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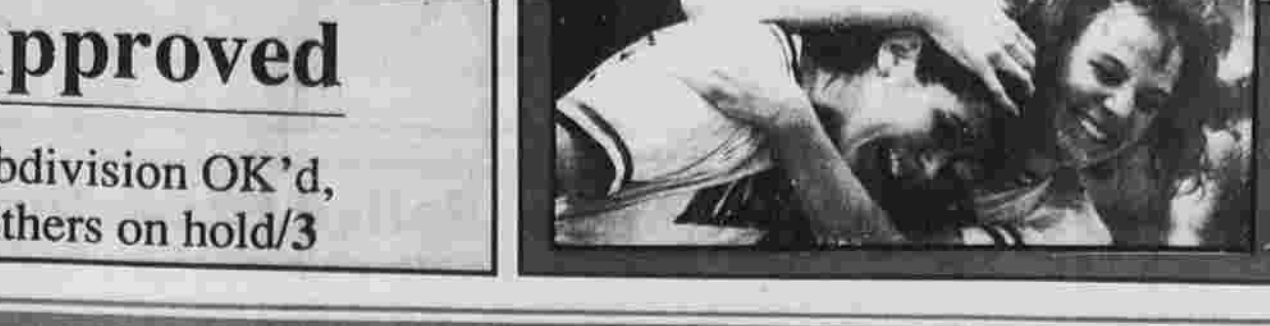
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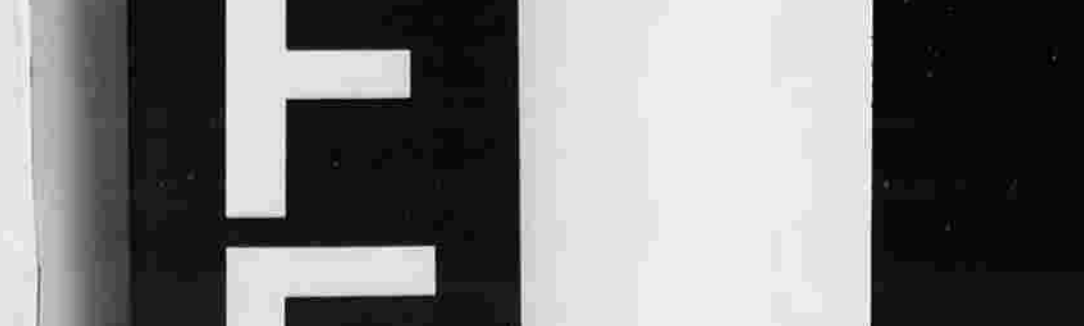
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Mugging suspects get break

State grants request for special status

By Dianna M. Talbot
Manchester Herald

Two Manchester teen-agers, one of whom was shot in the leg after having allegedly tried to rob an elderly woman of her pocketbook last year, have been granted their request for closed-door proceedings under the Youthful Offenders Act, a Hartford Superior Court clerk said.

Christopher Lacy, 17, of 622 E. Middle Turnpike, and Michael Bourquin, 17, of East Hartford, had applied for reduced penalties and closed hearings under the act, the clerk said. Their cases, stemming from what police said was an attempted mugging in the Amazing Store parking lot last December, were sealed as of Feb. 16.

Under the 1971 act, the youths, who were charged with robbery, larceny and assault on a person over age 60, instead will answer to charges of being youthful offenders, according to John Malone, senior assistant state attorney in Hartford, who is not involved in the case but offered information on the act.

"The act allows someone the opportunity of not being saddled with a criminal record for something he did as an adolescent," Malone said. "It only can be used once by adolescents between the ages of 16 and 18 who are charged with certain

Reagan had 'no inkling' of secret aid

By John Rowley
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former President Reagan testified in a videotaped deposition released today that he "never... had any inkling" that White House aides were secretly helping arm and advise the Nicaraguan Contras at a time when Congress had banned such aid.

And he said, "No one has proven to me" that profits from secret arms sales to Iran were diverted to the rebels fighting the leftist Sandinista government in Nicaragua.

Reagan testified as a defense witness in the forthcoming Iran-Contra trial of former national security adviser John M. Poindexter, U.S. District Judge Harold Greene allowed the former president to give a videotaped deposition in Los Angeles last Friday and Saturday but barred reporters from attending.

"I guess that I had never... had any inkling that we were guiding their strategy in any way..."

This statement came under cross-examination by Iran-Contra prosecutor Dan Webb.

Poindexter is scheduled to go to trial March 5 on charges of obstructing congressional inquiries into the sale of U.S. arms to Iran and covert administration support for the Nicaraguan rebels.

Reagan also testified under oath that he never authorized Poindexter to obstruct congressional inquiries into the Iran-Contra affair or to destroy documents.

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U.S. court overturns flag law

By John Rowley
The Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — A federal judge declared unconstitutional a law passed by Congress to prohibit flag desecration, ruling that Americans' right to burn their flag must be protected as energetically as their right to wave it.

Prosecutors said the challenge to the Flag Protection Act of 1989 may be appealed directly to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In dismissing flag burning charges against four people, U.S. District Judge Barbara Robinson on Wednesday ruled that the new federal law is unconstitutional.

"In order for the flag to endure as a symbol of freedom in this nation, we must protect with equal vigor the right to destroy it and the right to wave it," she said.

Mark Haggerty, Jennifer Campbell, Darius Strong and Carlos Garza were charged with burning a U.S. flag outside a Seattle post office.

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Cadets' training simulates real life and death situations

By Dianna M. Talbot
Manchester Herald

Other students of the Arnold Markle Police Academy, where state and municipal police officers train for 15 weeks before going to work for a police department.

All would try to blow five bullet holes through their own sumo wrestler, which were actually paper outlines of a mock criminal staged to erect cardboard backings.

Melendez, a 24-year-old recruit of the Manchester Police Department, was excited and nervous. Although he had worked for the Manchester police for several years in various capacities, including maintenance and dispatch, he was trying to become a full-fledged police officer.

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That space problem still exists today. It is one of the reasons that proponents of the renovation and expansion project have been recommending the plan even though it includes tearing down the Lincoln Center. The building, which was converted from a school to town offices in 1974, has little value in and of itself, they say.

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History hides inside building, but few sentimental about fate

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

The Lincoln Center, a building that may be torn down to provide parking for a renovated town hall building, he said, is a treasure.

"It would cost a lot of money to renovate the building," he said.

About \$1.5 million would be needed to bring the building to modern standards, according to architect Ruth Snow Crampton, maintained the building and the town considered buying for parking, was priced at about \$642,000 by its owner Wesley Gryn.

"The Lincoln Center is a sturdy structure, and it's certainly been worth the money to keep it running over by fire engines from the nearby station on Center Street."

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About Town

Bridge results announced

The Manchester A.M. Bridge Club played on Feb. 12 and Thursday. First-day winners were: North/South, Dale Harried and Clayton Parker, first; Jim Baker and Pat Frestrom, second; and Ann DeMarlin and Suzanne Shors, third; East/West, Virginia Petersen and Frank Bloomer, Mollie Timreck and Fay Lawrence, and Terry Daigle and Irv Carlson. Second day winners were: North/South, Deane McCarthy and Peter Griffiths, Ann DeMarlin and Fay Lawrence, and Hal Luca and Jim Baker; East/West, Terry Daigle and Marge Warner, Frankie Brown and Peg Dunfield, and Val Sady and Bev Taylor.

Recycling to be discussed

Helen Kemp, executive assistant to the Board of Selectmen, will speak about new town recycling and trash pick-up regulations Wednesday during a meeting of the Bolton Senior Citizens to be held at 1 p.m. at Bolton Center Community Hall, 222 Bolton Center Road. Blood pressure checks will be available, and entertainment will be provided by comedian Paul Entress. Call 649-7298 or 649-9527 for more information.

Slide show on Greece

Travel agent Carol Perou will show slides of Greece and the Greek islands Friday at 8 p.m. at Community Baptist Church, 585 E. Center St. The public is invited.

Depression Anonymous to meet

Depression Anonymous meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Manchester Community College in the Low Building, Room 205-H. The group follows the 12-step program modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous. No dues or fees are required. For more information, call Sherry at 645-1856.

Party to benefit project

A supperware party will be held Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. in Rooms 37 and 38 at Bolton High School to benefit Project Playhouse, a local effort to raise funds to buy new play equipment in Herrick Memorial Park. Catalogs and order forms are available by contacting Gordon Carpenter at 646-7788 or Mary-Jo Simmons at 649-5153.

Jaycees hold honorary dinner

Michael B. Lynch will be awarded the Citizen's Recognition Award during a dinner of the Manchester Jaycees to be held March 9, at 6 p.m. at Vito's Birch Mountain Inn, 60 Vito's Birch Mountain, Bolton. Tickets are available by calling Leo Diana at 643-2181.

Fishing education scheduled

"Fishing in Nova Scotia," is the topic of a presentation to be given by Joe Garman on Tuesday at 10 a.m. during a meeting of The Old Guard at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 40 Church St. All senior citizens are invited.

Book to be discussed

Santayana's "The Sense of Beauty" will be discussed during a meeting of the Great Books Group to be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the home of Pat Dooley, 40 Watrous Road, Bolton. For more information, call 649-3096. New members are welcome.

Family programs to be offered

"Resources in Step-families" and "Serenity for Copendents" are the topics of programs to be offered in March by Connections: A Center for Learning, 397 N. Main St. Registration deadline is Tuesday for "Resources" and March 1 for "Serenity." Call 646-5161 for more information.

Retired state employees meet

Chapter 418 of the Connecticut State Employees Association will meet Monday at 1:15 p.m. at Whitson Memorial Library Auditorium, 100 N. Main Street. The chapter covers the towns of East Hartford, Manchester, Glastonbury and Vernon. All retired state employees are welcome.

Thoughts

Sometimes it is said that doing civic service God has to count it as worthy of His respect and reward. Now there is no dispute that civic service and citizen aiding citizen is not good. Where would we be without it? Essentially it is the administration of the law of loving one neighbor. But the question is, does God have to count it as something which rights a person with Himself? What are the facts?

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery." Exodus 20:2. "For not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine," Isaiah 43:1.

It seems to me there are two motives that occur here: one says, look at me and what I do. The other says, look at what God does with me and with you. The latter gives God the honor and the glory without demanding a thing.

Rev. C. W. Kuhl
Zion Lutheran Church

Weather

REGIONAL Weather

Friday, Feb. 23



Tonight, rainy and windy. Low 45 to 50. Southwest wind 13 to 25 mph. Chance of rain near 100 percent. Friday, periods of rain likely but turning cooler during the afternoon. High around 50. Chance of rain 70 percent. Outlook for Saturday, a chance of snow. High in the 30s. High pressure off the coast is moving away.

Weather summary for Wednesday:
Temperature: high of 49, low of 14, mean of 32.
Precipitation: 0.00 inches for the day, 1.88 inches for the month, 5.91 inches for the year.
Temperature extremes for today: Highest on record 61, set in 1925. Lowest on record, minus 2, set in 1916.

Adopt a pet: Rusty's ready

By Barbara Richmond
Manchester Herald

A male cocker spaniel named Rusty is this week's featured pet at the Manchester dog pound.

Rusty is about 3 years old and is beautifully groomed. He was found roaming on Stuart Street on Monday and is reddish-brown in color.

The only other dog at the dog pound, as of Tuesday, was Ebony who is still waiting for someone to adopt him.

He's a cute and friendly little dog and is about 1 year old. He's a small mixed breed and won't grow any larger. He will have to be euthanized if not adopted very soon.

The dog pound is located on town property off Ocoat Street near the landfill area. Dog Warden Thomas Pasanelli is at the pound weekdays from noon to 1 p.m. There is also someone at the pound from 6 to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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



Rusty



Jody

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.

Jody, a very friendly female cat is this week's featured pet of Aid to Helpless Animals Inc., a volunteer organization.

Jody has a white nose, paws, chin and stomach. She's about 1 year old and has been spayed.

She's also had her distemper and rabies shots and is leukemia-tested negative.

The organization has many cats and kittens in need of good homes. All of the cats are spayed or neutered, leukemia tested and given their shots before being put up for adoption.

To adopt a pet, or for more information, call 232-8317 or 242-2156.

Obituaries

Maria DiCioccio

Maria (DiConza) DiCioccio, 90, of Westfield, widow of John DiCioccio, died Tuesday (Feb. 20, 1990) at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford. She is survived by a son, John DiCioccio of Manchester.

She is also survived by six daughters, Ann Marie of Westfield, Helen Maurina of Westfield, Yolanda DiCioccio of Westfield, Rose Brown of East Hartford, Theresa Sargeant of Westfield, and Florence Radigan of West Hartford; five other sons, Silvio DiCioccio of Meriden, David DiCioccio of Windsor Locks, William DiCioccio and Daniel DiCioccio, both of Westfield, and Robert DiCioccio of South Windsor; 28 grandchildren; and a great-grandson. She was predeceased by a daughter, Rita DiCioccio.

The funeral will be Friday at 9 a.m. at the O'Esopo Westfield Chapel, 177 Folly Brook Blvd., Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donors choice.



Patrick Flynn/Manchester Herald

Wethersfield, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, Hartford. Burial will be in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Calling hours are Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Maria (DiConza) DiCioccio Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 14172, Hartford 06114.

Mary R. Nemeth

Mary R. (Phili) Nemeth, 90, of Hartford, widow of John S. Nemeth, died Wednesday (Feb. 21, 1990) at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford. She is survived by her son, John E. Nemeth of Manchester.

She is also survived by two other sons, Frank R. C. Nemeth of West Hartford, and Stephen A. Nemeth of Hartford; eight grandchildren. The funeral will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Watkins Funeral Home, 142 E. Center St. Burial will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Calling hours are Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

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DRAWING - Doug Murphy, advertising director for the Herald, and Pam Colon, manager of the Manchester office of USTS Connecticut Travel Service, draw a winner Thursday from the entries to the Herald's contest offering a free trip to Hawaii. Ken Leslie, 34 Bates Road, and Tec Tron Hobbies, 423 Main St., where he deposited the winning entry, will receive two tickets each to Hawaii.

Police Roundup

Cops charge man in threats

A Manchester man was arrested Tuesday on several charges after he threatened to kill the arresting police officer, police said.

Jeffrey M. Long, 26, of 26 Benton St., was charged with threatening, interfering with a police officer, driving while intoxicated, driving without a license and possession of a weapon in a motor vehicle, police said.

According to police, Long was observed driving erratically on Spruce Street at 12:48 a.m. After he was arrested for drunken driving, a search of the vehicle revealed ammunition and an eight-inch knife, police said.

While the officer searched, police said Long repeated the following threats: "I'll put a bullet through your head for this I'm going to kill you!" These shouts were recorded over the police department's radio-intercom system, according to police.

Long was held on \$5,000 bond and scheduled to appear in Manchester Superior Court, police said.

Arrest leads to struggle

A 22-year-old local man broke a police officer's eyeglasses early Monday morning as he struggled to resist his arrest for drunken driving, police said.

Robert L. Vaughan Jr., of 30 Debbie Drive, was charged with driving while intoxicated and interfering with a police officer at 1 a.m., police said. He was released on a \$100 bond and scheduled to appear Monday in Manchester Superior Court, police said.

A police officer pulled Vaughan over while driving on Elro Street, police said. A struggle ensued during which the police officer's eyeglasses were broken, police said.

Democrat backs plan for school

By Nancy Foley
Manchester Herald

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Public Meetings

Public meetings scheduled for tonight:
Manchester
Ethics Commission, Lincoln Center gold room, 7:30 p.m.
Coventry
Board of Education, Coventry High School, 7:30 p.m.

Lottery

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

CONNECTICUT
Daily: 4-1-3. Play Four: 8-1-5-9.

MASSACHUSETTS
Daily: 2-8-5-0. Megabucks: 2-7-12-23-30-31.

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine daily: 8-0-0 and 2-5-7.

RHODE ISLAND
Daily: 9-8-8-4. Grandlot: 8-0-6. 6-2-8-7. 8-6-3-0. 3-8-2-5.

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Industrial park is among plans

Nathan Agostinelli, president of Manchester State Bank, will be master of ceremonies Sunday when the ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house at his new headquarters, 171 Cornwall Drive, Coventry, for a zone change on Burnham Street from rural residence to industrial.

The ribbon cutting will take place at 1 p.m. and will be followed by a speaking program and public tours of the building, which includes district offices and a meeting room named Donald Willis Hall.

Donald Willis will be among the speakers. Others are state Rep. James R. McCavanaugh, Mayor Thomas McWhorter, District President Thomas E. Landers, Town Manager Richard Sartor, District Fire Chief John Mace, and District Fire Marshal Granville Lingard.

Offices in the building are already in use and the hall has been used for several meetings of the directors and others, but some of the furniture for the building will not arrive until after the open house.

Chairs have been delivered and temporary tables are available for use in the meeting hall. A crew of volunteers is expected to do some "house cleaning," chores Saturday in preparation for the open house.

A plaque has been mounted near the main entrance, a gift of DmC Construction Co. which did the renovation work, and Frazier Larson Building Architects and Planners, the architectural firm that planned the renovations.

Power surge costly in 8th

Officials of the Eighth Utilities District Fire Department are assessing damage done to electronic equipment at the district firehouse. The damage was a result of a pair of power surges Feb. 15.

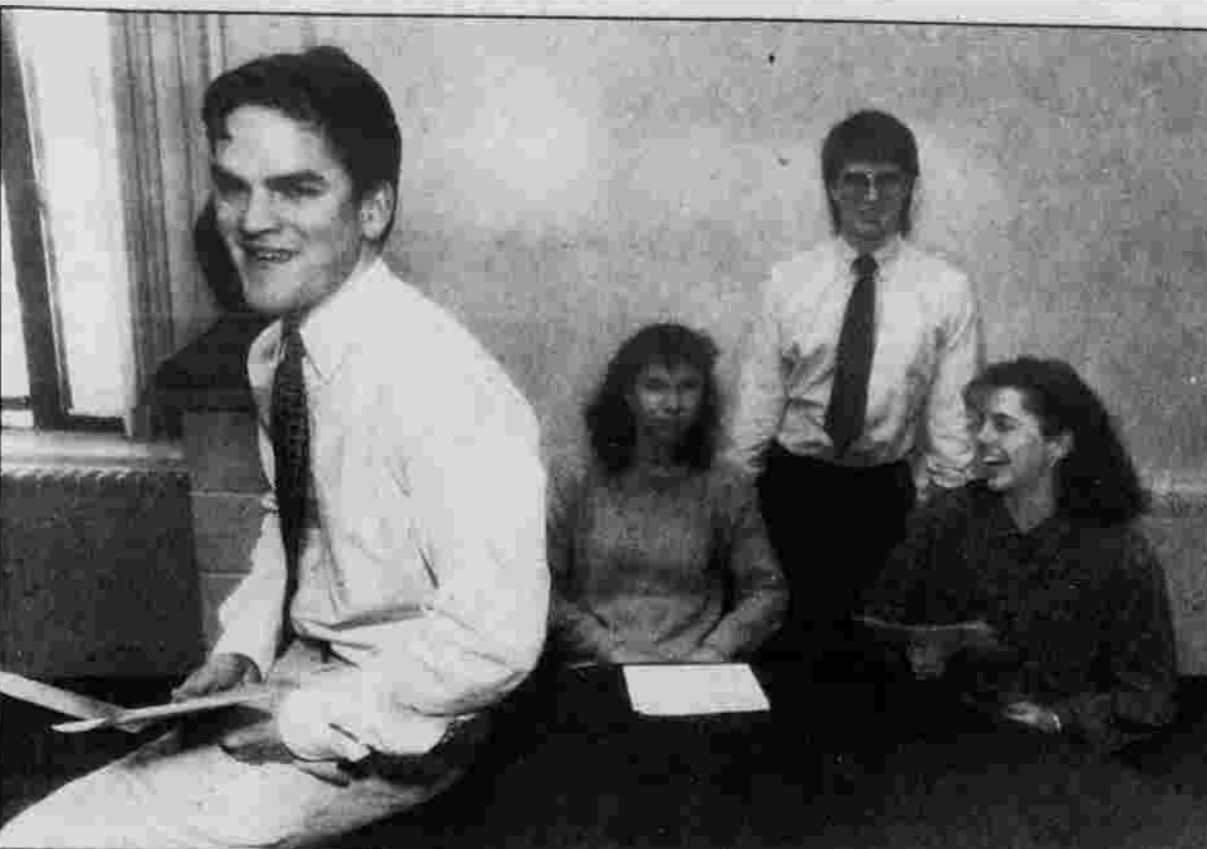
Fire Chief John Mace said Wednesday that so far the estimated cost of the damage to communications equipment, a generator, air compressor, and the microwave oven in the firehouse, appears to be about \$5,000 "and climbing" as the equipment is studied.

All of the emergency equipment has been put back into service, but the microwave oven is not operating.

Mace said it appears that there were two power surges in succession about 7:20 p.m. during a storm that damaged the equipment. The damage occurred despite the fact that the system includes power suppressors.

The same storm also closed Bradley International Airport for several hours and knocked out power to thousands of homes across the state.

The damage was discussed briefly by the district directors at a meeting Tuesday.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS - David Campbell, forefront, Laura Sines, Mark Benford and Meg Berle smile after learning they are National Merit Scholarship finalists at Manchester High School. Christopher Davey, who is now attending Marlborough College in Vermont, is also a winner.

Antitrust suit won't affect town limousine firm owners

By Dianna M. Talbot
Manchester Herald

A local limousine firm charged with unreasonable restraint of trade probably will not be affected by a state antitrust lawsuit because it is under new ownership, a lawyer for the company said today.

Roger Talbot, former owner of A & A Livery Service, 311 Main St., which last year changed its name to A & A Livery Services, agreed when he sold the company in January 1989 to take responsibility for any obligation resulting from incidents involving the company under his ownership, according to local attorney Josiah J. Lester.

The firm's new owners, including Collins Johnson, a principal owner, are not named in the lawsuit, which was filed by the state attorney general's office in Hartford Superior Court, Lester said.

A & A is charged with conspiring to limit the size of its advertising in the Yellow Pages from 1986 to 1987, according to Assistant Attorney General Steven M. Ruestein.

Although A & A did not change the size of its Yellow Page advertisements during this time, it broke state antitrust laws when it allegedly agreed to limit ad sizes with the other limousine companies, he said.

Other companies facing similar charges are: Buckley Limousine Service Inc., Hartford; Console's Travel-Rite Limousine Service Inc., of Westfield; Peter F. Dolin Limousine Service, of Westfield; Cotter Limousine of Bloomfield; and Professional Limousine Service Inc. of New Britain.

Ruestein said the attorney general's office is seeking a permanent injunction prohibiting the companies from making such agreements in addition to civil penalties, which under state law could amount to a maximum fine of \$250,000 for each company, Ruestein said.

"It certainly is wise for members of a particular profession to join and unite in common endeavors," Ruestein said. "However, agreeing on limiting their ad sizes hurt consumers."

Sources of consumer information were eliminated, he said. "This increased consumers' search costs."

A comparison of limousine company ads in the 1986-87 and 1987-88 Yellow Pages shows that some changes in ad sizes occurred, but A & A did not change its ad sizes, Ruestein said.

A & A Livery Service ran half-page ads in both Yellow Pages issues, and Console's and Dolin's one-column ads also were the same both years, he said.

However, an ad for Professional Limousine Service went from about one-third of a page to one-eighth of a page; and a half-page ad for Cotter Limousine was reduced to one-eighth of a page, Ruestein said.

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Subdivision OK'd; opposition halts action on another

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

Acting on the recommendation of the town planning staff, the Planning and Zoning Commission decided Wednesday night to delay acting on two subdivision proposals — one of which neighbors have opposed by petition and during Wednesday's public hearing.

Also, the commission, hearing no opposition, voted unanimously to approve an 88-lot subdivision off Dale Road near the Shady Glen restaurant on West Middle Turnpike.

Regarding the two plans on which the commission delayed action, the hearing staff recommended any approval be delayed because revised plans submitted by developers are being reviewed, said Stuart Popper, the town's senior planner.

One of the proposals planned a 23-lot subdivision off Dale Road, near the Shady Glen restaurant on West Middle Turnpike. The plans had been rejected at last year's public hearing.

Toller, who has three children, said kids do not always stay out of the street while playing. He asked that the subdivision be approved with the condition that the building sites are accessed from Meadowbrook Fields, which is presently under construction.

The commission also delayed action on a proposed condominium project off Adams Street near New State Road. The plans call for 69 multi-family units in nine buildings on 12.28 acres.

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STATE

Sikorsky layoffs seen as omen

STRAFORD (AP) — A relatively small layoff of Sikorsky Aircraft workers set to take place Friday was interpreted by Connecticut officials as another ominous sign that the state's defense industry faces lean years ahead.

The layoff announced Wednesday by Sikorsky would cut 300 white-collar workers, a small percentage of the total work force of 12,000. But Connecticut lawmakers said such moves should be taken as an early warning.

"This is not by any means in numbers the big shoe dropping. This is a hint of things to come," said U.S. Rep. Bruce Morrison, D-Conn., whose district includes Stratford.

Supervisors for Sikorsky sat down in one-on-one meetings with individuals facing layoff, according to company spokesman Marty Moore. Friday will be the last day of work for the laid off employees.

The announced layoffs came a day after the U.S. Marine Commandant Alfred M. Gray told a congressional panel that the corps plans to buy fewer Sikorsky Super Stallions than earlier planned.

"In the face of cutbacks in defense spending in the United States and a delayed international market, we must size the company to become leaner, more responsive and competitive," the company said.

State charges Lomax in assault on jail guard

HARTFORD (AP) — The Hartford man who has been jailed for more than two years on charges of murder in the death of a newspaper reporter has pleaded innocent to charges that he assaulted a jail guard last November.

Joseph Lomax, 24, was arrested at the Hartford Correction Center Wednesday and charged with second-degree assault in the Nov. 3 beating of Richard Reyes, state police said.

Lomax said in the motion filed Tuesday that the \$200,000 he would have to pay to be released on the murder charge is too much, contradicting that two previous murder charges have ended with hung juries.

Lomax was arrested Dec. 24, 1987, and charged in the October 1987 slaying of Kara Laczynski, a 24-year-old reporter for the Journal Inquirer newspaper of Manchester.

"While the charges against Mr. Lomax are quite serious, the weight of the evidence does not support the continued high bail," defense attorney Joseph A. Montz and Eileen McGinn said.

The Hartford Courant reported today that the treasury employee is expected to be arrested soon and charged with more than one crime.

Hartford State's Attorney John M. Bailey would not identify the employee, but confirmed that his office is conducting an investigation in conjunction with the state police.

"I cannot comment except to say this office is involved in an ongoing criminal investigation with the assistance of the Connecticut State Police," said Bailey.

State Treasurer Francisco L. Borges refused comment on the investigation.

The Courant reported that several sources who insisted on anonymity



GIRL SCOUTS HONORED — Girl Scouts from the Connecticut Valley Girl Scouts Council are honored by the council with a pizza party at Papa Gino's in the Parkade for their service to the community. From left to right, the girls are Nicole Daigle, Tanya Simos, Kyla McSweeney, Heather Moore. They are served by Norma Ruth, restaurant general manager.

Rowland ecology proposal brings immediate derision

By Judd Everhart
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — State Democratic Chairman John F. Dromey Jr. says it's funny to hear Republican gubernatorial candidate John G. Rowland talk about protecting the environment when the League of Conservation Voters has given Rowland the lowest rating of any Connecticut congressman.

On Wednesday, Rowland, a three-term 5th District congressman, had pledged that, if elected, he would set aside at least 1 percent of the state budget for environmental programs each year.

"One percent is the minimum we should be spending, in my opinion," said Rowland, of Waterbury. "There have been dramatic reductions. We're going the other way, despite what the commercials may say."

He said that Connecticut, one of the wealthiest states in the nation, ranks 47th in the country in per capita spending on the environment.

Dromey scoffed at Rowland's comments and criticism of O'Neill because Rowland has "the worst environmental record of any member of Connecticut's congressional delegation," according to the League of Conservation Voters.

Rowland proposed that businesses seeking permits for construction or alterations that would affect the environment should have to pay for a permit, for which there is now no charge.

Rowland said, however, that there should also be an incentive for the state to promptly process the permit application, which he said can now take anywhere from six months to two years. To provide that incentive,

Rowland said, the permit should be free if it's not processed within a specified period.

He said that business leaders he's talked to have indicated a willingness to accept such an arrangement.

He estimated the fees could generate \$15 million to \$20 million a year, all of which should be channeled into the DEP.

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Newspapers fight change in FOI law

HARTFORD (AP) — A bill that would legalize the widespread practice of local "meetings within meetings" — when members of one local board show up at meetings of another board — is drawing vastly different reviews from local officials from Easton and a lobbyist for the state's newspapers.

Charles Mokriaki, a lobbyist for the Connecticut Daily Newspapers Association, on Wednesday called the proposed change "an insidious bill and really very dangerous."

Easton officials are pushing the bill in response to an August 1989 opinion from the state Freedom of Information Commission that three Easton selectmen held an improper meeting by attending a local finance meeting together.

The commission concluded that the selectmen should have given prior notice of their attendance together at the finance meeting and should have recorded their meeting.

Former Easton First Selectman Theodore H. Meyer and town attorney Michael P.A. Williams told the Freedom of Information Act should be amended to allow "attendance and chance meetings" by members of one government board at another panel's meeting.

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NATION & WORLD



LOOKING BACK — Christa McAuliffe, a New Hampshire teacher chosen to fly into space aboard the shuttle is shown in this 1985 file photo after her selection by NASA. A made for TV movie about the ill-fated Challenger has people in McAuliffe's hometown upset.

'Challenger' movie gets panned by school teacher's neighbors

By Frank Baker
The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — Four years after the space shuttle Challenger blasted off on its ill-fated journey, a movie on the shuttle has touched raw nerves of those close to Christa McAuliffe, who was killed in the tragedy.

"The whole thing was very emotional to me," Concord Mayor James MacKay said after a screening of the movie "Challenger," scheduled to air Sunday on ABC-TV. "I started to cry at several points. ... Even though it's four years later, I think that people in Concord would not want to see this."

McAuliffe, a Concord High School social studies teacher who was the first private citizen chosen to fly in space, died along with six other crew members — Francis Scobee, Michael Smith, Gregory Jarvis, Ronald McNair, Ellison Sizoo and Judith A. Resnik.

MacKay said he believed the movie was an invasion of the McAuliffe family's privacy and that the portrayal of the former teacher by actress Karen Allen "in no way caught the depth" of McAuliffe's personality.

McAuliffe's mother, Grace Corrigan of Framingham, Mass., agreed. "I didn't feel it was Christa, but I didn't think it would be," she said.

Corrigan did not like the movie, but she was not upset that it was made. She and others said they want people to understand the movie is an adaptation of events, not a documentary.

"I think it was a good video," Mrs. Corrigan said, but added, "It didn't have any substance."

Bob Hobler, a reporter for The Boston Globe and author of "I Touch the Future: The Story of Christa McAuliffe," said the movie was "pretty bad."

"It just was a pretty powerful moment in history reduced to a dull docu-drama. It's real superficial," Hobler said. "It cheapens history when it becomes so superficial."

Writer-producer George England said he knew there would be mixed reactions to the film, but he believes the movie "is sensitive in almost every aspect."

"Challenger" is a two-hour, made-for-television movie, traces the six months leading up to the Jan. 28, 1986 launch. It ends with the blast-off, but does not show the explosion that was replayed countless times on news programs around the world.

"I was horrified they would play the explosion again," MacKay said. "I'm glad they didn't."

Mark Beauvais, Concord's superintendent of schools, said the movie will have a big impact on students and teachers at Concord High School. But because students will be on vacation next week there are no plans to discuss the program in class.

"Many of us are still very sensitive about discussing or stirring up memories that have been painful," MacKay said.

NASA officials said the agency has taken no formal position on the movie, but two spokesmen said they believe sentiment at NASA runs against the film.

Congress told to go easy on bank insurance changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attempts to reform deposit insurance could do more harm than good to the nation's financial system, says a top regulator who warns that many proposals circulating would cause negative side effects.

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OPINION

Compromise reasonable on cable TV

The decision of the state Department of Public Utility Control in the dispute over the franchise renewal between Cox Cable and some of its subscribers appears to be a reasonable compromise.

If the terms of the decision are carried out, the television cable company that serves Manchester and nearby towns will have its franchise renewed for 10 years instead of the 15 years it sought.

But the cable company will have to make concessions to its critics in several key areas. It will have to add more channels sooner than it had planned to, increase its effort in public access programming, and pay more attention, when it selects channels, to the desires of the local subscribers.

The decision is not likely to please all of those who challenged the Cox offerings at a public hearing last October, but it does respond to most of the concerns expressed.

A television cable company is obligated to provide programming that satisfies a number of minority interests. Different people buy the cable service for different reasons. If those minority interests did not exist, neither would cable TV.

In order to satisfy as many of those interests as possible, cable TV has to have as many channels as it can afford to provide within technical and financial limitations. And the cable company has to base its programming selection on local preferences insofar as they can be determined.

Cox officials have said their decisions on which networks to carry are determined by surveys that show which networks are popular.

They apparently failed to convince the DPUC. In its draft decision, the regulatory body cites the charge by the state's Office of Consumer Council that some programming decisions are made in a "seemingly capricious manner." And the DPUC is properly concerned about network selection decisions made by the parent company of the local cable system.

Nothing developed at the public hearing on the Cox application for renewals that would have justified denying it outright. But there was enough evidence that Cox Cable has not been fully responsive to the public need to justify a shorter renewal coupled with requirements for improvements in the service.

Americans paying for bad banking

Alarming is the only way to describe the state of banking in the United States. In the decade just ended, 1,059 banks and 835 savings and loan institutions failed.

The 1990s might bring more of the same.

Theories abound as to why banks and S&L's took it on the chin in the 1980s, a relatively prosperous period once Ronald Reagan's economic policies supplanted the suicidal programs of Jimmy Carter.

Among the reasons advanced to explain the collapse of so many financial institutions are changes in the industry that intensified competition, the farm crisis, the nose dive in oil prices in the mid-1980s, the bust in the real estate sector and the increase of federal deposit insurance from \$40,000 to \$100,000 per account.

In the case of the thrifts, add downright thievery as a culprit.

This past year there were an unprecedented 328 thrifts that bit the dust and a near-record 207 banks were forced to close.

The explanations for the failures advanced by most analysts and government regulators fail to mention what might be the biggest factor of all: bad banking.

That is really frightening. It's one thing when business failures mirror the economic times; it's an entirely different coin when financial institutions crash during a decade of prosperity.

Bankers, once considered paragons of fiscal prudence, have displayed a disturbing disregard for how they invest depositors' dollars. For too many years they funneled billions to Third World and Soviet bloc countries. On top of that, they tripped all over themselves to facilitate loans to real estate developers.

Now the chickens have come home to roost, but it is Americans who are paying the price.

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Happy times at Lincoln

The demise of Lincoln Center becomes a possibility, if not a certainty, as day succeeds day. One of the last of central Manchester's turn-of-the-century buildings, it seems, may fall to the demolition ball in what might euphemistically be called progress.

The structure that was Lincoln School until 1972, when it became the Municipal Building Annex, opened in 1911. At least that year, the eastern half was built that year. The present south entrance was at the extreme left. After the disastrous 1913 Ninth District School fire, the district added eight classrooms in the other Lincoln section.

Those who go back with me as Lincoln pupils to the 1920s undoubtedly treasure memories evoked by the names of our teachers: Alice Gorman, Bertha Goodrich, Nellie Lull, Edith Arnold, Madeline Brown, Mildred Bernhardt, Catherine Shea, Doris Brooke, Ruth Chappel, Ruth Crampton was the principal.

Unless my arithmetic is faulty, no fault of any of the above, I entered kindergarten as a Winter Street resident in 1916 or 1917. Most of the year Miss Gorman supervised our group. My one memory is a rather unhappy one. At that time it had the elements of a Greek tragedy.

Our group project one day was erecting a cage of wooden blocks. I believe it was to house a lion. In some accidental and slightly less than graceful move, I sent the blocks flying across the basement floor as it neared completion.

At that point I could only wish there had been a live beast of the wild to devour me. All the way home, that night, and the next morning the incident preyed on my mind. I was sure Miss Gorman would hold me up to scorn the rest of the year.

She remained her sweet self. Probably

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Let's smoke out hypocrisy

Medellin cartel or the Dukers of Durham?

How would such a scheme save billions? For one thing, health care costs. For another, government price support programs for tobacco — \$279 million in 1988 according to anti-smoking activists — would cease.

The taxpayers would also have the satisfaction of knowing the tobacco companies are no longer getting the government's money for advertising expenses.

And how would the hypocrites be flushed out of their lairs?

They would have to either renounce the legal trade in the addictive drug nicotine or announce support for the legalization of other drugs. Would that not inspire an exhilarating fandango?

I personally believe that legalization is the best way to win the war on drugs. I believe we should decriminalize heroin and treat addicts as medical patients.

I believe we should legalize marijuana and cocaine, regulate their potency, tax them, license sellers, outlaw advertising and prohibit sales to minors. As a result of these steps,

I believe, drug profits would fall sharply, the black market would disappear and drug-related crime would dissipate.

If a serious effort to outlaw tobacco goes under way, how would the drug war tough guys deal with it? A few weeks ago, for example, arch-conservative Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, touted a new plan for dealing with violent criminals and

Farm bill may be squashed

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — The 1990 Farm Bill is the equivalent of an oil check and a fill-up for federal agriculture programs. But Rep. Dick Army, R-Texas, has something more along the lines of a major engine overhaul in mind.

Army has proposed what he calls the "Fair Farm Subsidy Act" to take well-to-do farmers off the government payroll. It's an idea worth putting on the table to discuss. Unfortunately, Army isn't on the House Agriculture Committee, where such a bill would originate. And the farmers' friends who make up that committee aren't about to let an upstart economist mow their hay.

The 1985 Farm Bill began the farm subsidies that Army wants to trim. That bill promises up to \$50,000 a year in a government handout to just about any farmer smart enough to fill out the forms and obey the rules. The object is to compensate farmers when they must sell their produce below federal target prices. But the bill makes no distinction between farmers making a profit and farmers that are hurting. Nor does it discriminate between family farms and corporate giants.

Army's proposal is to cut back subsidies to farmers who have sales of more than \$500,000 a year or who make profits of more than \$100,000 a year. That would hit the big farmers with after-tax incomes of \$100,000 or more. Only about 9 percent of farmers are in that tax bracket, Army told us.

Until Army came along, the debate over the farm bill promised to be mundane — the same old arguments perpetuating the same old problems. Just getting up Main Street's dirt surface and macadamizing it. The delightful odor of the material wafted through the open windows of May and June 1923.

The other was the prizes for proficiency in arithmetic. They were usually colorfully decorated boxes with an ample supply of pencils. Dorothy Smith and I were invariably close competitors during each award period.

We had formal instruction by music and art teachers only every few weeks. In the interim, the classroom teacher followed through. Even under almost Spartan conditions, which included her pitifully, the music teacher managed to teach us two-part singing.

Two songs from those years live on. Sometimes I catch myself humming one or both: "Sweet and Low" and the ballad from Bonnie Prince Charlie's flight to avoid capture and certain death. "Spiced, bonnie boat, like a bird on the wing, over the sea to Skye."

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Armed with a Ph.D. in economics, it is determined to be heard. "We have in Congress the committee mystique that if a member of Congress is not on a specific committee, then they can't take part in the formation of legislation pertaining to issues assigned to that particular committee," Army told our associate Tim Warner. "When the committee becomes the special interest, then someone must challenge that power structure."

This may not be Army's last lunge at farm legislation. Also on his agenda is shifting the bureaucracy for paying them subsidies out of the Agriculture Department and into the federal agencies that handle welfare programs. Farmers wouldn't be having their "subsidies" called "welfare." But Army thinks it would save up to \$8 billion in bookkeeping and paper shuffling costs.

He also wants to repeal all marketing orders that set up protected agriculture markets and prohibit farmers from selling their goods in some states.

Critics of Army's current proposal say he is overstating the abuse of federal farm support payments and that the \$500,000 limit on total sales would leave many farmers ineligible for the federal subsidies that they use to pay their bills.

Others say Army is simply a pawn of the Heritage Foundation, a conservative Washington think tank that advocates severe government spending cuts.

But, says Army, "If I'm carrying the ball for anybody, it's for my grandchildren and those grandchildren of other Americans."

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The end of an era

The recent bankruptcy filing by Drexel Burnham Lambert after it failed to make payments due on more than \$100 million in short-term loans may make the end of the casino society. Throughout the 1980s, corporations and financial institutions engaged in an orgy of wild speculation that endangered the entire financial system. Repeatedly, former Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker had warned that this highly risky activity imperiled the entire system. But he was overruled by Reagan administration officials who put more stock in the free market than in the safe market. The damage to the economy will trickle down to hurt even the smallest investors.

Mini-editorial

The budget process on Capitol Hill resembles a Japanese Kabuki dance, in which the actors wear lavish wigs and makeup, go through ostentatious motions and rely on stylized poses. The debate over the budget has become just such an art form. Congressional performers put on their false faces and make their arguments as part of a pretense. Like the time they shifted a military payroll by one day and put it in a new fiscal year. On the books, it was a \$2.8 billion savings, but it didn't save the taxpayers a penny.

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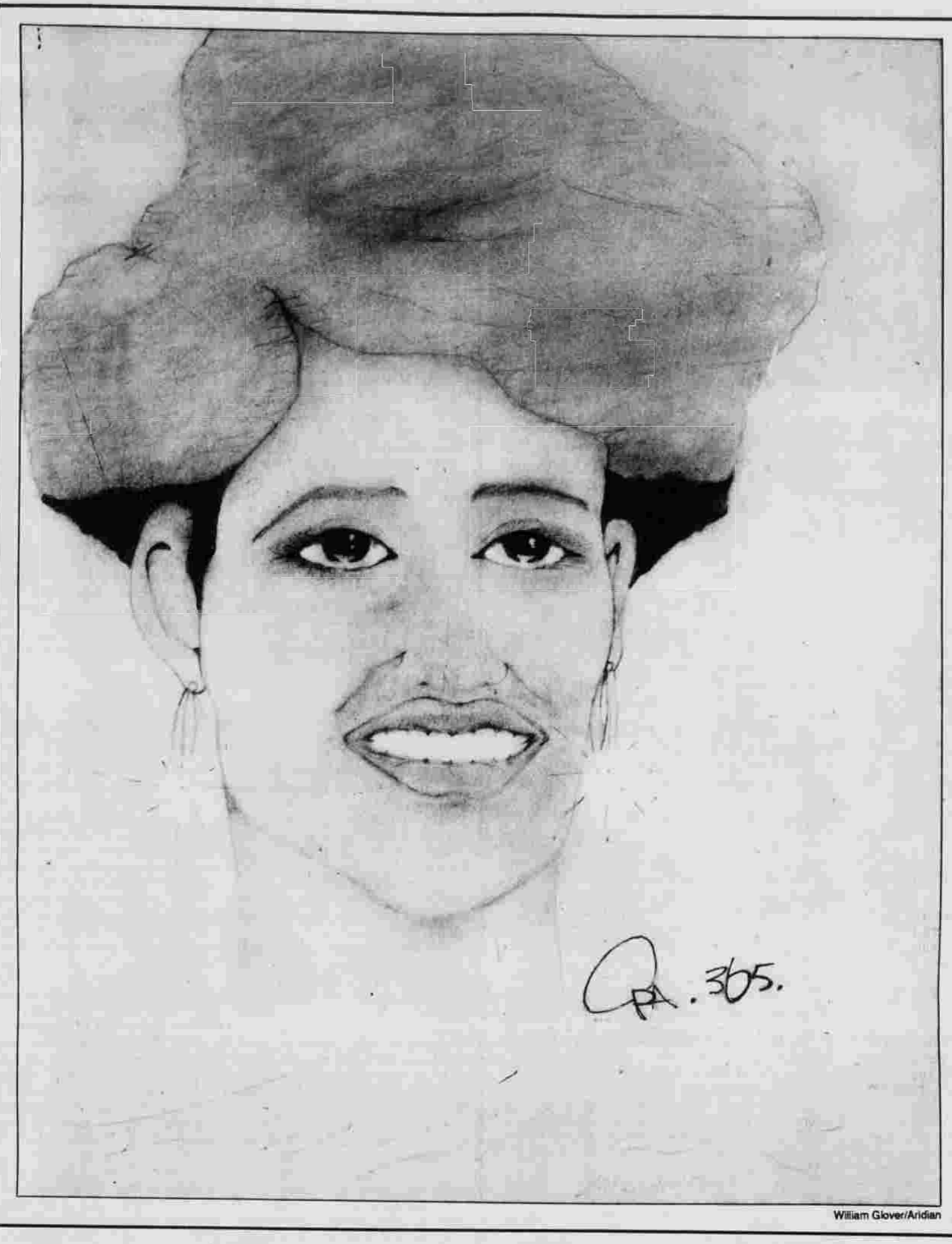
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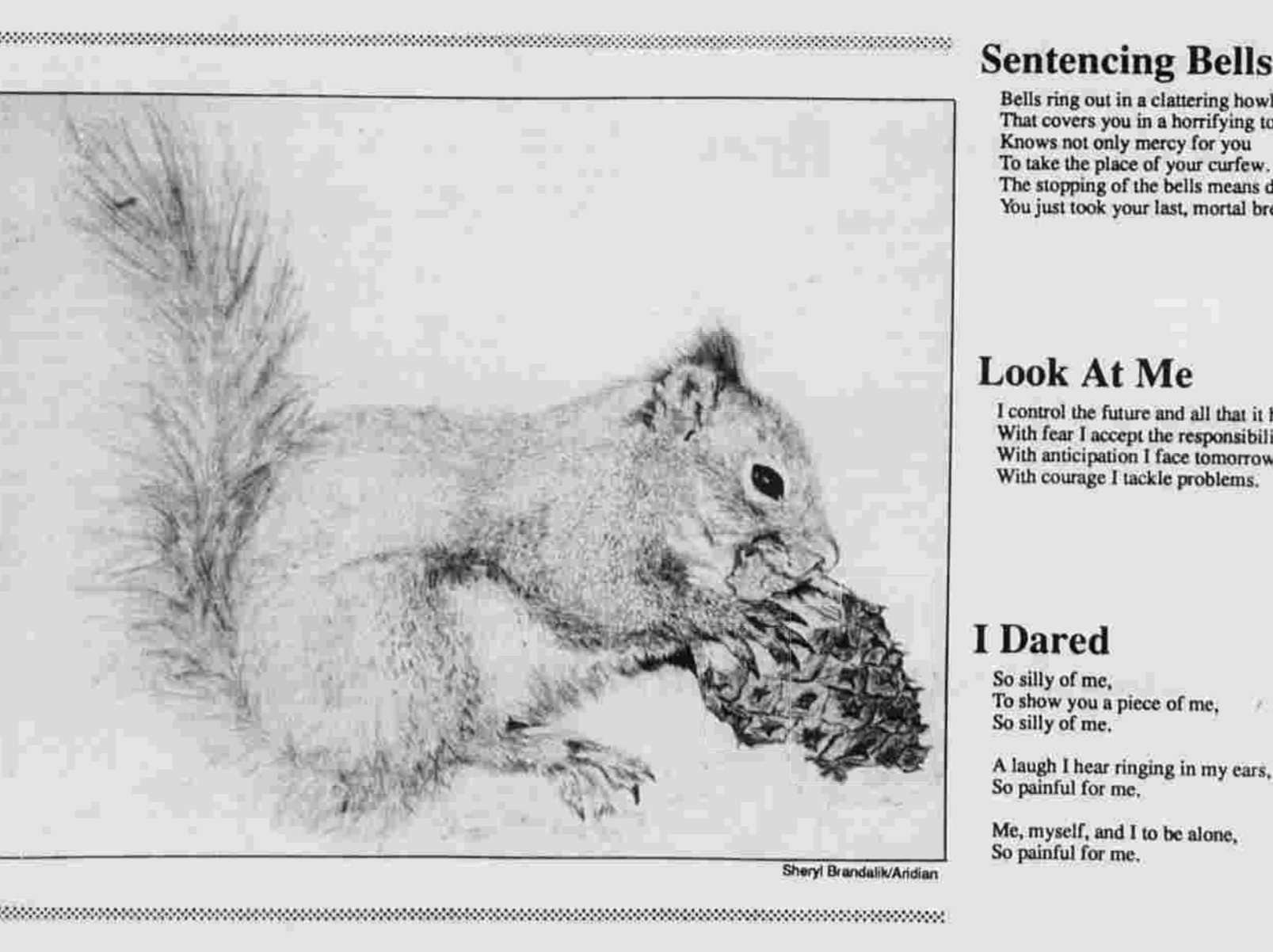
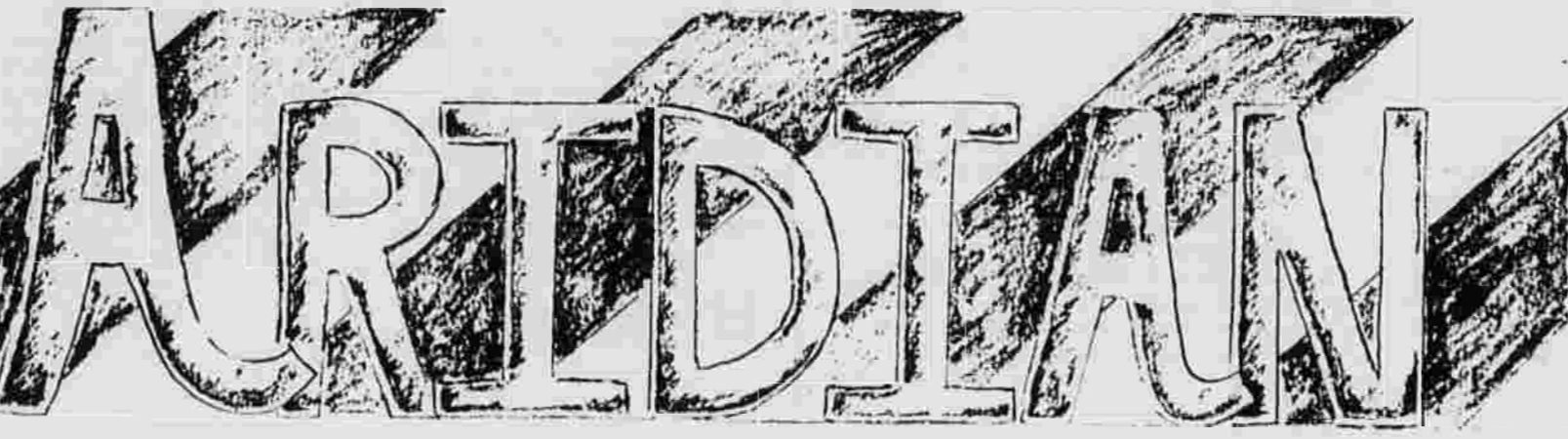
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Tears

Do not waste your tears, my friend though you may be as black as night today, I am now dressed in everlasting light — forever.

You stand now at the foot of my grave Nourishing the sweet Earth with tears of grief. I am not there. Do not mourn, but rejoice for me. I have embarked on a journey you do not understand you cannot understand. This is simply another chapter of my life. Possibly the most magnificent yet. Do not dismay, for I shall always be with you. I am everywhere about you around you inside you. My soul is eternal and it shall never die. Please, dear friend, do not stand at my grave and weep those desperate, wasted Tears.

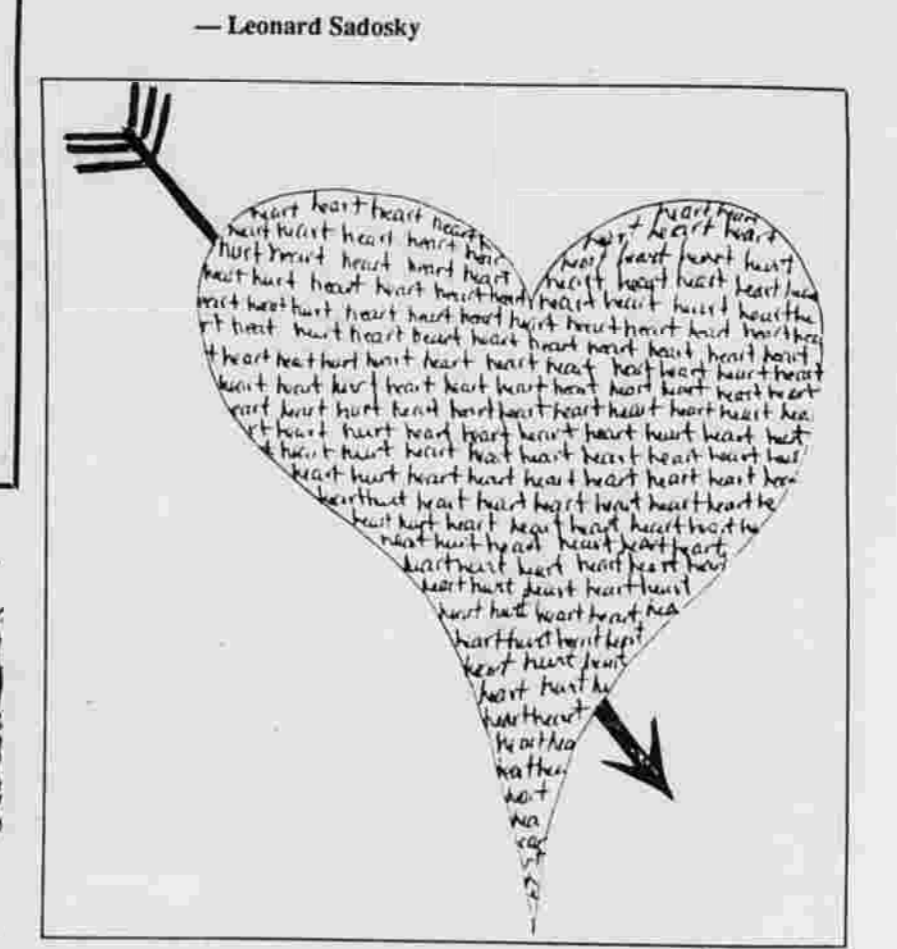
—Heather Sullivan

The Way

Running on the ice that floats upon the great reservoir of thought. Casting off the bonds and threads that chain our minds tenuously to the Great Rock. Soaring higher upon the currents of air and the eternal thermal flow of the sky.

Seeing the single truth that in great simplicity defines every permutation of existence. Discovering the complexity of life is perhaps only a portion of the simplicity of nature. This is The Way.

—Leonard Sadosky



Emi Isawa/Advan

Sentencing Bells

Bells ring out in a clattering howl, That covers you in a horri-fying toll, Knows not only mercy for you To take the place of your curfew. The stopping of the bells means death. You just took your last, mortal breath.

—Scott Carlson

Look At Me

I control the future and all that it holds. With fear I accept the responsibility. With anticipation I face tomorrow With courage I tackle problems.

—Lauren Hickey

I Dared

So silly of me, To show you a piece of me, So painful for me.

A laugh I hear ringing in my ears, So painful for me.

Me, myself, and I to be alone, So painful for me.

—Lauren Hickey

Dreams

A cold and lonely, crisp, winter's eve. Staring here thinking about the life I weave. In and out the days go by. At times life makes me want to cry.

Life can be wonderful. Yet harsh and rough. So many things make it seem so tough. Drugs and war are problems today. But people and countries are still willing to pay. My life is okay, my life is fine. Your life is yours, my life is mine. God gave us a gift to cherish and hold. It was never intended for some to be sold. We are all equal in the eyes of God. No matter your color or gender. No one seems odd. Thoughts can fill us with dreams and guilt. Yet upon these our life is built. Life comes from an inspiration. Dreams are of our imagination.

—Charles Hiking

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Teens

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crimes, and it restricts punishment to a maximum of three years, he said.

Under the original charges, Lacy and Bourgoin would have faced at least one-year mandatory jail sentences if found guilty, police have said.

On Dec. 7, the teen-agers attempted to rob a 68-year-old woman of her pocketbook in the Amazing Store parking lot, 725 E. Middle Street, police said.

Sheehan caught Bourgoin, but Lacy then threatened Sheehan with a wrench to release his friend, police said. A scuffle followed, during which Sheehan shot Lacy in the leg.

Sheehan, who had a license for the gun, told police he shot Lacy in self defense. He was not charged with any crime, but under pressure from his company agreed to no longer carry a gun on the job.

Liquor store sues teen-ager in illegal buy

SEYMOUR (AP) — The owner of the Crock Shop liquor store has taken an underage customer to court to recover fines and legal fees stemming from the sale of 5 gallons of beer to the 19-year-old in September.

Linwood Crockett admits that the clerk at his liquor store made a mistake when he incorrectly assumed that the man asking for small quantities of beer was old enough to buy liquor.

But Crockett said that all the customer lost was the keg of beer, but the liquor store was fined \$500 and spent nearly as much in legal fees.

"The only one who gets hurt is the store owner," Crockett said. "This is a real problem in the liquor industry. It's time somebody took a stand."

Crockett has filed his suit in small claims court in Derby, where he is suing the 19-year-old customer, Walter Jurgiewicz, Crockett said.

Crockett is seeking \$1,500 in damages to send a message to young people that buying alcohol illegally can be costly.

Jurgiewicz, according to court papers, plans to fight the complaint, saying the fine imposed by the liquor control commission was the result of Crockett's action, not his.

Jurgiewicz also said Crockett brought the penalty on himself by failing to require Jurgiewicz to provide proof of age.

Carroll J. Hughes, executive director of the 500-member Connecticut Package Stores Association, said fewer minors would try to buy alcohol if the penalties were more certain and more serious.

The association is promoting legislation that would impose "points" on the driver's license of minors convicted of purchasing alcohol.

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — An explosion ripped through a U.S.-flagged petroleum tanker in the Persian Gulf today, leaving two Americans missing and setting off fires that forced the rest of the crew to abandon ship, the Navy said.

A U.S. frigate patrolling nearby rescued 23 crew members from the sea, and some were injured, said Capt. Ron Wildermuth, chief spokesman for the Navy's Central Command in Florida.



TOUGH TRAINING — Manchester Police Department recruit Louis Melendez, left, gets some tips on target practice from Jay Kehoe of the Glastonbury Police Department at the Arnold Markle Police Academy in Meriden. Recruits like Melendez face vigorous training before they are named officers.

Cadet

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This was his first time firing a loaded shotgun, and one reason why the recruit was here. He planned to graduate from the police academy Wednesday and then go to work as a police officer in Manchester.

Today was "station day," one of two held during a recruit's schooling at the academy, and so named because on this day students rotate to different stations, practicing role-playing exercises. Many police officers and trainers, including five Manchester ones, were on campus to oversee student-recruits' progress and assist academy staff.

This type of punishment for such mistakes is typical at the academy, Melendez later said. Earlier that day, another recruit had been ordered to do pushups because he had talked while in line for lunch.

"I think it's good," said Melendez, who said that so far he has not made a mistake that required pushups. "What they are trying to do is build up discipline."

Upon the firing signal, Melendez and the other students fired consecutively five times. Each shot emitted a thunderous crack and spewed a bullet casing onto the ground. Several recruits would notice bruises on their shoulders later that day as a result of the powerful gun's kickback.

After the thunder stopped, Tangany ordered the recruits to approach their respective targets and stop in front of them. They fidgeted slightly as they waited for the instructor to critique their practice shots, one by one. Tangany moved across the line, frequently making embarrassing remarks about the marksmanship of the recruits.

He reached Melendez, who had only two bullet holes in his target and said something about his recruit's potential to waste government money on bullets.

Melendez held his breath and said nothing, and Tangany moved on to his next victim. By now, Melendez and many other recruits were unfazed by such criticism from their training officers.

Melendez, who will celebrate his fourth wedding anniversary with his wife, Kandie, in October, later said he is looking forward to becoming a Manchester cop.

"It's something I've always wanted," he said. "It was a dream of mine."

Melendez said he is taking courses at Manchester Community College, where he hopes to obtain an associate's degree in criminal justice, so that he can be promoted within the police department. His prior work experience at the department will help in his new position, he said.

The Manchester police department is equally enthusiastic about its new recruit.

"We are glad he is coming on board," said Gary Wood, spokesman for the department.

Reagan

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wasn't aware that money was being diverted from the Iran arms sales to the Contras.

"I was only aware finally that we got our 12-million-two," Reagan said, referring to the money the U.S. government received for providing weapons to Iran.

"May I simply point out that I had no knowledge then or now that there had been a diversion, and I never used the term," the former president said. "And all I knew was that there was some money that came from some place in another account, and that the appearance was that it might have been part of the negotiated sale."

"And to this day," Reagan said, "I don't have any information or knowledge that that wasn't the total amount that — or that there was a diversion" of some of the arms-sale proceeds to the rebels.

To the extent that there was in fact a diversion of proceeds, did you in any way approve or authorize that while you were president of the United States?" Webb asked.

"For heaven's sake, no," Reagan replied. "And when I was asked about that extra money and said if it was an added sum to the purchase price, what would I do, I said I would have given it back."

The former president added: "No one has proven to me that there was a diversion."

"To this day, all I know is that some sum of money over and above the \$12.2 million purchase price appeared in a Swiss bank account in which it was said that account had been used on another occasion (sic) to provide help to the Contras," Reagan said.

"And to this day, I still with all of the investigations that have been made, I still have never been given one iota of evidence as to who collected the price, who delivered the final delivery of the weapons ... whether there was ever more money in that Swiss account than had been diverted someplace else."

"I am still waiting to find those things out and have never found them out," Reagan said.

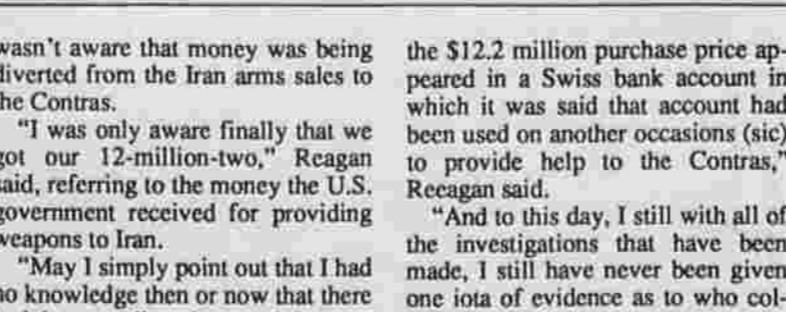
Poindexter is charged with conspiracy, two counts of obstructing Congress and two counts of making false statements in connection with the Iran-Contra affair.

Specifically, he is accused of covering up from Congress North's secret assistance to the Contras and assistance by government officials of a 1985 shipment of Hawk missiles to Iran.

Poindexter's lawyers sought Reagan's testimony in an attempt to show that the president approved of his national security adviser's activities.

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Jim Tierney

Monahan tops second annual Tierney team

As another scholastic basketball season wafes away, with the state tournament just around the corner, I present the second annual All-Tierney team.

This team is composed of the best players, in one man's opinion, from the local teams — Manchester High, East Catholic, Cheney Tech, Coventry, Bolton — year.

That is East Catholic sophomore P.J. (Patrick John) Monahan.

A transfer student from Fermi High in Enfield, Monahan has taken the All Connecticut Conference by storm this season.

The 6-3 Monahan shattered the sophomore single-season scoring record previously held by Ray LaGace (254 points in 1963-64 season). With a total of 395 points, Monahan is averaging 19.8 points a game and has sunk 39 3-pointers in his auspicious campaign. He is the leading area scorer and the third-leading scorer in the ACC.

Monahan has scored 20 or more points in nine outings, including a 36-point outburst at Notre Dame in West Haven. In that game, Monahan netted seven 3-pointers. He has also scored in double figures in all but one game, that being against Manchester on Jan. 30 when he scored two points when he left the game early after a collision with Manchester sophomore Jeff Ross.

With at least two games left (one each in the ACC and Class I tournaments), Monahan may achieve a 20-point average. If so, he would become only the fifth player in school history, along with Tim Kearns, Joe Whiston, Mark Murphy and Bob Venora, to do so.

"P.J. has really led in the scoring department from game one," East coach Bill Finnegan said. "He's learned to move better without the ball. When he has gotten frustrated in the past, now he can wait until the third and fourth quarters to get his points. I just couldn't imagine us without him. He's been a real, pleasant surprise."

With no true outstanding center available, we'll have a three-guard offense. The second all-Tierney team, amazingly consisting of five sophomores, is as follows:

- Guard-sophomore P.J. Monahan (East Catholic), 19.8 avg., season high: 36.
- Guard-sophomore Chris Paradiso (East Catholic), 15.2 avg., season high: 27.
- Guard-sophomore Rob Buteau (Coventry), 10.7 avg., season high: 28.
- Forward-sophomore Rob Penders (East Catholic), 13.0 avg., season high: 20.
- Forward-sophomore Jeff Ross (Manchester), 10.5 avg., season high: 20.

Honorable mention: Emil Issavi (Manchester), Billy Evans (Manchester), Bob Johnson (Coventry), Dave Hoehler (Bolton).

Paradiso, a slick-passing point guard, is the seventh-leading scorer in the ACC.

For the first time in practice yesterday they looked a little tight. The pressure (of going for an unbeaten season) I could tell was getting to them for the first time," he added.

East Hartford's superb effort also set Manchester back on its heels. Not at the end, though. "At the end the girls came back. They just don't quit," DePasqua said.

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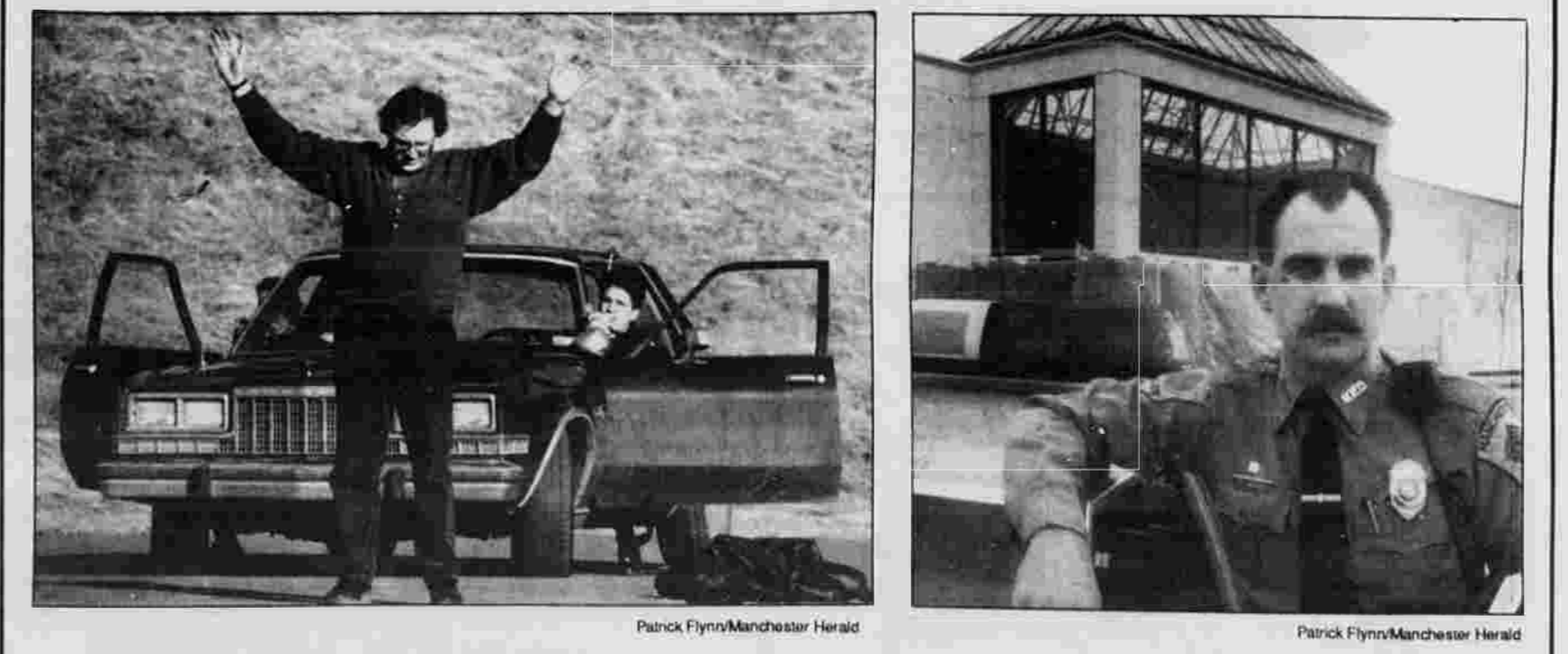
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PROTECTING THE PUBLIC — Louis Melendez, Manchester Police Department recruit, gets ready to fire a long-arm shotgun during training at the Arnold Markle Police Academy in Meriden, above. Bottom left, Sgt. John Marvin, a Manchester training officer, poses as convicted felon. (Story pages 10 and 11.) Bottom right, Officer Al Anderson stands in front of the Pavilions at Buckland Hills, one of the many areas in the North End that is experiencing development. (Story page 3.)



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Bridge

NORTH 1-2-3-4
♦ K Q 8 4
♠ 10 7 3
♥ 9 5
♦ 2 5

EAST
♦ J
♠ 5 3 2
♥ K J 4
♦ K Q 9 8 6

WEST
♦ 10 9 5 3
♠ 9 5
♥ 10 8 3
♦ A 7 5 4 2

SOUTH
♦ 7 6 2
♠ Q J 8 4 3
♥ A 7 4 2
♦ 10

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

South West North East
1 W 2 4 3 ♦ DBL
4 W All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 4

Astrograph

East won the king, and now West contributed to declarer's confusion by signaling with the 10 of diamonds. When East dutifully led a low diamond, declarer grabbed the ace, drew the 10 and trump and then played spades. Declarer had to ruff the fourth spade and lead up to dummy's diamond queen. Needless to say, there was much pershing of declarer's teeth when East's key card. That perception is a course guided by the bidding as well as the early defense. In today's deal, the defenders, Matt and Pam Granovetter, distorted the declarer's view of the location of the cards by playing a trump effect.

Matt Granovetter led his fourth-best club. That was a step ahead of this writer. (I would have led club ace, just in case I needed to attack a side-suit at trick two.) East won the jack of clubs, suggesting declarer's original club holding of A-K-Q-J. Back came the jack of spades. South won in dummy and played ace and heart.

Your Birthday

Feb. 23, 1990

Your possibilities for real progress in the year ahead look extremely encouraging. However, you must be careful not to repeat the same types of mistakes you've made previously.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Honor agreements you make today, even though your second thoughts may indicate you could have improved your position had you bargained more astutely. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astrograph readings today by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91426, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Render full service today regarding what you promise to do for others. You'll think more of yourself if you resist inclinations to share edges.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not operate against your better judgment today in matters that are meaningful to you personally. Taking foolish risks could cause you to trip and tumble.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you do something nice for a loved one today, don't make him/her feel under obligation to you. Behavior of this kind makes your loved ones feel guilty.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Guard against inclinations today to be either too possessive or too protective of someone you love very much. Restraints will hurt the relationship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There's a possibility you might not get all that you desire for you today in a disappointing day. Be careful, however, do not blame others for things you do wrong.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try not to make concessions under pressure today. If you think what's being asked of you is unreasonable, don't be bashful about standing up for your rights.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You might not have too good an eye for bargains today, so be careful if you're negotiating for something rather costly. You may believe only what you want to believe.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Evaluate thoroughly any propositions presented to you today and be doubly sure all of the key parts fit. If you don't have all the facts, don't act.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your insights could be very revealing today, but your procedures may leave a lot to be desired. Try to execute your thoughts as clearly as you conceived them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be doubly certain there is justification for your material expectations. If they are unrealistic, you could have a disappointing day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your lives look rather "fluffy" today. This is because you might become involved with people whose central interests could be in opposition to yours.

James Jewell's books "Clubs on Bridges" and "Jackpot on Card Games" written with his father, the late Oswald Jewell, are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Fawcett Books.

Some retired police officers have an itch to travel

By Dianna M. Talbot
Manchester Herald

If there is one thing retired cops apparently like to do in their spare time, it is travel.

Perhaps the itch to hit the road, ride a train, or hop on a plane originates from long hours of patrolling the same beat and seeing the same sights day after day. Or maybe it's because they finally have the available time.

Whatever the reason, two of four Manchester cops who retired in the past year are counting the days until their next trip out of the state and even the country.

James S. Taylor, 53, and Richard G. Rand, 60, 26- and 32-year respective veterans of the local police force, are "Goin' Mobile," as fans of a 1970's hit song by The Who rock group might say.

Taylor, a former president and secretary-treasurer of the local police union, retired in July 1989 mainly due to a chronic heart condition. The Manchester native, also one of several town constables, is not letting his ailment get the best of him though.

He has purchased a 1981, 27-foot Winnebago mobile home, and with his wife, Nancy Pearson, plans to travel cross-country and to Europe in the near future.

In September, the couple made a six-week trip in their motor home starting from Maine down the East Coast to Florida, where they looped back up through inland states including Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio.

One of the most memorable sights

of the trip, Taylor said, was visiting "Graceland," a famous tourist attraction and mansion in Memphis, Tenn., owned by the family of the late Elvis Presley.

Taylor joined the Manchester police at the age of 27, following a three-year stint as a milkman for the former Dart's Dairy on East Center Street, and before that, a four-year enlistment in the Air Force. He also studied for one year at Willimantic Teacher's College, now Eastern Connecticut State University.

"I always wanted to be a school teacher," said Taylor.

At the time of his decision to join the police force, however, economics forced him to take on a full time job, he said.

When he joined the department in 1963, policemen still walked their beats because the department had only four police cars. Also, there were no union representation.

Taylor said he earned \$102 per week, or \$5,200 per year, which was less than what he had made as a milkman. To help make ends meet, he moonlighted installing carpets and floors part time.

One of Taylor's most memorable experiences as a cop occurred several years ago in Center Springs Park, he said. While on a routine patrol, he noticed a young boy standing beneath a tree and sobbing.

When Taylor approached, the lad pointed up into the tree toward an unconscious friend of his who was dangling precariously from a few branches.

The boy had been climbing the tree when he touched a live wire running through it and was

electrocuted, Taylor said. The child, who Taylor is credited with rescuing, suffered third degree burns on his hands, he said.

Rand, who also retired as the town's canine control officer at the start of this year, likewise has a vivid on-the-job memory for which he received a considerable amount of publicity in the past.

The Albany, N.Y.-native is credited with firing a gunshot in 1968 that helped solve one of the largest bank robberies in Connecticut's history — involving \$89,000 — at the Hartford National Bank and Trust Co. on West Middle Turnpike, now Connecticut National Bank.

Rand was one of the first officers on the scene and witnessed three of the bandits exiting the bank. During an exchange of gunfire, he narrowly missed being hit when one robber fired a sawed-off shotgun at him, but in firing back he hit one robber in the neck.

That robber was arraigned as he was getting a bullet dislodged from his mouth at Hartford Hospital which led to the arrest of three other suspects in the crime and recovery of part of the money. For his efforts, Rand was feted by town officials, law enforcement agencies and school children.

Rand, who spent four years in the Marines, arrived in the Hartford area as a management employee of Grand Union supermarkets whose job was to open up new stores in the area. He decided to leave his old job and make a new home in Connecticut.

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ITCH TO TRAVEL — James S. Taylor, a retired Manchester police officer who served 26 years on the force, talks about his plans for retirement. He says he plans to do a lot of traveling.

North End development will mean more patrols

By Dianna M. Talbot
Manchester Herald

The Manchester Police Department expects to beef up its presence in the North End as a result of continued interest and growth in this area, according to Police Chief Robert D. Lannan.

More police officers, increased traffic patrols, new traffic signals and a new police processing unit will be utilized, he said.

Factors contributing to the need for more police include increased traffic, new housing and the March 7 opening of the Pavilions at Backland Hills Mall, the police chief said.

He also said he expects the town's daytime work population to increase 3 to 4 percent per year during the 1990s as a result of increased business activity, especially due to the mall.

Referring to the town's North End, he predicted, "Traffic will be horrendous in this area of the town."

However, new traffic signals on Backland Street at the Pleasant Valley Road, Pavilions Drive and Backland Hills Drive, as well as at the expanded intersection of Tolland Turnpike, are expected to minimize traffic-related problems.

Lannan also predicts that residents of this expanding area, once considered remote compared to the rest of the town, will want police to drive through their neighborhoods more often.

"It will make them feel safer," he said. Local police will be asked to respond to additional problems relating to traffic and crime, the police chief also said.

"People, by virtue of their sheer numbers, generate people-related problems," said Lan-

nan. To meet the increased demand, the Manchester Police Department plans to add another patrol car in the North End, said Lannan.

The department presently divides the town into seven patrol districts, but its most northern one, which encompasses the mall area, will be divided in half, creating a total of eight districts, he said. One police cruiser regularly patrols each district, he said.

The changes are expected to occur after the department solves its manpower shortage, Lannan said. Internal turnover, including four retirees last year, have left the department short seven police officers.

Nine new officers, though, including two new positions created mainly because of expansion, are expected to be filled by the end of the month, Lannan said. The new officers will undergo a six-month process of training and evaluation before they can be used in traffic patrols, he said.

In addition to providing more patrols, Manchester police will be responsible for arresting and processing any of the thousands of people who visit the new mall each day and who commit crimes.

To make things easier on police and the people they arrest, a new law enforcement unit within the mall will house town police equipment that can be used to fingerprint and process people who are arrested in the mall or its immediate vicinity, said Lannan.

In this way, police will save time and energy by not having to transport the arrested individual to police headquarters on East Center Street for processing and then back to the mall, he said.

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Lannan sees drug trafficking as worst problem



By Dianna M. Talbot
Manchester Herald

The biggest problem facing the Manchester Police Department is how to stem the flow of illegal drugs, according to Police Chief Robert D. Lannan.

"Police are confounded by it," said Lannan, in a recent interview during which he discussed problems and handicaps facing the department as it enters the 1990s. "Regardless of how effective we are, drugs keep coming in."

Also topping Lannan's list of concerns were alcoholism — "the number one problem in this country" — and the department's need for qualified recruits and a larger police facility. The police chief also talked about how he expects the role of police to change.

When a drug dealer is arrested, another quickly steps into his shoes because there is always someone who wants to purchase drugs. Illegal as it is, selling drugs simply meets a consumer demand, Lannan said.

A long-term solution to this problem lies in educating the public about the dangers of abusing or using drugs recreationally, Lannan said.

He praised ongoing drug prevention and education efforts in the town's school system such as Project Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) in sixth grades and "Here's Looking at You 2000" in grades K through 12.

But many people, especially young adults, have not been exposed to similar programs, and they con-

time to break the law by using or abusing drugs or alcohol.

So much, in fact, the police department cannot readily find qualified candidates with impeccable backgrounds to serve in law enforcement.

Other reasons for the candidate shortfall is that police work is considered dangerous — "almost 100 percent of the time police displease someone," he said — and the pay often does not compare to what jobs in the business world offer.

While the Manchester department recently hired nine recruits who are being trained to become full-fledged police officers, three detective positions need to be filled, Lannan said.

"I have a deep concern about getting qualified people," he said. "I want to see the available supply of candidates increase."

Another of Lannan's concerns is the need for more space at department headquarters, 239 E. Middle Turnpike.

"We outgrew this place 10 years ago," he said. The facility is a former postoffice where poor people were allowed to live cheaply, and would serve better as a residence, Lannan said.

He said he expects the town to consider moving the police department into a larger facility after it takes care of a number of high-priority issues, such as the need for an expanded town hall, a new firehouse and an upgraded high school.

Lannan also commented on how he expects the role of police officers to change in the future.

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Less is better in Manchester when it comes to traffic lights

By Dianna M. Talbot
Manchester Herald

The next time you drive through town and are forced to stop at a stop sign or traffic light, take that moment to think about how much planning and evaluation went into the town's decision to make you stop there.

The Manchester Police Department, whose responsibility it is to address immediate traffic flow problems, does not put up road signs or traffic signals on a whim, according to Gary Wood, traffic analyst and spokesman for the department.

On the contrary, the less, the better, especially when it comes to road signs, he said.

"We can't put too many signs up because then they become a blur to drivers," said Wood.

Drivers tend to focus on unusual sights rather than the usual, he said. If road signs are too commonly placed, they will not stand out.

Also, erecting signs or signals without good reason is not economical, Wood said.

Stop signs are relatively cheap at \$75 apiece plus the cost of installation when compared to traffic signals, which can cost \$50,000 to \$60,000 to equip a simple four-way intersection, he said.

The recently expanded intersection at Tolland Turnpike and Buckland Street, near the new Pavilions

Modern electronic traffic signals with the ability to detect cars waiting for a light to change will replace older mechanically-operated signals at busy intersections in the town, Wood said.

at Buckland Hills Mall, is one of the town's most elaborate and expensive traffic signal systems, according to Wood. It has 22 lights, including 10 walk signals, and cost about \$120,000 to purchase and install.

Signals mainly are used at four-way intersections, while stop signs are used at two-way intersections, Wood said.

When the department receives a request to erect a new road sign or traffic signal, the request must go through a justification process, Wood said. This usually involves counting the number of cars that use the street and determining the speed at which they travel.

"We get a lot of requests for 'Slow Children Playing' signs, but children are not supposed to be playing in the streets, so the department often cannot justify the request, he said.

Justifiable reasons to put up a sign or traffic signal include heavy traffic — between 300 and 500 cars per hour over an eight-hour period

— or a number of the same type of accidents that happen at the same location, Wood said.

A negative pattern means there is a traffic flow problem that could be solved with the addition of a sign or signal, he said.

"The town is pretty much set right now in the way of traffic signs and signals," Wood said. "The only thing that will change the need is new development and housing or an accident pattern."

Some related changes in the face of modern technology are expected to occur in the near future, however.

Modern electronic traffic signals with the ability to detect cars waiting for a light to change will replace older mechanically-operated signals at busy intersections in the town, Wood said.

Some of these lights will have the capacity to detect lights of approaching emergency vehicles, such as ambulances, fire engines or police cars, and will change to allow the emergency vehicle the right of way, he said.

RETIRED

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ticut after answering a classified advertisement for a police officer in Manchester.

Rand, too, said he is looking forward to traveling during his "golden" years with his wife, Rosemary. He said he plans to go fish and camp and travel to California to visit some of his children.

Eventually, Rand said, he may look for a part-time job working with his hands in a field such as carpentry and home remodeling.

"The value of life and property has gone down," said Rand. "There are people out there who would just as soon shoot at you as look at you," Taylor agreed.

"I think being a police officer is a much tougher job than it used to be," he said. "Problems related to drugs and alcohol are everywhere."

Both Rand and Taylor say they are glad to no longer be chasing criminals.

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The force ...

The Manchester Police Department consists of 94 officers, including seven recruits not pictured here. There are 96 positions authorized for the department this year.

Of the officers:

- six are female
- one is Hispanic
- one is black

The department also has a black civilian dispatcher.

The department made 2,315 criminal arrests in 1989. That figure does not include 535 arrests on charges of drunken driving, and other non-criminal arrests.

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Police maintenance division handles a heavy load

By Dianna M. Talbot
Manchester Herald

The maintenance division of the Manchester Police Department maintains 1,200 stop signs, 300 speed signs, 1,800 parking signs and 600 miscellaneous signs which are located in different areas across town, according to Robert J. Ledger, maintenance technician with the Manchester Police Department.

The division also makes new signs as needed and maintains traffic light signals at 43 intersections in the town. These signals include 320 signal heads (the yellow light cases that drivers see enclosing red, green and yellow lights), 70 walk signals and 1,100 incandescent lamps which light up the signals. All need maintenance in order to function properly, Ledger says.

In addition, Ledger and the division's two other mechanics and one foreman repair and maintain 40 police vehicles, including 16 marked cruisers, 25 unmarked cars, six motorcycles and five trucks. The division also maintains the department's headquarters building at 239 East Middle Turnpike.

Ledger, a 17-year veteran of the department — the first five as a dispatcher and the remaining 12 as a member of the maintenance division, said he enjoys his job.

"It's interesting. Everyday is different and you meet new challenges," he said.

On-the-job challenges include trouble-shooting traffic problems,

Ledger said.

Whenever a road sign is run over by a motor vehicle (the most common cause of road sign destruction, Ledger says) or its decal starts to peel or fade, Ledger or a co-worker picks up the ailing sign and brings it to division quarters in the basement of the police department. This is where the town's inventory of spare signs, traffic signal parts and other replacement items are kept.

If the sign can't be fixed, Ledger or one of his co-workers makes a new one.

A thin flat piece of aluminum is selected from a stack and laid on a special machine called a heat lamp applicator, which resembles a large steel photocopier. A large decal with the desired message — stop, slow, speed limit, hidden driveway, etc. — also is selected. Its backing is peeled off and the decal is fitted on top of the piece of aluminum on the machine.

Next, the top of the machine, or lid, is pulled down and a switch flipped to turn the machine. The switch also initiates a vacuum seal that prevents any air pockets from getting between the decal and the aluminum. At the same time, 20, 375-watt lamps inside the machine light up, creating a temperature of 188 degrees that seals the decal onto the sign. The sign is "baked" in this manner for about 12 minutes.

The machine is turned off and someone opens the lid, being careful

not to touch the sign which has become very hot in the process. The sign is allowed to cool for five to 10 minutes before it is taken off the



HEAVY LOAD — Robert Bagge, left, maintenance supervisor for the Manchester Police Department, and maintenance man Robert Ledger pose at the intersection of Tolland Turnpike and Buckland Road.

machine. To post the sign, Ledger or a member of the division will select a 10-, 11- or 12-foot post and take it to the location. Once there, the post is hand-driven into the ground and the sign fastened to the pole with galvanized bolts.

Hiring, keeping police recruits a major challenge

By Dianna M. Talbot
Manchester Herald

One of the Manchester Police Department's biggest challenges is hiring and retaining quality recruits in the face of a shortage of qualified candidates.

The department's budget this fiscal year allows for 58 police officers, but until this month there were only 49, including one officer who was enrolled at the Municipal Police Training Council in Meriden, according to Gary Wood, spokesman for the department.

The department is in the final stages of hiring nine new recruits who will begin a six-month process of training and probation, pending the results of one final physical fitness exam, he said.

Within the next two years, the department plans to fill at least four new slots which are expected to be authorized due to expansion of police responsibilities in the town, Wood said.

But the process of recruiting police officers is lengthy, and there are no guarantees that recruits will make it through the training period to become full-fledged officers, or that they even will decide to stay with the profession of community law enforcement, Wood said.

In fact, finding and retaining police officers represents one of the department's most pressing problems, according to Police Chief Robert D. Laman, who blames a large part of the problem on competition for employees with big businesses in the area which can afford to pay employees substantially more than the town can.

According to the department's contract with the town which expires at the end of June, new police officers in Manchester earn a minimum of \$23,000. For five years their pay increases in increments to a maximum of \$35,000. After that, officers should be promoted to increase their earnings.

The next highest position is the title of detective, which earns about

\$37,000; then sergeant, \$39,000; and lieutenant, \$41,000 to \$42,000. Earnings of the department's police chief, who gets \$58,160; deputy chief, \$56,123; and three captains, \$47,896 each, are negotiated without the help of the union, Wood said.

Another part of the recruitment problem is that the process takes about nine months, Wood said. This year's process began on June 26, 1989, and recruits were expected to be hired this month, he said.

"Sometimes candidates take other job opportunities in the meantime," Wood said. "And sometimes they become satisfied with those job opportunities."

Retention of police officers is another problem, the police officials said.

Last year, the department lost eight members, Wood said. Four retired, three quit and one was fired, Wood said.

Of eight officers who were hired last year, four remain with the department, according to Sgt. John Marvin, who heads the department's officer-training operation. Some officers decide they are not cut out for the job, he said.

Reasons for that, police said, include irregular shifts (police officers must rotate working day, evening and night shifts), competitive advancement (promotions are available as the dangerous nature of the job itself (police officers almost always end up displacing people.)

Yet each year, a small percentage of the civilian population decides to go the extra mile and become police officers despite what some consider the drawbacks.

"I enjoy it," said Marvin, an 18-year veteran of the department. "I may get a lot of snickers about this, but I'd do it again."

Civilians who want to become candidates, and eventually recruits of the town police department must have a high school diploma or, preferably, a college degree, according to Marvin. They also must have common sense and not be quick-tempered, narrow-minded or prejudiced in any way, he said.

Applications for employment with the police department are available at the Town Hall.

After submitting an application, eligible candidates are asked to pass a series of tests administered by the town and the police department, Marvin said. A main objective of the tests is to determine the candidate's

credibility — if what he or she wrote on his application is indeed true.

Tests include physical agility, written, psychological, physical fitness, polygraph, a background check and role-playing exercises designed to test their reactions to certain situations.

If a candidate passes these, he will be brought before a board consisting of police department authorities to answer questions orally, Marvin said.

"By this time it's decided if he or she will be hired," said Marvin.

If hired, the candidate becomes a recruit and is scheduled for the next available training program at the police academy in Meriden.

Once there, a recruit spends 14

weeks learning about criminal law, self defense, firearms, first aid and rescue and taking additional physical tests, Marvin said.

He or she then becomes a trainee of the police department for an additional 12 weeks, learning about the town and reinforcing what was learned at the police academy.

Finally, the recruit undergoes two weeks of evaluation, during which a non-uniformed police officer accompanies him or her on regular assignments and observes the officer in action, Marvin said.

If the recruit passes all phases of training and evaluation, he or she becomes a full-fledged police officer who remains on probation for exactly one year after his date of hire, he said.

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Cadets face hair-raising training at academy

By Dianna M. Talbot
Manchester Herald

MERIDEN — Louis Melendez knelt on one knee and aimed a long-arm shotgun at his target. A mean-eyed Suma wrestler, baring teeth and pointing a handgun, glared back at the Manchester resident from a distance of about 75 feet.

In line on both sides of Melendez were about 40 other students of the Arnold Markle Police Academy, where state and municipal police officers train for 15 weeks before going to work for a police department.

All would try to blow five bullet holes through their own Suma wrestler targets which were actually paper outlines of a mock criminal stapled to erect cardboard backings.

Melendez, a 24-year-old recruit of the Manchester Police Department, was excited and nervous. Although he had worked for the Manchester police for several years in various capacities, including maintenance and dispatch, he was trying to become a full-fledged police officer.

This was his first time firing a loaded shotgun, and one reason why the recruit was here. He planned to graduate from the police academy this Wednesday and then go to work as a police officer in Manchester. There, he would carry a gun and need to know how to handle a shotgun in case of emergencies.

Today was "station day," one of two held during a recruit's schooling at the academy, and so named because on this day students rotate to different stations, practicing role-playing exercises. Many police officers and trainers, including five Manchester ones, were on campus to oversee student-recruits' progress and assist academy staff.

On other days, recruits spend much of their time inside in classes learning about criminal law and the legal system.

began to open its trunk, when suddenly a police officer posing as a shotgun-carrying criminal jumped up from within the trunk and yelled "Pow! Bam!" The surprised recruit fell onto his hands and knees as the "criminal" trained the gun on the young man and announced that the recruit was as good as dead.

Several other role-playing exercises, designed to teach recruits at the academy how to deal with real-life situations as police officers, were taught in other areas of the campus.

Over at the firing range, Melendez and his class knelt, guns trained on the Suma wrestler target, and awaited a command from range instructor Norbert Tanguay to fire their weapons. A few minutes ago, the instructor had ordered one recruit to perform several push ups because his gun had been held the wrong way.

This type of punishment for such mistakes is typical at the academy, Melendez later said. Earlier that day, another recruit had been ordered to do pushups because he had talked while in line for lunch.

"I think it's good," said Melendez, who said that so far he has not made a mistake that required pushups. "What they are trying to do is build up discipline."

Upon the firing signal, Melendez and the other students fired consecutively five times. Each shot emitted a thunderous crack and spewed a bullet casing onto the ground. Several recruits would notice bruises on their shoulders later that day as a result of the powerful gun's kickback force.

After the thunder stopped, Tanguay ordered the recruits to approach their respective targets and stop in front of them. They fidgeted slightly as they waited for the instructor to critique their practice shots, one by one. Tanguay moved across the line, frequently exclaim-



TOUGH TRAINING — Manchester Police Department recruit Louis Melendez, left, gets some tips on target practice from Jay Kahoe of the Glastonbury Police Department at the Arnold Markle Police Academy in Meriden. Recruits like Melendez face vigorous training before they are named officers.

The weather this afternoon was cold but sunny and dry, ideal for a "station day" because several exercises needed to occur outdoors.

At Melendez and his group practiced handling fire arms, other students practiced pulling over and arresting police officers who posed as drug dealers, drunk drivers and convicted felons in some of the academy's parking areas.

In one of these parking areas, Sgt. John Marvin, a training officer for the Manchester police department,

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PREPARING TO FIRE — Louis Melendez prepares to take aim at a target at the Arnold Markle Police Academy in Meriden. Melendez has been working for the force in various capacities for years but hopes to become a full-time officer.

TARGET PRACTICE — Louis Melendez, Manchester Police Department recruit, fires at a target at the Arnold Markle Police Academy in Meriden. Learning how to shoot a gun is only one part of the training.

CADET

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posed as a convicted felon who had just been pulled over and ordered out of the car. He stood still while a recruit searched him and waited to be handcuffed.

As the recruit ended his search and began to get his handcuffs ready, a straight-faced Marvin informed him that if this had been a real life situation, the recruit probably would be dead or dying right now for the simple reason that he had

forgotten to remove Marvin's hat and take the pen out of his breast pocket.

"I wish I had a grenade under my hat," said Marvin. Police officers cannot overlook anything when searching a suspected criminal or known felon, he said. To emphasize this, Marvin removed a seemingly harmless ballpoint pen from his pocket and opened it up to reveal a potentially

with white powder to simulate cocaine.

He went to the back of the car and ing embarrassments about the performance of the amateur gunman.

He reached Melendez, who had only two bullet holes in his target because he had three missed the target, and exclaimed something about the recruit's potential to waste government money on bullets. Melendez held his breath and said nothing, and Tanguay moved on to his next victim. By now, Melendez and many other recruits were unfazed by such criticism from their superior training officers.

Melendez, who will celebrate his fourth wedding anniversary with his wife, Kandice, in October, later said

he is looking forward to becoming a Manchester cop.

"It's something I've always wanted," he said. "It was a dream of mine."

Melendez said he is taking courses at Manchester Community College, where he hopes to obtain an associate's degree in criminal justice, so that he can be promoted within the police department. His prior work experience at the department will help in his new position, he said.

The Manchester police department is equally enthusiastic about its new recruit.

"We are glad he is coming on board," said Gary Wood, spokesman for the department.

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