



### CRUISING

#### Parkade wears 2 names: shopping center, 'zoo'

By Dianna M. Talbot  
Manchester Herald

During the day, it's one of the town's most active shopping centers. On weekend nights, however, a Manchester police officer refers to it as a "zoo" where dozens, often more than a hundred, young people swarm. Some socialize or show off; others fight, drink or do drugs. Welcome to the Manchester Parkade, a large two-section shopping plaza in the center of the city with about 30 different retailers and department stores, including Stop & Shop, Marshall's, Bradlees and D&L. The Parkade actually is two strip shopping centers divided by an access road, Green Manor Boulevard. It also leads to a United Artists movie theater just behind both sections.

Young people have been congregating in Parkade parking lots at night for the past 10 years, town and Parkade officials say. "People used to hang out at Friendly's and McDonald's," said Patrol Sgt. John Marvin, a 29-year veteran of the Manchester Police Department. "Now, it's the Parkade." With warm weather approaching, Marvin plans to spend even more time there monitoring young people and controlling the crowds. The Parkade is a well-known attraction in Connecticut, say young people who frequent the shopping plaza — not to shop, but to hang out in the parking lots and drive around. On Friday and Saturday nights, most stores at the

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## Moscow cuts supply of gas to Lithuania

MOSCOW (AP) — The Kremlin sharply curtailed supplies of natural gas to Lithuania today, hours after it halted the flow of crude oil to the republic for refusing to scrap laws promoting independence, Lithuanian officials said. Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis said Moscow's economic embargo was tantamount to it recognizing his Baltic republic's independence. A Soviet energy official, however, said the Lithuanians got

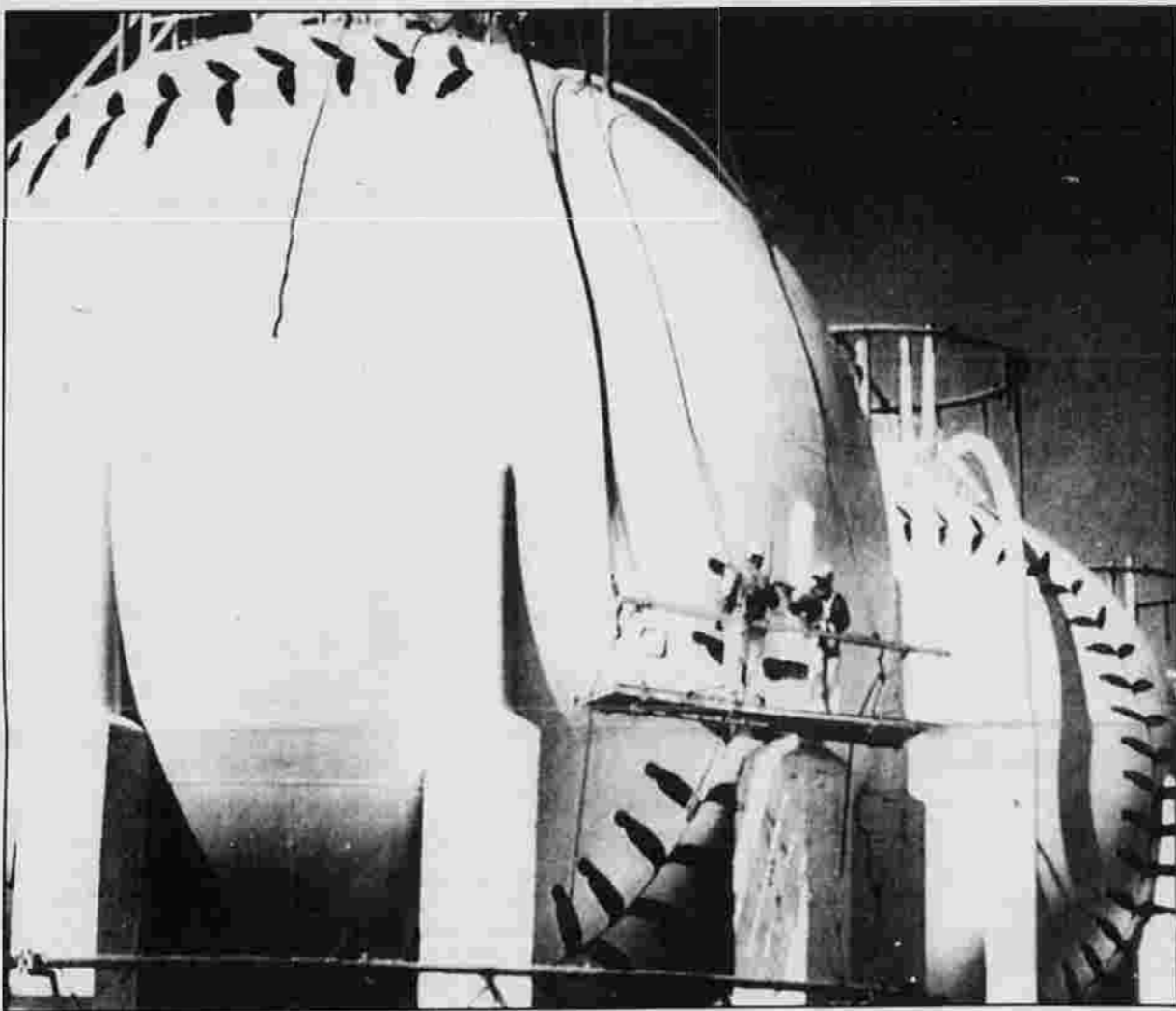
what they deserved for defying President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, who on Friday threatened to cut off supplies unless they rescinded their independence-oriented laws. A Lithuanian government spokesman appealed over Vinius Radio today for fuel conservation, "and maybe we will not be intimidated by these sanctions." The flow of natural gas was shut off in three pipelines — two from Latvia and one from Minsk in Byelorussia — reducing supplies to Lithuania by more than 80 percent, according to officials of Lithuania's parliament, the Supreme Council.

A fourth pipeline from Slonim in Byelorussia that supplies Lithuania continued to provide 3.5 million cubic meters of gas to the republic, guaranteeing "a normal supply of gas for residents and communal domestic use in the Lithuanian S.S.R.," parliamentary officials quoted the Byelorussian gas concern's telegram as saying. That leaves Lithuania with only 16 percent of the gas it needs per day. Lithuania uses an average of 18 million cubic meters daily for industrial and domestic use.

Lithuanian officials estimate the republic has enough oil to last six weeks to three months. Juozas Martusevicius, a Lithuanian electrical official, said Moscow officials guaranteed that enough natural gas would be supplied to keep Lithuania's Elektrėnai power plant functioning. The plant also serves customers in the neighboring Russian republic territory of Kaliningrad. Lithuania's sole nuclear power station, in Ignalina, is shut down for repairs.

Lithuania is entirely dependent on Moscow for oil and gas, and the embargo was the toughest action Gorbachev has taken in his effort to force the republic to rescind its March 11 declaration of independence. Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Vadim Perfilov said today that Moscow "might have some other restrictions" to impose on Lithuania, but he refused to elaborate. Late Wednesday night, the oil to Lithuania's only refinery stopped flowing through a pipeline feeding

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ON THE SEAMY SIDE — Workers paint a pair of propane tanks to look like giant baseballs in Philadelphia Wednesday. The tanks are on the route to Veterans Stadium.

## Hostage situation in flux

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Rival Shiite militiamen battled in west Beirut and the southern slums today, prompting fears the violence could threaten the promised release of one of three American hostages held by a pro-Iranian group. The United States dispatched a hostage reception team to West Germany after hearing "statements of imminent release" of an American hostage, White House spokesman Martin Flitwater said today. "We're hopeful this could be real," Flitwater said as the president flew to Florida. He added that the hostage reception team had been sent before an rumors of a hostage release that never happened. The kidnappers said Wednesday they were freeing one of the three American educators in response to requests from Iran and Syria, whose leaders have encouraged an end to the hostage crisis. The group im-

plied that some sort of exchange was involved. In Damascus, reliable diplomatic sources confirmed that an American would be freed Friday in the Syrian capital. Today, Shiite militiamen clashed in west Beirut and the city's southern slums. Many of the 18 Western hostages in Lebanon are believed held in south Beirut. Police in Beirut said foot patrols of Syria's 12,500-strong force in the city's Muslim sector moved in to contain the fighting between the pro-Iranian Hezbollah and Syrian-backed Amal. "You can't expect a hostage to be freed in such risky conditions," a police spokesman said, speaking on condition of anonymity. Also, Israeli warplanes attacked Palestinian guerrilla bases 10 miles south of Beirut, targeting tunnel bases manned by guerrillas of Capt.

Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command. The group holding the hostages, the Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine, did not say which of the three would be freed, only that the release would occur within 48 hours — or by Friday evening. Its statement was accompanied by an instant photograph of Jesse Turner of Boise, Idaho — the first photo of him alone since three months after his abduction. The group also holds Alan Sien and Robert Pohlil, who were taken with Turner from the campus of Beirut University College on Jan. 24, 1987. In the photograph, Turner, 42, was squinting behind his heavy-framed glasses. He had a dark beard and wore a white T-shirt. Turner taught mathematics and

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## Report predicts Medicare fund could be broke before year 2000

By Deborah Meese  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Soaring health care costs could bankrupt the Medicare trust fund that pays for hospital care before the turn of the century, the fund's board of trustees says. In its annual report to Congress, the board said "early corrective action is essential in order to avoid the need for later, potentially precipitous changes." The hospital insurance trust fund is financed with payroll taxes. While currently more than four covered workers support each beneficiary, that ratio will start slipping early in the next century. By the middle of the next century there will be just two covered workers supporting each beneficiary. "Not only are the anticipated reserves and financing of the hospital insurance program inadequate to offset this demographic change, the trust fund is projected to become exhausted even before the major demographic shift begins to occur," said the report, released Wednesday. If economic growth is moderate, the Medicare Hospi-

tal Insurance Trust Fund will run out of money between 2003 and 2005, the board said. Under optimistic economic assumptions, funds would be exhausted in 2018, but under a pessimistic scenario, the fund could run dry in 1999, the board said. "These findings underline the urgency of our task in containing health care costs and spending our health care dollars more effectively and efficiently," Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan said. The projected bankruptcy date is a staple of the board's annual reports. In the early 1980s, it predicted bankruptcy in the 1990s, but the date slipped back as cuts were made in the Medicare program and more optimistic forecasts were used later in the decade. Medicare's other trust fund, the Supplemental Medical Insurance Trust Fund, is "actuarially sound" — that is, it should have enough money to meet its obligations, the board said. But the trustees said they were concerned about the soaring costs of the program, which pays Medicare Part B expenses — physician and outpatient services.

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## Lagging corporate taxes swell state budget deficit

HARTFORD (AP) — State lawmakers who were already projecting a \$60 million shortfall said Wednesday their budget plans are now \$140 million out of whack because of lagging corporation tax revenues. Preliminary estimates of corporation tax revenues have dropped \$80 million since last month, falling \$40 million below original estimates for this fiscal year and another \$40 million below expectations for next year, said economist James Roscoe of the state Office of Fiscal Analysis. House Majority leader Robert Frankel, D-Stratford, said legislators are considering spending cuts as well as ways to raise more money to close the budget gap. He insisted that tax increases are considered "a

last resort." "We're going to have to regroup — again," Frankel said. Two weeks ago, legislative committees approved a \$7.48 billion budget for fiscal 1990-91 and a package of fee hikes and tax law changes they estimated would raise \$264 million. Last week, revised OFA estimates indicated that the plan would raise only \$234 million, leaving a \$60 million gap. The Legislature is expected to look to next year's budget plan to solve the shortfalls projected for this fiscal year and the new fiscal year that begins July 1. State Rep. William J. Cibes, D-

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STUDENT LOUNGE — It's spring vacation break for local youngsters this week and these Manchester High students spent part of their time Wednesday enjoying the nice weather on this parking lot wall on Main Street. From left, they are James Tadic, Bryan Gonovese, James Ashley, Bryce Desy and Jamie Smith.

# RECORD

## About Town

### Committee seeks youth members

Bolton and Andover youths who want to develop leadership skills and help their community can apply to become members of the United Way's Youth Leadership Venture Funding Committee. Applicants must be between 15 and 21 years old. The deadline to apply is May 4. For more information or to obtain an application, call 247-2580.

### YWCA holds classes

The Nuneum Branch of the YWCA offers exercise classes for parents and young children. Kiddie Crawlers, a program for babies who are crawling, will be offered from 9:30 to 10 a.m. for eight weeks beginning Monday. Tumbling Toddlers, for walking children up to 2 years old, will be held from 10 to 10:45 a.m. on the same days. YWCA also is looking for instructors, assistants and volunteers. Call 647-1437 for more information.

### Environmental program slated

"What's Green and in the Lake," an environmental program discussing septic systems and lakes, will be held on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Bolton's Community Hall, Call 649-8066 for more information.

### Children's disorders discussed

Help, Education and Advocacy League (HEAL), a self-help group for parents of children with emotional disorders, will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at 24 Sherman St. Managing behavior, treatment, finances concerns about the future will be discussed. For more information, call Randy McGovern of Mental Health Associates at 529-2970.

### Bridge club announces results

The Manchester A.M. Bridge Club played April 9 and 12. Winners were: N.S., Linda Simmons and Peg Dunfield, Hal Lucal and Jim Baker, Peter Griffiths and Deane McCarthy, E.W. Tom Regan and Rex Crochran, Frankie Brown and Faye Lawrence, and Mary Willhide and Suzanne Shortt. Also, Eleanor Berggren and Sara Mendelsohn, Frankie Brown and Phyllis Pearson, Adie Speycalaki and Frank Brooker, Peg Dunfield and Tom Regan, and Hal Lucal and Jim Baker.

### Pinochle results announced

The Manchester Senior Pinochle Club played April 12 at the Army and Navy Club on Main Street. Playing is open to all senior members and starts at 9:30 a.m. Players and their scores were: Laura Krause, 611; Ethel Krozell, 601; John Klein, 584; Mary Trombly, 578; Peter Casella, 575; Alice Raymo, 575; Jennie Sturkes, 569; Helen Silver, 569; Hans Fredericksen, 566; Don Anastasio, 563; and Gert McKay, 562.

### Pet Expo to begin

A Pet Expo will be held at the Manchester Parkade today through Sunday. The expo is open today and Friday from 10 to 6:30 p.m., on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 6:30 p.m. An elephant, camel, giraffe, and pony will be on display. Admission is \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children.

### Transportation seminar set

State Sen. Michael Scotti and Paul Ehardt, chairman of the Greater Hartford Transit District, will be guest speakers at the "Transportation 2000" seminar to be held Monday at 7 p.m. at Community Hall in Bolton. The event will involve discussions on clean air and mass transit, including the possibility of a light rail computer system. The public is invited. For more information call 649-8066.

### Surplus food distributed

Butter, honey and pork will be distributed to eligible families Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Town Hall. For more information, call Windham Area Community Action Program at 774-0400.

## Thoughts

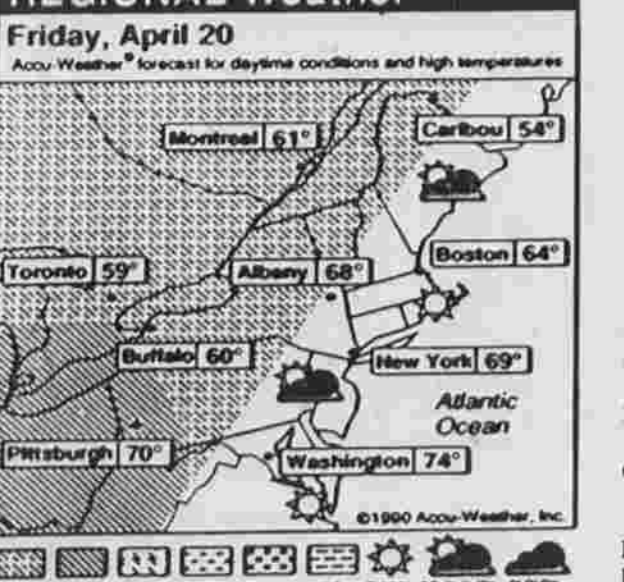
Past fads like that of the hula-hoop and conkin caps remind a certain segment of our society of a sweet and innocent time of life. As those childhood fads were replaced by bell-bottom pants and mini-skirts the innocence began to fade. Rock music and the drug culture clouded the simplicity even further. All the while "independence" began to be the banner that rallied a society together. Family unity was sacrificed for separated parents and alienated children. Economic demands skyrocketed as the age of great expectation dominated. Innocence was shattered.

Our Creator grieves sorely at the loss of innocence. At one time His grief was so strong He decided to destroy the world by means of a flood (Genesis 6-9). Sweeping away the defiled world did indeed purge it from all wickedness, but it quickly regained its gull. Rather than a flood, He now chooses to deal with innocence's loss by means of mercy and forgiveness. "But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, makes us alive with Christ even though we were dead..." (Ephesians 2:4, 5).

Gareth Flanary  
Church of Christ

## Weather

### REGIONAL Weather



**Mostly clear**  
Tonight, mostly clear. Low in the 30s. Friday, increasing cloudiness, breezy and mild. A 30 percent chance of showers in the afternoon. High in the mid 60s. Outlook Saturday, cloudy with a chance of showers. High 60 to 65. A large area of high pressure centered along the mid Atlantic coast early this morning will move offshore today.

**Weather summary for Wednesday**  
Temperature: high of 50, low of 33, mean of 42.  
Precipitation: 0 inches for the day, 3.50 inches for the month, 13.36 inches for the year.  
Temperature extremes for today: Highest on record 96, set in 1976. Lowest on record, 26, set in 1926.

Today's weather picture was drawn by Jason Bissonnette, a fourth-grader at Highland Park School.

## Adopt a pet: Pandora awaits

By Barbara Richmond  
Manchester Herald

Pandora, a sweet female black Labrador retriever with white paws, is this week's featured pet at the Manchester Dog Pound. Pandora was let out of a car on Route 384 last week. She's a medium-sized dog and has a nice disposition. She's ready to go to a good home.

The male shepherd cross, about 7 years old, found on Prospect Street on April 8 is still waiting to be claimed by his owner or to be adopted. He's a black setter cross and was found roaming on Main Street on March 29.

Bandit, featured a couple of weeks ago, is also still waiting to be adopted. He's a black setter cross and was found roaming on Main Street on March 29.

There is also someone at the pound from 6 to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The phone number at the pound is 645-6642. If there is no answer call the police department at 646-4555.

An adorable pair of fluffy kittens are the featured pets of Aid to Helpless Animals Inc., a volunteer organization. They've been named Alice and Emily.

All of the cats and kittens, put up for adoption by the organization, are neutered or spayed, given their shots and are tested for feline leukemia, unless they are too young when adopted.

Anyone wishing to adopt a cat should call either of the following numbers, in the homes of volunteers: 232-8317 or 242-2156. The group has many cats and kittens in desperate need of good homes.

Manchester Visiting Nurses Association, a former trustee of Manchester Memorial Hospital, and a 50-year member of Center Congregational Church.

He is survived by a son, Sanford H. Russell of Northborough, Mass.; a daughter, Avery Morgan of Natick; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Center Congregational Church.

Memorial donations may be made to Center Congregational Church, 11 Center St., Manchester.

The Swan Funeral Home, Old Saybrook, is in charge of arrangements.

He is survived by a son, Richard R. Chetelat, of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and a brother, Frank Chetelat of Manchester.

A Mass of Christian burial will be Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the Church of the Assumption. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

The John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., is in charge of arrangements.

Catharine Hewitt Russell, 83, of Old Saybrook, wife of the late Robert W. Russell, died Wednesday (April 18, 1990) in Old Saybrook after a long illness.

She was a member of the Remembered always, Daughters & Families.

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## Police Roundup

### Trespassing charges lodged

Two teen-age boys were arrested Tuesday afternoon after they were found inside an abandoned building on Pine Street with B-B guns, police said.

Christopher Gallagher, 16, of 9 Foster St., and a 15-year-old Manchester youth whose name was not released because of his age were charged with third-degree criminal trespassing, police said. They were released on \$500 bonds, police said.

A maintenance worker for the building called police at 1:20 p.m. to report finding the boys inside the building, police said. The boys said they entered the building through an open window, police said.

### Woman faces assault charge

A Manchester woman faces assault charges after she hit another woman in the head with a telephone while at home, police said.

Sharon J. Mark, 22, of 52 Wells St., was charged with third-degree assault for allegedly hitting Carol Mulvey of Vernon, police said.

Mulvey, who is charged with breach of peace, was treated for a head cut at Manchester Memorial Hospital and released, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Both women were released on a \$500 bond and are scheduled to appear Wednesday in Manchester Superior Court, police said.

According to police, Mulvey hit Mark on the head with a hairbrush while Mark was talking on the telephone. At that time, Mark hit Mulvey with the telephone, police said.

The school board must treat these unions in the same way as the teachers' unions, Democratic school board member Terry A. Bogli said.

"I think we have to look at not doing the same thing we have done in the past," she said. "The economy itself dictates that."

In their last contract, Manchester teachers were given about an eight percent increase each year for three years, Bogli said. Other unions were given similar increases, she said, although their base salary is lower.

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## Teachers, unions face tough talks

By Nancy Foley  
Manchester Herald

Teachers and other union members will be paying for part of their medical benefits and taking smaller increases in pay if several Board of Education members have their way.

"We feel the teachers' salaries are up to par with everyone else, so they should be treated like everyone else," Democratic school board member Frank Maffe said. In private companies, most employees pay part of their medical benefits, Maffe said, while teachers and other school union employees do not.

Increases in salaries and fringe benefits constitute a significant part of the increase in the proposed 1990-91 education budget.

The teachers' contract does not expire until 1992 and negotiations do not begin until next summer, but the union contracts for the secretarial staff will be negotiated over the next few months and let the school board is also considering hiring a professional negotiator for administrators' contracts, Maffe said.

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CRAYFISH HUNTER — Christopher Eldridge, 9, of 515 Hillard Street, looks for crayfish near Highland Park Falls. The young man had plans to be ready for the opening day of fishing season Saturday. The current forecast for that day is cloudy with a chance of showers, with temperatures from 60 to 65 degrees.

## Horace Street group petitions housing panel

By Alex Girrell  
Manchester Herald

Three residents of the Horace Street area presented a petition Wednesday to the housing authority protesting its plans to buy three duplex houses for low-income families.

The residents said repeatedly that three houses in such close proximity constitutes a concentration of low-income residents.

The petition was the same one presented to the town Board of Directors April 3.

For his part, Richard Schwolsky, the commissioner who negotiated the purchases, repeatedly said the three houses are not a concentration.

Two other commissioners at the afternoon meeting, Ada Sullivan and Mary O'Connor, defended the program.

One of the petitioners, Stella Brown of 31 Horace St., said she did not dispute the program's value, but insisted the purchases should be made in a way that would not displace existing residents.

"I don't feel you are hearing us," she said at one point. "We want to make sure this is not the start of something."

She said a Hartford-based official of the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development told her that the authority could have as many as 15 houses near each other and still meet requirements of the program.

Schwolsky responded that the authority has no intention of buying more houses in the area. He said that in his opinion, 15 would be a concentration.

The authority commissioners accepted the petition, but took no action on it.

Like Brown, Betty Blivins of 46 Horace St. said repeatedly that the objection was to three houses close together. "Just buy one," she said.

Brown, Blivins, and Peter Belliveau of 143 Woodwell St. asked the commissioners what recourse they would have if tenants abused the properties.

Carol Shanley, executive director of the authority, said it would check the houses periodically, and that people should inform the authority if the properties are abused.

The area residents said neighbors would have no way of knowing which houses are involved if the proposed purchases are kept secret.

Schwolsky, who has declined to identify four other duplex houses the authority plans to purchase, said that when the purchases are approved by HUD officials, they will be made public.

The petition, signed by about 100 residents, states that "We are afraid of our property values decreasing."

Schwolsky said several times that that is always a fear when properties are put on the market, but he said the authority will keep the properties in good condition. When it bought seven duplexes in 1983, it improved the houses and, as a result, owners of nearby properties made improvements.

Brown responded that the seven properties are on seven different streets and none of the streets are connecting.

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## In Brief

**John McTighe** ... election winner

**MCC winner**  
John McTighe won Wednesday's student senate elections at Manchester Community College. He defeated Nick Angel by a vote of 392 to 369 for the office of president.

**Volunteers needed**  
AIDS Project/Hartford is recruiting volunteers for all aspects of its services, including buddy support, hospital support, outreach and education, hotline, and group facilitation. For more information, contact Amy Walker by writing to AIDS Project/Hartford, 30 Arbor St., Hartford 06106, or by calling 523-7699.

**Milestone reached**  
Clarence Zachery of Manchester has been identified by the American Red Cross as a 2-gallon donor. At a recent blood drive in Hartford, he made his 15th donation. For the location of a convenient blood drive, call the Greater Hartford Red Cross at 678-2700.

**Mains to be flushed**  
The Water Division will be flushing water mains from 7:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday in the area bordered by Hartford Road, Cooper Hill, Broad Street, Main Street, and West Middle Turnpike.

**Fire flow tests and hydraulic capacity tests will also be done during the week to decrease the disturbances to customers. There may be discoloration of water on different occasions and reduced pressure during the flushing.**

If water appears discolored, the homeowner should try to avoid using it until it clears. This will prevent rust and sediment from being brought into the home's water system.

If sediment does get into the home's hot water tank, the homeowner should wait until the water clears and then open the faucet at the bottom of the tank to drain the collected material, which will settle at the bottom.

Also, if a load of discolored water, the load should be kept wet and re-done after the water clears.

It normally takes a couple of hours for the water to clear in a home. If water appears discolored for an extended period, the homeowner should call the Water Division at 647-3201.

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# STATE

## Kennelly's finances high; fund raising low-key

WASHINGTON (AP) — Campaign finance reports reveal that open congressional seats in Connecticut are generating financial competition, while the state's incumbents, facing no opposition, are doing only modest fund-raising.

Reports filed this week with the Federal Election Commission indicate active races in the third and fifth congressional districts, the seats being vacated by gubernatorial candidates Bruce Morrison, D-Conn., and John Rowland, R-Conn.

## Fungus may kill gypsy moths again

NEW HAVEN — Connecticut's trees may be spared from large numbers of gypsy moth caterpillars munching on their green leaves this summer.

Scientists say the fungus that killed the leaf-eating insects last year has survived the winter and could once again spare thousands of acres from defoliation — if the weather cooperates.

The unprecedented outbreak of the fungus last spring coincided with a period of record rainfall.

May will be the critical month because that is when the gypsy moth caterpillars begin hatching, said Theodore Andreadis, a research entomologist at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station.

Fairfield and Litchfield counties would likely experience substantial defoliation this year in the absence of the fungus or any other natural enemy, scientists have concluded as a result of egg mass surveys.

Laboratory attempts to infect caterpillars with fungus collected recently from the field have met with only spotty success, Andreadis said Wednesday.

## AIDS vaccine tests could begin soon

WEST HAVEN (AP) — An AIDS vaccine created by West Haven pharmaceutical company appears to protect healthy human immune cells from infection by the AIDS virus and tests on healthy subjects could begin soon, company officials said.

The vaccine, called VaxSyn HIV-1, was developed by MicroGeneSys Inc. Company officials announced Wednesday that the vaccine was able to defend human immune cells transplanted into specially bred mice.

"It's potentially a very important finding," said Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institutes of Health AIDS Program.

The latest MicroGeneSys vaccine test is "the first evidence of protective immunity in humans," he said Wednesday.

The research marks an important step toward a vaccine to prevent infection by the deadly virus, but it does not prove that the MicroGeneSys vaccine will work in people, a Yale expert cautioned.

Francis Black, professor of epidemiology and microbiology at the Yale School of Medicine, said the experiment was "impressive," but falls short of proving that the vaccine will work on human subjects.

"In humans there would be other cells that doubtless play a role" in the progress of AIDS, Black said. "There are a lot of other differences between mice and men."

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of Wallingford. In the fifth district, neither former U.S. Rep. Toby Moffett nor Shelton Mayor Michael Paowva had filed campaign finance reports as of Wednesday, two days after the deadline.

But on the Republican side, Steve Watson of Danbury, a former Commerce Department official in the Reagan administration and aide to GOP chief Lee Atwater, has garnered \$85,009. He has spent \$34,915 so far in the campaign leav-

ing him a balance of \$50,093. State Sen. James McLaughlin has \$8,797 in the hill after raising \$31,490 so far this year. The other two incumbents, reporting \$22,913 and \$22,620, leaving himself only \$10,465 in the bank.

U.S. Rep. Barbara Kennelly, D-Conn., has the largest campaign kitty with \$278,951 as of March 31, the last day covered by the campaign finance reports. But Kennelly collected only \$10,310 in the first quarter of this year, \$9,000 of that from PACs.

U.S. Rep. Sam Goidenson, D-Conn., collected \$22,913 and spent \$22,620 leaving himself only \$10,465 in the bank. And U.S. Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., raised \$17,287 and spent \$17,103 leaving her with a hefty \$22,818 cash on hand. Most of Johnson's contributions — \$14,163 — came from PACs.

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# ANTI-PORN & WORLD

## Anti-porn group mails 'filthy' art to Congress

WASHINGTON — A pornography-fighting Christian group is blanketing Congress with envelopes it says contain "filthy" pictures of homosexual acts from a taxpayer-funded art exhibit.

Each envelope marked "extremely offensive material enclosed" holds explicit photographs and drawings from the "David Wojnarowicz, Tongues of Flame" show mounted with a \$15,000 federal grant.

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## Business briefs

### Ames seeks credit extension

ROCKY HILL (AP) — Ames Department Stores, Inc., plagued with financial problems, is seeking to extend again a credit agreement set up when the company bought the Zayre Stores.

The company received a waiver of the agreement several weeks ago from its creditors, but the extension expired Tuesday, said Douglas K. Ewing, an Ames spokesman.

Another extension would allow Ames to continue borrowing money from a revolving credit line it has with its creditors — some 30 U.S. and foreign banks, Ewing said.

The negotiations are being held with Citibank, the agent of the banking group, Ewing said.

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## Makers recall pillows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Manufacturers are recalling more than 600,000 infant pillows and cushions linked to the suffocation deaths of 19 infants, the government said today, but one senator says the action should have come sooner.

"Today we are announcing that nine of the 10 firms that made these cushions have agreed to recall their products from the public," Jacqueline Jones-Smith, chairwoman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, said in a statement.

"It's about time," Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., said Wednesday. "It's long overdue."

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"The commission acted as swiftly as possible," said Rummelt, explaining the agency needed time to determine if the cushions were implicated in the children's deaths and to work out details of the recall.

The recall involves 627,825 small pillows or cushions filled with plastic foam beads. Six manufacturers said they will begin their recalls immediately.

Three other companies, which were not identified by the government agency, have agreed "in principle" with the recall but specific details are still being worked out, said Rummelt.

Two retailers, J.C. Penney Co. Inc. and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, which sold one brand of the cushions worldwide at post and base exchanges, have joined the recall effort. However, the commission said none of the reported deaths involved cushions sold by those retailers.

Consumers should contact the manufacturers or retailers for details on how to return or exchange the pillows for a refund or other products, officials said.



GERASIMOV GESTURES — Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov gestures to a questioner during his speech Wednesday at the University of Hartford in West Hartford.

## Gorbachev aide speaks; 100 Lithuanians rally

WEST HARTFORD (AP) — A spokesman for Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev said Lithuanians should "think again" before breaking away from the Soviet Union and suggested a taste of economic hardship might drive that point home.

As Gennady Gerasimov was taking Gorbachev's case to a gathering of Hartford businessmen at the University of Hartford on Wednesday, about 100 Lithuanian-Americans were protesting outside, joined by an angry member of Lithuania's newly elected parliament.

"What Gorbachev is saying to Lithuania is, 'Make haste slowly, keep your temper. Think again,'" Gerasimov said.

"It's just like divorce. You can't just shut the door and go. That is Gorbachev's position. He's not saying you can't leave. He's saying, wait a minute. Think about it."

He did not specifically address Gorbachev's economic sanctions, but said he believed Gorbachev was trying to convince Lithuanians of the economic hardships they would face without Soviet aid.

"If you want to be independent, maybe you can have a taste of it," he said.

Outside, about 100 Lithuanian-Americans, most of them middle-aged or elderly, marched in a slow circle. Several of them waved the red, yellow and green flag of the Baltic republic. "Contrails, It's Over," read one sign held aloft.

The member of parliament, Jonas Maityis of Wilkaviskis, said the Soviet Union is "losing the world's respect" because of its efforts to curb the drive for independence in Lithuania.

He said Gorbachev's threat to reduce supplies of gas and oil to Lithuania would be "terrible" for Lithuanians, but warned that the Baltic republic would respond in kind.

"Every stick has two ends to it," he said through an interpreter. "Lithuania is a producer of meat and milk. ... If the Soviet Union stops the flow of gas and oil, Lithuania will stop the flow of meat and milk."

Inside, Gerasimov was warmly greeted by a crowd of about 140 businessmen who paid \$100 each to hear him describe reforms in his country and defend its policies in Lithuania.

## Prominent businessman found guilty on two cocaine charges

NEW HAVEN (AP) — A federal jury has convicted a prominent New London businessman of two counts and exonerated him of two counts of possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.

Nobody has seen this before. It's very exciting," Volovitz said. "This is as far as the field has gone. It clearly shows that our vaccine is indicating what appears to be an immune response."

Volovitz said the experiment will be repeated, using white cells from humans who are given a dosage of the vaccine.

"Then we would try it on humans to see if it prevents infection," Volovitz said.

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## Stanley: earnings drop 9%

NEW BRITAIN (AP) — Blaming a softer economy and a slowdown in construction and improvements, The Stanley Works reported a nine percent drop in net earnings for the first quarter of 1990.

The New Britain-based tool and home improvement company reported earnings of \$22.5 million Wednesday, compared to \$24.6 million in the first quarter of 1989. Earnings per share were 53 cents, down 7 percent from 57 cents a year ago.

Stanley had net sales of \$48.1 million, up 1 percent from \$48.0 million in sales in the first quarter of 1989.

The company North Stanley attributed the flat figures to sluggish economic growth and a more important to the company. It said tighter lending practices in the U.S. have reduced consumer spending on homes and durable goods and prompted companies to cut their inventories.

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# OPINION

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At one time the majority of the students at the center were those who were physically handicapped or retarded. Improvements in prenatal care, diagnosing mental retardation, and mainstreaming of students into regular classrooms have reduced their numbers. Now many of those being educated at the ROTC are those with emotional problems.

Their needs are different. Those who operate the school have concluded that it is important for the development of those students that they get out into the workplace where they will have real involvement in real situations.

One impressive endorsement of the idea comes from an educator, but from the vice president of Empire Tool & Manufacturing Co., one of the employers with ROTC students in its work force. "The ones I've encountered are really willing to work. You put money in their hands and they realize they can work."

Empire Tool is one of several employers participating. Praise for the program has also come from the employers who supervise ROTC students working at Woodland Gardens and at Manchester Community College.

The school needs to increase the work opportunities for students and would like more employers, particularly in woodworking, manufacturing, graphics, and assembly work.

The challenge presents employers with an opportunity to help in a good cause and to get some good workers in the process.

## Open Forum

### Buses remain an issue

**To the Editor:**  
The Board of Education has presented a budget with a 14.2 percent increase over last year. Most of this is due to salary increases that are pretty well locked in by union contracts. Teachers are a large part of this because of their numbers. Only administrators make more per year. The average salary of teachers in Coventry will be \$38,515 per year in the 90/91 budget. They work 186 days. This does not include benefits in the neighborhood of \$4,500 each. We have 140 teachers in the district.

At the hearing on March 26 many in the audience were employees of the town. Those who spoke out in favor of the budget had specific wants. How many of them have studied the budgets in its entirety?

As for the discussion on town-owned buses, yes it is true several boards have talked a little about it. It was brought up to the previous boards when time was in their favor; they just pushed it aside.

I want to mention that when this board was elected that town-owned buses were given any time. A subcontractor of Connie Lathrop, Wendy McMahon and myself was set up by the superintendent. We spent many hours collecting data, doing visitations, compiling information and figures.

On one of our trips the superintendent and transportation chairwoman went with us, asked no questions and didn't have any discussion, shuffled it under their other papers and that was that. The transportation chairperson, whom previously had indicated she would not vote for the present contractor, made a motion to give the contract to our lone bidder, Laidlaw for the next three years.

The least that could have been done was to go for re-bid. I haven't been and still am not happy with this company. I went to transportation meetings prior to being elected and expressed my concerns.

Transportation is a "big" issue, a very important issue. The cost for the 90/91 school year via Laidlaw with minimal control will be a half a million dollars. This price does not include the cost of fuel or special education students transportation. Now in April, students are still getting to school late. This is disruptive to everyone.

My disappointment comes not solely with the decision not to go town-owned but with the treatment this subcommittee received. Not once were our endeavors discussed. Minds were made up prior to the committee being set up or reports given. We went on our first visit on Jan. 28. A news article dated Jan. 20 quoted the board chairman as being opposed to town-owned buses.

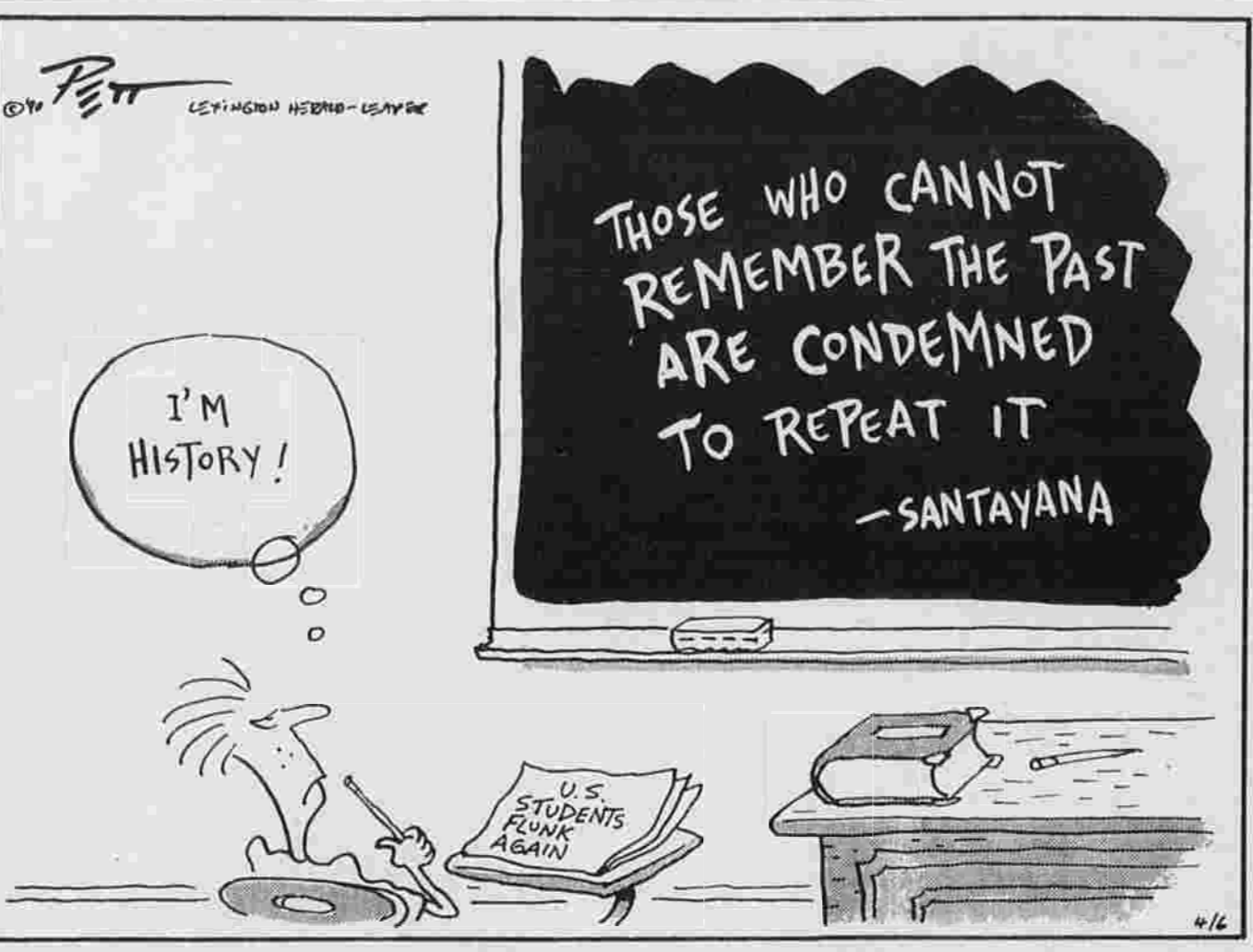
I am also on the Board of Education to represent where I worked hard to draw up a contract to meet the needs of Community. I do not feel that this contract is so stringent. I will work hard to see that this contract is enforced, something the board did not do.

If the budget comes back to us for cuts we as a board have some decisions to make. I want to do my best to provide the most opportunity for the maximum number of children. The cuts should have the least impact on the bulk of the student population, that being the "average" student.

There are many things in life that are nice, but unfortunately no one can have it all. Decisions and compromises are made every day, everywhere, why would the schools feel left out?

I was elected to the Board of Education to represent the people — that does not mean that I will rubber-stamp all the recommendations that are made. I want the children of Coventry to get the best possible education with what the town can realistically afford. Money does not buy a better education.

Pamela S. Sewell  
Coventry



## Simplify with a flat rate tax

**By Joe Spear**  
If you are a devotee of political pugilism, stay tuned. Democrats and Republicans have been jabbing each other over taxes for about six months now, and we could be treated to a full-blown slugfest as the November elections draw near. In the right corner, wearing black trunks and representing the Republican Party and Wall Street, is President George Bush. Last October, he nearly succeeded in ramming a capital gains tax cut through Congress, and he's trying again this year. Buried in his 1991 budget request is a proposal for a capital gains break, 83 percent of which would go to families with incomes exceeding \$100,000 a year.

In the left corner, wearing dark gray trunks and representing the Democratic Party and 48 identifiable factories at last count, are Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York and Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri. They are armed with several studies showing that, thanks to the 1981 tax cut and the 1983 Social Security tax increases, the federal system has become less progressive: The poor are paying proportionately more, the rich less. They are likely to be pushing some variation of Moynihan's scheme to cut Social Security payroll taxes.

They will not guarantee this — they will not be discussing the best way to fix the system for good, which is to institute a simple flat rate tax. But let's pretend for a moment that the politicians take some smart pills and adopt a system that would allow taxpayers to take a fixed personal deduction, permit businesses to deduct a few expenses and then tax all remaining income at a flat rate. What kind of world would it be? Fantasia with me?

Taxes paid by wage and salary earners would go down, some a little, some a lot. None of the serious flat tax systems proposed in recent years would increase the taxes on these people. One intriguing plan, designed by Robert E. Hall and Alvin Rabushka of Stanford University, would make up the difference by taxing billions in business income that normally goes unreported or get written off through loopholes in the tax law.

"Because all taxpayers would pay the same rate, the system would be completely fair at last. Monitoring returns that are usually devoid of deductions would be a snap. Cheating would be negligible, and the Treasury would gain more than \$120 billion now lost to tax evasion each year. Filing your annual tax return would be so simple you could do it during commercials. A single 10-line form the size of a postcard would suffice. You would list your income and your allowances, calculate your taxes using the flat rate, list the amount withheld, and pay the difference or request a refund.

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"Congress, which probably spends at least a third of its time tinkering with tax laws, could adjourn on Labor Day each year, thus reducing the amount of legislation passed and thereby saving the nation incalculable grief.

"Without marginal rates, people would have incentive to work more because they could keep more of their earnings. Productivity would increase, the economy would be stimulated, and the budget deficit would be reduced.

"Millions of trees would escape conversion into tax forms and regulations. The oxygen level in the atmosphere would thus increase, the carbon dioxide level would decrease, the ozone hole would close, and global warming would be retarded.

"You have to be careful when Republicans and Democrats don the gloves and start dancing around the issue of the gun lobby. The General Accounting Office looked into the program and pronounced it to be of "limited value" to the military.

The NRA benefits from the Army-sponsored gun clubs because they create an up-and-coming class of gun enthusiasts. So, when Stark questioned the expense, the NRA came to its defense in a full-page newspaper article accusing Stark of being inflammatory. The gun clubs, according to the NRA, are patriotic and honorable.

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## Rifle group master of cheap shot

**By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta**  
WASHINGTON — The National Rifle Association is the master of the cheap shot. It attacks its enemies with a vengeance, but not necessarily with all the facts.

The latest victim is Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del. As chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, his name appears on the top of the mammoth Senate anti-crime bill — a bill that parrot George Bush's crime-fighting plan and responds to increasing public fear of violence in the streets.

The bill includes provisions to ban nine types of assault weapons, which supporters think have no sporting or recreational use. Assault weapons are the arms of choice for snipers, drug peddlers and assorted thugs. And the NRA believes Congress has no business restricting the sale of these guns.

Biden has not been a traditional enemy of the NRA. He has voted the NRA into law before you and I can stop him," the NRA letter says.

"Sen. Biden is camouflaging Dukakis' gun ban ideas under the rhetoric of President Bush's popular crime-fighting ideas. He can pass through a federal gun ban before you and I can stop him," the NRA letter says.

Phrases like "before you and I can stop him" are vintage NRA hysteria. The group likes to whip its members into a frenzy with the fear that Congress will take away their guns overnight without benefit of the democratic process.

Another recent victim of the NRA publicity mill is Rep. Furphy "Pete" Stark, D-Calif. He had the temerity to challenge a \$4.6 million-year Army program that provides free bullets to civilian marksmen in Army-sponsored gun clubs.

The program is the Army's Division of Civilian Marksmanship. It sponsors 2,000 rifle and pistol clubs, supplying them with free ammunition. The purpose is to create a pool of marksmen who are suitable for military use if they choose to join. Many of the clubs are also affiliated with the NRA, and Stark questioned when the Army should be so cozy with the gun lobby. The General Accounting Office looked into the program and pronounced it to be of "limited value" to the military.

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## Just how valuable is the SAT test?

**By Meg Berio**

Select the lettered pair that best expresses a relationship similar to that expressed in the original pair: CURMUDGEON : CAN-TANKERUS :: a. braught : outrageous b. hypocrite : devout c. reprobate : chaste d. simperton : foothold e. ingrate : charitable

Does the format of that question look familiar? It is a question from a past SAT test. Would you have been able to figure out that the correct answer is "C"? If not, you are just like the many other students who take the SATs and are at times thoroughly baffled. What actually is the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and why is it such a popular and at the same time "unpopular" topic in high schools?

The non-profit organization that administers the test, the College Board, defines the SAT as "a two-and-a-half-hour multiple choice test that measures the verbal and mathematical abilities you have developed over many years, both in and out of school."

Students, however, have different descriptions of the test, using words like "horrible," "unfair," and "upsetting."

There are other factors used in the admissions process such as grades, class standing, and course load. Most colleges do use the test scores in their admission decisions.

However, there are many researchers who feel that the Scholastic Aptitude Test is not as important as it is. James Cross, a

Professor of Educational Studies and Dale Truheim, Associate Director of Institutional Research, both at the University of Delaware, said, "We have found that the test does not help colleges improve their admissions decisions." They also said that colleges should instead rely on already available indexes of students' potential.

One of the few colleges in the country that actually admits students in accordance with this philosophy is Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. Bowdoin has had this policy for 21 years, and Admissions Counselor Matthew Hornbeck said of it, "I think that we have a very good policy." He went on to say that there are "too many other pieces involved in a file" to require SAT scores, and that, "We are not going to go crazy over one Saturday morning."

A student at Bowdoin College says that she agreed with Bowdoin's admissions standards. "It emphasizes the true strengths of students." She said that she chose not to submit her scores, just as 35 percent of the applicants each year do, and said, "I looked more favorably at Bowdoin because their value day-to-day performance more than a three-hour test."

Another point addressed by critics is that the test is biased against women and minorities. Although the black-white score gaps have decreased in recent years, blacks still score as estimated 200 points below whites. Cross and Truheim said that this, in certain situations, "reduces the number of blacks admitted to colleges, sometimes by more than half." Jack Sherman, a

coach at Texas A&M, feels that the test is not fair to athletes: "The test historically discriminates against those not in the mainstream." Some students at Manchester High School agree with this view.

One student said that the test is "...slanted toward upper and middle class white males." He went on to say that, for example, a question about civics was one that would be favoring the upper class white culture. Another student said that the test discriminates against "people who don't have as much money — those who want to make a better life for themselves."

And how do the MHS students feel about the test affecting them personally? An overwhelming thumbs down. One student said that he was real upset (and) for that they helped him get into the college of his choice. But another student said that after she received her scores, she had to reassess her college plans because she felt that her scores were not high enough. She said, "I was real upset (and) for a while I thought I wouldn't be able to go (to college) at all."

Some teachers at MHS also have expressed views about the SAT. One teacher said of the test, "It's pathetic." He said that the test was originally created to predict a student's success in college, but studies show that it does not do that. He went on to say that "it's making college available to the rich" because those are the people who can afford to take prep courses. He cited the computer programs in our school library: "Poorer districts do not have these

programs in their libraries," and he said that therefore they do not have the benefit of this learning tool before taking the SAT.

In spite of all the criticism, the SAT is nonetheless a very influential test. Guidance Director David Frost said, "SATs for the most part are a way of life." He feels that colleges should not put too much emphasis on these tests, but that it is necessary for them to have a way to compare the transcripts of different high schools. Frost feels that because high schools all over the country have very different courses and teachers, colleges "cannot equally compare applications from different areas" without an equalizing factor.

Because of the importance of the SAT, many students have decided to take courses which are supposed to improve test scores. John Katzman, the founder of The Princeton Review, a test prep course, said that the test measures nothing but the student's ability to take it. A lot of students must have faith in his philosophy because he has no prep courses in thirty-five cities and a two-year-old business.

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## GERMAN STUDENTS

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## Larmett: monitor, mentor, friend

**By Lynne Duffield**

He's always there with a smile and a kind word. You know him as well as most: Bob Larmett has been a study hall monitor at Manchester High School since March of last year. Bob feels by almost everyone to call him by first name, he shows his respect for them.

A retired businessman, Bob conducts his study hall like an office environment with communication, composure (action), and concentration. By taking a personal interest in each student, Bob can communicate with the many different per-

sonalities. He likes to notice the little things, such as someone's new hairstyle or someone getting their braces off. He has thought of becoming a substitute teacher but decided against it because he enjoys working with the same students every day.

Even though Bob is not an educator, he is concerned that the students learn rather than just memorize. He encourages group discussions and working together to gain another opinion that a student may not have thought of.

Concerning the faculty at Manchester High School, Bob feels that they are a great service to the community. "The teachers are organized planners with dedication and teamwork. I have the highest regard and respect for them."

In his spare time, Bob is an artist and enjoys discussing cars with the guys in his study halls. His prize possession is his "brand new 1967 now" named "Rita." Bob sums up his approach to his job this way: "Give the students a little bit of trust and responsibility and you will gain a higher respect as I do every time. I see students in the hall and they stop to talk to me as a friend, not a teacher."

Mr. Race expressed concern about such issues as student employment. However, "Overall, I don't think students have changed remarkably." Mr. Race is a history teacher with an impressive history of his own. He has taught history courses such as Greek History, Roman History, Ancient History, Geography, Patterns of Human Behavior, and Current Events, in addition to his present courses of Applied Economics and U.S. History. He has a special fondness of U.S. History, which he has taught at all levels. Mr. Race's contributions extend further than his history rooms of MHS. He has coached the boys baseball team for 18 years, the boys basketball team for 16 years, and the boys tennis team for 16 years. He also coached soccer for six years and a now non-existent rifle team for six years.

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**GUIDANCE** — Bob Larmett recently talks with a student. The former businessman is a study hall monitor who provides guidance and inspiration to students.

## Community plans for Earth Day

**By Heather Sullivan**

Did you know that the energy saved by recycling one glass bottle could run your television set for three hours? Or that (according to the National Wildlife Federation) when land is used to eat, 18 billion gallons of water are poured away in the United States each year could reach back and forth to the moon seven times?

Americans are finally becoming aware of environmental hazards that surround our everyday lives. In 1970, one event launched the environmental movement in this country. That event, the very first Earth Day, has been celebrated for the past 20 years. This year's Earth Day will be April 24 and its celebrations all over the nation are becoming major events on local, regional, and national levels.

In the town of Manchester, a committee of concerned and enthusiastic citizens is planning an Earth Day celebration at Manchester Community College for people of all ages to enjoy. The probable activities include a "Fun-Run," a sculpture, slide shows, and a trip to Manchester's landfill and waste plant. Also planned are various speakers and an abundance of helpful, interesting literature available

concerned young adults together was the desire to do something to celebrate Earth Day on their campuses and in their communities. There were exciting speakers who shared ideas with the group about special Earth Day events, and what to do about our environment's depletion, not only for Earth Day 1990, but to continue for the rest of our lives. People attending the conference went to a first set of workshops on recycling people to help prepare for Earth Day, and ideas on what to do to celebrate the day. The next set of workshops ranged from "Toxic Waste," to "Rainforest Depletion," to "Ozone Depletion." All workshops were educational and fun. Many leaving the conference were filled with initiative and determination to begin Earth Day coalitions and celebrate Earth Day 1990 in their own way.

Earth Day 1990 is going to be celebrated everywhere on April 22, and its overall goal is to simply bring more people to the growing environmental movement. Keep in mind that if you were to convince two people to do something for the environment, and the next day they convinced two more, and so on, it would take less than one month to take everyone in the United States to take action. There is no time to lose. There is a planet at stake.

On February 10 of this year, a handful of high school students and a large number of college students attended a conference at the University of Hartford concerning Earth Day. Bonding this large group

to a myriad of changes since that first day in 1954. Back then, Manchester High was located where Benet Junior High is housed today. The school was operated on double sessions. Some students attended classes from early morning until noon and the second group arrived in early afternoon and left at around 5 p.m. Mr. Race taught the second session, often leaving in the dark of night during the winter. At that time, there was no open campus. The move to the building at which MHS is located today and its many renovations brought about significant advancements.

Mr. Race, who has served under five different principals, has observed changes not only among the physical structure of MHS, but among the students who have walked its halls and occupied its classrooms. "Kids are far freer to

wear a great variety of clothes and express their opinions in and out of the classroom. Activity in the hallway allows for a maximum amount of freedom," he said. "You hear much more foul language and more profanity. Students at MHS feel that's not all bad. I tend to feel that students are a lot happier as a group than they used to be."

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### Cruising

Parkade are closed, with the last ones shutting their doors at 10 p.m. But from 7 p.m. to midnight without fail, the parking lots regularly fill up with young people and their vehicles. In fact, so many people and cars come that log-jam traffic develops on the driving aisles and access roads. Cars cruise back and forth as though the Parkade were "the strip" in Las Vegas.

At times, people are hurt or arrested there. But even the victims of these incidents are undaunted. They still frequent the Parkade.

"This is the place to be," said Randy Nielsen, who was shot in the arm there last November.

The 23-year-old Glastonbury resident said he saw two girls being harassed by a group of men in a car. When he told them to leave the girls alone, one of the men shot Nielsen in the arm, and the car sped away. Police later arrested two men on weapons and motor vehicle charges.

Despite the incident, Nielsen said he still frequents the Parkade on weekend nights. As a student, the young man said he can't afford to spend money in bars or restaurants, but likes to meet new people. And the Parkade features people from many towns, he said.

"Once in a while, there is a sour apple in the bunch," but most of the time, people are "cool," Nielsen said.

Nineteen-year-old Brian Thibault of Manchester also was injured recently at the Parkade. On the night of April 13, a Friday, he was taken by ambulance to Manchester Memorial Hospital, where he was given 14 stitches for a deep cut on his arm. The cut was sustained after Thibault became involved in a fight at the Parkade and was stabbed by a flying piece of metal, police said.

"I'll be hanging out there again," said Thibault, five days after the incident. "That won't stop me."

He, too, said he is attracted to the Parkade by the other people. The teen-ager said he hangs out there three to four nights a week.

"It also gives me a chance to show off my car," said Thibault, who said he has a refurbished 1978 Chevrolet Nova.

Seventeen-year-old Gary Gardzicki of Manchester, who goes there on weekend nights, said he has been "threatened at gunpoint more than once."

But he continues to go to the Parkade, mainly to meet girls.

In fact, he even offered a break-down of the types of people he sees or meets at the Parkade:

"You've got your long-haired nobodies, the 'Crew,' and then there's the police."

Offering a police perspective, Nielsen said the Parkade attracts people between the ages of 15 and 25 who are too young to get into regular nightclubs or do not want to pay cover charges at other clubs.

To enter most clubs in Connecticut, one must be at least 21 years old, the state's legal drinking age. At Checker's, a club for under-21-year-olds on Olcott Street, there is a \$10 per-person admission charge. It includes some refreshments.

"You find people doing everything down here," said Marvin. "In the summertime, it's unbelievable. You have to see it to believe it. They are all driving around showing off their cars. Half the kids tell their parents they are going to the movies. Their parents are so disappointed when we have to call them."

Most police officers at the Parkade watch for fights, alcohol- or drug-related activities and driving and automotive equipment violations.

"Almost every night there is a fight," said Marvin, who added that



HANGING OUT — The Parkade is a popular place for area youths to cruise, hang out, and meet their friends, especially on weekend nights.

meets the young people as long as they don't cause trouble. "I presume that the majority of them are good kids looking for a place to hang out," he said.

Cutias said he would like to obtain more permits for the younger market, such as Four Aces Billiard, a pool hall that recently opened at the Parkade.

Managers at Record Breaker and Papa Gino's, both stores in the Parkade, had no complaints about the nightlife.

David Chack of Record Breaker said the situation was worse a few years ago when there was a bar at the Parkade.

"It's not as bad as it used to be," agreed a manager at Papa Gino's who declined to reveal her name. The pizza house used to hire a police officer to stand in the store from 8 to 11 on Friday and Saturday nights, but it no longer does so, she added.

Manchester Police Chief Robert D. Laman said the Parkade is "a problem spot," but he thinks young people have a right to congregate there.

"The kids are acting normally," he said. "It's only a problem when they get out of hand."

That does not mean the chief is content with the situation.

"I'm a little concerned about our out-of-town clientele," he said. "It's obvious that my kid did not go down there, but let's not label all youth there."

"I'm not too happy with the situation and I wish it were different, but that's the system and God bless America."

### SPORTS

## Eagles give one away to Notre Dame

By Jim Tierney  
Manchester Herald

In his 22 years of coaching high school baseball, East Catholic coach Jim Penders never witnessed anything resembling Wednesday afternoon's debacle at Eagle Field.

East committed 10 errors while Notre Dame of West Haven took advantage of the miscues and registered a 13-6 All Connecticut Conference win.

Notre Dame is 2-0 in the ACC and 3-2 overall. East, which will play at St. Joseph in Trumbull Friday at 4 p.m., slips to 1-1 in the league and 4-2 overall.

"I never remember us committing more than five errors in a game," Penders said. "It was like the Bad News Bears. You can't afford to give a team like Notre Dame errors. They're a very good hitting team. We gave them the game."

Senior Jimmy Penders hit his first

career home run in the bottom of the first inning, a three-run blast over the 345-foot sign in left field, to give East a 3-0 lead.

Notre Dame, which cracked 12 hits and committed only one error, crept back with two unearned runs in the third to close the gap to 3-2. In the fifth, starting and losing pitcher John Fisher was pulled for sophomore Rob Penders after ND took a 4-3 lead on two throwing errors and hits by Rich Rubinio (3 for-4) and Justin Gladwin. The Green Knights scored one more in the fifth to take a 5-3 lead.

Of Fisher's four runs allowed, one was earned.

"I think the difference in the game was we made the plays," ND coach Tom Marcucci said. "The infield is rough out there, but our kids can play. I think the middle of our defense (shortstop Jim Tonelli, second baseman Joe Panaro) is as good as anybody's in the state."

In the Eagle fifth, a Neal Daries sacrifice fly scored Rob Penders to trim the deficit to 5-4.

Notre Dame broke this one wide open with six runs in the sixth.

Panaro reached on an error and Tonelli doubled to place runners on second and third with no outs. Rubinio luffed a lay blooper over a drawn-in infield to score Panaro for a 6-4 lead. A wild pitch scored Tonelli, then a dropped pop up by second baseman Martin Fiori loaded the bases.

Dennis Bianchi and Ed Grund then crushed any Eagle comeback hopes, each delivering a two-run single to push the lead to 11-5.

"I guess we thought (leading 3-0) we were in good shape," Penders said. "We're just a very inexperienced team. We're very inexperienced on the mound. But I can't blame the pitchers. But I can't blame everybody else."

Rob Penders was 2-for-2 while Jimmy Penders knocked in four



OOPS! — East Catholic first baseman J.R. Rodriguez bends for the throw, but it's behind him and Notre Dame runner Jim Tonelli arrives in the fifth inning of Wednesday's game at Eagle Field. The miscue was one of 10 committed by East in its 13-6 loss.

runs. Dave Caruso and Fisher collected two hits apiece.

Winning pitcher Steve Rovinelli ran his record to 3-0.

"We hung in there," Marcucci said. "Rovinelli struggled early then we came through. The two Penders kids in the middle of the lineup can swing the bats pretty good. I thought we made contact in key situations. They didn't play real good defense and we were able to take advantage of it. It's not the typical Notre Dame-East Catholic game. We've had some classics."

**NOTRE DAME (13)** — Grund 4b 4-0-1; Cronwell 5b 0-0-0; Fiori 2b 2-0-0; Tonelli 3b 1-0-0; Rubinio 1b 3-0-0; Gladwin 1b 4-1-1; Bierman 7 5-0-2; Rovinelli 9 4-0-0.

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HOME RUN SWING — Jim Penders follows through with his swing, which produced a three-run first-inning homer against Notre Dame Wednesday. It was his first career home run.

### Jim Tierney



## MHS baseball puts best foot forward early

In its second game of the 1990 season, the Manchester High baseball team dropped a lopsided 21-6 decision at CCC East rival Rockville High.

The Red Sox, who opened the season with ace Roger Clemens, 32-year-old Mike Boddicker, 26-year-old John Doherty and not much else in the starting pitching department, needed to make a move soon.

Manager Joe Morgan said earlier this week that another pitcher would be secured by this weekend, "by hook or by crook." In this case that might mean by trade or minor league callup.

Clemens (3-0) gave up four runs on seven hits in 6-1-3 innings. He struck out nine and walked one to contribute to the Red Sox 7-5 win Wednesday.

Clemens improved to 7-6 lifetime against the White Sox. He now has a winning record against every American League team except Oakland, which is 6-2 against him.

## Bird out, but Celtics don't need any magic

By Dave O'Hara  
The Associated Press

**BOSTON** — Larry Bird is getting rest the hard way, in a hospital. And Kevin McHale is beginning to get excited. The combination could turn out to be a big plus for the Boston Celtics leading into the NBA playoffs next week.

Bird, who had started all but four games in early January, was late scratch, but McHale and the Boston bench took over Wednesday night in a 133-112 victory over the fledgling Orlando Magic.

After playing 45 minutes in a loss at Chicago on Tuesday night, Bird returned home and underwent minor surgery for an abscess on his buttocks.

He was admitted to New England Baptist Hospital for antibiotic treatment. He is listed as doubtful for Friday night's game with Chicago, but probable for the regular season win/loss at Philadelphia on Sunday afternoon.

While Philadelphia was being Indiana, the Celtics kept alive slim hopes of overtaking the 76ers in the Atlantic

Division despite the loss of Bird and Dennis Johnson, limping with a right calf injury.

McHale scored 33 points and six team-mates joined him in double figures as the Celtics improved their record to 50-30 with a 10th consecutive home victory.

Reggie Lewis scored 20 points starting in place of Bird. Jim Paxson hit 18 as Johnson's replacement in the starting lineup. Michael Smith added 17 points. Robert Parish and John Bagley 11 each and Joe Kleine 10.

"We got a good response from 10 people, everyone contributed," Boston coach Jimmy Rodgers said after the Celtics handed the Magic a franchise record 14th consecutive loss.

"We were missing two good players, but Paxson and Bagley and Michael Smith really picked up," McHale said. "I felt comfortable out there. We had some rhythm. I'm starting to get excited about the playoffs."

"It would be nice to win the division, but it really doesn't matter all that much because the only home court advantage will be in the opening round. You have to win on the road in the playoffs, anyway."

## Clemens needs some help in Bosox rotation

### AL Roundup

The White Sox finished Clemens with a three-run seventh that made it 7-4. Robin Ventura led off with his first major league homer and Chicago loaded the bases with one out on singles by Orzelle Guillen and Jimenez and Clemens' walk, to Scott Fletcher.

Jeff Reardon relieved and Ivan Calderon hit a two-run single. Lee Smith, the fourth Boston pitcher, gave up an RBI single to pinch hitter Ron Kittle in the eighth and went 1-3 in his fourth save.

Trailing 1-0, Boston scored six times in the third against Jack McDowell (0-1). Pena and Jody Reed opened with singles and Katcher walked to load the bases.

Wade Boggs hit a two-run single that put Boston ahead, but was picked off by McHale. Marty Barrett followed with a routine fly ball to center field that Johnson dropped for an error when he bumped into right fielder Sammy Sosa, and Katcher scored for a 3-1 lead. Walks to Ellis Burks and Mike Greenwell loaded the bases, reliever Bill Long walked Dwight Evans to force home a run and Pena capped the outburst with a two-run single.

Katcher hit a solo home run in the Boston seventh off Ken Patterson.

The White Sox took a 1-0 lead in the second when Dan Pasqua doubled and Carlton Fisk singled.

McHale pitched a complete game in his second start, giving up the White Sox this week (two innings, one hit, four strikeouts), along with Smith's continued effectiveness (four saves), means Boston has a stopper to stop.

That, or a frontliner such as Burks or Marty Barrett, probably would be enough to bring a capable starter in return.

Some of the recently rumored possibilities include Ron Darling and Bobby Ojeda of the Mets, Atlanta's Derek Lilliquist and Tommy Greene, California's Kirk McCaskill, and Seattle's Mike Jackson.

Or Boston could look to AAA Pawtucket and bring up 26-year-old right-hander Eric Hetzel.

Morgan has been taking the rotation day-to-day this season, pitching Clemens as often as he can and avoiding using a fourth starter. So far that No. 4 spot has been filled by 29-year-old John Lester.

But what Boston really needs is a lefthander, Clemens,



HAMMERING JOSE — Jose Canseco connected for a two-run homer Wednesday night leading the Oakland Athletics to the 3-1 win over the California Angels. The homer was his second of the season.

## Medicare Merger plan could be ready within weeks, says de Maiziere

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"Growth rates have been so rapid that outlays have nearly doubled in the last five years," the board said.

About 75 percent of the money in the Supplemental Medical Insurance Trust Fund comes from general federal revenues and 25 percent comes from premiums paid by beneficiaries.

The Medicare program provides medical benefits to about 30 million Americans age 65 and older and 3 million disabled individuals.

The board also reported that the Social Security trust funds that support benefits for the elderly, survivors and the disabled will remain financially sound well into the next century.

Trustees estimated the next cost-of-living benefit increase for Social Security recipients would be 4.5 percent. This would be considered the 1990 increase, though it would not be paid until beginning in January 1991. The last increase, for 1989, was 4.7 percent, reflected in checks last January.

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## Deficit

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New London, chairman of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, said Democratic leaders are considering an assortment of revenue increases and additional spending cuts to close the gap.

"There are a variety of things that can be done," Frankel said. "You can call them revenue enhancers if you like."

State Rep. William R. Dyson, D-New Haven, predicted the Legislature will look for deeper cuts in state programs before resorting to tax increases. Dyson, co-chairman of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee, said state funding for corrections, education, mental health and restoration could all face cutbacks to balance the budget plan.

The General Assembly faces a May 9 constitutional deadline for approving a budget. Senate President Tom Tempore John Larson, D-East Hartford, said legislators are still waiting for reports on revenues from state capital gains and dividends tax payments made this week.

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