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Negro, GOP spar over pension loss

By Dianna M. Talbot
Manchester Herald

Town Treasurer Roger Negro said today that he wants to continue handling town pension investment transactions despite some Republican town directors' comments that he should not do so until an investigation into a lost \$200,000 investment is completed.

"Why should I step aside?" asked Negro, a Democrat, defending his actions on the missing short-term investment. "I have nothing to be ashamed of."

Town officials said Thursday that an investment Negro made last year into Colorado-based Merus Corp., which claimed to operate blood banks where people store their own blood for later use during surgery, had gone sour. The fund was likely to lose the money plus \$32,000 in interest that it was to accrue, officials said.

Merus Corp. reportedly has folded.

Negro said his investment was supposed to pay 15 percent in interest, and the first quarterly payment was due April 26, 1989. When the company failed to make payment, Negro said he agreed to wait until Jan. 26, 1990 for full payment in return for a 1 percent increase in the interest rate.

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Blasts rock waiting jet

7 dead, 80 hurt in incident on Manila runway



MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A Philippine Airlines jetliner exploded and caught fire today as it prepared to take off with 119 people aboard, killing seven people and injuring more than 80, officials said.

Survivors spoke of up to three blasts aboard the Boeing 737-300, and a senior official said it was possible a bomb had been placed on the plane. At least three large holes were left in the roof, and flames gutted the interior.

The twin-engine plane was being towed to the runway when it was rocked by an explosion, said Enrique Santos, vice president of Philippine Airlines.

The cabin filled with smoke, but most passengers escaped by sliding down emergency chutes before flames engulfed the plane, he said. Passengers said some people panicked and trampled one another rushing for the exits.

"There was an explosion in front of me and there was a very bad smell," said passenger Isidro Reasco, 33, of Iloilo. "So I immediately opened the emergency exit. I was the first one out of the plane."

"They were still demonstrating the safety equipment when it occurred. There were three explosions, loud explosions, and the ceiling shuddered. On the second explosion, I immediately opened the emergency exit."

The bodies of six adults and one child were found inside the burned-out cabin, said Ed Carrascosa, manager of Manila's domestic airport. He said they were either killed by the blast or died of smoke inhalation.

At least 85 passengers were treated for injuries at the airport clinic, according to an airline employee, Alfredo Estrera. Most suffered slight sprains and bruises leaving the plane, he said.

The plane was bound for Iloilo, 290 miles to the south, with 113 passengers and six crew members aboard. It was not known how many foreigners there were among the passengers, although authorities said a Japanese man was treated for burns.

Carrascosa said there had been no bomb threats.

The Associated Press

FATAL FLIGHT — A damaged passenger plane sits on the runway of an airport in Manila this morning as another plane lands in the background. The plane caught fire after an apparent explosion while taxiing for takeoff.

Wholesale prices decline in April

WASHINGTON (AP) — A second steep drop in vegetable costs helped push wholesale prices down 0.3 percent overall in April, the Commerce Department said today.

It was the sharpest decline since August and the third consecutive moderate report after a severe cold snap sent prices spiraling 1.8 percent in January, a 15-year record.

The Labor Department's Producer Price Index for finished goods, one stop short of retail, had fallen 0.2 percent in March and showed no change in February. The monthly numbers are all adjusted for seasonal variations.

For the first four months of the year, wholesale inflation was running at a 4.2 percent annual rate, down from 4.8 percent for all of 1989.

In a separate report today, the Commerce Department said retail sales last month slumped 0.6 percent, the third consecutive month without an increase.

Stock and bond markets rallied in response to both reports. Traders took them as a sign that the Federal Reserve Board, in the near term, would not need to push up interest rates to fight inflation.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks climbed 13.97 to 2,752.48 in the first half hour of trading.

"The numbers are increasingly ratifying the fact that we've dodged the inflationary bullet, at least for a while," said Dirk Van Dongen, president of the National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors.

"The bad news is that maybe the soft landing (economic slowdown) is a little softer than we would like."

In April, food prices fell 0.6 percent after an identical 0.6 percent decline a month earlier. Prices rose for eggs, rice, pasta and pork. They fell for fruit, chicken, cooking oils and candy.

Vegetable prices, which fell 2.5 percent in March after record increases the previous two months, fell another 31.1 percent last month.

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Trainers: beach season's coming so shape up

By Jacqueline Bennett
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Now is the time to trim and tone for bikini season, according to local fitness experts.

"Ten pounds is a reasonable amount of weight to lose in eight weeks — whether you'll be totally 'jigglesless' is hard to say, but it is time to start the toning process," Mike Florio, exercise specialist at Holiday Health Fitness Center, said in a recent interview.

Memorial Day weekend, the traditional opening for beaches, is only a few weeks away. But, beach activity generally doesn't get 'hot' until July 4th so there is still enough time to get started.

It is also enough time for muscle-conscious men to 'bulk up', Florio said.

Fitness experts at area health clubs agree a one- to two-pound weight loss per week is best, combining good eating habits with activity.

"Exercise regularity has an amazing effect," said Jamie Fairley, manager of Court House Plus. "Intensity is not a factor, the key is frequency," he said.

Fairley said a moderate activity done three to four times a week will affect one's attitude and appearance. Emotionally there is an immediate effect after the first two workouts, Fairley said.

"There is a self-confidence."

Within three to four weeks, there is likely to be a visible difference physically, he said.

The top choice among area experts is walking, which they said is safe for most people, even those with serious weight problems.

Swimming also got high marks.

Running, bicycle riding and racket sports are all beneficial, they said. An aerobic activity elevates the heart rate, which increases metabolism and makes the body more oxygen-efficient for burning calories, Fairley said.

"That's how body fat is lost."

It is good to combine cardiovascular aerobic activity with toning, which can be done with exercise and weight machines, experts said.

"Toning is what makes you shapely," said Gina Pandisher, manager and co-owner of Spa Lady, a women-only club. Weight training is available there, as well as a variety of aerobics, life cycles and life steps (climbing machines).

Gold's Gym, formerly Gibson's Gym, has been relocated on Utopia Road. Besides a membership package, Gold's also offers "walk-in use" for a fee.

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HUD's loan losses continue to mount

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government probably will lose more than \$177 million on a housing program used for developments alongside golf courses and marinas, say internal reports blaming the risky loans on mismanagement and political favoritism.

The government already has lost \$55 million on sales of foreclosed properties from the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Title X land development program, agency auditors said. They said it will cost an additional \$122 million if failures and foreclosure sales continue at current rates.

Declining values of some of the properties and delays in foreclosing and selling the troubled projects "may further add to HUD's losses," the auditors said. So far, HUD has had to pay claims on 32 of the 65 loans made through the program.

Seventeen of the projects are still in the formative stages, "thus the final claim rate... likely will be higher."

The investigation, detailed in two reports completed last week, found several examples of projects being approved despite overwhelming evidence they did not meet requirements or were too risky.

Also detailed were several previously undisclosed cases in which former HUD officials or Republican consultants successfully lobbied senior department managers to reverse lower-level rejections of questionable projects. Some of the projects have failed and others are troubled, the reports said.

The reports, obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, blamed the problems on Reagan-era abuses but said the losses continued to mount last year because HUD Secretary Jack Kemp, who took office with the Bush administration, had not allocated enough staff to the program.

After prodding by HUD's inspector general, or internal watchdog, Kemp last week created a new unit to handle the program. Kemp killed Title X last year but the existing projects still must be monitored.

Several Title X projects were

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HAIR DRYER — Christa Mahood, 14, pulls her jacket over her head during Thursday's rain to keep her hair dry. She and a friend, Barry Hamel, 17, were walking along Main Street on their way to his house.

Report suggests NASA get backup for shuttle

WASHINGTON (AP) — NASA should buy at least one more space shuttle because there's a 50-50 chance a craft will be lost in the next several years, a congressional report suggested today.

A new shuttle, like the one being built to replace the destroyed Challenger, would cost \$2 billion to \$2.5 billion.

The Office of Technology Assessment said NASA's goal of 14 launches a year poses increased risks to astronauts and that the schedule could be limited "to a regular, sustainable rate of eight to 10 launches" by limiting flights to payloads requiring human crews.

"The actual reliability of the shuttle system is unknown, but may lie between 97 percent and 99 percent," the report said. "If reliability is 98 percent, the nation faces a 50-50 chance of losing an additional orbiter in the next 34 flights."

The Challenger explosion in 1986, which killed seven crew members, happened on the 25th shuttle flight; there have been 10 missions since.

A new shuttle, to be called "Endavour," will be finished next year and flying in 1992.

OTA, a congressional advisory group, said in its report that the nation can make do with existing launch systems until the next century if it follows the current course of steady growth in civilian and military space activities.

But if the United States wants a permanent lunar base, missions to Mars or a space-based defense system, the report said, it should be prepared to spend \$10 billion to \$20 billion in development costs alone (or new launch systems).

"Because the nation cannot afford to invest in all the good ideas proposed for improved or new launch systems, Congress and the administration will have to choose from a wide range of options," the report said. "Some choices must be made in the next two to three years. Others can wait longer."

The most immediate choices are making improvements in expendable rockets that are based on 1950s and '60s designs, limiting shuttle missions since.

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RECORD

Weekenders . . .

Places to go . . .
... things to do

Trip to amusement park offered

The Coventry Recreation Department is offering a bus trip to Riverside Amusement Park on Saturday. The bus leaves Coventry from Second Congregational Church parking lot on Route 44 at 11:15 a.m. Return time is about 5 p.m. Children in grade 4 or younger must be accompanied by an adult. The fee is \$15 for ages three to seven years and \$17 for ages eight and older.

Vintage clothes modeled

A vintage clothing fashion show and tea will be presented by the Women's Fellowship of the Second Congregational Church, 385 N. Main St., on Saturday at 2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Women and men of the church will model fashions from the years 1880 through 1950. Noreen Mitchell will be narrator and piano music will be provided by Marion Stimson. Tickets are \$5. Reservations may be made by calling 649-2863.

Pancake breakfast held

The Manchester Rotary Club is sponsoring a Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast this Sunday at the Manchester Country Club, South Main Street, from 8 a.m. to noon. Co-chairpersons for the event are Tom Brown and Barbara Quinby. Proceeds for the event will benefit the scholarship fund. Tickets are available from any member of the Rotary Club or may be obtained at the door. The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children. For more information, call 646-9033 or 647-3329.

Flower and bake sale set

The United Methodist Church of Hartford, 571, Farmington Ave., will hold a flower and bake sale on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 523-5132.

Garden club sells plants

The Manchester Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale on Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Center Park. Annuals, herbs, perennials, hanging baskets, scented geraniums will be available as well as a "gardener's table." A bake sale will be held.

Student art displayed at MCC

Students artists from eight area schools will be exhibiting their work at the Second Annual Charter Oak Conference Art Show, opening Saturday at the Newspaper Gallery at Manchester Community College. Participating high schools will be: Bacon Academy, Bolton, Coventry, Cromwell, East Hampton, Portland, R.H.A.M. and Rocky Hill. The Newspaper Gallery is open to the public daily until 8 p.m. The exhibit runs through May 24.

Tag sale to be held

The Young Couples Group of Trinity Covenant Church will hold a "Giant Group Tag Sale" on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 59 Bridge St. All proceeds will benefit the New Life Pregnancy Center. The event will take place rain or shine. For further information, call 646-2397.

Mother's Day program set

On Saturday, the Bentley Memorial Library, 206 Bolton Center Road, Bolton, is offering a special Mother's Day program for children grades one through four from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Children will be able to make seashell pins and Mother's Day cards for their moms. Materials will be supplied so pre-registration is a must. This program is free of charge. For more information, call 646-7949.

School holds dance

St. Bridget School will hold a "50s & 60s Sock Hop" on Saturday to raise money for the school. Tickets are \$10 per person. Call 646-6615 for tickets. The dance will be held in the auditorium of the school, 74 Main St.

Correction

A story in Thursday's Herald about the Wednesday meeting of the Republican Town Committee incorrectly stated that Republican Town Director Ronald Ouellet had called for the resignation of Republican Director Susan Buckles.

Lottery

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

CONNECTICUT
Daily: 5-7-8. Play Four: 9-8-7-4.

MASSACHUSETTS
Daily: 2-1-1-4.

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine daily: 3-0-2 and 3-9-0.

RHODE ISLAND
Daily: 9-1-2-1. Lot-O-Blacks: 1-3-8-17-37.

Weather

Tonight, clearing. Low 40 to 45. Saturday, sunny. High around 70. Outlook: Sunday, chance of showers. High 65 to 70.

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Regional Weather

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Obituaries

Lauren E. Burnett

Lauren E. "Subby" Burnett, 68, of 19 Brainerd Place, husband of Marian (Jones) Burnett, died Thursday (May 10, 1990) at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was born in Hartford, Oct. 10, 1921, and had been a Manchester resident for more than 60 years. Before retiring, he was employed by the Lydall Corp. for 14 years, and for many years with the Educator Biscuit Co. He was a member of St. Mary Episcopal Church, a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army and a member of the Army & Navy Club.

He is also survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert H. and Betty Burnett of Coventry, and Daniel H. and Carol Burnett; a brother, Harry Burnett of Manchester; and four grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at a time and date to be announced. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Calling hours are Saturday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Marie J. Cassino

Marie Jeannette (Marquis) Cassino, 74, of East Hartford, died Thursday (May 10, 1990) at Hartford Hospital. She is survived by a sister, Hazel Griffin of Manchester.

Cinema

HARTFORD
Cinema City — The Cook, the Thief, His Wife & Her Lover (R) Fr 7, Sa 7, Su 7.95. Crime.
Paradise Fr 7, 9.50. Sat and Sun 11.10. 3.50, 7.50. — My Left Foot (R) Fr 7, 9.50. Sat and Sun 1.20, 4.60, 7.95, 9.30. — The Cook Must Be Crazy (R) Fr 7, 9.50. Sat and Sun 1.20, 4.60, 7.95, 9.30.

Manchester
UA Theaters East — The Little Mermaid (G) Fr 7, 9. Sat and Sun 2, 7. (Low) Fr 7, 9.50. Sat and Sun 1.20, 4.60, 7.95, 9.30. — Internal Affairs (R) Fr 7, 9.50, 9.30. Sat and Sun 2.00, 4.50, 7.95, 9.30. — Hurricane on the Run (R) Fr 7, 9.50. Sat and Sun 2.00, 4.50, 7.95, 9.30. — The Body Hunter Picture Show (R) Fr 7, 9.50. Sat and Sun 2.00, 4.50, 7.95, 9.30. — The Body Hunter Picture Show (R) Fr 7, 9.50. Sat and Sun 2.00, 4.50, 7.95, 9.30.

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Police Roundup

Employee faces drug charges

Police arrested a gas station employee today who, for the past year, signaled customers that he had marijuana for sale by placing a stuffed monkey in the gas station's window, police said.

Victor Demko, 34, of 136 Branford St., was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell, possession of over four ounces of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, police said.

Demko was arrested at 6 a.m. today at his home following a year-long investigation into drug activities at the Toxaco gas station, which is located at the intersection of Center and McKee streets, police said. A pound of marijuana, which had a street value of \$3,200, was confiscated, police said.

Demko was released on a \$10,000 non-surety bond and scheduled to appear Wednesday in Manchester Superior Court, police said.

Births

STONEMAN, Sean William, son of Philip and Carol Sovinski Stoneman of 29 Alexander St., was born April 28 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Augusta and Bill Mansfield of Manchester, Ill. His paternal grandparents are George and Gertrude Stannett, 64 Iretion Road, East Windsor, N.J.

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MANCHESTER/COVENTRY/BOLTON

Teen sentenced for setting fire, making bombs

By Dianna M. Talbot
Manchester Herald

Describing a Manchester teenager as a "baby-faced Einstein gone crazy," a Hartford Superior Court judge sentenced the convicted bomb builder and arsonist to eight years in jail Thursday.

Matthew Irwin, a former Manchester High School student who will be 20 years old later this month, was a prime suspect in a fire last year which destroyed a landmark cabin in Wickham Park.

But that first-degree arson charge was dropped earlier this year when Irwin pleaded guilty to manufacturing bombs in Manchester and setting

a nighttime fire to an Enfield home while he was in jail.

By sentencing Irwin to the minimum of eight years, Judge Raymond R. Norko showed compassion, said Simon, after the sentencing.

"I think he saw that there is something else to Matt," the attorney said.

Dressed in black pants and a white shirt, the small-framed, bespectacled teen with shoulder-length hair declined an opportunity to help persuade the judge by speaking for himself during pre-sentencing testimony. He showed no visible emotion during throughout the sentencing.

The teen-ager, who has been in jail for one year during court proceedings, faced a maximum of 10 years in jail under the charges.

But a verbal portrait of the troubled teen was painted by his lawyer, his prosecutor and the judge.

"He is above average intelligence, but lazy" and irresponsible, said assistant state prosecutor Kevin McMahon, who argued the teenager should be given a 10-year sentence.

"If he doesn't change in jail, he'll be back here again and in the judicial system forever," McMahon said.

The defense painted a brighter picture.

Irwin would like to take college courses in science, said Simon, who argued for the minimum sentence that was handed down.

"There is still potential for him," he said. "Give him some sign that there is some hope in his life."

Interjecting during the defense's argument, Norko questioned why both sides seemed to be characterizing Irwin as a "boy Einstein gone crazy or awry." He is a young man who needs to direct his energy in a way that will hurt society, he said.

Just before passing sentence, Norko told Irwin, "I'm under no illusion that having any particular length of sentence will cause you to come to your senses. You'd better wake up, kid. You're not the baby-faced Einstein any longer."

The judge then sentenced Irwin to two eight-year terms, to be served at the same time at the state penitentiary in Somers.

After the sentencing, Simon said Irwin could get time off for good behavior and that the year he was already served will be subtracted from his sentence.

Members of Irwin's family, including his mother, who were present refused to comment.

The cedar log cabin in Wickham Park burnt down on March 26, 1989. Built in 1927 as a summer cottage for Edith and Clarence Wickham, it had been a gathering place for people.

According to police, Irwin bragged to associates that he was responsible for burning down the cabin, and he also designed a business card with the name "Damage Inc." on it.

\$11.5m Bolton school plan brings town boards together

By Donna O'Leary
Manchester Herald

The Board of Education's proposed \$11.5 million school building plan through

representatives from the education and finance boards, the selection and the Public Building Commission Thursday night.

When the meeting ended, the educators and the selectmen still disagreed on the plan, but the representatives agreed to work on an advisory committee to try to iron out their differences.

Dr. Richard Packman, superintendent of schools, explained the proposed building plans done by architect Aarner Hossain of Lawrence Associates of Manchester.

Hossain had submitted two plans. The first called for updating and adding on to the Center School building and connecting it to the elementary school. The plan also would eliminate using the basement as classrooms due to severe code violations that could not be corrected.

The second plan, which has been endorsed by the school board, calls for abandoning the Center School building and adding on to the elementary school, creating a K-8 facility and sports complex. Packman also said that to keep the present Center School would add costs of more than a million dollars to the estimated \$11.5 million figure, and needed space would be lost.

The selectmen said they would like the school board to reconsider abandoning Center School, thereby turning it over to the town. Instead, they would prefer that the board update the grades 5 to 8 school building.

Selectman Richard Pelletier's fear was that the cost would be too high.

Pelletier said he felt the school should consider keeping the building, and Selectman James Veitch said he had serious reservations on whether the town could afford the plan's costs.

Dr. Packman said

MANCHESTER/COVENTRY/STATE

Hospital to reduce workforce

HARTFORD (AP) — Mount Sinai Hospital in Hartford will reportedly lay off dozens of employees today as the financially troubled institution continues planning its merger with St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center.

An official with New England Health Care Employees Union, District 1199, said hospital employees had heard unofficially that about 100 people would be laid off. The 200-bed hospital has about 1,800 employees.

John Fussell, vice president of the union, said workers to be laid off include about 45 union members who hold the equivalent of 35 full-time positions as nurses' assistants or employees in the maintenance, dietary, transportation and central supply departments.

Mount Sinai officials have told employees that the layoffs also will affect management and other non-union workers, Fussell said Thursday.

Hospital officials would not say how many people will be laid off but said an announcement on cost-cutting measures will be made today.

District 1199 has scheduled a press conference at 2 p.m. to discuss the layoffs and plans for a campaign to pressure the hospital to more fully explain more fully details of the merger with St. Francis.

Fussell said that union representatives have met with hospital officials to discuss the merger but that the union "is not happy with what we see happening."

"We're trying to find out why the hospital is dying on the vine," he said. "The idea behind the merger was how to save the hospital, how to save services to the community, how to save jobs. All we're seeing is the hospital losing jobs, services being cut."

Mount Sinai and St. Francis announced in December that, after more than a year of negotiations, they had signed an agreement under which Mount Sinai would be taken over by the larger hospital.

Mount Sinai would continue to exist as a separate hospital, but would share services with St. Francis and St. Francis would have controlling membership on Mount Sinai's board of directors.

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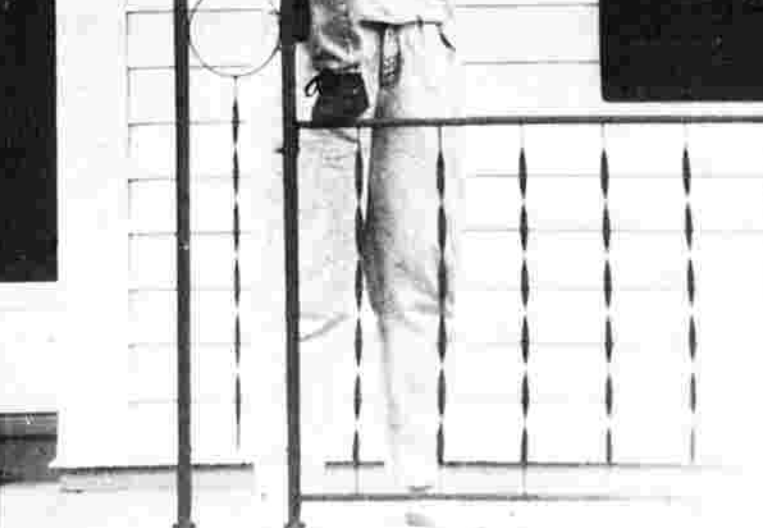
WATERBURY — The Waterbury Fire Department, already reeling from the death of an off-duty firefighter in what officials say was a \$10 robbery, now has to endure a second tragedy — the death of two firefighters killed while responding to a false alarm.

The two tragedies have occurred in less than a week.

Firefighters on Tuesday buried 41-year-old Lewis Keidel, an off-duty firefighter who died after being hit in the head with a brick as he ran from three suspects who allegedly wanted to rob him.

Howard Hughes of Waterbury and Herberto Rivera of Bristol — two firefighters who had been with the department about three years — were killed Thursday when their fire truck went out of control and struck a tree on West Main Street.

Ironically, the accident occurred



Judy Harrington/Manchester Herald

PERCHING — Daniel Sanford, 4, climbs ironwork on the front porch of his Bissell Street home as he and his mother Jessica wait for his older brother to return from kindergarten Thursday.

Nathan Hale School students plan summer exchange trip to U.S.S.R.

COVENTRY — Plans for a Soviet exchange trip for fifteen Nathan Hale School students are set for this summer, according to the teacher who organized it.

"We leave July 9, arrive the tenth and stay until the twenty-fourth," teacher Thomas Dzick told the Board of Education Thursday night during a meeting at Coventry High School.

Fifteen students from the Challenge and Enrichment Program in grades 7 and 8 plan to go to the Soviet Union with 10 adults, some teachers, a principal and some parents. They will stay with host families.

In September, fifteen students from the Soviet Union will visit Coventry and stay with host families here, along with their ten adult chaperones.

The plan was approved by the board earlier this year. It began 13 months ago with a pen pal letter-writing exchange, Dzick noted.

The students plan to visit Red Square, Kremlin Armory, Gorky Park, Lenin Hills, and Leningrad, and to take a boat trip on the Moscow River.

"They will be spending time with their Soviet families to get a real feel for Soviet life," Dzick said.

Each student will pay the cost of his own visit.

Eighty-grader Ludwig Esio designed a logo for a tee shirt the Soviets are selling to help raise money to host the Soviets.

"I asked, 'Who is the best artist?'" Dzick said, giving the story behind the design.

The tee shirt shows a handshake superimposed over a symbol of peace and reads Coventry-Moscow Exchange. They are available to the public for \$6.

When the Soviets come in September, they plan to visit Boston, New York and the Big E fair in Springfield, Mass.

In other matters, Superintendent of Schools Michael Malinowski said the employees' bargaining groups have agreed to an insurance-carrier change from Travelers to Blue Cross of Massachusetts.

The board also discussed consideration of early-retirement incentives for teachers.

Dodd's legislation to help homeless

WASHINGTON — Sen. Christopher Dodd Wednesday urged lawmakers to support legislation aimed at solving the underlying causes of the nation's growing homelessness problem.

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Medicare refuses to pay for woman's medicine

WATERBURY (AP) — A Waterbury woman who endured a risky heart transplant operation must now take an expensive drug to keep her body from rejecting the new organ, but her Medicare is refusing to pay for it.

Barbara Sabetta, the first Waterbury woman to undergo a heart transplant, says she cannot afford the estimated \$7,000 a year for the immunosuppressant medication which is keeping her alive.

"In essence, they're telling her to die," said Martin Minella, Sabetta's attorney. "It's ridiculous. It's some clerk making a decision at Medicare and we're going to fight it all the way."

Minella said Medicare will not pay for the medication because it does not recognize Yale-New Haven Hospital, where Sabetta received her new heart in April 1989, as an official heart-transplant center.

"It's very devastating," Sabetta said. "I need this medication for the rest of my life."

Mike Spilgier, a spokesman for Medicare, said Wednesday that he would look into the matter.

David Boomer, a spokesman for U.S. Rep. John Rowland, R-Conn., said the congressman was also looking into Medicare's move.

Cathy Varski, a spokeswoman for Yale-New Haven, said the hospital is now a Medicare-recognized transplant center, although she did not know when it had received that designation and whether it had been before or after Sabetta's operation.

Pharmacist Donna Pelkey of the Fulton Pharmacy in Waterbury, which has been supplying Sabetta with the medication, said Medicare informed the pharmacy last week that it would not pay.

Sabetta has been taking the medication since her operation, but Medicare did not object before now, apparently because Fulton Pharmacy had not tried to bill Medicare for the drugs until recently.

"We were always under the impression it would be paid," Pelkey said.

This is not the first Medicare dispute affecting Sabetta. Last year, Medicare refused to pay the \$17,000 cost of removing her new heart from its donor and transporting it to Yale-New Haven for her operation, again because Medicare did not recognize the hospital as a transplant center. The money had to be raised from private donations.

Sabetta said she has enough medication on hand to last her another week and that the pharmacy apparently intends to continue supplying her with the drugs even in light of Medicare's move.

Pelkey, a personal friend of Sabetta's, vowed that Sabetta would not be hurt.

Troopers out in Hartford

HARTFORD (AP) — State police troopers will stop patrolling streets in Hartford after June 30, under an agreement reached between city officials and the city police union.

City officials have also agreed to discuss the future use of state troopers with the Hartford Police Union, which has fought the deployment of state police troopers on city streets since the controversial Save Our Streets program began in January.

The agreement, reached this week, has led the police union to withdraw three complaints against the city filed when state troopers were assigned to local patrol work.

"The Save Our Streets program, which is also being used in New Haven and Bridgeport in an effort to curb drug activity, pairs troopers with city police officers on foot patrol and in city cruisers.

Similar complaints filed by the New Haven and Bridgeport police unions are pending before the state labor relations board, a Labor Department spokesman said Thursday.

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Koop wants doctors to help

NEW HAVEN (AP) — Former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, describing the tobacco industry as sleazy and untruthful, called on doctors to help counter the industry's "deceptive messages" by becoming vocal no-smoking advocates.

The keynote speaker Thursday at a Yale medical school symposium, Koop repeatedly lashed out at the tobacco industry as he also suggested ways the American profession can do more to help Americans quit smoking.

Doctors can succeed in getting people to stop smoking, when all else has failed, simply by looking patients in the eye and telling them they'll die if they don't quit, Koop said.

He also urged physicians to become "media no-smoking advocates."

Carrir Corp. to move to Farmington

FARMINGTON (AP) — The former headquarters of Enhart Corp. will soon be the new world headquarters of Carrier Corp., the world's largest manufacturer of heating and cooling systems.

Carrier, a subsidiary of United Technologies Corp., plans to move some of its corporate staff late this month from Syracuse, N.Y., to Farmington building recently sold by Enhart.

Enhart vacated the building after being acquired by Black & Decker Corp.

Most of Carrier's corporate staff and its biggest manufacturing complex will remain in Syracuse. Spokesman Rick Whimsey said the company has no intention of significantly reducing Carrier's presence in Syracuse.

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Greenspan addresses credit crunch

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan and other top banking regulators are attempting to stem a wave of criticism over tightening credit.

Credit may be harder to get because of a slowing economy, not because of over-zealous bank regulation, they said at a meeting Thursday.

The gathering of the nation's top banking regulators in a private meeting with the board of the American Bankers Association is practically unheard of, though all the regulators frequently meet bankers and other business executives separately.

Joining Greenspan were Comptroller of the Currency Robert L. Clarke and L. William Seidman, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

The three asked to attend the association's board meeting to respond to charges that over-regulation is making bank credits suddenly too difficult to get for real estate developers and other businesses.

"We decided that it would be very useful for us to meet with our colleagues and increase communication," Greenspan said.

He dismissed talk of a "credit crunch," in the Northeast or elsewhere, saying, "The evidence of that is quite limited."

"We need to turn down the rhetoric," said Clarke, whose office has sent extra examiners to the Northeast, where real estate prices have been declining and several banks have heavy real estate portfolios.

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WATERBURY (AP) — A Waterbury woman who endured a risky heart transplant operation must now take an expensive drug to keep her body from rejecting the new organ, but her Medicare is refusing to pay for it.

Barbara Sabetta, the first Waterbury woman to undergo a heart transplant, says she cannot afford the estimated \$7,000 a year for the immunosuppressant medication which is keeping her alive.

"In essence, they're telling her to die," said Martin Minella, Sabetta's attorney. "It's ridiculous. It's some clerk making a decision at Medicare and we're going to fight it all the way."

Minella said Medicare will not pay for the medication because it does not recognize Yale-New Haven Hospital, where Sabetta received her new heart in April 1989, as an official heart-transplant center.

"It's very devastating," Sabetta said. "I need this medication for the rest of my life."

Mike Spilgier, a spokesman for Medicare, said Wednesday that he would look into the matter.

David Boomer, a spokesman for U.S. Rep. John Rowland, R-Conn., said the congressman was also looking into Medicare's move.

Cathy Varski, a spokeswoman for Yale-New Haven, said the hospital is now a Medicare-recognized transplant center, although she did not know when it had received that designation and whether it had been before or after Sabetta's operation.

Pharmacist Donna Pelkey of the Fulton Pharmacy in Waterbury, which has been supplying Sabetta with the medication, said Medicare informed the pharmacy last week that it would not pay.

Sabetta has been taking the medication since her operation, but Medicare did not object before now, apparently because Fulton Pharmacy had not tried to bill Medicare for the drugs until recently.

"We were always under the impression it would be paid," Pelkey said.

This is not the first Medicare dispute affecting Sabetta. Last year, Medicare refused to pay the \$17,000 cost of removing her new heart from its donor and transporting it to Yale-New Haven for her operation, again because Medicare did not recognize the hospital as a transplant center. The money had to be raised from private donations.

Sabetta said she has enough medication on hand to last her another week and that the pharmacy apparently intends to continue supplying her with the drugs even in light of Medicare's move.

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Greenspan addresses credit crunch

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan and other top banking regulators are attempting to stem a wave of criticism over tightening credit.

Credit may be harder to get because of a slowing economy, not because of over-zealous bank regulation, they said at a meeting Thursday.

The gathering of the nation's top banking regulators in a private meeting with the board of the American Bankers Association is practically unheard of, though all the regulators frequently meet bankers and other business executives separately.

Joining Greenspan were Comptroller of the Currency Robert L. Clarke and L. William Seidman, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

The three asked to attend the association's board meeting to respond to charges that over-regulation is making bank credits suddenly too difficult to get for real estate developers and other businesses.

"We decided that it would be very useful for us to meet with our colleagues and increase communication," Greenspan said.

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Death penalty

Federal prosecutors seek first use in 27 years

By James Webb
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Federal prosecutors will seek the death penalty for two men charged with murdering a drug case witness in what would be the first execution by the U.S. government in 27 years.

"We recognize the death penalty is an extreme sanction," Andrea L. Zopp, one of the federal prosecutors handling the case, said Thursday. "We think it is appropriate in this case."

It would be the first use of a November 1988 federal law that allows the death penalty for murders committed to further drug conspiracies. The so-called "drug kingpin" provisions sanction the death penalty for murders ordered by drug dealers as part of their business.

Alexander Cooper and Anthony Davis are charged with murdering a federal witness to protect their \$50,000-a-day drug ring. Davis is still at large.

In a statement, U.S. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh said, "Street level distribution networks such as the one alleged in this indictment cannot be effectively dismantled without the cooperation of citizen-witnesses."

"When those witnesses are murdered because of their cooperation with law enforcement authorities, Congress has determined that this ultimate sanction should be available."

Federal authorities are "eager to show that they're tough on drug crime," but the law won't stop drug dealers from killing, said Henry Schwarzschild, director of the Capital Punishment Project for the American Civil Liberties Union.

"They expect to get away with it. They don't expect to get caught. And if you expect to get away with it, you don't care if the penalty is 40 years in prison or the electric chair," he said in a telephone interview from New York.

"We're certainly not pleased with the federal government getting back into the business of death penalty cases and having a federal hangman again, but it's cer-

tainly not anything surprising, and it's not a great legal event," said Schwarzschild.

No civilian has been executed in a federal case since Victor Fuguer was hanged at Iowa State Prison on March 15, 1963, after being convicted on charges of kidnapping and murder, Schwarzschild said.

The provision's constitutionality is certain to face court challenges, but Schwarzschild said federal lawmakers were probably careful to make the law conform with guidelines set up by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1976.

"We think the statute is clearly constitutional and will pass constitutional muster," Zopp said.

Older federal law has death penalty provisions for such crimes as treason, assassination of the president and top federal officials, and killings involving aircraft hijackings, train wrecks, kidnappings and bank robberies.

Those statutes, however, were never amended to reflect changes in death penalty laws mandated by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1972, and are widely considered unconstitutional.

The 1988 law is the first new statute to take the Supreme Court guidelines into account, legal experts said.

Under military law, provisions exist for capital punishment for violent crimes or spying. But no member of the U.S. military has been executed in peacetime since 1961, Schwarzschild said.

Cooper, 29, and Davis, 39, had been named along with 20 others in two indictments issued Oct. 19 charging them with various federal drug charges.

Federal authorities say Cooper ran an extensive street-level operation from 1982 to 1989 that distributed up to six kilograms of heroin and two kilograms of cocaine a week.

Cooper directed Davis to kill an associate, Robert Parker, because Parker was cooperating with police and giving federal authorities information about the drug operation, the government said.

Parker was shot in the head five times Feb. 6.



SINGING SISTERS — A group of nuns sings prior to the arrival of Pope John Paul II for an outdoor Mass in Monterrey, Mexico, Thursday. Up to two million persons attended, the largest crowd so far in the pontiff's Mexican visit.

Court says begging not protected speech

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal appeals court has ruled that New York City can sue panhandlers from the subways because asking for money is not a protected form of speech.

"The only message that we are able to spy as common to all acts of begging is that beggars want to exact money from those whom they accuse," the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said in a 2-1 opinion Thursday.

The court reversed a lower court ruling that said the Metropolitan Transit Authority's begging prohibition was unconstitutional because begging is a form of free speech protected by the First Amendment.

The earlier ruling had overturned a city program, begun in October, to crack down on vagrancy in the subway. Many of the city's estimated 80,000 homeless people congregate underground to stay warm, sleep and ask for spare change.

The appeals court ruling means the Transit Authority can ban begging on trains, near subway stairways, escalators and elevators and within 25 feet of token booths.

The court said U.S. District Judge Leonard Sand, who made the earlier ruling, showed "an exaggerated deference to the alleged individual rights of beggars and panhandlers to the great detriment of the common good."

The Transit Authority, which

operates the subway system, has an obligation to provide a safe environment for its ridership, the appeals court said.

"It is fair to say that whether intended as so, or not, begging in the subway often amounts to nothing less than assault, creating in the passengers the apprehension of imminent danger," the 51-page majority decision said.

In a dissenting opinion, Judge Thomas Meskill pointed to regulations that allow organized charities to solicit donations in the subway system. He said beggars deserve the same protection.

"I simply fail to see why the Transit Authority should be able to permit organized charities, but not beggars, to rattle a cup full of change as one passes by," Meskill said.

Robert Kiley, chairman of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, called the decision a victory for the millions of subway riders.

"We believe the subways are a means of transportation, not an open field for panhandling," he said. "The transit police may now proceed with our efforts to restore order to the transit system."

The appeals court decision stemmed from a class-action lawsuit brought by the Legal Action Center for the Homeless last November on behalf of all people who beg in the subway system.

Breslin defense sparks another bigotry charge

NEW YORK (AP) — New York is in an uproar again over a columnist's defense of a low writer Jimmy Breslin — suspended for stirring a Korean-American riot — and in doing so used what one official claimed was an epithet for Irishmen.

Peter King, controller of Nassau County, demanded that Newsday reprint columnist Robert Reno and order him to apologize for his article in Thursday's paper.

Reno Thursday tried to defend the Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist by writing: "Breslin has a pathologically rotten temper for which all his greenness is no excuse. On the other hand, if he wasn't capable of such mindless, offensive and imaginative rages, he'd just be another wispy Irishman."

The article ran in some editions with the headline "A Little Heart, A Donkey's Head Belong to Breslin."

"Even in the rarefied offices of the Newsday editors, someone must be aware that donkey is a derogatory term long used against the Irish," King said. He said the term means stupid and thick-headed.

Breslin was suspended without pay for two weeks on Tuesday.

MS-type disease in mice cured, but human treatment years off

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Scientists cured mice of a disease similar to multiple sclerosis and said their work could lead to successful treatment of the human disease, although a cure for people is 10 or more years away.

The new method also might help scientists develop treatments for a variety of other human autoimmune diseases, including rheumatoid arthritis, lupus and myasthenia gravis, the California Institute of Technology announced Thursday.

In autoimmune diseases, the body's immune system attacks the body's own tissues instead of simply defending against disease-causing foreign invaders.

In multiple sclerosis, certain white blood cells called helper T-cells attack the body's nerve tissue, causing paralysis, muscle cramps and weakness, slurred speech, blurred vision, fatigue, difficulty in coordination, dizziness and loss of balance.

About 250,000 Americans have multiple sclerosis, said scientists from Caltech and Washington University in St. Louis said they designed special antibodies — called monoclonal antibodies — to destroy the white

blood cells that cause a disease in mice resembling human multiple sclerosis.

"While we are quite excited about these results, I think it's important to emphasize at the outset that we have not developed a cure for human multiple sclerosis or any other human autoimmune disease," said Caltech biologist Leroy E. Hood.

"In my opinion, our technique is at least 10 years away from human application," Hood said in a prepared statement, adding that he wanted to "avoid raising false hope in those who suffer from this debilitating and quite serious disease."

During the past decade, other researchers showed monoclonal antibodies could to some extent reverse or prevent the mouse disease. Some even used mouse antibodies to treat human multiple sclerosis patients, who displayed only slight improvement in coordination, dizziness and loss of balance.

The method used by Hood's laboratory involved designing antibodies aimed at the exact type of T-cells that cause the mouse disease, significantly boosting the proportion of mice in which the disease was

prevented or reversed.

Of five sick mice given the new treatment, three showed complete reversal of paralysis within two to seven days, and a fourth's complete paralysis was reduced to slight paralysis of its tail. The fifth mouse died. Five other mice were not given the treatment, and their paralysis wasn't reversed.

Related experiments in dozens of other mice showed the disease could be prevented if they were injected with the monoclonal antibodies before scientists tried to make them sick.

The study was conducted in Hood's laboratory by research fellows Dennis Zaller and Gamal Osman, and by Osami Kanagawa at Washington University. It will be published in next month's issue of the Journal of Experimental Medicine.

Development of the new method "certainly is significant," said Dr. George Ellison, a professor of neurology at the University of California, Los Angeles.

If a similar treatment can be developed for humans, "that would be a major achievement," Ellison said.

These sentences fill dark, stormy night with terror

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — There's a novel here somewhere, buried deep in a mountain of 10,000 opening lines, an Everest of literary lunacy by writers trying to be as bad as they can be and succeeding.

And whether scrawled by hand or written on word processors, they all vied in the ninth annual Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest, a celebration of mangled language in the name of a 19th century novelist.

Linda Vernon, a housewife in Newark, Calif., copped the grand prize this year with her mixed metaphors and overdone images, San Jose State University English professor Scott Rice announced Thursday.

Rice, the contest's originator, called Vernon's purple prose "an example of a writer getting carried away with figures of speech."

"If you're reading aloud, take a breath and give it a try: 'Dolores breezed along the surface of her life like a fat scone forever skipping along smooth water, rippling really sporadically but oblivious to it consistently, until the finally lost momentum, sank and, due to an overdose of fluoride as a child which caused her to suffer from chronic spasty, doomed herself to lie forever on the floor of her life as useless as an appendix and as lonely as a five-hundred-pound barbell in a steriod-free fitness center.'"

Vernon, a 38-year-old mother of three who's taking writing courses, won word processor.

"It takes a lot of talent to be a bad writer," she said. "This is a good start, but I hope this is not the peak of my career."

Runner-up Richard G. Carter of Hampton, Va., took a more gruesome tone.

"Since both parties demanded sole custody in the Frankenstein divorce case, the judge called for his sword-and-solomon bolt-cutters and ruled an equitable split. Victor was to raise the creature's grotesque body in Palo Alto while his ex-wife reared its ugly head in San Jose."

Rice, who has published several books from the entries over the years, sees the contest as a way to encourage people to have fun with language and make a statement, in a way, about the importance of literacy.

Edward Bulwer-Lytton earned the distinction of a contest in his name by beginning his 1830 novel "Paul Clifford" with that appalling opener popular with Scoopy of the "Peanuts" comic strip: "It was a dark and stormy night."

In a more inspired moment, Bulwer-Lytton also originated the line, "The pen is mightier than the sword."

Here, for better or worse, are some of the category winners:

Science Fiction — "Far out in the backwaters of the unfashionable end of the Western Spiral arm of the Galaxy lies a small unregarded yellow sun, and orbiting this at a distance of roughly 899,010,000 miles is the flash-frozen body of Furley Wilsputz Jr., and boy is there an interesting story of how he came to be a component of Saturn's ring system." By Richard Garrett, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Children's Literature — "'Toadying to the Evil Queen might not be the best gig in the land,' reflected the magic mirror, 'but it sure beats working in a damn barber shop for minimum wage.'" Richard G. Carter, Hampton, Va.



THEY'D BE HE-MEN — Body building isn't only for grownups. These youngsters strike poses last week while competing in the small fry division of a body building competition in Marshville, N.C.

Flap follows Sununu remarks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Administration and congressional leaders are struggling to impose a verbal cease-fire on Democrats and Republicans who are bickering over whether next week's budget summit will consider new taxes.

Top Democrats criticized White House Chief of Staff John Sununu for saying that President Bush would never accept tax increases as part of a \$1.2 trillion budget for fiscal 1991, which begins Oct. 1.

But they stopped short of any action that could impede the top-level bargaining, which is supposed to have no precedents and is set to begin Tuesday.

"We view this incident as an extremely serious one because it could, if repeated, threaten the success of these talks," said House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash.

Acknowledging the intense political pressure ignited by a need for perhaps \$100 billion in budget cuts next year, lawmakers of both parties begged for a truce.

"The one way to make certain we don't succeed is to continue

statements that might throw us off course," said Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan.

"We just can't continue to have this kind of sniping and political warfare going on at the same time we're trying to deal with a serious problem," said House Budget Committee Chairman Leon Panetta, D-Calif.

Sununu said his controversial comments were "designed to make sure that people did not misinterpret 'no conditions' as implying that there was a condition for what had to be in the final agreement."

His original remarks were reported in Wednesday newspapers, attributed to "a senior White House official."

White House budget chief Richard Darman has told lawmakers that there could be a need to slash next year's federal shortfall by \$60 billion to \$100 billion, an astronomical amount even by government standards. The goal is to obey the Gramm-Rudman law's requirement that the 1991 budget gap not exceed \$64 billion.

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Girl kidnapped by baby sitter is found safe

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Five-year-old Nicole Ravesi swam today in the company of her parents for the first time in nearly six weeks, and less than 24 hours after she was found safe in a Florida Panhandle fishing village.

The girl, who had been missing since April 3, was reunited late Thursday with her parents, Frank and Debra Ravesi of Milford, Mass. They arrived in Tallahassee shortly before 11 p.m. on a private jet and were taken to a downtown hotel to join Nicole.

Authorities arrested Kenneth M. Cole II, a former babysitter for the girl, without incident. Cole also agreed late Thursday at his appearance before a federal magistrate to return to Massachusetts to face kidnapping charges there.

Nicole Ravesi was reported in good spirits and appeared healthy after authorities arrested Cole at Sportsman's Lodge fish camp in the small Gulf Coast community of East Point, about 70 miles southwest of Tallahassee.

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OPINION

Let's ride together next week

Try it. You may like it. That, simply put, is the message of the Connecticut Department of Transportation in its big push next week to encourage more commuters to ride to work together.

The week of May 14 to May 18 is Ride Together Connecticut Week, one of the state's many efforts to discourage commuting to work alone in cars that continue to clog the highways around major employment centers faster than new roads can be built to accommodate them.

A number of relatively elaborate events are planned to focus attention on the problem and on the one most artistically obvious solution to it: more people per car per trip equals fewer cars per hour per tedious mile.

Gov. William O'Neill will lead a ceremonial trip on a new shore line commuter rail service Monday. McDonald's will give away some coffee. "I Ride the Bus" stickers will be passed out and some of the people wearing them will win free ride tokens and other prizes. There will be transportation fairs in New Haven.

No doubt the fairer will create interest and it may convert a few more to use the cause.

But the simplest of the devices in the campaign may be the most persuasive one. The DOT is asking commuters who drive to work alone to pick one day in the week to use public transportation, or a carpool or vanpool.

Inertia may be what keeps many people entrapped behind the steering wheels of private cars, putting up with the daily stresses of rush-hour traffic.

Statistics by the DOT indicate that last year the percentage of commuters riding together rose to 22.3 percent from 16.7 percent in 1988.

Many of the remaining 77 percent might find it personally advantageous to quit driving to work alone if they once give riding together a try, quite apart from the contribution they will be making to the environment.

It is worth a try. The alternative to having more people in fewer cars is a continued increase in congestion on roadways even if more is spent on new and bigger highways.

Open Forum

Special thanks

To the Editor: The Manchester Historical Society wishes to thank everyone who helped to make our April 27th Benefit Dinner, at the Army Navy Club, a success. Bev Malone, Jean Adams, and Dot Hermann are due a special thanks for the many hours that they put into coordinating our vintage fashion show which was the hit of the evening. Thank you to all of our models and to the many people that donated or loaned clothing for the event.

Thanks to the Army Navy Club for well prepared and well served roast beef dinner. Thank you to Woodland Gardens for loaning greenery to beautify our stage area. We especially wish to thank everyone who purchased tickets in support of our twenty-fifth anniversary fundraising efforts. It is through such efforts that we are able to preserve Manchester's history for future generations.

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Big stakes in the Sun Belt

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SURFSIDE, Fla. — The unexpected return of former Sen. Lawton Chiles to Florida politics is the first sign that the Democrats belatedly acknowledge the importance of this year's gubernatorial contests in the three most populous Sun Belt states.

The significance of the elections in Florida, Texas and California is hardly a secret. For several years, demographers have noted that they will register the largest population gains when the results of this year's census are tallied.

That, in turn, means they will gain the most seats in the U.S. House of Representatives during the 1991-92 reapportionment that will affect elections until the beginning of the next decade. In addition, the districts for state legislative seats in the three states must be drastically revised.

The early Republican recognition of the high stakes involved was most dramatically manifested in California, where Sen. Pete Wilson won re-election to a second term in late 1988 — an accomplishment that should have left fellow Republicans thoroughly satisfied.

But when incumbent Republican Gov. George Deukmejian decided he would not run for a third term this year, party leaders successfully implored Wilson (arguably the state's most popular public official) to relinquish the Senate seat and mount a campaign for governor, to keep that office under GOP control.

Wilson has no serious opposition in the early June primary, but two Democrats — Attorney General John Van de Kamp and former San Francisco Mayor Diane Feinstein — are locked in a fierce struggle that could leave the party divided at the end of the general election campaign.

In Texas' concluded primary campaign, the Democratic contest was far tighter. Three contenders — former Gov. Mark White, state Treasurer Ann Richards and Attorney General Jim Mattox — came close to accusing each other of everything from accepting bribes to taking drugs.

Richards won that contest, but her party is sharply divided (White, for example, publicly says he could never support Richards), and she faces an uphill struggle against popular Republican nominee Clayton Williams, who won a primary race that was free of rancor.

In Florida, Republican Gov. Bob Martinez seemed to present the Democrats with an ideal target as he ineptly blundered through his first term.

In 1987, his first year in office, Martinez stumbled badly when he sought to impose a 5 percent sales tax on advertising and other business services, then was forced to withdraw the plan in the face of a strident opposition.

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But the Democrats initially fumbled the opportunity to unseat Martinez by offering voters a thoroughly unimpressive field of candidates. The leading contender, for example, was U.S. Rep. Bill Nelson, whose most notable achievement during 12 years in Congress has been flying as a passenger in a space shuttle.

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In mid-April, however, the popular Chiles (who decided not to seek re-election in 1988 after two terms in the Senate) entered the Democratic primary. Running with him as a contender for lieutenant governor is another popular and highly regarded politician, former U.S. Rep. Buddy Mackay.

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FRANKFURT, West Germany — Recently, a governor flew to Washington, D.C., to plead with Pentagon officials not to close military bases in his state. What makes that unusual? The official was Carl Ludwig Wagner, and his state is Rheinland-Palatinate in West Germany.

At almost the same time as Wagner's meeting, Hesse state governor Walter Wallmann released a letter he had sent to German Chancellor Helmut Kohl. In the letter, he demanded that Kohl negotiate with Washington for the immediate removal of U.S. troops from Frankfurt.

These contrary actions point up the sharp debate within Germany over the continued presence of U.S. troops in light of reunification and changes in the Soviet Union and Eastern bloc. To further complicate matters, the debate itself is being waged on two different levels — one economic, the other philosophical.

First, some statistics: There are currently about 350,000 U.S. military personnel and dependents stationed at almost 800 American installations in West Germany. In addition, the U.S. military employs 33,000 civilians, almost all of whom are German. This makes the U.S. military one of the top three employers in West Germany.

Last year, the U.S. military pumped an estimated \$3 billion into the German economy in salaries, contracts and expenditures by American personnel and their families.

In many cities of the Rheinland-Palatinate state, the U.S. military is the local economy. The 8th Infantry's Rose Barracks in Bad Kreuznach employs 1,000 locals with a gross payroll of \$25 million annually. At Zweibrücken, the Air Force base provides employment for a quarter of the town, and perhaps three-quarters of the town's economy is tied up with the base.

That is why Wagner went to Washington to beg for relief. He thinks the planned U.S. reduction in force will all but wipe up his state's economy.

Wallmann, on the other hand, believes the expanding German economy would be better served if the Americans left and — this is critically important — turned all the U.S. facilities over to Germany.

For example, Wallmann envisions the day when the sprawling Rhein-Main Air Base outside Frankfurt is converted to a civilian airport to relieve the massively overburdened Frankfurt International.

He would also like to see the huge housing complexes built for U.S. military personnel turned over to Germany. This would help ease the country's housing shortage, which is even more severe now than tens of thousands have arrived from the East.

"We need these facilities if we are to remain competitive in Europe," he said. "There will be some initial displacements, but these will be worked out."

Even environmentalists are getting involved. Some are now demanding that a huge Army training area in Bavaria be closed and turned into a nature preserve.

On a philosophical level, many West Germans have long been angered by the presence of U.S. military troops in their country, believing it to be an obstacle to full German national sovereignty. Many have been angered at how the U.S. military presence has disrupted daily life in the form of constant training exercises, which frequently destroy property, and airplane accidents, which have caused dozens of civilian deaths.

Opponents have been convinced "anti-Americanism" is now, though, with the collapse of the Eastern bloc, West Germans generally feel less threatened. So, opposition to the U.S. role has become common, and even socially acceptable.

Recently, Hans Jacobs, deputy mayor of Bittburg, where a major Air Force base is located — told an American reporter: "Before, people were reprimanded for saying such a thing out loud. Now the time has come to plan a future without U.S. troops."

Sill, many Germans, especially conservatives within Kohl's Christian Democratic Party, are uneasy about the thought of a future without the on-the-spot safety net provided by U.S. forces. They think it is much too early to even begin discussing a major U.S. pull-out.

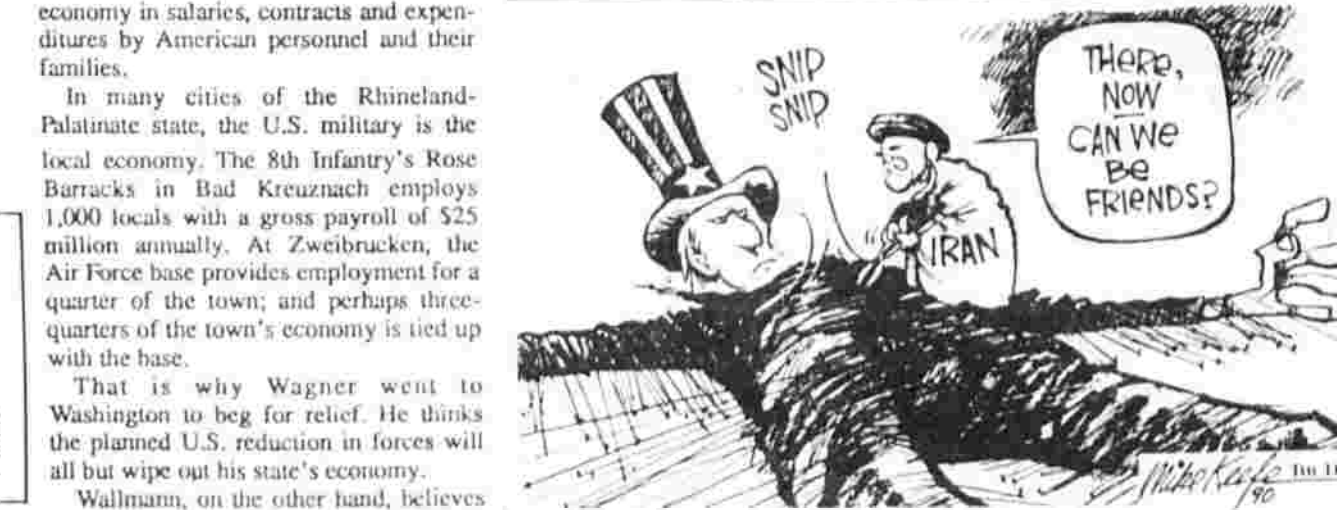
One such conservative is Berlin lawyer and Christian Democratic politician Jürgen Adler. "The U.S. military has provided a stability here that is still going to be needed," he said. "If they are removed, it should only be as part of some very large-scale, overall final agreement between Washington and Moscow for a reordering of all of Eastern Europe."

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It said that although strong evidence linked Rey's Syndrome, a rare and often fatal disease, to the use of aspirin to treat chicken pox and flu in children, it was four years before the government required warning labels.

"In those four years, approximately 3,000 children developed Rey's Syndrome, about 1,000 children died and many of the surviving children suffered brain damage," the report said.

The consumer groups also cited the FDA's approval of the sedative Versed, used in surgical procedures, as a sign that flaws in the regulatory process make the agency unreliable.

"Several serious flaws in the approval process and subsequent monitoring of Versed resulted in 40 deaths from cardiac or respiratory depression in patients using the drug in the United States," the report said.

Business and industry representatives argue the liability exception should be included in the bill because regulatory agencies have more expertise than the courts to set and measure product standards.

"Allowing the courts to second-guess regulatory standards may result in unjust imposition of liability," Robert C. Holland, president of the Committee on Economic Development, said in an earlier hearing before the subcommittee.

"The CED is a research organization representing top business executives and presidents of several major universities.

Mini-phones given go-ahead

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Communications Commission said today it has given a New York company permission to operate a new type of pocket-sized telephone in Houston and Orlando, Fla., that proponents claim could replace traditional wire or cellular phone service.

The new system, known as personal communications networks, will be built by PCN American Inc. Millicom, it will use high-frequency microwave signals to connect telephones over short distances, such as in office buildings or neighborhoods.

Like existing cellular telephones, the new service will be able to "pass off" phone calls as users move from one transmitter area to another. And because the range of the devices — as well as from cell to cell — is shorter than cellular phones, many more conversations can be crammed onto existing microwave channels without causing interference.

This large-capacity feature is expected to make the devices popular and drive down their costs. Officials at American Personal Communications Inc., which earlier this year received FCC permission to test the new type of phone in the Washington area, told The

Passive smoke gets new look

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government is looking at tobacco smoke as an indoor pollutant in a draft assessment that is becoming the focus of a debate over whether "passive smoking" is harmful to your health.

Anti-smoking activists say the Environmental Protection Agency's work could encourage tighter restrictions on smoking, while tobacco industry spokesmen said a scientific review would show there is no evidence that non-smokers are being hurt.

The EPA said this week it is drawing up a policy guide to workplace smoking restrictions and an assessment of the cancer risk to non-smokers exposed to cigarette smoke.

Agency spokesman Dave Ryan said he could not discuss the content of the draft until it is submitted to an independent scientific advisory board, probably later this month.

But EPA sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the draft assessment includes a statement that "passive smoking" is a known carcinogen, responsible for more than 3,000 cases of lung cancer among non-smokers each year.

The draft conclusions were reported first in Wednesday's Los Angeles Times.

In a statement, the EPA said its risk assessment will classify ETS as the smoke to which non-smokers are exposed at work and elsewhere — "according to the agency's carcinogen assessment guidelines."

It said the risk assessment was based on 24 studies of the association between passive smoking and lung cancer.

The separate policy guide "will describe the technical basis for smoking restrictions as well as technical and policy options for mitigating exposures" to tobacco smoke, the agency said.

The EPA's work usually involves regulating pollutants discharged outdoors by smokestacks or effluent pipes. The agency said the assessment of passive smoking's dangers is being carried out under the authority of the Radon Gas and Indoor Air Quality Research Act of 1986.

John Banzhaf, executive director of Action on Smoking Or Health, an anti-smoking group, said the report could encourage the idea that the EPA should be more involved in controlling indoor pollutants.

His group is suing another arm of the federal government, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, to force it to ban smoking in workplaces nationwide or restrict it to separately ventilated areas.

"I think there's going to be a tremendous breakthrough when the average person realizes that tobacco smoke can kill him or his loved one," Banzhaf said.

"What they will report is that tobacco smoke is more dangerous than all of the other pollutants we

U.S. hangs Haiti out to dry

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government is about to hang a fledgling democracy out to dry in the hot Caribbean sun.

Haiti has lost track of the coups that have driven its chaotic government in recent years. With each coup, new hopes for democracy are raised and then dashed again.

The most recent coup came in March when President Prosper Avril was overthrown. Now, if the State Department and Congress continue to balk on sending aid to Haiti at this critical juncture, the nation will be pushed further back from the edge of democracy.

The black-and-white logo, which reads "PARENTAL ADVISORY EXPLICIT LYRICS," will appear on the front lower right-hand corner of new releases reaching retail music stores in July, if the record companies and performing artists decide they are potentially offensive.

Recording manufacturers, distributors and retailers who have standardized stickers will have the drive in a handful of state legislatures for mandatory warning labels.

The music industry is backed by the Parents Music Resource Center led by Tipper Gore, wife of Sen. Albert Gore Jr., D-Tenn., and the National PTA, the consumer advocates who won the industry's agreement in 1985 to use voluntary warning labels.

"We ask state legislators to consider dropping their legislation in favor of a voluntary system," said National PTA president Ann Lynch.

"We clearly have demonstrated that music consumers, especially parents, want and need label information — not censorship," she said.

But Mrs. Dixon, a Republican state representative from Springfield, Mo., and chief sponsor of a mandatory warning label bill this year, was unconvinced.

"Are they kidding? It stinks. This is a joke," she said. "This plan doesn't even touch most of the music we're talking about."

Previously, individual record companies produced their own diverse warning labels and compliance was erratic. This resulted in parental complaints and the legislative drive for mandatory labels with objective lyrics, primarily rap and heavy metal music.

"We believe the uniform logo will enhance the existing voluntary system and better respond to the legitimate concerns of parents," Berman said. "Now that we have agreed on this new logo, it will be up to parents to use it as they see fit."

The new president, Ertha Pascal-Trouillot, vowed to hold free elections as soon as possible. But Haiti has found it impossible to organize an election when its economy is in a shambles.

In the meantime, Congress and the State Department are quibbling over how much to give Haiti in its hour of need. Supporters of Haiti say the country need \$30 million. Opponents say \$10 million will do.

No one is following the debate more closely than Adams. He knows Haiti is walking a tightrope with no help from the outside.

Prices

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It was the biggest drop since the government began tracking those costs in 1967. Tomato prices fell 73.3 percent.

"They are no longer boxing tomatoes in Florida because the boxes are worth more than the tomatoes... Thus the winter freeze is nothing more... than a bad memory," said economist Donald Ranjczak of Georgia State University.

Energy prices dropped 1.7 percent after declining the two previous months. Gasoline prices, with the start of the warm weather driving season, climbed 2.2 percent. However fuel oil fell 1.9 percent while natural gas dropped 5.5 percent.

Excluding the volatile food and energy sectors, prices rose a modest 0.2 percent after rising a moderate 0.3 percent in March. Economists said this "core" number is often a better indicator of underlying inflationary pressures in the economy.

Automobile prices fell 0.9 percent in April. Clothing price inflation recovered from increases a month earlier. Women's, men's and boys' clothing costs were unchanged. Girls' and infants' clothing fell 0.2 percent.

Prices rose for medicines, soap, floor coverings and toys. They fell for alcoholic beverages, jewelry and magazines.

The various changes put the index for all finished goods at 117.0 in April. That means a hypothetical basket of goods that cost \$100 in 1982 cost \$117 last month, up from \$113 a year earlier.

Price pressures in earlier stages of the production process were moderate in April. Intermediate goods rose a slight 0.1 percent while crude goods fell 3.1 percent. An ex-

ample of the three processing stages would be bread for finished goods, flour for intermediate and wheat for crude.

Despite the moderate report for April prices at the wholesale level, economists are still concerned that inflation may be accelerating this year.

Consumer prices, up at an annual rate of 8.5 percent in their first year, are rising at a steeper pace than wholesale costs. April consumer numbers are due out next week.

Why the divergence between the two sets of prices?

Producer prices reflect only the cost of goods, while consumer prices are heavily influenced by the cost of services, which have been less affected by the economic slowdown of recent months.

Economic growth has slowed enough to soften demand and hold down goods prices, but not enough to greatly affect employment and thus the cost of services.

The Federal Reserve Board, which aims its monetary policy at reducing inflation, meets Tuesday to consider interest rate policy for the next six weeks.

While Oella said he is not calling for Negro's resignation, the town director said he thinks Negro voluntarily should agree not to handle machines, aerobic activities, pools and racquetball courts.

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Florio of Holiday Health says most people are not as motivated as Cantor.

"A lot of times people lack patience, they get frustrated with what they think is lack of progress. If they can just talk about it, we can point out where they are making progress they might not see: like lower blood pressure or loss of inches one week instead of pounds."

And a fitness regimen is not just an aesthetic consideration. Lowering cholesterol, improving blood pressure and strengthening the heart send also benefits, Florio added.

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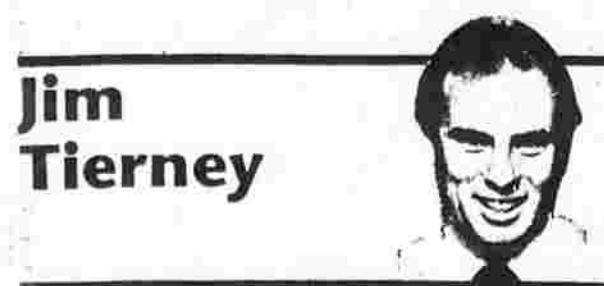
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Jim Tierney
Coventry, MHS looking strong in homestretch

With just over one full week remaining in the scholastic baseball schedule, Coventry High and Manchester High are the top local teams in contention for league titles.

Following its hard-fought 3-2 win Tuesday night in Colchester over Bacon Academy, Coventry assumed sole possession of first place in the Charter Oak Conference East Division.

The Patriots are 12-2 in the COC East and 14-2 overall.

Coventry, led by the pitching of senior right-hander Chris McCarthy (6-2) and the bats of Rob Topfiff, Gary O'Brien, Jeff Rinaldi, Steve Poulton and McCarthy, is seeking a berth in the Charter Oak Conference title game which pits the COC East regular-season winner versus the COC West winner.

A year ago, the Patriots tied RHAM for the East crown but lost a coin flip which determined the representative in the title game.

Meanwhile, Manchester High is in the midst of a heated COC East race involving three teams. East Hartford occupies first place in the league at 9-1 while Manchester and Rockville are tied for second at 8-2.

Each team has four league games remaining. The Indians' last COC East game is at East Hartford one week from today. Rockville and East Hartford also clash next week.

Manchester has not won a league title since 1959. The Indians are 10-5 overall with five games remaining. The most games won by a Manchester team during the '80s is 14 in 1984 while the school record for wins in a season came in 1974 (15-6-1).

East Catholic, defending All Connecticut Conference champs, saw its faint hopes of another crown fade into oblivion Tuesday night when it suffered a 13-6 loss to St. Joseph.

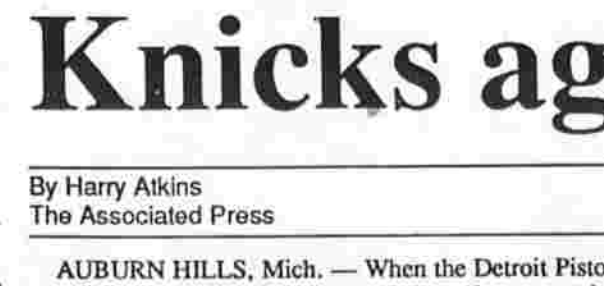
"I told the kids 'let's take the pressure off ourselves,'" Eagle coach Jim Penders said after the loss to St. Joe's. "I think we were thinking we have to defend our conference championship. And it's not to be this year, I don't think."

While the Eagles' intentions were all well and good, the reality of capturing a second consecutive ACC title on the heels of the graduation of top-notch pitchers Marc Mangiacico (now pitching at Providence College) and Kevin Greene, loomed improbable at best.

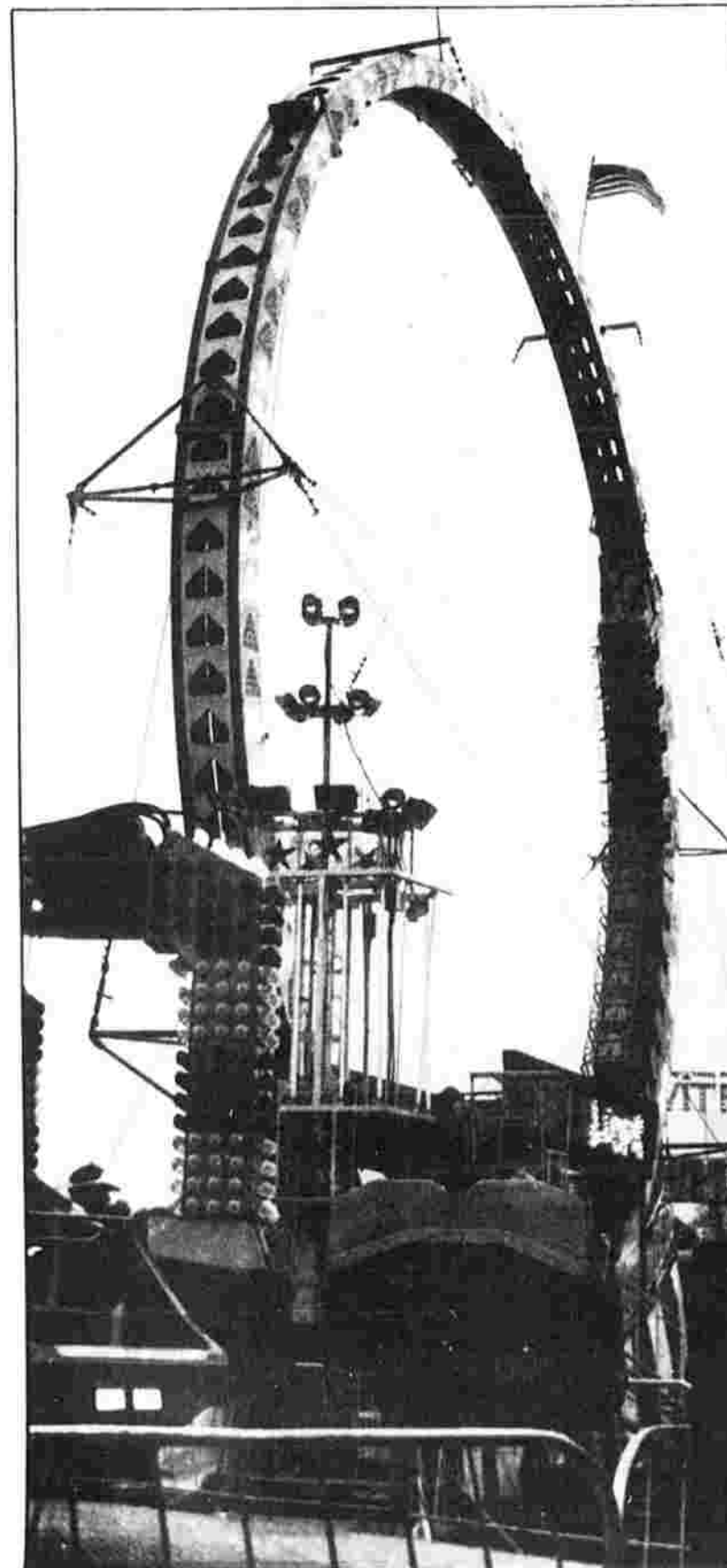
The story of the local baseball picture this spring may well be the impressive performance of Manchester senior right-hander Matt Helein.

Helein, who compiled a 5-2 mark last year and won the first State League Tournament game since 1959 for Manchester last summer, is perfect at 6-0 this year. Of those six wins, the biggest came on May 3 when Helein and the Indians pinned the lone league loss (7-1) on front-running East Hartford.

"Anybody who has six wins and no losses is pitching better than I expected," Manchester coach Don Race said of Helein. "He has become a very smart pitcher, very much improved. When one pitch isn't working he goes to something else. He has a knuckleball and curveball and he keeps popping them in there. So, teams can't be waiting for his fastball. He's having a sensational year so far."

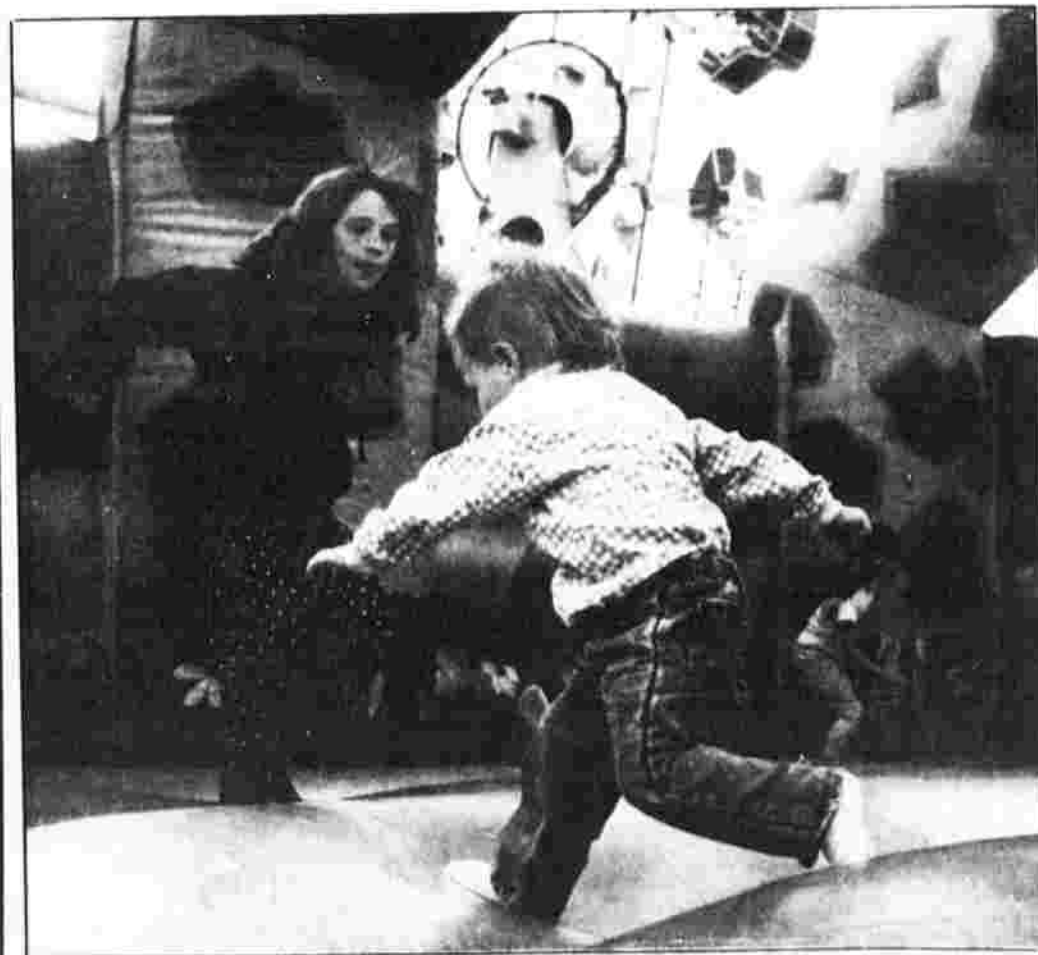


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A good time

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MADE IN THE SHADE — An elderly Chinese woman carries a huge basket on her back while balancing it with a strap around her forehead recently.

Radical Korean students are the pampered elite

By Kelly Smith Tunney
The Associated Press

News analysis

SEOUL, South Korea — The highly organized radical students who have battled police by the tens of thousands this week are among the elite of South Korea's young, a pampered anti-establishment cadre.

As university students, they are the pride and joy of a nation that equates education with success and prosperity. As international symbols of militance, they are a deep embarrassment in a society that values harmony.

In Korea's strict authoritarian society, it seems paradoxical that senior government officials often urge students to avoid protest and then treat student protesters with leniency.

Perhaps that is because Koreans generally sympathize with student protesters, though without necessarily agreeing with their opinions or tactics.

On Wednesday, tens of thousands of students battled riot police in Seoul and 16 other cities to demand the ouster of President Roh Tae-woo.

The violence coincided with the inaugural convention of the newly created Democratic Liberal Party. Opponents contend the gigantic new governing party, a merger of three political groups, will lead to dictatorship.

The rioting was the most violent in the capital since 1987. Police said they arrested 1,864 people nationwide but released most with warnings. About 150 people, including some 100 police, were injured, they said.

Koreans traditionally feel students are the only selfless group in society to fight perceived wrongs. They have no families to support, no jobs to protect.

Students as well as many citizens

cherish the notion of student uprisings. Three times in this century, student-instigated protests have challenged governments to force change and three times history has treated those battling students as heroes.

Virtually all Koreans can recite student deeds in the 1919 uprising against Japanese colonial rule, in the 1960 toppling of the government of President Syngman Rhee and the 1987 protests that opened the door to democratic reforms.

Wednesday's protests were the largest and most violent since nationwide anti-government demonstrations nearly three years ago forced authoritarian President Chun Doo-hwan to carry out major democratic reforms and step down.

Radical students feel they have an obligation to confront authority, to fight the rich, the powerful and the privileged — the very group many will join after graduation.

Radical students dramatize their country's fever for unification with the communist north, but unlike their elders lack experience to express concern about conflicts in communist and capitalistic ideology.

"Korea is one!" they shout at rallies.

Campuses are adorned with colorful banners two and three stories high that show radical students astride the border between the two Koreas.

None of them are old enough to remember the bloody 1950-53 Korean War, launched by North Korea to communize the south, a war in which 5 million Americans served. Some of them say they have never talked to an American.

The government says most of the radical students are naive idealists who have been brainwashed by communist North Korean teachings.

Some of them, the government has said, may be communist agents.

Many Korean students reach college age without ever having discussed politics or ideology. Their middle and high school years are spent slaving over textbooks and rote memorization to pass the all-important college entrance exam.

It's with a heady sense of righteousness and indignation that idealistic young radicals enter the political forum.

Radicals view the January merger of the ruling party with two opposition groups as a political coup that altered party alliances without an election. They support the overthrow of the government but offer little solid plans on how a new leader could do better.

Radicals wear American jeans and sneakers, carry their books in a backpack and look like college students everywhere. They go to some of the best schools in South Korea.

The radicals number only about five percent of the roughly 1 million students in college. Other students listen to their rallies, read their newspapers and may agree with some of their thinking but usually do not join the militants in their pitched battles with riot police.

Radicals claim Washington makes decisions for a Seoul puppet government. They demand the withdrawal of 43,000 U.S. troops based in South Korea because they say their presence hinders unification talks with North Korea.

The radical movement consists of both men and women students and is organized vertically with a direct line of authority. Training retreats are held to indoctrinate recruits.

At protests, women collect rocks, wave banners, tend to injuries and sing support songs. Men deployed in platoon fashion hurl firebombs and rocks.

Hillary's son follows in footsteps of father

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — The son of the man who first climbed Mount Everest reached the peak of the world's highest mountain Thursday, following an American team and members of a three-nation peace climb to the crowded summit.

Peter Hillary, son of mountaineer Edmund Hillary, reached the top of the 29,029-foot peak 37 years after his father and sherpa guide Tenzing Norgay pioneered the way. It was his fourth attempt.

Hillary, 36, followed the traditional southeastern route first used by his father. He reached the top at 7:30 a.m. with the two leaders of an eight-member New Zealand team, their base camp reported by radio. The message said the trio was accompanied by a Nepalese sherpa guide, Apa Sherpa, 33.

"It's been a bit of a struggle over the years, but we're thrilled to bits that you're finally standing on top of the old mountain," Sir Edmund told Peter by satellite telephone from Auckland.

Hillary said it had been a long, hard morning and he was feeling "absolutely over the moon" at reaching the summit.

"It's very, very cold up here. I've

been having difficulty keeping some of my extremities, my hands warm so I'm going to be heading down as soon as I can," he said.

The team aimed to return to the South Col camp, about 3,000 feet from the summit on the south side of the mountain.

Most of the climbers were using oxygen.

Sir Edmund was created a knight of the British Empire for his exploit four decades ago. He has retained a long association with Nepal and has led aid projects there, building schools and hospitals to improve the lives of the Sherpa people.

His wife and daughter were killed in a plane crash in Nepal in 1975.

Since Sir Edmund reached the summit of Mount Everest, many climbers have followed in his footsteps. Their expeditions have left behind an estimated two tons of trash, including empty oxygen bottles and cans. The summit, which can handle only about 20 climbers at a time, is sometimes nearly crowded.

Minutes before the younger Hillary completed his feat today, five Americans — three lawyers, a geologist and a mountain guide — reached the peak.

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