



# NATION/WORLD

## Blood donors will be asked tough questions

By ROBERT GREENE  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Blood banks will have to ask a broader range of potential questions of would-be donors under new regulations that recognize the growing spread of AIDS among heterosexuals.

The new policy, announced Wednesday, also ends the ban on donations from Haitians and eases the ban on donations from natives of sub-Saharan African nations.

The Haitian government called for a "massive program of re-educating Americans" about a policy it said has ruined that country's tourism industry, cost thousands of jobs and caused Haitian children to be "snubbed and taunted."

The regulations should be implemented at all blood establishments, including Red Cross centers, within a few months, said Brad Stone, a spokesman for the Food and Drug Administration, which oversees the safety of blood supplies.

"The strengthened program will enhance, rather than replace, the current procedures used to safeguard the blood supply," Health and Human Services Secretary Louis W. Sullivan said in a statement.

The changes "will eliminate the need for excluding certain donor

populations based solely on their geographical or national origins," he said.

Under the new regulations, all potential donors will be questioned orally as well as in writing, using terminology that is understandable, "culturally sensitive" and avoids sexual stereotyping, the announcement said.

Potential donors will be asked about all high-risk behavior, and will be asked direct questions about whether they have been treated for syphilis or gonorrhea within the last year.

The exclusion for potential donors who have either paid for or sold sex will be extended from six months to a year.

The exclusion for people who have received transfusions of blood or blood products will be extended from six months to one year. This change aims at reducing the risk of hepatitis C, another blood-borne disease.

Haitians were singled out in 1982, early in the AIDS epidemic, because scientists found a higher-than-usual incidence of infection among Haitian heterosexuals.

The policy originally covered only Haitians who came to this country after 1977 but was extended this year to cover all Haitians, many of whom had fled to this country to escape political persecution.



REBELS ARRESTED — U.S. troops arrest supporters of former police official Col. Eduardo Herrera Hassan in Panama City, Panama, Wednesday after Herrera, an escaped prisoner, seized national police headquarters and was arrested after fleeing the police building.

## Enola Gay log to be sold ...on Pearl Harbor Day

By CATHERINE CROCKER  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — High over Hiroshima, a navigator in a B-29 recorded the world's introduction to the power and terror of nuclear weapons.

"Bomb-Away — 0915" reads the simple entry from the navigator's log for Aug. 6, 1945.

The log from the top secret mission of the Enola Gay goes on the auction block Friday — Pearl Harbor Day. Christie's auction house expects it will attract a price of \$100,000 to \$150,000.

"I think, in looking at the log, you see in effect the world moving from the pre-atomic to the atomic era. You see humanity crossing a very profound boundary," said Chris Coover, a manuscript specialist at Christie's.

He said the timing of the sale — on the 45th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor — is a coincidence.

But he said there was a "historical symmetry" to the attacks on Pearl Harbor and Hiroshima, "one marking the beginning of hostilities and the other effectively the end of hostilities."

But Martin Sherman, director of the Nuclear Age History and Humanities Center at Tufts University, called it "an unfortunate date."

"It implies an appropriateness about Hiroshima — sort of a balance on the scales of justice," he said. "They attacked us so we gave them any eye for an eye, so to speak, which is completely inappropriate and historically inaccurate."

In the attack on Pearl Harbor, 18 U.S. ships were sunk

or severely damaged, about 170 planes were destroyed and the American casualties numbered about 3,700. There were 130,000 casualties at Hiroshima.

Christie's is selling the log for the widow of Capt. Robert A. Lewis, co-pilot of the Enola Gay. Eileen Lewis hopes she can retire on the sale price and wants no publicity herself, Coover said.

"She is very concerned she is going to catch all kinds of hate mail and flak for putting this up for sale," Coover said.

The log recorded the Enola Gay's basic flight information — position, altitude, air speed, compass direction — on three yellow, oblong sheets during the 12-hour roundtrip mission between the U.S. base in the Marianas Islands and Hiroshima.

The bomber, with 12 people aboard, left Tinian Island at 2:45 a.m. The pilot was Col. Paul Tibbets, commanding officer of the 509th Composite Group, which had been specially trained for the mission.

Tibbets selected Lewis, a Brooklyn native, as his co-pilot. Lewis was one of the most experienced B-29 pilots in the Air Force; he had survived two crashes, and had a reputation for remaining calm in moments of stress.

In the plane's bomb bay rested a single 9,000-pound uranium bomb. Tibbets carried cyanide capsules to distribute to each man if the plane experienced engine failure or was shot down.

The log was recorded in Tinian time — one hour ahead of the time in Hiroshima — by navigator Theodore S. van Kirk. At 5:55 a.m. he noted "two" in the left-hand column, as the Enola Gay rendezvoused with two other B-29s near Iwo Jima.

## Deficit to pass \$300b

WASHINGTON (AP) — The weak economy and the mammoth costs of helping the savings and loan industry will soon push the federal deficit to records surpassing \$300 billion per year, a congressional study says.

By 1993, the newly enacted deficit-reduction law and an improving economy should begin shrinking the federal shortfall, the Congressional Budget Office said in a report to be presented today to the House Budget Committee.

The calculations are the first showing how the five-year, \$496 billion deficit-cutting law will affect the federal budget over the next several years. The Bush administration is not expected to release its own figures until February.

The report, obtained by The Associated Press in advance of the hearing, said that in fiscal 1992, for which the administration is planning the budget, the shortfall will be at least \$337 billion, easily the highest ever. Fiscal 1992 begins next Oct. 1.

By the following year, the CBO expects the red ink to total \$252 billion and reach \$143 billion by 1995, the last year for which the study makes projections.

The report cautioned, however, that economic conditions have worsened since October, when the CBO made its calculations. Oil prices have remained high, the real estate market has been weak and many banks and corporations have had financial problems, it noted.

"Unless these factors are offset by other developments, a more pessimistic economic outlook will worsen the budget projections," the authors wrote.

The budget officer said it expects the government to spend \$91 billion in fiscal 1991 — which runs through August 31 — bailing out the nation's savings and loan institutions. That figure will peak at \$107 billion in 1992.

But then, as the government begins selling S&L assets it has taken over, it will recoup some of its losses, actually earning \$44 billion in 1994, the report said.

## Marine is discharged after refusing to fight

By BEN DIPIETRO  
The Associated Press

HONOLULU — The first Marine to refuse deployment under Operation Desert Shield was granted an administrative discharge Wednesday, Marine Corps officials announced.

Court martial proceedings against the Marine, Jeff Paterson, were dismissed under the agreement. In return, Paterson will halt all legal action against the Corps stemming from his rejection of his request for conscientious objector status, said a military spokesman and Paterson's attorney.

Paterson had his rank reduced from corporal to lance corporal under the agreement.

In another dispute, a soldier who actively enlisted was discharged without his consent because of the Persian Gulf crisis filed suit Wednesday against President Bush and Army officials for breach of contract.

The four-year active-duty tour of Spec. Sebastian Correa was to have ended Nov. 24. In early September he was asked if he wanted to re-enlist; he declined.

Two weeks later, Correa was sent to Saudi Arabia, and two weeks after that he learned his tour was extended until December 1991.

Paterson, 22, was accused of violating orders following his refusal to board a plane for Saudi Arabia with his unit Aug. 29. He also was charged with unauthorized absence Aug. 16, when he failed to report for duty.

The Marines rejected his request for objector status, saying it was based on political rather than moral considerations, saying they thought Paterson didn't oppose war in all forms and wasn't sincere in his beliefs.

A statement issued Wednesday from Paterson's commanding officer at the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station, Brig. Gen. R.L. Phillips, said it would be too disruptive and time-consuming to have officers deployed in Saudi Arabia give depositions in the Paterson case. Phillips also said he was satisfied that Paterson had admitted guilt in his dismissal request and that all lawsuits would be dropped.

Paterson's attorney, Eric Seitz, said, "The government had legal concerns about what the outcome would be. The case has been a source of publicity and great embarrassment to the military."

Correa's tour was extended under a military program known as "stop-loss," intended to maintain troop strength during Operation Desert Shield.

## Pattern of cancer gene is identified in worm

By MALCOLM RITTER  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A gene that aids development of a sex organ in a worm may lead to new insights into human cancer, scientists reported.

Researchers have discovered that it is a so-called "ras" gene, a type linked to several cancers, and have figured out one of its normal roles in the worm.

Those advances will give scientists their first chance to use a living animal to determine the details of what a ras gene does and how it is controlled, commented Princeton University scientist James Broad.

"We're going to have a big explosion in our understanding of what

ras does in the biology of an organism," Broad said. "We anticipate... we'll be able to understand all the players that talk to ras and that interacts with."

That may illuminate the process by which a ras gene promotes cancer, revealing new targets for therapeutic drugs, Broad said.

However, any such payoff would be a long way in the future, cautioned H. Robert Horvitz, a biology professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute there.

Ras genes normally help control cell growth and development, but little is known about how they do that, or how they are regulated. About 80,000 adults in state prison now make only minimal wages producing goods such as furniture and license plates. The products can be sold only to government agencies in order to limit competition with private industry.

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## Inmates will go to work

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California is looking for businesses willing to hire criminals and only criminals, by the thousands.

The new big of factory workers won't have to commute. In fact, they'll be in big trouble if they try. And they won't be organizing unions, guzzling beer after work or chasing co-workers of the opposite sex.

The jobs will be blue collar, literally — prison blue.

Pressed by a rising prison population and tight budget, California voters decided to encourage businesses to set up shop inside prisons and put inmates to work so they can contribute to their upkeep and gain valuable job skills.

If successful, it would be the largest such program in the nation. Pay will be similar to what prisoners might make on the outside, but some of their earnings will be deducted to help defray the \$2 billion annual cost of feeding and housing California's 98,000 state prisoners.

"Why should law-abiding citizens pay to work and pay taxes to support a free ride for convicted criminals?" said Gov. George Deukmejian, who sponsored the ballot measure approved Nov. 6.

The state prison population has more than quadrupled during Deukmejian's two terms in office.

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## Soldier found dead

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A Tennessee National Guard officer was found dead in his tent in Saudi Arabia of a gunshot wound, military officials said Wednesday.

Li. Col. Joe Hancock, 49, died Tuesday night, said Maj. Gen. Carl D. Wallace, the Tennessee guard's adjacent general.

A Pentagon spokesman said no foul play was suspected and the death was under investigation.

Neither Wallace nor the Pentagon would provide details.

Hancock, from Nashville, commanded a unit that coordinates security, communications and other activities.

"We're all very shocked and very distraught," said Julia Dyer, Hancock's sister-in-law.

Hancock left Sept. 16 for Saudi Arabia as part of Operation Desert Shield, the military buildup in response to Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait.

"He has served in the Tennessee Army National Guard for a number of years and we are saddened by his untimely death," Wallace said.

The Pentagon spokesman, Army Lt. Col. Terence Mehan, said Hancock was the 32nd person to die during Operation Desert Shield. Three were from natural causes, one was a suicide and 47 were accidental.

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## Iran leader champions looser sexual attitudes

By ANWAR FARUQI  
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Eleven years after the Islamic revolution forced women under veils and banned social contact between the sexes, President Hashemi Rafsanjani is championing a freer attitude toward sex and social interaction.

"We imagine that it is good if we suppress ourselves, endure frustration, and be patient in our sexual desires. This is incorrect. It is wrong," Rafsanjani said last week at Friday Prayers, an important forum for political statements.

"God has created certain needs in the human being, and he does not want them left unanswered," he said, addressing thousands of worshippers at Tehran University and millions of his countrymen listening on radio.

The efforts are part of a broad political and social liberalization Rafsanjani has pressed, despite sharp opposition, since Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini died in June 1989.

Rafsanjani's moves have ranged from such major policy steps as encouraging private businesses and expanding ties with Western countries to permitting more contemporary music and even making television more lively.

"Why is it improper for a lady to marry twice in her lifetime? Or to have a temporary relationship — a

temporary marriage — with someone else?," Rafsanjani said in his sermon.

"Sigh" or temporary marriage, according to Shiite Islam — the branch of Islam in Iran — can be verbally contracted between two consenting adults. They take a temporary "vow" before engaging in sex.

Attempting to make the idea of "sigh" as loose as possible, Rafsanjani said in his sermon that some people imagine that for a temporary marriage we have to find a turbaned man (cleric), Rafsanjani said.

"None of this is necessary," he said. "They can make a contract for themselves, if they want to be together for a month or two."

It wasn't clear whether Rafsanjani's comments Friday would quickly lead to a liberalization of popular attitudes toward sex. Social and moral codes are often interpreted differently from city to city, and some religious and government leaders still hew to Khomeini's ascetic line.

Under Khomeini, Iran's 55 million people endured a rigidly enforced Islamic social and religious code that outlawed even pre-teen boys and girls from sitting together in classrooms.

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## Soviets flooded with food aid

By LAURINDA KEYS  
The Associated Press

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Israeli fruit, German sausages, Italian cheese and American medical supplies are among the products arriving in the Soviet Union as part of a worldwide private effort to ease winter shortages.

While the governments of the United States, Sweden and other countries have no formal plans to do so, private groups and individuals are rallying to rush food to the Soviets.

Relief organizations have chartered planes, used Aeroflot flights and organized truck convoys to get past the vast country's transportation bottlenecks. Several organizations have sent staff members to ensure that food and medicine reach their destinations.

The Soviet government, which blames food problems on the collapse of its central distribution system, has not officially asked for the food. But the chronic shortages have worsened dramatically this winter.

Consumers must wait long lines — often for as long as three hours — for basics such as butter. Sometimes, pushing and shoving breaks out over a scarce item.

The country doesn't have enough rail cars or refrigerated trucks to transport food from the fields to markets, nor are there sufficient storage facilities. There has been widespread theft and diversion to the black market.

The European Community has drafted an aid package, to be adopted next week, providing about \$2 billion in food and transportation over two years.

Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, meanwhile, has made deals involving loans and export credits to buy basic foods for consumer products to fill empty store shelves.

But individuals and private organizations have gone ahead on their own to help out. They've helped and pensioners, including Tore Waeraas, a Norwegian

slaughterhouse owner, is driving a truck carrying three tons of sausages to the Soviet city of Marmansk.

"I'm a bit suspicious of the mafia in Marmansk. But people from the church have promised to help us so that it will be families with children who get the Christmas gift," he said.

The first aid to reach Moscow — a planload of food from German charities — arrived on Nov. 29. Trucks met the Aeroflot flight and took 25,000 packages of flour, sugar, sausage and lard to children's hospitals and orphanages.

The German Red Cross and the Caritas organization sent convoys of trucks, vans and buses stuffed with food packages last week. More caravans are planned later this month.

And Soviet soldiers on Wednesday unloaded an emergency 10-ton shipment of Israeli watermelons, tomatoes and oranges that Israeli leaders said were a gesture of thanks for allowing thousands of Soviet Jews to emigrate.

The Connecticut-based relief group AmeriCares sent 4,000 tons of powdered protein drink, aspirin and antibiotics Dec. 1 for orphanages and children's hospitals. The aid, collected from companies and individuals, was the first private American aid flight into the Soviet Union, said spokesman Dwain Schenk.

"Our State Department says they don't see a real famine problem and shortage. But the fact is a lot of people over there are suffering," Schenk said.

On Thursday, Israel's quasi-governmental Jewish Agency was to send 15 tons of powdered milk to children's hospitals in Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev, said Yehuda Weiraub, an agency spokesman.

In London, British children began a campaign Wednesday to collect food for Soviet youngsters. Organizations urged every British school child to donate a can of food and each British school to send at least one parcel.



WOMAN DIES IN HEAVY SEAS — Rescuers at Plum Island, Mass., try in vain to save 48-year-old Sandra Cook, who apparently walked voluntarily into the heavy seas. Her body was later found about five miles away.

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# OPINION

## The message of Christmas

God comes into our lives at Christmas in many different ways. Sometimes he comes in a Santa Claus suit....

Charles Howard was a department store Santa in Kansas City who used to visit children in the hospital at Christmas after closing hours at the store.

One year, during the week before Christmas, he went in to see Nancy, an emaciated polio victim who was being kept alive by motors and gauges. Before Howard entered the hospital room, the nurses told him it might be her last Christmas.

When Nancy saw him, dressed in his Santa Claus suit, her eyes seemed to speak and her pain-wracked body quivered with excitement.

"She wants to kiss you, Santa," said her mother who read Nancy's lips. Howard leaned down and felt Nancy's one good arm around his neck.

"I wasn't worth a darn after that," he said. Before he left, Nancy gave him three sticks of candy for his reindeer.

"That night Howard couldn't sleep. The next morning he wrote Nancy a letter. He told her how wonderful it had been to see her and how his excited reindeer made him divide those three pieces of candy so that each of them could have a piece."

"When I tucked Nancy in bed," wrote Howard, "he had his piece under his pillow."

Two days after he wrote the letter, a nurse called on Howard at the department store. From the man in the Santa suit, she read his letter, she said, a change had come over her.

"I think she is going to get well," said the nurse. A year later, from his Santa's throne in the department store, Howard saw a little girl in braces running to him. It was Nancy.

"But you can't say," he said.

Sometimes God comes into our lives through the love of other people....

Rebecca Smathers was a high-school freshman in Waco, Texas, active in sports and dramas. One day she noticed that it was difficult for her to walk. A short time later her limbs became numb.

Doctors diagnosed her condition as a rare disease that causes muscle paralysis in the motor functions of the body. She had to be hospitalized.

"The disease was spreading and I could no longer sit upright in bed," she says in telling her story in the United Methodist Reporter. "But my spirits were strengthened through the love of my family and friends. Each day I received phone calls, letters, cards and flowers."

Later there was some improvement in Rebecca's condition but her doctor told her "she couldn't be sure I would ever fully recover and I could not expect too much. Rebecca was not dismayed."

"I discovered the Lord answers prayers by giving us family and friends," she wrote. "He gave me a family who stroked my hair and sat next to me at night and day while I lay motionless in bed. He gave me friends who told me, 'You will get better because I am praying for you.'"

This Christmas Rebecca, now a junior in high school, is once again dancing, walking and running. She has recovered 100 percent and doing things her doctor told her she would never be able to do again.

"The power of love—the love of family and friends and people I didn't expect—couldn't be more evident in my life today," says Rebecca.

God's love for mankind—the message of Christmas—is expressed in many ways—in the eternal promise of a child, in angel wings come to carry us when we walk with leaden feet, in the bright shining of a star on the unlighted path below.

These all appeared unexpected on a silent night long ago. They still appear in unexpected places, at unexpected times, in our world, as dark as that one, as they appeared unexpected to Nancy and Rebecca

## Open Forum

### Principal does good job

**To the Editor:**  
As a parent and someone who has known Mr. Joseph Fleming, principal of Bolton High School, both personally and professionally for ten years, I find the "Neglected Taxpayer" representative Michael Plocharczyk's allegations that Mr. Fleming has "poor control of discipline" and "should be replaced," to be utterly laughable.

His statement only fuels my suspicions that the real goal of TNT and its representatives is not to reduce the tax burden in Bolton but to close Bolton High School.

In order to "reduce the burden of taxpayers" TNT representatives that far have run a vigorous campaign to defeat the educational budget needed to run the school system, attempted meetings in Columbia to defen efforts to have Columbia students attend Bolton High School on a tuition basis, and now this latest allegation.

To say that Mr. Fleming has "poor control of discipline" is extremely far-fetched. Anyone who knows Mr. Fleming knows that discipline at Bolton High School is handled on a firm, fair and consistent basis. I can only view this allegation as another attempt by TNT to divert attention from its actions in Columbia and to close Bolton High School.

If TNT members truly want to ease our tax burden, why are they attacking one of the few good services Bolton offers? It is our strong educational reputation that attracts outsiders to Bolton in the first place. It seems that TNT should be looking into innovative ways to increase our tax base instead of trying to destroy and institution which has been a source of pride for parents, students, alumni and many residents of Bolton.

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## Did U.S. rip off Japan?

Visualize a corporate outrage: An American corporation announces that it will pay \$7 billion of green American money to Japanese shareholders, to buy a Japanese company, at inflated share prices. The American company will invest additional billions, and act to pay high sums to Japanese citizens, to write, direct, produce and act in Japanese movies. Those Japanese movies, in turn, will be exhibited globally, to the greater glory of Japan.

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Many Americans would say it's an outrage. Unions would demand that the American company invest in America, creating American jobs. Liberal economic historians would declaim that America was in decline. Movie-makers would go ballistic, announcing deep pain about corporate treachery.

Of course, it didn't happen that way. It was the other way around. A Japanese company (Matsushita) bought an American company (MCA, which owns Universal Studios, from whence came "E.T." and "Jaws").

But there is no applause for what seems to be a daring "takeover" bid. We hear reverse-outrage. It's outrageous, we are told, because those Japanese will dilute the nature of American movies. Those Japanese, we are told, are only interested in tawdry, bottom-line, block-buster, internationally oriented, Schwarzeneggerian, Ramboian films. That means that indigenous American cinematic artists, so subtle and poignant,

cries of recent years, including two that occurred in Central Park—the gang rape of a female jogger and a young couple's passionate embrace that degenerated into a slaying and became known as the "Preppie Murder."

Other topics include child molestation in a day care center, the homosexual proclivities of actor Rock Hudson, the catastrophic explosion aboard a spacecraft and the saga of a depressed New York man who abused both his child (who eventually died) and wife.

No subject is too lurid or tasteless for those offerings. Indeed, the journalistic scavengers who produce them appear to revel in excess and exploitation.

The three leading networks' evening news programs still adhere to relatively high standards—but only one step away fallings, it carefully avoids lampooning the network-produced and syndicated national "news" programs that have debased television journalism, which has been a source of pride for parents, students, alumni and many residents of Bolton.

Among them are regularly scheduled "infotainment" shows that rely heavily upon re-creation, re-enactment and simulation. In this category are programs such as "A Current Affair," "America's Most Wanted," "Unsolved Mysteries," "The Reporters" and "Rescue 911."

In addition, the three major networks routinely offer special "docudramas" that recklessly mix fact with fiction, preventing even careful viewers from discerning what is real and what is fiction.

Among the favorite subjects of these programs are New York's most grisly

## TV parodies its newscasts

**WASHINGTON**—One television network has belatedly and publicly acknowledged the fundamentally flimsy and fatuous nature of the medium's news programming. Unfortunately, that admission comes in the form of an entertainment offering.

"Television news is like sausage. People who love it shouldn't see it being made," says Liz McVay, the executive producer for news at a fictional but strikingly realistic broadcast operation whose travels are portrayed on a biting new CBS program called "WJOL."

On another occasion, McVay's boss at the station tells her: "I like executive producer for news at a fictional but strikingly realistic broadcast operation whose travels are portrayed on a biting new CBS program called 'WJOL.'"

The program, one of the better new offerings of the current season, provides a surprisingly honest view of television news' operation whose consuming quest for higher ratings invariably produces not improved journalism but enhanced pandering to viewers' worst tastes.

White "WJOL" is merciless in its parody of a local station's fables and fallings, it carefully avoids lampooning the network-produced and syndicated national "news" programs that have debased television journalism, which has been a source of pride for parents, students, alumni and many residents of Bolton.

Among them are regularly scheduled "infotainment" shows that rely heavily upon re-creation, re-enactment and simulation. In this category are programs such as "A Current Affair," "America's Most Wanted," "Unsolved Mysteries," "The Reporters" and "Rescue 911."

In addition, the three major networks routinely offer special "docudramas" that recklessly mix fact with fiction, preventing even careful viewers from discerning what is real and what is fiction.

Among the favorite subjects of these programs are New York's most grisly

## Time for water embargo?

By JACK ANDERSON and DALE VAN ATTA

**WASHINGTON**—The embargo against Iraq may be pinching the man on the street, but it has done nothing to alter the resolve of Saddam Hussein. That has some desperate strategists proposing a more convincing embargo—cutting off freshwater supplies to Iraq.

It would be foolish but not impossible, Iraq reportedly relies on the Tigris and Euphrates rivers for 95 percent of its agricultural and industrial water and 85 percent of its drinking water. Both rivers have their headwaters in Turkey—a faithful ally of the United States.

Three new dam projects and irrigation projects on the Euphrates—among them the new Ataturk Dam—will add six more to the Tigris. Turkey is in a position to dry up much of Iraq. Without water, time would be working against Iraq and before long Saddam would have to come to the negotiating table.

The option is possible, but highly volatile. Perhaps nowhere else in the world is water a more scarce, and potentially more explosive, resource. Some experts argue that by 2000 water will be overvalued oil in importance in the Middle East. With that scarcity comes politics. More than one regional leader has in recent years predicted that the next Middle East war will be fought over water.

The Euphrates flows through Syria before it reaches Iraq and has been the source of squabbles since 1975, when Syria cut the flow of water from a new dam on the Euphrates, the dispute over water rights brought Syria and Iraq to the brink of war. Turkey and Syria have also been at odds about the Euphrates in recent years. Charges of countercharges are common between Turkey and Syria, with each accusing the other of plotting to manipulate the water. One such squabble last year culminated with Syrian MIG fighter planes shooting down a Turkish surveillance plane.

Joyce Starr, a Middle East specialist who presides over the Global Water Summit Initiative in Washington, says cutting off the water to Iraq would be "diplomatic suicide." Starr told our associate Dean Boyd that even in the worst crisis in the Middle East, no one has ever used water as a weapon. "Doing so now would set a very serious and dangerous precedent for the future," she said.

For that reason, Starr said, it would be hard to talk Turkey into shutting off the rivers. Not only would Iraq be the villain in the eyes of Saddam, but Syria would not take kindly to losing the Euphrates.

Turkish President Turgut Ozal has been the region's leading voice in resolving water disputes. Next November he will host World Bank, United Nations and regional government officials in the second International Global Water Summit in Istanbul. No matter how loyal he is to the United States, Ozal is unlikely to go down in history as the leader who turned water into a weapon. A spokesman at the Turkish Embassy told us, "We never considered using water as a form of leverage, nor will we in the future."

Robert G. Neumann of the Center for Strategic and International Studies says the idea goes completely overboard. "It would be inhumane... crazy," he told us.

Congressional sources argue, hypothetically, that any water shortage would not hurt Iraq until next summer during the driest months of the year. That is beyond America's "window of opportunity" to wage war before the hotter weather and Islamic religious holidays would hamper an attack.

**Arm's-length friends**  
In the first heavy days of German reunification, there was talk in Austria that maybe it too should become part of the act. But if there are a dozen Austrians who feel that way today, it would surprise European politicians. The election in 1986 of Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, a suspected war criminal, certainly indicated a softness among some Austrians for Nazism and all the old German grudges. But the Austrians now think West Germany has treated East Germany like a poor cousin, and they are afraid of being put in the same category.

Austria's history as a neutral, self-proclaimed republic has made the idea of unity with Germany unthinkable. As one Austrian political scientist told us, "We want the Germans as friends, as partners, not as enemies."

**Mini-editorial**  
The Soviets' current hardship could be seen what American farmers need. When Mikhail Gorbachev comes calling for American grain, the farmers will be ready. The question remains, will Washington be ready to make the deal? It is a deal the farmers desperately need. The latest harvest has left grain supplies high and prices low. With the Soviets as a big buyer, the price would go up, along with the income of strapped farmers.

## BUSINESS

### Proposal seeks restraint on workers comp benefits

**HARTFORD (AP)**—Benefits to injured workers would be limited under a legislative proposal to overhaul the state's workers' compensation system and bring its soaring costs under control.

The proposal was presented Wednesday by legislative staff to the General Assembly's Program Review and Investigations Committee. It also called for a complete restructuring of the workers' compensation commission.

And it suggested stronger enforcement practices against employers and insurers who unfairly delay payments to injured workers.

Currently, some injured workers receive 100 percent or more of their take-home pay. The proposal would reduce the maximum to 80 percent.

While several committee members balked at the idea of limiting benefits, all of them agreed that major administrative changes must be made. In the end, the committee voted to draft all of the proposals in the staff report into bills for consideration during the upcoming legislative session.

The report offered no estimate of what the changes would cost. Employees pay for the cost of running the system through assessments levied by the state.

State Rep. Joseph A. Adamo, D-West Haven and co-chairman of the General Assembly's labor committee, had a mixed reaction to the proposal.

"I think the administrative changes are excellent," said Adamo, whose committee will consider workers' compensation legislation.

"The problem is the reduction of benefits to workers who are really the reason for the law in the first place."

Tamar H. MacDuffy, chief lobbyist for the state AFL-CIO, agreed with Adamo, saying the administrative changes should bring quicker benefits to injured workers.

Bonnie Stewart, a lobbyist for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association, also expressed support for those changes, though she said the staff report would increase the assessments on employers and businesses at a time when they are already hurting

from a weak economy. All sides had criticized the current system during the past year because of high costs or long delays in settling disputed injury claims.

The legislative staff said costs for private and public employers have doubled in five years, leaving over the half-billion dollar mark for all employers in the state in 1989. Some cases take years to settle.

The staff also found that the 13-member commission—which operates on about \$12.5 million a year in assessments from employers—is often unresponsive to the concerns of employers and workers.

The staff also said that overall the commission management is weak, lacks accountability and doesn't have enough staff.

Although John Arcudi, chairman of the commission, expressed doubts about the suggested restructuring, he agreed that additional administrative staff is badly needed to meet the rising number of injury claims. He said the commissioners concentrate on handling claims, not on administrative duties.

### In Brief . . .

**American Telephone & Telegraph Co.** launched a \$90-a-share, \$6 billion cash tender offer for NCR Corp., but NCR said it would fight a takeover unless the phone giant raised the price by \$2.5 billion.

**AT&T** made its direct offer to NCR shareholders Wednesday after a deadline passed for the nation's fifth-largest computer maker to respond to the takeover bid. NCR said it would enter into merger talks with AT&T if the phone company increased its takeover bid to \$125 a share, for a total of about \$8.5 billion.

**Negotiators** involved in 107-nation free trade talks reported failure in efforts to resolve a nasty fight over farm subsidies. Some trade ministers suggested the discussions might break down.

The trade ministers emerged just before midnight Wednesday from a two-hour meeting in which they sought in vain for a compromise position on the expensive subsidies that developed countries pay to their farmers.

If the talks are broken off, even for a brief time, it would put the entire four-year effort at trade reform in jeopardy. Talks were to continue Thursday.

**Ford Motor Co.** is recalling about 110,000 1990 and 1991-model Ford, Mercury and Lincoln cars to see if they were equipped with potentially defective air bags.

Cars involved in Wednesday's recall are 1990 models of the Ford Taurus and Tempo, Mercury Sable and Topaz, and Lincoln Continental along with 1990 and 1991 versions of the Ford Crown Victoria and Mercury Grand Marquis cars.

**Reader's Digest**, a symbol of traditional American values for decades, will compete for a place near Russian hearth next year.

Reader's Digest Association Inc. announced plans Wednesday for a two-year test of a Russian-language edition of its flagship magazine to be published in the Soviet Union beginning in August 1991.



**BUSINESS AS USUAL**—An employee of NCR Corp. waves as he drives his truck from company headquarters in Dayton, Ohio. AT&T is attempting at \$6 billion takeover of the computer firm.

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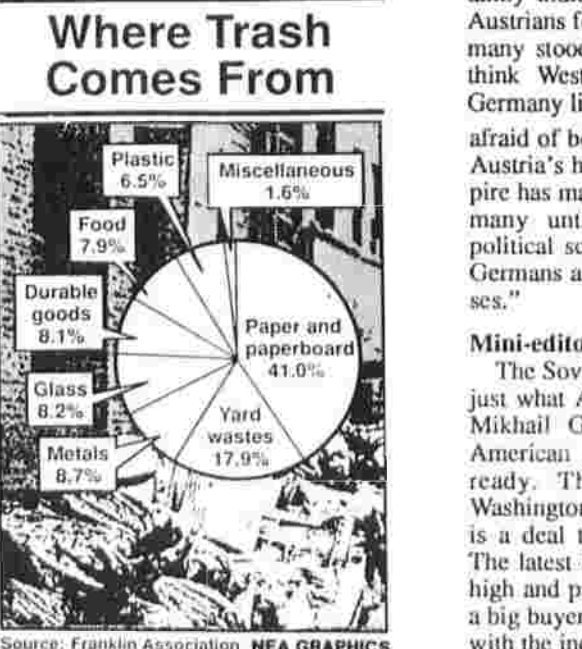
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# Space shuttle computer trouble

By LAURA TOLLEY  
The Associated Press

**SPACE CENTER, Houston** — Columbia's astronauts today lost the only working computer terminal for operating their \$150 million observatory, once again shutting down their star-gazing efforts.

In the latest glitch on a problem-prone scientific mission, the flight deck computer overheated and shut down automatically this morning.

The same thing happened Sunday with the only other similar terminal. It has remained off since then.

Although the crew smelled something burning each time, no smoke was reported in the cabin. There was no danger to the crew, but their observing was halted by the second computer shutdown.

"This is certainly going to hurt us for a while," said NASA flight director Bob Castele.

The telescope lenses were covered for protection as ground controllers tried to get either of the problem computer terminals working. At the same time, they quickly developed a plan to operate the instruments from the ground.

At least one of the computer terminals is needed for the mission to be successful in directing the telescope to operate the Astro observatory's three ultraviolet telescopes. Castele said it was not immediately known why the second computer overheated.

Columbia's commander, Vance Brand, said computer screens, unrelated to the malfunctioning ones that guide the ultraviolet telescopes, still were working well. The observatory's star tracking system also appeared to be fine, and the crew planned to use it with commands sent from the ground while efforts continued to restore a computer.

NASA hoped to resume observations with help from the ground by this afternoon. It was expected to be a slow process, at least initially.

"When we first start up, we're going to be slower than the crew simply because we haven't trained or practiced it anywhere near the way they have," Castele said.

It was the latest setback in a flight that has already been plagued by technical problems. As a result, the crew's astronauts have missed roughly half the celestial targets they had hoped to observe by the end of the mission.

Earlier, during the instrument failures of the automatic pointing system, the astronauts wiggled a video-game-like joystick and used a computer keyboard — the one that has since malfunctioned — to position the telescopes manually, and got more proficient at aiming the observatory, NASA said.

## Reaction

of Army 2nd Lt. Mark Keith, another local man employed in Operation Desert Shield, expressed similar doubts about Saddam's gesture.

"I pray that he [Saddam] is honest, but I don't believe him," Keith said. "But, anything is something for these boys."

"If there's a war, it's going to be a horrible war," she said.

A statement issued today by congressional Barbara Kennelly echoed that doubt as well.

"Whatever the reason, this is obviously wonderful news for the hostages and their families," Kennelly said. "I only hope Saddam will live up to his word and go about releasing them in an expeditious manner."

This is certainly the best sign we have had so far that the situation in the Gulf can be possibly resolved through diplomatic channels," Kennelly added. "However, we still have to be cautious. Saddam must understand that aggression on his part cannot be tolerated in Kuwait."

It also leads one to believe that Hussein realizes the seriousness of the pressure by the multinational forces in the Gulf and that he is reacting positively to President Bush's call for direct talks between the United States and Iraq.

Currently, there are thousands of hostages being held in Iraq and Kuwait, including some 900 Americans.

## O'Neill jibes Bruce

HARTFORD (AP) — Outgoing Gov. William A. O'Neill still has nothing positive to say about the Democrat who edged him out of office, Bruce A. Morrison, and said he believed that he will be succeeded by an independent rather than a Republican.

In an interview with The Advocate of Stamford, O'Neill offered his harshest assessment yet of Morrison's third-place finish in the November election won by Lowell F. Weicker.

"I think the question you have to ask is, 'Was there a candidate out there who could have done a worse job?' Really. When you get 21 percent of the vote, that's pretty bad," O'Neill said.

"People didn't have faith in the him. If you haven't got that, then you can't win."

O'Neill said he has no regrets about not campaigning for Morrison. Doing so, he said, might have helped elect Republican John G. Rowland. And as a Democrat, O'Neill said, he prefers Weicker to Rowland.

"I think Weicker will deal as a professional politician with both parties. He has already mentioned maintaining some of the Democrats in place," O'Neill said. "Do you suppose for a moment that John Rowland would have?"

## Ethics

no evidence that Irish derived any financial gain from his vote to appoint the auditors. Edward Hachadourian said money was paid to the auditors. Edward Hachadourian said money was paid to the auditors.

Hachadourian said he was persuaded by Lander's statement that he had had so far that the situation in the town attorney and refrained from voting on a landfill matter because she saw the possibility of an appointment of conflict; and at another time, in July, she voted on a related matter after concluding that the vote could not have an effect on her husband's business.

At the outset of the meeting, Casano said he and the question not out of personal animosity but to clarify the policy.

The Charter Revision Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. today in the hearing room of Lincoln Center. It is considering a number of charter questions including clearer definition of conflicts of interest.

## Hostages

gulf scheduled in Washington and Baghdad for later this month.

White House press spokesman Marvin Fitzwater said the announcement was "a hopeful sign."

"If it's true, we'll do what is necessary to get our people out of there," Fitzwater said in a statement.

Baker, however, said on Wednesday that he would only restore Iraq to the UN resolution unless Iraq unconditionally withdraws from Kuwait.

A senior U.S. official said today that the U.S. Security Council was considering a draft resolution that would have the council members consider "carrying out an appropriate time" a "properly structured peace conference to advance a Middle East peace settlement." However, the White House today denied that the United States was holding a summit to discuss the crisis with neighboring Kuwait.

Prices fell \$3 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange on Wednesday.

Oil prices fell about \$2 a barrel in frantic trading today in London after the announcement, North Sea Brent Blend, the most widely traded international crude oil, fell to \$25.60 a barrel for January delivery. It was the lowest level since August, when Iraq began the crisis by invading neighboring Kuwait.

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Cable News Network reported that several hostages in Baghdad joyously greeted the news. In London, several hostage relatives also were jubilant.

"I'm over the moon. It's what we've prayed and prayed for," said Linda Grant, a relative of a detained British Airways employee who was held in Baghdad.

"I have been in tears all morning since I heard the news. I just hope it is true," said Linda Grant, a relative of a detained British Airways employee who was held in Baghdad.

Diplomats in Baghdad said today that Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz would meet with Bush on Dec. 17 in Washington. Iraq has accepted

## Parks and Rec Dept. schedule

MANCHESTER — The following are some of the programs, trips, and special events being offered by the Manchester Parks and Recreation Department. For more information on programs, recreation facilities, or parks areas, please call the department at 647-3084/2089.

**Santa Claus Comes to Center Springs Park** — Santa Claus will be at the Parks and Recreation Lodge Building located in Center Springs Park on the following days: Today and Friday from 5-8 p.m., December 8 from 10-4 p.m. and December 9 from 12-4 p.m. There will be refreshments, a Secret Santa's Gift Shop, daily drawings, and on Saturday only, there will be a Petting Zoo for the children. Photo's will be available for \$4 each. There is no better setting to see Santa Claus. This event is sponsored by the Manchester Junior Women's Club and the Manchester Parks and Recreation Department with the assistance of Debbie's Deli, D's Grooming, 1 Garman Clothier, Fly's Decorating, Floral Expressions, Silver Lane Bowling.

**Winter Program Registration** — Registration is now in progress for the Winter/Spring Program Schedule. Class offerings include: Nike/Tykes Preschool Programs — Parent/Inf Playtime (12 to 24 months), Wed. or Fri., 10:15-11 a.m., \$29. Wee Twos (2 to 3 years), Mon. or Thurs., 10-11 a.m., or 9:30-10:30 a.m., \$39. Terrific Twos (3 to 4 years), Mon. or Thurs., 9:30-10:30 a.m., or 10:45-11:45 a.m., or Fri., 9:15-10:15 a.m., or 10:30-11:30 a.m., \$51. Big Two, Little Three (2 to 3 years), Mon. or Thurs., 6 p.m., (4 to 5 years), 6:45 p.m. (6 to 7 years), 7:30 p.m. (8 to 10 years), \$19. Cheezie Tang Soo Do — Mon. and Thurs., 6-7 p.m. (5-9 years), 7-8 p.m. (10 and older), Adult Programs — Aerobics, Tues. and Thurs., 7-8 p.m., \$40. Water Walking, Mon/Wed. or Tues/Thurs., 4 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., or 5 p.m., \$35. Watercise, Tues. and Thurs., 4:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 4 p.m., \$30. Let's Get Physical and Fit, Tues/Thurs., 6:30-7:30 p.m., \$37. Ceramics, Mon. or Thurs., evenings on Wed., evenings on Thurs., 6-8 p.m., \$35.

One may register at the Parks and Recreation Office located in Center Springs Park, Monday to Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, please call the Department at 647-3089. The complete Winter/Spring Program Schedule will be in the Manchester Herald on Thursday, Jan. 3.

Trips  
Trips do not require a Recreation Membership Card and are open to non-residents. Register at the Parks and Recreation Department located in Center Springs Park. All trips depart from the Mahoney Recreation Center, 110 Cedar Street.

**Atlantic City** — Sunday to Monday, January 20-21. \$86 per person includes deluxe round trip transportation, one night's accommodations at the Diplomat Hotel on the boardwalk, one continental breakfast, and casino houses (two) a.m. departure.

**Las Vegas/NYC** — Saturday, February 23. \$83 for front Orchestra seating (rows A, B, C, D), and deluxe roundtrip motorcoach transportation, \$20 for transportation only, 7:30 a.m. departure.

**Boston on Your Own** — Saturday, March 16. Stops to be made at Quincy Market and the Boston Flower Show. \$20 for transportation only, 7:30 a.m. departure.

**Vacation Day Ski Trips** — Learn to ski this winter! Make it easy and affordable. All trips are open to persons 9 years of age and older. Those 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult, parent, or guardian. Preschoolers (4 to 6) are welcome also. For specific fees, please call us. Ois Ridge — Fri., Dec. 28, 7:30 a.m. departure, \$27 for lift and transportation. Ski Sundown — Mon., Jan. 21, 8 a.m. departure, \$27 for lift and transportation. Butternut Basin — Wed., Feb. 13, 7:30 a.m. departure, \$36 lift and transportation only.

## Paras

to take a just decision to end the travel ban imposed on foreigners and restore to all of them the freedom to travel. We apologize to those who may have been harmed, and from God we seek forgiveness."

Saddam said that when the travel ban was first announced, Iraqi forces "had not completed their mobilization in Kuwait to confront a potential military aggression."

"Any measures that could delay war at the time was appropriate so that we use the opportunity to complete preparations for that possibility."

"We had suggested different timing," for the release of hostages, Saddam said, referring to the previous offer to allow the foreigners to leave in batches over a three-month period starting on Christmas. But, he added, recent overtures have prompted him to "respond to positive changes."

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., member and former chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, welcomed the announcement during an appearance on CBS show "This Morning."

"It seems to me that the hostages are simply in Saddam's way at this point and it would be good to get rid of all of them," Lugar said.

"If he does ... release the hostages, that will make a very positive atmosphere for the talks, and I think would accelerate the so-called negotiating track here. I can't imagine a better step to improve the climate for negotiations," Hamilton said.

## Tree farmers angered by project

Elementary School who are collecting pledges from people vowing that they will either put up artificial or rooted trees over the holiday season.

The project, thought up by Jean Clifford, a sixth-grade teacher at Bowers, was designed to save trees from being cut down.

"I don't want this to be a rebuttal of Mrs. Clifford's program. I just want to tell the real Christmas tree story," Vinsky said.

The tree farmer said that unlike the petroleum that goes into making artificial trees, real trees are a renewable resource because they can be replanted something which is very professional tree growers do.

"Christmas trees should be thought of as an agricultural product, such as corn," Vinsky said, noting that after the holiday season, dead trees can be turned into mulch so they can decompose and refurbish the soil.

But Clifford defended her stance, from being cut down.

"I'm not certain we'll fulfill their purpose again — which is producing oxygen," she said adding that her plans will go on unchanged despite receiving letters and phone calls from Vinsky and others upset over her teachings.

"Vinsky said that young trees produce the most oxygen, so that by regrowing them he is adding to the oxygen level. Fully-grown

As for rooted trees, Vinsky said they are a good option, but many people do not know how to properly care for them over the winter and they are apt to die.

Clifford said she was expecting the criticism.

"We [as a class] talked about how thoughts would affect Christmas tree growers beforehand," the social studies teacher said.

## EPA citing two companies

BOLTON — Two local companies have been cited by the Environmental Protection Agency for failing to comply with federal asbestos notification requirements for building demolition projects.

The EPA says that without notifying the proper officials, Fiano-Fiorini and Bolton Art Barber Excavation Inc. of Ellington tore down a section of the El Camino Plaza on the Tolland Turnpike in Vernon that burned during a fire earlier this year.

Gretchen Ekstrom, an environmental engineer with the EPA's Bolton office, said there was more than 10,000 square feet of asbestos in the building at the time of the demolition. Most of the asbestos was used for roofing materials and wallboard and ceiling tiles.

Asbestos is a fibrous material that was used extensively as a fire retardant. It has been found to be a cancer-causing agent with no known safe levels of exposure.

The El Camino Plaza is owned by Lois Fiano and Robert Pasterson of Bolton. Art Barber Excavation Inc. of Ellington was the contractor hired to do the demolition work. Attempis

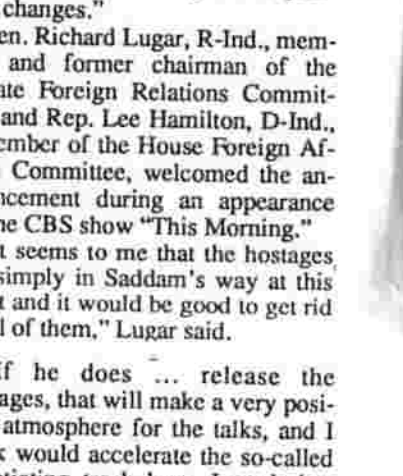
The EPA must be notified in advance of any demolition work, regardless of whether asbestos is present, Ekstrom said. The EPA also has strict laws concerning the removal of asbestos from old buildings, regardless of how small the amount. Further, the EPA requires a licensed contractor to remove and dispose of the material.

Ekstrom said that demolition costs can be "significantly reduced" if asbestos is not removed from a building prior to its destruction. However she said that all demolition contractors should know that they have to contact the EPA prior to beginning any demolition work.

Ekstrom said that the EPA found out about the demolition because of a Sept. 4 tip from an anonymous source. The same person also informed the state Department of Health and Human Services who started the demolition until all the asbestos was removed from the site. The demolition work has since been completed.

The companies face a fine of up to \$25,000 per day per violation for the demolition. Ekstrom said the EPA is looking into possible penalties as its investigation continues.

## RIDING THE WAVES



SCOTT BRADSHAW

Josh LeBourion, a fifth-grader at Martin Elementary School, surfs down a slide in the school's playground during recess recently, while schoolmate Larry Bean awaits his turn.

## About Town

**MCC sponsoring trip**  
Manchester Community College is sponsoring a 15-day trip to Italy and Sicily from May 23 to 38. The trip will be guided by John Stevens, professor of fine arts at MCC.

The trip will include stops in Milan, Siena, Florence, Rome and Catania. Participants will see the Colosseum, St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel, and other famous landmarks. Reservations are \$2,563 for double occupancy, single supplement, \$350, and includes all flights, daily continental breakfasts, seven meals, daily guided tours, hot hotels and other amenities.

The travel group is limited to 35 persons and the first deposit of \$515 is due Dec. 14. For more information call John Stevens at 647-6219 or Argo's Travel, 872-8136.

**Rossetto receives award**  
Alfred J. Rossetto of 93 Lake St., has received Masonry's high honor, the Pierson Edwards medal in bronze for distinguished Masonic service.

He was presented with the award at a festive dinner on Nov. 30. His Masonic affiliation is in Manchester with Manchester Lodge 734 and Friendship Lodge 145. He also does charitable work for children as a director at the Burns Institute of the Boston Unit of Shriners Hospital for Children.

He has also served in many appointed and elected offices leading up to his election and installation as illustrious potentate of Siphant Temple in 1986.

**Musical at opera house**  
Bells Are Ringing, the Comden and Green and Julie Styne musical which has been receiving phenomenal critical and audience acclaim, runs through Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam. On Dec. 12 before the performance, there will be "A Taste of Goodspeed" offering samples of local restaurants. Remaining performances are Wednesday through Friday evenings at 8 p.m., Saturday at 5 and 9 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 4 p.m.; Wednesday Matinees at 2:30 p.m. For tickets, call 873-8668.

**Julia Child at theatre**  
Please join Julia Child at Long Wharf Theatre on Friday Jan. 3 p.m. Mrs. Child will announce new culinary activities which involve her and several renowned Connecticut-based chefs. She will announce plans for future public appearances at Long Wharf Theatre.

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# STATE IN CONNECTICUT

### Remodeling contractor investigated

**SOUTHINGTON** — The state is investigating a Southington construction company to see if it violated consumer protection laws by transferring unframed home improvement contracts to a new company created by former employees.  
County Wide Construction Co. transferred the contracts to Summit Construction Services Inc., which was created in October by a group of former employees who bought County Wide's aluminum, remodeling and window replacement divisions.  
County Wide is one of several companies owned by members of a religious organization headed by Julius Schacknow, known among his followers as Brother Julius. Schacknow, who has said he is God, was accused by former followers in the mid-1980s of financial and sexual exploitation.

The transfer of the contracts was supposed to be contingent on customers' approval. However, seven customers who refused to have their contracts transferred complained they could not get their deposits refunded.

"This is the first time we have heard of something like this," said Tim West, director of the fraud division of the state Department of Consumer Protection, which is investigating the complaints.

West said County Wide is cooperating with the investigation into whether the Home Improvement Act or Connecticut's Unfair Trade Practices Act was violated.

### MPs scheduled to ship out

**NEW HAVEN** — A military police company from New Haven will leave Friday for Saudi Arabia, making it the first unit of Connecticut soldiers to be deployed as part of Operation Desert Shield.

The 344th Military Police Co., part of the Army's 16th Reserve Division, was activated on Nov. 14 and has been training since Nov. 18 at Fort Meade in Maryland.

It was the first unit from Connecticut called up for duty in the Persian Gulf.

The 141 members of the 344th will leave for their overseas assignment from Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington, D.C., said Capt. A. Peter Andersen, a spokesman for the division's 16th Reserve Division, which is based at Fort Meade.

The 344th is trained to escort enemy prisoners.

Connecticut residents make up the majority of the 344th. The unit also has members from all the New England states, Pennsylvania and New York.

### No charges for UConn students

**STORRS** — The University of Connecticut students arrested at a rowdy off-campus party at a Hartford hotel are unlikely to face disciplinary action at the school, officials said.

"Their arrest is a matter between them and city police," said Carmen Vance, assistant vice president for student affairs.

She said the students are unlikely to be called up for disciplinary proceedings under the university's student conduct code because it doesn't generally cover events off campus.

In general, campus organizations are on their own when they arrange events off campus, she said.

"The university's liability doesn't extend off campus," Vance said. "Organizations stand alone in their assumption of risk when they hold these events off campus."

Fourteen students were arrested Thursday when officials at the J.P. Morgan hotel shut down the party sponsored by three university dormitories. They were charged with violations ranging from breach of peace to hindering prosecution.

Many students arrived by bus drunk, according to hotel spokesmen and the Hartford police who were called to the hotel.

Vance said she has been meeting with student representatives of the three residence halls to scrutinize the planning process they went through, but only "to see what seemed to go wrong so they can do a better job next time."

### Firm pleads guilty to EPA lying

**BRIDGEPORT** — An environmental testing laboratory pleaded guilty Wednesday to making false statements to the federal Environmental Protection Agency, federal authorities said.  
YWC, Inc., a Monroe-based subsidiary of SRK Holding Inc., was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500,000, said U.S. Attorney Stanley A. Twardy Jr.

The guilty plea was the first criminal conviction of an environmental testing lab under a nationwide investigation of fraud and abuse by participants in the EPA's Contract Laboratory Program, Twardy said. EPA is responsible for administering the national environmental clean-up program under the Superfund law. As part of the Superfund program, EPA contracted private laboratories to test samples of materials taken from Superfund sites.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph W. Martini said YWC, through its York Laboratories Division, tested water and soil samples for the EPA, but did not conform to the stringent analysis and reporting requirements contained in the EPA contract.

Specifically, York was supposed to analyze water and soil samples within a certain time period and receive \$1,000 for each sample analyzed.

### Day-care owner is charged

**WEST HARTFORD** — State health officials have shut down a well-established day-care center, charging that the owner slapped and kicked children and twice force-fed a boy until he vomited.

The state Department of Health Services on Wednesday closed Hildegard's Day Care Center-Nursery School, bringing a total of 10 charges against the owner for physical abuse of children.

Hildegard B. Krallis, of West Hartford, who has operated the day-care center for 28 years, denied the charges and said she would hire an attorney to fight the state's effort to close her center permanently.

"I haven't done a damned thing," said Krallis, who added that she has worked with children in Germany and the United States.

Wednesday's summary suspension of the center's license is the most drastic action the state can take against a center and is used rarely, when officials believe children are in imminent danger, state day-care licensing supervisor J. Wesley Bell said.

Parents of the 20 children at the center were told of the action as they arrived Wednesday afternoon to pick up their children, and many expressed shock at the news.

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## Area governors meet in Hartford

By JUDY EVERHART  
The Associated Press  
**HARTFORD (AP)** — The New England Governors' Conference, wrapping up a two-day meeting, hopes to find a way to turn around the region's faltering economy.  
Four of the six governors won't be around, however, to try to get things moving.  
Connecticut Gov. William A. O'Neill, Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis, Rhode Island Gov. Edward D. DiPrete and Vermont Gov. Madeline S. Kunin are all leaving office in January.  
O'Neill, hosting his final conference as chairman, believes the recommendations of a conference

economic task force could serve as a turning point for the region.  
Although the conference focused chiefly on the economy, talks were also planned on drugs, the environment, energy and health care.  
O'Neill decided not to seek reelection this year after 10 years in office, he being succeeded as chairman by New Hampshire Gov. Judd Gregg, who now serves as vice chairman.  
O'Neill's successor, Gov.-elect Lowell P. Weicker Jr., a former Republican U.S. senator who ran for governor as an independent, attended Wednesday's reception and dinner, but did not plan to attend the working session today. Weicker did plan to have at least one staffer there today, an aide said.  
The only sitting New England governor not expected at all at the conference was John R. McKernan Jr. of Maine. He was busy swearing in his state's legislature.  
The rest were expected at one or more sessions.  
Gov.-elect Bruce Sundlun of Rhode Island and Gov.-elect Richard Snelling of Vermont were also expected at the conference.  
In his report to the conference, O'Neill said the meeting "can mark a turning point in the economic future of New England." The governors were to hear a report from the conference's economic task force that was charged with developing a strategy for reversing the region's

## Court will decide Indian authority

By DENISE LAVOIE  
The Associated Press  
**HARTFORD** — State officials and members of four Indian tribes in Connecticut are looking to the state Supreme Court to determine whose laws apply to the tribes.

The court heard arguments Wednesday in a landmark case that has engulfed a 300-year-old controversy over the rights of the state's Indians. It has also left state officials confused over how to enforce everything from environmental laws to divorce statutes.

"We need a clear ruling from the court as to who has jurisdiction over Indian tribes in this state," said Assistant Attorney General Charles Dodson. "There will be a problem with enforcement on reservations if this is not decided."

The state is asking the Supreme Court to overturn an independent opinion on the case, however, argued that legal disputes within the tribe should be settled by tribal laws, not by the state.

A decision from the Supreme Court is not expected for at least two to three months.

The Appellate Court's ruling effectively gave the Schaghticoke's 400-acre reservation in Kent "Indian country" status. Under federal law, the

designation means that the tribe is a sovereign nation and sets most laws within its own borders, with the exception of those relating to major crimes, which are still controlled by federal laws.

The court granted the Indian country status, even though the Schaghticoke did not specifically ask for it, as part of a 1987 case that grew out of a dispute over timber-cutting between two factions of the tribe.

The ruling touched off a fiery legal debate over what laws apply to the Schaghticoke (pronounced SKAT-i-coke) and three smaller sister Indian tribes.

William R. Breetz, the attorney appointed by the court to represent an independent opinion on the case, argued that the state has sovereignty over the state as an Indian tribe, has sovereignty over its own affairs and should be left to decide disputes within the tribe.

"When they have these internal issues, it seems to me they're best solved internally," Breetz said. "State law says this is an indigenous tribe that's self-governing."

The Schaghticoke tribe has claimed it should have its own set of laws ever since it first settled in northwestern Connecticut in the early 1700s.

## New Haven must raise school funds

**HARTFORD (AP)** — The state Board of Education has ordered financially strapped New Haven to give its school system an additional \$2 million so that minimum per-pupil spending requirements are met.

The decision marks at least the ninth time the state board has found a city or town not in compliance with education funding requirements.

No other municipality has ever been found to have fallen so short, in terms of total dollars, of meeting minimum funding levels, according to Mark A. Stapleton, chief of legal affairs at the state Department of Education. Most of the other cases of underfunding occurred in small towns.

The board's ruling Wednesday was hailed by Schools Superintendent John L. Spillone, who works at the school department, which

has been engaged in an increasingly bitter feud with the administration of Mayor John Daniels.  
The city administration had no immediate response to the ruling.  
Dow said the mayor and committee had, in effect, tried to steal millions of dollars from the children of New Haven.

City officials had maintained that the school system could meet the minimum spending requirements for regular school programming by taking funds out of other accounts not covered by the formula, such as special education.

But the board's decision means city officials can no longer take the position that the city has met its financial obligation to the schools and that redistributing funds is the answer to the shortfall, Stapleton said.

The board's order gives the city 30 days to provide written assurances that it will allocate just over \$2 million in additional funds for the current school year.

The city had appropriated about \$112 million last year, to the school system.

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### About Town

#### Door decorating contest

The deadline for entering Manchester's Decorate Your Door for Christmas contest is 3 p.m. on Tuesday. Decorations must be in the immediate front door area of homes and lit at night. To enter, call Rose Jackson at 647-8400 or 646-8646.

#### VBC group to meet

The December meeting of the Vaginal Birth After Cesarean group (VBC) will be Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. on Sloum Road in Hebron.

The meetings are open to the public and provide support and information to couples who have had a Cesarean birth experience and wish to have natural birth the next time.  
The meetings also include discussion, questions and a sharing time. For more information, call Bea Artz, 228-0366 or Mary Murtha, 429-7445.

#### Holiday camp planned

Coventry children in Grades 1 to 8 are invited to attend a special holiday vacation camp to be held at the Mansfield Middle School, Dec. 26, 27, 28 and 31 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Activities will include creative games, group games, arts and crafts, roller skating, ice skating and swimming. The cost is \$15 per day or \$50 for the week. Pre-registration is required. For schedule information or to register, contact the Coventry Recreation Department at Town Hall, 742-9074. Registrations will also be accepted at the Mansfield Recreation Department.

### Today In History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 6, the 340th day of 1990. There are 25 days left in the year.

**Today's Birthdays:**  
Photographer Alfred Eisenstadt is 92. Jazz musician Dave Brubeck is 70. Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., is 42. Actor Tom Hanks is 37. Comedian Steven Wright is 35.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On Dec. 6, 1889, Jervis Davis, the first and only president of the Confederate States of America, died in New Orleans.

**On this date:**  
In 1790, 200 years ago, Congress moved from New York to Philadelphia.  
In 1854, Army engineers completed construction of the Washington Monument, 36 years after the cornerstone was laid.

In 1917, more than 1,600 people died when two munitions ships collided in the harbor at Halifax, Nova Scotia, setting off an explosion that devastated the city.

In 1921, an Anglo-Irish treaty was signed in London, providing for the creation of the Irish Free State.  
In 1923, a presidential address was broadcast on radio for the first time as President Coolidge spoke to a joint session of Congress.

In 1939, the Cole Porter musical comedy "Do Barre Was a Lady," starring Ethel Merman and Bern Lamb, and featuring the song "Friendship," opened on Broadway.

In 1957, AFL-CIO members voted to expel the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. (The Teamsters were readmitted to the federation in October 1987.)

In 1957, America's first attempt at putting a satellite into orbit blew up on the launch pad at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

In 1969, a concert by The Rolling Stones at the Altamont Speedway in Livermore, Calif., was marred by the deaths of four people, including one stabbed by a "Hell's Angel."

In 1973, House minority leader Gerald R. Ford was sworn in as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew.

In 1988, 11 soldiers and six civilians were killed when a bomb planned by the Irish National Liberation Army exploded in a pub in Ballykelly, Northern Ireland.

In 1988, President Mikhail S. Gorbachev arrived in New York for his second U.S. visit to address the U.N. General Assembly and meet with President Reagan and President-elect Bush.

18 years ago:  
A U.S. presidential commission arrived in El Salvador to investigate whether the military was involved in the slayings of three American nuns and a social worker.

**Lottery**  
Here are Wednesday's lottery results from around New England:  
**Connecticut**  
Daily: 3-5-2. Play Four: 7-7-5-6  
**Massachusetts**  
Daily: 1-9-0-0. Mass Megabucks: 9-20-21-26-29-35  
**Northern New England**  
Pick Three: 1-8-0. Pick Four: 1-2-0-6. Tri-State Megabucks: 8-9-18-23-26-27  
**Rhode Island**  
Daily: 6-9-2-4. Grandlot: 1-3-9. 2-3-2-9. 7-8-3-9-3. 3-3-5-9-7

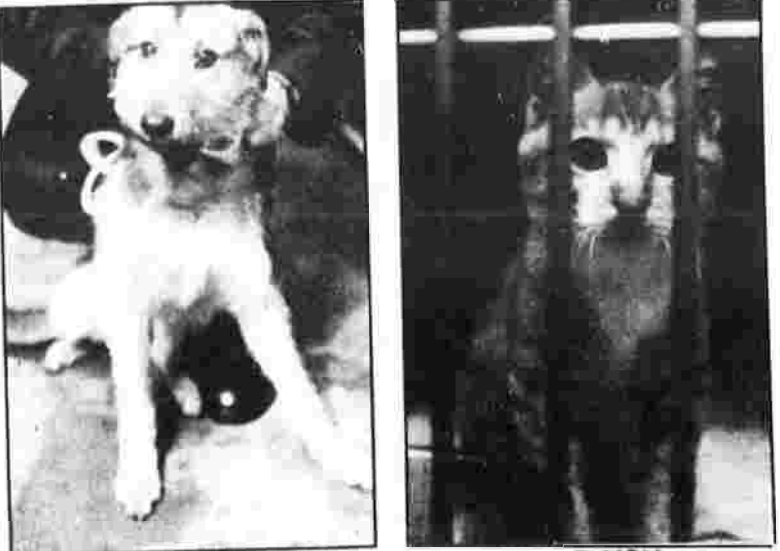
### Weather

**REGIONAL Weather**  
Friday, Dec. 7  
Forecast: Partly to slightly cloudy conditions and high temperatures  
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## Adopt a pet: Angel and Daisy

By BARBARA RICHMOND  
Manchester Herald

Angel, a cute 3-month-old terrier cross, is this week's featured pet at the Manchester Dog Pound. She was just picked up Tuesday morning on Gerard Drive.



ANGEL

DAISY

Angel has a cute terrier face and is black and tan.

Besides Angel, there were three other new dogs at the pound, as of Tuesday. One is a German short-haired pointer. He's about 3 years old and was picked up on Center Street on Dec. 4.

A black and tan male shepherd cross, about 10 years old, was picked up on East Middle Turnpike on Dec. 1. A Husky cross, white and tan, male, was picked up on Farms Drive on Dec. 2. He's about 1 year old.

The Jack Russell terrier, featured in last week's column and was found on Eldridge Street on Nov. 24.

The dog pound is located off Olcott Street near the town's landfill. Dog Warden Thomas Pascarella is at the pound from noon to 1 p.m. There is also someone there from 6 to 9 p.m.

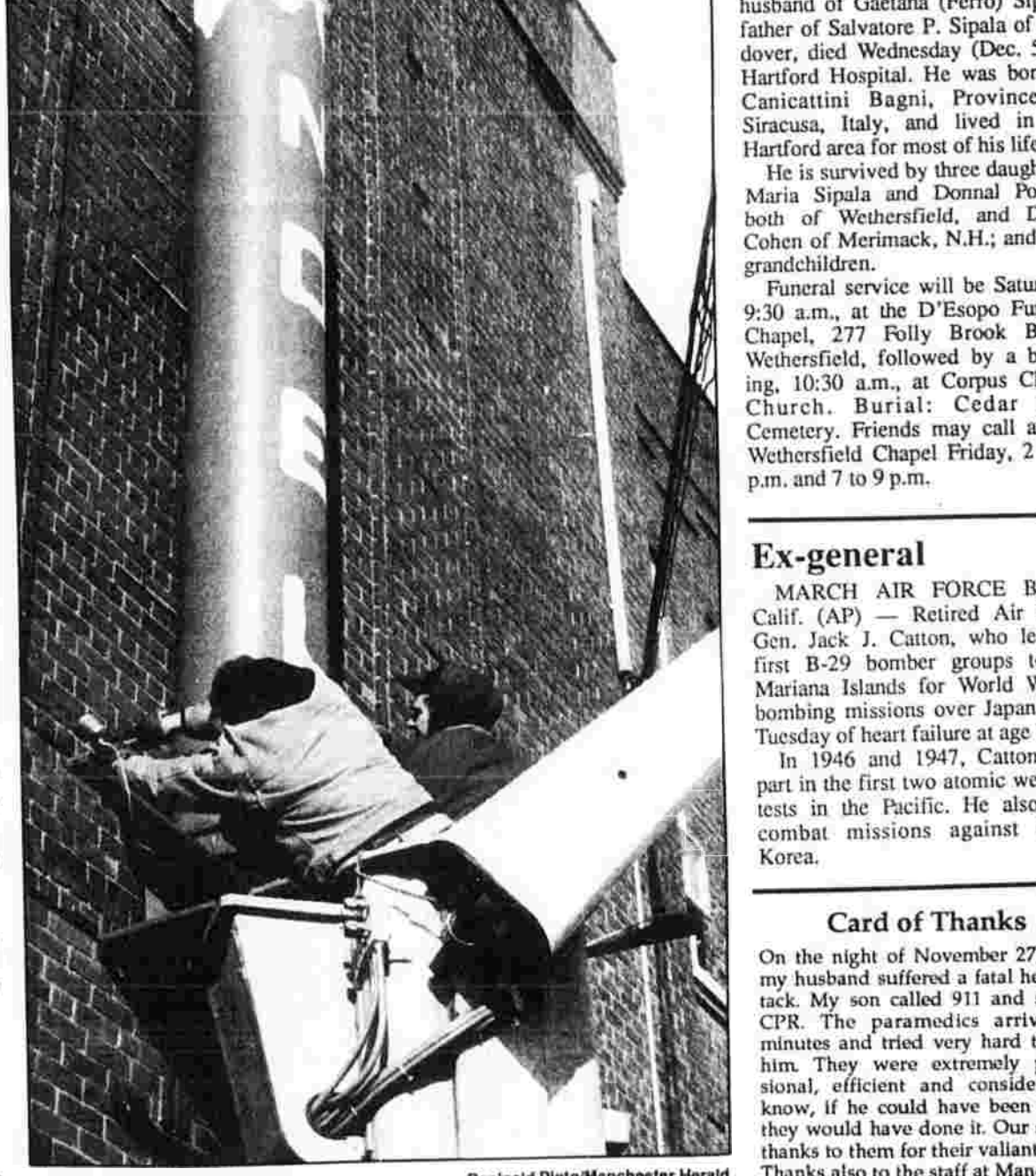
The phone number at the pound is 643-6662. If there is no answer, call the police department at 646-4555.

There is a \$5 fee to adopt a dog and the new owner must have the dog licensed. Before being licensed, it has to have its rabies shot.

Aid to Helpless Animals Inc., a group made up of volunteers, has many cats and kittens in need of good homes. This week's featured cat is a young female named Daisy. She's yellow and white.

All of the cats and kittens put up for adoption are spayed or neutered and given their shots, unless too young when taken. For more information or to help pay veterinary bills and buy food for the many animals taken in, donations should be made to Aid to Helpless Animals Inc., P.O. Box 434, Bloomfield 06002.

For more information or to adopt a cat, call 666-7000, a toll-free number from this area.



CHRISTMAS DECOR — Bill Gould, Fred and Walter Irwin, of the Manchester Town Park Department, work hard to put up a Christmas candle at Lincoln Center.

### Card of Thanks

On the night of November 27, 1990, my husband suffered a fatal heart attack. My son called 911 and started CPR. The paramedics arrived in minutes and tried very hard to save him. They were extremely professional, efficient and considerate. I know, if he could have been saved, they would have done it. Our sincere thanks to them for their valiant effort. Thanks also to the staff at Manchester Memorial Hospital for their help and consideration at a very difficult time.

The Wife and Children  
Owen J. McDonough, Jr.

### Ex-general

**MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, Calif.** (AP) — Retired Air Force Gen. Jack J. Cannon, who led the first B-29 bomber groups to the Mariana Islands for World War II bombing missions over Japan, died Tuesday of heart failure at age 70.

In 1946 and 1947, Cannon took part in the first two atomic weapons tests in the Pacific. He also flew combat missions against North Korea.

## Honor Roll

Honor roll students named  
The following students were named to the honor roll at Bolton High School for the first quarter:  
High honors  
Grade 11: Rebecca Carrier, Anna DeHald, Laurie Klockota, Lucas Morford.  
Grade 12: Amanda Layster, Grace 10: Shireen Deen.  
General Honors  
Grade 12: Adam Baker, Stacy Beyor, Kathryn D'Italia, Peter Della Bella, Sandra Dunston, John Geismund, Nicole Gillum, Jennifer Grant, Eric Hodje, Jonathan Knaiback.

Also: Craig Kilpatrick, Elizabeth Kichin, Scott LaChapelle, Lisa Paay, Bruce Peters, Sujani Reddy, Randall Russo, Paul Sauer, Stephen Schur, Rebecca Whitney, Michele Wida and Susan Wilson.

Grade 11: Rachel Eldredge, Sherry Gangaway, Brayan Levesque, Jonathan Norbit, Sandra Nuss, Rebecca O'thus, Mark Reiss and Jason Tremblay.

Grade 10: Mark Blafkin, Leah Camposo, Julie Cook, Renee Gaudet, Paula Koval, Glen Noller, Samanth Reddy, Benjamin Robinson and Alma Scriggese.

Grade 9: Jennifer Amundsen, Chris Boothroyd, Shawn Boothroyd, Duane Carreiro, Todd Dizen, James Hyland, Brad Koerner, Corey Knott, Alana Kvichak, James Langlo and Christina Lorentzen.

Also: Jody Madore, Matthew Manegga, Jeffrey Neil, Blake Pasplig, Kristie Sanford, Erik Small, Jeffrey Solomon, Gumbert Sprocher, Steven Tooney, Doug Van Hoewyk and Heather Wilson.

## Births

**FERGUSON, Elisabeth Elaine**, daughter of Thomas H. and Elaine Kingsbury Ferguson of 419 N. Main St., was born Nov. 27 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Jerry and Donna Kingsbury of New Bern, N.C., formerly of Coventry. Her paternal grandparents are Thomas and Vivian Ferguson, 75 Frawley Ave., Coventry. She has a brother Tommy, 9 and a sister Marissa, 6.

## Public Meetings

The following meetings are scheduled for today:  
**MANCHESTER**  
Charter Revision Commission, Lincoln Center hearing room, 7:30 p.m.  
**BOLTON**  
Conservation Commission, Herrick Park, 7:30 p.m.  
**COVENTRY**  
Consortium Committee, Town Office Building.  
Special Board of Education, Coventry High School, 7:30 p.m.  
**HEBRON**  
Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.  
Economic Development, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.  
Central Office Committee, Superintendent's office, 7:30 p.m.

## Thoughts

I've noticed how often people use bumper stickers to express some of their basic beliefs and philosophies of life. I have also noticed that many of them are cynical and negative. One of my congregations reported seeing a bumper sticker that said "How much stinking can I do and still get to heaven?" If meant seriously, it expresses an attitude that misses the whole point of life. It is like the story of the man looking to hire a chauffeur to drive his carriage. He tested applicants' attitudes by asking how close to the edge of a cliff they could drive. Unimpressed by the claims of those who said they could drive very close to the edge, he hired the man who said he would stay as far away from the edge as possible. If we really care about representing and helping God here on earth, then we should live with an attitude that seeks more than the lowest passing grade.  
Gary Asperschlager  
The Salvation Army

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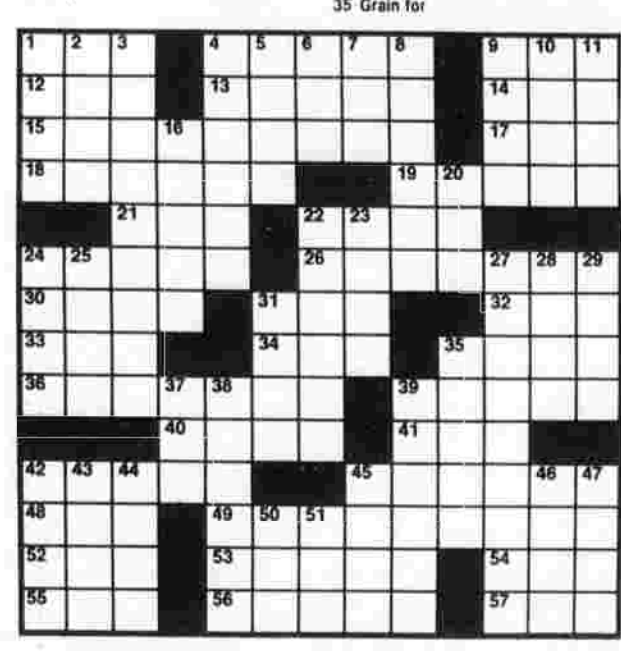
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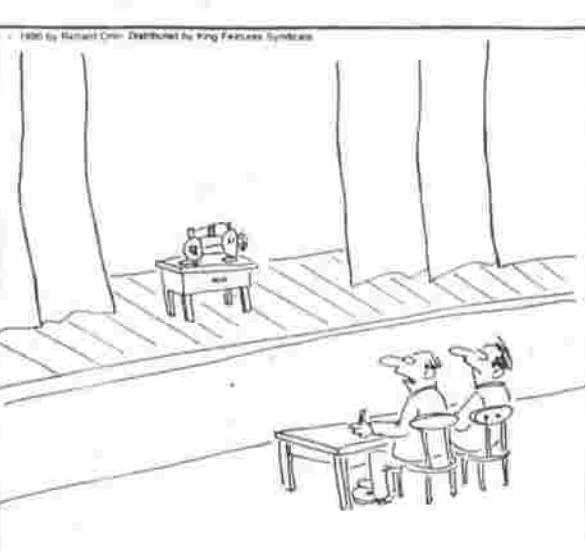
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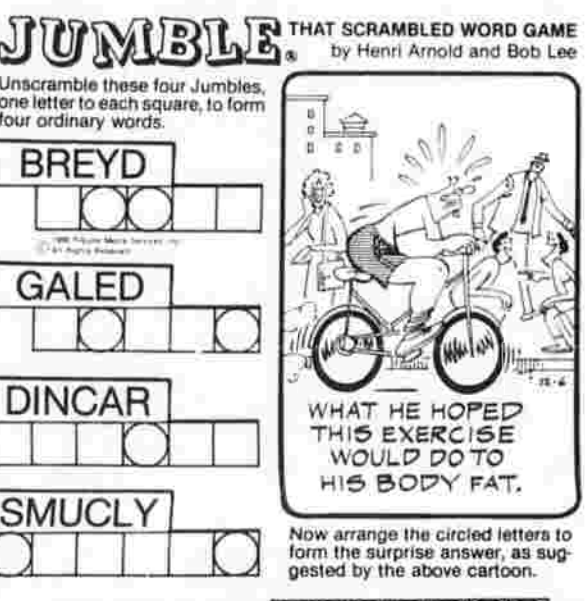
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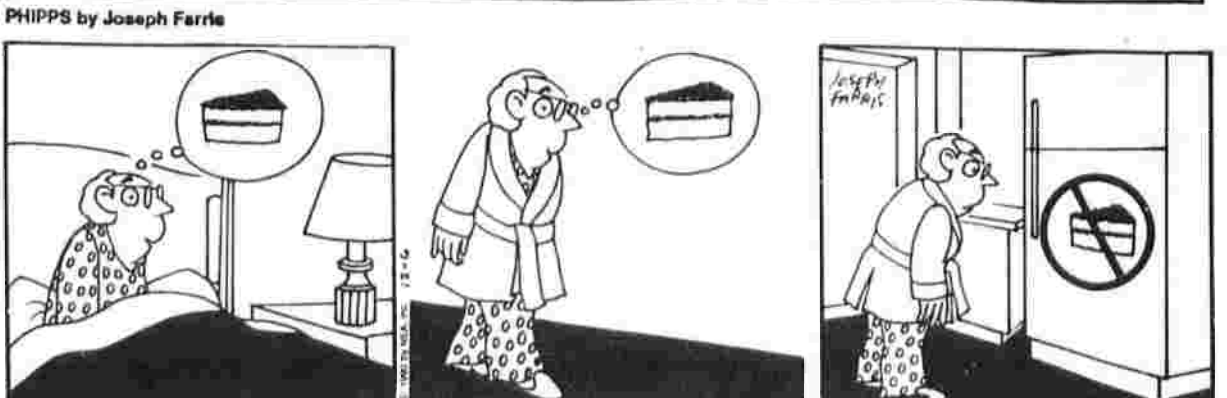
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DISCOVER

Couple uses spiritual power to fuel local business

By DIANNA M. TALBOT
Herald Features Editor

Stones and crystals, known as "worry stones," are the mainstay of the Borkowski's hobby-business, which they founded two years ago and have been expanding ever since. The "Styx" in Myth Styx is the name of an ancient Egyptian river, according to the couple, who have been married and living in Manchester for 15 years.

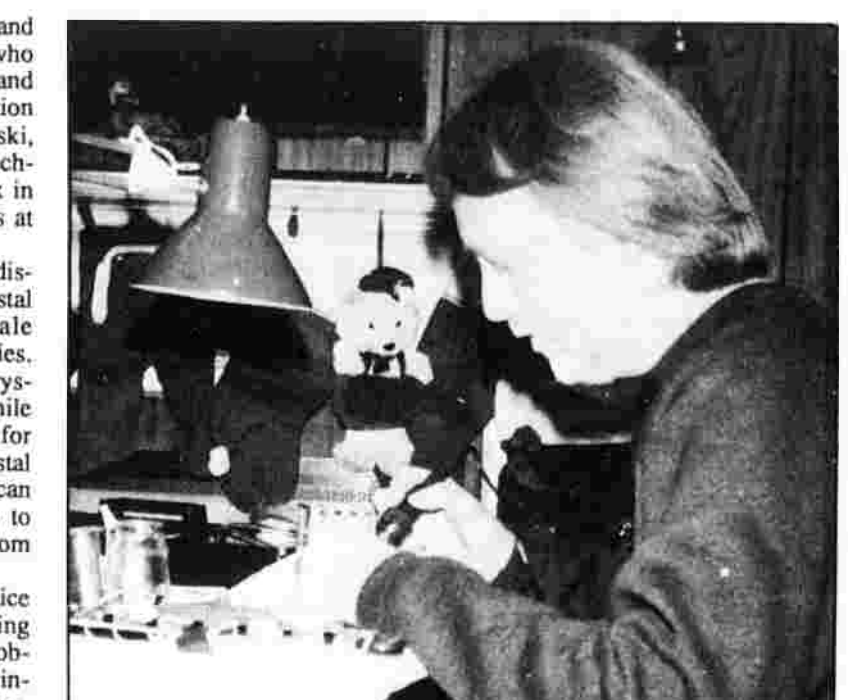


DIANNA M. TALBOT/MANCHESTER HERALD
William Borkowski solders a crystal to a wand he is making in his workshop at home.

This vibration can be used to transmit "energies" that promote positive phenomena, such as healing, peace, wisdom, stress removal, good fortune and protection, he said. Every stone can transmit some of these energies or "powers" to people, he said.

The Borkowskis also practice dowsing, the process of searching for answers to questions in objects, such as water, using a divining rod or other type of pointer, even a pendulum.

For an appointment or more information about Myth Styx, call 646-0191.



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William Borkowski solders a crystal to a wand he is making in his workshop at home. The Borkowskis believe in and practice "white" or good, "magic," said Borkowski. He does this by decoratively soldering crystals to long, thin pieces of blown glass.

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Sequel gets high marks

By LINDA TROMBLEY
Manchester Herald
America's three favorite bachelors are back in a surprisingly well-done sequel, "Three Men and A Little Lady," which recently opened in local movie theaters.

The sequel opens with Sellick, Guttenberg, Danson and Travis continuing in their original roles. Newcomer Robin Weisman has joined them as now-five-year-old "Mary."

Everyone has made compromises, such as the bachelors no longer living dates over. In fact, things seem to be going well for an apartment full of adults trying to raise one child. Unfortunately for everyone involved, things are about to change drastically.

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

Italian operas at UConn
The University of Connecticut Opera Workshop will present a series of Italian opera scenes on Sunday at 3 p.m. in the von der Meulen Recital Hall on the Storrs campus.

Mrs. Claus at YWCA
Mrs. Claus "Cookie Land" will be open for parents and children on Saturday, at the YWCA at 78 North Main St., Manchester from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Vernon chorale
The Vernon Chorale, conducted by Salvatore Cicciarella, will present a holiday concert Sunday at Rockville United Methodist Church, 142 Grove St., Rockville at 7:30 p.m.

Bottles, cans
The Bowers School Playground Committee will be holding a donated bottle and can redemption drive on Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m.

Roast beef dinner
First Congregational Church of Coventry will have a roast beef supper Saturday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall on Main Street.

Santa at 7-Eleven
Christmas dreams and wishes can be shared by Manchester area children with Santa Claus when he visits 7-Eleven stores throughout Connecticut on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Best King movie so far

By SCOTT B. BREDE
Manchester Herald
To put it mildly, "Misery" is by far and away the best Stephen King novel to appear on film to date.

Directed by Rob Reiner, who is responsible for one of the few Stephen King adaptations of worth, "Stand By Me," the movie sprays with suspense.

Reiner has said the movie is an effort to "do-gone" King's book of the same name, but be ready to witness some truly graphic moments of horror.

The film opens with James Caan's character of Paul Sheldon, a best-selling novelist, crashing his car off a snow-covered road.

Kathy Bates gives a brilliant performance of Annie Wilkes, a former-nurse who uses her medical skills to bring Sheldon back to health.

The Herald welcomes reviews of local events, such as plays and concerts, which are written by residents. Please contact Dianna M. Talbot, Herald Features Editor, at 643-2711 (ext. 33) or write to her at the Manchester Herald, 16 Brantford Place, Manchester, CT 06040.

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# FOCUS

## Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

### Put phone lower for emergencies

**DEAR ABBY:** This letter is about an experience that I and several people I know have endured. We are old, and sometimes we fall. I have "mini-strokes" and never know when they will happen. So far, I have been fortunate in that there have been no serious injuries. However, once down, I can't get up without help. I am very independent and prefer to live alone in my own house.

When I come to, I can wiggle and crawl — which is how I got help the last time. My phone is on a low table by my favorite chair. I reached it and dialed 911. They came right out and helped me.

One of my neighbors fell and broke her leg. She did the same thing (her phone is also low). They came and took her to the hospital.

Another woman fell and broke her hip. Even if she could have reached the phone, she couldn't have used it because it was mounted high on a wall. She laid on the floor for 16 hours before anyone came!

My point is this: Anyone who lives alone should have a phone that is low enough to be reached from the floor. We are all in our late 70s, but I'm the only one who had a stroke. The other two just "fell." People can fall at any age!

Most of the people I mention this to say they aren't going to fall. I hope that you can get through to them. God bless you for your concern for others.

PEGGY

**DEAR PEGGY:** To deny that something can go wrong is a common human frailty. (If I don't think about it, it won't happen.) But you make an excellent point, Peggy. People of all ages fall, but older people are more vulnerable. Thanks for a possibly lifesaving letter.

**DEAR ABBY:** Our son, age 32, is marrying a woman who is 23. It's his second marriage and her first, and I know she's planning a big church wedding.

We are reluctant to send invitations to our friends and relatives who attended our son's first wedding and sent lovely gifts.

Would it be proper to enclose a little note with the invitations to those who had already given him one wedding gift saying that no gift is expected?

**PONDERRING PARENTS**  
**DEAR PARENTS:** Please resist enclosing a little note with the wedding invitations. Consider the bride. It's her first wedding, and she shouldn't be deprived of gifts because it's her husband's second trip to the altar.



DICK KLEINER

Q. My sister is getting married soon, and we were looking for some bridal music. We have chosen the theme from the soap opera "The Young and the Restless." Can you please tell me the composer and the name of that theme? —S.R., Nassau, Bahamas

A. That lovely music was the work of an obscure 17th century composer named Johann Pachelbel. Its title: "Canon and Gigue in D."

Q. Help! It's driving me nuts! On the old show "Bewitched," the credits claim that Samantha's cousin, Serena, was played by Pandora Spock. I say it's a cover for Elizabeth Montgomery doing a double role. Mom says it's two different women. Who's buying dinner for who? —J.H., Morgantown, W.Va.

A. I used to be a big fan of "Bewitched," starring Elizabeth Montgomery. Is she still living and, if so, how old is she? —S.R., McCormick, S.C.

A. In West Virginia, Mom buys dinner, because Pandora Spock was a phony name. Both roles were played by Elizabeth Montgomery, in all her considerable glory. In South Carolina, you will be happy to know that Liz, at 57, is still acting often and well.

Q. How many children does Alec Trebek of "Jeopardy!" and "Concentration" have? He mentions a boy and a girl, then says he hasn't been married very long. —E.M.R., Kalamazoo, Mich.

A. You've mis-listened. Alex and his new wife, Jean, are expecting their first child in February. He and his first wife had no children together, but he does consider himself a father to Nancy, his ex-wife's daughter. He says that she's his daughter "by osmosis."

# PEOPLE

**Arnold Schwarzenegger** says Hollywood's in-the-know were sure his Austrian accent and 14-letter surname would keep him from stardom.

"They were right when they said no one with an accent has made it, or made it with a name like that," Schwarzenegger said in an interview scheduled for broadcast today on the Fox program "Personality."

"But I didn't feel that ought to be an obstacle, and I went ahead and did it anyway, thinking I could use all those things to my advantage."

Schwarzenegger, who has starred in such action films as "Terminator" and "Predator" and whose latest film, "Kindergarten Cop," is soon to be released, said he made it because America "is the land of opportunities."

"This is the place where you still can make your dreams become reality if you're willing to work hard and if you have a positive attitude," he said.

**Salman Rushdie** came out of hiding for a book-signing at a London bookshop.

The "Satanic Verses" author was accompanied by bodyguards but looked relaxed Wednesday as he signed 100 copies of his new book, "Haroun and the Sea of Stories." The children's fantasy was written during his two years in hiding.

"There were a lot of customers doing double-takes when they came into the shop and saw him," said store manager David MacRadden. "We were only given five minutes before he was coming and we're a bit surprised he was coming out into the open."

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini sentenced the Indian-born British writer to death two years ago for allegedly blaspheming Islam with "The Satanic Verses."

**Hilly Joel** says he may be a little old to be on the road for 16 months, but he needs the money.

"I was beyond broke. I was looking-in on it, but it won't happen. But you make an excellent point, Peggy. People of all ages fall, but older people are more vulnerable. Thanks for a possibly lifesaving letter."

**Joeel** said the tour to promote his triple-platinum album "Storm Front" has affected his relationship with his 4-year-old child, Alexa Ray.

"Having a child and not being there, that has hurt the most," he said. "And that's the thing that makes me the most bitter about this situation. They've taken away a certain amount of time I wanted to spend with my child."

The tour, which began last December, ends in March.

**Garrison Keillor** remembers the backstage entrances rather than the facades when he recalls theaters he's visited.



## Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

### Silent attacks need treatment

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** What is a silent heart attack?  
**DEAR READER:** Heart attacks (damage to part of the heart muscle from a blood clot) ordinarily cause severe pain that is described as "crushing" or "burning"; it usually involves the left side of the chest but may radiate up into the neck and jaw or down the left arm.

This life-threatening condition also changes the circulation and releases certain protein enzymes from damaged cardiac muscle into the bloodstream. In its classic form, acute heart attacks are unmistakable.

It is with some surprise, therefore, that doctors sometimes discover, during routine examination, unequivocal cardiographic evidence of heart damage, indicating a previous heart attack. Patients may categorically deny ever having had chest pain or "indigestion"; nonetheless, their cardiograms (and more sophisticated tests, such as coronary angiography) prove that such patients suffered heart attacks in the past — without the usual pain.

Called "silent infarctions" (heart attacks), these events may be relatively common. Presumably, patients were unaware of what was taking place at the time. Or, more usually, they may have experienced temporary chest discomfort, which they ignored because it wasn't severe or prolonged and didn't fit the bill for "classic" heart-attack symptoms. They continued about their business, and the heart attack resolved, only to be indelibly inscribed in their cardiograms.

Also, patients with mild, non-specific chest discomfort may occasionally show the presence of cardiac enzymes in their blood tests, indicating a small, unsuspected coronary occlusion — a silent heart attack, which can be a cause of sudden death.

Although patients with silent infarctions may not suffer immediate complications (such as shock or heart irregularity) from their heart attacks, they are at risk for other, future cardiac events that can be fatal. Thus, once identified, they must be treated as any heart attack victim, with dietary modifications (weight loss and low cholesterol, if needed), medicine (to reduce the work of the heart or increase blood supply to cardiac muscle) and careful monitoring of physical activity. For instance, a stress test (cardiogram obtained during exercise) will usually indicate whether a new heart attack is imminent.

Silent heart attacks probably occur more frequently than experts suspect; since they are unrecognized, there is any way of estimating their occurrence without testing every adult, which is an unrealistic goal.

**AVOIDING EACH OTHER** — Guns N' Roses singer Axl Rose and his next-door neighbor agreed to avoid each other to chill a simmering feud marked by the rocker's arrest on an assault complaint, Rose's lawyer said.

"The way that theaters are memorable is if you come in from the other way," the humorist said in Wednesday on ABC's "Good Morning America."

He claims in a lawsuit that his former manager misspent or stole millions in earnings.

**Keye Luke**, who was Charlie Chan's No. 1 son in the movies and went on to play Master Po in the TV series "Kung Fu," was honored with a star in the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

The star unveiled Wednesday in honor of the 85-year-old actor was the 1,925th dedicated.

Luke played in some 150 films, including 13 Charlie Chan movies, "Gremlins," "The Good Earth" and "Love Is a Many Splendored Thing."

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# New remote control saves one from video madness

By JAY SHARBUIT  
The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Scientists call it the RatzelFratzel Effect. A viewer can't figure how to program his videocassette recorder. He finally jumps up and down on the remote control, screaming "RATZELFRATZEL, RATZELFRATZEL!"

But VCR Plus+, although another infra-red remote control device in a world now full of them, could largely eliminate this.

With the device, all you have to do is punch in a coded number, called a PlusCode, corresponding to the show you want taped.

"What it basically does is allow you to program your VCR in one step," said Louise J. Wannier, vice president of marketing for Genstar Development Corp. of Pasadena, Calif., which makes VCR Plus+.

The hand-held machine, which costs \$60 and went on the market last month, can simultaneously program both cable boxes and videocassette players, or just the videocassette player, if you don't have cable.

"There's nothing like it out now," said Stephen A. Booth, editor-in-chief of Video Review magazine. "There is a wee hitch, though.

Although the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times and newspapers in 10 other key markets, including Dallas, Detroit and San Francisco, now carry the PlusCode program numbers in their TV listings, it won't be a national operation until next summer, Wannier said.

And not all programs are coded. She added: "It depends on the publication. It's their option. The only thing that we have required is that they cover prime time, plus the major categories of programs."

The new goodie could prove a boon for computer-dense viewers (surveys by teen-agers find 99.6 per-

cent of all adults in that category).

In the cable-equipped homes that account for 59 percent of the nation's TV households, the computer-dense, the purchaser, too, yowled when his tapping efforts yielded The Weather Channel instead of football. The similar mistake occurred later.

The company's 800 help-line, which operates only on weekdays, was busy, busy, busy. But a call to Wannier and a little experimentation fixed things.

However, in the opinion of Video View editor Booth, it's "going to need TV Guide magazine to really make it work, because that's the big one" among publications needed to carry the new system's coded numbers.

The PlusCodes now appear only in the Chicago and Denver editions of the magazine.

"We have no plans beyond those cities at this point," said Roger Wannier, TV Guide's editor. "We wanted to get some experience with it and see how it goes. It's a new product and we want to see what happens with it."

"It's clear that there are millions of people out there with VCR trouble... looking for a quick fix," he said. "This is a cleverly designed device, and I think it has possibilities."

Yuanman called the new machine "the best idea I've seen so far. But whether it'll get people to buy it is another question."

Elsewhere in television ...

**TOWN MEETING ON WAR POSTPONED**, PEACE EFFORTS BLAMED: Ted Koppel's "Nightline," which planned a Friday "Town Meeting" on the subject of whether the U.S. should go to war against Iraq, has indefinitely postponed the show, ABC says. The reason: recent diplomatic efforts by the U.S. and Iraq to meet and discuss with it and see how it goes. It's a new product and we want to see what happens with it.

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1) A section of the old interstate 90 floating bridge across the lake near...  
2) Washington, D.C. recently recorded its 45th killing this year, one more than for all of last year. The nation's capital leads all U.S. cities in CHOICE ONE; total, per capita homicides.  
3) British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has resigned. She held that post for... and a half years.  
4) A runoff election was set for Poland after (CHOICE ONE: Lech Waleza, 106,000; Mazowiecki) won a plurality but not a majority in presidential elections on November 25.  
5) A few days ago, the Supreme Court ruled that the TV network... cannot play tape recordings of phone calls between Manuel Noguera and his lawyers.  
6) The actors who portrayed the Robinson family on the popular late '60s TV show... reunited recently for a 25th anniversary celebration. Even the original Robins showed up.  
7) The Los Angeles Rams and the Philadelphia Eagles spoiled the season-opening on December 3 of the previously undefeated San Francisco 49ers and... by beating those two teams last weekend.  
8) Thanks to overzealous bowl officials who locked up teams early, there will be no match between college football's number one team - the Colorado Buffaloes - and number two team - the Miami Hurricanes. © Texas Longhorns (CHOICE ONE).  
9) (CHOICE ONE: Nick Faldo. Currently ranked as the number one golfer in the world.)

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By James Jacoby

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Wilson took part in Wednesday's practice skate and stayed on the ice 45 minutes after everyone else, skating sprints and testing his legs.

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## Husky women on track with win over Fairfield

**By LEN AUSTER**  
*Manchester Herald*

**STORRS** — After its second game of the year, a 17-point loss to No. 11 Iowa, University of Connecticut women's basketball coach called his Huskies "the worst team in America."

But Aurienma was disappointed with the Huskies' inability to put up a fight with the Hawkeyes. Since that game, though, Connecticut has picked up its game, including a 93-74 win over Fairfield University Wednesday night at the Harry A. Gampel Pavilion.

The win boosts UConn, which has fallen out of the AP Top 25, to 3-2 as it prepares to host its own Connecticut Classic Saturday and Sunday. The Huskies host Fordham Saturday at 2 p.m. with Auburn vs. Eastern Michigan at 4 p.m. nighcap.

The title game is Sunday at 3 p.m. with the third-place game at 1 p.m. "After the Iowa game, it looked like we didn't have any heart," Husky senior Kerry Bascom (24 points, 12 rebounds) said. "But after that, our intensity came back."

UConn lost to No. 9 Purdue in the Duke/Dial Classic last weekend. But the trip to Durham, N.C., did wonders for the Huskies.

"It gives us and the nation, a chance to see what kind of team we are," forward Scott Burrell said. "It would show a lot of character if we can go down there and beat them."

What next?  
When Gampel was proposed, the seating capacity was supposed to be greater. But the state legislature, in its first conference, ordered the project scaled down.

That's when the state economy was in such a mess as it is today.

The priority project system has come under attack. State senators, who could've solved a good deal of the situation by authorizing a sports center with a larger seating capacity, are among the loudest critics today.

It's not the best, but it's a lot better than a number of schools where donations to the school are the only means of financing.

"I don't feel right about it. It's almost like you're being blackmailed," the loyal Husky follower, whose allegiance is unwavering, said. "But the basketball"

## Celtics mine Nuggets but Ford not pleased

**By HOWARD ULMAN**  
*The Associated Press*

**BOSTON** — Chris Ford was not pleased with anyone's performance, he added, "probably not even my own."

He turns 34 Friday but still managed to keep up with the frantic pace. He led all scorers with 43 points and added 13 assists.

"Larry was winning," Denver coach Paul Westhead said. "He kept going deeper and deeper with his shots. We couldn't make some key shots at the end, and Bird was unsteady. But in the last 5-12 minutes, the Celtics played sound basketball and escaped with a

## Schoolgirls open tonight

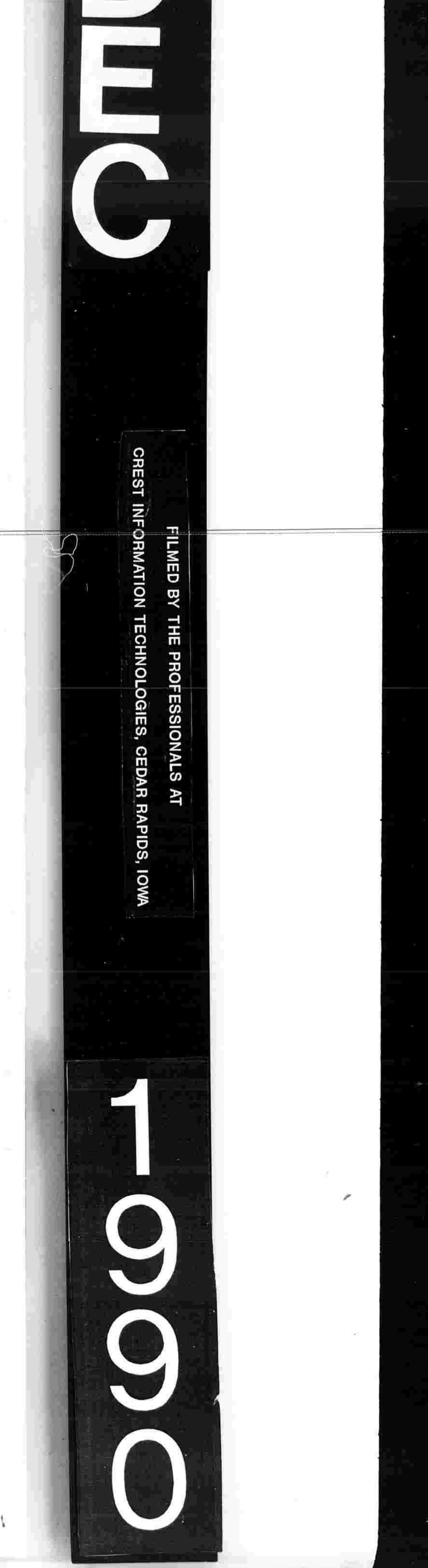
**By TOM COVNE**  
*The Associated Press*

**Manchester** High, defending CCC East champion, opens the season Friday at home at Clarke Arena against Gloucester High.

The local high school girls' basketball regular season begins tonight with four games on tap.

Bolton High host Portland High in the East Cheshire, will allow the game at 6 while East Catholic hosts Northwest Catholic at 7 in a non-conference clash. In other CCC play, Gloucester High enters Rocky Hill at 7:30 while RRHAM will play at Cromwell High, also at 7:30.

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Score - Montreal's Mike Keane shoots the puck past Hartford goalie Peter Sidorkiewicz in the first period of their game Wednesday night at the Civic Center. The Canadiens beat the Whalers, 4-3.

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# Injuries hurting Giants

By TOM CANIVAN  
The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Bill Parcells is looking for a couple of things from his offensive line this weekend: A few healthy bodies and a couple of holes for his running backs.

The healthy bodies will have to come first because the line is hurting heading into Sunday's game with the Minnesota Vikings, the winners of five straight games.

Against the San Francisco 49ers Monday night, the Giants finished with just center Bart Oates and right tackle Doug Riesenberger at their normal positions. The rest of the line was jumbled and had William Roberts at left tackle, Brian Williams at left guard and Bob Krach at right guard.

Normally, Roberts is the left guard and Krach and Williams are riding the bench. Injuries have changed that alignment.

"I told the team this morning, the humped and bruised guys, that I don't need them three weeks from now," Parcells said. "I need them now."

The biggest problem has been a mysterious leg injury that has sidelined left tackle Jumbo Elliott for more than two months. He is a key to the Giants' running game. Without him the team has struggled, particularly in short-yardage situations.

To replace Elliott, Parcells had moved Eric Moore from right guard to left tackle and inserted Krach in Moore's spot. But Moore sprained his left ankle against the 49ers, necessitating the shifting of Williams to left tackle and Roberts to left guard.

Elliott and Moore are questionable for this weekend. Elliott lined up for a few plays in practice on Wednesday. Moore did not practice. "If they can't go, that would leave New York with just six healthy linemen, the last being Tom Rehder, who has played about dozen snaps all season."

Parcells said there is a good chance he would have to sign a lineman this week if Moore and Elliott were unable to play.

The one certainty is that the Giants' offense needs to wake up. It scored just 11 points in two weeks ago in falling from the unbeaten ranks against Philadelphia and netted just three against the 49ers.

"The Giants failed to run the ball, leaving quarterback Phil Simms under constant pressure. New York gained just 75 yards rushing against the 49ers and 108 against the Redskins, with 51 coming on a run by Dave Megrett late in the game with Philadelphia in control."

"I think a lot of it has to do with the quality of people we played against," offensive line coach Fred Hoaglin said. "The competition is going to get even better this weekend. These guys are good pass rushers."

Kratch said the poor performances have been a combination of things, the most obvious being that the Eagles and 49ers rank 1-2 in the NFL against the run, which is what makes the Giants' offense gasp.

"You can look at the films and see the mistakes we made," Kratch said.

## Gampel

program is on the rise and is one of the best conferences in the country. You're going to have to pay more to be part of it.

The ultimate solution, obviously, is to increase Gampel's seating capacity. A professor emeritus of engineering at UConn, in a letter to the editor, said he believes Gampel has room to expand, somewhere in the neighborhood of 1,500 seats.

## Huskies

sprained right ankle and Burrell will see action at shooting guard. Williams will help the Huskies' ball movement, while Burrell at guard will help the team more height.

"It's going to experiment with a big lineup because we've gone with the opposite, the small lineup, and it's hurt us," Calhoun said.

Burrell said the switch won't be too difficult. "You still have to just go out there and just play and shoot the open shots," he said.

The Burrell move is not a one-game fix, Calhoun said. "I don't believe, unless it's a championship game, that I've ever coached a game for one game," he said. "We're not going to play differently against North Carolina than we are against anyone else."

Calhoun said he expects North Carolina to play up-and-down, use a lot of players, move the ball well and play good defense. "They'll give you points so they can get twice as



**RUN AND GUN** — Boston's Brian Shaw (20) fires a shot as Denver center Joe Wolf goes for the block in their NBA game Wednesday night at Boston Garden. The Celtics outgunned the Nuggets, 148-140.

## Celtics

But not even his strong performance made it easy for the Celtics to lead change hands 30 times. "There was a lot of running," Bird said. "At least I know I can run with them... maybe one week."

No one could keep up with Denver point guard Michael Adams and his consistent basic. He engineered the Nuggets' up-tempo style, scored a season-high 31 points and handed out 17 assists.

Adams missed nine of the first 10 games with sore hamstrings, and the Nuggets started off at 1-9. Since then, he is 2-5 and remains winless in their eight road games.

"If there was a moment we changed, it was when Michael Adams came back," Westhead said. "This system needs a point guard who understands it."

The Nuggets also got a big game from NBA scoring leader Orlando Woolridge. His 29 points put him over the 10,000 mark for his 10-year career with the 10,011.

"I told Larry I'll play 10 more years and then maybe I'll catch him," Woolridge said. Bird scored his 20,000th point last Friday night. In the end, neither Woolridge nor Adams could overcome the Celtics, who returned to sound fundamental basketball, stretched their home winning streak to eight games and got their 10th win in 11 games.

They are 14-3, their best start in five seasons. Two free throws by Reggie Lewis gave Boston the lead for good, 132-130 with 5:22 left. Brian Shaw hit the Celtics' next two baskets and a decisive 14-4 run was under way.

But don't expect all Connecticut fans to be satisfied. No, until the state's enchantment with the basketball team wears off — hardly unlikely — this is going to be an ongoing problem.

One whose tale will grow in the years to come. Len Austier is sports editor of the Manchester Herald.

## Blazers confidence soaring after another road victory

The Portland Trail Blazers, their confidence soaring after steady success at home, didn't let a road trip to Florida cool their heads.

"To win on the road you have to have maturity, experience and clutch," Clyde Drexler said after a 119-110 victory at Orlando Wednesday night.

"We'll be a close checking team," Crawford said. "We lost a lot of scoring, but we hope the new players can make up the difference. We'll rely a lot on untested players."

## High School Preview

# East Catholic ice hockey facing transition period

By LEN AUSTIER  
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — The bulk of the firepower and the No. 1 goalie from last year's club that reached the state Division I semifinals are gone from the East Catholic High ice hockey program.

Coach Bob Crawford is optimistic that the Eagles can ride out the late winter transition, and be successful, too.

"We have a lot of inexperience," said Crawford, 31, who played for the Hartford Whalers from 1983-86. "But we have a lot of kids with good attitudes and that makes me optimistic."

Crawford can be forgiven for being slightly on edge before Saturday's opener against St. Bernard at the Tri-Town Sports Center in Cromwell.

Robert Parish had a season-high 25 points. Lewis also had 25, but left the game with about 1-2 minutes left when he strained the right side of his lower back.

"That made the score 144-134 with 1:37 remaining, and the Nuggets never came closer than eight points after that."

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The Nuggets, the NBA's highest scoring team, scored the last seven points of the first half, taking a 78-75 lead. They opened that up to 86-77 and still led 122-115 with 10 minutes to go.

"You get into a scoring frenzy and you get out of your offense a little bit and out of your defense," said Celtics forward Kevin McHale.

"Against that team, there's a comfort zone that you can score pretty quickly, too" and wipe out big deficits.

Westhead saw some good signs in his team's play against one of the NBA's hottest teams. The pace was fast and we had a chance to win," he said. "I'd rather play poorly and win."

So would Crawford. But that doesn't mean he has to be thrilled about it.

He said the team has a chance to win. "It's not a one-game fix, Calhoun said. "I don't believe, unless it's a championship game, that I've ever coached a game for one game," he said. "We're not going to play differently against North Carolina than we are against anyone else."

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## In Brief . . .

### Duckpin tournament on tap

MANCHESTER — Holiday Lanes, 39 Spencer St., will host the Manchester Duckpin Bowling Tournament on Saturday and Sunday.

Qualifying rounds (four games) will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 9 p.m. The finals are Sunday at noon.

Guaranteed prizes are \$150 for first place, \$75 for second and \$50 for third. Entry fee is \$15. Entry deadline is today. For further information, call Holiday Lanes at 646-2125.

### Celtics waive Charles Smith

BOSTON (AP) — Charles Smith, who played 60 games for Boston last season after an outstanding career at Georgetown, was waived Wednesday by the Celtics' injured list.

The 6-foot-1 guard was placed on the list when the Celtics made their final roster cuts before this season. The club said he had a partially detached left shoulder.

### Whalers recall Mark Greig

HARTFORD (AP) — The Hartford Whalers sent center Michel Fiset and defenseman Marc Bergevin back down to Springfield of Wednesday and called up right wing Mark Greig.

Greig, selected first in the June draft, leads the AHL in scoring with 16 goals and 24 assists in 27 games.

### Clubs to pay \$280 million

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — After five years and two months of battle, the collision was over to an end today.

The 26 major league clubs voted Wednesday to give players \$280 million as compensation for their collusion against free agents. The Major League Baseball Players Association is expected to approve the deal today during a meeting of its executive committee at Orlando, Fla.

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# Big East has right to do some bragging

By DAVID GINSBURG  
The Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — It's still early in the college basketball season, but for now the Big East owns bragging rights over the Atlantic Coast Conference.

No. 5 Georgetown beat No. 7 Duke 79-74 Wednesday to give the Big East an insurmountable 5-1 lead in the eight-game ACC-Big East Challenge.

The final two games of the annual series will be held tonight in North Carolina.

## NCAA Hoop

ranked teams, it was No. 2 Arizona, Northern Arizona 64; No. 3 Arkansas 114, Louisiana Tech 97; No. 8 UCLA 123, St. Mary's 93; and No. 24 Temple 76, St. Bonaventure 52.

Most of the coaches involved in the ACC-Big East Challenge would prefer to see such tension-filled games held later in the season. But after his 17th-ranked Redmen handed No. 22 Georgia Tech its second straight loss, coach Lou Carnesecca said he had no qualms.

"I thought this battle should have been played at a later date, but I'm glad I got it in now so it's already in the sack," Carnesecca said.

Malik Sealy, who scored 28 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for St. John's (4-0), said the early-season matchup against such a high-caliber team would serve the Redmen well.

"It's a good early test," he claimed. "We're going to have games like this three down the road, and playing in one now can't do anything but help. It's a great confidence builder."

Georgia Tech (2-2) trailed 54-43 with 8:22 left before scoring regaining a 17-6 run to force the overtime. The game-tying shot came when Matt Geiger tipped in an off-balance jumper by Kenny Anderson at the buzzer.

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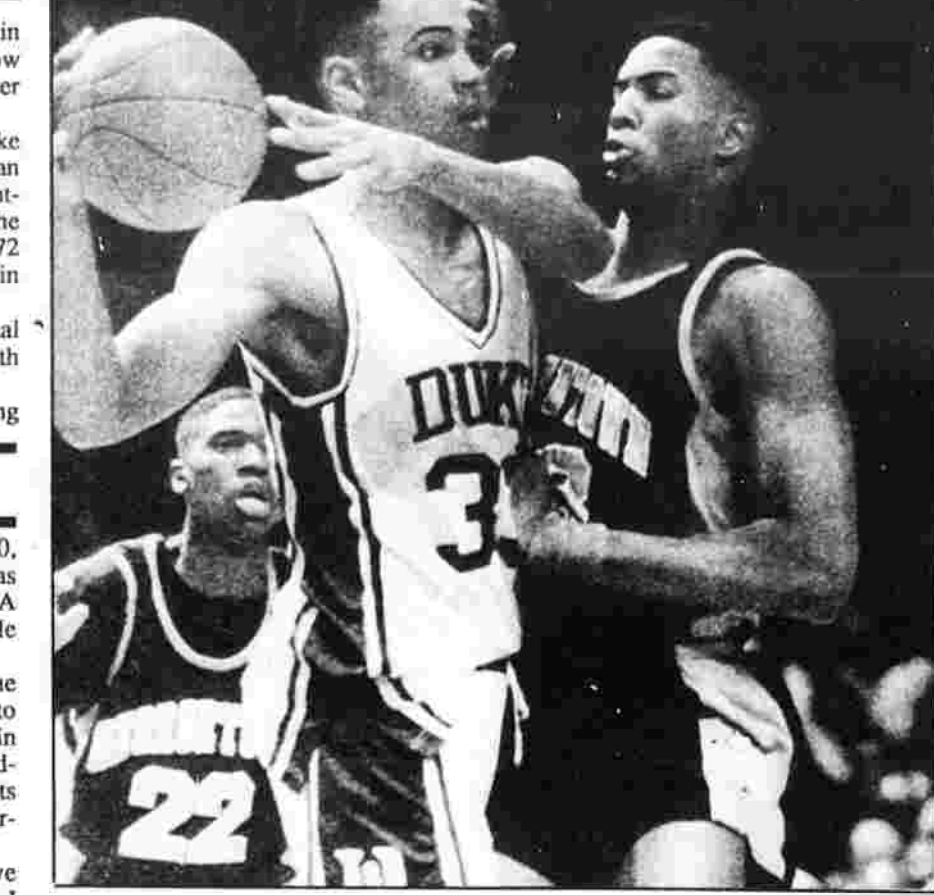
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**LOOKING TO PASS** — Duke's Grant Hill, left, looks to pass around the defense of Georgetown's Alonzo Mourning in their game Wednesday night at the Cap Centre. The Hoyas downed the Blue Devils, 79-74.

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### Padres, Jays pull off old-time deal

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ROSEMONT, Ill. — The winter meetings ended with a big deal and more free-agent signing money.

San Diego and Toronto put a temporary halt to the money game when the Padres traded Joe Carter and Roberto Alomar to the Blue Jays for Fred McGriff and Tony Fernandez in one of the biggest deals of baseball history.

It was the kind of trade the callers usually suggest on radio talk shows late at night. But this one really happened.

"We thought we'd give you an old-fashioned baseball trade," new Padres general manager Joe Miske said. "We're trading four All-Stars. It was a kind of a gutsy trade on both ends."

Of course the day had its share of free-agent signings and a vote by the owners that will soon result in even more free-agent bidding.

The 6-foot-2, 275-pound Maryland slugger, a 10/2 quarterback sacks for Miami (9-2) this season and 270 tackles and 20/2 sacks during his career.

The New York Mets started the job of reshaping their offense after the loss of free agent Darryl Strawberry by signing Vince Coleman to a four-year deal for \$11.95 million. Coleman is now the highest paid player in club history.

"Regardless of the situation with Strawberry, we would've signed Vince Coleman," Mets general manager Frank Cashen said. "We need more speed and a leadoff hitter."

Coleman, 29, stole an average of 91 bases in each of six years, all with St. Louis, and was successful 83 percent of the time. He was at his best against the Mets, safely stealing the first 57 times he tried against them until Mackley Sasser nailed him this past season.

The Milwaukee Brewers kept their ace when they signed left-hander Teddy Higuera to a four-year deal for \$13 million late Wednesday night. Higuera was only 11-10 in 1990, but was hampered by injuries.

The Blue Jays and Padres made the big news, though.

The Padres acquired Carter last Dec. 6 from Cleveland for catcher Sandy Alomar Jr., Chris James and Carlos Baerga. Alomar, Roberto's brother, went on to win the AL Rookie of the Year award.

Carter, 30, got off to a slow start for the Padres but ended up hitting 24 homers with 105 RBIs in 1989. McGriff, 27, hit 300 last season with 35 homers and 88 RBIs. In four major league seasons, he has totaled 125 homers and led the AL with 36 in 1989.

He's also one of the best defensive first basemen in the game.

In other moves, the San Francisco Giants, a day after signing Dave Righetti, traded reliever Steve Bedrosian to Minnesota. Pittsburgh's championship pie again got sliced by the Indians and has awarded \$1.5 million to Atlanta. That cleared the way for Kevin Stables, who was considering the Braves, to go to Milwaukee.

The Braves had 10 free agents to try and sign and lost one when they agreed to a three-year, \$55-million deal with Atlanta.

"It tears your heart out a little bit to see when, in two weeks or so, you could lose six or seven players," Pirates manager Jim Leyland said. "We've come a long way since 1986 and it's a shame to see it happen."

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season, admitted that his team benefited from the Challenge.

"We've got seven new kids and it was good to get them playing in this type of atmosphere," he said. "A game like this serves a purpose."

Georgetown got 22 points and 10 rebounds from Alonzo Mourning and 14 points and 13 rebounds from Dikembe Mutombo, who left the game in the second half with a severe cramp. They also teamed to block six shots.

No. 2 Arizona 100, No. Arizona 64; Brian Williams scored 16 of his 22 points in the first half and finished