

RECORD

About Town

Pinochle winners announced

The Manchester Senior Pinochle Club met March 8 at the Army and Navy Club on Main Street. Games are open to all senior members and begin at 9:30 a.m. Winners and their scores: Mary Twombly, 642; Don Jorgensen, 603; Kitty Byrnes, 583; John Klein, 576; John Plader, 569; Ed Royce, 565; Eleanor Wesley, 564; Arnold Jensen, 561; Helen Bensch, 559; Ernestine Donnelly, 557; Bud Paquin, 554; Hans Fredericksen, 550; Hans Bensch, 548.

Communication is discussed

"Can We Talk?" is the title of a seven-week workshop covering interpersonal communications which will be offered Wednesdays, starting this week to May 2, at Manchester Community College. The cost is \$55. Call 647-6242 for more information.

Tax help is offered

Free tax help is available through April 11 from the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program at Manchester Community College. Help is available Tuesdays 6 to 9 p.m. and Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room CL-107 of the college. Call 647-6133 for more information.

Storytime registration underway

Registration is underway for 10-week morning and evening sessions of preschool storytime at Bentley Memorial Library, 206 Bolton Center Road. Sessions begin Wednesday and continue weekly until May 16. Call 646-7349 for more information.

Painting technique shown

Nancy Wilson, owner of the Golden Goose Shop in Tolland, will demonstrate the art of decorative and tile painting on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the First Federal Bank, West Middle Turnpike. The public is invited. Members are asked to bring paintings for the art-demosession selection.

Architectural program offered

The American single-family home and how it developed and Hartford architecture are topics to be covered during a six-week architecture program to be offered at Manchester Community College. It will be offered Wednesdays, starting this week to April 25, from 7:35 to 8:45 p.m. The fee is \$45. Call 647-6242 for more information.

Health checks available

Blood pressure checks, tire tests and health guidance will be available to eligible persons Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Coventry Town Hall from the Visiting Nurse and Community Health of Eastern Connecticut, Inc. For more information, call 423-1651.

YWCA registration begins

The Nutmeg Branch of the YWCA will begin taking registrations Wednesday for the following youth programs: Junior chefs, kinderchefs, kindercraft, woodwork, fishing, crafts, gymnastics, kindermaths and jujitsu. Call 647-1437 for more information.

Senior housing discussed

The feasibility of building small units for senior citizens in the town will be discussed Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Bolton United Methodist Church, Route 44, Bolton. A pot luck luncheon will follow. Bring a food item of your choice.

Tax assistance available

Free tax assistance is available for senior citizens on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays through April 11 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Manchester Senior Center, 549 E. Middle Turnpike. No appointment is necessary. Bring last year's tax returns.

Healthy desserts discussed

"The Lighter Sides of Desserts" is the topic of a three-session program beginning Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. at Manchester Memorial Hospital. A registered dietitian will teach participants how to modify their favorite recipes into more healthy desserts. The cost is \$35. Call 647-4750 to pre-register.

Lottery

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

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

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine daily: 2-7-7 and 7-2-6-9.

RHODE ISLAND
Daily: 7-8-6-0.

Weather

REGIONAL WEATHER

Wednesday, March 21

Air mass boundary for the region conditions and high temperatures. (Monroe) 38, (Concord) 38, (Troy) 45, (Burlington) 46, (New York) 51, (Buffalo) 46, (Washington) 57.

Temperature: high of 56, low of 29, mean of 43.
Precipitation: 0.02 inches for the day, 1.11 inches for the month, 6.53 inches for the year.
Temperature extremes for today: Highest on record, 81, set in 1945; lowest on record, 2, set in 1949.



Obituaries

Elva I. Davis

Elva I. Davis, of Manchester, widow of Alfred A. Davis, died Monday (March 19, 1990) at Hartford Hospital.

She was born in Sugar Notch, Pa., and lived her for the past 49 years. Before retiring, she was a librarian at the Raymond Library, East Hartford. She was a member of the Ursula Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by a sister, Doris Griffith Boyle of Vermont, a sister-in-law, Esther Griffith, three nieces; a nephew; several grandnieces and grandnephews; and six great-grandnephews. She was predeceased by her brother, John M. Griffith.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm St., Rocky Hill. Calling hours is an hour before the service. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

Memorial donations may be made to the Burnside Methodist Church, 37 Scotland Road, East Hartford 06108.

Edward J. Habern

Edward J. Habern, 62, of Indian Orchard, Mass., formerly of Manchester, died Sunday (March 18, 1990) at home. He was the husband of Ann (Pazos) Habern.

He was born in Manchester, the son of Samuel and Kathrine Habern, and had been a resident of Indian Orchard for 34 years. Before retiring, he was employed at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford for more than 25 years.

He was a member of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Springfield, Mass., and the Mount Orthodox Masonic Lodge A.F. & A.M. of West Springfield. He was also a member of the I.A.M. District Lodge No. 91 Retirement Club and the Pioneers Club.

He is survived by a son, Dennis O'Connor of Manchester, a brother, George A. Roche of East Hartford, two sisters-in-law, Mollie Roche and Effie Barrett, both of East Hartford, two grandchildren and

the Pratt and Whitney 25-year Retirement Club. He was a disabled veteran of Korea, serving with the U.S. Navy.

He is also survived by two sons, John and James Habern, both of Indian Orchard; a daughter, Deborah Habern of Indian Orchard; three brothers, Ronald Habern of Manchester, Emal Habern of Hebron and Harold Habern of Tumbidge, Vt.; three sisters, Ann McCann of Manchester, Helen Anderson of Springfield, Mass., and Gertrude Fraro in Georgia; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St. Burial will be in East Cemetery with military honors. Calling hours are Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St.

Memorial donations may be made to the Shrine's Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, Mass. 01104, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Norinne O'Connor

Norinne (Roche) O'Connor, 63, of East Hartford, formerly of Manchester, wife of Richard O'Connor, died Monday (March 19, 1990) at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Hartford and lived in the East Hartford area for most of her life. She was a supervisor for SNET, retiring in 1987. She was a member of St. Mary's Church, East Hartford. She was also a member of the Daughters of Isabella and the SNET Pioneers Club.

She is survived by a son, Dennis O'Connor of Manchester, a brother, George A. Roche of East Hartford, two sisters-in-law, Mollie Roche and Effie Barrett, both of East Hartford, two grandchildren and

several nieces and nephews. The funeral will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 9 a.m. at St. Mary's Cemetery. Calling hours are Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Vincent DePaul, c/o St. James Church, 896 Main St.

In Memoriam

In sad and loving memory of Denis Pionomirov, who passed away on March 20, 1989.

Sadly Missed,
His Wife Hetty, Peter
Lucille and Grandchildren

Police Roundup

Man charged with assault

Nicholas Veslu of 16 Ferguson Road was arrested and charged with third-degree assault Monday in connection with an incident that occurred in February, police said.

Police said they received a call from a patron of Hanky Hanky's nightclub at 49 Farnell Place, on Feb. 23. The patron said that Veslu had a fight in the bar, according to police reports. Veslu, 21, turned himself into police on Monday and was held on a \$500 non-surety bond. A trial date has been set for March 26.

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Public Records

Warranty deeds

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Richard C. Rylander and Ellen L. Rylander to Frederick and Marie Mann, 27 Grove St., \$133,500.
Rohman & Beaulieu Inc. to Timothy L. and Judith L. Vettes, Sandstone Estates, \$162,900.

Manchester Townhouse Associates to Patricia M. Mangaglia and Carol A. Plamadore, Woodbridge Condominium, conveyance tax, \$103.95.
Ernest J. Reed and Brian R. Reed to Brian R. Smith and Cheryl C. Mountain, Karen Estates, \$133,900.
Michael and Sharon Masse to Victor M. and Kathleen P. Wilson, 33 Crestwood Drive, \$134,500.

Mark D. Jolin and Susan L. Jolin to Denise R. Brown, West and Bank streets, \$97,500.
David L. and Lucille Marino to D. Michael Masse and Sharon J. Masse, Green Manor Estates, \$187,500.

Quit claim deeds

Craig F. White to Rose Development Corp., 335 Broad St., no conveyance tax.
Carol McCaffrey to Jerome McCaffrey, 81-83 Union St., no conveyance tax.
Anna M. White to Joseph A. White Jr., 29-31 Biswell St., no conveyance tax.

Leo W. Richloff Jr. to Eileen D. Richloff, Autumn Heights, no conveyance tax.
Nathaniel D. Fowler to Thelma N. Sherwood, Green Acres Estates, no conveyance tax.
Charles J. and Ruth M. Glode to Steven L. Glode, 1701 Tolland Pike, no conveyance tax.

Marilyn L. Stubbs to Merlon P. Stubbs, 237 Oakland St., no conveyance tax.
Evelyn C. Samuels to George M. Samuels, Farm Road, no conveyance tax.
Russell B. Wilson to Phyllis K. Wilson, 61 Mather St., no conveyance tax.

Shella Saunders to Chris H. Saunders, 25-27 Winter St., no conveyance tax.
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Computer-theft caper stunned Robertson School officials

By Dianna M. Talbot
Manchester Herald

On Feb. 17, someone cut out a window at Robertson Elementary School, entered the building and stole an Apple II-E computer, complete with the monitor, keyboard, disk drive and printer.

At the time, the school had 10 of these computers, which school Principal Rochelle Abratis said students often use, in different classrooms.

Suddenly, it had nine.

Three days later, a different classroom window was kicked in. This time, a thief opened a partition between two classrooms and made off with two computer systems. Now, the school was left with seven computers.

School officials and students were bewildered, said Abratis.

"We all were very upset," she said. "Those computers are not something we can easily replace."

The computer culprit remained at large for almost a month; that is, until late this past Saturday afternoon, when another classroom window was cut and a fourth computer stolen. This time, police said they arrested a suspect.

Ronald Fudge, 26, of 360 Oakland St., Apartment 5-D, was charged with third-degree burglary and third-degree larceny. He was arraigned Monday in Manchester Superior Court and scheduled to appear again March 28, a court clerk said.

Police responded to an intruder alarm at the school at 5 p.m. Saturday, and witnesses said they saw a black man leave the school building carrying a large sack. Upon being seen, witnesses told police that the man dropped the sack, found to contain a school computer system, and ran into nearby woods.

Aware that a one-mile path in the woods led to an apartment complex, police drove to 360 Oakland St. and

waited. Soon, Fudge, dressed in dark clothes and a black-knit hat, was seen exiting the woods, gasping for breath as if he had been running, police said. He was apprehended after a quick chase, police said.

Sgt. Gerald Calve of the Manchester police force, said detectives are still investigating the computer burglaries and expect to make another arrest. Police believe Fudge may have been working with someone else and reselling the computer systems on the black market, he said.

The Board of Education and town will try to replace the computer systems, Abratis said.

"The students really miss them," she said.

23-lot subdivision proposal wins approval of commission

By Nancy Foley
Manchester Herald

By a 4-1 vote, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved a 23-lot subdivision off of Knollwood Road at its meeting Tuesday night. The subdivision, proposed by BCL Corp., will include 23 homes built on 28 acres.

At a public hearing on the development plans last month, seven Knollwood Road residents spoke against the project, saying that it would increase traffic on their road.

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Parker St. vote pleases crowd

By Nancy Foley
Manchester Herald

About 15 residents of Parker Street broke into applause Monday when the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to deny a zone change that would have allowed a Hartford couple to open a wood-working shop on their street.

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Dominic Squarito, an attorney representing BCL, pointed out that the regulation said an "existing" dwelling. In the planned subdivision, the pump station would be built first, he said.

"If it needs to be changed, then change it," Squarito said of the regulation. "But just don't change it on us."

Josh Howroyd, a Democrat who also is an alternate member of the commission, agreed with Squarito.

Mark Pellegrini, director of planning for the town, said the pump station would be a modular building containing a generator, with an underground pumping system. The landscape would serve to make the station less conspicuous, he said.

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STREET SWEEPER — Jim Delaney, of the town Highway Division, maneuvers a truck through West Middle Turnpike Monday as he sweeps the street free of dirt.

PZC denies town's land buy plan

By Nancy Foley
Manchester Herald

The Planning and Zoning Commission refused to give its approval to the town's plan to buy a parcel of land for the reconstruction of Main Street, saying that the property owner should be notified first that some of his property will be affected.

"We really didn't think we would get something like this," William Camosci, director of engineering services for the town, said of the commission's decision to approve the acquisition of property owned by the South United

Methodist Church on Hartford Road. Under local and state law, the PZC must give an advisory opinion to the town concerning purchases of land, but its vote can be overridden by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors.

William A. Bayer, Democratic chairman of the commission, said that the town could come back to the commission for approval after officials of the church had been informed that their property will be affected.

"I'd hate to have them read about it in the newspaper," he said.

8th District directors debate, then switch vote on land sale

By Alex Girelli
Manchester Herald

Two votes were taken by the directors of the Eighth Utilities District Monday night concerning the sale of district property, the second one reversing the first.

In the first vote, passed 4 to 3, the directors instructed John D. LaBelle Jr., the district legal counsel, to seek to acquire a parcel of land for a district-owned parcel of land on Tolland Turnpike near Buckland Street with a view toward offering the parcel for sale, without combining it with adjacent town-owned property as called for in an agreement between the town and district on sewer and fire jurisdiction.

But the directors recessed the meeting, and after the recess rescinded the vote and unanimously voted to instruct LaBelle to seek a change to Business 2 or Business 3 Zone of the parcel in combination with the town land.

LaBelle had argued during the meeting that the district property alone, an L-shaped parcel, would not bring as high a price. He also said Mark Pellegrini, town

COVENTRY/BOLTON/STATE

Accusations fly at 8th meeting

By Alex Girelli
Manchester Herald

Eight Utilities District President Thomas E. Landers and District Director Gordon Lassow accused each other Monday of antagonizing town officials in negotiations over installation of district sewers in the Irving Street area.

The dispute came as the result of a letter written by Peter P. Loiz, town director of public works, to the Glenn Construction Corp., contractor for the sewer project. The letter, written March 16, informed Glenn that its request of a permit to do the work has been rejected by the town and that the town will take legal action if it starts it.

The town has said it wants the roads returned to their present good condition after the installation, but the reason for the letter denying the permit was not clear. Town Manager Richard Sartor would not comment today on the dispute between Landers and Lassow.

The letter was written on the same day that district and town officials worked out an agreement on the work, an agreement that was approved by the district directors Monday night.

Landers accused Lassow of phoning Sartor and antagonizing him by asserting the district had the right to go forward. Lassow denied having called Sartor. He said Sartor had phoned him about 4:30 p.m. March 16 trying to locate district officials and in the process had indicated Landers was being uncooperative over the sewer installation problem.

The dispute was cut short by Director Joseph Tripp, who said, "If you have any more to say to each other, say it outside this meeting."

Lassow unsuccessfully challenged Landers for the district presidency in the May district election. He was later elected a director to fill a vacancy.

After the dispute, the district directors unanimously approved a proposed resolution to the town and district difference over road repaving and of Irving Street because of curb to curb after the sewer line is laid.

The district has said the added cost, estimated at about \$50,000, should not be passed on to the 40 or so homeowners who will ultimately pay for the sewer installation.

Under the agreement worked out last week, the district will set up an escrow fund of about \$24,000 which the town will use to have the work done under a blanket state contract, which calls for a lower cost.

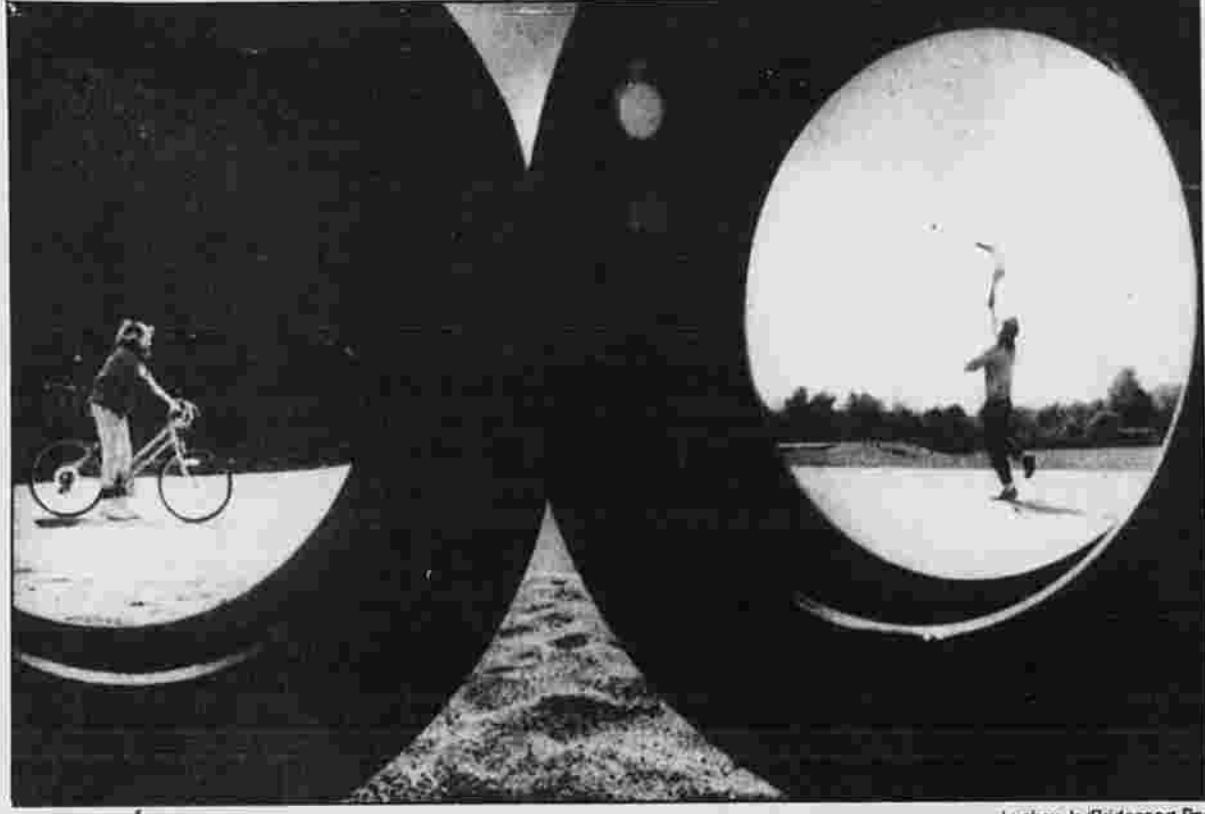
Meanwhile, the district will reduce the contract with Glenn by about \$22,000 because Glenn will not have to put permanent piping over the trench areas involved.

Inspections at mall show some problems

Granville Lingard, fire marshal for the Eighth Utilities District, reported Monday night that matters are progressing well in his inspections of the Pavilions at Buckland Hills, but he did mention some potential problems.

He told directors of the district that 78 stores have been inspected and about 27 others are in various stages of completion.

Lingard said the Sears Store has not yet been extensively inspected. He said he is concerned that tires are stored within the store, and although they are protected by a special sprinkler system with large openings, he feels the storage may present some problems for firefighters.



JAI ALAI HOPEFUL — Russ Noga, 18, practices his Jai Alai against the wall of the Riverfield School in Fairfield Monday while his friend Amy Latsch watches from her bicycle. Both player and onlooker are framed through ground tires.

In Brief . . .

O'Neill meets with doctors

HARTFORD (AP) — The quiet announcement that Gov. William A. O'Neill would meet with his doctors to discuss his health this week had the unintended effect of fueling speculation that O'Neill plans to drop his planned re-election bid.

The announcement came Monday from Jon L. Sandberg, the governor's press secretary, who was responding to reporters' questions.

O'Neill, who during his nine years as governor has had heart and polyp problems, has said repeatedly that he plans to run again unless an unforeseen health problem develops.

Sandberg said the meeting with the doctors was not an indication that new problems have flared up for O'Neill, but just another step in the process O'Neill has steadfastly said he would follow in making a decision.

The news of the meeting prompted a new round of Capitol speculation that O'Neill, whose poll ratings have sagged recently, would use health as his reason for quitting the race.

Sandberg said he was aware of no plans by the governor to make a formal announcement about seeking a third full term. The fact that O'Neill has announced at this relatively late date, combined with his low job approval ratings, have led many Democrats to believe that O'Neill won't run.

Treasury focus of probe

HARTFORD (AP) — State auditors have uncovered a 4 1/2-year-old theft of \$29,100 in the state treasurer's office and the matter has been turned over to the chief state's attorney for possible criminal prosecution.

The matter was disclosed Monday in a letter to Gov. William A. O'Neill from state auditors Leo V. Donohue and Henry J. Becker Jr.

In a statement issued late Monday, state Treasurer Francisco L. Borges said that the employee allegedly involved, whom he would not identify, is still with the agency. He called the matter "deeply regrettable" and said he was meeting with state personnel and "legal authorities" to decide what action might be taken.

The allegations surfaced after a review of records in the unclaimed property section of the treasurer's office, where abandoned bank accounts, stocks and other unclaimed financial property are turned over to the state if the owner can't be found after a certain period of time.

In a letter to Gov. William A. O'Neill, Donohue and Becker said that staff auditors had found an apparent alteration on a form being submitted by an insurance company. One person's name was apparently added to the form in 1982, along with a claim for \$29,100 in supposedly abandoned stock. The claim was paid in 1985.

O'Neill signs banking bill

HARTFORD (AP) — Gov. William A. O'Neill has signed into law a bill opening Connecticut to nationwide interstate banking immediately, ending the state's six-year "experiment" with interstate banking among towns in this area.

The selection also discussed septic problems at Bolton Library and complaints over installation of underground fuel tanks at Bolton Center School.

Executive Assistant Helen Kemp told the selection that residents' complaints led to a meeting between the town and the South Road Group Home Committee, a group designed to deal with issues related to the state-financed facility for three residents.

Some home residents who wander off the grounds, particularly one man who has entered the yards of nearby homes, were at the center of criticism.

A possible solution would be to install a fence or hedge around the

home, Kemp said.

She also said the home has been given 60 days to landscape an area dug up to install a new septic system.

Neighborhood residents had complained about the unsightly appearance of the unfinished work.

If these problems are not corrected, it could affect renewal of the home's license, Kemp said.

In another matter, Karen Kridler and David Meyer of Northeast Sexual Assault Crisis Services asked the selection for a \$500 contribution for their organization. The group provides victims' assistance and community education for 29 towns in this area.

First Selectman Robert Morra said that although their services were beneficial, perhaps the Board of Health would be a more appropriate group to solicit for funds.

On a different fiscal matter, the selection did appropriate \$1,000 to cover sewage pumping costs at the Bolton Library unit which had not been found for its problem with over-

Coventry chief pleads for end to officer exodus

By Jacqueline Bennett
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — Police officers are being lost to other towns due to poor pay and dangerous work conditions, the police chief told the Town Council Monday night.

"One of the big concerns of the officers is working alone... they say they're paying us nothing and we have to work alone," Police Chief Frank Trzaskos said during the meeting at the Town Office Building.

Trzaskos was there to present his budget for the next fiscal year. The budget includes a request for additional officers.

Currently, there are eight regular full-time officers and three lieutenants. The police budget totals \$661,494, broken into five separate accounts.

Trzaskos said the department is facing a high turnover rate, noting another officer recently resigning and will be working for the Manchester Police Department.

Council Chairman Joan Lewis asked, "What is the difference in the salary — Manchester is where we are losing our officers to?"

Trzaskos said starting pay in Manchester is \$1,000 to \$3,000 higher, and "on the top side" pay is about \$8,000 more. He said on average a Manchester officer makes about \$50,000 compared to the town, where salary ranges is about \$26,000 to \$44,700.

However, Trzaskos said other factors in the officer exodus are safer working conditions in other towns and a better retirement plan.

He said that 27 percent of the time, an officer is on duty alone. With a number of relatively inexperienced officers on the force, that means town liability is high, Trzaskos added.

"When an officer has less than a year of training and is working alone, our liability goes way up... the more experience, training an officer has, the less likely he is going to run into a problem," Trzaskos said.

He noted the department's senior officer is retiring soon. As a result, the top senior officer will have 14 years experience but the rest five or less.

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NATION & WORLD

Flooding spreads to Florida

By The Associated Press

Muddy flood waters from last week's torrential rains in Alabama and Georgia coursed through the Florida Panhandle today, damaging homes and businesses and threatening supports for an Interstate highway bridge over a raging river.

Flood damage was expected to worsen in Florida, where at least 1,200 people fled their homes. Some rivers in the northern part of the state wouldn't crest until Wednesday, a National Weather Service forecaster said today.

In Alabama and Georgia, authorities began assessing damage from storms that dumped up to 16 inches of rain Thursday and Friday. Flood-related accidents killed 17 people and about 4,000 fled their homes in those two states.

Cold air followed receding flood waters in Alabama and Georgia today, the first day of spring. Temperatures dipped to 30 degrees this morning in Birmingham, Ala., and hovered just above freezing in Atlanta. Freezing temperatures also were recorded in Tennessee and Kentucky.

Alabama Gov. Guy Hunt asked President Bush for federal aid Monday for coffee growers, whose swollen Pea River burst a levee and inundated the city of Elba.

Hunt also requested federal aid for 25 other flooded counties in central and south Alabama, but said he would ask Bush to help Coffee County first.

Some of Elba's evacuees returned Monday for their first look at the destruction.

"It didn't really hurt until I got here. Then it tore me up," said Mike Simmons, who returned home to find a waterline on his ceiling, overturned furniture and smaller items still floating in several inches of water.

National Guardsmen and state troopers patrolled the streets overnight from 7 p.m. curfew after some reports of looting in downtown Elba, which remained under several feet of water. Telephone, gas and electric service was out.

There was another problem in Elba and elsewhere in the region: the high waters flushed out snakes, which could be seen swimming through inundated neighborhoods.

"We've got to begin to hire career security people," said Steven Keller, a security consultant who was brought in to supervise security at the Art Institute of Chicago after thieves stole three Cezanne paintings in 1979.

In Israel and some European countries, security guards are typically highly-trained, well-paid professionals, Keller said.

"It's the exact opposite here. Security guards here are hired at the entry-level and leave their jobs to work at McDonald's or become janitors," Keller said.

In the robbery early Sunday at the Gardner Museum, two men dressed as police officers persuaded the two guards on duty to let them into the museum, then bound them with tape at McDonald's or become janitors," Keller said.

Several of the pictures and at least one Rembrandt were cut out of their frames, which were connected to an alarm system.

Lawyers duel over single word

By The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Both sides in the trial of former Exxon Valdez skipper Joseph Hazelwood argued over final instructions for the jury, with defense lawyers losing a battle over a single word: "noticeably."

The defense wanted jurors to decide whether Hazelwood was "noticeably impaired" by alcohol the night the tanker ran aground, causing the nation's worst oil spill.

But Superior Court Judge Karl Johnstone on Monday sided with the prosecution, and ruled that the panel would consider only whether the 43-year-old Huntington, N.Y., man was "impaired."

Final arguments were to take place today in the 7-week-old trial. Hazelwood is charged with a felony, criminal mischief, and three misdemeanors: reckless endangerment, operating a vessel while intoxicated and negligent discharge of oil. If convicted, he could receive 7 1/2 years in prison and \$61,000 in fines.

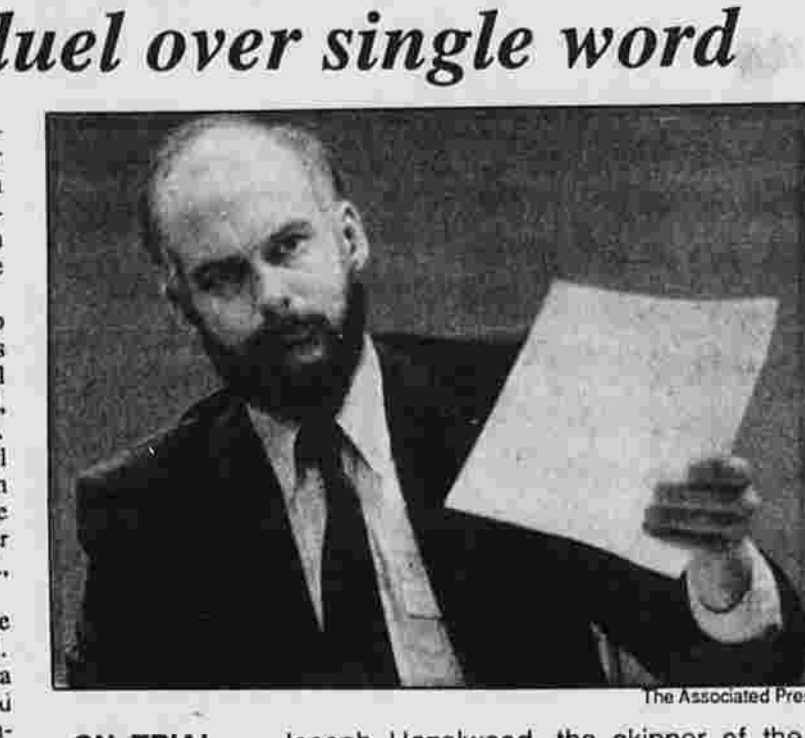
The Exxon Valdez ran aground on Bligh Reef on March 24, spilling almost 11 million gallons of North Slope crude oil that wreaked devastation over hundreds of miles of shoreline rich with fish, birds and other wildlife.

The intoxication charge is one of the most bitterly disputed points of the trial. The state contends Hazelwood drank before his ship sailed and was drunk when it hit the reef hours later. His attorneys say he was sober and in command.

When officials tested Hazelwood 10 1/2 hours after the grounding, his blood-alcohol level was .061, below the 10 Alaska minimum to be considered a drunken driver.

The judge on Monday refused to add a proposed prosecution instruction in which jurors would be told the Coast Guard's blood-alcohol limit for operating a commercial vessel is .04, well below the state law. Johnstone said the Coast Guard standard is a federal regulation, not state law, and has not been admitted into evidence at the trial.

Every crew member and investigator who saw Hazelwood on the crucial night was asked about his sobriety. They testified he did not



ON TRIAL — Joseph Hazelwood, the skipper of the tanker Valdez, hands papers to a lawyer Monday during his trial in Anchorage, Alaska.

stagger, slur his words or show any signs of intoxication, although three witnesses smelled liquor on his breath.

"There are a lot of people who can mask their impairment," defense lawyer Dick Madson appeared, stunned by the ruling, saying, "This is the first time I've ever heard of this."

Madson said that in his years of defending drunken driving cases in Fairbanks, the term "noticeably impaired" always has been included in jury instructions.

Prosecution lawyer David M. Spigel said, "That leads to a low level of security."

Curios and security experts said that as the value of art soars at auction houses like Sotheby's, thefts are bound to increase as the illegal art market grows to a billion-dollar international trade.

"The average person thinks an art theft is an exotic thing that happens once every few years," said Donald Mason, a private security consultant for museums. "That's just not so."

Mason, who headed art theft investigations for the FBI nationwide from 1965 to 1976, said when he began he was the only agent in the United States assigned to probe incidents of stolen art.

Eventually he assembled a squad of five agents to probe art thefts, but the FBI has since disbanded the group.

They said they wanted to concentrate on other things, like white-collar and organized crime," Mason said. "But a lot of art investigations involve both of those."

Some improvements may be on the way. Keller, chairman of the American Society of Industrial Security, said the security professionals' association has spent the past two years drawing up more than 100 guidelines on how to tighten museum security.

The guidelines include such measures as tighter screening of potential guards and making alarm systems immune to power failures, Keller said.

Abortion law gets quick test

By The Associated Press

AGANA, Guam (AP) — Gov. Joseph Ada said a fetus is a human being in signing a bill creating the most restrictive U.S. abortion statute, but abortion rights advocates already are challenging the measure.

Janet Beneshoff, an American Civil Liberties Union lawyer, immediately violated the law by telling women in a speech where to go to have an abortion, and the territory's attorney general — who personally opposes the measure — pressed charges.

Territorial Attorney General Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson says prosecuting the case will be a heavy burden, but a responsibility of her job.

Beneshoff made a court appearance Tuesday, Guam time, but Superior Court Judge Ramon V. Diaz said he could not hear the case because he did not feel he could render a fair and impartial decision.

Beneshoff is scheduled to be arraigned today.

"The law, which passed despite a ruling by Barrett-Anderson that it is unconstitutional, makes a third-degree felony for a person to perform or help in an abortion. Seeking or having an abortion or soliciting someone to have an abortion are misdemeanors."

The law also sets a referendum for residents of this Pacific Ocean island about 1,500 miles east of the Philippines to decide whether to keep the law.

Barrett-Anderson filed a misdemeanor complaint charging Beneshoff with violating the ban on soliciting someone to have an abortion in violation of the law.

"I was very specific in my breaking of the law," Beneshoff said. "The information that I gave, which is now a crime, came from the Honolulu Yellow Pages."

Barrett-Anderson said later in a statement.

"My advisory role has now expired. This is a heavy burden, but... I will enforce this statute to the extent that the law allows."

Beneshoff, who went to Guam to try to persuade Ada not to sign the bill, was not arrested but appeared in court voluntarily.

Poorly paid guards protect priceless artwork

BOSTON (AP) — Despite predictions of more thefts like the \$100 million-plus raid of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, many museums and galleries have increased, poorly paid guards and inadequate security systems, experts say.

"To make matters worse, there are only a handful of investigators trained to probe such crimes, officials said.

Guards are considered the weakest link in the security chain. Most are young and receive little training in modern times since the loss of Germany's national bank at the end of World War II.

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The pilfered works included two paintings and an etching by Rembrandt, three paintings and two charcoal by Edgar Degas; one painting each by Edoard Manet, Jan Vermeer and Govaert Flinck.

In addition to the plan for improvements, the FAA expects to spend between \$22 billion and \$24 billion on operations and maintenance over the next five years, including salaries of air traffic controllers, agency budget officials said.

"I believe this administration has put forward a comprehensive proposal to deal with aviation in the 1990s," Busey told a meeting of air-port officials.

If approved by Congress, the plan would allow airports to impose taxes for the first time since the early 1970s.

The maximum initial tax would be 8 percent to 10 percent and hike aviation fuel taxes by 25 percent, which also likely would be passed along in higher fares. Congress is likely to make modifications, however.

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Survey on housing shows need on rise

COVENTRY — A survey of town residents indicates that, for many, finding affordable housing is an actual or potential problem.

The housing rehabilitation committee approved the grant in August, but, also serving as the Fair Housing Committee, the same group of members approved the grant in September, saying Carrilli's holding tank violates state health codes for proper septic systems. Therefore, giving Carrilli the grant could jeopardize the town getting future grants, the committee said.

"It is procedurally very unclear that an appeal go back to the same committee. There is no reason in that," Councilman Peter Halvorson said.

Council member Harvey Barrette added, "This is where it should be now, it is a building code violation. I am comfortable with it going to the Building Code Board of Appeals."

The council was going to approve the appointment of a hearing officer, however, that motion was withdrawn. Town Manager John Elisser said the community development department, Ann Zahniotok, had a verbal commitment from state representatives to have housing stock for younger people.

"If the town is going to continue to provide services we need to ensure housing stock and variety," Halvorson said.

In another matter, the Town Council voted to send a resident's appeal for reinstatement of a federal housing grant to the town Building Code Board of Appeals. The decision was in compliance with a recent state ruling.

The vote was 6-0 at the meeting at the Town Office Building. Member Stephen Clark was absent.

The action is in response to a ruling by the state Department of Housing about two weeks ago that Joseph Carrilli did not get a fair ap-

peal of a decision to take back his \$130,000 Small Cities grant program because the appeal was heard by the same group that reviewed the grant, acting as a different committee.

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Administration asking for aviation tax hikes as part of 5-year plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is asking Congress to raise taxes on aviation fuel and airline tickets and allow a new airport tax as part of a five-year plan for commercial aviation.

Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner included the \$22 billion proposal in the Federal Aviation Administration's reauthorization bill sent to Congress on Monday.

The plan would add up to \$12 in airport fees to a roundtrip airline ticket, increase the tax on tickets from 8 percent to 10 percent and hike aviation fuel taxes by 25 percent, which also likely would be passed along in higher fares. Congress is likely to make modifications, however.

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After the first year, collection of the tax would automatically decrease other federal funding available to airports. Some smaller regional airports might elect not to pay the fee, so it would not reduce federal aviation costs as covered by users via the tax-fuel trust fund, with the remainder from general tax revenues.

FAA Administrator James B. Busey said the reauthorization bill would help meet the growing demand for aviation, allow moder-

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OPINION

Proposal puts focus on the debt

For most Americans, the national debt is as abstract as the numbers that measure it — currently about \$3,000,000,000,000, as in trillion. ...

Getting Washington to focus again on the debt is only one reason to cheer Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, for his bold plan to slash the federal budget deficit. ...

More than \$150 billion a year that vanishes into interest payments means that there is much less money in circulation for private investment and, in turn, economic expansion and job creation. This debt is of increasing consequence as the economy slows down because it severely cuts the nation's ability to bail itself out of a severe recession. ...

Rostenkowski's plan would not wipe out the national debt but would keep it from growing after 1994. ...

Where would the money come from? A one-year freeze on cost-of-living increases in all federal programs would cut the deficit by 9 percent the first year. Higher taxes on oil, tobacco, alcohol and industrial pollutants would cut it another \$20 billion. Cutting the Pentagon budget by 3 percent a year would convert another \$10 billion from red ink to black. Families with incomes above \$185,000 a year, who now pay income taxes as a 28 percent rate, would pay the same 33 percent that families with smaller incomes pay. ...

The White House and some Republican leaders in Congress resisted any temptation to attack the plan. ... That, plus renewed attention to the deficit, is an improvement over recent behavior on all sides. ...

Los Angeles Times

Open Forum

Computing actual costs

To the Editor: In a recent letter, Charles Holland of TNT wrote that the Bolton Board of Education, by using the per pupil cost number at Bolton High School of \$7,418, was using a figure that was "misleading, confusing, and outright deception." ...

The \$7,418 figure used by the board is exactly what the board claims. Bolton High School's per pupil cost, based on the State of Connecticut model for computing per pupil costs. The board has never indicated that this number represented the actual cost. The model is used by all towns in Connecticut and was designed to be used for comparison purposes only. It is not intended to show actual costs. The model excludes costs that can have wide fluctuations from town to town such as capital, continuing education, transportation, tutorial, special education, and speech, hearing & language. ...

The board used this figure to compare Bolton High School's state model per pupil cost with the regional high schools' state model per pupil costs as they are the only schools that compute a high school per pupil cost on a regular basis. This is a valid comparison and the only one that should be made. ...

I agree that the per pupil cost number and the actual cost number differ. I disagree that the use of this number "covers up and conceals the real cost figures that have meaning to the Bolton taxpayers." ...

The Board of Education budget presented to the taxpayers of Bolton each year for their approval contains a breakdown of actual costs for all the schools, and in total. It also contains projected off-setting revenues to the budget and thus gives the taxpayers the actual costs. ...

Mr. Holland makes an attempt to compute what he calls the actual per student cost to the Bolton taxpayers. He takes us through a numerical fantasy with the number of students at Bolton High School. He removes the tuition students from his figures but does not bother to remove the revenue they generate to offset the total cost. He also made no attempt to reduce costs associated with the tuition students. ...

After all of this manipulating, he comes up with not one, but two cost per student numbers that he calls meaningful and significant. The facts would indicate that they are neither. ...

One of TNT's stated goals is to ensure responsible spending of Bolton's tax dollars. I would ask that they use all of the responsible, factual data available to achieve that goal. ...

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Two views of Rostenkowski plan



"I DON'T CARE IF YOU ARE A SPECIALIST, DR. ROSTENKOWSKI --- I WANT A SECOND OPINION!"



Dan Rostenkowski unveils his Congressional plan to solve the deficit dilemma...

Cycles of hope, frustration

By Walter R. Mears

WASHINGTON — Again, an anniversary, Terry Anderson's fifth as a captive. Again, a cycle of hopeful signs and statements about the American hostages in Lebanon. ...

But optimism has proved hollow too often to come easily to the families, colleagues and friends of Anderson and the other seven Americans held captive by militant Muslim factions. ...

Always before, cycles of hope have yielded to cycles of frustration and silence. This time, perhaps, it will be different. Peggy Say, Anderson's sister, thinks so. She is, she says, absolutely convinced that the ceremony held last Friday, across the street from the White House, will be the last before Anderson and other captives finally are freed. ...

Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent of The Associated Press, was seized by Muslim gunmen on March 16, 1985. He has been held longer than any other hostage. His kidnappers identified themselves as members of a group called Islamic Jihad, or holy war. They are aligned with Iran, and two hostages who had been held with Anderson were released after secret Reagan administration arms shipments to the Iranians. ...

The scandal over the arms sales and diversion of the proceeds to support Contra rebels in Nicaragua made the hostage situation part of the major political embarrassment of the Reagan years. President Reagan had, after all, defied a Democratic president under attack by the Iranian hostage crisis, and had promised that he would not let Americans be taken without swift and sure retribution. ...

There was no way to make good on the promise certainly does. "I intend to keep open lines of communications with all parties, including Iran, who have influence over hostage takers," Bush said in a letter to Mrs. Say. ...

While the EPA is taking its own sweet time assessing the health hazards of pesticide chemicals, the Food and Drug Administration is blithely assuring there is nothing to worry about. ...

The FDA recently cooperated with a supermarket industry group, the Food Marketing Institute, to produce a pamphlet that calms the waters. The private institute paid for the brochure, but the FDA bought 50,000 copies to distribute through its Office of Consumer Affairs. ...

The brochure says that "Although some pesticides have been found to produce tumors in laboratory animals, there is no evidence to link cancer deaths or the incidence of cancer with the residues of these pesticides." ...

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Pesticide retesting is flawed

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — Two years ago, Congress ordered the Environmental Protection Agency to retest about 600 pesticide chemicals already on the market because they may have been approved at a time when EPA standards were more lax. ...

The internal EPA memo we have obtained acknowledges that the agency doesn't really know what those new employees have been doing for the past year. In fact, they may be spending their time putting new pesticides on the market and ignoring their mandate to retest the old ones. ...

Camp's memo told employees to keep better track of how their time is spent. He told us that the problem may be that the employees simply didn't fill out their time cards correctly. And he says his agency is on schedule meeting the congressional deadlines. ...

But other numbers point to a failure by EPA to get the message from Congress. Only 11 of the 102 employees hired for the retesting work ended up being assigned to the EPA divisions responsible for ensuring the safety of pesticides already in use. ...

The bulk of the employees ended up with paperwork jobs. Even if EPA is serious about the congressional mandate, there will probably be a shortage of scientists to do the job. ...

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Germany's Kohl tries to cut influx

BONN, West Germany (AP) — Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Cabinet today agreed to begin scrapping special benefits for East German settlers in an attempt to stop them from flooding into West Germany, a government official said. ...

The decision is aimed at encouraging East Germans to stay home and help rebuild their country and to relieve the burden East German resettlers are putting on West German social services. ...

The cabinet move came two days after East Germany's first free election in which a conservative alliance allied to Kohl's party won. The winners are still negotiating on forming a coalition East German government that will help set the pace for unifying and ignoring their mandate to retest the old ones. ...

Congress has been probing the EPA since 1972 to get a handle on pesticides that were registered years ago under early and often inadequate scientific standards. ...

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Moderates led by President Hashemi Rafsanjani have said the hostage issue is moving toward a solution. ...

Most of the 18 hostages in Lebanon are believed held by groups linked to Hezbollah, a Shiite Muslim organization heavily financed by Iran. ...

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PRESSING MATTERS OF STATE — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher tries out an automatic steam presser during a visit Monday to a London home show.

Lithuanian: hard line just negotiation stance

MOSCOW (AP) — Lithuania's president says the Kremlin is merely taking a tough initial negotiating stand by ordering Moscow-run enterprises and agencies in the breakaway Baltic state to renege on legal labor efforts. ...

In a nationally televised announcement last Monday, the Soviet government sternly warned Lithuania not to erect customs posts, introduce a new currency or take over Moscow-run factories without Kremlin permission. ...

The announcement did not say what would happen if Lithuania ignored the warning, but Soviet troops have been reported moved onto the outskirts of the city. ...

Studio pans review, bans critics

CHICAGO (AP) — Twentieth Century Fox is banning film critics Gene Siskel and Roger Ebert from advance screenings of its movies over remarks they made during a TV interview about the company's flick, "Nuns on the Run." ...

The move marks the first time that Ebert and Siskel, a Chicago Tribune film critic, have been barred from special screenings of movies released by major studios, said Andi Sperkin, spokeswoman for Buena Vista Television, which produces "Siskel & Ebert." ...

Ms. Sperkin said "things got blown out of proportion" after the duo light-heartedly said they didn't like "Nuns on the Run" during an appearance Friday on "Live With Regis and Kathie Lee" in New York to tout their upcoming pre-Academy Awards show. ...

Siskel and Ebert both gave the film a "thumbs down" last week on their television show, and also panned the movie in syndicated columns, Ms. Sperkin said. ...

"Nuns on the Run" is a film about two gangsters who come into possession of a large sum of money which various bad guys want. They dodge into a convent, slip into nuns' clothing and try to pass themselves off as sisters. ...

"Yeah, this is 1990," Ebert said. "How many other transvestite, anti-clerical comedies have there been so far in this decade?" ...

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Homeless head count is tonight

WASHINGTON (AP) — They are mostly male and single minority people, have little education and many have histories of mental illness. All are homeless, and the Census Bureau aims to find as many of them as it can today. ...

The government needs to know about everyone and this is a chance for the homeless to say, "Look, we exist, we're part of this country." ...

Tonight and early Wednesday morning up to 15,000 census workers will visit missions and shelters, walk the streets and look down alleys. They will even wait outside abandoned buildings to see if anyone emerges in the morning. ...

Where possible, workers will ask some basic questions, too, but they won't disturb sleeping people or those in a state of mind to be interviewed. ...

The plan is to take the measure of the homeless in a more thorough count than they occurred a decade ago when census workers simply visited shelters and missions. ...

Directing aid to the homeless has foundered on a lack of knowledge, as estimates of their number vary from 250,000 to 3 million. ...

Officials already know something about the homeless, through a survey of 1,704 homeless people at soup kitchens in 20 cities taken by The Urban Institute. ...

About 46 percent of the homeless were black, 41 percent were non-Hispanic whites and 10 percent were Hispanic. In the general population, blacks make up about 12 percent and Hispanics 8 percent. ...

About 55 percent of homeless had never married, compared with 22 percent of American adults overall. Fifty-two percent of all homeless had completed high school, compared with 81 percent of all Americans. ...

Almost 20 percent of the homeless reported a history of mental hospitalization and one-third had been patients in a detoxification or alcohol or drug treatment center, the survey found. ...

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Demand for foreign oil deepens nation's trade deficit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit, bloated by a record demand for foreign oil, worsened dramatically in January, climbing to \$9.3 billion, the government said today.

The Commerce Department said the January deficit was 20.5 percent larger than December's \$7.7 billion imbalance. Most of the deterioration came from a 44 percent surge in oil shipments.

The January deficit was an ominous beginning for the new decade. Many analysts believe

America's trade woes will worsen in coming years as U.S. dependence on foreign oil grows.

For January, exports climbed to an all-time high of \$32.1 billion, 4 percent above the December level.

However, this gain was swamped by a 7.3 percent surge in imports, which increased to \$41.3 billion.

The trade deficit, the difference between imports and exports, was the largest since a \$10.1 billion imbalance in November.

The U.S. trade deficit has been improving for the past two years,

falling to \$109 billion last year, down 8 percent from 1988.

But many economists predicted the 1990 deficit could begin rising again because of the oil bill and gains in the value of the dollar.

A stronger U.S. currency makes imports cheaper for Americans and U.S. products less competitive on overseas markets.

The huge 44 percent surge in oil imports did not come as a surprise, with analysts blaming the rise on December's record cold weather, which caused oil companies to im-

port heavily in January to restock depleted supplies.

The total volume of oil, 291,278 barrels, was an all-time high, topping a previous record set in August.

Prices shot up to \$20.13 per barrel, pushing the total oil bill to \$5.86 billion, the highest total dollar amount since August 1982, a month when the volume was less but the price per barrel was higher.

The American Petroleum Institute has reported that foreign oil accounted for a record 54 percent of consumption in January as domestic

production fell to its lowest level in a quarter century.

Another factor swelling the deficit in January was a 31 percent surge in imports of clothing, which totaled \$3.1 billion in January.

As usual, the deficit with Japan was the largest of any country. However, at \$2.9 billion, it was at the lowest level since December 1984.

The Bush administration has been pressing the Japanese to do more to reduce U.S. exports as a way of purchasing the huge annual deficit of

\$49 billion that America is running up each quarter.

Other big deficits included Taiwan, \$1.2 billion; China, \$800 million; Canada, \$600 million, and the countries of Western Europe, \$300 million.

Michael Evans, head of a Washington forecasting company, said he was looking for the deficit for all of 1990 to total between \$120 billion and \$125 billion, which would make it the second worst imbalance on history. The all-time high was a \$152.1 billion deficit in 1987.



MONGOLIAN RALLY — About 2,000 people gather Tuesday at the Sukh-bator Square at the center of the Mongolian capital of Ulan Bator. They demanded democracy and peaceful

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electricity rose 0.6 percent after a 0.3 percent increase.

Food costs rose 0.5 percent in February after a large 1.8 percent rise in January.

Dairy products rose 0.9 percent. So did fruit and vegetables, following a 10.2 percent rise in January after a freeze ruined crops from Texas to Florida.

Tomatoes jumped 30.7 percent in February. For the two months combined, they were up 129.4 percent.

There were declines for sugar and

sweets and fats and oils.

Excluding the volatile food and energy categories, prices rose 0.5 percent. This "core" number is generally considered a better indication of underlying inflation pressures.

However, it was driven higher by an unusual 3.3 percent rise in clothing and upkeep prices. On a seasonally adjusted basis, it was the sharpest rise since 1947 when that series of numbers was first recorded.

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The project, which Town Manager Richard Sartor said is supposed to go to bid on June 27, is supposed to take two construction seasons. The length of a construction season depends on the weather as soon as possible. The buildings, close to Main Street, are slated for removal for the project.

"It's going to be done anyway," Marlow said. "Why not now?"

Marlow said his second concern is that the work will displace some 80 parking spaces.

He said he wants two buildings on Birch Street to be torn down to provide parking for the downtown and every calendar year has at least one construction season.

However, no one is making any guarantees about the project taking two years or less.

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Many others at the meeting spoke in agreement with Casano.

Sartor added, "I don't think we need to sell the need. I think we need to sell everything else."

Oreila admitted some of the misinformation and confusion about

the referendum plan probably related to the campaigns for the Nov. 7 election, in which the Republicans gained a majority on the Board of Directors.

"Nobody's up for re-election this time," he said.

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SPORTS



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Style and grace were well with Chrissie Evert

LOS ANGELES — They called her "the Ice Maiden." Penguins could live on her, they said. She had the mean average annual temperature of an iceberg.

She was so shining, white, it hurt to look at her. She was like a ski slope in the park.

She played tennis as if she were pouring tea. No one ever saw her perspire.

She was a throwback to the days when women played in hobbie skirts and flowered bonnets.

She never left the baseline. She knocked everybody out at long range like the USS Missouri. She played tennis the way an orchestra played Beethoven, deftly, lovingly but with intense concentration on the notes.

Other players make a brock 'n roll or bombast. Chrissie Evert was a Moonlight Sonata.

It irritated some people. They wanted more dash and fire. They wanted Christie to come to the net, to slash more, serve and volley, lose her temper, come apart. Be human.

She wouldn't. She was as cold as a marble statue. She never dove for a ball, skidded into a net. She looked as easy to beat as a pair of treads.

You couldn't get a ball by her in a tank. She had the patience of a schoolmarm. She made Joe seem impatient. She would hit balls back at your feet till you wanted to cry.

The crowd wanted Dempsey and they got Willie Pep. Sugar Ray, Chrissie jabbed you to death.

She was at pains not to look like it, but she was a tremendous athlete. She pioneered the two-handed backhand, which made the Establishment meet smiling

sails. Christie just smiled sweetly. She didn't run on court, she'd glide. She'd remind you of a great center fielder. D.Maggio in his prime. When the ball came down, she was there. And when she hit it back, it had hair on it.

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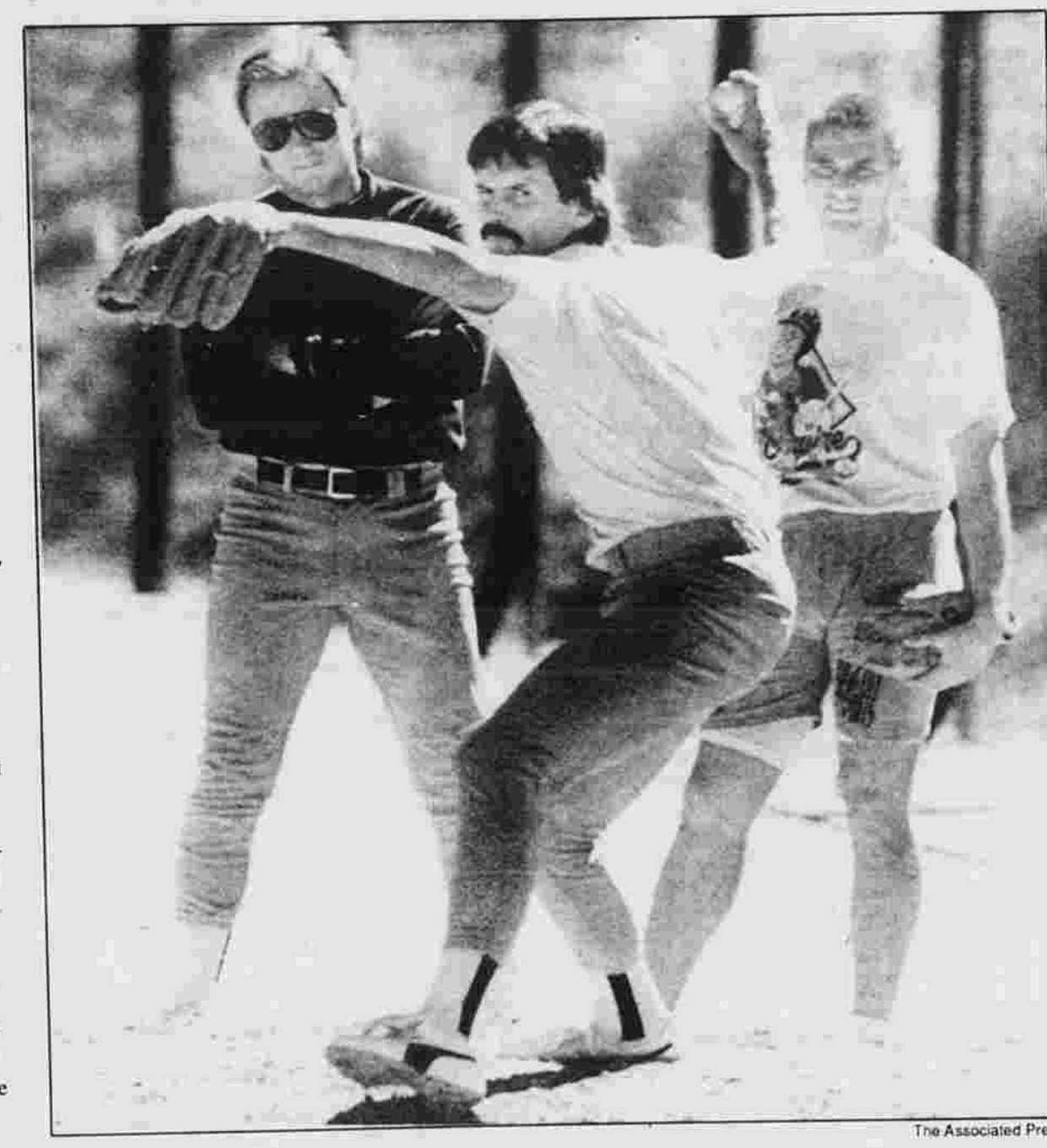
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GETTING ONE DAY JUMP — Oakland A's star relief pitcher Dennis Eckersley gets in some early pitching practice under the watchful eye of pitching coach Dave Duncan, left, and pitcher Mike Moore Monday in Phoenix, Arizona. Players in the Phoenix area started to work out with the rest of the teams starting a late spring training now that the owners have ended the lockout.

Bigger pot of gold for rookies to shoot for beginning today

By Dave O'Hara

The Associated Press

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Scott Cooper, Mickey Pina, Carlos Quintana are rookies hoping to grab the brass ring with the Boston Red Sox.

Along with several other first year players, Cooper, Pina and Quintana were ready to begin batting for jobs and big bucks today in the Boston training camp.

Cooper spent a couple of weeks working out and paying his own expenses in Winter Haven during the long baseball lockout. Brodie, he went home to St. Louis.

Like other rookies, Cooper will have a lot more to shoot for as a result of a settlement late Sunday in the labor dispute between club owners and players.

"They went to bed hoping to get the minimum of \$68,000 and woke up with a \$32,000 raise if they make the club," Boston scout Sam Mele said of the \$100,000 minimum in the new basic agreement. "I never made more than \$25,000 in my 10 years as a player in the big leagues. That, though, was a long time ago."

While the Red Sox began checking in Monday to begin formal training, a former super star renewed

friendships with old teammates. And he was one of the first ever to receive more than \$100,000.

Fans filled about the entrance and the box office. Some got refunds on tickets for canceled exhibition games. Others inquired about a new schedule for preseason games beginning next week.

"I've cashed in my tickets for the entire (home) schedule, but I'm ready to purchase more when they start to play," said Mike Ryan of Haverhill, Mass.

"I'm just cashing in," said George Warren of Yarmouthport, Mass.

"After all, it's kind of hard to see yesterday's game."

Red Sox general manager Lou Guzman began working on a new schedule of "14 or 15 games, as many as we can play in the area."

Jack Rogers, the club's longtime traveling secretary, probably was the most harassed person in Winter Haven. Players from all over the country called him for information and help in making travel, lodging and car rental arrangements.

The clubhouse remained locked. Trainer Charlie Moss, who lives near, explained, "There's nothing

to do anything you want to do in life if you work at it," is Gillen's message.

A walk-on athlete at Fairfield University in Connecticut, Gillen was grateful to get a scholarship his last two years to take some of the burden off his father, who worked seven days a week to put three children through college.

"They were very conservative, good, solid people," Gillen recalled. "Not hard knocks, but low-middle class. Nothing fancy, just blue-collar, hard-working people."

After knocking off Kansas State and Georgetown in the Midwest Regional at Indianapolis, No. 25 Xavier (28-4) is going to Dallas to play Texas (23-8) on Thursday. It is the first time Xavier has made it to the round of 16, although Gillen has taken Xavier to the NCAA tournament each of his five years at the school.

"If you want to be a great program, you can do it, if you work your brains out," Gillen said Monday. "You've got to be lucky, yes; you have to have talent, yes ..."

"College basketball players, you have to have the players, and their recruiting. It's chemistry, too. If you have chemistry, you have a chance to be successful."

Gillen was an assistant at Notre Dame and Villanova, and credits Digger Phelps and Rollie Massimino with teaching him how to be a coach.

"They helped me with the X's and O's," Gillen said. "I learned a lot of basketball from those people, but I also learned what you can do, what you can make it if you work at it."

Xavier is a Jesuit school with an enrollment of 3,900 undergraduates, one of many small, unknown college basketball programs waiting to be discovered in prime time.

It has twin towers — forward Tyrone Hill and center Derek Strong each are 6-foot-10 — and is second in the

HEADING SOUTH FOR SPRING — Mover Kevin Tobin wheels Boston Red Sox equipment and duffle bags onto a van headed for spring training in Whittier, Florida, outside of Fortway Park in Boston Monday.

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Soviet

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money in the hands of the people, who have nothing spend it on.

Central economic planning has proved a failure, and the people want for food and consumer goods of decent quality.

Prices are set by central planners and many are unrealistically low, with state subsidies for housing, transport and essential consumer items.

Interfax said in its report Monday that the reform package would take effect July 1 and provide for the selling off of many government-owned factories. It said another aspect was a plan for making the ruble convertible.

Economists say real pricing and a move toward a ruble whose value is determined by world market forces would bring about immediate inflation, accompanied by high unemployment.

But doing nothing could be more dangerous. Coal miners unhappy with the lack of improvement since their paralyzing strike last summer have threatened renewed walkouts.

Interfax said the plan was drafted by 60 Soviet economists and modeled on the one that took effect Jan. 1 in Poland, which decided to leap directly into a market system in hopes of shortening the painful period of transition after decades of Communist rule.

Empty stores have been stocked, and Poles no longer have to stand in long lines to buy what they need. The zloty has become partially convertible thanks to a massive Western aid program.

Welfare

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street because of this decision," said Lorraine M. Aronson, Commissioner of Income Maintenance.

The state Supreme Court, in a 6-1 decision Monday, overturned a Superior Court judge's ruling that the year that the 100-day limit violated the rights of poor families to decent housing.

The ruling by Judge Anthony V. DeMayo was hailed by housing activists as evidence of a fundamental right to housing under the state Constitution, but the O'Neill administration blamed it for the skyrocketing costs of the emergency housing program for welfare families.

From December 1988 to December 1989 — a period during which the 100-day limit was in effect for only four months — the average stay in welfare motels jumped from 54 days to 149 days.

With monthly rent at welfare motels averaging \$2,400 per family, the cost of the program has skyrocketed from \$6 million in fiscal year

O'Neill

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have been the toughest fight of his political career.

The source said the governor's health is fine and was not a factor in his decision not to seek re-election.

During his nine years in office, the Democratic chief executive has had a series of health problems, including a heart attack, heart bypass surgery and, more recently, colon

polyps, one of which was cancerous. O'Neill faced a challenge from U.S. Rep. Bruce A. Morrison, a four-term congressman from Hamden, for this year's Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

Other Democrats have said they'd be interested in the nomination, should O'Neill step aside. They include state Rep. William J. Cibes of

New London, state Senate President Pro Tem John B. Larson of East Hartford, former West Hartford Mayor Christopher Dronoy, brother of state Democratic Chairman John F. Dronoy, and former state Rep. Timothy Moynihan of East Hartford, a former Democratic state chairman and now president of the Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce.

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Tarkanian says it's all luck from here on out

By Robert Macy
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LAS VEGAS — In this land of blackjack and baccarat, it's only natural that Jerry Tarkanian talks of luck. "It's all luck now," said the UNLV coach who has guided the Runnin' Rebels to a fifth final 16 trip in five years. "Most of the teams that were good enough to win the title have gone home."

With several Top 10 teams being ambushed by March Madness, the No. 2 Runnin' Rebels are the highest-ranked team still on the road to Denver.

"Just four more games to go," a guest at a party with this city's movers and shakers said to Tarkanian, offering congratulations on Saturday's 76-65 NCAA second-round victory over Ohio State.

"Wouldn't that be something," Tarkanian grinned, a smile creasing his forehead. "Something" would be an NCAA title that has long eluded Tarkanian, whose major college mark — 561-119 for 25 years — is the best in the nation.

But records mean little now, according to Tarkanian. "I think we're good enough to go all the way," Tarkanian said Monday as he prepared to run his Rebels through a workout for Friday's encounter in Oakland, Calif., with upstart Ball State. "But you've gotta be lucky from this point on."

The numbers say UNLV, 31-5, should have a good chance to make it to the Final Four in Denver March 31. Tarkanian, the eternal pessimist, hasn't booked a flight just yet.

"At this time of the year, every game is going to go right to the wire," Tarkanian said. "I just hope we're good enough to win."

Tarkanian says he was shocked by upsets of top 10 teams Oklahoma, Kansas, Georgetown and Purdue. "I thought Georgetown and Arizona were the two toughest teams in the playoffs," he said. "I was shocked. It just shows there's a lot of parity in college basketball. I didn't think some of those teams could be beaten."

Of the 16 remaining, Syracuse is his favorite to win it all, Tarkanian said Monday.

"They've got great players at every position," he said. "He's concerned about Friday's meeting with Ball State, a 60-40 upset winner over Louisville."

"Their athletes are just as good as Louisville's. They dominated Louisville."

As for his Rebels?

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NHL standings

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W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NY Rangers	34	12	8	254	244
New Jersey	29	22	8	202	265
Pittsburgh	29	26	7	201	236
Washington	25	28	7	187	261
NY Islanders	20	35	6	158	268
Philadelphia	15	42	5	120	294

NBA standings

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Poindexter hid data: testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Poindexter failed to tell the House intelligence committee about a presidential document that approved a 1985 missile shipment to Iran, and then CIA Director William Casey said it didn't exist, the panel's former chairman says.

In a Nov. 21, 1986, meeting with the committee, Poindexter said "the U.S. government had not approved" and "did not know about" the shipment, Rep. Lee Hamilton testified Monday at the former national security adviser's Iran-Contra trial.

The trial was continuing today with the government's final witnesses, U.S. District Judge Harold Greene denied a defense motion for a mistrial Monday after some of Hamilton's testimony touched on statements that Poindexter gave Congress in 1987 under immunity from prosecution.

Hamilton said Monday that "almost the first words that Admiral Poindexter said" when he walked into the meeting were that "President Reagan... wanted to tell the full story."

"When Mr. Poindexter was making statements about Iran arms you believed him?" asked Iran-Contra prosecutor Dan Webb.

"I did," Hamilton replied.

Webb questioned the congressman about the presidential authorized document, called a finding.

"He didn't tell you at all about the 1987 document? Webb asked.

"I didn't know there was such a

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Monday, Youngblood fired a shot at a police officer and threatened his own life, but was convinced after the hour-and-a-half standoff to turn over the gun. He was being held for psychological tests.

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Cox threatens to raise rates

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

If the state does not change a preliminary decision regarding the renewal of Cox Cable's franchise license, Cox will pass on the subsequent financial burden to customers in the form of higher rates, according to documents on file at the state Department of Public Utility Control in New Britain.

The information is in a letter dated Tuesday from Cox Cable of Greater Hartford's Vice President and General Manager Jayson Juraska.

The letter states the company wants the 15-year franchise extension it had requested rather than the 10 years the DPUC has recommended in its draft decision. And a 10-year extension would force the company to pay more interest on loans and this would have to be compensated for by increasing customers' rates.

"Cox Cable firmly believes its record warrants a term beyond the 10 years proposed in the draft decision," Juraska's letter reads. "Further, the financial impact of the significant capital improvements about to be undertaken by Cox Cable are reduced when terms are longer than 10 years."

The major improvements which Juraska refers to are increasing the channel capacity from the present 11 to 54.

Cox serves about 52,000 subscribers in the towns of Manchester, South Windsor, Glastonbury, West Hartford, Rocky Hill, and Newington.

Juraska's letter does state Cox would accept all of the recommendations listed in the DPUC's preliminary decision, but much of the letter is devoted to defending the company from the criticisms which

O'Neill shuns battle 'toll'

Few are surprised at decision

By Dianna M. Tabbot
Manchester Herald

HARTFORD — In 1982, William A. O'Neill walked through a door and into a popular room in the state's elegant, red-brick Governor's Mansion at 990 Prospect Avenue to announce that he would run for governor.

On Tuesday afternoon, the scene was awkwardly familiar, but this time, O'Neill announced something different: he would not seek a third term as governor.

The announcement did not surprise many people who were assembled for many politicians in Manchester. Recent polls have suggested that the governor's popularity among state residents might be falling, mainly due to a \$1 billion tax package he imposed last year. Also, he faced a huge challenge from U.S. Rep. Bruce A. Morrison, a four-term congressman from Hamden, who is a candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

In addition, O'Neill, 59, recently met with his physicians to discuss the effects that on another, possibly his most rigorous, campaign might have on his health. During his nine years in office, including two under the unpopular term of the late Gov. Ella Grasso, the Democratic chief executive has had a series of health problems, including a heart attack, heart bypass surgery and, more recently, colon polyps, one of which was cancerous.

In making his announcement, however, O'Neill did not single out health or falling popularity as deciding factors in his decision not to seek re-election. With a tough fight, he said, he thought he could win re-election, adding that the tax package he ordered last year was "the right thing" to do for the state.

Rather, O'Neill said he was not looking forward to expected "negative campaigning" — in which "you have to knock someone down to boost yourself up" — during this year's election.

"At this stage of my life, that is something that I don't want," said O'Neill.

"Responding to reporters' questions, the governor said he is not prepared to endorse any of the six or more candidates for the

Invisible people escape sweep by census takers

By Denise Lavioie
The Associated Press

Bureau's first official count of the nation's homeless.

Although census workers across the country spent all night Tuesday and much of this morning visiting shelters, alleys, parks, bridges, abandoned buildings and other places where the homeless live, people like Johnson and Anna may have been missed.

Ruth Stone, assistant manager for field operations for the Hartford census office, said if census workers came upon such people, they simply asked them if they considered themselves homeless. If the answer was no, they would not be counted in the survey.

At Hartford's Union Station, where the number of homeless who sleep on its wooden benches changed with the weather, a man who called himself Robert Johnson quietly drifted in and out.

By 3:30 this morning, Johnson was taking a nap in the station, but he had not been approached by census workers.

Anna, a petite, frail-looking woman, walked the rain-soaked downtown streets for hours, pushing a luggage cart stuffed with clothing, a sleeping bag and a suitcase. She stopped long enough to peer into the doorways of buildings or to adjust her overlying coat.

Anna and Johnson represent some of the difficulties of the U.S. Census

'Nikki': It's my turn to 'smell the roses'

By Dianna M. Tabbot
Manchester Herald

Connecticut's First Lady Natalie "Nikki" O'Neill would have supported any decision her husband made about his candidacy in the November election.

"I told him that he has to make those decisions because he's the one who takes the blame, or the recognition, for them," she said. "I told him, 'If you want to go home, I'm happy to go home. If



SAYING GOODBYE — Gov. William A. O'Neill, accompanied by his wife Nikki, announced Thursday at the governor's mansion in Hartford that he would not seek a third term.

O'Neill's bombshell leaves Democrats trying to regroup

By Peter Viles
The Associated Press

HARTFORD (AP) — Gov. William A. O'Neill's decision to quit the governor's race and beat two Republican candidates for governor, he said, referring to an anticipated three-way race in November between a Democrat, independent candidate Lowell Weicker, a registered Republican, and the eventual Republican nominee.

Just two hours after O'Neill took himself out of the running, state Rep. William Ciba of New London jumped into the race with the politically risky pledge to push for a state income tax.

Ciba, House chairman of the tax-writing Finance Committee, acknowledged that he is not well-known, but said his bold proposal for tax reform would be the rallying point of his campaign.

He said the income tax on earnings over \$25,000 would be accompanied by a reduction in the sales tax from 8 percent to 5 percent.

Senate President Pro Tem John Larson of East Hartford, a strong O'Neill ally, said he was "strongly confident" a run for governor, and would announce his intentions within a few weeks.

Others mentioned as possible contenders for the Democratic nomination were former West Hartford Mayor Christopher Droney, brother of state Democratic Chairman John F. Droney; state Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Stamford, now a candidate for attorney general; and former state Rep. Timothy Moynihan of East Hartford, a former Democratic state chairman and now president of the Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce.

U.S. Rep. Barbara Kennelly, D-Conn., who took herself out of the race last month, said O'Neill's decision would not change her plans. She said it would be desirable for her to attend her duties in



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