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Top Stories

Manchester: '89 a year of growth

It was a year for compromise and conflict, for development booms and disappointed Democrats. As the decade came to a close, Manchester found itself transformed from a small town outside Hartford to a regional city, complete with a glut of development in the North End and all of the infrastructure problems that created.

While the town generated hundreds of stories over the course of 1989, several stood out as among the most important in terms of their impact on our readers. The following are the top 10 local stories for 1989 as voted by the editors of the Manchester Herald.

1. When the Republicans captured a 5-4 majority on the town Board of Directors in the Nov. 7 election, they ended 18 years of Democratic domination in Manchester and promised that their conservative side would sweep in waves of reform. While it is not known whether the Republicans can attain the same longevity as the Democrats, the effects of their election have been immediate.

Republicans, in keeping with their pledge of fiscal conservatism, have already squashed plans to immediately begin construction on a new firehouse at Tolland Turnpike and Deming Street and have delayed approval of a study on the feasibility of reusing Center Springs Pond as a skating area.

Republicans also have promised to keep the increase in the town budget to the increase in the Grand List, a pledge which will bear up to public scrutiny as the town prepares its budget in the coming months.

2. Voters of the Eighth Utilities District on March 14 overwhelmingly approved an agreement with the town designed to end decades of disputes over fire and sewer jurisdiction. The agreement also paved the way for the provision of essential utilities for the regional mall under construction in Buckland.

3. Richard Sartor, South Windsor Town Manager, accepted the position of Manchester town manager on April 17 with a maximum salary of \$81,900. Sartor, a former police officer in Manchester, promised hands-on management that would lead Manchester into the future. He replaced former Town Manager Robert B. Weiss, who had served for 23 years before retiring in June.

4. By a slim 37-vote margin, voters on Nov. 7 dashed a \$13.9 million plan to renovate and expand the town hall. The move put the town in the hot seat with the state, which threatened legal action to force the town into compliance with state standards for adequate record storage. A subcommittee of the Board of Directors is already working.

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CONNECTICUT'S TOP STORY — The 1983 collapse of the Mianus River bridge was voted the top state story of the decade by editors and broadcasters.

State: collapse of bridge leads editors' top stories of decade

HARTFORD (AP) — It was 1:30 a.m. on a warm June night in 1983. A car and two tractor-trailers cruised along side by side, headed north out of Greenwich on a nearly deserted stretch of Interstate 95.

Suddenly, there was a flash of headlights and the bright glare of brake lights, which inexplicably disappeared from sight. Simultaneously, the street lights on the interstate bridge spanning the Mianus River went dead.

Another car following behind stopped dead on the road and both occupants fled the vehicle without turning on the car's warning flashers. The driver waved his arms to stop an approaching car, but it whizzed by and vanished into the darkness.

The passenger of the stopped car returned to the vehicle and switched on the hazard lights. Soon, a tractor-trailer approached and stopped. Gradually, more and more motorists found their trek north unexpectedly halted.

It was daybreak before anyone could clearly see what happened. What they saw shocked the entire nation and spurred major changes in state transportation policies. All three lanes of a 100-foot section of the bridge had collapsed into the Mianus River, killing three people and injuring three others.

The June 28, 1983, collapse was the top story in Connecticut during the 1980s, according to a poll of newspaper editors and broadcasters conducted by The Associated Press.

The Mianus disaster narrowly edged the collapse of the L'Ambiance Plaza apartment complex in Bridgeport as the decade's top story. Twenty-eight construction workers were killed when the partially constructed building toppled into a mass of twisted steel and concrete on April 23, 1987.

Following Mianus and L'Ambiance in a list of the decade's Top 10 stories were, in order: the \$7 million Wells Fargo robbery in West Hartford on Sept. 12, 1983; the administration of Gov. William A. O'Neill, which began when O'Neill succeeded the dying Ella Grasso on Dec. 31, 1980; and the arrest and conviction of serial killer Michael Ross, who in 1987 be-

came the first person to be sentenced to die under the state's death penalty law.

Other top stories included the 1983 Stratford toll plaza crash, which killed seven people and spurred the state to remove tolls from Interstate 95; the story of battered wife Tracey Thurman of Torrington, whose federal lawsuit prompted the state to change its laws for handling domestic disputes; the death of U.S. Rep. Stewart McKinney from AIDS in 1987; the 1984 leak of deadly gas in Bhopal, India, the world's deadliest industrial accident that killed about 3,000 people and resulted in the reorganization of Danbury-based Union Carbide Corp.; and finally, the stunning 1988 defeat of incumbent Republican U.S. Sen. Lowell Weicker by Democratic Attorney General Joseph I. Lieberman.

Other stories that received votes but didn't make the Top 10 list included the case of Richard Crafts, convicted in November of killing his wife in November 1986 and disposing of her body using a wood chipper; and the 1985 natural gas explosion that leveled the River Restaurant in Derby, killing six people.

The rise and fall of Coleco Industries, which brought out the amazingly popular Cabbage Patch Kids dolls in 1983, was also cited in the survey. Other stories mentioned were a corruption scandal in New Britain that resulted in 29 arrests; the high-profile battle between state police and Chief State's Attorney Austin J. McGuigan that led to McGuigan's ouster in 1985; and the state police taping scandal that cost Public Safety Commissioner Donald Long and marked the beginning of a brief resurgence of the Klan in Connecticut. The commissioning of the nation's first Trident-missile firing submarine, the USS Ohio in 1981, drew 15,000 protesters to Electric Boat in Groton and also received votes as one of the decade's top stories.

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World: Communism's demise tops list

By The Associated Press

The overwhelming story of 1989 was the disintegration of communism in Eastern Europe and Mikhail S. Gorbachev's efforts to lead the Soviet Union into a freer society, according to a poll of Associated Press newspaper editors and broadcast news directors.

The communist turnaround received 3,256 points, almost the sum of the two stories that finished second and third, the crushing of China's Tiananmen Square pro-democracy movement and the Alaskan oil spill.

The China story narrowly outpolled the oil spill in editor interest, 1,690 points to 1,687. In the poll, 315 editors and news directors ranked the stories. A first-place vote earned a story 10 points and a 10th-place listing one point.

Late-developing stories were not on the ballot, which were due by Dec. 15, five days

before the United States invaded Panama and seven before the bloody ouster of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu in Romania.

The decline of communism was voted No. 1 by almost the same margin as in an earlier AP poll of the top stories for the decade, a poll in which the AIDS epidemic was voted No. 2 for the 1980s.

The No. 4 story for 1989 was the San Francisco earthquake, with 1,616 points, followed by the continuing abortion controversy, 1,225; the international drug war, 1,061; Hurricane Hugo, 935; government ethics, including scandals involving the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Pentagon, 751; the federal bailout of savings and loans, 515; the conviction of Oliver North and the lingering investigation of the Iran-Contra affair, 511.

Notable stories of 1989 that did not make the top 10 included the Malta summit; the crash of United Flight 232 and the skill of its crew in saving 184 lives; the conviction and 45-year

sentence of TV evangelist Jim Bakker; the lifetime ban of Pete Rose from baseball; the unprecedented meeting of Gorbachev and the pope; the USS Iowa gun turret explosion; the death of Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini; the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan; the plight of the hostages in Lebanon; and the election of New York City's first black mayor and Virginia's first black governor.

The top 10 stories: 1. When Mikhail Gorbachev came to power in 1985 and gave the world two new words, glasnost and perestroika, no one could have guessed the incredible changes that would burst forth, like a genie from a bottle, four years later.

But there it was in 1989: thousands standing in the streets of Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and East Germany, demanding a voice in government, a more open society, and eviction

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Thousands surrender in Romania

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Thousands of members of the country's name and ordered the Communist emblem removed from the national flag, the state news agency reported today.

The National Salvation Front took power Dec. 22 in a popular uprising backed by the army, and promised free elections next year.

On Thursday it reorganized its governing council as a leadership body headed by a president, who at present is Ion Iliescu. It consists of 145 members who will elect an 11-member Executive Bureau that will take over the council's functions between sessions, the news agency Agencepres said.

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Noriega pressured to leave on his own

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican is urging Panamanian strongman Manuel Antonio Noriega to leave his refuge at its embassy in Panama City, a Holy See spokesman said today.

"The nuncio is doing his best to convince Gen. Noriega to abandon the manure on his own, by himself," spokesman Joaquin Navarro said. "At the same time he cannot force Noriega to leave nor can he consign him to U.S. forces."

It was the first time the Vatican said publicly it was trying to persuade Noriega to leave. However, Navarro said the possibility had been discussed with Noriega since he took refuge at the mission on Sunday.

Navarro also said the Vatican still has not received a formal request from the new Panamanian government to turn over Noriega.

The United States has demanded that the Vatican order the ousted

leader expelled from the papal nunciature, or embassy, so it can try him on charges of international drug trafficking charges.

In what has appeared to be a standoff, the Vatican has insisted that the embassy can not legally turn the general over to U.S. forces since, under accepted international procedures, an embassy is only empowered to deal with the government of the host country.

U.S. forces have staked out the mission, frisked the papal nuncio, or ambassador, when he has left the compound, and have been blasting rock music from a loudspeaker in the street in an effort to put pressure on Noriega.

Navarro denounced U.S. "interference" in the embassy's autonomy.

"An occupying power cannot interfere with the works of a

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Major economic gauges point to slower growth

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's main forecasting gauge of economic activity edged up a modest 0.1 percent last month, the Commerce Department said today in a report that analysts took as a sign the economy will slow in 1990 but not topple into a recession.

The small rise in the department's Index of Leading Economic Indicators for November followed a revised 0.3 percent decline in October.

In all, the index, which is designed to forecast economic activity six to nine months in the future, has exhibited a sawtooth pattern this year, rising in six of the past 11 months and falling in the other five months.

Through November, the index was down by 0.3 percent for the year, compared with an increase of 3.9 percent for all of 1988.

To economists, this provided evidence that economic activity in 1990 will be more sluggish than in 1989.

Many analysts are predicting that the economy, as measured by the

gross national product, will expand at a modest annual rate of 2 percent or less in 1990, compared with expected growth of 3 percent this year.

However, analysts generally expect the economy will be able to escape a recession. That belief based in part on the fact that the leading

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Weekenders . . .

Places to go . . . things to do

Square dance Sunday

The Manchester Square Dance Club will hold a mainstage plus level dance on New Year's Eve at Illing Junior High School, 229 E. Middle Turnpike from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. A hot and cold buffet will be served at 8:30 p.m. Tickets for the dance only will be available at the door for \$12. For more information call 643-1005.

New Year's rides

Manchester Safe Rides will provide free and confidential transportation from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. on New Year's Eve to any Manchester young person under the age of 21 whose driving ability is impaired or who is a passenger in a car whose driver is under the influence of alcohol or drugs. These are special hours in addition to the usual hours on Friday and Saturday nights from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Call 646-2180.

Holiday Closings

Monday is New Year's Day, a legal holiday. Municipal, state and federal offices: All municipal offices in Manchester, Andover, Bolton and Coventry will be closed Monday. State and federal offices will also be closed Monday.

Post Offices: Will be closed Monday. Express mail, perishable items and special delivery service will be delivered on Sunday and Monday. The office will resume regular service on Tuesday.

Libraries: In Manchester, Mary Cheney and Whittier Memorial libraries will be closed Monday and will resume normal hours on Tuesday. Bolton's Bentley Memorial Library will be closed Jan. 1 and will resume normal hours on Tuesday. The Booth & Dimock Memorial Library in Coventry will be closed Monday and resume normal hours Tuesday.

Emissions inspectors: The Auto Emissions testing stations will close Friday at 12:30 p.m. They will be closed Saturday and will reopen Tuesday at 8 a.m.

Department of Motor Vehicles: All Department of Motor Vehicles offices will close Friday at 12:30 p.m. and reopen on Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

Schools: All schools will be closed Monday and will reopen on Tuesday.

Banks: All will be closed Monday.

Landfills: The landfills in Manchester and Coventry will be closed Monday.

Garbage Collection: There will be no refuse pickup on Monday in Manchester. Curbside trash pick-up will resume on Tuesday, with scheduled pick-up being delayed one day all week. In Coventry, there will be refuse pick-up Monday and Tuesday's refuse will be picked up Tuesday. Pick-up for Tuesday's refuse will be divided between Tuesday and Wednesday and by Thursday collection will be back on regular schedule. For Bolton, Monday's garbage pickup will be on Tuesday and then the regular schedule will resume.

Emergency numbers: In Manchester, for highway: 647-3233; for sewer and water, 647-3111; for refuse, 647-3248.

Manchester Herald: The Herald will not publish on Monday and the office will be closed. Publication will resume on Tuesday.

Births

GONVAV, Brett Bernard, son of Gregg and Lisa Caszar Gonyav of 127 North Road, Bolton, was born Dec. 2 a Manchester Memorial Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Diane Turkwin of East Hartford and Richard Caszar of Preston. His paternal grandparents are Bernard and Gwendolyn Gonyav of 129 North Road, Bolton.

PETRONE, Matthew Peter, son of Peter J. and Michele Wilke Petrone of 49 Hills St., was born Dec. 1 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Wilke of 74 Porter St. His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Peter T. Petrone, 193 Spring St. He has a brother Anthony, 5, and a sister, Kimberly, 2.

Lottery

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

CONNECTICUT
Daily: 0-0-5. Play Four: 0-4-2-1.
MASSACHUSETTS
Daily: 8-8-0-2.
NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine daily: 1-8-7 and 8-0-3-4.
RHODE ISLAND
Daily: 9-6-2-7. Lot-O-Bucks: 04-05-11-16-34.

Weather

REGIONAL WEATHER



Snow coming
Tonight, a near 100 percent chance for snow. Low about 15. Saturday, a 70 percent chance for snow or flurries. High in the mid 20s. Outlook for the rest of the New Year's weekend, rain or snow likely Sunday. High Sunday in the 30s. High Monday around 30.

Weather summary for Thursday:
Temperature: high of 28, low of 11, mean of 20.
Precipitation: 0.01 inches for the day, 0.72 inches for the month, 53.84 inches for the year.
Temperature extremes for today: Highest on record, 74, set in 1986. Lowest on record, minus 11, set in 1933.

Adopt a pet: Belle awaits

By Barbara Richmond
Manchester Herald

There were two new dogs at the pound this week, as of Wednesday. One is a black female Labrador retriever cross. She's about two years old and has given birth to pups within the last month or so. She has been named Belle and is being reared by a volunteer.

Belle was found roaming on E. Center Street on Dec. 26.

The other new dog at the pound is a male Brittany spaniel. He's orange and white, is about three, and was found roaming on Lake Street near the Bolton-Manchester townline.

A college student visiting his friend's family in Manchester was told about her and adopted her. The student told Dog Warden Richard Rand that he wanted a "friend" to keep him company and to go on walks with him.

Tris, also featured in the column recently, has been adopted by a Terryville resident.

Silky, featured last week, has found a home in Manchester. She was the female Labrador retriever cross that was taken into protective custody by Rand.

The dog 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.



Belle

The phone number at the pound is 643-6642. If there is no answer, call the police department, 646-4555.

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. This week's featured feline is a little calico kitten that was taken by the organization after being found nearly starving.



Abby

The kitten has been named Abby and will come along nicely with lots of tender loving care.

Abby is being cared for at a veterinary clinic. Many of the animals are boarded at clinics, or in the homes of volunteers. The cats are spayed or neutered and given their shots before being put up for adoption, unless too young when taken.

To adopt a pet or for more information, call any of the following numbers in the homes of volunteers: 666-7000, 232-8317, or 242-2156.

Police Roundup

Hot pursuit ends in arrest of man

By Dianna M. Talbot
Manchester Herald

A Manchester man led police on a car chase through and out of town early this morning, managing to evade capture until police found him hiding beneath a truck in Andover, police said.

Richard W. Wescoat, 25, of 140 Spruce St., was charged with reckless driving, interfering with a police officer, engaging police in pursuit, misuse of vehicle markers and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and without insurance, police said.

He was held on \$1,000 bail and is scheduled to appear today in Manchester Superior Court, police said.

The incident began at 1:24 a.m. when police, on a routine patrol along Hartford Road, noticed a vehicle parked in the parking lot of The Patio Restaurant, 259 Hartford Road. The vehicle's lights were off but it held occupants.

An officer decided to investigate the vehicle because the restaurant was the scene of burglaries, police said. A radio check revealed the car's license plate was registered to another vehicle, police said.

An officer approached the vehicle, and the driver, Wescoat, said he was having trouble with his car battery, police said.

As the officer went to the rear of the car to double-check the license plate, Wescoat put the vehicle in gear and fled on various streets to Interstate 384 east where he continued at about 85 miles per hour onto Route 6, eventually turning onto Bailey Road in Andover, police said. Wescoat then stopped the car and fled into the woods on a driveway, leaving his footprints in the snow to a foot, police said.

Police followed his footprints in the snow to a driveway on Bailey Road and found Wescoat hiding under a truck, police said.

The passengers in the car surrendered to police at the scene of the foot chase. They said they had asked Wescoat for a ride, but had not consented to the car chase, police said. The passengers were not arrested.

Man charged after accident

A 20-year-old Plainville man was arrested Thursday morning for leaving the scene of an accident at the intersection of West Center and South Adams streets, police said.

In addition, Richard M. Dudley Jr. was charged with larceny and forgery after police learned that the car he was driving and checks in its glove compartment were stolen, police said.

He was apprehended after the accident as he tried to change a flat tire caused by the accident in a parking lot off of Hartford Road, police said.

Dudley was held on \$10,000 bond and is scheduled to appear Wednesday in Manchester Superior Court, police said.

Current Quotes

"You have to respect this thing freedom when you think of the rights it carries." — Iuana Hippica, a 21-year-old medical student, as she looked at casualties lying on stretchers at the Bucharest emergency hospital.

Thoughts

Discovering that I am a minister and counselor is sometimes seen by others as an invitation to share in their life's journey. On an airplane ride headed South, a woman told me her whole Christmas saga. She spoke of her love and concern for a family who possessed with unmet expectations, broken dreams, and disappointing yearnings. By New Year's Day, she would resolve never to say to love so much again. Yet every fall, she invites the family again and hopes for the best, accepting what they give and mourning what they could not.

My travel companion reminded me of Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians: "There is no love and love, and love, these three, but the greatest of these is love." Later, I was to come across the saying of the Buddhist monk Segaki, which I could not share with my companion, but which I share with you for the New Year. "Just because the message may never be received does not mean it is not worth sending."

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Today's weather picture was drawn by Ivan Armstrong, a fourth-grader at Washington School.

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Verdict in death irks kin

By Larry Rosenblatt
The Associated Press

NEW HAVEN — An attorney for the family of a terminally ill patient who was killed by a lethal injection said the family never consented to withdrawing life support systems.

East Williams' claim came after a New Haven prosecutor said criminal charges will not be brought against two doctors at the Hospital of St. Raphael in the death of Clarence Reid.

An investigation showed Reid had been removed from life-support systems and placed on a "do-not-resuscitate" status with the approval of his family, and that he would likely have died within a few hours even without the administration of the drugs that killed him Oct. 4, said State's Attorney Michael Dearington.

Williams said he disagreed. "The hospital records do not bear this out," Williams said.

The family did not authorize the final administering of drugs but was expecting him to die at any moment even without them, the prosecutor said. He said an autopsy also showed Reid's death was immo-ent even before he received the drugs.

Innebel Reid, Reid's widow, had alleged that doctors took her 66-year-old husband off life-support systems without the family's approval.

Williams said he was surprised by Dearington's decision and that he believed there was at least grounds for a manslaughter charge.

Reid's doctor, Viswa Nathan, 45, was suspended from practicing surgery at St. Raphael's immediately after Reid's death, an autopsy in certain circumstances. Reached at home Thursday, he declined comment on the prosecutor's findings.

Nathan's attorney, Jacob D. Zeldes, said Dearington's decision not to prosecute the case showed "a high degree of wisdom and integrity." Zeldes refused to comment further on the death, saying it would be inappropriate.

A second doctor, a resident at the hospital, was also placed on a leave of absence. He was not identified.

The status of the two doctors at the hospital will not change because St. Raphael's is still conducting its own investigation, said hospital spokesman Ken Warren.

Reid died within one minute after being administered a dose of potassium chloride and receiving an increase in his dosage of morphine, Dearington said.

The investigation found that the potassium chloride was ordered by Nathan without the knowledge of the man's family.

The administering of the potassium chloride, a drug used in open-heart surgery to stop the heart while doctors repair it, was not medically appropriate, Dearington said.

While Dearington said he found no evidence of criminal intent, which would have been required to bring charges, he said his decision has no bearing on whether there was a violation of the right to practice medicine in Connecticut.

The state Department of Health Services, which licenses doctors, is conducting its own investigation.

Reid died three weeks after undergoing surgery to repair a leak in a major blood vessel. He had been admitted to the hospital Sept. 8, after suffering an aneurysm stroke.

He was placed on a ventilator after surgery, and several days later his condition deteriorated rapidly, leaving him unconscious, the investigation showed.

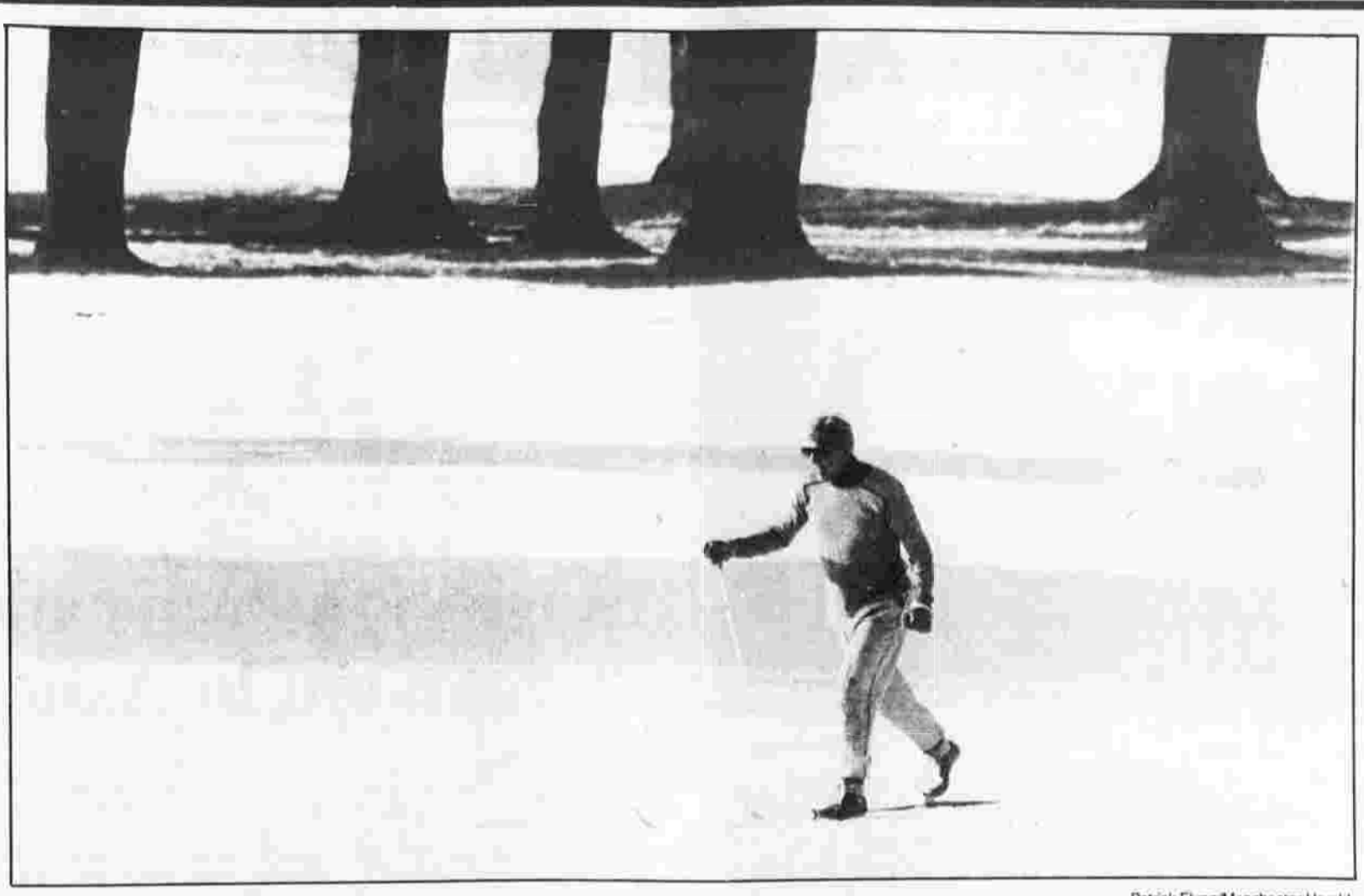
He was removed from life-support systems and placed on a "do-not-resuscitate" status on the morning of Oct. 3, with the expectation by his family and medical staff he would expire within the day, according to the investigation.

"The weight of the evidence indicates this was done with the full knowledge and approval of Mr. Reid's family," Dearington said in a prepared statement. "Moreover, family members were at the hospital at this time and remained there until early the next morning."

Reid's death was initially attributed to a leak in his thoracic aorta.

But the state's chief medical examiner, Dr. H. Wayne Carver II, announced Dec. 22 that an autopsy and other information obtained by his office showed the death was a homicide.

According to the medical examiner, Reid's heart went into spasms and stopped beating after intravenous infusion of morphine sulfate and potassium chloride. Morphine is a painkiller, was part of Reid's therapy but potassium chloride was not, Carver said.



CROSS COUNTRY — Ed Kepler of South Main Street gets some exercise Thursday at the Manchester Country Club by cross-country skiing. The sport provides an overall workout for enthusiasts.

Union probably will back drug testing

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

By the end of January, the town and an employees' union will probably work out an agreement for implementing a federally mandated drug-testing program, said Assistant Town Manager Steven Werber Wednesday.

Werber, who met with union representatives and their lawyer last week, said his understanding that the employees do not oppose the drug-testing program but are primarily concerned with its accuracy.

"They're concerned about what anyone else who goes through drug-testing is, and that's a false positive result," he said. "And that's the sinkest of possibilities."

Money can't buy election in Manchester

By Dianna M. Talbot
Manchester Herald

The fact that Democrats spent more than Republicans on their election campaign this year didn't prevent the latter from gaining a 5-4 majority on the Town Board of Directors.

Republicans spent \$18,189, or \$4,044 less than what Democrats, who had held a 6-3 majority on the board before the Nov. 7 election, according to the Town Clerk's office.

The top Republican spender was DiRosa Jr., who spent \$5,808. DiRosa, who came in next to last in the vote counts for successful director candidates, had been top vote-getter in the 1987 election and was the mayor. He lost that position to Republican Theunis "Terry" Workhosen, who spent \$3,450.

Democrat Josh Howroyd was the second top spender at \$5,130 in his unsuccessful campaign for a seat on the board.

The top Republican spender was Ronald Ouellet, who spent \$3,906, records show.

Democrat James "Dutch" Fogarty spent only \$595 on signs and bumper stickers to win re-election to the board.

The following are the sums spent by other candidates in the election: Democrat Joyce Epstein, \$5,307; Democrat Mary Ann Handley, \$3,526; Democrat Stephen Cassano, \$3,667; Republican Susan M. Buckno, \$2,885; Republican Wallace J. Irish Jr., \$3,640; Republican Ellen Burns Landers, \$1,122; Republican J. Russell Smyth, \$3,187.

Handley lost her bid for re-election to the board and Russell lost his bid for election.

In addition, three political action committees also reported their spending during the campaign.

The Committee to Retain and Expand the Town Hall, which promoted a referendum on the ballot, spent \$1,228 on a newspaper advertisement, posters, pins and buttons. The referendum lost by 37 votes.

Friends for Education, which held a fund-raiser to benefit Democratic candidates for the school board, spent \$1,083.

And Friends of Golf in Manchester, a group that favors leasing the town-owned golf course to the Manchester Country Club, spent \$1,333.

But Papper said that while the town was strongly opposed to the Hartford Road site, it found a tower in either site would be "obtrusive."

Meanwhile, the employees would be placed in a free counseling program provided by the town's Employee Assistance Program.

Although the union has not agreed to the specifics of the drug-testing program, the testing was already ratified this month by the town Board of Directors.

Tests, which will be conducted on urine samples, will be administered to anyone applying for one of the positions subject to testing. They will also be given to employees in certain accidents or show signs of drug use.

Tests will be given randomly as well. Employees attempting to return to a position they were forced out of because of a positive test result will also be required to take a test.

Most of the existing structures are built to support a Metro Mobile, while the Hartford Road site is an alternative.

Because cellular phone technology is considered a utility, the decision where to place the tower is the state's Stinging Council, said at a public hearing in the Lincoln Center hearing room Thursday.

"Most people don't like to look at a tower," Tait said after the meeting. "The fewer towers the better."

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Tower proposal opposed

By Nancy Foley
Manchester Herald

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FUEL INVESTIGATION — Gov. William A. O'Neill uses a chart to make a point on other heating oil prices at a press conference Thursday in Hartford. O'Neill and Attorney General Clarine Nardi Riddle joined a call for a federal probe of skyrocketing oil prices.

State to investigate oil prices following skyrocketing hikes

By Elizabeth Lightfoot
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — State Attorney General Clarine Nardi Riddle says she will take legal action if she finds "any shred of evidence" that heating oil retailers or wholesalers are manipulating the prices their customers must pay to keep warm during this stretch of record-breaking cold weather.

Riddle spoke Thursday at a news conference called after she, Gov. William A. O'Neill and Consumer Protection Commissioner Mary Hines met with representatives of the heating oil industry to discuss skyrocketing oil prices.

During the conference, O'Neill announced a statewide review of the heating oil industry and called for a congressional investigation into the dramatic price hikes. The average retail price jumped from 94.7 cents a gallon on Dec. 5 to between \$1.30 and \$1.40 this week, state energy officials said.

O'Neill says the combination of nearly a month of bitterly cold weather — in which the average daily temperature of 17 degrees broke all previous records for the month of December — and low oil reserves have led to the sharp price increase.

"The retailers tell me they cannot control the prices that wholesalers charge. The wholesalers tell me they cannot control the prices because it's controlled out of New York or some other place," O'Neill said.

"It's very concerning to me as the governor of the state, Connecticut, and all the citizens of not only Connecticut, but the whole Northeast because we are all facing the same situation."

O'Neill's announcement comes a day after Gov. Mario Cuomo of New York and Gov. Judd Gregg of New Hampshire called for federal investigations of possible gouging and price fixing, Rhode Island Gov.

Drug program not foolproof

MILFORD (AP) — Police say a new policy that allows city residents to report suspected drug dealers by clipping out a newspaper coupon, filling in the blanks and mailing it to police is not foolproof.

Police have received 15 of the report-a-dealer coupons since the campaign began a month ago, and all the complaints are being investigated, Officer Edward Kelly, a police spokesman, said Thursday.

"Just because there is information on the coupon doesn't mean we can go right out and make an arrest," Kelly said. "We have to make sure it is valid. People are going to have to be a little patient."

The coupon campaign was organized by Drug Free Milford Inc., a group seeking new ways to help police fight drug dealing. The 3-by-6-inch coupons, which are marked by a hypodermic needle with a slash through it, are being published daily for free in the Milford Citizen.

Topped by a bold black box that exclaims "ENOUGH!," the coupons read: "I've had enough of drugs in my neighborhood. I've reason to believe that (blank) is using/ dealing drugs. I'm suspicious of activities at (blank). I've noticed the following license plates on cars in the vicinity of suspected drug activity."

Tippers are given the option of identifying themselves for a possible reward of up to \$1,000 if there is a conviction resulting from the information.

Governor would bolster drug fight with troopers

HARTFORD (AP) — The O'Neill administration, stepping up its efforts in the "horrendous emergency" of drug-related crime, is putting together a plan to have state police assist local police departments.

"We're in a war here ... a drug war," Gov. William A. O'Neill said Thursday. He said he would fully outline the plan next week.

"The state police are available to help in any situation across the state," the governor said. "Drugs are a horrendous emergency, a terrible, terrible tragedy ... and we're going to do everything we can to bring it under control."

Judge signs warrant charging 27-year-old in Ashe slaying

WATERBURY (AP) — A Superior Court judge has signed a warrant charging a 27-year-old Naugatuck man with the slaying of a 22-year-old Waterbury woman, Julia M. Ashe.

Judge Anne C. Dranginis signed the 11-page affidavit Thursday, charging Sedrick H. Cobb, 27, in the strangulation death of Ms. Ashe. Cobb, the two teens' faces, and rape charges involving three other women, has now been charged with capital felony — a charge that carries the death penalty.

State police arrested Cobb on Dec. 20 on a charge of sexually assaulting an Oxford housewife at gunpoint inside her home on Dec. 14. On Wednesday, adding that to a \$200,000 bond set earlier in the Oxford case.

Heater is blamed in fatal blaze

VERNON (AP) — Fire officials are continuing to investigate a fire that killed two teenagers and injured three others.

Fire officials said a home space heater apparently ignited the fire early Thursday morning.

Robert Storo, 19, and Michael Muldown, 18, were killed in a fire that broke out in a two-story wood-frame house on Risley Road, police said. One boy, the Storo's next door neighbor, was found in a second-floor bedroom, said Vernon Fire Chief Robert E. Kelley.

The fire started in a smoke inhalation, said a spokeswoman for the state medical examiner's office in Farmington.

Robert Storo's 25-year-old brother, John, as well as Justin O'Neil, 17, and Craig Marquis, 20, all of Vernon, were treated for smoke inhalation and burns at Rockville General Hospital and released, police said.

John and Robert Storo had been at home with three friends, while their mother, Noreen Storo, was in California visiting relatives, said Ed Marek, the Storo's next door neighbor.

Marek said he heard noises outside his home around 2:30 a.m. Thursday and looked out his window to see John Storo running across his lawn.

"I opened the door, and he said, 'My house is on fire,' and I told my wife to call 911," Marek said. "It's just a real tragic situation."

Marek said, "You couldn't ask for a nicer mother than Noreen."

Neighbors said a third son, William Storo, lives in Farmington and is attending medical school. They said the father, John Storo, died a few years ago.

About 40 area firefighters battled the blaze in the bitter cold for 45 minutes before bringing it under control, Kelley said.

The fire remains under investigation.

Poll shows residents drink less

HARTFORD (AP) — Connecticut adults continue to drink in significant numbers but say they are drinking less than in recent years, a poll shows.

The Hartford Courant/Connecticut poll, published in Friday's edition, found that 52 percent of those who said they drink said they drink less at home than they did 10 years ago. Sixteen percent said they drink more, the poll showed.

The poll was conducted among 500 adult Connecticut residents between Dec. 5 and 11 by the Institute for Social Inquiry at the University of Connecticut.

"It is worth noting that among those saying their drinking has gone up, most say they are drinking only 'somewhat more,'" said G. Donald Ferrer Jr., the poll's director. "And among those whose drinking has gone down, a strong majority say they are drinking 'a lot less.'"

Similar changes are seen in people's drinking practices away from home. Only 9 percent of residents say they are drinking more at parties or restaurants than a decade ago while 63 percent said they are drinking less.

The poll shows that 84 percent of the men polled drank while 71 percent of women drank. About 41 percent were more likely to drink than the older Connecticut residents polled, the poll showed.

Of those polled, 46 percent said wine was their first or second choice for a drink, followed by beer, at 41 percent. Vodka, at 10 percent, was the only other specific beverage used with double-digit frequency.

"Both wine and beer are up slightly compared to 10 years ago," Ferrer said, "and since other forms of alcohol tend to be down a bit, their relative share has increased."

Men are more likely to be beer drinkers by a 3-to-1 margin ratio from women, a majority of whom favor wine. Beer is the favorite among the younger respondents, and its popularity drops off dramatically as people get older. Wine is most popular among people 30 to 44 years old.

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Airline takes precautions after threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Northwest Airlines says strict security precautions ensure that a Paris-Detroit flight Saturday will operate safely despite a bomb threat.

In an unusual public response to a bomb threat, the airline announced Thursday that any passengers who do not wish to take Flight 51 may postpone their flight or switch to other carriers without penalty.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman John Leyden indicated there was little unusual about the threat itself, which he said came in an anonymous phone call and was one of about 300 received by U.S. airlines each year.

Leyden said officials were "working with Northwest and with the French authorities to ensure there is no security on the flight."

Northwest's public response was a "departure from the handling of most threats against U.S. aviation, which generally are dealt with stealthily and not mentioned to passengers."

The FAA and airlines have come under pressure to be more forthcoming in disclosing security risks after 270 people were killed Dec. 21, 1988, when a bomb blew up Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

The plane, which had stopped in London, was en route from Frankfurt to New York. A threat against Pan Am on the Frankfurt-to-New York route got some distribution within the U.S. government but was not made public.

Government officials later declared the threat a hoax even though its particulars fit the Pan Am explosion.

The FAA has a policy of not alerting the public to security threats unless they are very specific and the flight involved is not being canceled.

The Northwest threat appeared to meet conditions that would allow disclosure.

"This is an unusual threat in the fact that it's very specific, directed at a specific flight on a particular day, and that is what adds to the precautions that we're taking around it," said Northwest spokesman Douglas Miller in St. Paul, Minn.

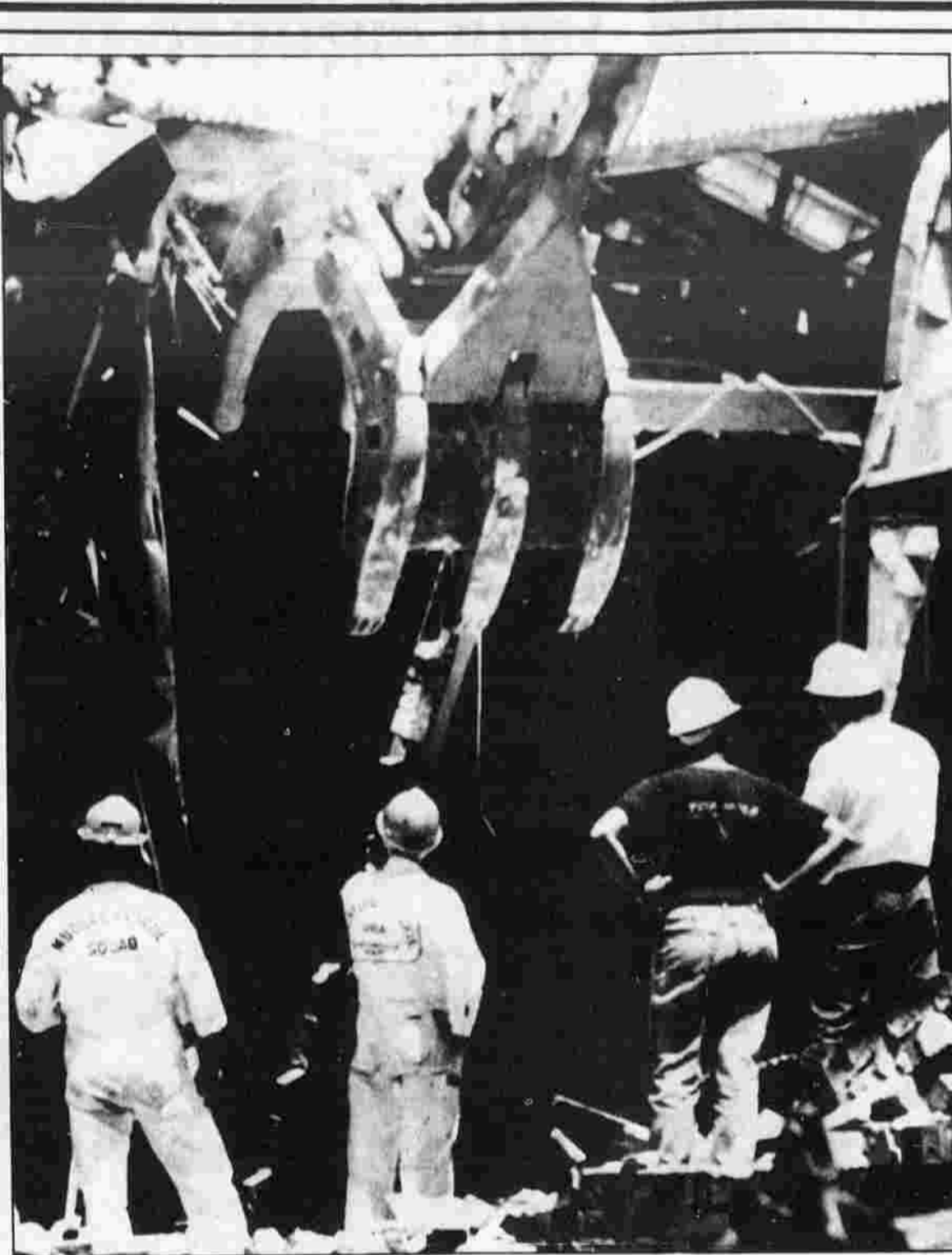
After said Northwest informed the FAA, FBI, CIA and foreign agencies that would be involved, but he said the FBI had asked the airline not to disclose any other details about the threat, including where or when it was made.

A police spokesman said there were no reports of injury or further destruction following the three-second jolt at 8:15 p.m.

Thursday's tremor was the first fatal quake in Australia. Several of those who died were in the Newcastle Workers' Club and three were killed by falling masonry and awnings in a nearby suburb of Newcastle, Australia's fifth-largest city and 75 miles north of Sydney.

Rescue teams demolished a factory adjoining the club to get access to the wreckage. Caving experts then crawled into the ruins and used infrared imaging devices in the smaller spaces in a frantic effort to find survivors.

An unidentified ambulance worker said he had crawled into the wreckage to help an elderly man and two women trapped under concrete.



DIGGING FOR BODIES — A power shovel swings into action as rescue workers dig for bodies at the Newcastle Workers' Club today in Newcastle, Australia. The city, 75 miles north of Sydney, was hit by an earthquake Thursday.

Australia feeling aftershock

NEWCASTLE, Australia (AP) — Rescue workers today pulled another body from the teetering wreckage of a workers' club destroyed by an earthquake that officials say has killed at least 10 people.

Authorities believe up to 21 people could still be trapped under the two concrete floors that crashed into a basement parking during Thursday's quake, which measured 5.5 on the Richter scale. At least 140 people were injured.

Initial estimates put damage at \$1 billion, and an official of the Australian Insurance Industry Council said the damage bill could run into "hundreds of millions of dollars."

Australia's biggest earthquake was at Mebehrine, in remote, sparsely populated Western Australia in 1941 and measured 7.7 on the Richter scale, a gauge of the energy released by an earthquake as measured by the ground motion recorded on a seismograph.

Every increase of one number means a tenfold increase in magnitude. A quake measuring 5 can cause severe damage, and a 7 measuring is a "major" earthquake, capable of widespread heavy damage.

Harvard will start renting its name

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Harvard University, whose name has been emblazoned on sweaters from Los Angeles to Maine as well as on boxer shorts, watches and beer, has decided to make the name a trademark.

Under new licensing procedures, Crimson-themed boxer shorts may still be allowed. But string bikinis? Maybe not.

Licensing will protect Harvard's name, according to Ellen Mitchell of the Harvard Office of Patents, Copyrights and Licensing.

"We just don't want it to be out-riggered," she said. "We don't want to look silly."

More than 100 U.S. colleges and universities already use licenses for the use of their name, including the seven other Ivy League colleges, according to the office of Robert Scott, vice president for finance.

Margot Naulleau, international licensing coordinator for Champion Products Inc., one of the main suppliers of athletic wear with college

names, said Harvard was one of the last big schools in the country to issue a trademark.

But Harvard officials had a good explanation. "It's simply that we are very old and very conservative. It took us a long time to decide if it was something that we ought to do," said Joyce Brinson, director of the patent office. She said there was no incident that led to the decision to apply for a trademark, such as a particularly egregious product on the market.

"It was just that the time has come," she said.

Before the Harvard Corporation decided in June to apply for a trademark on the name from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Brinson's office had "inquiries from many manufacturers" about getting a license.

"I think most of the companies have felt uncomfortable that they

Havel is first non-Communist head in 41 years

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — Parliament today crowned the nation's peaceful revolution by electing Vaclav Havel as Czechoslovakia's first non-Communist president in 41 years.

In an unprecedented public vote that was televised nationwide, the Communist-dominated parliament, or Federal Assembly, unanimously chose Havel, who was jailed for five years by the previous hard-line Communist leadership for speaking out against totalitarianism.

"I will not disappoint you, but will lead this country to free elections," Havel told hundreds of cheering supporters from a balcony of the presidential Hradcany Castle after his election.

"This must happen in a decent and peaceful way so that the clean face of our revolution is not sullied. It is a task for us all."

The election of Havel, 53, is the crowning achievement of the popular revolt that began only 41 days ago. It comes amid democratic reforms in Poland, Hungary, East Germany, Bulgaria and Romania.

Havel and his wife, Olga, then walked across the courtyard from the castle to the St. Vitus Cathedral for a special Mass of thanksgiving given by Czechoslovakia's 90-year-old Roman Catholic primate, Cardinal Frantisek Tomasek.

At the entrance to the Gothic cathedral, several young girls presented Havel with bouquets of white lilies.

"We came to St. Vitus ... to thank God for the great hope that has opened before us in the last days of this year," Tomasek told the crowd.

The cathedral filled with Antonin Dvorak's "Te Deum" played by the Prague Philharmonic and choir after the short service.

The lawmakers' meeting was opened by Alexander Dubcek, the former first secretary of the Communist Party, who was ousted in 1968.

Dubcek and Havel are to serve out free legislative elections are held next year.

Havel, whose works were banned under recent weeks by the Communist, was praised by Communist Prime Minister Marian Calfa as "a man who is faithful to his beliefs despite persecution."

Havel helped form the opposition group Civic Forum on Nov. 20, three days after a police crackdown on a peaceful student protest for democratic reforms.

Within weeks of the creation of Civic Forum, Communists leaders voted themselves out of power and Miroslav Stanek, considered responsible for the police crackdown, was under arrest facing charges that had brought him up to 10 years in jail.

"It's an answer to our prayers," said spokeswoman Sandra Lancas. Because federal and state laws prohibit relocating or disturbing the endangered birds, the plan's developers could be barred from building, according to federal and state wildlife authorities.

"Obviously, we have to talk with the Fish and Wildlife bureau to learn more about this," said Florida First vice president Ted Leigh, who was unaware of the nesting eagles until Wednesday.

Federal and state guidelines say development is prohibited within a minimum of a 750-foot radius, or about 40 acres, of a nest, Palmer said. Outside that, development up to a mile radius of the nest can be restricted by federal officials.

The eagles were greeted with cheers from some of the 15 families who live a half mile from the site 10 miles south of Mulberry and bitterly oppose the plan.

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Bush says third country haven for Noriega is no longer option

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — The Bush administration, asserting "we have paid the price" in blood, says a third-country haven is no longer an acceptable option to the United States for deposed Panamanian dictator Manuel Antonio Noriega.

But White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said it is now up to Vatican officials to break the stalemate over Noriega's fate "and we leave it to them to work this out as they see fit."

Meanwhile, although the administration still hopes to bring U.S. troops home as soon as possible, Fitzwater said, "We cannot give a date."

President Bush, who continues to receive intelligence briefings as he enjoys an isolated hunting-and-fishing vacation on a ranch about 60 miles northwest of here, planned to head east today for his adopted hometown of Houston.

He was to stay in Houston through New Year's Day — with a side trip Sunday to two military hospitals in San Antonio to visit U.S. servicemen wounded in Panama.

Fitzwater, briefing reporters here Thursday, said it is still too early to discuss a reduction in the 26,000 U.S. forces stationed in Panama, even though the U.S.-installed government of President Guillermo Endara appears to be "continuing to expand its control."

"We'd like to have a drawdown as soon as possible, but we can't tell you exactly when," with U.S. military forces still ringing the Vatican Embassy where Noriega remains in hiding, Fitzwater said.

In Panama City, a U.S. Embassy official told a press briefing Thursday that the United States would like the extra troops it sent to Panama to be out by February, but that it was unlikely because Panama's security forces must be rebuilt from scratch.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said

newly formed security forces were being assembled province by province, and that would take some time.

Continuing efforts to pry Noriega from the Vatican Embassy, where he has been holed up since Christmas Eve, dominated Fitzwater's briefing for reporters covering the vacationing president.

However, Fitzwater offered little evidence that any headway was being made in talks with Vatican officials and representatives of the Endara government.

"It is our understanding that (Endara) is willing to have Mr. Noriega returned to the United States," Fitzwater said. However, the Vatican has all but ruled out turning over Noriega to the United States.

And Fitzwater said the United States is no longer willing to allow Noriega to travel to a third country where he would be shielded from drug-trafficking charges that await him in Florida — even though Noriega had been offered such a deal privately by the administration as recently as October.

"We had to go in militarily, we have paid a price for this, and our objective is that we want him returned to the United States for prosecution," Fitzwater said.

"The difference is, before, the offer was if he would go in peace, save lives and bloodshed and so forth, and he chose not to do that," the spokesman said.

Fitzwater also defended the bombardment of the Vatican Embassy with loud rock 'n' roll and country-and-western music, claiming the purpose was not to rattle nerves inside the manure but to safeguard sensitive conversations.

Asked about the choice of music — which included "I Fought the Law and the Law Won" and "No Place to Hide," Fitzwater said: "I'm certainly glad to see the American sense of whimsy comes forward in this situation."

Top Noriega aides arrested, banks reopen for business

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — U.S. troops arrested an Israeli intelligence expert and three other close aides to Manuel Antonio Noriega, a U.S. diplomat said.

Noriega today said it was urging the Vatican to leave its embassy.

The deposed military leader was holed up in the embassy with 17 others, but life around him returned to normal.

The government of President Guillermo Endara opened banks and paid public employees Thursday with \$5.8 million confiscated from Noriega loyalists. It also lifted all restrictions on the news media imposed by the Noriega regime.

U.S. troops arrested Michel Harari, a former Israeli intelligence agent and top security adviser to Noriega who was an instructor for the U.S. Embassy official said on condition of anonymity.

Lt. Col. Roberto Cedeno, chief of Noriega's state security intelligence, also was detained.

Harari and Cedeno were not previously in the Vatican Embassy but it was not known where they were arrested.

Two more top aides, Lt. Col. Carlos Velarde and Lt. Col. Arnulfo

Castrejon, left the embassy and were taken into custody by U.S. troops, said U.S. Army Lt. Col. Jerry Murgo.

Velarde was captain of the Defense Forces, and Castrejon was the officer on duty at Noriega's military headquarters on Dec. 16, the day an unarmed U.S. Marine officer was killed nearby.

At the United Nations today, the General Assembly was expected to adopt a resolution that "strongly deplores" the U.S. invasion. The resolution, sponsored by Nicaragua and Cuba, demands withdrawal of U.S. forces and calls the intervention a flagrant violation of international law.

The Vatican for the first time today said publicly it was trying to persuade Noriega to leave.

"The man is doing his best to convince Gen. Noriega to abandon the manure on his own, by himself," spokesman Joaquin Navarro said in Rome. "At the same time he cannot force Noriega to leave nor can he consign him to U.S. forces."

Navarro said the possibility had been discussed with Noriega since he took refuge at the mission on Sunday.

Noriega remained in the Vatican mission with 17 others, including at least two senior aides, according to the Rev. Javier Villanueva.

"Noriega has spoken very little and does not go out on the patio. Generally he stays in his room," Villanueva told The Associated Press.

A Panamanian official said Endara's government sent a letter to the Vatican asking that Noriega be expelled from the embassy, where he sought refuge on Sunday.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he did not know whether the government asked that Noriega be turned over to U.S. authorities or to Panama.

Navarro today said the Vatican has received no formal request.

On Wednesday, the U.S. diplomat said that the 14,000 U.S. troops sent in the invasion would remain at least through February while local security forces are reconstituted. He also acknowledged there was concern about holdovers from the Noriega regime.

About 12,000 U.S. troops are permanently stationed in Panama. In Texas, where President Bush was hunting, White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater reiterated the U.S. stance that Noriega should be handed over to the United States.

Group claims bombing role, threatens 2 NAACP officials

ATLANTA (AP) — A group claiming responsibility for bombs that killed a federal judge and a civil rights lawyer threatened in a letter "full of racial invective" to assassinate two NAACP officials "as part of the same reprisal."

In a letter to WAGA-TV, an organization calling itself Americans for a Competent Federal Judicial System also threatened to kill lawyers, judges and members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People "any time a black man rapes a white woman."

The threatened reprisals led black leaders to bolster security plans for the Jan. 15 celebration of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Precautions were being taken at the 600 southeastern branches of the NAACP, said Earl Shinnister, the organization's regional director. He declined to say what those precautions were.

An FBI official said he believed the letter was authentic because it contained information available only to someone closely associated with the construction and mailing of the bombs that killed 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Robert S. Vance at his home near Birmingham, Ala., on Dec. 16 and Savannah attorney Robert Robinson two days later.

"It opens a new door, and we hope through that door will pass information from the public," said William L. Hinshaw, special agent in charge of the FBI investigation.

Authorities are unfamiliar with the group, Hinshaw said.

Vance was on the 11th U.S. Circuit Court panel that directed DeKalb County schools to transfer about 120 veteran teachers from predominantly white schools to predominantly black ones in an effort to balance teacher experience in the system.

Robinson handled a desegregation case in Savannah, and another school desegregation case came out of Jacksonville, Fla., where a bomb was delivered to NAACP headquarters. That bomb and one sent to the 11th Circuit building in Atlanta were safely removed.

"Anytime a black man rapes a white woman in Alabama, Florida or Georgia in the future, Americans for a Competent Federal Judicial System shall assassinate one federal judge, one attorney and one officer of the NAACP," the letter said.

The letter expressed anger over school desegregation cases, apparently referring to a long-running

battle over the DeKalb County, Ga., schools in which the slain judge was involved.

"Protecting the innocent warrants a higher court priority than granting the blacks' demand for white teachers for their children," the letter said.

In its evening broadcast Thursday, WAGA-TV released excerpts of the letter, which said the group held a secret meeting held Dec. 19 in Montgomery, Ala., after the two fatal bombings.

According to the station, the letter said group members from Georgia, Florida and Alabama gathered "to draft new orders" and to go public with their mission.

The group claimed it "assassinated Judge Robert S. Vance and attorney Robert Robinson in reprisal for atrocities committed on July 16, 1988," a white woman who was robbed, raped and murdered in Atlanta in 1988.

The letter also said: "Two more prominent members of the NAACP shall be assassinated, using more sophisticated means, as part of the same reprisal."

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Defector says Castro had plan to attack Florida power plant

WASHINGTON (AP) — In 1983, during a time of tension in the Caribbean, a "hysterical" Cuban President Fidel Castro developed a contingency plan to launch an air strike against a nuclear power facility in south Florida, according to a Cuban defector.

Gen. Rafael del Pino, who defected to the United States in 1986, said Castro was worried about a possible U.S. blockade of Cuba at the time of the U.S.-led invasion of Grenada in October 1983.

Del Pino said Castro summoned the high military command and ordered them, as a contingency, to have the computers aboard MiG-23 fighter planes programmed to fly to a nuclear energy plant in south Florida.

An air strike was to have been ordered if there were "some type of blockade of Cuba, some type of reaction on the part of the United States, a product of the situation in Grenada," he said.

The spokesman at the Cuban diplomatic mission in Washington was unavailable for comment Thursday on del Pino's allegations.

The invasion of Grenada generated anxiety in Cuba because the two governments had established close political and military ties. Cuban officials were concerned that Cuba might be the next target of the Reagan administration but no action was taken.

Del Pino said Castro has a "holocaust temperament" that emerges during difficult periods. At the time of Grenada, he said, Castro was "hysterical."

Del Pino, the highest ranking Cuban ever to defect, commented in an interview with Radio Marti, the Voice of America broadcast operation to Cuba. A transcript was made available Thursday.

The installation del Pino was referring to apparently was Turkey Point, about 24 miles south of Miami where two nuclear generators are located. The facility is operated by Florida Power & Light Co. and is adjacent to Homestead Air Force Base, which closely monitors all incoming flights in the area.

According to del Pino, the Cuban MiG's are equipped with conventional as opposed to nuclear bombs.

Nonetheless, he said, Castro "doesn't realize that if this plant is destroyed, it would not only annihilate all the Cubans in Miami but would also be much worse than Chernobyl because the radioactivity would fall on Cuba. In other words, 90 miles away, the Cuban people would be affected because of the absurd reaction of that man (Castro)."

Chernobyl is the site in the Soviet Union where a major accident occurred at a nuclear power facility in 1986.

Unlike the Chernobyl plant, all active commercial U.S. nuclear reactors are surrounded by steel-reinforced concrete shells to prevent the release of radioactivity in an accident. But the shells are not meant to shield the reactor against bombs, according to Frank Ingraham, a Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman.

Dale Thomas, a spokesman at Florida Power & Light, declined comment when asked if the firm has taken into account the possibility of an attack by Cuban planes.

He said the company's security precautions are not public information for the most part.

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Cable TV industry says tube has more sports than ever

WASHINGTON (AP) — The cable television industry is firing back at critics who claim sports on "free television" are becoming extinct, saying there is more sports programming on TV than ever.

Total broadcast network sports programming rose to a record 1,753 hours in 1988, an Olympics year, according to a study released Thursday by the National Cable Television Association.

At the same time, the study said, "Local broadcast stations increased their coverage of Major League Baseball games to 1,647 games in the 1989 season, up from 1,536 in 1988."

"ABC, CBS and NBC increased their college football coverage by 52 percent, from 27 regular season games in 1987 to 41 games in 1989."

"National network broadcast coverage of both National Collegiate Athletic Association regular and post-season games grew by 21 percent over the past four years, from 86 games in the 1986-87 season to 104 games in the current 1989-90 season."

The cable group acknowledged the huge growth of cable TV sports programming during the 1980s, but said it had been achieved "without depleting broadcast television sports coverage."

The growth of cable "has expanded viewers' sports programming options by providing coverage of games and sports which have either never been available to broadcast or which have been ignored by broadcast TV," NCTA said in the study.

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The study comes at a time when critics in Congress and broadcasting are saying cable is siphoning sports away from so-called free television.

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Watchers record ups and downs of every day

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Eighty-year-old Edna Cooley has been waking up at 3 a.m. for nearly 22 years to trudge outside in occasionally bone-chilling cold and record the weather in the sparsely settled high desert of central Nevada.

Some 1870 hours later, Mrs. Cooley makes the last of her six daily weather observations and temperature checks for National Weather Service records on Austin, population 350, earning \$11.10 a day for her troubles.

"Why do I keep doing it? They say you can even get quit to hanging if you hang long enough," Mrs. Cooley said. "I've been meaning to quit for two years, but can't find anyone else to do this."

She is among the last of a breed of hands-on recorders of the nation's highs, lows and precipitation amounts. Without the observers, meteorologists and forecasters would have a more difficult time predicting the weather.

"There's a need for live observation," said Gerald Miles, a meteorologist in Elko who supervises the weather watchers. "Equipment is reliable, but you need good remarks from observers to go with it. Equipment has its limitations."

Bill Davis, the Salt Lake City-based western regional director of the observation program, said about 50 weather watchers are on the Na-

tional Weather Service payroll in his jurisdiction. Several hundred others, mostly farmers, voluntarily report climate information to the agency to help keep a historical weather record.

Davis said at-home weather observation stations were set up during World War II "basically wherever they could find someone and where we didn't have a government office."

Meteorology was rapidly developing, and officials found "eyeball-type" information improved their ability to track storms, he said.

The observers must pass a certification test and use weather service equipment to take measurements of temperature, winds, dew point, atmospheric pressure and precipitation.

"There's no grand plan to get rid of the weather observers," Davis said. "I think they'll be around for the next decade. But we'll lose some to equipment and because people will retire and the younger generation doesn't want to work that hard for so little money."

Mrs. Cooley said that when she goes on vacation, "there's no weather coming out of the station. The TV stations just say, 'Oh well, I guess that Edna's out of town again.'"

Debi Gill, who usually reports Nevada's coldest overnight lows at Wildhorse Reservoir just south of the Idaho border, has been an observer for 39 years.

"Sometimes, I wonder why I keep doing it, especially at 5:30 in the morning," she said.

Mrs. Gill, like other weather observers, gets \$2.50 for the first early morning recording, \$1.60 for daytime readings and \$1.90 for each night observation.

She said the most frightening thing about the job is the late-night readings when near silence fuels the imagination, she said.

"When the lake is frozen over and the ice goes and the coyotes are yipping and howling, I just get all nervous," said Mrs. Gill. "It's silly, but I get scared of the bogymen because that's the only one who would be out that time of night."

The good part of the job is closely watching how nature works and stopping to enjoy the surrounding weather, sunrises and sunsets, she said.

Susan Deming, who has been observing the weather in Battle Mountain in north-central Nevada since May, said people sometimes stop her on the street or telephone her asking what the weather will be like or with weather-related inquiries, such as whether it is too soon to plant.

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Hawaii tries early intervention as way to prevent child abuse

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii is trying to fight child abuse with an ambitious program designed to screen every new parent for the potential to commit domestic violence and offer counseling to those at risk.

The Healthy Start program presently reaches 60 percent of Hawaii's new parents, and the state hopes in Hawaii in 1988, according to the state Health Department.

"I've seen a lot of kindergartners absolutely devastated by the time they reach kindergarten," said Pratt, who supervises the training of counselors for Healthy Start. "We can help these kids get off to a safe and healthy start which would help them when they get into the school system."

Healthy Start begins at the hospital shortly after a baby is born. Workers interview new parents or examine their medical charts to spot warning signs that indicate a tendency to abuse or neglect children.

Workers try to determine whether the parent or parents have financial problems, housing problems, low self-esteem, were abused as children, or have other traits considered warning signs for child abuse.

About 75 percent of those helped by Healthy Start are mothers on welfare, Pratt said.

The home worker counsels on basic parenting skills that help a child's development and alleviate stress on a parent.

Bulgarians want to speed up pace of government reforms

By Siobodan Leik, The Associated Press

SOFIA, Bulgaria — Thousands of people staged two rallies for opposition reform and help for oppressed ethnic groups, less than a week before the government plans to meet with the opposition.

The Communist Party agreed to the negotiations after Podkrepka, an independent trade union, threatened to call strikes unless talks were held.

On Thursday, about 10,000 people rallied in a city park to hear slow.

The reform movement gained impetus after police violently broke up an Oct. 26 demonstration called by the environmental group Eco-Glasnost.

Eco-Glasnost spokesman Dejan Kyuranov said at the rally that he was convinced that pressure from opposition groups was instrumental in Wednesday's ouster of Interior Minister Georji Tanev.

Tanev was fired for ordering the police attack on demonstrators. Kyuranov said the Union of Democratic Forces, an umbrella organization of opposition groups, also would press for the removal of Sofia Mayor Stefan Ninov, whom they also held accountable for the crackdown.

Kyuranov described the scheduling of talks as "a significant victory." "Despite the fact that the government was inclined to eventually stage such a discussion, the threat of a general strike by the Podkrepka independent trade union forced their hand," he said.

The independent trade union had plans for a general strike Thursday but called it off "to respect the government's goodwill" after authorities said they would hold talks.

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OPINION

Congress gutless on gun control

James Brady is right: Congress is gutless on handgun control.

Speaking before a Senate committee, President Reagan's former press secretary, who was shot and permanently injured during John Hinckley's 1981 assassination attempt on Reagan, charged that Congress is cowed by the National Rifle Association from passing reasonable gun control laws.

One proposal, which is named after Brady, would require a nationwide seven-day waiting period and a police background check for all handgun purchases to make sure the buyer had no criminal record or was not mentally ill. A week's delay in picking up a handgun is not unreasonable.

The NRA and its allies on Capitol Hill argue that such a law would "victimize innocent sports people." Nonsense. The inconvenience would be minimal and the benefit could be the saving of hundreds of lives.

Hobbs (N.M.) Daily News-Sun

Philippines needs U.S. support

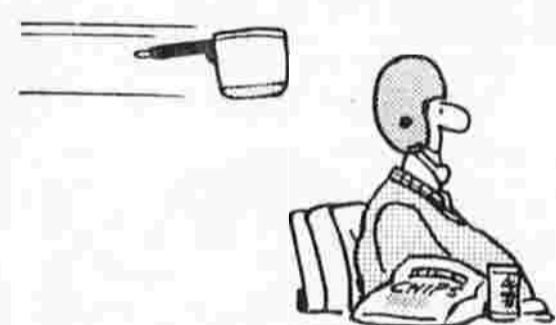
The serious domestic problems in the Philippines have raised questions about continued American support for President Corazon Aquino. In the midst of the coup, the Bush administration provided limited military support for her beleaguered government. Since then questions have been raised about whether it's wise for the United States to strongly ally itself with Aquino's troubled administration.

It should be noted that there is a difference between support for Aquino and support for democracy. The point of American aid to the Aquino government is that it backs a popularly elected government in the face of an attempt to overthrow it by military force.

If democracy survives in the Philippines, the people will have an opportunity to turn out Corazon Aquino and her government at the polls. American policy is quite properly based on helping to ensure the Philippine people have that chance.

After decades of repression under the dictatorship of Ferdinand Marcos, freedom in the Philippines is especially fragile. The United States, in keeping with its long and close relationship with the Philippines, has an obligation to aid the continued development of democracy in that country.

The Greenville (S.C.) News



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Open Forum

Need credibility

To the Editor:

You and our readers may well recall the great grape scare of last March. All of the media dutifully reported how two cyanide-tainted grapes were found in a shipment of tens of thousands of crates of Chilean grapes. Two grapes, unbelievable!

In the Nov. 16 issue of the Wall Street Journal, the lead story was about these Chilean grapes. Apparently, there is a great mystery surrounding this incident. It seems almost certain that the grapes were tainted after they were unloaded. In fact, it may have occurred in the warehouse where the Food and Drug Administration was examining the fruit.

According to the Journal, there is some question of whether the grapes were tainted at all. The test procedures are in question; the F.B.I. has been called in, the Chilean government is upset; our state department doesn't quite know what to do. As the saying goes, there may be something rotten in Denmark, but not the grapes.

And yet, I have not seen or heard one word

in the Herald, Courant, or on the TV networks about the fiasco. Are we no longer to believe what we read in our papers and see on TV? Are we to have a health scare of the month?

I think the media, if it is to remain free, must report the news as it happens. But if you are going to frighten us half to death, unnecessarily, you should be responsible enough to get the record straight.

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To the Editor:

In the continuing debate over the Manchester Country Club, one issue that keeps coming up is the large profits that the town can make by leasing the operation to an outside contractor. It has been reported that the Board of Directors has explored this and it is wise for them to do so. Runners abound



Japanese honor U.S. utility

By Robert Walters

SWEETWATER, Fla.—After years of anguish caused by the inability of U.S. companies to match the exceptionally high quality control routinely attained by many Japanese corporations, there is some good news from an unlikely source.

The Florida Power & Light Co., a utility that supplies electric power to more than 3 million customers in this state, recently became the first firm based outside Japan to win the prestigious Deming Prize in recognition of its outstanding quality-control management.

The Deming Prize is awarded annually by the Union of Japanese Scientists and Engineers, which created it in 1951 to honor W. Edwards Deming. His concept of combining statistical and management techniques to enhance corporate quality control was long rejected or ignored by corporations in his native United States.

Deming's work is based on the fact that all the processes, regardless of whether they rely upon people or machinery, are subject to variations in quality—and work performed at the lower end of the scale invariably will be inferior. Improving the system and enhancing productivity, he teaches his corporate students, requires the use of statistical analysis to identify problems and control variations.

Deming took his ideas to Japan in the late 1940s, when that nation was anxious to rebuild an industrial base that had been shattered in World War II. The enthusiastic acceptance of his approach there led to the establishment of the coveted award that has been won by Hitachi, Toyota, Nissan, Matsushita and other leading Japanese firms.

Even the few serious quality-control pioneers in this country did not embrace Deming's ideas until the 1980s. Deming, now 88, works as a consultant.

But most of the domestic companies that claim to have belatedly recognized the value of his work have corrupted the concept to demand greater productivity from their employees while remaining oblivious to both the contributions management must make and the delicate balance required in bringing together people, machines and materials.

Although the Deming Prize for Overseas Companies was created in 1986, no non-Japanese firm competed for it until FP&L sought the 1989 award. Even then the company was criticized in Florida for spending as much as \$5 million (including almost 500,000 for Japanese quality-control consultants) to become a serious contender.

That griping ignored the dramatic improvements achieved by FP&L. Customer complaints about the company registered with state regulators have declined to their lowest point in a decade.

Between 1986 and 1989, the number of employee injuries leading to lost work

has been cut by more than half. During the same period, the forced outage rate of FP&L's coal, oil and gas generating stations has been saving customers more than \$300 million that otherwise would have to be spent on additional generating capacity.

Even operations at the company's chronically troubled Turkey Point nuclear power plant have improved significantly. Every year since 1983, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's annual reports have rated it deficient in three or four of seven major categories. This year, the NRC reported cited inadequate performance in only one area.

In 1982, FP&L customers suffered an average of 100 minutes of interruptions in their electric service. That figure now is down to 48 minutes, and company officials are determined to reduce it to under 40 minutes by 1992.

Utilities are improbable candidates for quality-control programs because their unique status as regulated monopolies protects them from competition and provides few incentives for improving performance.

But FP&L demonstrated the universal importance of enhanced performance—and indirectly proved Deming with some of the recognition he should have received long ago in his own country.

Robert Walters is a syndicated columnist.

FDA chief down for the count

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON—Washing Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Frank Young got beaten out of office as he was watching a weary boxer finally hit the canvas.

The knockout punch came from the FDA's generic drug scandal last summer. Young had underestimated the extent of it, and in each round of the investigation, he was caught with his guard down. By November, the White House had seen enough and stopped the fight. Young was asked to resign.

The word came from a political gofer in the Health and Human Services Department that if Young didn't resign gracefully and take an advisory job in the department, he would be fired. Young told his friends that Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan wouldn't even return his phone calls. He accepted the make-work post. Young has learned that it takes longer to build a solid Washington reputation than it does to destroy one.

He was a good soldier for the Reagan regime, serving as head of the FDA for six years. But a good soldier in the Reagan army had to be an advocate of deregulation and hands-off government, even in the agency that is supposed to protect consumers from dangerous food and drugs. The hands-off approach didn't work for the FDA much better than it worked for the savings and loan industry, the Defense Department or the Housing and Urban Development Department.

Now, with Reagan enjoying retirement, people like Frank Young are paying for what they did to please the big guy.

In soul searching discussions with his close confidants, Young is still trying to sort out what happened. He feels he was "sandbagged" by his own staff. He says his advisers repeatedly swore that the generic drug scandal wouldn't get any worse, that the corruption didn't run any deeper. But it would and it did.

The scandal cast a pall on the credibility of the generic drug industry and on the FDA itself, where three chemists admitted they had pocketed thousands of dollars in cash or gifts to rig the drug approval process.

FDA insiders told our associate Jim Lynch that Young relied blindly on his staff. He was a consensus man to a fault. As a result, he was ill-prepared for the public battles.

When Young faced the grilling of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, he often found that the chairman, John Dingell, D-Mich., knew more about the scandal than Young did.

The White House sized up the situation and decided Young was incapable of handling scandals in an agency that appears ripe for more.

Many consumer advocates think Young turned the FDA into a symbol of the Reagan years—a place where business interests override public safety. He was also panned privately by FDA investigators who claim he was an impotent enforcer and that he helped the administration strip the investigators of their clout. But those closer to Young claim he was just doing his job as a Reagan team player.

Despite, or perhaps because of his foibles, Young maintained a legion of fans, even when he was flat on his back on the canvas.

The decision to yank him from the FDA was protected by two of the chief FDA watchdogs on Capitol Hill—Dingell and Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, both had seen his weakness, but they apparently wanted him around. The affable Young might have been a bungler, but he was a bungler they could trust.

Which brings us, inevitably, to the not-so-hidden agenda of some radical animal-rights activists: A society in which a moral right to life is extended to animals, too, in which there are no leather shoes or jackets, no steaks or drumsticks, no hunting season, and not a single research project using a white rat.

After all, rats are only the most unnecessary animal product of many. Strictly speaking, we could substitute synthetic for leather and dispense with meat for a vegetarian menu. According to this logic, we don't need to kill animals at all.

"My dream is that people will come to view eating an animal as cannibalism," says Henry Spira, whom The New York Times labels a "moderate" among animal-rights activists.

Moderate or not, the critical words in Spira's dream are that people "come to view," as opposed to being forced to adopt his position. If Spira and his colleagues can win their crusade through persuasion, more power to them. But if they resort to force, either political or physical, then they are just another nasty group of bullies and social engineers, ready to don jackboots in the name of a highly personal morality.

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Tripucka lets fans have it

NBA Roundup

By Bill Barnard
The Associated Press

Kelly Tripucka, one of the hap-piest players in the NBA a year ago, is one of the unappetizing this season. Tripucka lost his starting forward spot with Charlotte before Thursday night's game, then came off the bench to score 14 of his season-high 25 points in the fourth quarter of the Hornets' 94-92 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers. It was Charlotte's second win in 14 games.

Tripucka, who was booed throughout the game, then took out his frustrations on the fans in a raucous postgame interview over the loudspeakers at Charlotte Coliseum. "I want to get this off my chest," Tripucka said. "You people who come in here have the right to boo all you want. But don't you ever accuse our players or me of anything to bust our butts every night we come out here."

"Some nights we deserve to be booed. But I thought we were in this together. This is going to take time. You don't build a championship team in a year or a third."

One great game was not enough to turn around Tripucka's unhappi-ness.

"When I came here last year, I thought it was the greatest thing that ever happened to me," he said. "I love this place and I wanted to end my career here. Now I have to go home and think about it."

Tripucka hit his first five shots and scored 11 points in the second quarter. He finished the game with 11-of-17 shooting.

"Isn't it ironic that the guy everyone boos wins the basketball game?" Hornets coach Dick Harter said.

Tripucka, the expansion Hornets' leading scorer and fans choice as the team's MVP last year, went into the game shooting a scorching 37 percent.

He and Muggsy Bogues were benched and Robert Reid and Dell Curry returned in their place.

Armon Gilliam had 9 points and 12 rebounds for the Hornets. Bogues had 17 assists, and Curry scored 16 points.

For Cleveland, which lost its fifth in a row, Larry Nance had 27 points and a season-high 12 rebounds. Mark Price added 17 points and nine assists.

Knicks 106, Nets 104: New York won its eighth straight game and fourth consecutive road game as Patrick Ewing had 22 points and 16 rebounds against New Jersey.

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High School Roundup



FROM BEHIND — East Catholic's Chris Conklin (44) is pushed off the ball by a defender Paris Oates of Manchester High during Thursday's Rotary Classic action at the East Catholic gym. East won, 88-82, to move into the title game.

Coventry takes 3rd place at E.O. Smith tournament

STORRS — With a good third-quarter and some key plays down the stretch, Coventry High took third place in the Holiday Tournament at E.O. Smith High Thursday night with a 59-55 win over Windham Tech in the consolation contest.

Coventry, 2-2, had a rescheduled game on tap Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Cromwell High. Windham Tech gave them a 46-37 edge heading into the final eight minutes.

"The first half we didn't shoot very well. We missed a lot of key baskets inside," Coventry coach Ron Bastachner said. "The third quarter we came out and shot very well."

Mark McCarthy (15 points) had nine in the third period and Frank Coombs (14) and John Totten (14) four apiece for the Patriots.

Windham Tech crawled within a point in the fourth period of the Patriots, but Coventry's Bob Johnson was 3-for-4 from the foul line and McCarthy hit a couple of critical buckets.

Paul Spelman and Dwayne Chadwick each delivered 17 points for Windham Tech. Bastachner said rebounds against New Jersey.

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Clippers 139, Warriors 119: Los Angeles had its biggest offensive output of the season, starting with a 45-point first quarter during which Ron Harper scored 14 of his 28 points and Gary Grant had seven of his 20 assists.

Charles Smith scored 22 points and center Benoit Benjamin added 19 coming off the bench for the Clippers, whose largest previous scoring total this season was 129 points.

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Tech's Anderson already a star

By The Associated Press

When Kenny Anderson left New York City to enroll at Georgia Tech, he was tagged as a future star. The future is now.

"I just played well," Anderson said in a classic case of understatement.

The freshman had 32 points, 12 rebounds and 18 assists Thursday night as No. 14 Georgia Tech mauled Pittsburgh 102-74 to win the title in the Kuppenheimer Classic basketball tournament.

"My main concern was I was injured when we were in the state tournament," Anderson said.

Georgia Tech (8-0) is off to its best start since the 1962-63 season when the Yellow Jackets won their first 11 games.

"I think Kenny Anderson had a great game because he played all the way around," teammate Brian Oliver said. "He scored, he rebounded and he made some wonderful passes that kept us in it."

Pitt coach Paul Evans said his team was tired after Wednesday night's opening-round victory in the tournament.

"I think Tech knew we would be out of gas after last night, and they took advantage of that," Evans said. "When we play two nights in a row, it really kills performance."

Coventry had 22 points and 10 rebounds, but they were just enough to win. "We couldn't compete the way we should have tonight."

In other games involving ranked teams, No. 1 Syracuse defeated Lafayette 85-64, No. 5 Michigan defeated Northern Michigan 102-74, No. 10 Indiana defeated Texas A&M 94-66, No. 13 Duke 101, Drake 77; Christian Laettner scored 20 points, Robert Bricker 19 and Phil Henderson 16 for the Blue Devils (6-2), who pulled away after Drake had stayed close for the first seven minutes.

Terrell Jackson's baseline jumper pulled Drake (6-5) to within 21-18 with 12:42 left in the half, but that point to be the last game for the Bulldogs. The Blue Devils scored the next nine points and went on to lead 46-29 at the half. Duke opened with second half with a 15-5 run.

Paul Wesley led Drake with 13 points.

No. 20 La Salle 76, Florida 69; Lionel Simmons scored 33 points, including six of La Salle's last eight, to lead the Explorers past Florida (4-3) and to the championship of the Sugar Bowl Classic. The victory improved La Salle's record to 10-2.

Florida had cut a 13-point deficit to 70-57 with 1:12 left in the game. But Doug Overton dribbled away 40 seconds, then passed to Simmons, who hit an 8-foot jumper with 28 seconds left in the game. Overton and Simmons each hit a pair of free throws as Florida fouled in an effort to get the ball back.

No. 21 Arizona 74, Penn St. 55; Matt Othick scored 17 points and Arizona's defense held Penn State to 30 percent shooting as the Wildcats advanced to the final of the Fiesta Classic for the fifth straight year.

Arizona (4-2) held Penn State to only 18 field goals in 60 attempts, breaking a tournament record set earlier in the evening by Purdue, which beat Wake Forest 66-52.

The victory was the Wildcats' ninth straight in the tournament and their 36th in a row at home. They will meet the Boilermakers in the championship game on Saturday.

Penn State trailed 26-21 in the first half when Arizona scored 13 straight points. Penn State trailed by as many as 22 points in the second half and got no closer than 15.

Spartan is expected to accept a five-year deal worth approximately \$400,000 per season. The contract is also expected to include a provision for possible NCAA sanctions against Florida's program, which is under investigation. Sources said Spartan's term would be extended one year for every year of NCAA probation.

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Despite a separated left shoulder that limited him for three sacks the last six weeks of the NFL season, the Minnesota Vikings' All-Pro finished with 18, most for a defensive tackle in the eight years that the sack has been recorded as an official league statistic.

And even though linemate Chris Doleman and Green Bay linebacker Tim Lincecum have been in the category, Millard was the choice of the nation's sportswriters as the Associated Press NFL defensive player of the year.

In Brief . . .

Little League sponsors clinic

The Manchester Little League for a second straight year will sponsor a youth baseball coaching clinic for Little League managers and coaches, and for interested in coaching, on Saturday, Jan. 20, 1990, from 1 to 4 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 8, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the National Guard Armory on Main Street.

Bill Holaway, head baseball coach at Eastern Connecticut State University, will conduct the clinic.

For further information, contact either Ed Detore (643-4482) or Frank Napolitano (646-3092).

UConn tourney begins tonight

HARTFORD — The 12th Connecticut Mutual Basketball Classic gets under way tonight at the Civic Center with Mississippi State against Delaware in the opener at 7 p.m. and host Connecticut against St. Joseph's in the nightcap at 9 p.m.

UConn (8-0) is coming off its 100-37 rout of Southern Connecticut last Saturday afternoon. St. Joseph's is 1-5. Mississippi State, rated 17th in the country in the latest USA Today computer power ratings, is 6-1 while Delaware comes in at 3-3.

The consolation game is Saturday at 7 p.m. with the championship game at 9 p.m.

UConn women in tourney final

PHILADELPHIA — With Meghan Patryson and Kerry Bacon netting 18 points apiece, the University of Connecticut women's basketball team topped George Mason, 74-60, Thursday night in the second round of the La Salle Invitational Tournament.

The Huskies (9-1), winners of eight straight, will meet host La Salle, a 58-50 winner over Canisius, in tonight's championship game at 7. The last time UConn met La Salle was in its first ever NCAA Tournament game a year ago, with La Salle winning that one.

Liut sidelined for three weeks

HARTFORD (AP) — The Hartford Whalers have announced that goalie Mike Liut, who leads the NHL with a 2.58 goals-against average, will be sidelined for three weeks with a sprained right knee.

Liut injured the knee in a game with Boston Dec. 20. He has recorded three shutouts in 22 games this season and is fifth in the league with a 900 save percentage.

The Whalers also announced Thursday that Dean Evason has been suspended by the National Hockey League for one game.

Evason received a major penalty and a game misconduct for high-sticking Quebec's Phil Gillis on Dec. 26. He will miss the Whalers' game Saturday against Chicago.

Evason's suspension was automatic under NHL rules because his high-sticking major penalty in Quebec was his second such infraction of the season.

Dibble, Carlson honored

MERIDEN (AP) — Cincinnati Reds' relief ace Rob Dibble of Southington and rower Kris Carlson of Weston have been named Connecticut's 1989 Athletes of the Year by the Connecticut Sports Writers Alliance.

In his first full season in the major leagues, Dibble, 25, finished 10-5, with a 2.09 ERA and 141 strikeouts in 99 innings. The 6-foot-4, 225-pound righthander was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals when he graduated from Southington High School in 1982.

Carlson, 26, won the single scull world championship for the second consecutive year in September in Yugoslavia.

When he combined with C.B. Sands of North Reading, Mass., to win the double scull title, it marked the first time an American had won two world rowing titles in the same year since Jack Kelly, father of the late Princess Grace of Monaco, accomplished the feat in 1925.

Dibble and Carlson will receive the awards at the CWSA's Gold Key Dinner Feb. 4 in Norwalk.

Spurrier said to have resigned

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Steve Spurrier has resigned as Duke's football coach in order to take the head job at Florida, according to a published report.

Sources close to the Duke athletic department told The Charlotte Observer in Friday's editions that Spurrier in formal athletic director Tom Butters Thursday, prior to the Blue Devils' game against Texas Tech in the All-American Bowl, that he is leaving Texas Tech Dec. 26.

After the game, Spurrier would not confirm if he is leaving Duke.

Sources said Spurrier's appointment at Florida, his alma mater, is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, New Year's Eve, one day after the Gators' play Washington in the Freedom Bowl. However, the sources said there is a slight chance the announcement could be delayed until Tuesday.

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"I just followed the linemen who did an excellent job," said Baldwin, who established a Rebel bowl rushing record with 177 yards on 14 carries.

Baldwin, voted most valuable player in the Rebels' 42-29 victory over Air Force Thursday night, scored on runs of 23 and 21 yards.

"I thought the key tonight was for me to break some runs early. That way I could relax and get into the flow of the offense," said Baldwin, whose status was up in the air before the game because of a toe injury. "I can't say enough about our offensive line. Everybody chipped in and did a great job."

"Our offense was really the key tonight," Mississippi coach Billy Brewer said. "We wanted to come out and throw the ball to open up the run and that's what we did."

With Damell and Baldwin drawing the bulk of Air Force's defensive attention, Coleman delivered the knockout punches — a 38-yard punt return for a touchdown in the second quarter and an 11-yard scoring run on an end-around play.

"We mixed our running and passing up really well," Coleman said. "Our game plan was to set them up and then they play the run and the pass off each other."

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Gray's previous best rushing game was 234 against Arizona in the season opener. The previous All American Bowl game record was 276 yards by Texas A&M's Curtis Dickey in 1978.

The 70 points was also a record for the bowl, surpassing the 64 scored by Air Force and Vanderbilt in 1982.

Gray said his offensive line had "talked about having a big rushing game, but that was in the back of my mind. We knew we could break some big plays because they blitz so much. We were able to get a few quick-hitters."

"Anytime Gray has a good game, the whole team has a good game," Tech coach Spike Dwyce said.

Gray's first three touchdowns and a 36-yard pass from Jamie Gill to Travis Price gave Tech a 28-0 lead. Duke rallied a bit as Dave Brown threw scoring passes of 30 yards to Bud Zuberer and 25 yards to Dave Colonna to make it 28-14 at halftime.

Tech's Brian Dubiski intercepted a Billy Ray pass at the Red Raiders' 31 on the first snap of the second half, and Tech then moved 69 yards to put the game away. Gray, who ran for 33 yards on the drive, scored from the 2 on fourth down to make it 35-14.

Early in the second period, Tech's Stephen Weatherston knocked the ball from Chris Brown. Dubiski recovered at the Duke 46 and Gray ran 54 yards off right tackle on the next play.

Tech went 55 yards on its next possession, including a 38-yard screen pass to Lynn, and Gray skinned left end for the score.

Duke struck quickly on its next two possessions, moving 70 and 67 yards.

"Sunday morning I'll flip a switch and do the next thing," he said.

Darnell received support from Washington coach Don James.

"He's done a good job," James said. "If you knew he was a defensive coordinator, you had to be impressed with what he'd done. You couldn't look through the tapes and say 'Here's where the change was made.'"

Hackett will guide the Panthers (7-3-1) for the first time. Hackett, formerly P's offensive coordinator and quarterback coach, became acting head coach after Mike Gottfried was fired Dec. 14.

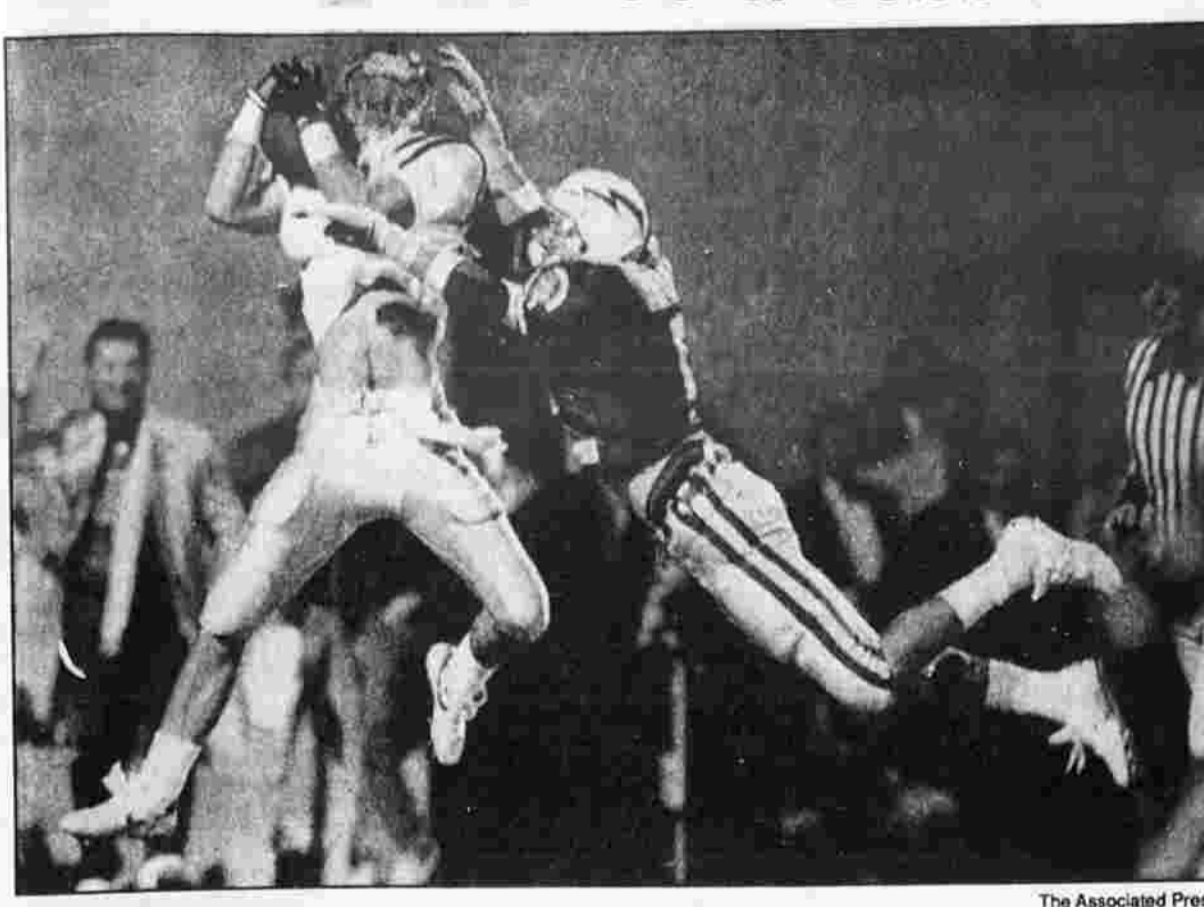
"I think from an organizational standpoint, we did everything we could to prepare these players for this situation," Hackett said. "I've changed roles, but it isn't just this guy sitting in the corner. This football team is the team that deserves and earned the right to come here, and that's the team that's going to play here Saturday."

After that, who knows? "If they don't hire Paul Hackett, then I think there's a problem with this university," center Dean Caligaris said.

"I don't think there is anybody that knows more about this game and knows how to bring people together and how to control things," offensive lineman Chris Smith said.

"I helps to know that you can beat a team," Moon said. "A lot of people say it's hard to beat three times but I like our chances."

Oilers running back Mike Ricker would like to see more ruffling against the Steelers, whose defense is ranked 19th in the NFL against the run.



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SCOREBOARD

Basketball

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE		Pct	
Atlantic Division		Pct	
New York	19	7	37.1
Boston	14	3	21.4
Philadelphia	12	2	14.3
Washington	12	4	17.9
New Jersey	12	2	14.3
Charlotte	12	2	14.3
Miami	12	2	14.3
Indiana	11	1	11.8
Detroit	11	1	11.8
Atlanta	11	1	11.8
Milwaukee	11	1	11.8
Cleveland	10	1	11.1
Orlando	9	1	9.1
Central Division			
Chicago	17	8	34.4
San Antonio	16	7	32.6
Denver	16	7	32.6
Utah	15	6	30.9
Phoenix	15	6	30.9
Portland	14	5	28.2
San Diego	14	5	28.2
Los Angeles	13	4	26.4
Golden State	13	4	26.4
Los Angeles	12	3	24.6
Sacramento	12	3	24.6
Pacific Division			
L.A. Lakers	20	6	35.9
Portland	18	6	32.7
Seattle	17	5	31.0
San Jose	17	5	31.0
Golden State	16	4	29.2
Phoenix	15	4	27.4
Sacramento	15	4	27.4
Thursday's Games			
New York 106, New Jersey 104			
Charlotte 84, Cleveland 82			
Durham 132, Miami 107			
Utah 113, Portland 108			
Los Angeles Clippers 139, Golden State 119			
Houston at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.			
Phoenix at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.			
Portland at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.			
Phoenix at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.			
Golden State at Los Angeles Lakers, 10:30 p.m.			
Philadelphia at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.			
Friday's Games			
Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.			
Miami at Utah, 8:30 p.m.			
Chicago at Washington, 7:30 p.m.			
Houston at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.			
Phoenix at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.			
Durham at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.			
Milwaukee at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.			
Philadelphia at Los Angeles Clippers, 10:30 p.m.			
Saturday's Games			
Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.			
Durham at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.			
Milwaukee at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.			
Philadelphia at Los Angeles Clippers, 10:30 p.m.			

How Top 25 fared

How the Associated Press' Top 25 teams fared Thursday.

1. Syracuse (9-0) beat Lafayette 85-64.

2. Kansas (11-0) did not play.

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5. Michigan (9-1) beat Northern Michigan 102-74.

6. Oklahoma (8-0) did not play.

7. Missouri (10-1) did not play.

8. Louisiana (8-1) did not play.

9. LSU (5-1) did not play.

10. Indiana (12-0) beat Texas A&M 64-46.

11. Arkansas (8-1) did not play.

12. UNLV (8-2) did not play.

13. Duke (8-2) beat Drake 101-77.

14. Georgia Tech (8-0) beat Pittsburgh 102-74.

15. Memphis State (8-2) did not play.

16. UCLA (7-1) did not play.

17. St. John's (10-2) beat Seton Hall 82-66.

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NBA results

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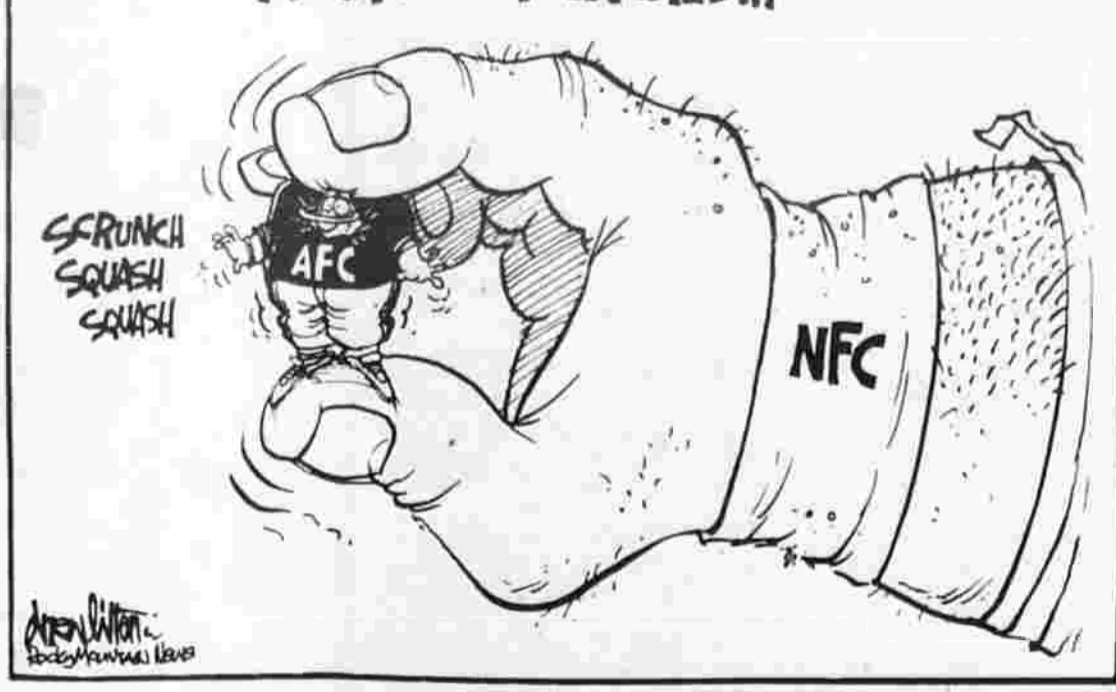
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NHL standings

Wales Conference

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Pittsburgh	17	4	38	127	123
Los Angeles	17	4	38	127	123

Football

NFL playoff glance

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College bowl games

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WANDA COOK
(A GRANDMA, TOO)

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PEOPLE



TALKING IT OVER — Janie Pauley, host of the "Today" show, talks to David Letterman on New York about her final appearance on the show today. Pauley appeared on Letterman's show on Thursday.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Former Olympic star Nadia Comaneci wants to visit Romania after the crisis ends. Comaneci was toppled and leader Nicolae Ceausescu executed, hopes to visit her homeland after its crisis ends.

Ms. Comaneci, 28, said Thursday that her defection Nov. 28 so embarrassed the old regime that Romania's secret police were ordered to hunt her down and return her to Romania.

Comments from Ms. Comaneci were included in a news release announcing that David Frost's production company would make a movie about her.

"I hope that through the movie and public statements I can be of more help to my countrymen than by returning to live in Bucharest," she said.

"However, I hope to visit Romania as soon as the situation returns to normal."

Ms. Comaneci has been granted political asylum and plans to settle in California.

NEW YORK (AP) — Fashion designer Oscar de la Renta and sociologist Anne Reid, a couple about town for several years, have tied the knot.

They were married Tuesday at the Renta's home in the Romanina in the Dominican Republic, the couple's attorney confirmed Thursday.

It was the second marriage for each.

The bride, 50, is an active supporter of a number of cultural and philanthropic causes, particularly the New York Public Library. She is the daughter of Jane Englehard and the late Charles W. Englehard, the industrialist and race horse owner.

Mrs. de la Renta has two daughters and a son from her previous marriage, which ended in divorce.

De la Renta, 57, has a son he adopted after the death of his first wife in 1983.

Experience is important

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Brad Johnson, a former professional rodeo competitor, says "life experience" were more important than formal training in his acting career.

Johnson, featured in the Steven Spielberg movie "Always" with Holly Hunter and Richard Gere, said he had been in an acting class for about 90 minutes in Los Angeles one night.

"That was all I could take," said Johnson in an interview published in The Dallas Morning News on Thursday. "I think acting is just calling upon past life experiences. And, God, I've had a bunch of those in a full 90 years."

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Protect home from burglars

Heading to a warmer climate or about to embark on a vacation? Then consider this. Every 10 seconds a home in this country is burglarized. Chances are, if you are like most of us, your house is ripe for a burglary. Yet many burglaries can be prevented if homeowners take some time to think like a burglar and survey their homes for points of easy access.

Maybe there is a garage door which you rarely lock. Or an upstairs window that is usually left open. And how about those newspapers that accumulated on your doorstep while you were gone last weekend — they were a sure sign that you weren't home.

According to Jerry Alexander, an engineering consultant at Actna Life & Casualty, "the best way to prevent a burglary is to make it difficult for a burglar to get in."

"Most home burglars are interested in gaining quick access and making a quick getaway. So if it's difficult for them to get in or they only have a limited amount of time because your alarm system has notified the police, they'll go elsewhere," Alexander said.

Security precautions can range from simple and inexpensive measures such as putting bars across basement windows and stopping deliveries while you are traveling, to the more difficult and costly installation of security systems that alert police or a central office that a burglary has occurred.

And several burglar-prevention measures can even put money back in your pocket. Most insurance companies will give you a credit on your homeowners' policy if you have taken certain precautions. For example, deadbolts on all exterior doors are generally worth a 2 percent credit, smoke detectors are another 2 percent. Installing a burglar alarm that is hooked up to a central station or the police department can give you a 10 percent credit while having a combination central station burglar/fire alarm will give you the maximum of 20 percent credit.

Some key steps in your home security audit include:

- Make your home look lived in. Buy an automatic light timer. In winter have your lawn mowed and in summer have your grass mowed when you're away.
- Lock up. This means your garage as well as your house. A ladder and tools stored in the garage could be used by a burglar to gain access to your home.
- Don't forget the basement. Basement windows and doors also provide access. Put bars on the windows and a padlock on the hatch.
- Examine your window and door locks. A simple nail in a hole that connects the upper and lower sashes of a window works better than the thumb-nut locks that are often forced most with a screwdriver.
- Check into an alarm system. A properly designed and installed alarm system is an effective deterrent.
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It's about the legacy of death and repression by the late Soviet leader, and the Stalinists who seek to turn back the reforms and liberalization of the Gorbachev era.

It is possible the show's ratings won't be very high.

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CREAT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

The Year in Review

January

On Jan. 3, the town Board of Directors approved the concept of a historic agreement between the town and the Eighth Utilities District over fire protection and sewer service, an agreement some terms of which were to be implemented by the end of the year.

School Superintendent James P. Kennedy proposed a \$40 million school budget Jan. 9, but school board members said some cuts would be necessary.

The town Board of Directors on Jan. 10 approved a three-year contract between the Board of Education and the Manchester teachers, with Republican Directors Geoffrey Naab and Ronald Oella casting no votes in objection to the 7 percent yearly increases in the contract.

The town's director of engineering services said Jan. 11 that a study showed that the cost of repairing sidewalks in town would be \$10 million.

The Cheney Hall Foundation decided Jan. 11 to proceed with a plan to borrow up to \$1.2 million from local banks to finance interior renovations to historic Cheney Hall.

Developers of the mall in Buckland agreed in mid-Jan. to halt work on sewers at the mall site until sewers already installed without permits were tested and any needed corrections made.

In mid-January, an organization called Friends of Golf in Manchester formed to persuade the town to negotiate a long-term lease with the Manchester Country Club for the town-owned golf course, but the lease was still an issue in the November election and the issue had not been resolved by year's end.

Directors of the town and the Eighth Utilities District both voted Jan. 17 to adopt measures specifying what tests would be made on sewers at the mall in Buckland and ensuring that they would meet the standards set.

Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr. told opponents of the town's plan for reconstruction of downtown Main Street Jan. 27 that the town would proceed with the plan, including an access road east of Main Street.

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Grace Phillips and Birgit Sauer were named on April 13 as valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, at Manchester High School.

Richard Sartor, town manager of South Windsor, accepted the position of Manchester town manager April 17 at a salary with a maximum of \$81,900 for the first year.

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The Board of Directors on Feb. 7 approved a \$2.38 million appropriation as the town's share of the cost of reconstructing downtown Main Street, and opponents said they might sue to block the project.

The Board of Education on Feb. 9 approved a school budget of \$40.5 million, cutting \$130,575 from the amount requested by James Kennedy, superintendent of schools.

The Coventry Planning and Zoning Commission on Feb. 14 rejected a moratorium on construction requested by a citizens' group as a means of giving the town time to update its plan of development.

Negotiators for the town and the Manchester Country Club tentatively agreed Feb. 15 on a two-year lease agreement on the town-owned golf course with the understanding that if the town increased the course to 36 holes, it would negotiate a long-term lease with the club for 18 of the holes.

Kaiser Permanente, a health maintenance organization, announced on Feb. 22 that it had bought the former Multi-Circuits building at 130 Hartford Road. It opened the facility in November.

Town Manager Robert B. Weiss said Feb. 24 that town department heads had submitted budget requests totaling \$73.5 million, but that he would make cuts, particularly in the police budget request for a 17.5 percent increase.

Former state Sen. Carl Zisser, one of a number of local Republicans honored at the Lincoln Day dinner Feb. 25, told the participants the Republicans should "start hitting hard" on the failed town site revaluation and the town's wetlands violation in anticipation of the local election. Both were to become issues in the election.

On Feb. 27, the directors of the Eighth Utilities District voted to approve an agreement with the town over fire and sewer jurisdiction and set March 14 as the date for a vote on the issue by the district electorate.

March

Manchester Memorial Hospital officials said March 1 that they believed a statement by Dr. Ali Irman Hadimi, a staff physician, who said newspapers misquoted him in mid-February when they reported he had advocated the assassination of British novelist Salman Rushdie.

Only 10 residents of the Eighth Utilities District at-

tended a meeting March 7 to hear an explanation of a proposed agreement between the town and the district over fire protection and sewer service. District President Thomas E. Landers said the turnout was an indication of support for the accord.

Town Director Stephen J. Cassano unveiled a plan March 8 to locate a new firehouse on land in the Oak Grove Nature Center, but the idea drew immediate fire and was subsequently dropped.

Bolton education officials said in early March that they would ask Willington to reconsider its decision not to send freshmen to Bolton High School for the 1989-90 school year, but Willington stuck by its decision.

Voters of the Eighth Utilities District on March 14 voted overwhelmingly to approve a historic agreement between the town and the district designed to end disputes between the governments over fire protection and sewer jurisdiction.

And on March 16, the Board of Directors of the town voted 8 to 0 to approve the second with Republican Director Theunis Werkhoven absent. On the same day, a group of downtown businessmen filed a suit to stop the planning work for the reconstruction of downtown Main Street. Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr. said later the planning would go forward despite the suit.

Town Democratic leaders argued March 20 in favor of a state bill that would have permitted members of a political party to hold caucuses privately even when there was a question of public agency and other members of the same party present. The bill failed.

A budget of \$73 million, an increase of 15 percent over the previous budget, was proposed by Town Manager Robert B. Weiss March 22.

The owners of most of the Cheney Great Lawn filed an application with the Planning and Zoning Commission March 22 for a zoning amendment that would permit construction of multifamily housing and conversion of the Cheney family mansions on the lawn.

On March 28, a fire destroyed the log cabin at Wickham Park.

Two New York developers, John Fingera and Richard Ripps, announced Plans March 28 to buy the Main Street building that houses Arthur Drug Store and other businesses with the hope of refurbishing it and possibly adding to it.

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Gary L. Roberts, a Manchester man vacationing in Virginia Beach, Va., saved a 12-year-old boy from drowning Aug. 8, when the boy got caught in high waves.

Janice Obuchowski, a former Manchester woman, was sworn in on Aug. 14 as a presidential adviser on telecommunications, mass media, and information policy for the Bush administration.

Nearly double the average amount of rainfall for August fell on one mid-month weekend, leaving 1,000 without power in Manchester, Bolton, and Coventry.

The architectural firm studying town office space said Aug. 15 that the estimated cost for renovations and expansion would be \$16.5 million. The estimate was later reduced to \$13.9 million.

On Aug. 18, Wallace J. Irish, a Republican candidate for director, called for the resignation of Alfred W. Sieffert Sr. as chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Irish said there was an appearance of conflict of interest in Sieffert's vote on a matter involving a contractor who had done work on Sieffert's house. Sieffert later asked the Ethics Commission for a ruling, and the commission cleared him of any violation of Town Charter provisions on conflict of interest.

A state Freedom of Information Commission hearing officer issued a ruling holding that the Democratic majority on the town Board of Directors violated FOI law when they held private meetings with others present. The full commission later upheld the ruling and the issue of open government figured in the local election campaign.

John Giacomo, 27, of 166-0 Homestead St., was charged with murder Aug. 24 in the death of James Paul, 49, a stabbing victim whose body was found in a rooming house at 144 Center St.

September

Republican members of the Board of Directors complained Sept. 5 about a decision by Police Chief Robert Lannan against a stop sign at Greenwood Drive and Cliffside Drive, saying the suggestion was rejected because it came from Theunis Werkhoven, a director in the minority party.

On Sept. 6, the Board of Directors voted to include a \$13 million bond for voter approval on the Nov. 7 ballot.

Thousands flocked out on the weekend of Sept. 9 and 10 to enjoy the food at the annual Feast Fest of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce.

James Spafford, who had been principal of a high school in Schenectady, N.Y., was named principal of Manchester High School Sept. 11.

Voters of the Eighth Utilities District voted 27 to 18 at a special meeting Sept. 11 to appropriate \$245,000 to buy a mid-sized pumper truck for the district fire department. The vote was challenged on the ground that no voter checkoff list was used at the meeting, but attorney John D. LaBelle Jr., district legal counsel, said the vote was valid.

Moriarty Bros. Inc., a Manchester automobile dealership, announced Sept. 15 that the dealership would be sold to Morande Ford of Berlin at an undisclosed price.

The Planning and Zoning Commission on Sept. 18 passed amendments to the zoning regulations that would permit the construction of multi-family housing on the Cheney Great Lawn and conversion of former Cheney mansions there to multi-family units.

More than 80 Bolton residents, concerned about burglaries in their neighborhood, attended a meeting Sept. 26 to hear advice on setting up a crime watch and taking other crime prevention means.

Nancy Sterns, a special education teacher at Bowers Elementary School, was named Manchester Teacher of the Year Sept. 28.

October

The Board of Directors voted Oct. 3 to contribute \$2,500 to the Greater Hartford Transit District to help finance a study to determine whether railroad lines that run through Manchester and surrounding towns can be used for bus or trolley lines to Hartford.

The Economic Development Commission voted Oct. 5 to approve development of a town-owned parking lot at Main and Forest streets for retail and commercial uses under an agreement between the town and owners of an adjacent block of stores.

Manchester Memorial Hospital broke ground Oct. 5 for a 333-car parking garage.

Two masked gunmen robbed the Northeast School Employees Federal Credit Union on Main Street of about \$100,000 Oct. 11, and fled in a car stolen from Hartford.

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a former repair garage to headquarters for the Eighth Utilities District resigned Oct. 30 in protest against a decision by the state Freedom of Information Commission that another district study committee had violated FOI law by not keeping formal minutes of its meetings.

November

Two apartments and a sauna were damaged by fire Nov. 1 at the Clocktower Mill Apartments in the Cheney National Historic District and fire officials said arson might have been involved.

Charles Holland, chairman of the Neglected Taxpayers group in Bolton, said the group would recommend that Bolton close its high school and join a regional school plan or send its students to Manchester High School. He later said that was only one option.

Manchester voters held the polls Nov. 7, and for the first time in 18 years, elected a Republican majority to the Board of Directors. By a margin of 37 votes, voters also rejected a \$13 million bond issue for an addition to the Municipal Building. The vote followed a campaign during which the Republicans had stressed the theme, "It's time for a change," and had blamed the Democrats for a failed local tax revaluation and a town violation of federal wetlands regulations. The GOP had also accused the Democrats of conducting town business in secret.

The state Commission on Hospitals and Health Care in mid-November later denied a request by Manchester Memorial Hospital for a 13.3 percent rate increase, and approved a 12.25 percent hike, but the hospital has appealed the decision. Hospital officials said they felt there was some kind of clerical error involved in the computations that led to the commission decision.

A windswept rainstorm Nov. 16 caused minor damage to the Community Hall in Bolton, collapsed a barn at Pleasant Valley Road and Buckland Street in Manchester and interrupted power for about 2,000 customers in the Manchester area.

The directors of the Eighth Utilities District voted Nov. 20 to appeal a ruling by the state Freedom of Information Commission which found that a district committee which studied election procedures was a district agency required to keep minutes of its meetings and record its votes.

Town officials announced Nov. 21 that the Manchester Police Department had received national accreditation after a 2-1/2 year effort toward that goal. The department became one of the first in Connecticut and 134 in the nation to be accredited.

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R Gordon Lassow, a former president of the Eighth Utilities District, was elected Nov. 20 to an interim term as a district director, defeating Bernard Niedzielski by a vote of 136 to 72.

Seymour Kadlow, who had been critical of the town-owned golf course, filed a complaint with the town Ethics Commission Nov. 27 against Republican Town Director Wallace J. Irish. Kadlow claimed Irish, a member of the club, was in conflict of interest when he voted along with seven other directors in favor of extending the club's lease on the course from Purnell Place.

A Coventry couple, James A. Marshall, 38, died Nov. 28 when the single-engine plane he was piloting crashed in a Coventry cornfield.

The five Republican town directors voted Nov. 28 not to pay Lawrence Associates \$45,000 for construction of a new plan on the design of a proposed town firehouse without having a signed contract for the work.

Plans for the firehouse at Denning Street and Tollard Turnpike had been an issue in the election campaign, with Republicans saying a study of fire protection should be made before the town settling on a site.

Manchester police said Nov. 30 they were investigating a series of incidents in which someone drove by houses in Manchester and Bolton and fired bullets into the homes. The shootings had begun in August.

December

Town officials announced Dec. 1 that they had reached a compromise with critics of the town's plan for the reconstruction of downtown Main Street. The plan was modified to eliminate a permanent access road east of Main Street, which would have required the demolition of two buildings near Purnell Place.

A long-range planning committee of the Board of Education said Dec. 5 that it favors adding to Manchester High School and housing ninth-graders there as a means of resolving a projected space problem at the elementary schools. Under the proposal, sixth-graders would be moved from elementary schools to junior highs.

The Planning and Zoning Commission on Dec. 4 rejected an application by the Housing Authority of Manchester for congruence housing for the elderly at the authority's Washill Gardens site. The commission suggested the building be redesigned to have less impact on an adjacent residential area.

Alfred W. Sieffert Sr. resigned as chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission Dec. 4 and said he would fill out his term as a PZC member, which expires in 1993.

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HEIST VICTIM — An employee of the Northeast School Employees Federal Credit Union on Main Street closes up shop after two masked men stole about \$100,000 in a daring daylight heist on Oct. 11. The crime, which was similar to other robberies throughout the Hartford area, has yet to be solved.

The Board of Directors voted Dec. 12 to approve a compromise agreement over the reconstruction of downtown Main Street that will permit the work to start in the fall of 1990.

Robert Young, town water and sewer administrator, told the town directors Dec. 12 that a \$1.5 million increase in the cost of upgrading the town's sewage disposal plant will mean the planned replacement of sewer lines would have to be delayed.

Democratic members of the Board of Directors held a news conference Dec. 15 and criticized their Republican counterparts for having voted to delay a decision on spending \$23,000 for a study of Center Springs Park. When the vote was taken Dec. 12, the only Democrat present for the vote was Director Stephen T. Cassano.

In mid-December, Zoning Enforcement Officer Thomas O'Marra sent notices to building owners and operators of businesses in the Cheney Historic District that a number of signs they had posted violated sign regulations for the historic zone.

The town Zoning Commission on Dec. 20 approved a nine-month halt on residential building.

Manchester school officials said in a story Dec. 26 that the number of students kept back a grade had been reduced by about two thirds, largely due to the educational philosophy that keeps students back as damaging.

Christopher Chappell, private first class in the U.S. Army, talked Dec. 26 about his experiences during the invasion of Panama the week before. He broke his ankle in the attack. On Dec. 27, two former residents of Manchester, Sara and U.S. Army Sgt. Thomas Jones, now living on a base in Panama, described their experiences during the invasion, in which neither was hurt.

On Dec. 27, Steven G. Dec, an officer for two years on the Manchester police force, said he would appeal his termination a week earlier by the department in connection with his relationship with a 15-year-old girl.

This chronology of events was compiled by associate editor E.A. Girelli.

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ing on a revised plan and Republican Mayor Theunis "Terry" Werkhoven has promised the matter will be a top priority.

A group of disgruntled downtown merchants settled a long-standing dispute on Nov. 30 with the town over plans to construct an access road for the \$15 million Main Street project.

The compromise agreement, under which the access road would be made temporary rather than permanent, effectively paved the way for construction to begin on the long-delayed project next fall.

In a decision with statewide ramifications, the state Freedom of Information Commission in August found that the Democratic directors had violated FOI laws by causing in private with others present, including the town attorney and the Democratic town chairman.

The FOI made its ruling based on a complaint filed by Republican Director Ronald Oella, and the Republicans used the decision to their advantage in their successful campaign for the Nov. 7 election.

Police arrested Richard Lawtine July 5 and charged him with the murder and sexual assault of his wife's grandmother, 88-year-old Bernice Martin, more than two years earlier.

The charges came after one of

Sieffert was not the only public official facing conflict of interest allegations in 1989.

Irish himself is the target of a complaint and former Democratic Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr. also faced allegations of a conflict concerning his votes on the Main Street project because he owns a dry cleaning business on the street. DiRosa was found not to have a conflict and Irish's case, concerning his vote to approve a lease extension between the town and the Manchester Country Club, is scheduled to be heard by the Ethics Commission in February.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Aug. 4 denied a wetlands permit for the Route 6 expressway project, a major setback list the state Department of Transportation.

The DOT had planned to fill in 77 acres of wetlands for the 11.8 mile expressway project and has yet to come up with an alternate plan for the project.

The notorious "peanut butter bandit" Frederick Merrill, who once had been questioned in connection with the murder of Bernice Martin of Manchester, was captured in Toronto June 16 after he escaped from a Toronto jail on May 31. That was his fourth escape since 1967.

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of the old Communist guard. In Poland, Solidarity won an election and began to build economic ties with the West to try to pull the country out of poverty.

In the Soviet Union, Gorbachev had to slow the rate of change while he struggled to improve the economy with links to the West. But even there, ethnic republics pressed for more independence. East-West relations also underwent change, leaving even the most resistant American doubters wondering whatever had happened to "the evil empire."

2. Beijing was hosting the first Chinese-Soviet summit in 30 years, but the historic event was upstaged by the drama unfolding in Tiananmen Square.

For seven weeks, the hundreds-acre square had been occupied by thousands of students and workers, demanding greater democracy and humiliating the government. For seven weeks, the government had responded with tolerance and restraint.

Then, at 2 a.m. Sunday, June 4, barely two weeks after Gorbachev left Beijing, a convoy of trucks accompanied by 10,000 foot soldiers of the People's Liberation Army swept through the streets and opened fire on the crowds.

By 5 a.m. the square was empty, except for the charred hulks of vehicles and debris left by the protesters. Hundreds — perhaps thousands — were dead.

The United States condemned China's military crackdown on the pro-democracy demonstrators. At year's end, controversial fence-mending visits by National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft were followed by signs of a warming between the two countries.

3. Early on March 24, the tanker Exxon Valdez struck off course and struck a reef in Alaska, spilling 11 million gallons of crude oil into the pristine waters of Prince William Sound.

The spilled oil contaminated 1,000 miles of coastline and killed tens of thousands of shore birds, including 136 bald eagles.

Volunteers from the lower 48 states, responding to news photos of oil-soaked otters and crippled birds, joined Alaska fishermen to bring down beaches, rescue wildlife and wiping off rocks, one at a time. Ultimately, more than 2.6 million gallons of oil was recovered.

The worst oil disaster in U.S. history sullied Exxon's reputation as well as Alaska's coast. It also resulted in criminal charges against Exxon Valdez Capt. Joseph Hazelwood, 42, who was fired amid allegations he'd been drunk at the time of the accident. His trial is scheduled to begin Jan. 23.

4. As 58,000 fans packed San Francisco's Candlestick Park with 21 minutes to go before the start of the World Series' third game between the Oakland A's and the Giants, television screens across America suddenly went black.

The nation's next look at San Francisco was a city in darkness except for a fire fed by open gas lines in the Marina District and the headlights of thousands of vehicles jamming along in countless traffic jams.

The earthquake, centered 75 miles south of San Francisco, measured 7.1 on the Richter scale, the strongest to hit the United States since the Alaska quake of 1964. It lasted 15 seconds, killed 67 people and injured 3,000 others. Property damage was placed at \$7 billion.

A 30-foot section of the Bay Bridge collapsed, as did a few apartment buildings, and a 1.5-mile stretch of double-decker Interstate 880 toppled onto the lower roadway, crushing cars and trapping motorists.

Among the safest places during the quake: San Francisco's high rises, built to strict building codes adopted after the San Fernando quake of 1971.

5. When the Supreme Court opened the door for states to regulate the standards for abortions within their borders, limiting the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision, it also moved the battleground between pro-choice and anti-abortion advocates to state legislatures and state elections.

The anti-abortion side wanted to require teen-agers to seek permission from their parents for abortions, or married women to seek their husband's OK. Other questions focused on the use of federal funds for abortions.

Pennsylvania passed the most restrictive abortion statute in the nation. Illinois settled a suit that would have limited abortions in that state. Virginia and New Jersey elected governors who drew considerable support from pro-choice voters.

Pro-choice advocates in Congress were readying a federal statute to broaden abortion rights along the lines of Roe vs. Wade.

The issue was sure to affect state and congressional elections in 1990.

6. The Colombian government declared war on the druglords in August, in response to the assassination of a leading presidential candidate.

Within four months, 10 middle-level drug suspects had been extradited to the United States. Drug traffickers retaliated with a campaign of bombings and shootings that included a Dec. 8 car-bomb attack that killed 63 people. The government also blamed the druglords for the Nov. 27 bombing of an Avianca jetliner near Bogota, which killed 107.

The government claimed a major victory in December with the killing by security forces of Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, a billionaire leader of Colombia's biggest cocaine gang, the Medellin cartel, and the man accused of directing the campaign of terror. But the euphoria over Gacha's death was tempered by fears that his reputed partner, Pablo Escobar Gaviria, would seek retribution.

In the United States, a record 21.4 tons of cocaine was seized near Los Angeles and near-record amounts intercepted elsewhere. President Bush unveiled a \$7.9 billion drug control strategy, and planned to meet with South American leaders in Colombia in February 1990.

7. For a week in September, Hurricane Hugo cut a wide swath of destruction along a 2,300-mile path from the Caribbean to the Carolinas. The storm killed 56 people in the Caribbean and 40 more on the mainland, despite an exodus of residents along the Southeast coast.

In hard-hit St. Croix, 90 percent of the houses and buildings were destroyed by Hugo's 200-mph winds. Hundreds of looters plundered stores of everything from food and clothing to VCRs and jewelry in the aftermath of the storm, prompting President Bush to send Army troops, FBI agents and federal marshals to restore order in the U.S. territory. Officials say it could be spring before power is restored. Full recovery could take years.

In South Carolina, the storm did nearly \$6 billion in damage. Hugo demolished downtown Charleston, which had not been hit by a major hurricane in 30 years. It also left homeless an estimated 16,000 South Carolinians, many of them beach residents who moved to rebuild.

8. The scandals that rocked Congress, the Defense Department and the Department of Housing and Urban Development seemed endless. A congressman admitted to a brief sexual relationship with a man who claimed to run a male prostitution ring. The speaker of the House resigned after being cited for ethics violations. Five senators were to be investigated for intervening with federal regulators on behalf of a scandal-ridden savings and loan.

Pentagon procurement irregularities led to indictments, and HUD influence peddling became a running national story.

In three separate cases, congressmen were convicted of money-laundering, perjury and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Finally Congress passed the Ethics Reform Act of 1989 that would bar congressmen, but not senators, from accepting fees for speeches, starting in 1991. In return, congressmen, but not senators, would receive a \$24,000-plus pay raise. The act also provided substantial raises for other top executive and judicial branch officials.

9. The so-called thrift institutions — the nation's savings and loans — turned out not to be thrifty at all. When the failures piled up, Congress passed a \$159 billion bailout bill in August and established the Resolution Trust Corp. to oversee the rescue of the pillaged S&Ls, which had grown to 280 by the end of the year. In December the RTC was pressing the S&Ls under its control to begin selling more than \$300 billion in assets.

The RTC had disposed of 33 of the ailing thrifts and had its eye on 220 more.

10. Hampered by the non-availability of secret documents, the Iran-Contra investigation ground on, trying to unravel the scheme by which the United States sold arms to Iran and used the proceeds to finance pro-American guerrillas in Nicaragua.

Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North, the former National Security Council aide who won national prominence in dramatic congressional hearings probing the arms deals, was convicted of three of 12 felony counts, including destroying or falsifying government documents and receipt of an illegal gratuity. Punishment totaled over \$500,000 in fines and more than five years in prison.

At year's end there were still cases pending in the Iran-Contra investigation.

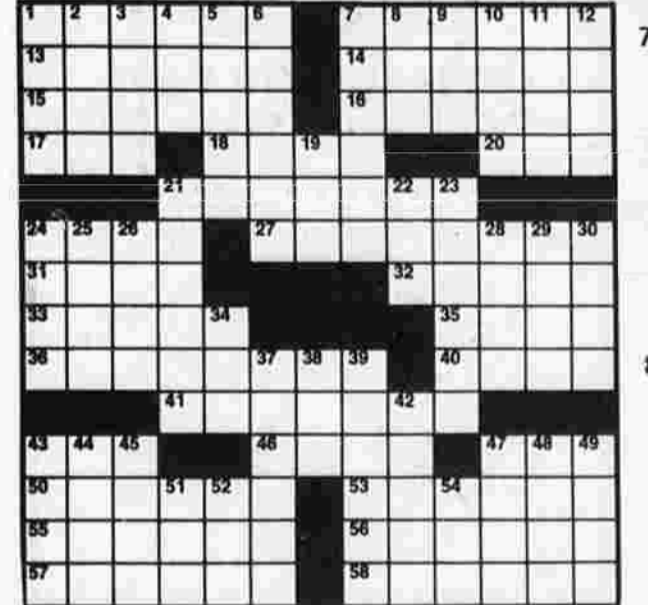


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Bridge

NORTH 12-28-89
Q 4 4
K 10
J 10 4 2
A 7 6 3

EAST
K 10 3 2
W 10 7 6 4
A 10 5
Q 10 8

SOUTH
A 8 5
Q 10 3
K 5 3
W 10 4 2

WEST
K 10 3 2
W 10 7 6 4
A 10 5
Q 10 8

Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: South
South NT West NT East NT
1 NT 3 NT 5 NT
Opening lead: ♠ 8

Successful scenario

By James Jacoby

Is there a way for West to determine the best lead? Not really. But there is one clue—North did not try to find a major-suit fit, so he probably does not hold a four-card major. That increases the chance that East will hold length in one or both of the majors. If West can guess the suit in which East has length and strength, the defenders may do well. That is just a coin toss, but today's West was on target when he led the heart eight (a top-of-nothing lead to warn East that West held high cards in other suits).

On this deal, finding the right lead is only part of a successful defense. When declarer plays the heart jack from dummy, East must be on his

Astrograph

Your Birthday
Dec. 30, 1989

There are strong indications that show you may profit rather well in the year ahead from projects or ventures you personally create. Don't be afraid to gamble on your talents.

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