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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.

Widening 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.

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### Czechs eye troops cuts by Soviets

By James F. Henry  
Manchester Herald

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.

Because of the changes in the plans for the construction of the treatment facility, Young said the anticipated completion date has been set back from August 1990, to March 1991.

\$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 unused 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.

The plan has been designed to handle the town's projected sewer needs through 2010.

### '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.

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.

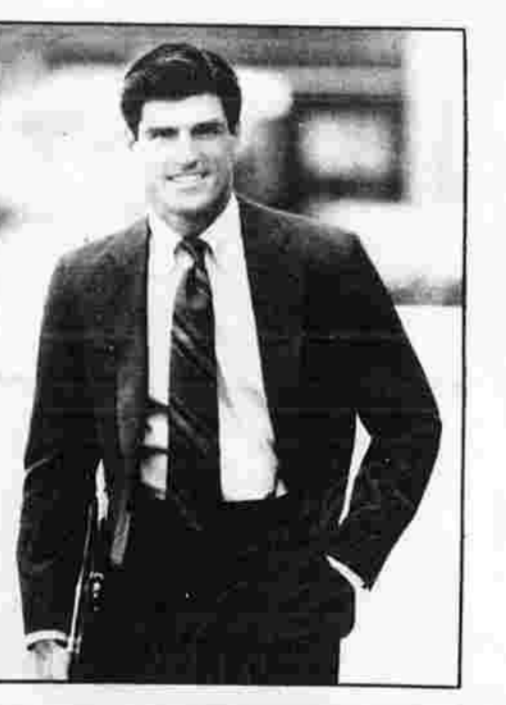
Struggling to rebuild a life from scratch, "Lorraine" has found an apartment, but needs a security deposit and basic furniture and household items: beds and bed-

ding, a kitchen table and chairs, dishes, kitchen utensils. "Lorraine" is one of the over 440 families that will receive assistance through the MACC Seasonal Sharing Appeal, Box 773, Manchester. Non-perishable foods, gifts and toys may be left at the fire stations at 53 Center St. and 32 Main St.

### Regal's Christmas Savings

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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.

Sears, who has been criticized by the Democratic town chairman for her investigatory activities, drew a round of applause and a vote of con-

fidence from the Republican Town Committee when she spoke on her role in the controversy that has arisen over the vote by Alfred W. Sieffert Sr. on a Planning and Zoning application by a contractor who had done work on his house.

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.

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## About Town

**Volunteers are needed**  
The Manchester North Unit of the American Cancer Society is looking for transportation coordinators to schedule rides for patients receiving radiation therapy or to doctor appointments. If you are organized, have good communication skills and can volunteer two hours a week, call 643-2168.

**O-Anon to meet**  
O-Anon, a support group for family and friends of compulsive overeaters will meet at 7 p.m. on Friday at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Ask at the information desk for the meeting room.

**Overeaters Anonymous to meet**  
Overeaters Anonymous meets each Monday at 9:15 a.m. at Manchester Community College in the Lower building, room C205H, near the Women's Center. No dues or fees are required. For more information, call 524-4544.

**First night needs help**  
First Night Hartford will attract hundreds of Connecticut residents, and organizers need volunteers. Help is needed to staff the information booth, assist artists, coordinate staging, lighting and sound equipment at 25 local sites. For more information, call the Voluntary Action Center for the Capitol Region at 247-2580 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

**Parents group to meet**  
Parents Without Partners Manchester Chapter No. 469 will have an orientation meeting on Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. at Manchester Community College in the Lower building, room C205H, near the Women's Center. No dues or fees are required. For more information, call 646-5827.

**Candlelight concert planned**  
The 65th Annual Christmas Candlelight Concert will be held Sunday at the South United Methodist Church on the corner of Main Street and Hartford Road. It will feature the traditional candlelight procession, and the Case Memorial Chimes with an organ prelude. It is open to the public. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

**Grange to meet**  
The Manchester Grange 31 will meet at 8 p.m. on Wednesday in the grange hall on Olcott Street in a Christmas program. Members are reminded to bring to the auction table. There will also be a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m.

**MCC announces programs**  
Manchester Community College will be on Channel 33 of Cox Cable each Wednesday at 8 p.m. Upcoming program topics include a Dec. 20 program titled "Services to the Business Community" with Eileen Stern, the business services coordinator. On Dec. 27, a program called "A Conversation with Mary Ann Handley—Two Decades at MCC" will be presented, and on Jan. 3 there will be a program called "Legal Service Programs" with Attorney Nancy Castillo, an assistant professor of law. Also on Jan. 3 is a program called "Minority Affairs at MCC," with Joseph Mesquita, the director of minority student programs, and student Sandra Crews. For more information, call Robert Kagan, the assistant professor of law, at 647-6127.

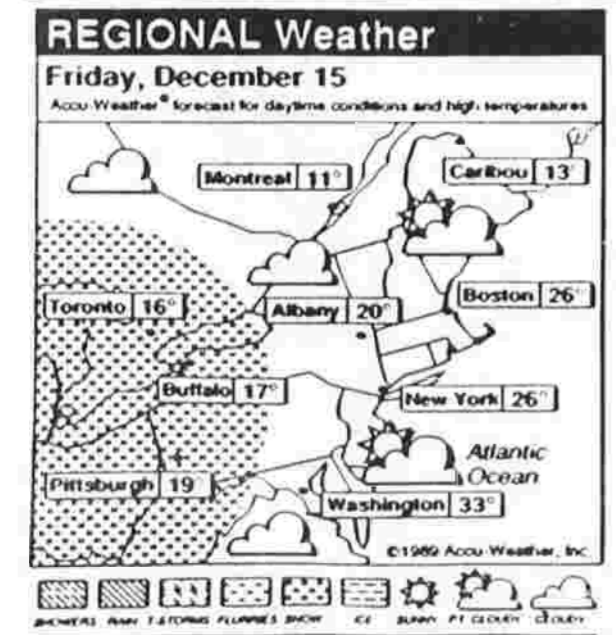
**River walk planned**  
The Hecksan River Linear Park Committee will sponsor a walk along the Hecksan at 1 p.m. Sunday. The walk will start at Cadkey Parking Lot at 440 Oakland St., formerly Economy Electric. The walk will proceed to the court house and return.

## Lottery

Here are Wednesday's latest lottery results from around New England:

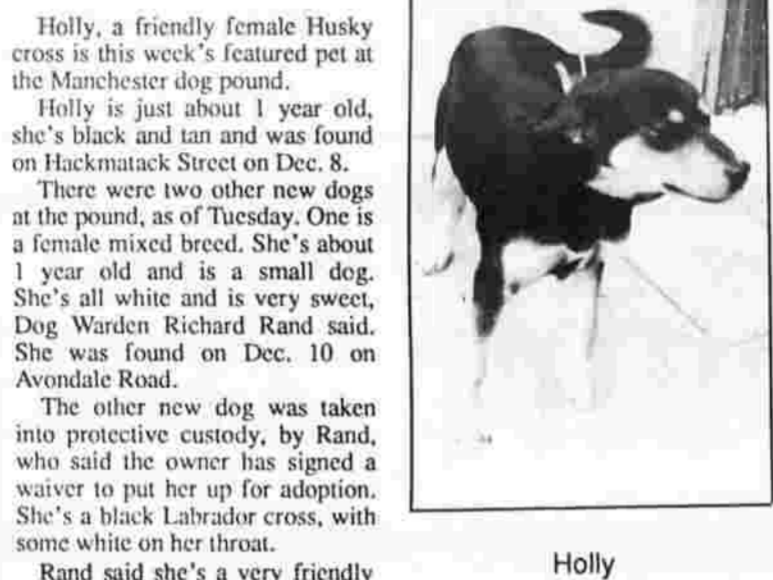
**CONNECTICUT**  
Daily: 1-2-9. Play Four: 2-0-9-1.  
**MASSACHUSETTS**  
Daily: 3-3-0-5. Megabucks: 1-2-3-9-14-33.  
**NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND**  
New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine daily: 8-4-9 and 3-4-6-2.  
**RHODE ISLAND**  
Daily: 0-8-1-2.

## Weather



## Adopt a pet: Holly is ready

By Barbara Richmond  
Manchester Herald



Holly

Holly, a friendly female Husky cross in this week's featured pet at the Manchester dog pound.  
Holly is just about 1 year old, she's black and tan and was found on Hackmack Street on Dec. 8. She was found on Dec. 10 on Avondale Road.  
There were two other new dogs at the pound, as of Tuesday. One is a female mixed breed. She's about 1 year old and is a small dog. She's all white and is very sweet. Dog Warden Richard Rand said. She was found on Dec. 10 on Avondale Road.  
The other new dog was taken into protective custody, by Rand, who said the owner has signed a waiver to put her up for adoption. She's a black Labrador cross, with some white on her throat.  
Rand said she's a very friendly dog with a sweet disposition, but was half-starved looking when taken into custody. Rand said he wants to fatten her up a bit before someone adopts her.  
The pound is located on town property off Olcott Street near the landfill area. Rand is at the pound weekdays from noon to 1 p.m. There is also someone at the pound from 6 to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday.  
The phone number at the pound is 643-6642. If there is no answer, call the police department, 646-4555.



Angela

There is a \$5 fee to adopt a dog and the new owner must have the dog licensed. Before being licensed the dog must have its rabies shot.  
Aid to Helpless Animals Inc., a volunteer organization, has many cats and kittens in need of good homes.  
All of the cats and kittens are neutered or spayed and given their shots before being put out for adoption, unless too young when taken.  
To adopt a cat, or for more information, call any of the following numbers in the homes of volunteers: 666-7000, 232-8317, or 242-2156.

## Obituaries

**Mabel Loomis**  
Mabel (Breen) Loomis, 82, of Carver Lane, died Wednesday (Dec. 13, 1989) at Manchester Memorial Hospital. She was the widow of Clifford Loomis.  
Born in the Rockville section of Vernon, she lived in Bolton for 20 years before moving to Manchester. Before retiring, she was employed by Traveler's Insurance Co. in Hartford. She was a member of the Manchester Senior Citizens and was an active card player there.  
She is survived by a brother, Francis Breen of Sarasota, Fla.; a stepson, Andrew Loomis in Arizona; two nieces, two nephews; and several grandchildren and nephews.  
The funeral will be Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at the Church of the Assumption. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery. Calling hours are Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.  
Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 310 Collins St., Hartford 06105.

**Thomas J. Kennedy**  
Thomas J. Kennedy, of South Boston, a section of Boston, Mass.,

widower of Edith Kennedy, died Wednesday (Dec. 13, 1989) in Boston. He was the brother of Robert J. Kennedy of Manchester.  
He is survived by four sons, Thomas Kennedy Jr. and Stephen Kennedy, both of Walpole, Mass.; John Kennedy of Newwood, Mass.; and Gary Kennedy of South Boston; two other brothers, Vincent Kennedy and Andrew Kennedy, both of South Boston; and six grandchildren.  
The funeral was held Wednesday at the Casper Funeral Home in South Boston, with a funeral Mass held at the Gate of Heaven Church. Burial was in St. Joseph's Church in South Roxbury.  
**Edward F. Wadhams**  
Edward F. Wadhams, 82, of 32 Lynwood Drive, Bolton, husband of the late Mary (Zach) Wadhams, died Wednesday (Dec. 13, 1989) at a local convalescent home.  
Born in Canton, April 3, 1907, he lived in Bolton for more than 30 years. Before retiring, he was employed at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford for over 25 years.  
He is survived by a brother-in-law, Frank Zachs of Rego Park, N.Y.; and two close friends, Jeanette and Napoleon Desautels of Bolton.  
A private graveside service and burial will be in Zion Hill Cemetery, Hartford. There are no calling hours. The Watkins Funeral Home, 142 E. Center St., is in charge of arrangements.

**Martha M. Borgstrom**  
Martha M. Borgstrom, 84, of the Rockville section of Vernon, widow of Ake Borgstrom, died Tuesday (Dec. 12, 1989) in Willingboro, N.J.  
She is survived by her granddaughters, Susan Machuga of Manchester.  
She is also survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Sally Ann and William Love of Willingboro, N.J.; Mary Jane and Richard Parker of Tolland; a brother and four sisters in Finland and Sweden; and four other grandchildren.  
The funeral will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the White-Gibbons Small Funeral Home, 65 Elm St., Rockville. Burial will be in Grove Hill Cemetery. Calling hours is at 1 p.m. until the time of the service.  
Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 237 E. Center St.

## Police Roundup

**Two linked to robbery**  
Two Manchester men were arrested this week in connection with the armed robbery in October of a Taco Bell restaurant manager, police said.  
Robert L. Fischer, 20, of 118 Main St., was arrested Wednesday in front of 233 Main St. at 1:15 p.m., police said. He was charged with first-degree robbery and second-degree larceny in connection with the holdup of the restaurant manager while she was making the night deposit at the West Middle Turnpike branch of Connecticut Bank & Trust.  
Fischer was held on \$25,000 cash bond pending a court appearance this morning in Manchester Superior Court.

**Manchester police** said they also arrested Serege G. Watson, 18, of 66 Regent St., and charged him with carrying a pistol without a permit and carrying a dangerous weapon. Fischer said he had obtained a gun from Watson for the armed robbery, according to the police report.  
Fischer said that Watson, who had worked for Taco Bell previously, knew the system involved with making night deposits, according to the police report. When Fischer was planning the heist, he offered to let Watson come along, the report said, and Watson declined.  
Watson was apprehended by the police today at 1:15 a.m. He had a pistol and a can of mace in his pocket at the time of arrest, the police report said. He was held on \$5,000 cash bond and appeared at Manchester Superior Court this morning.

**Man faces shoplifting charge**  
Salvatore Canneto, 27, of Wethersfield, was arrested Wednesday and charged with third-degree robbery and sixth-degree larceny, police said.  
Police said he attempted to steal six cartons of cigarettes from the Manchester Stop & Shop on Broad Street.  
Police said that store security saw Canneto trying to hide the cigarettes in his jacket, and that he became combative while trying to escape. He was detained by the security, and police made the arrest.  
Canneto was held on \$1,000 cash bond, and appeared in Manchester Superior Court today.

## Military Notes

**Completes MP training**  
Army Reserve Pvt. Richard L. Carlson, son of Michael P. and Myrna A. Carlson of 89 David Drive, Coventry, has completed military police training at the U.S. Army Military Police School, Fort McClellan, Ala.  
He is a 1989 graduate of East Catholic High School.

## Public Meetings

Public meetings scheduled for tonight:  
**Manchester**  
Conservation Commission, Lincoln Center gold room, 7:30 p.m.  
**Bolton**  
Board of Education, Center School library, 7:30 p.m.  
**Coventry**  
Arts Commission, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.  
Board of Education, Coventry High School, 7:30 p.m.

## Thoughts

Throughout the busy hustle and bustle of Christmas, the commercialism and glitter, if we take time to reflect, we come to feel a pervasive Christmas feeling. There is a special and unique feeling associated with Christmas—a feeling of happiness, warmth, sharing, caring, brotherhood, peace—a feeling of love.  
Is it possible that once a year, every year, at the world celebration of His Son's birth, that God the Father pours down the Holy Spirit? Is it possible that at Christmas the whole world receives a special witness through the feeling of Christmas of the reality and truthfulness of the birth and divinity of Jesus Christ? I think so.

David Field  
Bishop,  
The Church of Christ  
of Latter Day Saints

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# MANCHESTER

## Three are honored for heroic actions

By Dianna M. Talbot  
Manchester Herald

Heroism should not go unrewarded.  
That was the message the town gave three local men Tuesday who rescued and possibly saved the lives of three people during two separate incidents that occurred earlier this year. They were presented with plaques by Mayor Theunis "Terry" Warkhoven at the meeting of the town board of Directors.

David Eldon of 76 S. Hawthorne St. was honored for helping Richard Maturo of South Windsor, a paraplegic, escape from his burning car near Exit 60 on Interstate 84 on Sept. 11.  
Gerald Hollis of 84 Seaman Circle was honored for rescuing his neighbor, Irene Freeman, during a fire in her home on Oct. 1. The fire killed one of her dogs which was inside the home at the time.  
And Jeffrey Vail of 12 Humiston Dr. was honored for helping to revive Charles Meyer of 115 Wells St., who suffered a heart attack on Aug. 15 and was found crumpled over on Summit Street. Vail helped move Meyer, who since has made almost a full recovery, onto the sidewalk and began administering CPR.

"In all three incidents, there was involvement. The men helped other people," said Town of Manchester Fire Chief John Rivosa today. Rivosa particularly referred to the rescue of

Maturo from his burning car to help describe why the men were given certificates of honor for their actions.  
"Do you know how many cars and trucks went by that man before someone stopped to help him? A lot. (Maturo) was just about to give up hope when all of a sudden he felt someone pulling him out of his car," Rivosa said.  
"This is the problem today," he continued. "People just don't want to get involved. That is why the men were awarded for their involvement."  
Eldon, recalling the incident, said he was driving home from attending a class at the Greater Hartford Community College in Hartford when he noticed a car pulled over on the side of the highway with what looked like steam coming out from under the hood.  
Maturo, the driver, had popped the hood in hopes that someone would notice the car was on fire and help him get out of it, Eldon said.

"He looked so distressed as I drove by that I figured there was something else going on besides an overheated radiator," Eldon said.  
Eldon pulled over, helped Maturo get out of the burning car and dragged him away from it. A few minutes later the car was completely engulfed in flames, he said.  
"Most people wonder how they would react when faced with a situation like that," Eldon said. "I am just happy that I reacted the way I did."

Rivosa also referred to the actions of Hollis, who entered a burning house three times in order to locate his neighbor, Freeman, whom he said he could hear moaning inside the house.  
The fire chief said that in doing this Hollis went above and beyond what he considers the call for public involvement.  
Heat, flames and falling parts of the home's ceiling drove Hollis back outside each time he entered the house, but on the third time Hollis covered his head with a wet shirt and was able to locate Freeman before being driven back. When firefighters arrived to complete the rescue, Hollis was able to tell them exactly where Freeman was in the building.

And Rivosa also said Vail deserved to be honored for his involvement in helping Meyer during the man's heart attack.  
Meyer said today that he was so indebted to Vail for his actions that the Meyer family presented Vail with a silver plaque in addition to the town's certificate during the award presentation.  
"We just felt that it was a miracle," said Meyer's wife, Daisy. "My husband didn't even have a pulse when he was found and this man brought him back to life."  
"I would say (Vail) is a great man," Charles Meyer said. "He just seems like the type of person who is out to help anybody, a person you would love to meet and know."

## Ethics panel gets disclosure request

By Rick Santos  
Manchester Herald

The Ethics Commission at its next meeting will get a request from commission member Mary Sears that the town request financial disclosures for officials and that the Planning Department be investigated, said Ethics Commission Chairman William FitzGerald Wednesday.  
The investigation will be to determine whether or not Planning Director Mark Pellegrini or anyone in the Planning Department knew of Sieffer's membership in a business partnership called Preferred Equities that includes Manchester developers

feet Sr. had business ties with developers who came before the commission.  
Sears has said that when she attempted to investigate ties between developers and appliance dealers by checking ZCC voting records in the Planning office, Pellegrini was uncooperative. Pellegrini has said the statement is totally unfounded.  
In Sears' request, made initially in a letter written to the Board of Directors, she asks specifically for an examination of whether or not the Planning Department knew of Sieffer's membership in a business partnership called Preferred Equities that includes Manchester developers

meeting Wednesday night, Sears said she was trying to determine if there was a "monopoly" between developers and appliance dealers in town. The search showed nothing.  
Before the Ethics Commission can review anything, the Board of Directors needs to appoint a Democratic member to replace FitzGerald, the chairman said Wednesday. Then he can schedule a meeting at which the first action will be to elect a new chairman.  
About the Sears' requests, FitzGerald said, "I'll put this on the agenda for them (commission members) to do whatever they want."

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## State inspector OKs access plan for Cheney Hall

By Alex Girelli  
Manchester Herald

A plan for providing access for disabled persons to Cheney Hall has been approved by the state building inspector, removing one obstacle to plans for renovating the interior of the hall.  
Alan Lamson, chairman of the building subcommittee of the Cheney Hall Foundation, told foundation members Wednesday afternoon that he had learned of the approval earlier in the day.

The approved plan calls for building a small addition to the east side of the building to hold an entrance and two wheelchair lifts that will provide access to the basement, main floor, and stage level in the hall.  
The plan must also be approved by the Connecticut Historic Commission, which is scheduled to consider it this month, and by the Cheney National Historic District Commission, which will consider it on Jan. 4. Approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission is also required.  
Plans for the interior restoration will probably be completed before the end of the year, Lamson said. The foundation hopes to seek bids for the restoration as soon as possible.

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### Blue Cross issues cost containment proposal

NEW LONDON (AP) — Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Connecticut, concerned over what it sees as a retreat by the General Assembly on health care cost containment, has developed its own proposal.

Blue Cross, one of the state's largest insurers, has developed a data base that will determine which doctors are ordering too many tests and which procedures aren't particularly effective, said John F. Crowak, the company's president.

Blue Cross has also been distributing new contracts to hospitals that treat its clients that attempt to cut lengths of stay and unnecessary services.

"What we're trying to do with this program is re-create the (cost cutting) incentive," Crowak said. "We're trying to get people excited. Whether there's a revolution or an evolution, we don't care, but we want them excited. People have

to think twice whether a service is really necessary."

Blue Cross' proposal comes after the state abandoned its Diagnosis Related Group hospital rate system in which hospitals received a flat fee for a certain diagnosis. The system was supposed to control costs by offering hospitals an incentive that if care could be provided for less than the flat fee, the hospitals would keep the difference.

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### Connecticut joins Vermont's fight on judges' retirement

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — The states of Massachusetts and Connecticut have joined Vermont's fight to force the retirement of a 70-year-old Supreme Court justice.

Siding with Justice Louis Peck, though, is the nation's primary lobbying organization for older Americans, the American Association of Retired Persons.

"AARP believes the right of an able person to work regardless of his or her age is among the most basic in our society," said the association in a brief filed in the Peck case.

"The tenure of state judges is a question of great interest to each state," the Connecticut brief says. "It is one traditionally left to each state."

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### Task force to tackle economic slowdown

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Faced with gloomy economic forecasts for the start of the new decade, New England's governors have agreed to create a task force to suggest strategies to help the six states deal with the anticipated slowdown and position themselves for a recovery.

The winter meeting of the New England Governors' Conference focused Wednesday on biotechnology as an emerging growth industry of the 1990s that would take advantage of the "brain power" found in the region's universities, medical centers and research institutions.

In proposing formation of the economic task force, Gov. Edward D. DiPrete of Rhode Island noted that American Express Co. recently expanded in his state, filling 400 entry-level jobs that require college or junior college training.

Foreseeing a potential labor shortage into the 1990s, Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis said 85 percent of the new jobs created in New England will require at least a community college education.

Allen Sinai, chief economist for The Boston Co. Inc. said Americans will not support broad-based tax increases because they do not believe the money will be spent wisely. But he said they are willing

admission reviews to ensure a patient needs hospitalization, review patients already in the hospital to make sure they still need to be there, and review emergency cases to make sure proper care is being received.

If Blue Cross determines a person does not need to be in the hospital three days for a tonsillectomy, for example, it would inform the patient that the insurance will not pay the charges.

"They'll have an option. They don't have to get kicked out of the hospital. But we have the option that we don't have to pay," Crowak said.

Crowak said the company's computer system would identify those doctors whose fees are much higher. If a review found a doctor routinely ordered unnecessary tests, the company would ask for changes.

Blue Cross officials said that the computer data base would also identify those procedures that have limited effectiveness. If a procedure is shown to have limited effectiveness, then Blue Cross would decide whether it wants to pay for it.

Arthur Schulman, director of the New London County Medical Association, said with insurers pushing for fewer tests and services there is a concern for the quality of care.

"It all sounds good, but I don't know how they're going to implement it," Schulman said.

Kelly A. Anthony, a spokesman for Lawrence and Memorial Hospital in New London said Blue Cross' proposal.

Crowak said increases in health care costs have raised insurance premiums in each of the past three years including 36 percent in 1989, 53 percent in 1988, and 12.5 percent in 1987.

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to accept specially targeted tax hikes for specific purposes.

Dukakis said that while the New England economy relies heavily on defense spending, the impact of anticipated Pentagon cutbacks should be less severe because of the region's emphasis on research and technology rather than military hardware.

"We're not heavily into the B-2's and the MX's on railroad cars, which are the main candidates for cutbacks," Dukakis said. "We think the impact on us will be fairly small."

The governors approved Kunin's task force proposal after economists delivered sobering reports on the region's economic prospects.

"All is not well in the New England economic miracle," said Gary Cimmino, president of the New England Economic Project and chief economist for Fleet-Norstar Financial Group.

Cimmino said manufacturing jobs in the region have declined during the past five years but the job losses have been more than offset by growth in the service sector. But now, he said, job growth in the service economy "seems to be running out of gas."

"New England will seriously underperform the national job trend through 1991," Cimmino said. But he said they are willing

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## NATION & WORLD

### Boat people protest forced repatriation

HONG KONG (AP) — About 8,000 Vietnamese marched and chanted slogans in a second day of peaceful protests against involuntary repatriation today as the demonstrations spread to more detention centers.

The repatriation of 51 boat people against their will before dawn Tuesday triggered the demonstrations, which have been held in five detention centers throughout this British colony.

More than 2,000 Vietnamese men, women and children — many wearing white protest headbands — marched through the Sham Shui Po detention center in urban Kowloon today under banners that read "Forced Repatriation is Homicide" and "Save our Souls."

They shouted slogans and thrust clenched fists defiantly in the air as they snaked around the camp's playground. A few plainclothesmen kept watch over the demonstration.

At one point, protesters gathered in front of a table that had a pile of eggs, which an official said was a religious offering in remembrance of the repatriated Vietnamese. On the table was a sign that said: "Requiem Ceremony for 51 Souls."

Nearly 4,000 Vietnamese were protested at two separate centers on Hei Ling Chau island, a former leper colony, and 2,000 more were demonstrated at Whitehead detention center in the New Territories, according to Fugate's Ms. spokeswoman. "She's been out there standing up for the community and fighting back. She's become a symbol that these gangs want to stop."

### Street gangs target anti-drug activist

BOSTON (AP) — The word on the streets is that Georgette Watson's head is worth \$5,000. If she's shot and doesn't die, it's \$1,000.

That's how badly street gangs want to get rid of the founder of Drop-A-Dime, a hot line that fields tips on drug pushers. Watson is under 24-hour police surveillance and says she can accept that — for now. But she won't live in a fish-bowl forever.

"I want to be free," she said Wednesday. "They feel they can kill anyone who goes against their stance. This is a fight not just for me, but for the whole community. If we take a stand now we won't have to pay later."

Deputy Superintendent William Colester said police informants had received "solid tips" this week that local gang members had set a price on Watson's life.

"Georgette Watson has ... been getting various threats ever since she began to speak out about the drug dealers and everything else," he said. "From time to time, we've offered her police protection and she's always turned those offers down. This time we're insisting."

The idea of gang bounties is not particularly new. Tensions ran high in 1988 when similar threats were made on police officers patrolling this city's Dorchester, Mattapan and Roxbury neighborhoods.

"Georgette has become a symbol of the little person standing up," Colester said. "She's been out there standing up for the community and fighting back. She's become a symbol that these gangs want to stop."

The 46-year-old knows she's in danger but prefers not to think about it too much. There's something broader and more important at stake, she said.

"They're violating my freedom to take a stand," she said. "We have to let them know that they will not control this community or control people they disagree with."

Watson is willing temporarily to accept the constant presence of police, the shadows of two officers parked outside her home each night. She's willing to stay away from Drop-A-Dime hot line's office and cancel speaking engagements.

"I want to talk to them," Watson said, adding that her only conditions for the meeting are that it take place in a daylight, neutral location and that two or three community escorts be present.

"I've tried to go out there and meet with them and they refuse to meet with me," she said. "I'd like to just go up there where they are with the whole community, really send them a message."

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But the mother of three says she knows who the kids are behind the bounty offer. She's heard it on the streets and now she's using those same streets to put out a message of her own.

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### Bush to attend drug summit in Colombia

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, in a gesture of personal solidarity for Colombia's battle against the drug cartels, will join the leaders of the Andean nations in Cartagena, Colombia, on Feb. 15 for a one-day summit on the drug war.

Cartagena, a port city 680 miles north of Bogota, is located in a Medellin cartel stronghold in a country ravaged by bombings and assassinations since Colombian President Virgilio Barco declared war on the drug traffickers three months ago.

The White House played down security concerns Wednesday as it formally announced Bush's plan to go to Colombia.

"We won't take him where it isn't safe," said White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater.

He insisted the security challenge in Colombia is less formidable than at the annual economic summit with the major industrialized countries, where seven heads of state require protection.

"We had heavy security lots of places," Fitzwater said.

The plan is for a one-day summit, meaning neither Bush nor his large entourage will require lodging in Colombia. Fitzwater said it was always intended to be a one-day affair.

The drug terrorists are blamed for a bombing outside a police building in Bogota last week that killed 63. A judge, a prosecutor and a bank official were assassinated Tuesday night in Colombia.

Assistant Secretary of State Bernard Aronson is currently leading a U.S. delegation to the Andean nations to lay the groundwork for a February meeting.

The other participants, in addition to Bush and Barco, will be President

Alan Garcia of Peru and President Jaime Paz Zamora of Bolivia.

On Monday, Bush expressed determination to attend the South American summit, but said, "I will not do anything imprudent."

Praising Barco for battling the drug cartel, Bush said, "I don't want to undermine the courageous stance he's taking. ... And I don't want to be the one that sends a signal that nobody should go to Colombia because they can't be protected."

One top administration official said the drug summit probably will be held at a Colombian naval base. The official said that for better security the entire Washington entourage, including staff and reporters, would remain at the same location instead of operating from a separate site than the talks, as is often the case on presidential foreign trips.

Earlier Wednesday Bush signed legislation authorizing \$240 million in aid for Colombia, Bolivia and Peru to help wage the fight against drugs in the region where most of the world's cocaine is produced.

The legislation authorizes spending \$115 million for narcotics control assistance and \$125 million for military and law enforcement aid to the three countries.

Meanwhile, Bush's drug policy chief, William Bennett, labeled "stupid and morally atrocious" a call to legalize cocaine, heroin and other illicit drugs.

U.S. District Judge Robert H. Sweet, a former Republican prosecutor, made the proposal in a speech in New York, joining such figures as former Secretary of State George Shultz in arguing that prohibition has failed and legalizing drugs would curb the violence.

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# OPINION

## Public at mercy of mob

Do Americans want to depend on racketeers to take care of their garbage? That's another element of the problem of solid waste disposal that must be considered as landfills are being exhausted and the volume of refuse mounts.

Public hearings last month in Philadelphia revealed the East Coast crime families that have long dominated the waste-disposal industry in New York and New Jersey through intimidation and murder already have branched out into Pennsylvania. They are expected to look next at the Midwest — and possibly the South.

The threat is more alarming because it comes at a time when the nation is approaching a crisis in solid waste disposal. The risk to public safety is becoming increasingly clear, particularly as mob muscle can be applied to achieve monopoly control of the industry.

Profits in the industry can be enormous. Waste disposal is not a field in which many businessmen are interested.

States are fighting back through laws requiring background investigations of waste haulers and landfill operations in an effort to block mob control. However, a cooperative, inter-regional response may be needed, as will some federal assistance.

The gangster threat only further underlines the fact that an effective, overall response to the solid waste problem must be implemented — and soon. Public health is at stake, and if a crunch comes, the public must avoid the additional threat of being at the mercy of the mob.

— The Clarion-Ledger, Jackson, Miss.



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## Motorists see red over light near mall

The Pavilions at Buckland Hills mall is scheduled to open on March 7 (according to one estimate). But a traffic light on one of the roads leading to the mall off of Buckland Street is already operational, much to the consternation of people operating motor vehicles. The light changes red, and there is no traffic coming out of the mall area. It's particularly annoying during rush hour. Why is that light operating now, in the first place?

**STAMPING MAD** — Ever wonder why the post office is losing a bundle of money and why sometimes people get upset with the workers there? Try this one on for size. A Herald staffer went to the Manchester sub-station office on Broad Street the other day to get a book of stamps. That's all; a book of stamps. He waited in a long line and when he finally got to the window and asked for a book of stamps, the alien, friendly clerk said, "Sorry, I don't have any more books, I can give you the equivalent."

The newspaperman didn't want the equivalent. He wanted a book. So he asked the clerk if he could get a book from the other guy behind the counter. The clerk couldn't do that. It seems each guy has his own "personal" drawer, and he can't do any swapping. C'mon, said the Herald staffer, "How about giving the other countermander my five bucks, and hand me the book of stamps."

**BIG DEAL** — At the Herald we receive hundreds of press releases every week. One such news release came from Manchester Memorial Hospital, which pertained to the hospital's parking garage.

## The last American original

**HAZARD, KY.** — There are said to be 2 million homeless people in the United States and even more reasons to pity them. They live in the streets, dress in rags and eat garbage; they also tend to be alcoholic, drug dependent or mentally afflicted, thus they virtually command sentiments of guilt and sympathy. That's why I appreciate Mr. Lester Duff. If I may say it without seeming impudent, he is my favorite homeless person. He is something of a world class homeless person, actually. He has not had a normal shelter for almost a quarter of a century, and the reason I like him is that I do not have to feel sorry for him.

He lives in a rusted automobile near a small shopping center here on the mountainous edge of Hazard. The car doesn't run—the wheels have been removed—and Duff sits in the front seat during the day, in the back seat at night, roasting under the sun of the summer, and buried by the snows that come with colder weather.

Yet it's not really depressing. On the contrary, it is, in its own way, encouraging. Lester Duff is not a victim, nor even truly unfortunate. I see him rather as a stubborn eccentric, he refuses to bend to the orthodox disciplines of the increasingly disciplined community and has chosen instead to be his own man.

In other words, he is an original. And there's a time when it was a proud claim in the nation. America loved the rebel, before it changed its mind. Now there is pressure to conform, to homogenize, or adjust, and so my favorite homeless person has resigned from the herd to think and to live as he feels best.

What's more, there are the risks. Casey does not know why the homeless man has not frozen to death as yet, or at least been smothered in the night. He says Duff buries himself in filthy blankets each evening, no matter the season, and he never knows if he is going to succumb first to the cold or the lack of air.

**Tom Tiede**  
he was chased away again and again; and a few years ago, he finally managed to settle for good outside the shopping center.

He lives in a white Chevrolet today, on property belonging to a businessman named Carl Casey. Casey owns a small car wash that is also on the lot, and Duff has become his part-time maintenance man. The former says the latter is now 44 years old and, with few exceptions, has been living in vehicles for at least 24 years.

**WHAT HAPPENED TO LOYALTY?** — It's probably not a first, but graduates of Manchester and East Catholic high schools are now head boys' basketball coaches at the "Ivory school."

**A GOOD EXCUSE** — Wally Irish, a Republican member of the Manchester Board of Directors, was in attendance along with his wife, Pat, for Tuesday night's Manchester High-East Catholic High junior varsity girls' basketball game at East Catholic High's gym. They were there

## Customs easy on Congress

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

**WASHINGTON** — Dozens of members of Congress will soon be winging homeward from official trips overseas, their luggage bulging with Christmas presents for folks back home. Many of them will slip through customs without declaring a single knickknack or paying the import fees that customs charges ordinary citizens.

When hotel magnate Leona Helmsley said taxes were for the "little people," she was expressing a sentiment common to nouveau royalty. Apparently some members of Congress feel the same way about customs duties.

Smuggling is de rigueur for congressional scofflaws, according to an Army sergeant who worked as a military escort on congressional overseas shopping sprees.

Sgt. Cloyd Riddle has told Army investigators looking into the escort assignments that some members of Congress and their spouses slip foreign goods into the country without so much as a mention to the customs agents.

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**GOOD NEWS** — Kym Curbow sits in her hospital bed with her mother, Linda. Kym recently found out that she doesn't have an inoperable brain tumor and will be home and healthy for the holidays.

## Brain tumor hotline brings happy holiday

**CHICAGO (AP)** — A woman who thought an inoperable brain tumor would make this Christmas her last instead to leave her hospital bed for home with her family.

That was the day doctors determined that the mass next to her 20-year-old daughter's brain stem, where vital functions take place, was a cyst — not a tumor — and removed it.

Curbow was referred to an Atlanta neurosurgeon after complaining to her internist about severe headaches. The neurosurgeon performed a biopsy in August and "just told her it was inoperable," Mrs. Curbow said.

The family was told Kym would likely lose her sight, her memory would be affected, and that there was very little hope for a positive outcome.

## Judge reverses 'subversion of justice'

Former janitor almost executed for girl's murder

**HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP)** — A former janitor who spent nine years on death row and came within six days of execution says an appellate court decision to set aside his murder conviction has made "this Christmas as bright as can be."

In a 6-3 decision, the Texas Court of Appeals on Wednesday said 38-year-old Clarence Brandley did not get a fair trial when an all-white jury convicted him of the 1980 strangulation and rape of Cheryl Ferguson.

Brandley's first trial ended with a hung jury. His attorneys contended the conviction in the second trial was racially motivated.

Brandley said Wednesday, "We always have some doubts. But when Judge Pickett got the case, it gave me a whole lot more hope."

Brandley is the third Texas inmate in a year to have his conviction overturned amid national attention.

Brandley received a stay six days before his execution date in March 1987. In granting the stay, a state

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Green-Eyed Monster" by Annie Casella. She said she and her classmates must keep the books at school for a couple of days, so all the pupils can see each of the books. A book titled "Bobby's Magical Dragon" by Kerry Conroy contains words of wisdom at the front of the book. "A lesson is learned with every moment in life. Change things that you can, accept things you cannot change, and always believe in yourself."

Hartzog said that at the start of the school year, a few of her pupils would not have been able to read these books, which were written, produced, bound and illustrated by the high school students.

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"The more they read, the more literature they become, and it shows in their writing," she said.

Hartzog said that the whole English style is catching on in Connecticut. She said that instead of constantly filling children's minds with facts, this method teaches children to think, while still meeting curriculum goals set by the school department.

Hartzog said that earlier in her career she taught with the traditional method, using work sheets and other forms which only taught pupils to repeat facts. Now she says they are excited to learn, instead of thinking of it as work.

Hartzog said the stories written by Mitchell's students fit in well with her plans. She said that being in the class of 21 chattered in the background reading their books to each other, Hartzog said her class has made great progress in reading due to the "whole English" teaching style she utilizes. She said she educates the class by "teaching kids to read by immersing them in literature."

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In Thomaston, a western Connecticut town of 7,000, an initial wave of shock and disbelief over the charges stayed to support. A hastily arranged prayer vigil drew 250 people and raised \$1,000. Teachers quickly started a legal defense fund, and others organized a letter- and Christmas card-writing drive.

Through her imprisonment, friends were encouraged — but not surprised — by her resilience.

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## SPORTS

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### Huskies gain valuable lesson the hard way

The University of Connecticut Huskies learned a valuable lesson in their 64-57 Big East Conference season opening loss to Villanova Tuesday night.

It is most fortunate for the young Huskies that they have three weeks before their next Big East game (Jan. 2 at St. John's), time to recover from their dreadful first-half performance against the Wildcats on national television.

Lofy, and ultimately, false opinions surrounding this year's Huskies were formed after they strolled through their first eight games with a 7-1 record.

Five players were averaging in double figures. They were employing a suffocating defense predicated on their 3-point range with lethal outside threats in Chris Smith, John Gwynn, Scott Burrell and Nadav Henefeld. They were winning.

A more than average amount of discussion was being made of UConn's cushy early schedule, considering most teams, especially Big East teams, load up on easy games in December. UConn's best wins have come over three semi-big names — Auburn, Florida State and Maryland — with feeble representations of talented squads from their past.

This is not to say that UConn should have lost to Villanova because it was not a 'good' Villanova team which beat UConn. The over-eager Huskies self-destructed which will be a common occurrence this season.

"For the first time since Florida State, we faced adversity," Husky coach Jim Calhoun said. "We had a tough time dealing with it. This is a young basketball team and we're going to have our ups and downs."

The atrocious first-half shooting by the Huskies (21 percent, 7-for-34) was due to a combination of factors — nerves, first Big East game, national television and the bottom line, inexperience.

As the Huskies continually revolved the ball around the perimeter, it was painfully obvious their halfcourt game was never previously tested.

Although Smith is tabbed as the next UConn savior, he is still only nine games into his sophomore season along with Dan Czynlik and Rod Sellers. Henefeld, though well-traveled internationally, is beginning his Big East induction along with the athletic Burrell. Gwynn, a Proposition 48 case, is only a sophomore on the basketball court.

Senior point guard Tate George plays like a sophomore and Steve Pikiel, a junior on the court but a senior academically, never plays.

Thus, a lack of leadership combined with inexperience, will make this a trying season for the Huskies.

The talent is present for success. The mental toughness necessary for winning in the Big East will be UConn's highest hurdle.

"We faced adversity tonight," Calhoun said after the Villanova loss. "At first we panicked and then we came out and fought like hell. I don't think I should discourage them on Dec. 12."

This Villanova team will probably finish in the bottom half of the Big East standings. But in seniors Tom Greis and Rodney Taylor, the Wildcats possess leadership and experience. These are two factors lacking in the Husky lineup. It was only two years ago that Greis and Taylor were part of a Villanova team which advanced to the Final Eight of the NCAA Tournament.

The facts are that UConn is young and talented without a ton of experience. The Huskies were fortunate to play an early Big East game in order to set a proper gauge for their progress. A win against Villanova may have had these Huskies higher than the heavens. The loss obviously, and more appropriately, brought them back down to earth.

The next three weeks will be pivotal in the preparation stages, both physically and mentally.

"We learned what you have to do to win in the Big East," the 7-foot Czynlik said.

Hopefully, for UConn and its fans, that statement is true. Then, they will be that much ahead of the game.

Calhoun reiterates this team needs time to grow. Jim, you have the time now. Another outing like the Villanova game versus St. John's won't be well received, to say the least.

"We're going to be OK," Calhoun said. "Just give us a chance as a young team to grow."

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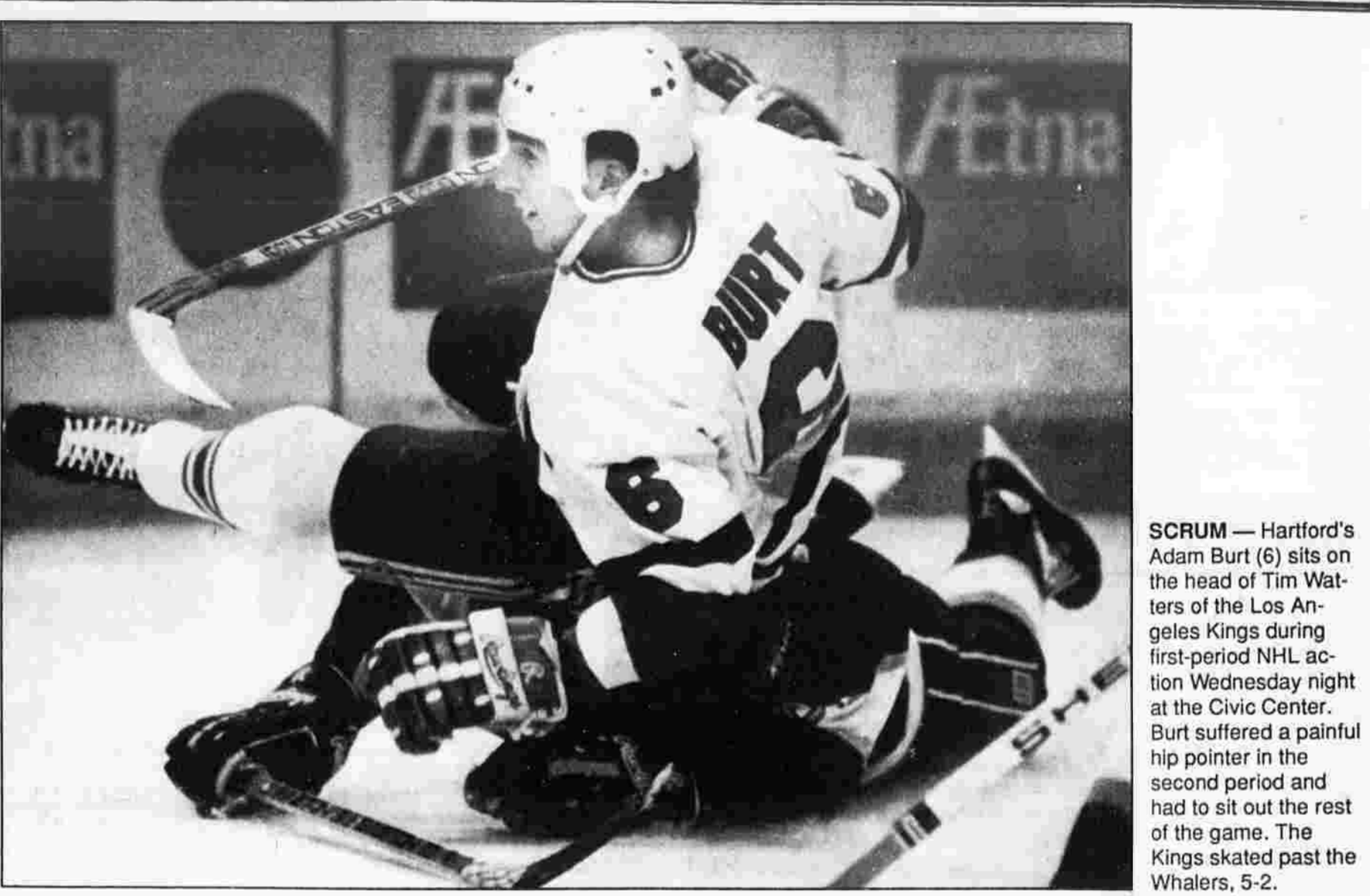
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### Three Kings bear Whale no gifts

By Jim Tierney

HARTFORD — When one team, in this case the Los Angeles Kings, has a monopoly on three of the most explosive players in the National Hockey League, chances are good that on any given night at least one of them will cause an adversary some trouble.

When the entire trio gets into the scoring act, chances are good that the adversary, in this case the Hartford Whalers, will come up on the losing end.

That's what happened Wednesday night at the Civic Center as the Kings scored three unanswered goals in the third period and skated off with a 5-2 victory before a crowd of 13,932.

Hartford (15-11-1) sinks below the .500 mark while Los Angeles (16-12-3) has won five of its last six outings.

"They (Los Angeles) seemed to get stronger and we sagged," Whaler coach Rick Ley said. "Defensively, we backed off all night."

The imposing triangle of Wayne Gretzky (one goal, one assist), Bernie Nicholls (two goals) and Luc Robitaille (one goal, one assist) comprise the Nos. 1, 2 and 5 point-scorers, respectively, in the NHL. The latter pair share the league lead for goals with 24 each.

Los Angeles scored its three goals in the final period on a mere four shots.

"With a team like L.A., you just look at the shooters that they have; they don't need that many shots to get some goals," Whaler goalie Peter Sidorkiewicz said. "All of a sudden, they get that one little break and boom, boom, you're out of the game."

Gretzky, who tied his own NHL record for assists in consecutive games (17) on the final goal, opened the scoring at 14:50 of the first period. Ron Francis, with the help of Nicholls' skate, tied the game at 1:11 in the second. Nicholls scored his first two goals on a scorching slapshot past Sidorkiewicz's far side to give L.A. a 2-1 lead.

Just 48 seconds left in the second period, Kevin Dineen scored the prettiest goal of the season after weaving in and around three Kings and backhanding a shot into the upper net. It was a short-handed goal.

"It was nice to see the veterans beat down," Kings' coach and former New England Whaler Tom Webster, a close friend of Ley's, said. "It's nice to beat the fit guy (Ley). I've got mixed emotions. Both of us want our team to win. (But) he's such a close, personal friend, it's hard."

Steve Duchesne scored the game-winner at 3:20 of the net of a feed from Steve Kasper at the right of the center.

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Giants' Karl Nelson retires

NEW YORK — Former New York Giants offensive tackle Karl Nelson, who has been battling Hodgkin's disease for more than two years, announced his retirement on Wednesday.

Nelson, 29, has been helping the Giants as a part-time assistant line coach this season.

Nelson started 55 consecutive games from 1984-86, including Super Bowl XXI. He was first diagnosed as having Hodgkin's in August 1987 and missed the entire season.

Whalers to fight hunger

HARTFORD — The Hartford Whalers will sponsor their sixth annual "Score Against Hunger Night" on Saturday when they host the Washington Capitals at the Civic Center.

Fans who bring a small bag of non-perishable food items, or a check made payable to Foodshare of Greater Hartford, will receive a full color action poster of Kevin Dineen.

Marist tops Fairfield in OT

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. (AP) — Reggie Gait scored seven of his career-high 19 points in overtime to lead Marist to a 72-65 double-overtime win over Fairfield.

Marist (6-1) is off to its best start in nine years of Division I play.

Junior guard Steve Ptierno, who scored 16 points and a career-high 10 rebounds Wednesday night, opened the second overtime session with a 3-pointer to give the Red Foxes a 62-62 lead.

A Gait layup and a free throw put Marist ahead 68-63. Fairfield tied the contest into overtime by outscoring Marist 27-17 in the final minutes of regulation.

Ed Duncan, who scored 11 points, led the Stags (2-2) during the stretch with seven points.

Bruins trade for Christian

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Bruins traded left wing Bobby Joyce to the Washington Capitals on Wednesday for center-right wing Dave Christian.

Christian, a 10-year NHL veteran, has three goals and eight assists in 28 games this season. In his career, Christian has 272 goals and 354 assists in 734 games.

When the Michigan Wolverines walk off the field at the Rose Bowl after playing Southern California on New Year's Day, it will mark the end of one of the greatest coaching careers in history.

Schembechler, who announced his retirement Wednesday, has compiled a record of 234-64-8, making him the winningest active coach in NCAA Division I-A and fourth on the all-time list.

His 194-47-5 record at Michigan also is a school record which may never be matched.

Suns, Hornets swap forwards

PHOENIX (AP) — The Phoenix Suns acquired veteran forward Kurt Rambis and two second-round draft picks from the Charlotte Hornets in exchange for forward Armon Gilliam, the Suns announced Thursday.

The Suns said they will receive the Hornets' second-round draft selection in 1990 and either the Hornets' or the Denver Nuggets' second-round pick in 1991, at Charlotte's option.

Becker says he won't serve

HAMBURG, West Germany (AP) — Boris Becker said if he returned to West Germany from the tax haven of Monte Carlo, he would refuse to serve in the military.

"I will not carry a rifle in my hand and would much rather go into the civilian service," Becker was quoted as saying Wednesday by Sports, a Hamburg-based magazine. Civilian service is a legal alternative for conscientious objectors in West Germany.

The three-time Wimbledon champion, who told the magazine he was considering a return home, said he was disturbed by that a large amount of tax money in West Germany went into the military.

Expos sign Dave Schmidt

MONTREAL (AP) — Dave Schmidt, who left the Baltimore Orioles as a free agent, agreed to a one-year contract with the Montreal Expos Wednesday.

Schmidt was 10-13 with a 5.69 earned run average last season — the first time in his eight-year career he had an ERA over 4.00. Schmidt's career record is 51-51 with a 3.76 ERA.

Taylor top offensive player

NEW YORK (AP) — San Francisco's John Taylor, who became the first player in NFL history to catch two touchdown passes of more than 90 yards, was named on the NFC offensive player of the week.

Bird shoots his way out of a slump

NBA Roundup

By Bill Barnard The Associated Press

Larry Bird is not one to let a shooting slump stop him from shooting.

"Everyone is worrying about my shot, but I'm not," Bird said. "I just keep practicing, knowing it will come."

His shooting eye was on target Wednesday night as he had 40 points on 17-for-27 shooting in Boston's 109-97 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics. Bird played 46 minutes and also had 11 rebounds and 10 assists.

"That's the Larry Bird I know," Seattle's Michael Cage said. "That man knows how to play and tonight he brought his team up to his level. That's what great players do."

"We wanted to keep an eye on Larry because we knew if he hit one or two shots it would be off to the races," said K.C. Jones, the former Boston coach who now is an assistant with Seattle. "He was just playing his game and when does that stop going to the firing line?"

Bird, who passed Julius Erving for 21st place on the NBA's career scoring list with his 14th point of the game, also hit four straight free throws to give him 38 without a miss.

Bird took only two brief rests, in the final minute of the first half and in the closing seconds of the third quarter.

"I don't worry about minutes," Bird said. "Sometimes when I'm a little fatigued I make my best shots. There were a few times I had to take a shot to beat the clock."

Dale Ellis led Seattle with 32 points, while Xavier McDaniel had 15 for the Sonics, who trailed 51-42 at halftime as Bird scored 23 points in the first two periods.

Boston led 83-70 at the three-quarter mark but widened the advantage to as many as 17 points at the outset of the fourth period before cruising the rest of the way.

Clippers 83, Pistons 79: Los Angeles defeated Detroit in the third-lowest scoring game of the season as Danny Manning scored 15 points.

The Clippers' one-point away from matching their 10th team to score fewer than 100 points and beat the Pistons in their last 101 games. They accomplished it despite Manning's five missed free throws in the final 75 seconds.

Isiah Thomas, who finished with 18 points, was ejected when he was whistled for two technical fouls by referee Don Vaden for arguing a no-call with 42 seconds left.

Warriors 134, Nuggets 114: Golden State won consecutive games for the first time since the playoffs as Chris Mullin had 33 points and a career-high 18 rebounds against Denver.

Mullin, averaging just 4.6 rebounds this season and 3.3 for his five-year career, had 12 in the second quarter when the Warriors outrebounded the Nuggets 18-9.



MAKE ROOM — Boston's Larry Bird drives against Superonics' forward Michael Cage during the first period of their NBA game Wednesday night at Boston Garden. Bird poured in 40 points to lead the Celtics to a 109-97 victory.

Jazz 102, Suns 95: Utah kept Phoenix winless on the road, scoring 11 consecutive points late in the game.

John Stockton had 22 points and 15 assists and Karl Malone had 24 points and 12 rebounds for the Jazz, who trailed by as many as 16 points in the second quarter.

Eddie Johnson had 25 points, Jeff Homacek 23 and Tom Chambers 21 for the Suns, who are 0-7 on the road.

Hawks 112, Hawks 108: Philadelphia snapped Atlanta's seven-game winning streak as three Sixers scored more than 20 points.

Hersey Hawkins had 27 points and Johnny Dawkins and Charles Barkley each added 23, helping the 76ers hold off a late rally by the Hawks, who got a season-high 38 points from Dominique Wilkins.

Cavaliers 99, Bucks 93: Larry Nance scored 31 points as Cleveland beat Milwaukee. It was the third consecutive victory for the Cavs since Nance returned to the lineup after off-season knee surgery.

The Cavaliers, who outrebounded the Bucks 54-33, matched their largest lead at 73-62 early in the fourth quarter before Los Angeles scored seven consecutive buckets.

Lakers 102, Heat 75: Los Angeles beat Miami as Magic Johnson and rookie Vlade Divac helped turn the game into a rout with six points each during an 18-2 second-half run.

The Heat trailed 65-54 with four minutes left in the third quarter before Los Angeles scored seven consecutive buckets.

Mavericks 90, Timberwolves 87: Dallas snapped a three-game losing streak as Adrian Dantley had 21 points against Minnesota.

The Mavericks survived a nine-point fourth quarter because the Timberwolves managed only 16.

Schembechler to end career at Rose Bowl

By Harry Atkins The Associated Press

He's undergone two quadruple heart bypass operations — as reasons for giving up his coaching duties.

"I've never been in my mind, 'God, I wish he would quit.' I can say that very honestly," Moeller said. "But we can carry on without him."

"It's not going to bother me if he stays around. He says it will and maybe he's right. But I'd love to have him around."

Moeller said Schembechler's loss will be felt most in recruiting.

Schembechler said he had been thinking all season about retiring and decided to make the announcement now because he wanted prospective recruits to know Moeller would be their coach.

"The toughest thing I've ever had to do was give up my football team," Schembechler said, choking back tears during an afternoon news conference. "But, it's the right thing to do, so I'm doing it."

Missouri's inside muscle overcomes Arkansas

By Harry King The Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — The shot chart said as much about Missouri's victory over Arkansas as did the scoreboard.

The chart showed that fourth-ranked Missouri attempted 30 shots in the layup range Wednesday night against No. 7 Arkansas, with 6-foot-10 Doug Smith and 6-9 Nathan Buntin the main contributors.

Smith and Buntin scored 24 points each for Missouri (8-0), many of them put-backs of offensive rebounds. The Tigers had 16 offensive rebounds, including nine by Buntin and six by Smith.

"Our biggest concern before the game was their inside game," Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson said. "They are big and strong and stuck it back in the hole on us. We felt that was where they could beat us. We worked on it, but I guess I didn't prepare us enough."

"When you have a guy that is 6-10 and can take the ball coast-to-coast and score, it makes your entire team better," he said of Smith.

Nathan Buntin was tremendous," Missouri coach Norm Stewart said. "It was one of the best games he has played."

He said the Missouri defense tightened after Arkansas (5-1) broke on top early.

We didn't shake but we were trembling a little bit," he said.

Arkansas led by as much as nine in the first seven minutes before Missouri and-one, Harris made the game-winner.



IN PURSUIT — Missouri's Nathan Buntin (22) chases Arkansas' Darrell Hawkins in their matchup of Top 10 teams Wednesday night in Fayetteville, Ark. The No. 4 Tigers beat the home team No. 7 Razorbacks, 89-88.

At today's inflated prices, what is Willie worth?

By Ronald Blum The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Every day another 220 hitter signs a million-dollar contract. So how much would a really great ballplayer be worth these days?

A player like Willie Mays. "I'm not one to believe you can go back to the '50s and '60s and compare those things together," Mays said.

But Tom Reich, the agent for many current major leaguers, said you can, and he says he knows what would happen.

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Reich said. "A player as spectacular as Willie Mays in a big market, who could do that much for a team — let me just tell you this: If Willie Mays came along today for a five-year deal, he would sign in the '50s, I'd guarantee you that."

If Mark Langston is worth \$3.2 million, how much would Bob Feller get if he pitched today? Would Lou Brock get more than Mickey Henderson? Would Elroy Face make more than Mark Davis?

"I'd like to have a base salary of 2 million, 2.5," Feller said the day after Davis agreed to his record deal for \$13 million over four years.

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Ron Hextall injured again

NEW HAVEN (AP) — Goalender Ron Hextall was carried from the ice midway through the third period Wednesday night after injuring his right groin while playing for Hershey, the Philadelphia Flyers' top farm team.

Hextall, who had sustained groin and hamstring injuries in his two NHL appearances this season, injured the other groin muscle while trying to stop a wrist shot by New Haven's Scott Bjugstad in the American Hockey League game. Hextall was with Hershey on a one-game rehabilitation assignment.

"I made that move and I just felt it pop," a dejected Hextall said. "I just don't know what to do to catch a break. It seems like I can't get through a game."

Hextall sat out the Flyers' 12th game after being suspended for attacking Montreal defenseman Chris Chelios during last spring's Stanley Cup playoffs. Hextall injured his left groin during his season debut on Nov. 4 in Toronto and hurt his hamstring in his other appearance, a 5-4 victory over the New York Islanders on Nov. 15.

Hextall said he did not know when he would be able to play again.

Tarpley gets some good news

DALLAS (AP) — Suspended Dallas Mavericks forward Roy Tarpley got some good news Wednesday when prosecutors decided to dismiss four pending misdemeanor charges.

Authorities said the lesser charges — improper lane change, tailgating, driving without a license and failure to produce proof of insurance — were dropped because they plan to pursue two more serious charges pending against Tarpley.

On Jan. 31, Tarpley faces a preliminary hearing on charges of driving while intoxicated and resisting arrest. But he also could agree to accept a plea bargain before that date.

Tarpley was suspended after his arrest Nov. 15 on the DWI charges. He also was charged with resisting arrest after allegedly becoming belligerent during the arrest. Club officials said Tarpley was suspended because he violated the after-care program he was assigned to after twice violating NBA guidelines barring drug use.

Sprurrier's decision on hold

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Duke football coach Steve Spurrier, who is already considering a job offer from Florida, says his desire to wait until late December before making a decision on his future may prevent him from getting a job offer from the NFL.

Sprurrier's time frame will make it difficult for NFL teams to talk to established coaches in the league before choosing Spurrier, who has been mentioned in connection with pro vacancies in Phoenix and Atlanta. NFL clubs are not permitted to pursue current pro coaches until the NFL season has concluded.

Sprurrier, who won the Heisman Trophy as a Florida quarterback in 1966, was offered the school's coaching job on Tuesday. Athletic Director Bill Amsparger said.

Sprurrier plans to decide his future immediately after Duke plays Texas Tech in the All American Bowl Dec. 28. Spurrier said Wednesday he would not push back his agenda in order to campaign for a pro job.

A's secure two players

By The Associated Press

After losing free agents Dave Parker, Storm Davis and Tony Phillips in the last 10 days and seeing rivals Kansas City and California help themselves, the Oakland Athletics decided it was time to get back into the market, too.

The World Series champions got pitcher Scott Sanderson on Wednesday and also added catcher Jamie Quirk.

Sanderson, 33, was 11-9 with a 3.94 earned-run average for the Chicago Cubs last season. He pitched in 37 games, 23 of them starts.

Sanderson got a one-year contract for \$750,000 and likely will take the game-winning role in Kansas City. The Royals, who finished seven games behind Oakland in the American League West, also signed National League Cy Young winner Mark Davis this week.

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Bourque the key man for the Bruins

NHL Roundup

By Ron Lesko The Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Even when he makes a mistake, Ray Bourque commands equal comparisons.

"Ray Bourque is just like God; he gives and he takes away," Boston Bruins coach Mike Milbury said Wednesday night after his All-Star defenseman committed a game-tying turnover, then netted the go-ahead goal in the Bruins 4-2 win over Buffalo. It was the Sabres' first loss at home this season after 12 wins and a tie.

With Boston leading 2-1 early in the second period, Bourque carried the puck from behind his own net and sent a pass up the middle. But Buffalo's Benoit Hogue intercepted the errant pass and turned it into the tying goal.

No problem, Bourque, whose 38 points are tops among NHL defencemen, scored for his sixth pass late in the period, when Buffalo goaltender Darren Puppa misplayed Bourque's 55-foot slapshot and the puck rolled into the net for the go-ahead goal.

"I got a break on that goal," Bourque said of his fifth tally of the season. "I didn't even see it. I was going to the bench. It kind of bounced on him and trickled in. The Sabres could have set a franchise record with this. Those things kind of even out sometimes."

"I couldn't believe it just kept going like that."

"I think it's just the palm of my glove," Puppa said.

"We used a lot of things to motivate tonight, and that was one of them," said Boston goalie Andy Moog.

The Sabres could have set a franchise record with their 13th consecutive home win, and the Bruins — who became the fourth victim of Buffalo's 12-game win streak on Oct. 29 — were happy to be the team that finally ended Buffalo's home-ice dominance.

"That's not as good as a game as this team can play. I'm convinced that we could have made better passes and played better coverage in our zone, but that just doesn't matter to me tonight."

Dave Christian, acquired earlier Wednesday from the Washington Capitals for Bob Joyce, ended an insurance goal.

Bruis 3, Rangers 1: St. Louis ended a 12-game winless streak at Madison Square Garden, getting its first victory in New York since Feb. 15, 1981.

Brett Hull scored his 24th goal and Adam Oates his 12th in the first period. Dale Lowrey scored into an empty net with 50 seconds left.

The Blues had lost seven straight games to the Rangers. St. Louis is 4-0-4 overall at the Garden.

Oilers 5, Nordiques 1: Craig MacTavish scored his league-leading fourth shorthanded goal as Edmonton extended its unbeaten streak to eight games (7-0-1).

World Series games than any other player, made a top salary of \$65,000.

"We tried to get more, but George Weiss was tough," Berra said, referring to the Yankees' longtime general manager. "Even then, how many \$100,000 ballplayers were there besides Joe DiMaggio and Stan Musial? What would have happened if I had shown up with an agent? Heck, they would have thrown you out."

Richard Moss, now an agent, was general counsel of the Major League Baseball Players Association when it won the cases that created free agency. He thinks the top players of the past wouldn't necessarily push salaries to new heights if they were around today.

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Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Boys get blame for pregnancies

DEAR ABBY: I am an unwed mother, so I know what I'm talking about. I am tired of seeing the boy get the dirty end of the deal when a girl gets pregnant. Girls jump into bed on the first date and the boy thinks she must be protected or she wouldn't be so willing. The next thing you know, he is paying a large amount of child support, which makes it very hard for him to consider marrying and having a family because he will be in debt for at least 18 years.

I think birth control is much more the girl's responsibility than the boy's. The boy should use what is available to him, but it is a well-known fact that it also takes away from the pleasure, so most people don't use anything.

If the girls are going to risk getting pregnant, then they should be willing to pay their fair share financially. I mean like 50 percent of the child support.

If people think, "Oh, the poor girl is stuck at home raising the baby so she shouldn't have to pay," they are wrong. It is a privilege to raise a child — not a punishment.

Why should the boy pay all the support while the girl gets all the pleasure of being there for the baby and the boy has to beg for visitation rights? Meanwhile, he has no say in how his child is being raised, but he has to support the baby and the mother.

I raised my baby without any help from his father, and my only regret is that the father missed out on all the pleasure I had. Sign me...

DEAR HAPPY MOM: Your letter is a very true one. You have a remarkably generous and noble attitude. It's also unfortunate. Birth control is the responsibility of both parties, and the boy who doesn't use anything because "it takes away from the pleasure" is not only selfish but is asking for a sexually transmitted disease and an unplanned baby. And the girl who has unprotected sex should have her head examined.

Your letter is signed "A Happy Mom," but it sounds as though it could have been written by an unhappy father.

DEAR ABBY: I was recently married, and the day of our wedding the priest gave our marriage license to my husband. Well, he lost it! At a similar situation happened to a friend of mine (different church and religion). Her husband paid her marriage license, crumpled up, in his back pocket.

My question is, why was the groom designated to receive the best advice prize for her role as a bride? I'm not saying that all men are careless, but the groom is always designated as the "best man" — that's traditionally what best men are for.

DEAR BRIDE: You make a good point. The "designated best man" should be the "best man" — that's traditionally what best men are for.

PEOPLE

Little Ricky plays drums for Christian rock band

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — What do little movie stars do when they grow up? Keith Thibodeaux, the Little Ricky of "I Love Lucy," is the drummer of a Christian rock band called the Lively Stones.

He's also taking advantage of an upswell in nostalgia for "Lucy" since the April death of his TV mother, Lucille Ball, and is appearing on a half-hour national TV show to talk about her legacy.

Thibodeaux, 39, is the only surviving member of the "I Love Lucy" cast. Others featured in the show — which ran from 1951 until 1960 — were Desi Arnaz, who died in 1966, Vivian Vance, dead in 1979, and William Frawley, who died in 1966.

Other children also portrayed Little Ricky as an infant. Thibodeaux was the only Little Ricky with speaking lines. "I Love Lucy" credits listed him by his stage name, Richard Knott.

Shriner has a baby girl

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NBC-TV News anchor Maria Shriver and her new baby girl are doing well, and "very healthy," a publicist said.

Shriver, the 33-year-old niece of President Kennedy, gave birth early Wednesday to a girl named Charlotte Parker. Hollywood musician Arnold Schwarzenegger, 41, was with his wife when the child was born.

Turner, Spielberg sign deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Ted Turner's TNT cable network has signed with filmmaker Steve Spielberg's Amblin Entertainment and Brandon Productions to produce a series of TV movies with Spielberg.

TNT executive Spielberg says his company will be working with such playwrights as Tom Stoppard, John Patrick Shanley, David Henry Hwang and Megan Freeborn on projects for TNT's planned "Showcase Theater," to debut in 1991.

Freeman takes top award

NEW YORK (AP) — The D.W. Griffith award for best movie of 1989 went to "Driving Miss Daisy," a story of an elderly woman who hires a young man to drive her car.

The award was presented to the film's director, Bruce Beresford, by the National Board of Film and Television. The award is presented to the director of the best American film.

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Keep Your Car Alive

Purchasing tires can be confusing

By Peter Bohr

What's the most confusing thing that comes to mind? The instructions for your "simplified" income tax forms? The owner's manual for your VCR?

How about tires. Considering all available brands, sizes, profiles, wear ratings, speed ratings, load ratings — not to mention prices — buying a new set of tires for your car can be one of modern life's most perplexing tasks.

But in a recent conversation with Kim Reynolds, Road & Track's resident engineer, I learned a fundamental tire truth that may help. The suspension of every car is specifically tuned for its original equipment tires. Or put it another way, tires are often designed for specific makes and models of cars.

Now these are very significant statements. Just because you can walk into a Michelin dealer, and find a set that will physically fit your car's wheels doesn't mean the Michels are the right tires for your car.

Unless your car's suspension is compatible with the design characteristics of the Michels, they may for instance, make your car ride like Great Grandpa's buckboard.

With this in mind, the obvious solution to a tire-buying quandary is to buy the same brand type and size as the original tires. It's simple enough to do.

That's simple enough, but unfortunately there can be a slight nuance. You can be certain that cars like the Corvettes, Mercedes or Porsches will come with proper tires, auto-makers sometimes select car models with inferior tires to cut their costs.

These tires aren't unsafe, and they will be reasonably compatible with the car's suspension, but they may not, for example, be very durable. Or they may not make the car handle as well as they could.

It's something like the truth says that there's no easier or less expensive way to upgrade your car's performance than buying a good set of tires.

"The design is fraught with compromise," said Reynolds. "Durability, grip, ride and handling on wet roads are competing characteristics. The grippiest, best-handling tires are not the most durable or the best riding tires. There hasn't been a tire designed that's superlative in every respect."

As a case in point, Reynolds tested five different high-performance 60-series tires for an article appearing in Road & Track's December issue.

The tires were Goodyear GRS, Goodyear GRS15, which means they're relatively wide, low-profile radial tires that can safely handle speeds in the heavy regions of 130 or 140 mph. It's a category of tire suitable for a broad array of cars and sports sedans, from BMW's 5-series to Ford's Mustangs.

Reynolds put each of the tires through a gamut of tests around a skidpad to measure grip, braking on dry pavement, and on wet pavement. He also did a race course to determine combined grip, agility and ride feel.

Reynolds concluded that while all the tires gave admirable performances, the Dunlop SP Sport SD0 M2 and Michelin Sport XGT V were the best handlers of the road. The Continental Sport Contact CV51 and the Pirelli P600 came next, with the Goodyear Eagle VR60 in last place.

Peter Bohr is a contributing editor to Road & Track magazine.

Today in History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 4, the 348th day of 1989. There are 17 days left in the year.

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TV Topics

LOS ANGELES — Jill Clayburgh, as a strong-willed soap opera producer, rashly decides to marry her boss, a wealthy and powerful psychopathic computer hacker under a parallel between what's going on in the soap opera and what's happening to me.

A Royal side aide: "The Princess looked very proud, like all the parents."

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed with Paget's disease. How could I have picked it up, and just what is it? I'm currently taking Diloneal twice daily and Xanax before going to bed for pain. My doctor tells me not to expect relief from the pain for at least six weeks.

DEAR READER: Paget's disease of bone, a common disorder of unknown cause, affects older adults. It is characterized by areas of rapid bone destruction and production, leading to softened, enlarged bones that may be painful and break easily. The disease usually affects spotsy portions of the skull, spinal column and legs.

Paget's disease is not communicable; you cannot "catch" it from someone else, nor do you get it by doing (or not doing) something. It is a metabolic disorder and can exist for many years without causing symptoms.

Treatment consists of drugs to retard the rate of bone turnover and to force additional calcium into weakened bones. Diloneal is such a drug, as is calcitonin, a newer treatment that shows promise. Several weeks must pass before the medicine begins to alleviate symptoms. You seem to be receiving appropriate therapy for your condition.

Xanax, an anti-anxiety medicine, is not a common treatment for Paget's disease. It is useful for people with extreme nervousness. Since Xanax will not control your pain, ask your doctor to prescribe one of the many analgesics now available — or try over-the-counter pain relievers such as aspirin.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For the last 3 1/2 years, I've been suffering from mild cardiomyopathy. I have no strength or energy and can do no work. What's my prognosis?

DEAR READER: Many types of virus affect the heart. Although most forms of virus heart inflammation heal themselves, some progress to a chronic state in which the heart muscle becomes flabby and irreparably damaged. This is called viral cardiomyopathy.

I do not know your prognosis. With medication (such as calcium-channel blockers) to reduce cardiac work, the heart is allowed to rest and may recover. However, in some instances, for no apparent reason, the heart weakens and becomes more pronounced, resulting in a dangerous cardiac insufficiency that can be cured only by a heart transplant.

I would like to see you. Please call me at my office, 1110 N. Main St., Suite 100, San Jose, Calif. 95128. My office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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# U.S. knew of early nuclear test dangers

NEW YORK (AP)—U.S. officials knew that nuclear test site workers were exposed to radiation in the 1950s and '60s but decided not to reduce exposures because a change in procedure might have disrupted testing, a newspaper reported today.

Government records show that miners were ordered to retrieve instruments from tunnels filled with radioactive dust and contaminated debris soon after nuclear blasts at the Nevada Test Site. The New York Times reported.

According to the minutes of a Sept. 23, 1982, meeting of the Atomic Energy Commission, predecessor of the Department of Energy, "The commissioners expressed concern that workers might be exposed to radiation hazards for too long a time."

Two weeks later, the commissioners were told that the program for determining how much radiation hundreds of workers were exposed to was not reliable, the Times said.

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# Bulgarian Communists agree to elections

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP)—Promising to finally be accountable to the people, Bulgaria's new Communist leaders have agreed to elections in a constitutional guarantee of power and endorsed free elections for next year.

The vote was made Wednesday by the party's governing Central Committee, which also expelled former hard-line leader Todor Zhivkov from the party but an unchanged 35-year tenure until his ouster last month.

That opened the possibility Zhivkov could be prosecuted for corruption.

The committee closed a landmark three-day meeting by voting to propose that Parliament, which was to meet today, strike two clauses from the constitution that enshrine the party's "leading role."

Such an action would leave Romania and the Soviet Union as the only Warsaw Pact countries where the Communist's political supremacy is still legally guaranteed.

Petar Mladenov, who replaced Zhivkov as party chief and who finally charted a reform course, told the meeting to prepare for free elections.

"We have to... conquer... this time in the real sense of the word—the hearts and minds of the millions of Bulgarians."

"Soon we will face a nationwide exam: free and democratic elections... and it is to them we must show that we are not only worthy of, but also practically capable of, leading" the country.

Some of Mladenov's remarks at the closing session were carried by BTA, the official news agency.

Mladenov, who served as foreign minister for 18 years under Zhivkov, has moved swiftly to oust associates of his predecessor from the party's ruling Politburo in favor of people more likely to embrace reform.

Politburo member Andrei Lukanov told a news conference Wednesday that the Central Committee would call on Parliament to draft a new electoral law "guaranteeing the possibility of holding free and democratic elections next year."

# South Florida hit with water shortage

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—South Florida is suffering its driest year in 27 years, forcing water managers to grapple with restrictions that may mean drier cars and brownier lawns in the region of more than 4 million people.

The governing board of the South Florida Water Management District has been asked to curtail lawn watering and car washing in 121 cities from Key West to the West Palm Beach area, 230 miles to the north.

The first regional water restrictions proposed in nearly nine years are the product of Miami's driest year since 1962, low water storage levels and a long-range forecast for lower than normal rainfall in the winter dry season.

"Even if we do get a wet winter, the philosophy is we'll still need the water restrictions," said district spokeswoman Ann Overton. "It's better to get people on board with the idea of mandatory curbs than while we still have a little bit of breathing room rather than waiting until we have our backs against the wall."

The board was voting today on a proposal that would limit residents of Monroe, Dale, Broward and Palm Beach counties to lawn watering and car washing from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. three days a week starting Monday.

The Great Lakes restrictions for golf courses, car washes, agriculture, pool filling, and rinsing off that have been in the ocean, Ms. Overton said, "Fountains and outdoor water displays would be turned off and street, driveway and sidewalk watering banned."

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**ANDOVER-Spectacular** 7 room home on large private lot. Features including 4 large bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, 2 closets, Move in condition. Call Stan Johnson at the River, 647-1419.

**OPPORTUNITY Here!** Priced to sell! This 7 room Colonial located off Vermont Street. Features fireplace front to back living room, huge master bedroom, country kitchen and much more. Call Linda Brown, Only \$157,900. RE/MAX East of the River, 647-1419.

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**MANCHESTER-Nicely** maintained home in this peaceful residential neighborhood. Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths with a beautiful fireplace in family room. Only minutes to I-94 on Route 2. \$194,900. Century 21, 647-1419.

**SOUTH WINDSOR-Special price-Special** price-Special price. Great starter home. Recently renovated. Move in condition. Call today. \$119,900. Century 21, Epstein Realty, 647-8895.

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**BOLTON-Spectacular** 11 room Colonial, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, living room, dining room, family room, large kitchen, solarium, sun porch, fireplace, cedar exterior, wrap around deck, 2 car garage. \$274,900. Call today. Call the South Florida Real Estate Assn., 644-4723.

**ELLINGTON-Beautifully** decorated starter home for the first time buyer. Kitchen recently renovated with Cathedral ceiling and new vinyl flooring. Call today. Call the South Florida Real Estate Assn., 644-4723.

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**STRIKE WHILE THE IRON IS HOT!** Builder must sell this 7 room Colonial on Shady Hill, Route 10 in Andover. Situated on wooded acreage offering lots of privacy for country lovers. Call today. Call the South Florida Real Estate Assn., 644-4723.

**COVENTRY-Cov 4 room** Ranch. Remodeled interior, vinyl siding, approx. 1,900 square feet. Priced below cost at \$199,900. All reasonable offers considered. Call today. Call the South Florida Real Estate Assn., 644-4723.

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**COVENTRY-Beautiful,** 2,300 square feet, 8 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, (in-law possibilities). Hardwood Parquet flooring, large Country kitchen, granite counter tops, deck, great yard. Home priced below cost at \$199,900. Call today. Call the South Florida Real Estate Assn., 644-4723.

**SOUTH WINDSOR-Owner** anxious to sell this beautifully decorated 3 bedroom Ranch. New carpeting, new rec room, living room, formal dining room, fireplace, maintenance free exterior, 2 car garage. A must to see. Reduced \$165,000. Henry Associates, 644-4723.

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**EAST HARTFORD-3** bedroom B-level, eat-in kitchen, great location, convenient to all amenities. Free exterior landscaping. Beautifully decorated and furnished. Call today. Call the South Florida Real Estate Assn., 644-4723.

**BRADCASTING-Entry** level. T. M. Commercial. Real people. No experience necessary. Children, teens, adults. For information call 647-2978.

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**RECREATION THERAPIST** Must be certified or in an active certification program. Special individual with lots of energy and creativity for 24 hour position in a long-term care facility. Will be responsible for programming related to younger population, with M.S., C.P. or T.B.I. Must be flexible and outgoing. Send cover letter and resume to: P.O. Box 841, Glastonbury, CT 06033.

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**MANCHESTER-Village Motor Inn** Center Street, Manchester. Used as a great Christmas for you. Open 7 days a week from December 5th - 8th. Cooper Street, 647-8181.

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**REMOVE mineral buildup** from your bathtub by pouring in half a cup of white vinegar and let stand for 1 hour. Pour out solution, fill with water and discard. Repeat until your tub is clean.

