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Gulf-at-a-glance

Here, at a glance, are the latest developments in the Persian Gulf crisis:

- The ousted Kuwaiti government has joined Saudi Arabia in pledging to help the United States bear the cost of the military buildup set up since Iraq invaded its country more than a month ago.
- Kuwait's exiled monarch, Jaber al-Sabah, told Secretary of State James A. Baker III his government will contribute to the cost of the American military buildup in the Persian Gulf region "in order to restore my country to what it was before."
- Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady met with South Korean President Roh Tae-woo and other South Korean officials for several hours but said he received no specific commitment to aid. A congressional delegation was to make several stops in Saudi Arabia today before an evening flight to Jeddah for a meeting with Saudi King Fahd.

- President Bush leaves tonight for Helsinki, Finland, to discuss the Persian Gulf and other matters with Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev on Sunday.

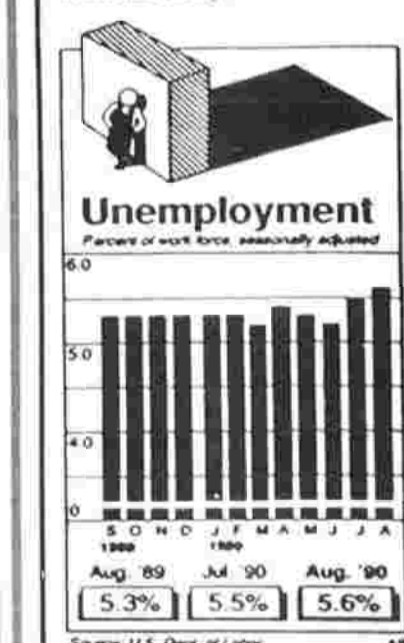
- White House officials say Bush will tape a special message for Iraq of about 10 minutes, probably next Wednesday after his address Tuesday to a joint session of Congress on the Persian Gulf situation. Bush has accepted President Saddam Hussein's offer for him to deliver a message to the Iraqi people.

- More than 250 Western women and children, held by Saddam as human shields in case of war, arrived in London today. Thousands of Westerners are still being held hostage in Iraq and Kuwait.

- Three British minicharters plied Egypt's Suez Canal today, heading for the Persian Gulf region where scores of U.S. and other warships are enforcing a U.N.-sanctioned embargo against the Baghdad government.

Unemployment climbs in Aug.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's unemployment rate rose in August for the second consecutive month, climbing to 5.6 percent for the highest jobless rate in two years, the government said today.



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Ellis firm defaults on state loans

By ALEX GIRELLI
Manchester Herald

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will be no default," he declined further comment.

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Town investment in firm may sour

By ALEX GIRELLI
Manchester Herald
and The Associated Press

The downturn in the real estate market and the credit crunch in the Northeast is taking a financial toll on one of the state's largest landlords.

West Hartford-based Colonial Realty Co., which owns shopping centers, office buildings, as well as apartment complexes throughout the state, issued a statement Thursday acknowledging widespread rumors of financial problems. But the company vowed to work them out.

The Town of Manchester has \$500,000 in pension funds invested in Colonial Realty, Town Treasurer Roger Negro said today that there

has been no default in interest payments on the investment, which is under the control of one of the firm's professional managers.

Negro indicated that he is concerned about the status of the town's investment. He said he phoned the pension fund's consultant, Matthew Saltzman, to confer about the investment, but found that Saltzman is at a conference at the University of Connecticut today. He said he expects to hear from Saltzman later today.

Negro said that since some of the pension records are now in the possession of the town's auditors, he could not say when the investment expires or whether the town could terminate it.

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Hospitals shipped blood with AIDS

By SCOTT BREDE
Manchester Herald
and The Associated Press

MANCHESTER — Blood from 30 donors who initially screened positive for the AIDS virus before March 1987 was mistakenly shipped by Red Cross to hospitals and used in an undetermined number of transfusions. Officials at Manchester Memorial Hospital, however, said it is an extremely minute chance that any patient contracted the deadly disease from this mishap.

"Right now, we have not been informed by the Red Cross that any of these shipments [of blood] came

here to the hospital," said Dennis O'Neil, the director of pathology and laboratory services at Manchester Memorial.

That report was confirmed by the Red Cross this morning. "No blood that was tested positive has gone to Connecticut hospitals," said Marilyn Lunceon, a spokesperson for the Red Cross.

About 60 units of blood or components of blood, such as plasma, were distributed to hospitals, said Dr. Richard Cable, Red Cross medical director for Connecticut. They came from donors whose names had inadvertently been left off a com-

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Oil strike force will be formed

By CHRIS ROSCHIE
Herald Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The oil industry today announced the formation of an \$800 million emergency strike force designed to combat major oil spills along the nation's entire shoreline.

From Seattle, Wash., to Portland, Maine, the Marine Spill Response Corporation will set up regional centers with more than 400 full-time workers to improve the industry's

response time and cleanup efforts in the event of a major accident.

Oil industry representatives say the strike force will be the largest and most technologically advanced of its kind in the world.

"We're excited by the prospect of creating the world's largest, best equipped and best trained oil spill cleanup organization," said John D. Costello, a former U.S. Coast Guard vice admiral and president of the newly formed organization. "I know

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Talented staff make foundation of Turner School



TEACHING STAFF — Faculty members of the Betty-Jane Turner School of Dance are, from left, Kimberly Mitchell, Karen Trieschmann and Kandle Melendez, as they performed to "Vogue" in their 1990 revue.

The Betty-Jane Turner School of Dance at 40 Oak St., Manchester, is reopening for its 37th season of dance instruction.

The curriculum of the school includes classical ballet, tap, acrobatics, modern jazz and baton twirling. Special classes are offered for boys in acrobatics, tumbling and tap. Preschool classes for 3- and 4-year olds are designed to establish a sense of rhythm, build better coordination, establish right and left directionality, and improve gross motor skills.

The adult program included tap, ballet and jazz classes.

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NATION/WORLD

Aid pool grows for evacuees, U.S. armed forces

By LISA GENASCI
The Associated Press

The global effort against Iraq strengthened today with more aid for victims of the Persian Gulf crisis, and Kuwait's exiled leaders promised to help underwrite U.S. forces in the region after the Saudis pledged billions of dollars.

Moscow said it favored establishing a U.N. peacekeeping force in the gulf and might have its troops participate in the effort to rein in Iraq's Saddam Hussein, whose army overran Kuwait five weeks ago and massed near the Saudi Arabian border.

Three British minehunters plied Egypt's Suez Canal today, heading for the Persian Gulf region where scores of U.S. and other warships are enforcing a U.N.-sanctioned embargo against the Baghdad government.

A U.S.-chartered Iraqi plane today shuttled another group of Americans from Kuwait to Baghdad and was to fly on to Amman, Jordan, a State Department spokesman said in Washington on condition of anonymity. He said he had no further details.

Hundreds of Western women and children held by Saddam as human shields in case of war have been allowed to leave Iraq after being delayed by visa paperwork. Also among a string of flights since last weekend, more than 250 arrived in London today.

More promises of aid were made today for desperate Asian and Arab refugees from Iraq and Kuwait stranded in a no man's land at the Jordanian border.

Japan said today it would send an additional \$12 million to help evacuees. A day earlier, Britain earmarked \$3.8 million more in refugee aid, bringing total British aid to \$10 million.

European Community foreign ministers meeting in Rome today planned to consider emergency aid to Jordan, the Italian Foreign Ministry said.

The Jordanian news agency Petra says more than 600,000 people have fled since Iraq invaded Kuwait Aug. 2 in a dispute over oil, land and money.

Most have managed to leave Jordan, but relief officials said more

than 100,000 Bangladeshis, Pakistanis, Indians, Sri Lankans, Thais and Filipinos remain in squalid camps that are running low on food, water and medicines.

Kuwait's exiled monarch, Jabir al-Sabah, told Secretary of State James A. Baker III today his government will help pay for the U.S. buildup in the gulf region "in order to restore my country to what it was before."

"We will not spare any amount or any value. We will give whatever is necessary," he told Baker at the royal mountain retreat in Taif, Saudi Arabia, about 50 miles east of Mecca. The emit did not immediately give a specific figure.

U.S. officials say the cost of the 100,000-strong American force in the region is about \$1 billion a month.

While Kuwait's royal family has lost control of its vast oil reserves it still has billions in assets worldwide. In Saudi Arabia Thursday, Baker was promised that at a minimum, the Saudi government will pick up all fuel, water and transportation costs for American troops protecting the kingdom's oil fields from possible Iraqi aggression.

The aid has been estimated in the billions of dollars. Among other efforts to boost allied commitment to the multinational defense effort, Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady was to travel to Tokyo later today after visiting South Korea the day before. Japan already has pledged \$1 billion in assistance.

On Thursday, members of a congressional delegation visiting U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia said they were dissatisfied with the lack of burden sharing and said international aid was essential to maintain American public support.

The delegation was scheduled to meet with Saudi King Fahd today. U.S. Foreign Minister George Shultz said today that Moscow would be willing to provide troops for a U.N. peacekeeping force in the Persian Gulf if they were under a joint command that included Soviet generals.

U.S.-Soviet cooperation in the gulf crisis will be topic No. 1 on Sunday when Presidents Bush and Mikhail S. Gorbachev hold a hastily arranged summit in Helsinki, Fin-



REFUGEE CAMP — A Pakistani woman, above, sits with her two grandchildren inside a refugee camp tent, where temperatures soar over 100 degrees. The camp, located in a neutral zone between Iraq and Jordan, holds thousands of Asians who have fled Kuwait and are waiting for transport to other countries.

Bush to deliver message on regulated Iraqi TV

By RITA BEAMISH
The Associated Press

TOPEKA, Kan. — President Bush will accept Saddam Hussein's offer to broadcast a message to Iraq, but only on his own terms, Bush's spokesman said Thursday. The president will make a tape in lieu of an interview with an Iraqi TV crew.

"It's a real opportunity," Bush said of Saddam's offer to televise the U.S. leader's comments. Bush's spokesman said the president had "a very distinct message" to give the Iraqi people about American reasons for the massive military buildup in the Persian Gulf.

Iraqi Ambassador Mohamed al-Mahab said in Washington that "of course" Iraqi TV would air Bush's message "in its entirety without editing. Here you edit, in Iraq we do not edit."

Spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Bush's address would be eight to 10 minutes long.

"We will have a whole package for broadcast on Iraqi television, and then we'll have a State Department interpreter who will provide the interpretation some way" into Arabic, Fitzwater said, adding that the tape will be released generally.

On another topic, looking ahead to this weekend's superpower summit, Bush said he will use the meeting not only to discuss the Persian Gulf but also to discuss the Persian Gulf crisis in its broader context.

Naji al-Hadithi, director general of Iraq's information ministry, said in Baghdad that an Iraqi television crew was ready to go to Washington to interview Bush for a broadcast on state-run television.

Fitzwater said that wouldn't be necessary — "we'll produce it ourselves."

"Although we have not heard from Iraq directly, we accept their offer of a broadcast to the Iraqi people. The president will tape a message to the Iraqi people in the next few days which will be provided to the Iraqi information minister," Fitzwater told reporters accompanying Bush on Air Force One.

Bush also met Thursday with Israel's visiting foreign minister, David Levy in Washington. The Israeli president's statements and appearances have been broadcast widely, many of them on live and unedited CNN reports.

"The president has a very distinct message that he wants to give to the people of Iraq about our purpose for being in the gulf. He thinks this is a good opportunity," Fitzwater said.

On a separate matter, Fitzwater said that there is no new economic package for the Soviet Union in the offing, although the Sunday summit



PIZZA HEAVEN — Two fashionably dressed Soviet women taste American pizzas at the first-ever Pizza Hut in the USSR Wednesday. The restaurant is undergoing a week of trial and is to be officially opened next week.

Plan to deny federal benefits to drug convicts opposed

By ROSS SNEYD
The Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The federal government intends to test a new weapon in the fight against crime — denying student loans, federally backed mortgages and other federal benefits to convicted drug users in Rhode Island.

A never-used, two-year-old federal law allows state and federal judges to bar drug convicts from receiving federal contracts and benefits that include farm subsidies and pilots' licenses.

"It's breaking new ground," DiPrete said at a Statehouse news conference. "We feel the federal law makes sense. It's one tool in the arsenal and it's worth a try."

DiPrete announced that Rhode Island had been awarded a \$150,000 Justice Department grant to set up a system for tracking drug convicts.

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happens to be the big political issue of the time," said Steven Brown, executive director of the ACLU's Rhode Island affiliate.

Law-enforcement officials said they knew of no cases where the law had been used since it was passed in November 1988.

People convicted for a first offense of felony drug trafficking could be ineligible for federal programs for five years. Benefits would be denied for 10 years on a second offense and for life on a subsequent conviction.

Felony drug possession convictions could make someone ineligible for one year on a first offense and five years on subsequent convictions.

The ACLU tried to have programs such as student loans and grants exempted, said Jantoro Goldman, the ACLU's legislative counsel in Washington.

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Suppliers: oil stash adequate

By MELISSA ROBINSON
Herald Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Just one day after a high-ranking Bush administration official predicted worldwide oil shortages by the end of the year, New England oil suppliers said Thursday there would be enough heating oil to get regional users through the winter.

They conceded, however, the cost of heating oil is bound to continue rising, and any number of events — including an outbreak of fighting in the Middle East, unusually cold weather or slowed production at oil refineries — could affect heating oil supplies.

Edward E. Bulmer, president of C.H. Sprague & Son Co., a Portsmouth, New Hampshire-based wholesale supplier of petroleum products, said he "viewed present inventory levels and availability of home heating oil and industrial fuel oil as adequate to meet current and projected demand."

"However, any long-term disruption between world crude oil supply and demand will impact the availability of these products," he added. "If something happens in Saudi Arabia — all bets are off."

"There are currently adequate inventories and supplies of home heating oil to meet customer demand in New England during the next few months," said Bernard A. Smith, executive vice president of the New England Fuel Institute, which represents 1,300 fuel oil and petroleum products marketers in the region.

"However, we fully realize that a prolonged interruption of oil from the Middle East is likely to tighten supply and create difficulties later this winter," Smith said.

Bulmer and Smith were among several oil and utility industry representatives who spoke Thursday at a Capitol Hill briefing on how the Middle East crisis has affected New England's petroleum supply. The program was organized by the New England Council Inc., a business group.

"The industry maintains that oil supplies should be adequate — provided war does not break out — because all but 500,000 barrels of the daily 4.5 million-barrel shortfall in crude from Iraq and Kuwait can be made up from other sources."

New England suppliers also said consumers are conserving more heating oil, and inventories are higher than they were last year, providing extra supply as well as a cost buffer in a wildly fluctuating world oil market where prices rise and fall daily.

President Bush has so far refused to tap the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve, saying there is no current crude shortage to warrant it.

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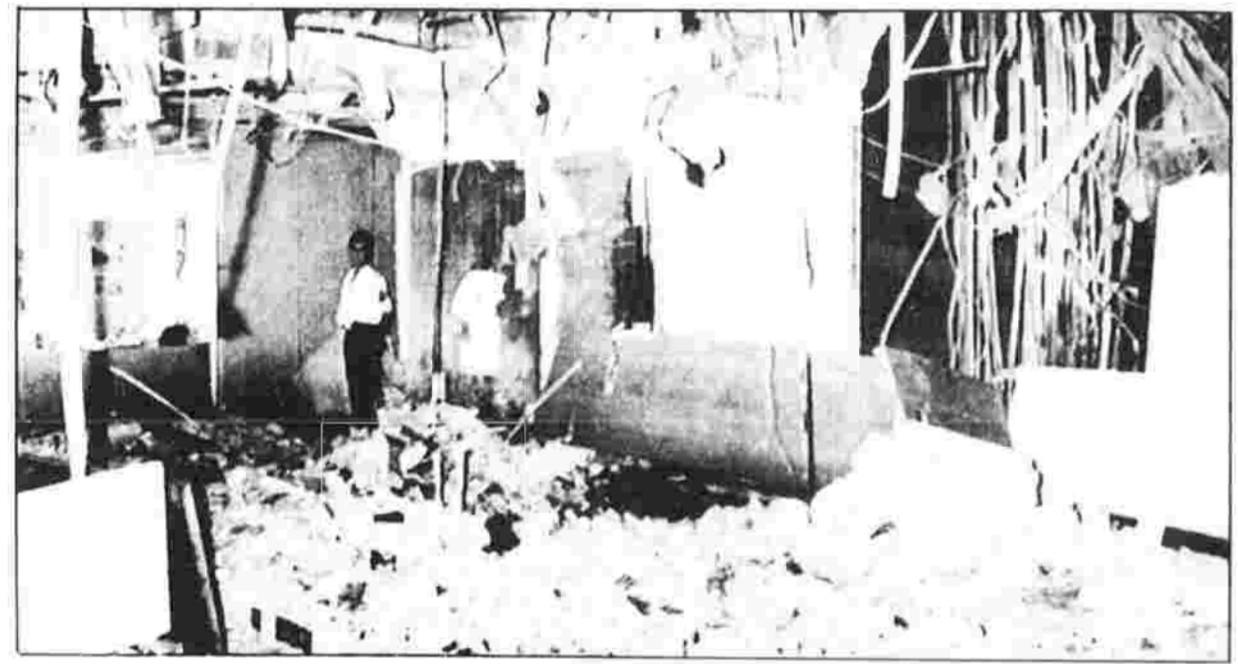
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BOMB DAMAGE — A security guard looks at damage caused by the explosion of a package bomb inside the Economy Ministry in Madrid. Two other bombs exploded in the city Thursday, one at the Stock exchange and another at Constitutional Court. Two people were slightly injured in the blasts.

South Africa sets stage

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — President F.W. de Klerk will meet President Bush on Sept. 24 in the first U.S. visit by a South African leader in decades, a government official said today.

De Klerk, who has launched wide-ranging reforms since assuming power a year ago, was scheduled to meet Bush in June.

But the visit was canceled after anti-apartheid groups in the United States protested, saying Bush should first hold talks with African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela.

Mandela, who saw Bush in June, said it did not matter who met first with the U.S. president. Mandela has said his movement has no objections to a Bush-de Klerk meeting, but wants to United States to maintain its limited economic sanctions against South Africa to protest apartheid.

A South African government source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said an official announcement of the visit would be made this afternoon.

No South African leader has visited the United States since the apartheid system of racial segregation was formally implemented in

the late 1940s, officials said. De Klerk says he wants to end apartheid and negotiate a new constitution.

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Race

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Herald.
The first-place male and female winners of the highschool race each receive a \$100 prize.
Woble, who also won the 1988 race, was actually the second winner to finish the race. But he was declared the winner when it was found that Jim Corrigan of Antonio's Restaurant failed to peel his banana, as the rules insist.

How did Corrigan slip up?
Everyone took the banana and peeled it as they went," Corrigan said. "It was so hectic, I didn't have time."
Corrigan, who had won the race two of the previous three years, said he will average his loss. "I'm 100 old for this," he said.

In the women's competition, Heidi Kenary made it a clean sweep for Adams Mill. Kenary said she took an unusual approach to the race — the ran backwards.
"That way, I don't trip over my feet and I can see where my competition is," she said. "I could see they were dying and I told them they looked so tired."

Daniel Cokash, part of the team from Manchester Memorial Hospital, learned what "the agony of defeat" is all about during the race. Cokash took a bad fall shortly after the start that left several cuts on his hands.
"Someone tripped me at the first corner," he said. "I don't know who it was."
Steve Karamesinis, of Steve K's, felt a different kind of pain after the race. At 40, Karamesinis was the oldest person in the race.
"I thought it was going to be a lot easier than that," he gasped shortly after finishing. "I'm 100 old for this!"

Colonial

From Page 1

The Herald could not reach Saltzman or Fred Geier, chairman of the pension board, for comment this morning.
When the town's auditors, Bennett, Katz & Thibodeau of Manchester did an audit of Colonial's investment policies and procedures, they cited the Colonial Realty investment as one for which there was not documentation that the risk was fully analyzed by the treasurer or the pension board.

Insiders familiar with the town's investment said today, however, that they are fearful over the ability of the pension board to regain its Colonial investment. Auditor Michael Thibodeau said today only what he found would carefully examine the town's investment.
"On a day-to-day basis, [Colonial Realty] is putting forth every effort to respond to the drastic changes in the business environment," said spokeswoman Sue Weintraub. "A great number of good people have invested with Colonial over the years and we intend to do everything in our power to see that they are protected."

In its statement, Colonial attributed its problems to the falling value of real estate and banks' unwillingness to lend money to the real estate industry. The statement offered no specifics, however, on what steps Colonial is taking or how severe its problems are.
Weintraub said the company is trying to restructure its debts so it can survive until real estate prices rise and banks look more favorably on such investments.

In restructuring a company typically asks its banks to forgive some of its debt, take extra collateral, work out extended repayment terms or exchange some of the debt for ownership in a valuable piece of real estate.
Weintraub said she had no information on the number of banks involved in talks with Colonial, or how much money those banks are owed. She said no lenders have foreclosed on any property.

The company has been delinquent since July on more than \$735,000 in taxes on various properties it owns, according to tax records from the towns of Farmington, Hartford, New Britain, Cromwell, West Hartford and New Haven. That is less than a tenth of 1 percent of the company's 1987 estimated asset value of \$1 billion.

The company owns 25,000 apartment units and 4 million square feet of office, hotel and shopping center space in 18 states. Its properties include some of the most visible pieces of real estate in the state capital, including Financial Plaza, otherwise known as the Gold Building, and the M&C Center. One office building, the Constitution Plaza complex, the recently closed Summit Hotel, and the Charter Oak Square apartments.

Colonial also owns 37.15 percent of the Hartford Whalers hockey team.
Weintraub said the company does not believe its financial difficulties will have an effect on the Whalers hockey team, which she described as "very healthy."

Hartford developer Richard Gordon, who also owns 37.15 percent of the Whalers and has daily managing control of the club, said he would

Oil

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of no other occasion when an industry has reacted on such a massive scale to help meet an urgent national need. What is being announced today is truly unprecedented."
In addition to providing protection for the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts, the privately funded network's directors say they will cover Hawaii, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.
Team officials say they will set up five regional centers near Seattle, Wash.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Lake Charles, La.; Port Everglades, Fla.; New York City; with a headquarters in Washington, D.C. The network will have an additional 23 staging areas where emergency crews and cleanup equipment will be housed.

"Each of the corporation's five regional response centers is designed to manage a spill as large as the 1980 accident in Prince William Sound," Costello said.
Costello was referring to the infamous March 24, 1980, accident when an Exxon-owned supertanker, the Valdez, struck a reef, dumping 11 million gallons of oil off Alaska's coast. The incident sparked an outcry from environmentalists and served as the impetus for President Bush's decision to halt any new offshore drilling along California, Florida and parts of New England.

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buy Colonial's share if the real estate company wanted to sell it.
Colonial's founders and majority partners, Jonathan Googel and Benjamin Sisti, did not return telephone calls for comment. Weintraub said a third partner, Frank Shuck, is on leave of absence and the company did not know when he would return. Shuck could not be reached for comment Thursday.

AIDS

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puterized list of people the Red Cross bars from giving blood.
O'Neill said that even though these donors tested positive for HIV antibodies, which cause Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, under initial screening tests, they tested negative under more complex confirmatory testing.
According to O'Neill, when a person donates blood, the blood is first inspected by two "enzyme immunoassay" tests, which screen if for antibody characteristics similar to those found in HIV infected blood.
If it tests positive for the two screenings, then the sample is examined by a confirmatory test called the Western Blot, which is able to give a much more detailed and specific description of the antibodies, he said.

If the blood sample fails the first test, it is automatically not shipped to hospitals just to be safe, O'Neill said. But, through some clerical mistake by the Red Cross, these samples were allowed to be sent out.
O'Neill said that sometimes antibodies biochemically similar to HIV antibodies can be mistaken for the real thing under the initial screening tests, but that the Western Blot will can distinguish between the two groups.

"The whole situation was discovered by an internal audit by the Red Cross," O'Neill said. "This is a story of a clerical error, not one of a patient contracting AIDS through a transfusion."
Red Cross officials said 18 of the 30 donors subsequently given the test tested falsely positive. The other donors did make those subsequent donations, and all of those donations tested negative for the AIDS virus.
But there are still some questions

about the blood from the latter group. In another battery of tests done recently, the results proved inconclusive for six of them. Officials have failed to locate the other six for retesting.
The uncertainty has prompted a search for recipients of blood from that group, even though officials say the blood was not contaminated.
Cable said the battery of tests the donors were given should have given uniformly positive results if they were infected, but the results were not uniform. He attributed the inconclusive finding to oversensitivity of the sophisticated test.
The Red Cross does not know who received the 60 units of blood or blood products. That information is kept by the blood banks of the hospitals to which the Red Cross distributes its supplies.
Last Friday, Cable called a meeting with representatives of 33 hospitals in Connecticut to tell them of the problem, a representative from Manchester Memorial joined the

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Town budget is decried and defended

By JACQUELINE BENNETT
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — A small turnout of about 40 residents argued the pros and cons of the proposed \$15.4 million budget for this year Thursday night at a Special Town Meeting at Coventry High School.
The \$15,484,143 spending plan includes \$4.3 million for general government and \$9.7 million for education. It is the fourth budget to be presented to the voters; the previous three higher ones were rejected in separate referendums.
However, following the third budget defeat, the Democrat majority Town Council nonetheless raised taxes from 37 mills to 38.85 mills.
The action is being challenged in a lawsuit by the Republican Town Committee which is seeking the tax rate to be returned to 37 mills.
"It seems the town is in a power struggle," said resident Denise Pillion. "It is time to put that aside and think of the town, the people, education."

Pillion said she supports the current budget as she did the three previous ones which Pillion called "responsible," in light of rising costs such as insurance and heating oil.
Jim Vance of Geraldine Drive also spoke in favor of all the budgets and reminded people that "a budget is not money, it represents services."
Vance accused some residents of "taking advantage of a human trait" that makes it easier to argue against things rather than in favor "especially when it comes to peoples' pocketbooks," he said.

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Also Halverson said personnel has already been cut and curriculum development has suffered. "We are really at the limit for reductions," she said.
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Walk repairs planned

By ALEX GIPELLI
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — A 65-page report on priorities for sidewalk construction and repair has been submitted to the Board of Directors and is scheduled for discussion by the board Sept. 18.
The report, prepared by the Public Works Department, lists all of the about 670 streets in town and rates sidewalks along sections of those streets on the basis of the need for the walks.
By the time the directors discuss the report, the Public Works Department expects to add a rating to show the condition of existing walks as well.

The two ratings, multiplied by each other, will give a priority rating for sidewalks. Walks with the highest need in the worst condition would be a rating of times 100, or 10,000.
The directors have pressed the town administration to come up with a system to prioritize sidewalk repairs.

Measures used to determine how important a sidewalk is include progress to public schools, to public and quasi-public housing for the elderly and handicapped, to mass transit, and to recreation facilities and libraries. One criteria is whether a sidewalk will permit elimination of a school bus route.
Sidewalks in more congested zones get a higher need priority than those in less dense areas.

The Board of Directors is set to meet Tuesday and again on Sept. 18 to complete the agenda for September.
The directors will also get reports on leaf collection and on police staffing.

The townwide leaf collection program will begin Oct. 22 and continue through the completion of six routes with a return later to the first three routes of the weather permits.

Lee F. O'Connor, highway administrator, said in his report that routes have been revamped and that seven town crews along with five contractors will work on Veterans Day, the day after Thanksgiving, and on three Saturdays to complete the work. He said it is important to have Park Division and Cemetery Division employees from the start to the completion of the first full round.

A flyer will be mailed to residents explaining the leaf pickup program.
Acting Police Chief Henry Minor has submitted a plan to close the gap between the number of police officers authorized and the number actually available for duty, and to increase the authorized strength of the force.

Minor says 58 officers are authorized in the patrol division, but only 46 are now available for full patrol duty. He said there are three vacancies, six officers in training, and three assigned to non-patrol duties.

Candidates for the state Senate from the 4th Senatorial District are arranging for a series of debates including one in Manchester, the district's largest town.
Republican Sonya Googins is challenging Democratic incumbent Michael Meotti.

Campaign managers for the candidates are trying to set up a debate in Manchester, one in Glastonbury — the home of both candidates — and another in Hebron, Bolton, or Columbia.
Paul Hatt Jr., Meotti's campaign manager, said he has written a letter to Meotti asking for possible formats for the debate and is waiting for a response.

Meotti said early in the campaign that he would invite his opponent to debate. When Googins was nominated, she accepted the invitation, and said, "We won't haggle over the time and place."

La Leche International promotes breastfeeding

By RICK SANTOS
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — There was a time when a woman breastfeeding her child was very natural — so natural that nobody took note of it.
"Today, however, people who are not as knowledgeable about breastfeeding consider it a lost art, but one which has made a strong comeback since the '60s — when the more convenient bottle feeding became popular."
By 1954, breastfeeding was being considered so uncommon that a group of seven mothers from Illinois felt the need to band together just to share information about a subject they knew so little about. At the time, the women had no intention of founding an international organization. But they did, forming La Leche League International, an organization that promotes breastfeeding and

prevents the growth of bacteria and the spreading of viruses.
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A more practical concern is the cost of breastfeeding, which obviously is free, compared to the cost of feeding babies with bottled formulas. The average costs for formulas is at least \$800 per year, LeDonne said.
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So La Leche League still has a reason to exist. That is to teach women how to breastfeed, when to breastfeed, and most important, why to breastfeed.
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Thousands flock to Harvest Fair

By CAROL CLEVERGER
Manchester Herald

HEBRON — A Harvest moon shone on the Lions Park as the Hebron Harvest Fair opened last night. Thousands flocked to the brightly lit rides and to the vendors who were selling everything from computers to Western hats.
By 7 p.m., another area of the fairgrounds came to life as the livestock exhibitors brought in their animals and prepared the pens for the duration of the fair.
While guests were enjoying the "Roundup" cows had to be milked and housed down and the walking areas had to be cleared. Trucks pulled up to life as the display areas and unloaded cattle. Exhibitors brought poultry into the display area in crates, tomato boxes, and more conventional pet travel containers. All had to be unloaded and placed in assigned cages prior to judging.
Two judges moved slowly past rows of nearly a hundred cages,

stopping to examine each rabbit entered.
"We look at the condition of the flesh, bone structure, color and markings," one judge explained to a curious onlooker.
He assured the crowd that he was not holding the rabbits by the ears, but that he was cradling the head in his hand to keep it from moving. He ran his other hand along the contour of the face and examined the underside of the animal before returning it to the cage for display. Judging took most of the evening.
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NEW HAVEN (AP) — Yale University will contribute \$50,000 to Habitat for Humanity to help it build two homes in New Haven as part of an affordable housing project.

The houses, to be made available to families earning less than \$20,000 a year, were designed by first-year students at the Yale School of Architecture.

The grant would enable the School of Architecture and the non-profit Habitat for Humanity to continue their partnership, which had been threatened by a lack of financial support for the project, Yale President Benno C. Schmidt Jr. said Thursday.

The Yale funds were provided by Frederick T. Ross, a New York developer and 1944 graduate of the school. Schmidt said Ross stepped in on short notice to provide the money to complete the housing project.

The two homes are being built on a single narrow lot in the city's Hill neighborhood. One home will be constructed behind the other, with a connecting deck. But each of the two-bedroom, two-story houses will have a private entrance back yard and porch.

Families must have incomes between \$14,000 and \$20,000 a year to qualify for Habitat for Humanity's no-interest mortgages. As a down payment, they must provide 400 hours of "sweat equity" labor in the construction of their homes.

WEST HAVEN (AP) — Seventeen years after a thief drove off with his Chevrolet Corvette, and at least five owners later, David Pandolfi may soon be reunited with his car.

The Corvette, which Pandolfi reported stolen from a restaurant parking lot in 1973, was found last month in Pennsylvania.

Pandolfi learned of the discovery after the New Haven Register reported Wednesday that police in Pennsylvania had reached a deal end trying to find the Connecticut owner of the car.

"It was like a wish come true," said Pandolfi, 57, who operates a towing and auto repair business in Branford.

Pandolfi will have to work to get the car back. Pennsylvania authorities said he must petition the Lebanon County court for ownership because the car is now owned by a Newport, Pa., resident who bought it 12 years ago.

The case of the stolen car was broken this summer when a dealer in Clinton, Pa., was about to buy the Corvette, which had been around 1980 and Connecticut motor vehicle records had been purged.

NEW BRITAIN (AP) — Poland's first non-communist ambassador in 40 years will visit New Britain to speak to Connecticut's Polish American Congress and to give a lecture at Central Connecticut State University.

Kazimierz Dziejwanowski, the Polish ambassador to the United States, will speak in Polish at PACT's quarterly meeting Sept. 30, beginning 2 p.m. in Memorial Hall at CCSU.

The ambassador will speak in English at a 7:30 lecture, which will be open to the public.

Dziejwanowski, a journalist, officially began his duties on Aug. 7 when he presented his credentials to President George Bush.

Dziejwanowski, 59, served as one of Solidarity's negotiators in the round-table talks that led to the June 1989 parliamentary elections. Solidarity's overwhelming victory at the polls effectively ended Poland's long communist rule.

HARTFORD (AP) — Republican gubernatorial candidate John G. Rowland is proposing a series of educational reforms he says would allow parents to select the schools they want their children to attend and boost participation in school systems by parents and teachers.

The focal point of the proposal Rowland said Thursday is legislation that would require school districts to adopt policies allowing intra-district transfers.

Rowland said he would also support a requirement that all school districts develop plans for school-based management, which would emphasize teacher and parental involvement in curriculum and school management decisions.

His reforms would also require high school seniors to pass a 10th grade mastery test as a condition of receiving their diplomas, and a plan of incentives to school districts to initiate voluntary, extended-year school programs.



REPORT MADE PUBLIC — Laura Cohen, director of the Connecticut Anti-Hunger Coalition, holds up a report issued at a news conference in Hartford Thursday by the Hartford Community Childhood Hunger Identification Project. The report indicated that 41 percent of Hartford families with school-age children who live at or below 185 percent of poverty are chronically hungry.

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CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY

I-91

I-84/I-91 INTERCHANGE

WEEKEND CLOSINGS SCHEDULED ON SOUTHBOUND I-91:

ALL SOUTHBOUND LANES AT I-84/I-91 INTERCHANGE ON SEPT. 7-8

SOUTHBOUND RAMPS AT EXIT 35 IN WINDSOR ON SEPT 8-11

I-84/I-91 Interchange

Southbound I-91 at the I-84/I-91 interchange in Hartford, including Exit 30 to eastbound I-84 and Exit 32A to westbound I-84, will be closed starting at 11 p.m. on Friday evening, September 7, and continuing through 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 8.

This weekend closing, which was not previously anticipated, is expected to accelerate completion of the overall interchange modernization project. During the weekend, construction crews will be shifting the southbound lanes of I-91 to the west in order to create a new work area in the center of the highway.

In addition, starting at daybreak on Saturday morning, September 8, traffic will be stopped for about 20 minutes on northbound I-91, just north of the interchange in Hartford's North Meadows, so that workers can erect a sign tower.

Traveling South on I-91

Detour Route at I-84/I-91 Interchange

11 p.m. Friday, September 7 to 9 a.m. Saturday, September 8:
All southbound traffic will be detoured off the highway at Exit 30 (East and West Service Roads). Motorists will be directed to turn right at the end of the ramp onto Jennings road, turn left at the next light onto Weston Street and follow Weston Street, which becomes Market Street, to South Morgan Street. At South Morgan Street, motorists should turn left and continue straight to the southbound I-91 and eastbound I-84 on ramps at South Morgan Street and Columbus Boulevards.

To reach westbound I-84, motorists should follow the detour route south on Market Street to Turnbull Street, where they should turn right and continue west to the westbound I-84 on ramp at North Chapel and Turnbull Streets.

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 8:
From Exit 32B, motorists will be directed to turn left at the end of the ramp onto Market Street, where they should follow south to South Morgan Street. At South Morgan Street, motorists should turn left and continue straight to the southbound I-91 and eastbound I-84 on ramps at South Morgan Street and Columbus Boulevards.

Avoiding the I-84/I-91 Interchange:

Alternate routes for I-91 South

Exit 44: From southbound I-91 in Eastford, take Exit 44 and follow Route 5 south to Route 2 in East Hartford. Take Route 2 west to Route 3 in Glastonbury, cross the Putnam Bridge and get back on southbound I-91 in Westford.

Exit 36: Take Exit 36 and follow Route 178 east to Route 159 and go south on Route 159 to Route 291. Take Route 291 east across the Founders Bridge and get back on southbound I-91 in Westford.

Exit 38: From southbound I-91 in Windsor, take Exit 38 (Park Avenue/Route 78) in Windsor, turn left at the end of the ramp and follow Route 178 to Route 159, turn right onto Route 159 and continue south to the Windsor Shipping Center to Route 291, turn left and follow Route 291 across the Founders Bridge to Route 5 in South Windsor.

Additional I-84/I-91 Ramp Closings

In addition to southbound I-91, the following exit ramps will be closed:

Exit 52 (Main Street/Route 44) from westbound I-84: Motorists traveling into Downtown Hartford or westbound I-84 should use Exit 54 (Founders Bridge).

Exit 35 (Route 291) on Southbound I-91:
The Exit 35 (Route 291) off ramp from southbound I-91 and the on ramp to southbound I-91 from Route 291 (Putnam Highway) in Windsor will be closed starting at 6 a.m. on Saturday, September 8. The off ramp will remain closed until Monday afternoon, September 11. The on ramp will reopen on Tuesday afternoon, September 11.

This Exit 35 closing is necessary because construction crews will be preparing to shift traffic to the Putnam Highway between Windsor Avenue (Route 159) and Pine Lane (which is west of I-91) to a new roadway.

Expect Delays

Traffic congestion and delays are expected. Detours and alternate routes will be posted. Motorists should avoid southbound I-91 if possible and seek to use alternate routes.

Exit 32B (Main Street) from northbound I-91:

Motorists coming into Downtown Hartford on northbound I-91 should use Exit 31 (State Street). Exit 32A, the connecting ramp to westbound I-84, will remain open.

Downtown Hartford Street Closings

Market Street will be closed to northbound traffic between Talcott and South Morgan Streets, except for local traffic to parking garages. Southbound lanes of Market Street will remain open to provide access to the Constitution Plaza area.

South Morgan Street will be closed from Main Street to Market Street.

Exit 35 Detour Routes

Getting on Southbound I-91 from Route 291: While the entrance ramp from Route 291 to southbound I-91 is closed, motorists will be directed to use the Exit 34 on ramp on Route 159, near the Hartford city line. Motorists driving east on Route 291 should continue to Route 159 (Windsor Avenue), turn right and follow Route 159 south to I-91 on ramp, located just south of the highway overpass.

Motorists driving west on Route 291 from the Bissell Bridge should turn left onto Route 159 (Windsor Avenue) and follow Route 159 south to the I-91 on ramp.

Expanded Hours for "Hotline" Information

For more information about these highway closures, and for updates on other Hartford area construction and traffic changes, contact the Department of Transportation's construction HOTLINE. Call (203) 528-4022, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The hotline will also be operated on Saturday, September 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. or until southbound I-91 reopens at the I-84/I-91 Interchange.

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Lobbyists investigated

HARTFORD (AP) — The State Ethics Commission is investigating allegations that lobbyists treated lawmakers to free meals and other gifts on hundreds of occasions from 1987 to 1989 but failed to report them as required by law, according to a published report.

There also are alleged violations of the requirement that parties at which the per-person cost exceeded \$15 be reported, the sources said.

There allegedly was an attempt to get around the requirement by inflating the largest fine in state history for ethics violations against the Connecticut Retail Merchants Association.

The Courant, quoting state lawmakers and unnamed lobbying sources, said the probe has focused on lobbyist Linda Kowalski and Brendan Kennedy, who lobbied for the merchants' association during the three-year period.

The sources told the Courant that the investigation, which began this spring and is expanding, deals with hundreds of instances in which meals, the delivery of liquor, beer and soda, the provision of tickets to sporting events and gifts including golfing greens fees allegedly were not reported.

Kennedy and other sources told the Courant the association has cooperated with the investigation and has initiated reporting and accounting controls since July 1989.

RECORD

About Town

Computer course at MCC

Training in MacDraw, a computer package that gives students hands-on practice creating clean graphic designs on the Macintosh, will be offered by Business Services at Manchester Community College. The course meets on Sept. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is \$125. For further information, call the Business Services office at 647-6065.

Diabetes talk on Tuesday

The East of the River Diabetes Club will meet for the first time for the Fall Season on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the H. Louise Rudell Auditorium at Manchester Memorial Hospital. "Low Medications Affect Diabetes" will be the topic of a talk given by Roy Kaiz, pharmacist. For more information, please call 643-9458.

Trip to New York

A bus trip to New York City is being scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 17. The trip, which is sponsored by the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom of Manchester, will leave the parking lot at 400 East Middle Turnpike at 7:30 a.m., with a stop at Sears, Corbin's Corner, West Hartford, to pick up passengers. The bus will leave from Rockefeller Center at 7 p.m. for the return trip. Cost of the round trip is \$20. For more information, please call 643-9325.

People First of Connecticut

People First of Connecticut will hold a conference on Sept. 15 at the Ramada Renaissance Inn, Middletown, from 8:30 a.m. to midnight. Registration is \$20 per person and is open to anyone. Registration is limited to 200 people and must be submitted by Sept. 7 to the People First of Connecticut, c/o Rich Godhart, 54 Crestwood Drive, Bristol 06762. For more information, contact Jean Bowen at the Western Connecticut Association for the Handicapped and Retarded Inc., at 792-3540.

Still room in Kinderfun

The YWCA Kinderfun program still has openings for the 1990-91 program year. Kinderfun is a state-licensed, non-profit YWCA childcare kindergarten program designed to meet the needs of families with children in the A-M kindergarten session. Bus transportation is provided from Manchester public schools to the YWCA, Nutmeg Branch, 78 North Main St., Manchester. Kinderfun hours of operation are 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call the YWCA at 647-1437 for more information or flyers.

Adult fall fitness classes

Don't sit! Get fit at the YWCA, 78 North Main St., Manchester. The following classes have openings:

Morning Stretch — Mon. Wed. Fri., 9:15 to 10 a.m., Sept. 17, 6 weeks, \$39 for 3 days, \$27 for 2 days. Next session begins Nov. 5, 6 weeks.

Body Conditioning — Tues., Thurs., 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., Sept. 18, 6 weeks, \$36. Next session begins Oct. 30 for 6 weeks.

Evening Workout — Mon. & Wed., 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Sept. 17, 6 weeks, \$36. Next session begins Nov. 5 for 6 weeks.

Body Design — Tues. & Thurs., 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., Sept. 11, 6 weeks, \$36. Next session begins Oct. 23 for 6 weeks.

Hatha Yoga — Morning-Thurs., 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., Sept. 20, 6 weeks, \$26. Evening-Wed., 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., Sept. 19, 6 weeks, \$21. Next sessions begin Oct. 31, Nov. 1 for 6 weeks.

* * * Walkers — Mon. Wed. Fri., 10:15 to 11: a.m., Sept. 17, 6 weeks, \$18.

Pre-registration and YWCA membership is required. For information call the YWCA office at 647-1437.

Make your own sundae

On Saturday, from noon to 3 p.m., the Lutz Children's Museum will host an "all you can eat/make your own sundae" ice cream social at the Museum, royal ice cream is donating a variety of flavors for ice cream lovers of all ages to enjoy. The cost is \$3 a person and includes Museum admission. Lutz centers are \$150. The Lutz Children's Museum is located at 247 S. Main St. (Rt. 83) in Manchester, exit 3, off I-84. For more information, call the Lutz at 643-0949.

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Weekenders . . .

Places to go . . . things to do

More Than Grandparents

More Than Grandparents is a support group for grandparents who are raising, helping to raise, or have reason to be concerned for their grandchildren. We share information and encouragement the first and third Sundays of each month, at Manchester Memorial Hospital, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Call July at 870-9246, or Peggy at 568-0925.

Republican barbecue

A chicken barbecue will be held Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 119 Woodland St., Manchester, for Republican Town Committee Members, Republican Elect and Appointed Officials and Honorary Town Committee Members. Please contact Bob Schneider at 643-0559, or 647-1633 or Mary Warrington at 643-6544. Tickets are still available.

Computer course at MCC

The Division of Continuing Education at Manchester Community College is presenting a computer course on the Macintosh. The course will be held on Monday from 6 to 9 p.m. The course fee is \$45. For more information, contact the Division of Continuing Education at 647-6242.

Lotus training at MCC

The Division of Continuing Education at Manchester Community College is offering an introductory course on Lotus 1-2-3. The program will be run on two Saturdays, Sept. 8 and Sept. 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The course fee is \$17. For additional information, please contact the Division of Continuing Education at 647-6242.

Self Assessment course

Individuals interested in knowing if they have what it takes to succeed in small business may be interested in a Self Assessment course being offered by the Division of Continuing Education at Manchester Community College. The program will be held on Sept. 10 from 7 to 10 p.m. The fee is \$30.

Obituaries

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Police Roundup

Two caught in attempted theft

Police have arrested two men in connection with the attempted theft of a car from Lynch Toyota.

Police say they were called to the dealership around 11 p.m. last night for a car theft in progress. On their arrival, police found Edwin Ramos, of 103 Camos Road, Willimantic, and another man tentatively identified as Jose Rodriguez, of 23 Albany Ave., Hartford, beside a black Toyota Supra that had its doors open and ignition smashed.

When the two men saw the police, they fled the scene on foot. Rodriguez was tackled by police after a short chase and taken into custody.

Ramos reportedly ran to a nearby apartment complex on Hartford Road where he hid.

Police say they later received a call from Rich Colwell, a resident of the building, who said there was an unfamiliar car in his parking space. Colwell observed the car and followed it after a man fitting Ramos' description got in and drove away.

Colwell called police on his car phone, giving them his location as the chase continued. Colwell said he reached speeds of up to 80 miles per hour as he followed Ramos through Glastonbury and into Hebron.

In Hebron, Manchester Police finally caught up to Ramos and Colwell and arrested Ramos on Route 85.

Ramos later admitted that he was trying to steal the car. He also told police that Rodriguez' real name was Eligio Ramos, of 321 C. Jeffrey St., Willimantic.

Manchester officials are investigating Ramos' claim. Both men were charged with burglary, possession of burglary tools, criminal mischief, criminal attempt to commit larceny and criminal trespass.

An additional charge of criminal impersonation may be filed against Rodriguez if it is proven that his real name is Eligio Ramos, police said.

Girl Scout tag sale

Donations of household items, toys and seasonal clothing (especially for children) are being sought by Manchester Senior Girl Scout Troop 2 for a Tag Sale to be held in South Windsor on Saturday at the Society for Savings Bank parking lot (corner of Buckland Road and Rt. 30) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain date is Sunday. For drop-off or pick-up of items, call 644-8558 or 643-4475. The proceeds from the Tag Sale will be used for the troop program.

Synagogue open house

The Temple Beth Shalom in Manchester will have an Open House for prospective and new members on Sunday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the synagogue on 400 Middle Turnpike East. Coffee and dessert will be served.

Hebron Natural Food Coop

The Hebron Natural Food Coop will be holding its fall meeting on Saturday at the St. Peters Church Hall from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Anyone interested in attending should call Jeri Hahon at 228-0555.

Today In History

Today is Friday, Sept. 7, the 250th day of 1990. There are 115 days left in the year.

Today's birthdays:

Heard surgeon Dr. Michael DeBakey is 82. Producer-director Ella Kazan is 81. U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, is 86. Actor and director Philip Love is 53. Actress Susan Blakeslee is 42. Actress Julie Kavner is 39.

Public Meetings

The following meeting is scheduled for today:

COVENTRY
Board of Tax Review, Town Office Building, 9:12 a.m.

Thoughts

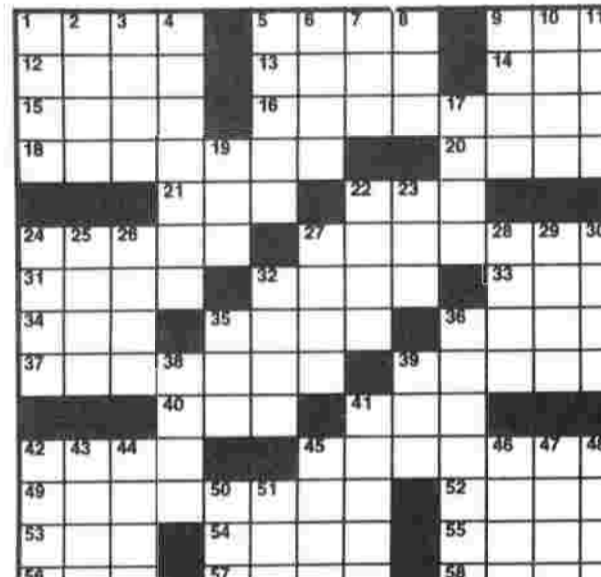
A city's voice
High above a city, the melody of street noises is blended into one overall note, sound, or murmur. For instance, I have heard that the overall note of Chicago is bass; of London it is baritone; and that of New York is tenor.

I really can't be sure that this is true and one would need to go to all three cities to determine in his or her own judgment if it is really so. Whether it is or not, the song and sounds of a city are important and so are the songs and sounds of a person. They are so important that the Apostle Paul took pains to address this matter in his letter to the church in Ephesus.

He said, "Be very careful, men, how you live—not as the

Crossword

ACROSS
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CELEBRITY CIPHER

Identify the celebrities whose names are represented by the letters in the circles. Each letter is a letter in the name of the celebrity. Today's cipher is square 19.

U B N D I Z R K R
J A I D E O T B P B L X
I Y K E K L J D R O K
P B R K P J O T -
R U D P P D X G E O K Z R

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "You get out of an argument exactly what you put into it — a lot of foot air." — Maurice Setter.

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THE BORN LOSER by Art Sawaun



THE NEW BREED



SNAFU by Bruce Bastin



JUMBLE by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RAMOA
BANIC
GROUME
HATTUG

Now arrange the letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

ANSWER: THE **SCAMP** (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: **SKIMP** **EXPEL** **ACCENT** **GAMFEN**
 Answer: What the hosts said, when their welcome was outplayed by a guest — "PEST!"

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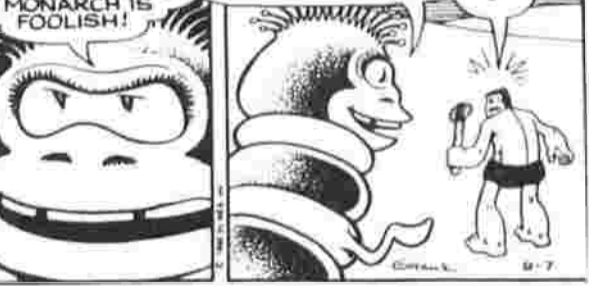
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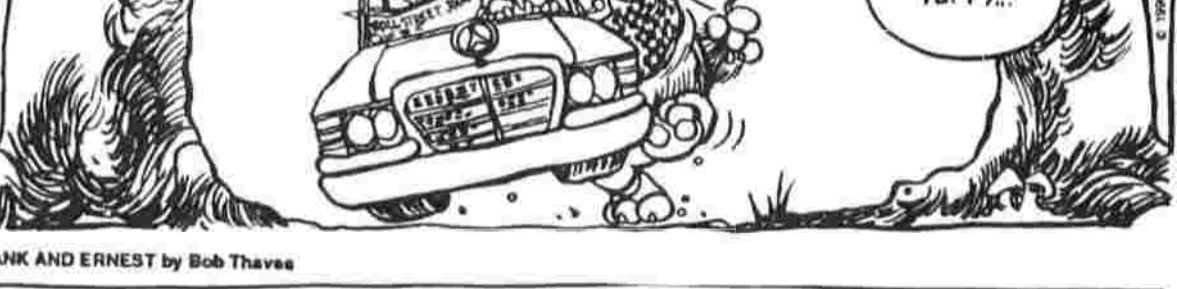
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THE GRIZWELLS by Bill Schutt



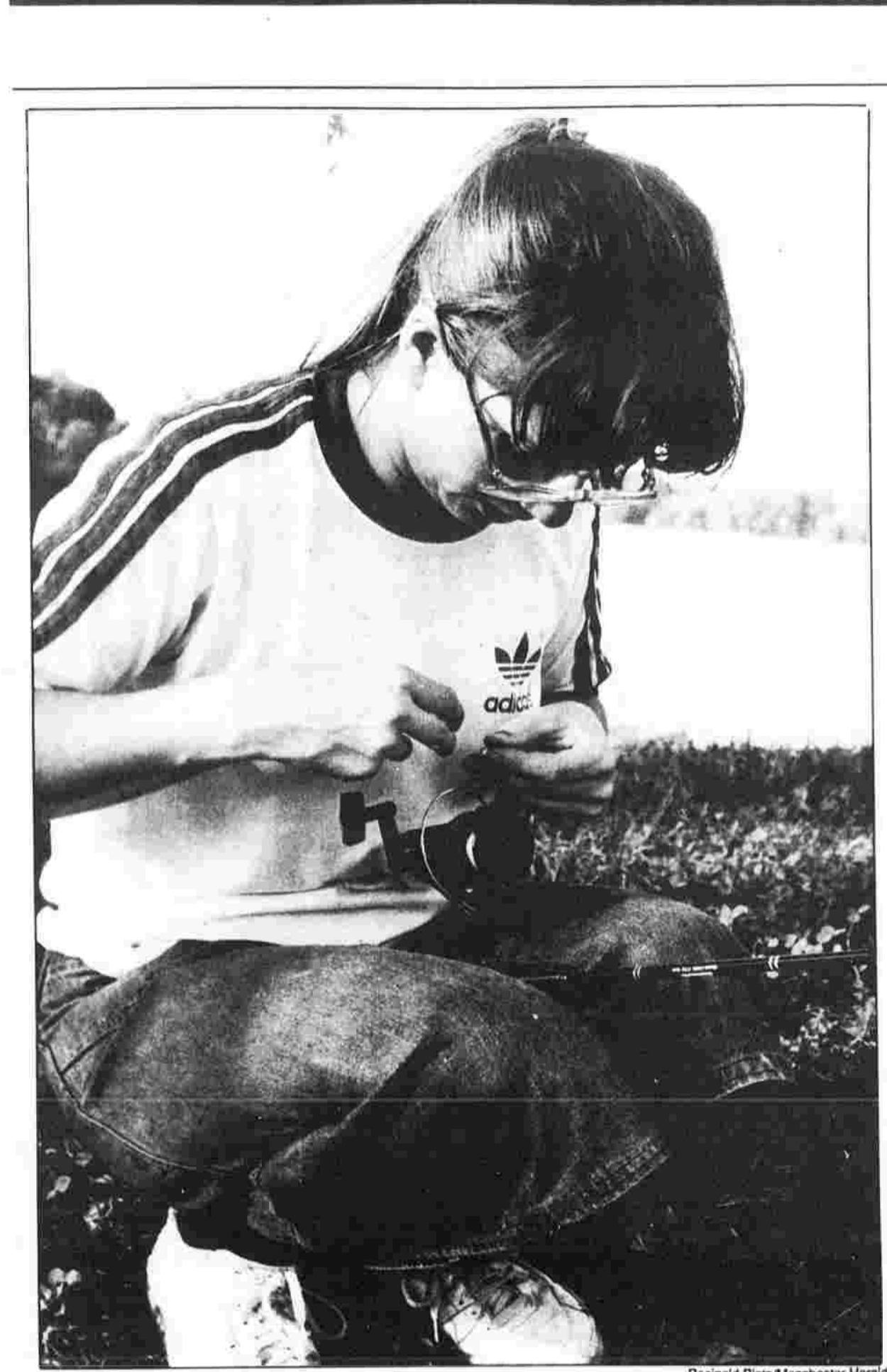
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PHIPPS by Joseph Faris



ACCENT



TANGLED LINE — Gladys Yeakley of Manchester gets the tangles out of her son Paul's fishing line during a fishing trip to Union Pond, located off North School Street.

Recreation ■ health ■ religion ■ relationships

Church program targets underprivileged youths

Returning from a recent trip to Liberia, Africa, Rev. Philip P. Saunders of Full Gospel Interdenominational Church, Manchester, brought back a young man's hand-made toy car.

In the program, volunteer host families take a child or children into their homes usually for a period of one week. Most of the children involved in this program are inner city children from the Hartford area. The program follows all of the standards set up by the State of Connecticut.

Rev. Eleanor Kalinsky, the church's youth pastor, spoke about the tremendous effect this program has on a child.

"To a child used to the city environment but who has the opportunity to visit the countryside, it's like another world. In the city they are used to crime everywhere. Drugs are common as they are sold on the street corners. Many times the children can't even get to a park to play. But when they go to a new, more promising environment, this opens up their mind to see new horizons for their lives.

One child, who stayed with a family who lived across the street from a field where cows were kept, witnessed a calf being born. Sometimes the children have the opportunity to go away on vacations with their host families. One child traveled to Maine with her 'family' and stayed at a place with an outdoor house and no running water. 'Boy,' she said upon her return, 'and I thought I was poor!'

Although children reap tremendously from this program, the host families also gain. Valuable and lasting friendships between the children and their hosts can be formed. And while host families enjoy the children who visit with them, many times these vacation visits make hosts appreciate and re-evaluate their own lives and priorities.

One family told us, 'Sometimes you just don't realize all you have until a child gets excited about such a simple little thing as a vacuum cleaner, a microwave oven, or a room full of toys.' Sometimes the children look at their host family's home as a mansion.

Kalinsky has said that children who go on these 'vacations' often want to do better in school when they go home. They have renewed vision for their lives. The children feel they have a purpose for being educated because they can see beyond their inner city environment. They no longer look at a future of nothing, but have a dream ahead of them. The children gain a real confidence for themselves too, to pursue that dream.

'They never forget,' said Kalinsky. 'So many of the kids who go on in the Lighthouse Vacation Fund are now on the Honor Roll because they know a better way and they want to try. And they know that through Christ they can have that better life. The Lighthouse Vacation Fund is a great confidence builder.'

Larry Chakas is church secretary for Full Gospel Interdenominational Church, Manchester.

Single parents should let go of selfish anxieties

The first word that comes to mind when thinking of single parenting is TIRIED. There is always so much to do and so little time to do it. A single parent's life is overfull. It seems. All the normal things a family requires are the responsibility of one person.

There are the days when the children are too sick to go to school and the single parent is still expected to go to work. And then there are school holidays, doctor and dentist appointments to make, school activities to attend, brownies to bake...etc.

Many times single parents do not have the other parent around to share either the joys or the burdens of parenting, or they do not want them.

What would it cost a single parent to share responsibility for their child or children with the other parent supporting her or she were competent, available and willing? That is an important question and the basis many struggles single parents have.

There is something to be said for being the one someone always turns to. It can be a burden, but it can also be seen as what gives one value. We all need to be needed.

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What if the other parent is loved better or more? If the single parent allows more access, given the other parent wants it, what will be lost? If there are issues that are unresolved between the two parents, and there often are in separations and divorces, children often are caught in the middle of these. The battlefield can shift from the parents' relationship with each other to the children. Any sign of weakness on the part of the single parent may be seen, or thought to be, as a weakness.

There is a healthier way for single parents to operate. Research says the healthiest children in separated and divorced families are the ones with open access to both parents. While there may be a loss for the single parent in not being the sole object of their children's love (and in truth they aren't anyway), there is a tremendous gain in the quality of life for the single parent and the children.

When children are able to be with their other parent more, the single parent gets time for her or himself. They begin to have a life of their own and do things he or she considers fun.

That is essential if children are to be healthy. Children need to see that both parents can have a life of their own. Otherwise, children will not be free to live their own lives.

If you have any suggestions for topics you would like discussed, please write to Agnes P. Albany, Ph.D., Associate Director, Connections — A Center for Counseling and Education, Inc., 397 N. Main Street, Manchester, CT 06040.

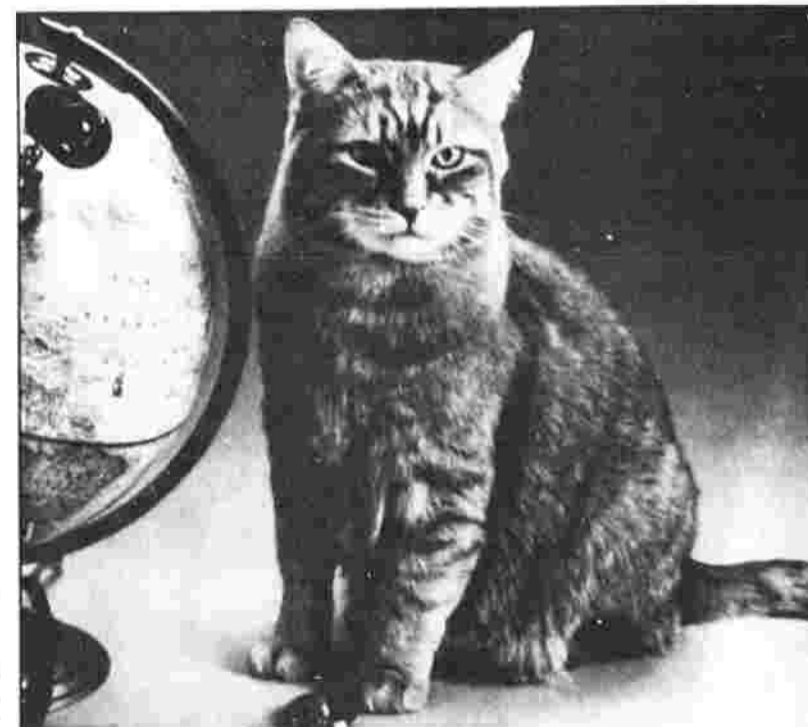
Disabled need new word

If you can think of a positive word to describe people with disabilities, you could win \$50,000 in a contest being sponsored by the National Cristina Foundation.

Current words to describe people with disabilities, such as disabled, handicapped, crippled, etc., have negative connotations, the foundation says. The 43 million Americans who have physical or mental impairments need a word that focuses on the abilities, not their disabilities, it says.

Entries should consist of either a single new word or a new combination of existing words with a clear single meaning. The only rule for creating the new words is imagination.

Entries must be postmarked no later than Nov. 30, 1990 and sent to NCF Contest, 2301 Argonne Drive, Baltimore, Md. 21218. More than one entry per person is allowed, but please include a separate envelope or postcard for each.



MESSAGE FROM MORRIS — The American Veterinary Medical Association is sponsoring national Cat Health Month for the fifth consecutive year. Morris the Cat, America's most famous feline and 'spokescat' for the Septomercat campaign, helps the association educate cat owners about their pet's health and medical needs, stressing annual check-ups and inoculations.

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