Buffalo Bills, Everett, Jerry Rice of San Francisco and Sterling Sharpe of Green Bay.

Best Defensive Player
Any one of a group including Dennis Smith of Denver, Keith Millard of Minnesota, Lawrence Taylor of the New York Giants (the cause of some defensive problems as does a Cunningham or an Elway), Reggie White of Philadelphia (ditto), and Derrick Thomas of Kansas City.

Offensive Rookie
In another romp, Barry Sanders of Detroit. Others include Bobby Humphrey of Denver, Eric Metcalf of Cleveland and Shawn Collins of Atlanta — all first-rounders — plus fifth-round choice David Margen of the Giants and sixth-rounder Chris Jackie of Green Bay.

Defensive Rookie
Derrick (not Brodric) Thomas of the Chiefs. Others include Steve Atwater of Denver, Darnell Woolford of Chicago, Carmel Lake of Pittsburgh, Myron Guyton of the Giants and A.J. Johnson of Washington.

Coach
Lindy Infante, Green Bay. From 4-11-1 to 8-6, enough said.

Also:
— Dan Reeves, Denver. The difference in the defense is the difference.

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— George Seifert, San Francisco. Who's a genius?

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— Bill Parcells, New York Giants. A record of 10-4 despite long and short-term injuries to a lot of J.C. Morris, Lawrence Taylor, Phil Simms and Mark Bavaro.

— Marty Schottenheimer, Kansas City. From 4-11-1 to 7-6-1 (see Infante).

— Don Shula, Miami. How quickly we forget.

Other Categories
— Hanging in there in the face of adversity: Mike Singletary, Chicago, who stands firm as all around him crumbles. Honorable mention to Bill Bates, Dallas.

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SCOREBOARD

Hockey

NHL standings

Wales Conference	Pacific Division	W	L	T	Pct.	PP	PA
NY Rangers	15	11	3	1	.56	86	86
Philadelphia	15	10	2	1	.53	94	91
Pittsburgh	13	15	2	1	.50	100	97
Washington	12	14	2	1	.48	107	104
New Jersey	12	15	2	1	.48	112	102
N.Y. Islanders	9	19	2	1	.32	121	122

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Wales Conference	Patrick Division	W	L	T	Pct.	PP	PA
Buffalo	8	6	0	1	.57	262	266
New York	8	6	0	1	.57	284	310
Indianapolis	7	7	0	1	.50	250	247
Chicago	6	8	0	1	.43	257	323
N.Y. Jets	4	10	0	1	.29	236	236

Football

NFL standings

American Conference	AFC East	W	L	T	Pct.	PP	PA
Buffalo	8	6	0	1	.57	262	266
New York	8	6	0	1	.57	284	310
Indianapolis	7	7	0	1	.50	250	247
Chicago	6	8	0	1	.43	257	323
N.Y. Jets	4	10	0	1	.29	236	236

NBA standings

Eastern Conference	Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
New York	11	9	0	1	.55	0
Boston	11	9	0	1	.55	0
Philadelphia	10	10	0	1	.50	0
Washington	9	11	0	1	.45	0
Charlotte	8	12	0	1	.40	0

WNBA standings

Eastern Conference	Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
New York	11	9	0	1	.55	0
Boston	11	9	0	1	.55	0
Philadelphia	10	10	0	1	.50	0
Washington	9	11	0	1	.45	0
Charlotte	8	12	0	1	.40	0

Baseball

MLB standings

American League	AL East	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
New York Yankees	11	9	0	1	.55	0
Boston Red Sox	11	9	0	1	.55	0
Philadelphia Phillies	10	10	0	1	.50	0
Washington Nationals	9	11	0	1	.45	0
Chicago White Sox	8	12	0	1	.40	0

Baseball

MLB standings

National League	NL East	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles Dodgers	11	9	0	1	.55	0
San Francisco Giants	11	9	0	1	.55	0
Philadelphia Phillies	10	10	0	1	.50	0
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Basketball

NBA standings

Eastern Conference	Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
New York	11	9	0	1	.55	0
Boston						

FOCUS

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Baby will need good influence

DEAR ABBY: Several months ago, we lost a very dear friend to cancer. (I'll call him Joe.) My husband and I had become very good friends with Joe and his wife about two years prior to Joe's death. Three months before Joe died, his wife had a baby boy, and my husband and I were asked to be the baby's godparents. We felt honored.

After we became the child's godparents, Joe's wife confided to me that during her marriage with Joe, she had carried on an affair with another man, and she was sure that this other man is the father. Joe later confided to my husband that he doubted he was the father of this new baby, because he had caught his wife "in the act" with her longtime boyfriend.

Abby, my husband and I agreed to be godparents to the child of Joe and his wife — not the child of Joe's wife and her lover.

In there any way we can get our names erased from the church's registry as being the godparents of Joe's widow's child? Please check into this matter, as we are desperate.

Sorry we can't sign our names. This is a very small town.

UNWILLING GODPARENTS
DEAR UNWILLING: According to a spokesman for the Los Angeles Diocese, you cannot have your name "erased" from the baptismal certificate. You acted in good faith when you became godparents to the child. Please stay close to him, and try to be good friends to the little fellow regardless of who his parents are. He will need a positive influence in his life.

DEAR ABBY: I will be getting married very soon for the second time. We both have children from our first marriages. My son is very close to this wonderful man, and I wonder if it would be proper for my son, who is in elementary school, to give me away.

It will be small wedding with only family and very close friends.

My son and I have lived alone for several years, and I think he would love the honor. Thank you for your help.

SECOND TIME AROUND
DEAR SECOND: There is no reason why your son can't give you away in marriage. I think it's a lovely idea. All good wishes to you and your wonderful man.

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

Virus brings on fever and fatigue

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 47-year-old daughter has been diagnosed with Epstein-Barr virus. Could you please give me some information on this disease and advise what the outcome might be?

DEAR READER: Epstein-Barr virus is the cause of infectious mononucleosis. This acute disease is common in young adults and is marked by fever, fatigue, sore throat, tonsillitis, swollen glands, an enlarged spleen and — occasionally — liver inflammation (hepatitis).

Almost all patients with mononucleosis recover without treatment; the illness runs its course in about two weeks and its victims return to normal activity and good health.

In a small number of cases, mononucleosis becomes chronic, or returns in cycles. The reason for this is unknown, but the virus causes a syndrome of chronic fatigue that can be quite debilitating. This is known as chronic Epstein-Barr virus syndrome.

Once the Epstein-Barr virus enters the body, it causes an immune response. That is, the body's tissues recognize the invader as threatening, and infection-fighting cells produce antibodies (protein-antidotes) to the virus. These antibodies can be measured in the bloodstream.

Through sophisticated analyses, most laboratories can determine whether the antibodies reflect acute illness, or whether the proteins are simply holdovers from a past infection. Most patients who have recovered from mononucleosis continue to manufacture antibodies to the Epstein-Barr virus for several years, long after the initial infection has disappeared.

The interpretation of Epstein-Barr antibodies can be a problem in patients with chronic fatigue syndrome. Many people are chronically tired, even exhausted, and doctors have long hoped to find a consistent physical cause for this ailment. A few years ago, several reports showed a high proportion of Epstein-Barr antibodies in patients with chronic fatigue. The answer to the syndrome was thought to be persisting mononucleosis.

However, this was just a scientific tease. Subsequent studies revealed that many normal, non-fatigued people — without symptoms — had measurable levels of Epstein-Barr antibodies. Therefore, the presence of these antibodies was not the differentiating factor between the two groups of fatigued and non-fatigued persons, except in isolated instances. Experts have had to retreat to square one to find a cause for chronic fatigue syndrome.

If your daughter has acute mononucleosis, she will probably recover uneventfully. If, on the other hand, her doctor has demonstrated Epstein-Barr antibodies in her blood and attributes chronic fatigue to them, your daughter's problem may require further diagnosis. Depression, anemia and an underactive thyroid gland often cause chronic fatigue.

For additional information, I suggest you contact the EBV support group known as Epstein-Barr Virus Association at P.O. Box 23108, Portland, Ore. 97223.

In the event you might want a second opinion, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Choosing a Physician." 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.

PEOPLE

Bush invites a friend to Christmas dinner

MERIDIAN, Miss. (AP) — President Bush invited Rep. G.V. Montgomery to spend Christmas with the first family because he wanted to make sure the unmarried Democrat didn't eat his holiday dinner alone.

"That's the kind of person he is," said Montgomery, 69, who has known Bush since the two came to Washington, D.C., 23 years ago, as freshmen congressmen. "He was concerned that I didn't have a place to eat."

Montgomery said he had always spent Christmas with his mother, who died two years ago. He said he would join the Bushes at Camp David, Md.

Ed Koch turns 65
NEW YORK (AP) — Turning 65 as a lame duck is the right way to do it, says Mayor Edward I. Koch, noting that it's hard to make enemies without making big decisions.

"I've never been as popular as I am in defeat," Koch said at a birthday party Tuesday in a restaurant near City Hall. "It's really quite interesting."

Koch lost the Democratic primary in September to David Dinkins, who went on to defeat Republican Rudolph Giuliani in the mayor's election.

"I'm not facing anything more than acting as a caretaker," Koch said.

"Prior to that, I made major decisions every single day which involved millions of dollars and millions of people," he said. "And every time you make a major decision, you're going to alienate somebody."

In the role of caretaker, Koch is not alienating anybody, I don't have to make any major decisions," Koch has said he will go on the lecture tour and appear in advertisements after leaving office Jan. 1.

Stars to make protest
LONDON (AP) — Rock stars will record a remake of Rod Stewart's hit song "Sailing" to protest the forced repatriation of Vietnamese boat people from Hong Kong.

Guitarist Steve Hackett, formerly with Genesis, said the musicians include Brian May of Queen, Ronnie Tyler, Curt Smith of Tears for Fears, Mike Rutherford, Jack Bruce and the Sutherland Brothers, who originally recorded the song before it became a hit for Stewart in 1975.

"This will be a protest song, not a charity record," Hackett said. The song will be recorded during the Christmas holidays and released next year, and money raised from the recording will go to refugee charities, he said.

"I originally wanted to turn up at one of the refugee camps in Hong Kong with the boat people, but I thought it would be more productive if I galvanized the music industry into taking some action," Hackett said.

Midler praises mother
NEW YORK (AP) — Bette Midler says her own mom inspired her performance as Stella, an impoverished mother, who raises an illegitimate daughter alone.

"I had a fabulous mother," Ms. Midler said in the January issue of Ladies' Home Journal. "She made me believe in myself and I used a lot of her in the film," a remake of the 1937 Barbara Stanwyck drama, "Stella Dallas."

"She was not a single parent like Stella, but we were poor and she was that generation of women, almost all gone now, who always put their family ahead of themselves. She worked hard and kept nothing for herself — nothing. Never a new dress or new shoes."

"She adored me, my mom, and I still have nightmares about her, because as a grownup, I didn't give her the love I should have. Now that she's gone, I have regrets."

Midler said she is devoted to life with her husband, Martin Von Haeberg, and their daughter, Sophie, 3.

"My daughter says, 'I want a baby, I want a baby.' So we're trying," said Ms. Midler. "I have no fear about doing this at 44." Especially since a fortune teller in Thailand last summer predicted a happy life, she said.

Fans surprise Agassi
DALLAS (AP) — Tennis star Andre Agassi is well aware that many of his fans are a bit younger than those usually found at major tennis tournaments.

After an exhibition match with John McEnroe last week, Agassi said: "I'm surprised to see so many of my fans here. It's a school night."

Sylvia Porter

Fraud filings continue to rise

One of the country's leading growth industries is bankruptcy fraud.

If rates hold as they have thus far, by year's end more than 600,000 individuals will have filed for double the number in the United States in 1989. That's double the number who filed in 1980.

Unlike Chapter 11 and Chapter 13 bankruptcies, which stretch out payments until debts are satisfied, Chapter 7 wipes the debts off the books. More than nine out of 10 of the individuals who file for bankruptcy seek Chapter 7 relief.

That leaves American credit industry holding an empty \$1.6 billion bag, according to a recent study done for VISA, the bank credit card company. The same study concluded that better than one-third of those filings are fraudulent.

The rise, of course, are passed along whenever possible in the form of higher prices or rates or more stringent loan-approval criteria. Projected over the country, the cost comes to more than \$6 per person per month.

The problem, says VISA, is that more and more individuals see bankruptcy as a legitimate business strategy, rather than a means of protecting honest unfortunates from total ruin.

"The result beyond increased scrutiny of would-be borrowers, has been a more aggressive attitude in challenging bankruptcy filings."

Until recently, it was not profitable for lenders to do so. With high legal costs and no assurance of victory, chasing abusers of the system hasn't been a good investment. But as the numbers continue to rise, it was clear to the banks that something needed to be done.

That something has been a pooling of resources. In an increasing number of cases, creditors have found that a combined challenge of questionable filings can be cost effective, with the creditors sharing the costs of investigating and legal action.

The most visible of the pooling efforts is a clearing-house system offered by VISA to member banks. This system streamlines the process by allowing one investigator and one lawyer to handle several cases in the same court, for example. Several different banks may be involved, says VISA's Gregory Holmes, but the per-case costs drop dramatically.

What do investigators look for?

• Large expenditures shortly before filing. The purchase of a car is a frequent example.

• Large cash advances against credit cards, or running the cards to their limits, again just before filing for bankruptcy. The pooling of resources among lenders makes this kind of abuse more apparent.

Evidence that the person filing for bankruptcy has a greater-than-stated income. A lavish lifestyle can torpedo a bankruptcy filing.

Evidence that assets have recently been transferred, or that there are hidden assets.

Collins replaces Weller

NEW YORK (AP) — Gary Collins will replace Robb Weller as host of ABC-TV's "The Home Show," with Weller leaving the daytime series to go into production.

Collins, whose former syndicated series "Hour Magazine" was cancelled in 1988, will start work Dec. 26 on the ABC series, the network said Tuesday.

Knights against beer
BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Indiana University basketball coach Bob Knight made an on-air threat to stop doing his radio show because it contained a beer commercial.

Knights, a critic of drug and alcohol abuse, became upset during Monday night's broadcast of "The Bob Knight Show" on WXYZ-TV. But a station spokesman said Knight would return as scheduled next week.

"He has a problem doing alcohol-type commercials on his show, and we can respect that," said Randy Harris, operations manager for WXYZ. "The advertising agency has agreed not to put those type of commercials on the radio show."

The beer commercials will continue during the station's coverage of Indiana basketball games, however.

Jackson's ranch burns
SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — A giraffe ranch on pop music superstar Michael Jackson's ranch in 1935, Phillips Brooks, the American Episcopal bishop who wrote the words to "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was born in Boston.

In 1944, during World War II, a Japanese kamikaze plane crashed into the U.S. cruiser Nashvick, killing 138 crewmen.

East German plotters who call Gorbachev a "traitor." It's fun watching the doing.

It must be said that "Just Another Secret," filmed in Yugoslavia and the first in a series of Forsyth stories to be filmed for the USA Network, is no "Day of the Jackal." There are no great surprises, no razor-edge tensions.

But it's a well-done, fast-paced effort, and it's a good read on a quiet day. You suspect you know how it'll come out, but you don't mind.

REUNION — If spy movies aren't your cup of TV, try "Julie and Carol: Together Again," a classy, slightly ABC special tonight that reunites Carol Burnett and Julie Andrews in song and some comedy. The two, who first taped a special together in 1962, are in fine form on this outing, particularly when they demolish "Feelings" and "Memories," two awful songs that are sorely in need of demoting.

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CELEBRITY GIPHER
Celebrity gipher puzzles are created from quotations by famous people. Each letter in the gipher stands for a letter in the original quote.
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5. I X Q E E I E R E W A . . .
6. P R E V I O U S S O L U T I O N : "When a dog bites a man, that's not news. If a man bites a dog, that's news." — John B. Bogart.

TV Tonight
7:00PM (3) Inside Edition
(8) 20/20
(9) Cosby Show (C) (In Stereo)
(10) People's Court
(11) Police Story
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MANCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY - SPECIAL EXCEPTION - 11 & 27 BLUEFIELD DRIVE (L-1) - Denied without prejudice the request for a special exception under Article IV, Section 17 of the zoning regulations to permit the construction of 40 units of elderly congregational housing at the above address.

MANCHESTER 1-84 ASSOCIATES & JOHN FIGUERRA - MODIFICATIONS TO APPROVED CUD PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN - BUCKLAND AND SLATER STREET (M-13) - Approved with modifications the request to amend the approved CUD Preliminary Development Plan for 201, 251, 259, 273, 283, and 355 Buckland Street and 160, 190, 200, 209, 216, 218, 219, 220, 229, 236, 238, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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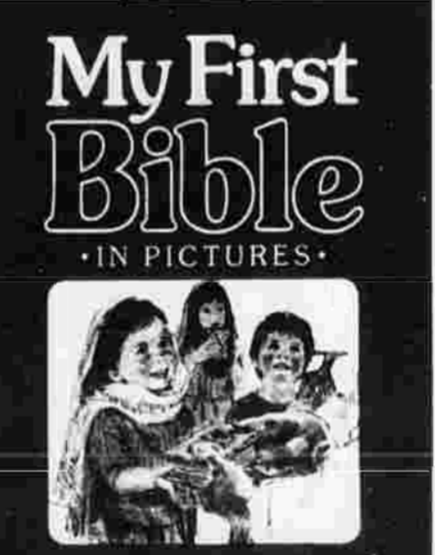
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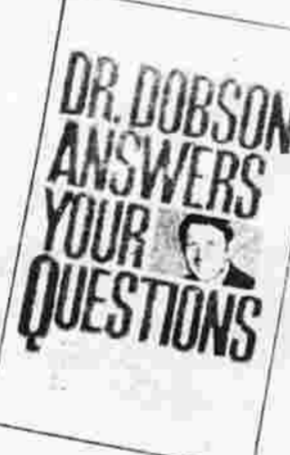
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Jennifer Casolo: From cheerleader to activist

By Peter Viles
The Associated Press

THOMASTON — When she left this small town 10 years ago, Jennifer Casolo was a spunky and popular teen-ager who seemed more interested in cheering on the basketball team than changing the world.

Widened night, her friends placed a "Welcome Home" sign on the town green, marking the end of a 2½-week ordeal. Earlier in the day, Salvadoran authorities dropped terrorism charges against the 28-year-old church worker and sent her back to the United States.



JENNIFER CASOLO ... back in U.S.

spirituality Casolo would later find working among El Salvador's poor.

Manchester Herald

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Czechs eye troops cuts by Soviets

By Peter Viles
The Associated Press

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — The new government said today it has begun talks with Moscow on the pullout of 80,000 Soviet troops from Czechoslovakia.

The bilateral talks should run parallel with disarmament talks in Vienna between NATO and the Warsaw Pact, which already have set the goal of agreement on troop cuts in Europe by the end of next year.

Alexander Dubcek, who led the reforms of the "Prague Spring" crushed by the Soviet invasion in 1968, signed the agreements after he was ousted and flown to Moscow.

The government and the opposition agreed Wednesday that Parliament will choose Czechoslovakia's next president by the end of January, with the stipulation that he be a Czech not affiliated with any political party.

Custom books make their mark

By James F. Henry
Manchester Herald

BOLTON — The stories aren't likely to make the best-seller list, but books written by Bolton High School juniors and seniors are a hit with second-graders here.

High school teacher Trudy Mitchell has a class of creative writing students who were assigned to write custom-made stories for the second-grade class in Bolton Elementary School taught by Renee Hartzog.

Melissa Pinkowski, 7, said the title of the book she received is "Friends." She said that though she likes "scary stories" she likes her book, and will keep it for a long time.



TIME TO READ — Melissa Pinkowski, 7, a pupil at Bolton Elementary School, reads a book written for her by a Bolton High School student as part of a program involving the two schools.

Soviet minister to visit NATO; draft treaty on troops approved

BRUSSELS (AP) — NATO leaders today disclosed that arrangements are being made for an unprecedented visit by Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze to the organization's headquarters.

The move was announced after the 16 foreign ministers meeting here set aside a squabble over a Turkish port and approved the draft of a treaty to reduce Western and Warsaw Pact forces in Europe.

It would be the first visit to NATO headquarters by a Soviet foreign minister. The purpose and agenda of the meeting were not immediately known.

The initiative originated at a dinner meeting Wednesday night between Secretary of State James A. Baker III and the foreign ministers of Britain, France and West Germany, sources said.

Douglas Hurd, the British foreign secretary, said the draft would be submitted later in the day to Warsaw Pact negotiators in Vienna.

Among the key provisions are setting a ceiling of 275,000 for U.S. and Soviet troops on foreign soil and sharp cutbacks in tanks, artillery and other non-nuclear weapons.

Sewer plant cost hike takes toll

Work on lines to be delayed

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

A \$1.5 million increase in the cost of the federally-mandated project to upgrade the town sewer plant will delay a 20-year project to replace town sewer lines, officials say.

Meanwhile, residents can expect their water and sewer rates to rise by as much as 30 to 45 percent starting next July for at least a year to fund the entire project, Robert Young, water and sewer administrator, said Wednesday.

Young told the Board of Directors Tuesday that the delay in the \$450,000 project to replace town sewer lines over 20 years would not be a problem as long as existing lines are adequately maintained.

The delay in the sewer line replacement project, which was scheduled to begin in 1990, could last one to three years, Young said.

\$300,000 in fines to be paid to the federal government, which temporarily shut down the project, and \$375,000 to contractors for lost work during the shutdown.

However, the \$1.5 million increase, about \$500,000 will be paid for by the state and Metcalf & Eddy, the engineering design company which planned the project.

To pay the remainder of the cost increases, about \$980,000, Young presented a plan to redirect approximately \$660,000 of unspent funds in a sewer reserve account. About \$450,000 of this was planned for the sewer line replacement project.

If the financing plan is approved by the directors in January, then about \$370,000, already budgeted to fund the dechlorination facility, will be applied to the overall cost overrun.

'Lorraine' and twins need help with home

One of the many single moms, 33-year-old "Lorraine" and her twin toddler daughters are just three statistics in the growing number of homeless families.

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Sears defends probe, wins GOP praise

By Alex Girelli
Manchester Herald

Ethics Commission member Mary Sears told fellow Republicans Wednesday she had conducted an investigation to determine whether there was collusion between developers in town and appliance dealers but found no evidence of wrongdoing.

Commission this spring she was trying to determine whether there was any evidence of what she called a monopoly in town between appliance dealers and contractors.

Sears told the committee she had been accused by Theodore R. Cummings, Democratic town chairman, of having investigated the Sieffert case before it came before the Ethics Commission Sept. 7.

After several hours of deliberation, the ministers decided to set the dispute aside, but also to give Greece an opportunity to make its case outside the text.

Sears said the appliance question has nothing to do with the construction of a deck and an addition to the kitchen of the house Sieffert shares with his wife.

When "Lorraine" had to leave her home of several years last August, she was unable to find affordable housing for herself and her daughter. She also lost her 30-hour-a-week job, her child care and ended up on town assistance in a motel room.

Struggling to rebuild a life from scratch, "Lorraine" has found an apartment, but needs a security deposit and basic furniture and household items: beds and bed-