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### Gulf at a glance

Here are the latest developments in the Persian Gulf crisis:

- Five U.S. diplomats from Kuwait on Thursday abandoned their besieged embassy and fled to Baghdad to join a last batch of Americans leaving Iraq and the occupied emirate aboard a U.S.-chartered Iraqi jet. Officials said the diplomats would be among 94 foreigners leaving in the afternoon on an Iraqi Airways flight to Frankfurt, Germany, in what was said to be the last charter plane carrying out foreign nationals.

- Americans who skip Thursday's last U.S.-chartered flight from Iraq can leave later if they wish aboard commercial Iraqi airliners, the State Department says. U.S. officials estimate that about 500 Americans — most of them children with dual citizenship — have opted to remain in Kuwait or Iraq.

- Japan's parliament on Thursday approved \$1 billion to help support multinational forces deployed against Iraq — the final portion of \$2 billion already pledged by Tokyo. In all, Japan has pledged \$4 billion for efforts to solve the Persian Gulf crisis — \$2 billion for the multinational forces and \$2 billion in aid for nations suffering from the international embargo against Iraq. The parliamentary vote came two days after a Pentagon spokesman accused Japan of being slow to send the funds.

### Quakes hit Taiwan, Sicily

(AP) — A strong earthquake shook a wide area of northeastern Taiwan today, causing landslides and killing two construction workers who were knocked off buildings where they were working, police said.

The Central Weather Bureau said the 11:01 a.m. quake registered 6.5 on the Richter scale and was centered on the coast about six miles south of Hualien.

Also early this morning an earthquake rocked the island of Sicily. Five people were killed in that quake, and eleven are missing.

### HELPING HANDS

MANCHESTER — Although her husband's alcohol and drug addiction shattered their home life and drained all their resources, "Mellie" is rebuilding a stable home for herself and her two beautiful preschoolers. Working at home to support her little ones, she is managing without state assistance. Recent surgery has left this courageous single mom with unexpected medical bills and a lot of worries about the future. A food basket, Seasonal Sharing vouchers and gifts for the children would be a boost for this struggling young family.

Make contributions to help "Mellie" and more than 450 Manchester/Bolton families to MAC Seasonal Sharing Appeal, Box 773, Manchester. Non-perishable foods, gifts and toys can be left at the fire stations at 33 Center Street and 32 Main Street.

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## Over 9,000 without H.S. diplomas

By SCOTT B. BREDE  
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Nearly one in four Manchester adults are without a high school diploma, according to 1988-89 figures from the state Department of Education's Bureau of Adult Education.

Even more revealing is that even with 24.1 percent of its citizens without diplomas, Manchester is

slightly better than average when compared to towns of similar sizes in Connecticut.

Of the 12 towns between 40,000 and 60,000 citizens, Meriden has the highest percentage (36.7) of adults without diplomas, the figures reveal. Manchester has the seventh highest percentage of its adult citizens without diplomas, then it doesn't," said Joseph LaRosa, the supervisor of the Regional Adult Basic Educa-

tion office in Vernon, which services Manchester and 14 other Eastern Connecticut towns.

Currently, LaRosa said, there are about 600,000 state residents without their diplomas — 9,015 of them living in Manchester.

Roberta Pawloski, the acting bureau chief of the Bureau of Adult Education, said the number of foreign citizens moving into a town and the rate of increase in its

population have to be taken into account when examining these figures.

But LaRosa said that even though these variables are important, a city or town with a large number of its citizens having no diplomas will typically have a high dropout rate at its high schools to match.

This statement doesn't seem true of Manchester, however, because

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## Lieberman: Why gas gap?

By JOHN DIAMOND  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Gasoline prices are defying the laws of financial gravity, U.S. Senator Joseph Lieberman charges.

Prices went up swiftly when crude oil skyrocketed after the Aug. 2 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. But now that crude is coming down, the price of gasoline is still hovering at its high, gulf crisis level, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., said Wednesday.

He called it a bigger profit margin than at any other stage in the gulf crisis.

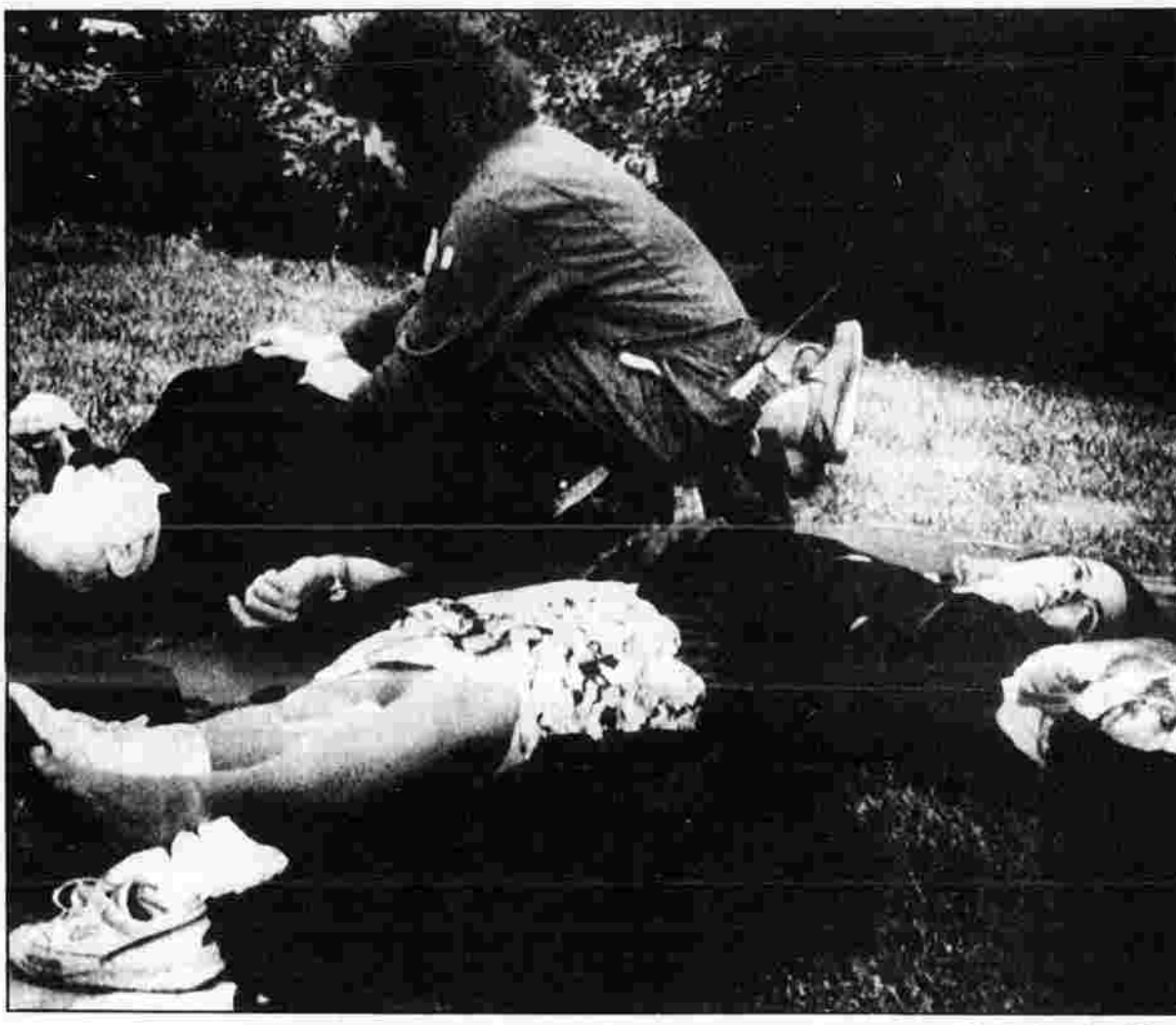
But an oil industry spokesman said only a tiny fraction of the 67 cents cited by Lieberman represents profit. Most of the gap is made up of state and local taxes, the cost of refining crude and shipping gasoline and the overhead of service stations.

The American Automobile Association reported on Tuesday that the average price of gasoline is \$1.37 for regular unleaded white crude oil costs about 70 cents per gallon, according to Lieberman's figures.

Since the Aug. 2 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, the narrowest gap between crude oil prices and gasoline prices at the pump was about 37 cents in late September. That gap barely

Lieberman said gasoline now costs 67 cents more per gallon at the

pump than crude oil. He called it a bigger profit margin than at any other stage in the gulf crisis.



**COLLISION INJURED** — An emergency medical technician treats two passengers evacuated Wednesday from the scene of a Massachusetts commuter train and Amtrak train collision at the Backbay MBTA commuter train station in Boston. Please see story, page 3.

## OPEC keeping oil output high

By SALLY JACOBSEN  
The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — OPEC ministers today endorsed continued high crude production to ease any oil shortages caused by the Persian Gulf crisis, and pledged to sharply reduce their output once it is resolved.

The suspension, first approved in August, was designed to help offset shortages caused by Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of fellow OPEC member Kuwait.

The countries wanted to make up for the shortfall of about 4 million barrels a day.

Nigerian Oil Minister Ibril Aminu said the statement was signed by all 13 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Iraq and Libya had opposed earlier moves to produce excess crude, Aminu said the accord, which quickly wrapped up the cartel's

meeting that began Wednesday, "should firm (prices) up and send a signal (that people) need to relax in a time of worry."

The ministers' action reaffirms an earlier decision to suspend the cartel's production quota system and allow countries to produce to their utmost.

## Angry women blast DJ

By DIANNA M. TALBOT  
Herald Features Editor

MANCHESTER — Local feminists, students and the owner of Hanky Panky's night club are urging those who feel insulted by a Hartford radio station announcer's over-the-air comments about Manchester women to turn him off.

Several people said they think WCCC disc jockey Joseph

Schlosser, who uses the alias "Sebastian," is damaging the reputation of the town with his recent comments that Manchester women are "sluts" and more promiscuous than other women.

"I think he is incredibly demeaning to all women no matter where they live, a real sexist," said Diane Goldsmith, director of the Women's Center at Manchester Community College.

For years, Schlosser has been insulting various groups such as women, homosexuals and blacks, Goldsmith said. But he is clever in that he targets one group at a time, so that the groups do not become upset at the same time, she said.

"All of us have to come together and say that this is not acceptable," Goldsmith said. "I strongly urge

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## Axe to fall on sport restriction

By SCOTT B. BREDE  
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Board of Education members Wednesday night all but put to rest a six-year-old policy forbidding junior high athletes to play on more than one team at a time after listening to a half dozen parents who said the policy was nothing but an out-of-date corpse.

The policy, which was established to keep children playing on school teams off club teams and vice versa, came under fire after several parents of junior high students joined two months ago to lobby for its abolition.

place when it meets on Jan. 14.

Subcommittee chairwoman Gloria DellaFera said that with the subcommittee's recommendation, there is no doubt that the policy will be disposed of.

At the meeting, parents lashed out at the eligibility rule saying it restricted responsible students from enhancing their sports skills and that what children do outside school is their parents' concern — not the board's.

Board member Terry Bogli agreed with fellow member Ian Prettetta, saying that the policy discriminates against athletics since it is the only activity that students participate in outside the classroom that the board has a rule on.

"It is an area where the board does not belong," Bogli said.

"If we are going to be in this area

At Wednesday night's meeting of the board's policy subcommittee, the five board members present reached a consensus to throw out the eligibility rule. An official vote by the board on the subject will take

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**TAKING A BREAK** — A marine from Camp Lejeune takes time to get a few hours of sleep as his unit waits to board a Northwest Airline 747 plane at Cherry Point Air Station in Havelock, N.C. The troop was one of 350 troops that left on the 747 en route to Saudi Arabia.

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# NATION/WORLD

## Bush fires Cavazos as education secretary

By TAMARA HENRY  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush fired Education Secretary Lauro Cavazos because he did not make enough progress in education — an area the president named as a high priority for his administration, a source says.

Chief of staff John H. Sununu personally informed Cavazos of the firing a day before the secretary's departure was announced Wednesday, said another source, a White House official who insisted on anonymity. An education official with ties to the White House said Cavazos had been given until the end of the month to quit.

Several possible successors have been suggested, with Lynne Cheney, chairwoman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, singled out as the frontrunner. The National Conservative Foundation already has sent Bush a letter recommending Cheney.

Deputy Education Secretary Ted Sanders is serving as acting secretary, and sources said he has been lobbying for the nomination.

In his two years as education secretary, Cavazos was best known for promoting the idea of allowing parents to decide which school — public or private — their children will attend with public financing.

The first Hispanic-American to head a Cabinet department, he also advocated bilingual education, curbing school dropouts and improving adult literacy.

Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., said Cavazos' "commitment to educational opportunities for minorities and the poor has been without question."

But the first official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Cavazos was seen as lacking dynamism and not making enough progress in education, an area

Bush designated as a high priority.

Cavazos was out of town Wednesday and let it be known he would not be back, not even for the kind of personal departure appearance that Bush made with other top officials who have left his administration, an official said.

However, the secretary was expected to keep a scheduled appearance Saturday in West Virginia.

The resignation, announced at a Cabinet meeting Wednesday, is effective Saturday.

Cavazos, 63, the fourth person to serve as secretary of education, gave neither a reason for his resignation nor details about his future plans, said Education Department spokeswoman Eta Fiekek.

Many education officials, even his harshest critics, said it was apparent Cavazos received little support from the White House.

"The administration Secretary Cavazos served did not

match his convictions with deeds that would have carried out the commitments implicit in President Bush's desire to be an education president," said Robert H. Atwell, president of the American Council on Education.

"In that sense, the administration was better served by Secretary Cavazos than he was by those in the White House," Atwell said.

Richard F. Rosser, president of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, said, "Any criticisms there may have been of the secretary for not being more positive or forward-thinking would have to involve an examination of the role the White House played in either permitting this or not permitting this."

Cavazos, whose father was a cattle foreman at the King Ranch in Texas, was president of Texas Tech when he took over the Education Department in the waning days of the Reagan administration. Bush kept him in the job.

# STATE

## Black Democrat tapped for public works post

By PETER VILES  
The Associated Press

HARTFORD (AP) — State Sen. Bruce L. Morris, a black Democrat from New Haven, has agreed to join the Weicker administration in the powerful position of commissioner of public works, a legislative source said.

Morris would become the third Democratic lawmaker to join the Weicker administration, following state Reps. William Ciolek and Edith Prage.

Morris, who was elected in November to his first full term in the Senate, was mentioned earlier this year as a potential nominee for the job by Weicker Jr. before Weicker chose Eunice Croak.

Morris would neither confirm nor deny that he had been offered the public works job, nor would a spokeswoman for Weicker.

"It may be true and it may not be

true," Morris said Wednesday. "That's the party line."

But a Capitol source familiar with Weicker's transition said Morris would soon be named to the job, which pays \$80,318 per year and controls much of state spending on construction projects and upkeep of state buildings.

Weicker scheduled a news conference Friday at the state Capitol, and was expected to announce his nomination of at least one more commissioner. He has named four commissioner-level appointees.

The New Haven Register, quoting unnamed sources, reported Wednesday that Morris was Weicker's choice for the public works job, and the report overshadowed the announcement later Wednesday of committee assignments for Senate Democrats.

When Senate President Pro Tem John Larson announced that Morris had been named co-chairman of the General Law Committee, Larson jokingly referred to Morris as "Commissioner, or Senator Bruce Morris."

Larson said Morris had discussed rumors of his appointment with Senate leaders, but did not say whether he had been offered the job. They know about all the rumors and they've basically said they would support my decision 100 percent," Morris said.

# Chinese girl remains in the custody of state

By RONALD POWERS  
The Associated Press

HARTFORD (AP) — Juliet Cheng apparently won a round in her fight to stop doctors from operating on her daughter, but the girl remains at Newington Children's Hospital as the state contemplates its next move.

The state Department of Children and Youth Services will retain custody of 7-year-old Shirley Cheng until the issue is resolved in Juvenile Court, after the state submits final recommendations on the girl's medical treatment and custody, DCSY spokesman Thomas Moriarty said Wednesday.

Shirley has been at the center of a five-month legal battle over whether

officials will use the recommendations of the court-sanctioned panel of doctors as the basis for its report to the court.

State Attorney General Clarence Nardi Riddle also said Wednesday that her office has not made a decision on whether to seek to retain custody or seek a new order for surgery, an option given to the state in a federal court agreement reached in October.

Cheng said she just wants her daughter home.

"I haven't missed a day in five months visiting her at the hospital and I want her to come home," Cheng said.

# Trial jury mostly white

By JON LOMAX  
The Associated Press

HARTFORD (AP) — Joe Lomax, a black man accused of slaying the white newspaper reporter, will be tried a third time before a jury that is almost all white.

Lomax's earlier trials have ended with jurors split along racial lines. He is accused in the murder of 24-year-old Karol Laczynski.

Lomax is generally denied his mother, a Chinese immigrant, should be allowed to use traditional Chinese medicine to treat the girl's rheumatoid arthritis. The state wanted doctors to operate on her joints, which are swollen and partly immobile.

On Tuesday, two of three doctors who examined the girl as part of a court-sanctioned agreement recommended against surgery. Their recommendation invalidated a Juvenile Court order authorizing surgery, according to Cheng's attorney, George Albanos.

Moriarty would not say whether the state has decided to give up its attempts to force surgery, but said

also has accused Assistant State Attorney John H. Malone of treating prospective black jurors differently and seeking to exclude them from the jury.

Heiman has generally denied

Moniz's efforts to modify the jury selection process. During the second week of jury selection, however, Heiman dismissed three jurors chosen up to that point after a challenge by Moniz.

# In Connecticut

## Blue Cross probe sought

HARTFORD — A small business federation has asked the state to investigate whether Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Connecticut discriminated against them or used unfair trade practices when raising its members' insurance rates.

The Small Business Federation faces a 20.5 percent rate increase from Blue Cross & Blue Shield for Jan. 1. But its protest focuses on a 5.4 percent increase last July 1.

At issue is the way Blue Cross recouped part of its past losses on the group in the July 1 rates. The rates affect about 4,000 employees at about 2,000 small businesses that buy health insurance through the Farmington-based association, said Leon L. Lemaire, association president.

Blue Cross built \$1.7 million into its July 1 rates for the Blue Cross spokesman Albert F. May Jr. said Wednesday. But Lemaire contends that under Blue Cross rules, the company is only allowed to recoup past losses in rates once a year, not a mid-year rate review.

Lemaire also contends Blue Cross ignored restrictions on how much they are allowed to recoup.

Blue Cross changed those rules more than a year ago and that the July 1 rates were calculated properly.

## Money laundering charged

BRIDGEPORT — A federal grand jury has indicted a former Norwalk couple on charges of laundering more than \$350,000 in cash for government agents they believed were cocaine traffickers, federal prosecutors said.

Luis G. Taub, 37, and his wife, Adriana Benum Taub, 31, who now live in New York City, both were charged Wednesday with participating in six different transactions with undercover Internal Revenue Service and FBI agents in various Connecticut locations between May and September, said U.S. Attorney Stanley A. Twardy Jr.

The indictment also charges the Taubs with conspiring together and with others to launder money, evade currency transaction reporting requirements and defraud the United States, Twardy said.

Twardy said the couple fled the United States with their children in September, but Mrs. Taub was arrested when she returned alone in October. She has been held without bail on money laundering charges since then, but her husband remains a fugitive, Twardy said.

The indictment also charges two of the Taub's corporations — The Money Wagon Corp. of New Jersey and The Money Wagon Corp. of Connecticut, as defendants in the case.

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Warrants are outstanding for the arrests of both Pires and Epstein, Twardy said.

If Garcia and the city cannot expedite applications by February 11, Zampano suggested the welfare office "bring a subpoena because the judge will order Garcia to jail on a contempt charge."

"I will not tolerate further violations of this court order," said Zampano. "This has been going on for years. Every other municipality in the state has complied but Bridgeport."

The number of welfare recipients has grown from about 1,400, when Garcia was hired by former Mayor Thomas W. Bacci in 1983, to about 2,500.

Following court proceedings, Garcia said the city and his department will "do whatever needs to be done" to comply.

Firm gives up permit

SOUTHINGTON — The state has revoked the permit of a construction company that was recently investigated after some customers complained they couldn't get back deposits on unfilled contracts.

The decision effectively ended County Wide Construction Co. Inc.'s home remodeling business and the company must now return deposits to at least seven customers.

The company surrendered its permit Monday to the State Department of Consumer Protection.

When Stamford's Parks and Recreation Department told Rabbi Yisrael Deren he would not be allowed to place a menorah in Latham Park, the rabbi arranged for a pickup truck carrying the 10-foot aluminum menorah to stop alongside the highway.

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## Hamden gets tornado grant

WASHINGTON — The town of Hamden, Conn., has won a \$375,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to repair damage left over from a July 1989 tornado that swept through town.

The grant, announced Wednesday, will finance the replacement of the traffic control system along Dixwell and Whitney avenues in Hamden.

A problem arose for Hamden when damage to the traffic control system was discovered after the deadline for seeking state and federal aid had expired.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., urged the Federal Highway Administration to approve the funds despite the delayed request. The money will be used to replace a central computer and the communication cables which connect 44 intersections on Dixwell and Whitney Avenues.

Rabbi lights menorah

STAMFORD — A Jewish leader bypassed objections from the city and conducted the city's first-ever public menorah lighting ceremony on the first night of Hanukkah.

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# Shevardnadze's multi-pronged world diplomacy

By MICHAEL PUTZEL  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a 24-hour diplomatic blitz, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze pressed for peaceful settlement of conflicts in Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

In between, he negotiated details of a strategic arms treaty, won long-sought U.S. trade concessions and sealed a date for the next super-power summit.

The soft-spoken, silver-haired Soviet Georgian has achieved star status on the world stage as a troubleshooter par excellence.

He has helped reverse the image of the Soviet Union as a hostile, suspicious and nakedly aggressive world power and now seeks a role as

peacemaker and mediator of disputes in the world's diplomatic hot spots.

Keeping a schedule as frenetic as his counterpart, Secretary of State James A. Baker III, and of President Bush himself, Shevardnadze announced Tuesday night after two days of talks with Baker in Houston that the Kremlin would stop arming the Afghan government that its troops propped up for years.

On Wednesday morning, before meeting with Bush to seal a February summit date and work out a program of limited U.S. aid for his country's battered economy, Shevardnadze sat down for peace talks with the anti-communist rebel leader whose forces have been at war with the Soviet-backed government in Angola for 15 years.

And after his Warsaw talks with Bush, he headed for a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who was in Washington to see the president but agreed to a hastily arranged talk with Shevardnadze as well.

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# Theologians say Rome too strict

By GEORGE W. CORNELL  
The Associated Press

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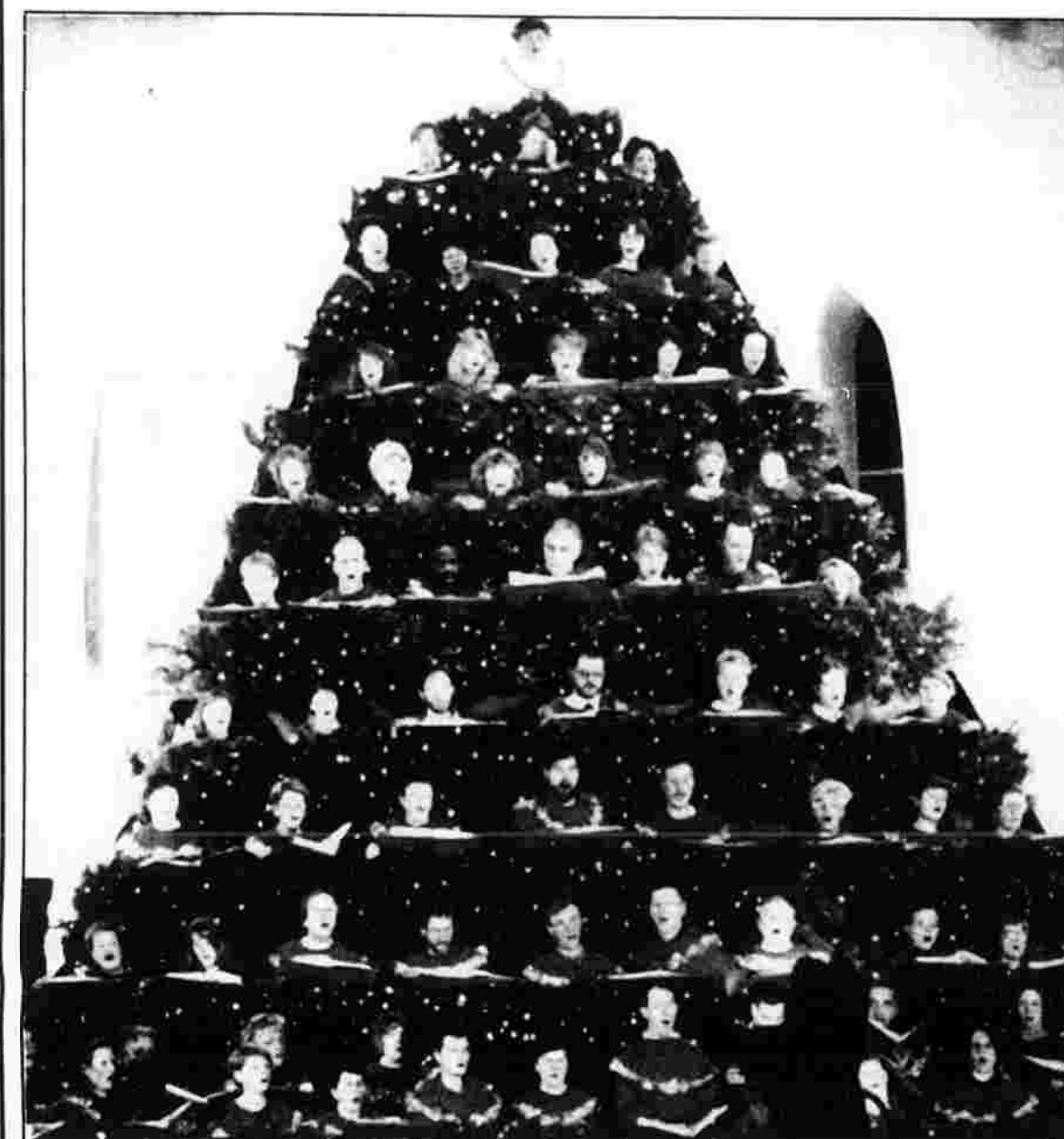
The theologians contended the Vatican has undertaken a greater role for women, violated rights of theologians, slowed the process of dialogue with other religions, and undermined the collegial functioning of national conferences of bishops.

The "role of the local churches, of their bishops, and of the bishops' conferences is being diminished," the theologians declared in a 2,400-word statement drawn up in 192 years of work.

Sent to all American bishops by the Catholic Theological Society of America, the statement was approved by 431 of its 1,400 U.S. and Canadian members, which was 79 percent of a mailed response from 544 who replied.

The Rev. Walter H. Principe of Toronto, president of the society, said the support was greater than if the society had taken the action formally at a convention, since less than 300 usually attend.

The theologians portrayed recent restrictive moves by the Vatican as



CHRISTMAS (TREE) CAROLS — German and American citizens form a singing Christmas tree during a rehearsal Tuesday at the American community's Central Chapel in Frankfurt. The tree is formed by about 100 carolers on different levels up to about 50 feet high, and the group performs on the weekends leading up to Christmas.

# Apprentice at train helm

By STEPHANIE SCHORW  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — An apprentice engineer was at the controls — and reportedly speeding — when his Amtrak train jumped the tracks in a station and slammed into a rush-hour commuter train, injuring 264 people, authorities said.

Published reports today said the Amtrak train was traveling at least twice the 30 mph limit in Back Bay Station when it crashed Wednesday morning. One report also said the apprentice had started operating trains on regular runs only on Monday.

Amtrak denied incompetence caused the crash. Investigators wouldn't speculate on the cause.

Amtrak's Night Owl from Washington traveled nearly a quarter mile after detouring, then struck the rear of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority train, said Thomas Glynn, MBTA general manager.

The impact was so violent that Amtrak cars hit the tunnel's ceiling and bucked the road above.

Glynn said 264 people were injured. 10 critically. The commuter train had its usual load of about 900 passengers, and the Amtrak train had about 190, he said.

"All the lights went out, people started screaming, the place was filled with smoke, a few people were broken under seats," said commuter Chris Good.

Most of the injured suffered cuts, bruises, bruised backs and facial injuries.

# Mill blamed for foggy crash

By DAN GEORGE  
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND, Tenn. — Federal investigators say they will look into whether a paper mill contributed to the heavy fog blamed for a fiery highway pileup that killed 13 people and injured more than 50.

Authorities said Tuesday's chain-reaction wreck apparently started when a truck on Interstate 75 slowed because of the fog and was rear-ended by another. That crash caused wrecks on both sides of the highway involving 83 vehicles.

More than a dozen vehicles caught fire as fuel tanks ruptured and a load of organic peroxide carried by a tractor-trailer rig ignited.

Six people remained hospitalized in critical condition Wednesday.

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A chain-reaction crash in the same area in 1978 involved 61 vehicles and injured 46 people. Three people were killed and 14 injured in a 1979 accident involving 18 vehicles.

A study conducted after the 1978 accident concluded that the Bowater plant appeared to be "the primary source of fog" in the area.

Wayne Davis, a civil engineer who directed the study for the University of Tennessee, said paper plants, which release large amounts of steam, routinely raise fog.

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# OPINION

## Easing grief on Christmas

What can you possibly tell a mother and father whose year-old son dies on Christmas Eve? What do you say to yourself — if you are a clergyman who has been saying to people that Christmas means God loves us?



GEORGE PLAGENZ

"And through blurred vision, I followed the server back to the sacristy."

The question stuck like a hard lump in his throat: Why, God, of all times, on Christmas Eve?

He thought of what the Church would say — that "God was taking baby Robble to a happiness even greater than he had known in his family."

But right now, although he may have believed that, he couldn't buy it. "Why, God, on Christmas Eve?"

And through many Christmas Eves after that, the question always came back. Now older and wiser, the priest still has no answer. But he feels today that the question itself was wrong.

"I spend too much time asking questions about the meaning of life and the meaning of my own existence. The meaning," he has discovered, "is in living itself."

And that no doubt is true. Studdert-Kennedy said that when he stood before the eternal judgment seat, he expected God to ask him just one question: "Well, what did you make of it?"

No "how did life treat you?" — so that those whose lives were filled with misfortune and tragedy would have it made up to them in heaven. Not that, but "what did you make of it?"

What did you make of the sufferings? Did they remain just sufferings or did you change the quality of them so that in the end they blessed your life?

And what did you make of the opportunities? Did they bring to your mind the words of Jesus who said that "unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required?"

Did you bring your best to life — "courage for the conflict, patience for the long striving, love enough to forgive and to begin again?"

The meaning of life is in living it. Suppose now we apply what we have been saying to Christmas. What if we should find the meaning of Christmas — "God with us" — in the living of it?

Won't we discover that, no matter what befalls us, we do not have to manage for ourselves and by ourselves? That though the road be very steep and the way dark, God is with us? That we can always go to him and be helped by him? That he will give us all we need to face life and, more than that, to come through with honor and a crown?

Christmas means us sure of that because it was on another Christmas Eve long ago that this God "came down from heaven ... and was made man" and dwelt forevermore in human hearts and lives.

What shall we say on Christmas Day — this Christmas Day? Only the old story in the old way: God's love is with us still. / And wonder as we will, and far as we may stray, / Oh, never doubt, His love will search us out / On Christmas Day.

Though faith may falter, with her banners furled, / Still, still across a grim and dark'ning world, / He follows there, / So take your Father's hand, / You will not lose the way, / Love will be near, and Love will understand / On Christmas Day.

## Open Forum

### Tree priorities are skewed

To the Editor: I read your front page article "Students strive to save trees" in total disbelief.

I have planted Christmas tree seedlings since 1954 on former hay and crop land. The acres involved total in excess of 400, which could have been used for housing or commercial development.

The cut Christmas Tree has been my source of income to keep this property intact as farm land and hopefully it will be maintained as such. Every 12 to 15 years, the trees are harvested and replanted. Some of the land now has its third generation of trees. This is a planned sequence which provides thousands of Christmas Trees each year and the total forest keeps enlarging as more trees are planted.

The thought of artificial trees eliminating the need for this 400 acres of young cultured evergreens in our area is devastating. The developers' blueprints will probably consume the land when Christmas Tree farming becomes impractical. The local landfills will have an increased problem when these artificial trees are discarded. The use of fossil fuels to manufacture artificial trees is only adding to our present fuel problem.

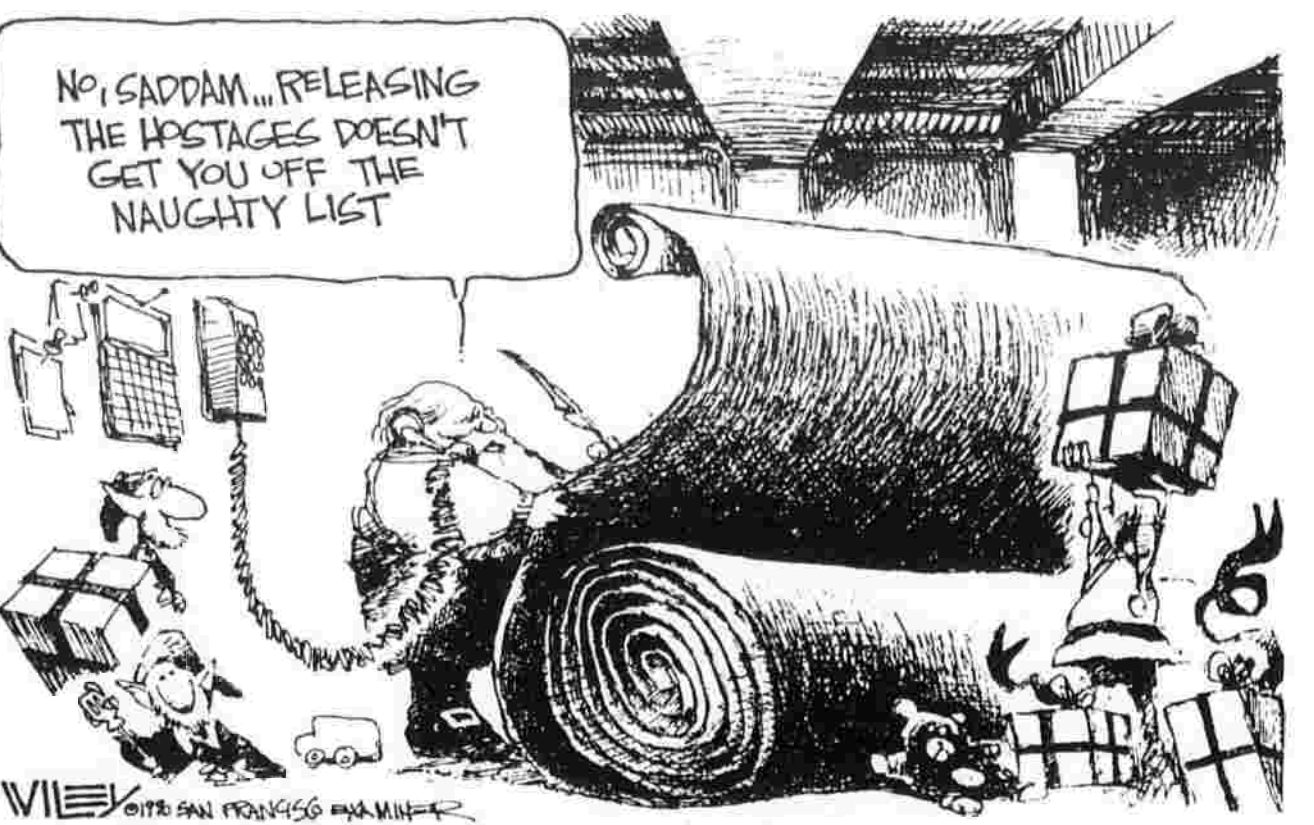
I feel the Manchester school class, and your paper, needs to further analyze your positions as they relate to agricultural production, open space, a better quality living environment, and last, but not least, a traditional fresh cut Christmas tree (or fresh dug tree), for school children in your community.

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## Preparing for the big one

By JOSEPH WALKER

So ... where were you on December 3rd?

Come on, admit it. You tried to step lightly that day, didn't you? And you were relieved when December 4th dawned and biologist Ben Browning's prognosticated earthquake hadn't split America in two. Or three. Or four.

I know I was. I wanted to bring a hard hat to work that day. I'm not kidding. I don't know what good it would have done me, since I work on the 25th floor of a 28-story building. It just would have made me feel a little more secure. And when some expert is telling you that there's a good chance your whole world may literally come crashing down around you, even a little security is a lot.

News reports indicate I wasn't alone in my concern on Quake Day '90. Some schools in various parts of the country closed for the day. And where classes were held, attendance was lower than usual, with many parents freely admitting they kept their children home — just in case. They also noticed higher-than-normal rates of absenteeism, as employees chose to take a vacation day or contracted a mysterious 24-hour bug some were calling "Quakepuffitis."

And what about the boom business done the previous weekend by sellers of emergency supplies, bottled water and earthquake insurance? Clearly there were forces at work that weekned even more compelling than the earth's alignment with the sun and the gravitational pull of the full moon making its closest pass to earth in 16 years.

And those forces really worked on me, and I really worked on my family. We laid in a little extra peanut butter and Spam. We checked the batteries in the flashlights. We ran through the emergency exit drill a few times. And we picked up that meter wrench we've been meaning to install by our gas meter for a couple of years.

We went to Dr. Browning's prediction in a pretty big way. Our philosophy was, "Maybe it won't happen. But what if it does?" And even though that's a little embarrassing to admit right now, deep down inside I feel good about our weekend of preparations for The Big One. No, it didn't come this time. But it will — someday. We happen to live just a few miles from a major fault line, and so we know the question of earthquakes isn't a matter of if they will come, but when. And when they do come, we want to be better prepared as a result of our recent efforts.

For many of us, the concept of preparedness hasn't entered our minds much since we first heard the story of the ant and the grasshopper. You remember that one, don't you? The grasshopper likes to sing and dance and play away the summer while the ant works hard to store the food he will need to last through the winter. Of course, the grasshopper has a lot more fun than the ant — until the snow falls and he finds him-

self out in the cold — hungry and homeless.

Do the characters sound familiar? A lot of us can relate to the grasshopper since we're inclined to live life for today without giving much thought to preparing for tomorrow. And we probably know a few people who, like that ant, seem to be so busy preparing for tomorrow that they never really have time to enjoy today. But isn't there a happy medium somewhere, an approach to preparedness that stops short of boarding up the windows and heading for the hills?

I think there is. It is just as foolish to become obsessed with potential disaster (you know, like those guys who have stockpiled guns and turned their wilderness cabins into small fortresses) as it is to ignore its possibility. And so in a reasonable way, we can prepare for anything else in life — one step at a time. First we can make sure everyone in the household knows what to do in the immediate aftermath of disaster — where to go, how to turn off, how to get help and how to handle critical first aid problems until help arrives. Then we can make sure we have on hand enough food, fuel, clothes and money to see us through for a few days. Then we can expand our supplies to include provisions for a couple of weeks. Then a couple of months. Then — who knows? — maybe even six months or a year.

And then we can forget about it. Aside from an occasional update and rotation of food, clothes and batteries, you don't need to worry so much about earthquakes, floods or fires (or, for that matter, the ups and downs of the economy) because you're prepared. Like the wise man said, "If you're prepared, you won't need to fear."

Even if you aren't, by nature, an ant, Joseph Walker is a bishop in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

## Vietnam and the Gulf

By WALTER F. MEARS  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Militarily, President Bush pledges, the Persian Gulf crisis will not become another Vietnam. But politically, there is no such assurance.

Instead, there are parallels, 25 years apart, between the first stirrings of congressional skepticism about Vietnam and the current hearings on U.S. policy against Iraq.

At the beginning of the Vietnam conflict, there was little political or public dissent about the declared administration goal of helping the south defend against communist aggression from the north. The antiwar movement took shape slowly as the conflict escalated into the longest of America's wars.

But there were early notes of caution and skepticism as the war dragged on. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee in the winter of 1966. Robert S. McNamara, the secretary of defense, declined to appear there, saying it would not be in the public interest for him to discuss Vietnam policy in open session.

This time McNamara, the Vietnam hawk, testified on the side of caution. He told the Foreign Relations Committee on Tuesday that the United States should wait for economic sanctions to work against Iraq. "Who can doubt that a year of blockade will be cheaper than a week of war," he said.

The Senate began hearings recently, before the Armed Services Committee. Cheney was invited to lead off, but the administration decided against an appearance until after the United Nations Security Council had approved the possible use of force to drive Iraq from Kuwait.

That left the initial proceedings to former officials and retired military men who generally counseled caution, ques-

## Score is Saddam: 1 Bush: 0

By JACK ANDERSON  
and DALE VAN ATTA

WASHINGTON — The first victory in the U.S.-Iraqi peace talks went to Iraq over the talks opened. Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein forced President Bush to back down on his resolve to invite Kuwaiti leaders to the talks.

Saddam got Bush to blink by threatening to invite his own unwelcome guest — Palestinian Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat.

That prospect was so contrary to Bush's current Persian Gulf policy that he caved in immediately and agreed to bilateral talks only between the United States and Iraq.

The White House and the State Department have downplayed the president's fast footwork because they did not want it to look like what it was, a technical knockout of Bush in the preliminary round.

Knowledgeable sources with access to the secret cables between Baghdad and Washington told us what happened.

President Bush surprised Saddam and U.S. allies with his offer on Nov. 30 for direct negotiations. Bush said he would meet with the Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz in Washington and would send Secretary of State James Baker to meet Saddam in Baghdad.

Then, almost as an afterthought, Bush said he would invite offers of "our coalition partners" to come along. Saddam became obsessed by the off-hand remark: "Whom did the Americans intend to bring? Finally, he received secret confirmation from Washington that Bush planned to involve Saudi and Kuwaiti diplomats.

Saddam doesn't mind talking to Saudis, but as far as he is concerned, Kuwait doesn't exist any more and he won't be about to entertain emissaries from the exiled Kuwaiti government. Iraqi troops have raped and pillaged Kuwait, annexed it and driven its citizens out of the country.

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# BUSINESS

## Desert Shield won't help defense industry

By JOHN DIAMOND  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Operation Desert Shield won't protect the nation's weapons makers from lean times or save thousands of workers from layoffs, military experts said.

Give or take a tank here and a missile system there, defense contractors say they are sticking by their gloomy forecasts. And lawmakers still talk about legislation to help communities hardest hit by defense budget cuts.

Even with a war, the outlook does not necessarily improve for arms contractors.

To the extent that this conflict creates the outlook for peace in the Middle East, it worsens the prospects for major defense contractors, said Thomas Lloyd-Butler, an analyst who watches defense contractors for Montgomery Securities in San Francisco.

The most immediate financial beneficiaries of the deployment of U.S. troops to the Persian Gulf are small manufacturers of uniforms, personal items, protective gear and food. The Pentagon is spending billions on shipments of sun screen,

cold drink mix, desert-camoouflaged clothing, prepared meals and bottled water.

But there's been no comparable surge in orders for weapons manufacturers. The production of long term contracts that preceded the Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait by Iraqi forces remain unshaken.

"We're looking over the next five years at a declining defense budget, there's no doubt about that," said Pete Schmidt, an analyst with the Defense Budget Project, a Washington-based think tank. "What Desert Shield has done is affect the slope of the decline. It's not going to be as steep. It's not shrinking as fast."

There have been some exceptions. The Land Systems Division of General Dynamics — which encompasses plants in Michigan and Ohio — gained a windfall in the sale of some 700 tanks to Saudi Arabia. Textron Lycoming in Stratford supplies engines for General Dynamics tanks.

Raytheon Co. of Lexington, Mass., has already sold the Saudi's \$1.1 billion in anti-aircraft missile systems and will likely sell more.

## Colonial employees testify against Shuch

By LARRY ROSENTHAL  
The Associated Press

NEW HAVEN — Two employees of Colonial Realty Co. have admitted falsifying documents to help the financially troubled real estate giant obtain bank loans, in a scheme they say was devised by the company's former chief financial officer.

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About 200 banks, of which Bank of New England is one, are used by the Treasury to hold excess cash for a few days at a time, said Lenora Cross, spokeswoman for the Office of Comptroller of the Currency. This cash earns one-quarter point below a money market interest rate, she said.

"These accounts are volatile," she said.

When excess cash is put into these banks, it is done randomly, according to the collateral the bank has deposited in advance at the regional Federal Reserve Bank. A bank that wants more Treasury deposits can get them automatically by putting up more collateral.

A Treasury statement Wednesday night said: "Treasury gave no special treatment to the Bank of New England. All Treasury funds ... placed with banks are fully collateralized. Collateral is valued at least as conservatively as the Fed values collateral" for its loans to banks.

The statement was read by an official who would not permit use of her name.

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# Dropout

less than 2 percent of Manchester High School students dropped out of school this year before receiving their diplomas, said School Superintendent James P. Kennedy.

"The dropout rate hasn't changed much at all" during the past few years, Kennedy said. "In fact, this year's dropout rate [at the high school] is quite low."

Kennedy said that the school district loses some students moving up from junior high to high school as well because that is around the time when the students turn 16 and no longer fall under compulsory attendance ages set by state law.

"There is a definite push to attempt to cut this dropout rate even further," Kennedy said, citing the dropout counseling program at the high school, which attempts to get students to keep attending classes.

To explain the difference between the dropout rate and the percentage of people without diplomas, LaRosa said that many people living in Manchester who now attend the Regional Adult Basic Education classes may have at one time lived in Hartford — where the dropout rate is 40 to 50 percent — or other communities.

LaRosa said that more than a

third of the people who take the General Education Development test, a high school diploma equivalency exam, cite personal reasons, such as having to get a job, as the motive behind their leaving high school.

"Some of these kids are living on their own, and they have to get jobs," he said.

Pregnancy is also a big factor in students' decision to drop out, LaRosa added.

"Most of those students who get pregnant can't handle being a mom and going to school at the same time," he said.

Only about 6 percent of those taking the GED test cite academic reasons for their departure from school, the supervisor noted, adding that the myth that most dropouts can't handle their schoolwork is false.

"Most of the students are not leaving for academic reasons," he said.

LaRosa said that there are about 100 students set to graduate under the Regional Adult Basic Education diploma program. About one-third of them are from Manchester, he said.

The supervisor added that bet-

ween 50 and 60 people showed up for the last GED testing, which takes place every two weeks. About 70 percent of the people pass the test, thus getting a high school equivalency diploma, he said.

LaRosa said that dropouts face a tougher time getting into the mainstream of society than they did 15 to 20 years ago.

"When you consider what is required now to get an entry-level job, the importance of getting a diploma is that much greater, he said.

LaRosa said that previously, a high school degree was used to open doors in the work force, but now it is used as a stepping stone for college or additional training.

"You just don't need to get [a high school] diploma anymore," he said, noting that many more jobs now require college degrees or specialized training than they did before.

LaRosa added that although adult education programs are helpful for people who can't go back to the traditional classroom, high schools are still superior in terms of giving a student the right environment.

"The best place to get a diploma is in Manchester High School," he said.

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# Schlosser

where they are upset to join together and write to complain to sponsors who continue to support him.

She also said she is interested in seeing if a complaint about Schlosser's comments can be filed with the Federal Communications Commission. The FCC has said it can censor when there has been "an attack on the honesty, integrity and personal quality of an identified group of people, when the attack occurs during a discussion of a topic of importance to the general public."

Schlosser was fired several years ago from a similar shock radio show on station WDRG. WCCC is ranked ninth overall in the Hartford radio market, according to the latest Arbitron ratings, although Schlosser's program is ranked third of all the area AM and FM morning programs.

On Wednesday, The Manchester Herald published an article about how Schlosser, whose controversial program airs from 6 to 10 a.m. on weekdays, often refers to Manchester women as "sluts" who dress and behave more promiscuously than other women.

In an interview with the Herald, Schlosser based his claim on what he said were personal experiences at local nightclubs, in particular Hanky Panky's at Parcel Place, and the former David's in the Manchester Parkade.

In addition, Schlosser said that Connecticut women who live east of the Connecticut river are "looser" than are women who live west of the river.

Local feminist and former town Director Mary Ann Handley said she is angry about Schlosser's generalizations and also interested in filing a complaint with the FCC.

"I'm not taking it personally, but I am angry that people are listening to it," she said. "Some people could be hurt."

"I think the tragic thing is that what [Schlosser] is saying probably reflects the way men talk about young women in the locker room, but he is using our air space to do it. There is a level of hostility, anger and prejudice of men against women in society that is disturbing," she said.

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opinions. WCCC General Manager Ted Selter has said that although he does not agree with Schlosser's generalizations, he would not act to stop them.

Phil Pavone, owner of Hanky Panky's, said Schlosser visited Hanky Panky's about six months ago and tried to distribute buttons with "I'm a slut" printed on them, but Pavone said he made Schlosser stop.

Pavone also said he stepped advertising with WCCC about three months ago when, despite his complaints, it became apparent Schlosser would continue to refer to Manchester women as "sluts" while on the radio. The references were and are still hurting his business, Pavone said.

"He's giving Manchester a bad name without a doubt and without reason," the bar owner said. "I don't want it to reflect on my business."

"Most of the girls who come here are city-oriented and they dress up," Pavone said. "Some wear short skirts, but they look nice. They are gorgeous."

"If Sebastian said they looked coarsely than other women, 'hot,' or 'real nice' or 'sexy,' or 'pretty,' or 'beautiful,' that's a compliment," he continued. "That's not a compliment. To me, that's a minus, not a plus. He thinks it's funny, but I don't."

Several female patrons at Hanky Panky's Wednesday night said that some girls, no matter where they are from, dress in a more promiscuous fashion than others.

"Women are the same no matter

where they are from," said Sue Minarick, 27, of Wallingford, who was visiting the bar for her first time. "He's full of [it]."

"We're not different from any other women," said Lisa Duffy, 28, of Manchester, who also was at Hanky Panky's. "He just likes to insult females. I hate the sexist jerk."

"He's very honest, but I don't care for his opinion," said Erin Lamb, 29, of Meriden, who was at Hanky Panky's. "I compare him to the Ku Klux Klan. They thrive on [angering] people."

At Manchester University College Wednesday, several students offered their opinion.

"The situation here is no different than in any other town," said Manchester resident Pamela Smith, 22, a junior studying judicial technology. "He's wrong to generalize about a group of women in one town."

"I don't think [Schlosser's] comments are right. It sounds like prejudice," said Vernon resident Christine Matton, 23, an early childhood education major. "I guess whether his comments damage our reputation depends on the education of men who are listening to what he says. An idiot will believe him."

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## Town agencies told to cut back

By ALEX GIPELLI  
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Heads of town government departments are being told to find ways to reduce their spending for the current budget year by 5 percent in case severe cut-backs are needed.

That move is the most drastic of three taken by General Manager Richard Sartor who said he is concerned about reduced revenues and an increase in demand for human services in the face of the troubled economy.

Sartor said it will be difficult to achieve 5 percent cuts in this year's budget with only one-quarter of the year remaining.

He said that even if it is necessary to make severe cuts in this year's budget, it will probably not be possible to make the cuts across the board with an equal impact on all departments. But the 5 percent scenario will make it possible for him and budget officials to set priorities, Sartor said.

Sartor has also told administrators not to fill any vacant positions from now until April 1, although they will be allowed to conduct interviews for such positions.

And he has instructed the government heads to absorb any increases in costs for such things as gasoline and fuel oil in the remainder of this year's budget.

Sartor said he is concerned about revenues, including money from federal, state, and local sources. As an example, he said that when the budget was set, the assumption was made that 99 percent of the current taxes would be collectible. He said it is not normal to achieve that high a rate in normal good years and he expects collections will fall below that rate this year.

"It's imperative that we take the necessary action to provide for budget cutting," he said.

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Manchester High School has ended their first quarter of the 1990-91 school year. The following students have been named for achieving general or high honors.

High honors: Kelly Bowler, Rebecca Bruner, Lauren Buckton, Zarah Chaurasia, Paul Choi, Matthew DeMarco, Derrick Demer, Susan Donato, Amy Duran, Jessica Fader, Todd Gundrumer, Dawn Harris, Robert Kelly, May Krupen, Susan Larson, Jean Lee, Ryan McKee, Christopher Miller, Melissa Myers, James N. Patrick Osborn, William Popas, Melissa Russel, Kelley Rose, Peter Russell, Christopher Spodis, Steven Torres, Andrew Allen, Charlotte Anderson, Kenneth Asano, Anissa Barbato, Eric Bernstein, Jason Berry, Alexis Bradford, Andrea Bolig, Karen Borenstein, Jennifer Bortone, John Brown, Jesse Bradford, Sandra Bondarow, Danielle Brown, Julie Burnett, Jeremy But, Richard Busch, Jennifer Cannon, Matthew Carlson, Lauren Carter, Eric Chalmers, Rita Cook, Michele Cole, Kristin Coveil, Aaron Custer, Graham Dalrymple, Lisa Davis, Kathleen DeLano, David DeLorenzo, Stephanie Dennis, Vincenza Diaz, Shawn Donahue, Steven Donnelly, Raean Droyen, Amy Dwyer, Jeremy Egan, Scott Eggen, Nicole Ecker, Michelle Erickson, Cynthia Eren, Sarah Falas, Joyce Fausano, Steven Fish, Jacqueline Florida, Susana Foley, Alison Fuenfro, Scott Fuller, Anthony Gagnier, Bryan Gagnon, Michele Gale, John Garrison, Susan Gargioly, Beth Gardner, Jennifer Gaudin, Kelly Griffin, Luigi Grossi, Nicole Hachey, Steven Hanson, Kelly Harner, Gabriel Hernandez, Gilbert Hernandez, Laura Hinds, Amber Hocking, Matthew Holmes, Christine Hughes, Anne Hunter, Heidi Impehato, Robert Jendryczny, Amy Johnson, Ernst Jordan, Jennifer Kasper, Jonathan Keenan, Hilary Keener, Chanting Kong, Jonathan Korman, Scott Kott, Jill Kraus, George Krutbas, Jeremiah Kruis, Sally Kubaska, Michele Lammert, Michael Laska, Jennifer Lencucha, Cynthia Lavore, Andrew Lawrence, Jessica Levenson, Ariel Lewis, Rebecca Lovaglio, Margaret Long, Grant Lowery, Honghua Luoprasanna, Steven Lyons, Ryan Maloney, Elizabeth McCabe, Emily Mann, Christopher Miller, Nicole Minor, Anthony Mira, Carrie Moore, Joseph Moraw, Sada Muzick, Tamara Nelson, Kristin New, Van Nie, David O'Connell, David O'Connell, William O'Connell, Joseph Ouellette, Leah Paret, Leah Paret, April Patricia Pagan, Edward Pickett, Axel Pinner, Brian Pollock, Tammy Pomeroy, Kristin Pomeroy, Daryl Richard, Kimberly Rich, Sheila Ringler, Christopher Ringler, David Rodriguez, Brian Rogers, Anne Marie Russo, Michael Russo, Jason Ryan, Michael Sallatore, Matthew Sauer, Peter Sauer, Joseph Schuster, Chris Schromberger, Timothy Seakovsky, Peter Seck, Jennifer Smith, Stephanie Smith, Allison Soucy, Phyllis Souther, Thomas Spang, David Spang, Kaitlyn Swamy, Tempa Symonds, Cheryl Thomas, Scott Thompson, Gordon Thornton, Amanda Uzzello, David Wade, Kim Wainwright, George Walsh, Matthew Weis, David Wengertman, Kim Wilbourn, Robert Wojcik, Howard Yang, William Yong, Anissa Sargis.

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### About Town

**Orford Parish meeting**  
The biennial meeting of the Orford Parish of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at the home of Mrs. Charles Stratt, 97 Prospect St., Manchester, tonight at 7:30. Members are reminded to bring a \$2 grab bag.

**Kinderfun program at YWCA**  
The YWCA Kinderfun Program still has openings for the 1990-91 program year. Kinderfun is a state-certified, non-profit YWCA childcare kindergarten program designed to meet the needs of families with children in the AM Kindergarten section. Bus transportation is provided from Manchester public schools to the YWCA, Nuneaton Branch, 78 North Main St., Manchester. Kinderfun hours of operation are 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call 647-1437.

**Pinochle results**  
The Manchester Senior Pinochle Players met Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Army and Navy Club at 9:30 a.m. Play is open to all senior members. Results were: Adolph Yeakey, 600; Ada Rojas, 600; Pat Balazs, 595; Viv Luquerre, 589; Sam Schors, 566; Mary Twombly, 565; Lillian Carlson, 560; Sue Kern, 559; Donna Andrews, 553; Edna Farmer, 551; Hans Benschke, 551; Ethel Kozel, 546; Jeanne Starke, 541.

**Bridge results**  
The Manchester AM Bridge Club results for Monday, Dec. 3 were: N-S: 1) Linda Simmons and Peg Dunfield, 2) Ellen Goldberg and Iv Carlson, 3) Carol Lucal and Hal Luch; E-W: 1) Bev Saunders and Pat Schuckner, 2-3) Suzanne Short and Mary Willhite, 2-3) Marge Warner and Terry Daigle. Results for Thursday, Dec. 6 open pair championship were: N-S: 1) Henry Samuelsen and Roman Seck, 2) Clayton Parker and Pat Gigorion, 3) Deane McCarthy and Peter Griffiths; E-W: 1) Tom Regan and Mike Franklin, 2-3) Frankie Brown and Phyllis Pierson, 2-3) Edith Boacher and Brian Gorsch.

**Coventry students win awards**  
Students from Coventry High School won awards in Connecticut's first art and academic Olympics for women. Coventry High proved to be an aggressive opponent in all areas of competition. Coventry, with its team of fifteen young women, received awards for four of the seven events in which the girls competed. Exhibiting their talents alone, Sarah Wangerin placed first in music and Darcy Cloutman placed second in art. Julie Doughty, Christine Carlin, and Elissa Chester formed the winning team in the history competition and Jenny Wajda, Nicole Dolat and Deborah Frye made up a winning team in the science competition. Other members of the team were Shelley Miles, Alison Goldsander, Cherie Curtis, Kendra Hamm, Rebecca Caldwell, Tara Fliegelman, and Catherine Lockwood. The Coventry participants were directed by Judy Burr.

### Obituaries

**Brett Francis Hope II**  
Brett Francis Hope II, 18, of Swanton, Vt., and Hebron, died Friday (Dec. 7) in an automobile accident on Vermont. He was born in Hartford, Aug. 15, 1972. He was a senior at Missisquoi Valley Union High School in Swanton, Vt. He is survived by his father, Brett Hope of Hebron; his mother, Barbara Coon of Vermont; four sisters, Michelle Hope, Kathleen Hope, Ellen Hope and Darlene Westover, all of Vermont; his paternal grandparents, Arthur and Lorraine Hope of East Hartford; his maternal grandmother, Ilse Boomhower of Vermont; and many uncles, nieces, and cousins.

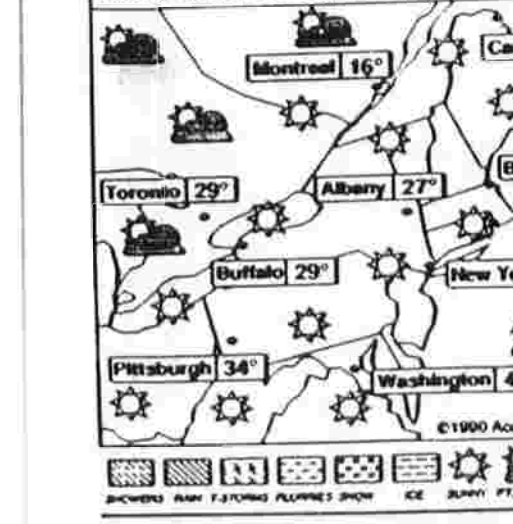
**Florence VanGasbeck Powers**  
Florence VanGasbeck Powers was born Jan. 3, 1902, in Swanton, Vt. She was the daughter of the late Marjorie F. Powers, sister of Albert VanGasbeck of Manchester, died Tuesday (Dec. 11) at Gladioview Healthcare Center, Old Saybrook after a long illness. She was born in East Hartford, July 6, 1900, daughter of the late George and May VanGasbeck, and had lived in Old Saybrook for the past eight years. She is survived by a daughter,

### Deaths Elsewhere

**TV exec**  
LONDON (AP) — Sir Ian Trethowan, chairman of Thames Television and a former director-general of the British Broadcasting Corp., died Wednesday after a battle with motor neuron disease. He was 68.

**Horse trainer**  
HARRINGTON, Del. (AP) — William M. Myer, a harness horse driver and trainer for nearly 50 years, died Tuesday of congestive heart failure at age 74.

### Weather



### Police Roundup

**Bomb scare in Parkade**  
A false report that a bomb was planted in the Marshall's clothes store at the Manchester Parkade forced the evacuation of dozens of shoppers and employees Wednesday afternoon.

**Adopt a pet: Holly and Fluffy**  
By BARBARA RICHMOND  
Manchester Herald  
The best news this week from the Manchester Dog pound is that Gentle Ben has been adopted. Ben, a 6-year-old shepherd cross, had been at the pound for several weeks.

**Holly**  
The dog pound is located off Olcott Street near the town's landfill. Dog Warden Thomas Russell is at the pound from noon to 1 p.m. There is also someone there from 6 to 9 a.m., Monday through Friday.

**Fluffy**  
Fluffy, a nice long-haired female, is the featured pet of the organization. All of the cats and kittens put up for adoption are spayed or neutered and given their shots, unless too young when taken. The organization is also in need of monetary donations to help pay veterinary bills and buy food for the many animals taken in.

### Thoughts

"Charity begins at home." "Home is where the heart is." "Purity of heart is to will one thing."

"Proclaim a year of favor from God" — Is. 61:2.  
"What would happen if we selected one of our 'little dreams' for special attention? You know how we take some bulbs this time of year, put them in gravel and give them warmth, water, and light — and soon in the middle of winter — we have bright flowers. We select one — just a little one — and give it some gentle, thoughtful, quiet even humorous attention. And soon it is growing! Just a little at first — not sure of the new environment — but gradually more form — more substance, more reality."

Before we might expect — the bleak mid-winter is mixed with spring. The calendar season does not match the season of the heart.

Rev. Ernest Harris, Chaplain  
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Today's weather picture was drawn by Colby Lawler, a kindergartner at Assumption School.

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**ACROSS**

- 1 — tu
- 6 Office worker
- 11 — four
- 12 Drawing
- 13 Small group
- 14 Word of farewell
- 18 Coat
- 19 Shirts
- 20 Show (part)
- 22 Can. prov.
- 24 Adjective
- 26 Reagent
- 28 Reagent
- 31 Musical genre
- 33 Material
- 35 Actor
- 36 Harpe/Van
- 37 Basses
- 38 Male like
- 40 Base
- 41 Character
- 42 Goad

**DOWN**

- 1 Hawaiian
- 2 Lagoon
- 3 Disaccharide
- 4 Explorer
- 5 Nautical
- 6 Reagent
- 7 Small glass
- 8 Musical genre
- 9 Hand blow
- 10 Golf putt
- 12 Extras
- 13 Voids
- 17 Crowd
- 18 Basses
- 19 Base
- 21 Beverage
- 23 W. Coast
- 25 Long (sl.)
- 26 Canal grass
- 27 Grass
- 28 Reagent
- 29 Mixture
- 30 Uses
- 32 Wind
- 34 — de
- 35 France
- 38 Miscellaneous
- 39 Grows in
- 40 Measure of
- 41 The (fr.)
- 42 Olympic
- 43 gnomel
- 44 Beattie
- 45 State
- 46 Meas over
- 47 Egyptian
- 48 Lamb's pen
- 49 Feet point
- 51 Measure of
- 53 The (fr.)

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**CELEBRITY CIPHER**

Identify celebrities by their initials. Each letter in the cipher stands for a different celebrity. **Answer:** FRODO BAGGINS

**FORM A IP TVUQYET**

**ANSWER:** THE

**PREVIOUS SOLUTION:** "The joy of music should never be interrupted by a commercial." — Leonard Bernstein.

**THE PHANTOM** by Lee Falk & Barry

**HAGAR THE HORRIBLE** by Dick Browne

**ALLEY OOP** by Dave Coverly

**THE BORN LOSER** by Art Sisson

**WANDA WASTED ME ABOUT YOU YEARS AGO**

**THE NEW BREED**

"I think we're gonna go with the raccoons."

**SNAPU** by Bruce Beattie

**JUMBLE** THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four jumbles. Write one letter in each square to form four ordinary words.

**THABE**

**YUHRH**

**DELPOW**

**RANCAL**

**ANSWER:** AT THE

**ANSWER:** WHEN SHE WANTS HER HUSBAND'S OPINION — SHE GIVES IT TO HIM

**BIOS BUNNY** by Warner Bros.

**THE GRIZWELLS** by Bill Schoor

**FRANK AND ERNEST** by Bob Thaves

**PHIPPS** by Joseph Farris

**BLONDIE** by Dean Young & Stan Drake

**ARLO AND JANIS** by Jimmy Johnson

**SPIDER-MAN** by Stan Lee

**EEK AND MEK** by Howie Schneider

**WINTHROP** by Dick Cavall

**ERLIE** by Bud Green

**PERSONALLY, I THOUGHT YOU LOOKED BEST AS A GIBBON**

**YOU DAFNY IN SURE HE WASN'T PURSUINGLY TRYING TO HUMILIATE YOU... IT JUST HAPPENED TO TAKE HIS LIFE BEFORE HE GOT IT RIGHT, THAT'S ALL**

**BUT IF WE GET PRAYER IN SCHOOL, DOES THAT MEAN WE'LL HAVE TO DO MATH IN CHURCH?**

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# DISCOVER

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Entertainment ■ events ■ arts

## Local firm spruces up tired holiday decorations

By DIANNA M. TALBOT  
Herald Features Editor

**MANCHESTER** — After spending the last year in storage, those Christmas decorations might not look as good as they once did. Or, perhaps you have a nice decoration, but wish they looked more "Christmassy."

But rather than throw out old decorations, one can have them spruced up at a new local crafts shop.

Helen Cerra opened My Favorite Things on Dec. 1 in back of Sterling Upholstery at 222 McKee St. Opening day attracted about 50 people to the shop, which also specializes in the creation of Victorian-style decorations — those featuring lots of lace, ribbons and dried flowers.

Under the East Hartford resident's skilled hands, deteriorating wreaths, dried flower arrangements, ornaments and other decorations take on new life and ordinary decorations can be

changed to make holiday statements.

In many such cases, all Cerra needs to do is replace a frayed or wrinkled ribbon with one of her elegantly tied bows. Or, she will replace dried flowers with an ensemble of her own, including decorative berries and anything else she sees fit.

Sprucing up old decorations costs significantly less than buying new decorations, according to Cerra.

For instance, replacing a bow on a typical 14- to 16-inch Christmas wreath can cost as little as \$3.50, depending on the type of material used. But replacing the decoration probably would cost more than \$20, Cerra said.

In another example, a customer recently brought Cerra an attractive small, dried flower arrangement and asked her to make it "Christmassy." For \$8, Cerra added dried berries, replaced several flowers and sprayed parts of it gold. The result was an attractive Christmas decoration and a pleased customer, she said.

Besides fixing up decorations, Cerra makes and sells her own wreaths, dried/ silk flower arrangements and Christmas ornaments. Her husband, Sal, makes the vine bases for many of her wall decorations. On a recent day, the highest priced item in her store was a large basket of dried flowers for about \$100.

Nancy Paine, owner of American Images, an arts and crafts store in East Windsor, commended Cerra for her creative talent with decorations, especially those featuring flowers.

The two first met after Cerra opened her first My Favorite Things shop in 1988 in the town of Windsor. That shop closed in February, Cerra said she decided to move My Favorite Things to Manchester in order to be closer to home and her mother, who lives in Manchester Manor nursing home.

Paine says she buys Cerra's decorations to sell at her own store.

"The customers always swoop them right up," Paine said. "Her work is unusual, elegant and beautiful," — as well as "affordable, Paine said.

Paine also said she sometimes asks Cerra to improve upon crafts — by either adding bows or other details — which she purchases from out-of-state vendors to sell at American Images. Cerra has a knack for knowing what looks unique and attractive, she said.

Cerra's motto is: "People really want something different from what the person next door to them has."

Each Christmas season, Cerra makes only one of her handmade "Victorian Angels," a decoration made mainly out of lace which she sells for about \$18. As soon as she makes one, someone buys it, she said. Cerra said she makes only one, because they are time consuming to construct. She also wants to offer customers who buy a rare "few of a kind" decoration.

Besides selling her own work at My Favorite Things, Cerra also sells crafts made by other people, such as hand-painted sweatshirts, decorative handboxes, jewelry, wall decorations, baskets and figurines.

But she is strict when accepting items from other vendors and crafts people.

"A lot of people ask me to put things in my shop, but I won't unless I really like it," Cerra said. "I have to love it or I won't buy it, because I feel a customer will feel the same way."

Cerra, 59, decided to open her own store after retiring in 1988 as a 12-year secretary for the police chief in East Hartford. Before that she was a homemaker, raising four children.

Cerra said she became interested in Victorian-style crafts after a class as a singer was cut short at the age of 21 by a throat operation to remove nodules.

Cerra learned how to make decorations by purchasing ones which she liked and studying how



**HER FAVORITE THINGS** — Helen Cerra fiddles with some Christmas tree ornaments she makes and sells at her new store/workshop, My Favorite Things, 222 McKee St., Manchester. She also specializes in sprucing up old holiday decorations.

"People really want something different from what the person next door to them has."

they were made. At work as a secretary, she often dreamed of opening her own business. And when she retired, she finally realized her dream.

A mainstay of Cerra's business are shows for clubs, companies and schools, such as Charter Oak Elementary School in West Hartford, where a family member teaches. She also will schedule private shows at her store. Her goal for the business is to "let people know I'm here so that my favorite things can teach theirs." She also plans to become classes in basket arrangements and decorative bows at a local YMCA or YWCA in the near future, but has no definite plans yet.

**My Favorite Things, 222 McKee St., Manchester, is open Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays through December, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To make an appointment, call Helen Cerra at 645-1999 or 568-4062.**



**MORE OF THEM** — Helen Cerra makes her decorations appear unique through the use of bows, dried flowers, ribbons, fabric and more.

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

**High school concert**  
East Catholic High School will present its annual on-campus Christmas concert Sunday at 4 p.m. Directed by music teacher Peggy Caffrey, the concert will feature the Concert Band and Choir as well as Jazz East, a vocal and instrumental ensemble of selected school musicians. An art show will be presented during intermission. For more information, call 649-5336.

**LaLeche League meets**  
"Baby Arrives: Family and the Breastfed Baby" will be the topic at the next meeting of the LaLeche League of South Windsor. The discussion will be held on Monday at 7:30 p.m. at 24 Locust St., South Windsor. For more information or 24-hour breastfeeding counseling, call Carol at 644-4109 or Kathy at 644-1491.

**Lunch with Santa**  
St. Bridget Home School Association will sponsor a Lunch with Santa on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school cafeteria, 74 Main St., Manchester. Tickets are \$3 and include lunch and a visit with Santa. Parents will be admitted free. Photos with Santa will be available for a small additional fee. For more information, call Laurel at 647-8699 or Mary Ann at 643-0336.



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**Musical service**  
"Winter Darkness, Winter Light" is the title of a musical service promoting a deeper understanding and appreciation of what the holiday season offers to be given Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at Unitarian Universalist Society-East. For more information, call 646-5151.

**Church play**  
"Sing Us a True Song," is the title of a Christmas play to be presented by the Sanctuary Choir of First Baptist Church, Manchester, on Sunday at 7 p.m. For more information, call 228-9542.

**Christmas celebration**  
"The Touch of Christmas" will be presented Saturday by the Adult Choir and "Joyful Noise" Children's Choir of Trinity Covenant Church of Manchester and members of the Manchester Symphony Orchestra. The concert will be held at the East Hartford Middle School auditorium on Burnside Avenue at 7 p.m. General admission is free and open to the public. For more information, call 649-2855.

**Black nativity performance**  
"Black Nativity," a play celebrating the holiday season and meaning of giving featuring Gospel Academy Award winner the Vernon Jones Singers, will be performed Monday at 8 p.m. in Millard Auditorium at the University of Hartford, Hart School of Music, West Hartford. For tickets, call 247-4708, 243-9761 or 243-2843.

**Santa's workshop**  
A Santa's workshop, allowing a peek into the famous toy factory where elves work feverishly to fill millions of orders for Christmas goodies before Christmas, will be at Leamy Hall Auditorium, grounds of the Coast Guard Academy in New London, on Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

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# FOCUS

## Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

### Watch for danger of sexual abuse

**DEAR ABBY:** When I married Roy (not his real name), I had two daughters, ages 9 and 5, from a previous marriage. Roy began to sexually molest the older one. It was a terrible shock to me. I knew things like this happened to children, but I never believed it could happen in my family.

I am now divorced from Roy, and my children are doing well after much counseling. Although Roy was indicted by a grand jury, he jumped bail before going to trial and has been missing for almost a year. It upsets me to know that he is out there somewhere, probably with a new identity, and he may be sexually abusing other unsuspecting children. I am writing this to alert others to this possible danger. It's far more common than most people suspect.

**TEXAS MOM:** Thank you for sharing your experience so that I can once again tell my readers that their best insurance against child molestation is to educate their children early. They should be taught that their bodies are private, and if somebody tries to touch their bodies, they should tell their parents immediately.

Children must be assured that if anyone makes them promise not to tell anyone, that is one promise it is all right to break.

**DEAR ABBY:** I just saw an article in the newspaper here and had to write to you. It was about a 49-year-old man who was speeding in his car when he lost control of the vehicle. The car flipped over twice, and his 6-year-old son who was riding with him was killed. Because the child was not wearing a seat belt, the father is being prosecuted and, if found guilty, he could serve a year in prison.

I know that your column reaches so many people, and this could be an important reminder to get across to parents of young children. It could be a lifesaver.

**MRS. J.E.F. IN SAN BRUNO, CALIF. DEAR MRS. J.E.F.:** Although it may seem cruel to further punish a parent who has suffered the misfortune of losing a child, perhaps this kind of example will cause other parents to think.

Parents are responsible for the safety of their children, and it is the responsibility of parents to see that their child is seat-belted — no matter how much the child protests. The rule should be: Until the child is secured, the key in the ignition will not be turned on.

## ASK DICK KLEINER

DICK KLEINER

**Q.** Does anybody besides me think that Kevin on "Parenthood" looks like Jamie Lee Curtis? Are they related? — M.M., Idaho Falls, Idaho.

**A.** I don't know if anybody else sees a resemblance, but they are unrelated. Kevin is played by Max Elliott Slade, who is not a Curtis kin.

**Q.** Every time you hear about Walt Disney's movies, you hear about "Bambi" and "Cinderella" and "Lady and the Tramp," but you never hear of "Song of the South." It was a great film. Will Disney put it out on video? — J.E.A., Killen, Texas.

**A.** The Disney people guard their properties zealously. They tell me that there are no plans to release it on video in the foreseeable future. It was re-released in theaters in late '86, and they tell me "it will certainly be back in theaters some time," but they do not know when.

**Q.** In a street shot in "Driving Miss Daisy," I saw a movie matron queue with the title "Scudder Ho! Scudder Hay!" I saw this movie when I was a girl (I'm now 53) but I can't remember who the stars were. There was a little girl in pigtail — was that Natalie Wood or Margaret O'Brien? — H.D., Springdale, Ariz.

**A.** The stars of that '48 release were Jane Haver and Tom McCullister, and the pigtailed cutie was Natalie Wood.

(Send your questions to: Ask Dick Kleiner, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10106. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

## PEOPLE

**Frank Sinatra** came home to New Jersey to celebrate his 75th birthday at a sold-out concert attended by celebrities and 10,000 adoring fans. The Hoboken native performed Wednesday at the Byma Arena, where celebrity guests included Tony Bennett, husband and wife Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme, actor Roger Moore, Robert Wagner and his wife, Jill St. John, comedians Alan King and Joe Piscopo, Eli Wallach and entertainer Harry Connick Jr.

Liza Minnelli joined Ol' Blue Eyes on stage in singing "New York, New York." Sinatra's shows here on Tuesday and Wednesday kicked off his nationwide 75th birthday tour.

**Queen Elizabeth II** entertained more than 800 guests at a glittering ball in Buckingham Palace honoring four royal birthdays, including her mother's 90th.

Guests at the Wednesday event the palace called "the dance of the decades" included friends of the royal family from the arts, politics and high society. The ball marked the 90th birthday of the Queen Mother on Aug. 4, the 60th birthday of the queen's sister Princess Margaret on Aug. 21, the 40th birthday of the queen's daughter Princess Anne on Aug. 15, and the 30th birthday of the queen's 19th son, Prince Andrew, on Feb. 19.

The palace picture gallery with its valuable collection of Old Master paintings was transformed into a ballroom to accommodate the guests.

After a starting role in the fiery film "Havana," Lena Olin says she's warming up to working in America.

The 35-year-old Swedish beauty is aware of her icy image, but she said she appeared that way because she was afraid of being swept up by Hollywood.

"Every time I leave for America... [other Swedish actors] warn me about being seduced by the money and the fame," she said. "So I got defensive and whenever I was interviewed, I kept quiet and tried to keep my distance."

Playwright John Guare says the burden of good theater rests not only with actors, directors and writers. Audiences need to shoulder their share of the load, too.

"The audience should demand that the truth be told," Guare said Wednesday at a convention of the American Council for the Arts. "Not the TV truth of diapers and cat food, which has to be nice and likable or else you turn it off."

Theater buffs must demand the kind of truth that makes one say, "I've been prepared for the great moments in my life — birth, love and death. I've been there before because I've been prepared by art," he said.

Guare wrote the screenplay for "Atlantic City," the Tony-winning play "The House of Blue Leaves" and the play "Six Degrees of Separation," which is running in New York.



## Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

### See neurologist for mononeuritis

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** My husband has been diagnosed as having mononeuritis affecting his left leg. Treatment involves exercise, walking and time. Do you agree? **DEAR READER:** Mononeuritis means that a single nerve in your husband's leg is not functioning properly. Although in unusual instances this can be caused by a virus infection (which will eventually heal with exercise and patience), mononeuritis has other causes that should be more aggressively addressed. For example, a neuroma (a growth on nerves) will lead to malfunction (pain and weakness), as will a nerve that is pinched by a herniated disc in the back.

To diagnose these conditions, physicians usually use either a CT scan (computed tomography, a type of special X-ray) or MRI (magnetic resonance imaging, a type of non-X-ray picture using powerful magnets). One factor that should be considered is whether the patient has a neurological exam, is electromyography, an electrical test that identifies which specific nerve is malfunctioning.

Judging from your question, the cause of your husband's symptoms has not been discovered, only named. Therefore, I suggest that he be examined by a neurologist, a specialist in nerve disorders, who will attempt to find the cause of the mononeuritis — and recommend appropriate therapy.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** It's to my disadvantage that your article on Capoten did not appear in my local newspaper five months earlier. I was on this medication for three years and recently acquired a dry, hacking cough with a badly swollen and sore throat. Eight doctors, multitudes of tests and \$1,933.65 later, after your article appeared, one doctor agreed that I suffered the side effects of this medication. Thank.

**DEAR READER:** The timing of most of my material is a roll of the dice. I wish I could get all sorts of information to people in an instant. Perhaps, in the future, I may be able to do just that but, at present, I have chosen to answer questions as they are mailed to me. This means a certain lag time; I confess that I have a backlog of questions. But I will get to them; I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause my readers.

Thank you for writing. I hope this column continues to help readers with their medical problems, as well as to provide some stimulation.

## Ranchers and rubber tappers fight over rain forest

By PETER MUELLO  
The Associated Press

**BRASILIA, Brazil** — The death threat was nothing new to the rubber tappers' union in this Amazon town. "I've been hired to kill you," read a scrawled note slipped under the office door in November. It said three union leaders and the local truck driver "can't make it to 1991."

The note was unsigned, but there was little doubt at union headquarters who was behind it: cattle ranchers, the tappers' enemies in a bloody dispute for land rights in Brazil's tropical rain forest.

Since the union was founded in 1975, such threats have been common and deadly serious. The local says "pistoleros," gunmen hired by landowners, have killed more than 150 tappers and Indians.

One victim was Chico Mendes, a rubber tapper and union leader who had become an internationally consulted expert on the Amazon. Shotgun fire from ambush cut him down in December 1988 at his home in Xapuri, near the Bolivian border. 2,650 miles northwest of Rio de Janeiro.

A local rancher, Darli Alves da Silva, and his son Darcil were arrested. Their trial is scheduled to begin Wednesday in Xapuri.

"This is the land where they threaten and do it," said Osmarino Amancio Rodrigues, president of the Brasilia union local and one of those on the note's list. "No one has ever escaped."

He added, with a laugh: "Two of my bodyguards were threatened. Now I'll have to get bodyguards for my bodyguards. It is widely regarded as the successor to Chico Mendes as the leader of a grass-roots movement against destruction of the rain forest."

Jose da Silva Pereira, another tapper on the death list, said: "When they come in shooting, kill his livestock and burn his house. If he doesn't leave, he dies."

A new alliance of rubber tappers and Amazon Indians is challenging the notion that "developing" the forest means cutting it down for timber or burning it to make pasture.

Uncontrolled slash-and-burn clearing already has destroyed more than 250,000 square miles of rain forest, an area the equal to Texas. A patch of jungle the size of a football field disappears every eight seconds, adding to the greenhouse effect that is warming the planet.

Those whose livelihoods come from the forest favor an alternative called "extractivist reserves," a new system of landholding in which the government expropriates rain forests to allow commercial harvests of fruits, nuts and other renewable products.

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A new market for rain forest products has emerged among ecologically minded consumers in the United States and Europe. Amazonian fruits, nuts, oils and essences are heading

north to make everything from ice cream and nut candy to cosmetics.

"We have to prove the economic value of the rain forest and generate income to save it," anthropologist Jason Clay said in an interview.

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of them. He reported orders worth \$4 million, and said several companies pledged part of their profits to rain forest projects.

Extractivist reserves are "one of the few environmentally viable alternatives for the Amazon," he said. "We have to make the reserves more economically rewarding. Then

we can use them to recover degraded areas and as buffer zones for the genetic biosphere, the really fragile parts of Amazonia that shouldn't be used."

Brazil has tried for decades to tap the riches of the Amazon, a wilderness of two million square miles that is larger than Europe.

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## Reading food labels

By AMERICAN HEALTH

Supermarket food package labels that say "sugar-free" or "sulfite-free" don't mean the product is without sugar or salt. "Lowfat" doesn't mean it's low in fat, and "new" might be rather old.

Here, according to the current issue of American Health, are the legal definitions for a number of claims currently made on food labels and what they mean to you:

**SUGAR-FREE or SUGARLESS** — A product labeled "sugar-free" or "sugarless" cannot have sucrose, or table sugar, added to it. However, it can contain sugar alcohols like sorbitol, which is equal to sucrose in calories.

**SALT-FREE or NO SALT ADDED** — These terms mean no table salt (sodium chloride) was added during processing, but the product could have significant naturally occurring levels of sodium, or high levels from substances added for preservation, leavening or other purposes. Check the ingredients list for terms such as monosodium glutamate, sodium bicarbonate and sodium saccharin.

**LOWFAT** — For most foods, "lowfat" means whatever the manufacturer wants it to mean. Milk products labeled "lowfat," however, must contain between 5 percent and 2 percent fat by weight. And lowfat meat must be no more than 10 percent fat by weight.

**NEW** — Meat and poultry products can call themselves "new" only for six months unless, of course, the manufacturer has not used up all of the product's new labels in that time. In that case, they can be "new" for a year. Foods other than meat and poultry products can be "new" for as long as the product exists, if the manufacturer desires.

**CHOLESTEROL-FREE or NO CHOLESTEROL** — While products labeled this way contain only cholesterol, that doesn't mean they ever had any to begin with. Nor does it mean they are free from saturated fat, which health experts regard as more dangerous than dietary cholesterol when it comes to heart disease.

**LIGHT or LITE** — On meat and poultry products, "light" means at least 25 percent less fat, sodium or calories, or 25 percent fewer calories than in the regular product. But on other foods, there is no standard meaning for "light" or "lite." The term can mean fewer calories, lighter color, less leavening or anything else. One maker of pancake mix said "light" on its packages meant the pancakes were light in texture.

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High School Previews

East wrestling looks to develop

By JIM TIERNEY  
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Only twice during the last 17 years has the East Catholic High wrestling program had a winning season, the last coming in the 1979-80 campaign.

Increased enrollment has severely hurt turnout for the program in recent years. This year is no different with 13 wrestlers out for the team.

What is different is the head coach, Eric Gremmo, a 1988 Manchester High graduate now in his junior year at Western New England College in Springfield, Mass., has taken over the reins of the program following the departure of 16-year mentor Santos Corpus.

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East swimming expects lean year

By LEN AUSTER  
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — The emphasis will not be on winning and losing for East Catholic High boys' swimming coach Ed Steinmager.

Not when you're working with a roster of a dozen, including several untried and untested youngsters. "My emphasis has to be developing swimmers," Steinmager, under the weather, said Wednesday. "It's not on wins and losses. If we can achieve better teams through the year..."

East, which opens the season today at Haddam-Killingworth, posted a 1-9 mark a year ago. He'll probably be another lean year for the Eagle swimmers.

"I've asked by athletic director (Tom Malin) to set up meets with comparable teams," Steinmager said. Teams like Xavier High and Fairfield Prep are definitely out of the Eagles' reach. Meets with Enfield and Ferris, teams with similar problems numbers-wise, in hopes to give East a couple of meets where they can be competitive.

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Celtics

said. "I know Larry's history well. Whenever he has a bad game, he follows it with a good one."

"After the game in Milwaukee I tried to be as complimentary as possible because I knew what would happen here. You can't trust these guys (Celtics). They turn on you every time."

"Larry Bird got them going, and they just went from there," Milwaukee's Jack Sikma said. "He had a tough game in Milwaukee and tonight he came out very aggressive."

"He came out on fire," the Bucks' Alvin Robertson said. "He gave his team all the confidence in the world to get them shooting."

in our seven weight classes, that's a win for us."

Freshman Kevin Carroll and junior Alan Hoang are vying for the top spot at 119 pounds. Junior Christian Giblin, a transfer from Glastonbury High, is the top candidate at 125 and is a co-captain.

Freshmen Dan Daley and Raymond Tanski should also see action at 125. Junior Peter Tanski, one of three Eagle returnees, has nailed down the 130-pound slot. Sophomore Ken Lamontagne, another returnee, is at 135 followed by junior Christian Vidali at 140.

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TOO MANY ARMS — Gary Payton (2) of the SuperSonics is unable to pass the ball past several members of the Indiana Pacers, including Chuck Person in the first quarter of their game Wednesday night in Seattle.

Lakers finding Forum life is not always bed of roses

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Rodney McCray hit a game-winning jumper at the fourth-quarter buzzer and the Dallas Mavericks scored the first 13 points of overtime to beat the Los Angeles Lakers 112-97 Wednesday night, snapping a five-game losing streak.

The Lakers, whose fourth loss in the second half, 89-87, on Terry Teagle's off-balance jumper in the lane with three seconds left.

But after McCray's clutch basket from the top of the key, the Lakers turned the ball over on each of their first four possessions of overtime while the Mavericks scored 13 straight points.

Rolando Blackman scored 6 of his 22 points in overtime for the Mavericks, who outscored the Lakers 23-8 after regulation. The 23 points was one short of Sacramento's NBA record in overtime, set last March after Utah.

James Worthy scored 25 points for the Lakers, who suffered only their second defeat in 11 games since losing 99-86 in Dallas on Nov. 16.

Trailing 69-64 after three quarters, the Lakers trimmed the deficit to 2 seven different times without winning the game. But after Viade Divac tipped in a miss by Sam Perkins, Blackman lost the ball to Divac and Johnson hit a left-handed layup to tie the score 87-87 with 1:06 left.

The Mavericks — whose victory was only their third and first on the road since losing Roy Tarpley and LeVelle Johnson to injury five games into the season — left the road game at halftime with a 46-43 lead on 13 of Derek Harper's 22 points.

Dallas, which trailed 10 points against a Western Conference opponent for the first time in six tries this season, was outscored 26-16 by the Lakers, who suffered only their second-quarter deficit into a 38-34 lead, as Alex English powered a 13-4 run with 8 of his 18 points and Harper capped the rally with a 3-point shot with less than six minutes left in the half.

English, the NBA's second-leading scorer among active players behind Atlanta's Moses Malone, needs just 4 points at Portland Friday night to become the eighth player in league history to score 25,000 points.

"I hope this turns things around for us," English said. "We know this is just one game, but I think we're getting into a rotation that will be good for us. Once we get everybody knowing what they've got to do and playing that way, we've got a lot of talent."

The Lakers came out in the overtime...

LT gets a dare

By TOM CANAVAN  
The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Losing a couple of pounds seemed to awaken the old Lawrence Taylor against the Minnesota Vikings last weekend.

Wait until Taylor sees what defensive end Bruce Smith of the Buffalo Bills said. If that doesn't get the old man back to his rookie form for Saturday's game between the New York Giants and Bills, nothing will.

Smith on Wednesday gave the Giants some blasphemous material when he announced that he had replaced Taylor as the dominant defensive player in the NFL.

"Over the last 10 years (Taylor) has been the dominant player in the league," Smith said in a telephone interview. "As far as New York area writers, I've taken it up a notch. I'm not taking anything away from L.T. He's my friend. But I think it's time to give credit to the person who deserves it."

Taylor was not available for comment after practice Wednesday, but teammates had some opinions.

"You know you're the best when you become the standard," Giants safety Dave Duerson said. "As far as outside linebackers are concerned, L.T. is the standard and probably will be after his injury. As far as defensive linemen go, it's Reggie White. But everything is tied into production."

"I'm very excited," Gremmo said. "It's been really great. We've got nowhere to go but up."

East opens its season tonight at 6 at Windsor High.

Schedule: Dec. 13 Windsor A, 15 Manchester Tournament A (10 a.m.), 19 St. Paul A, 26 Manchester H (11 a.m.), 28-29 Darnbury Invitational.

Jan. 2 Ferris H, 5 Fairfield Prep Enfield A, 9 Jonathan Law A, 12 Southington/St. Bernard H, 16 Hartford Public A, 19 Bacon Academy/RIAM/Norwich Tech H, 23 Xavier, Sacred Heart H, 26 Farmington/Grasso Tech/Killingly A, 30 East Windsor H.

Feb. 2 Fitch A, 6 Somers A, 9 ACC Championships A.

Hawks 118, Heat 93: Dominique Wilkins hit two 3-point shots during a 10-2 run in the third quarter and had 28 points and 14 rebounds, leading Atlanta over Miami.

The Hawks led 59-58 when Wilkins hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 10:23 left in the third quarter. That started the 10-2 run that saw Wilkins add another 3-pointer, putting Atlanta ahead 69-60 with 8:25 remaining.

Spurs 92, Hornets 81: David Robinson had 24 points and 17 rebounds as San Antonio handed Charlotte its fifth straight loss.

The Spurs, who have a half-game advantage over Utah in the Midwest Division, trailed just once in the game despite making only 44 percent of their shots. But the Hornets managed to hit just 40 percent.

McEnroe causes a racket

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — John McEnroe caused a racket away from the court after he missed a United Airlines flight to Hawaii. McEnroe tangled with two gate agents and all were taken to the airport police station.

Police said the confrontation involved pushing and shoving. But United spokeswoman Sara Domackner refused to confirm that report or describe the altercation, saying only that there was an incident after he missed Flight 31 from San Francisco to London.

The flight was held several minutes to wait for McEnroe and his four traveling companions, whom Domackner declined to name.

McEnroe had some words with two agents at the gate to Flight 31, and some touching or bumping apparently ensued on both sides, airport police Sgt. Gary O'Donnell said, adding that McEnroe was traveling with his wife, actress Tatum O'Neal, their two children and a nanny.

Other Games: LaBradford Smith scored 24 points as Louisville evened its record after two games with a 94-75 victory over DePaul, the Blue Demons' first loss in five games.

Southern Cal defeated the Blue Demons' first loss in five games.

Oliver Taylor and Terry Dehere each scored 18 points as Seton Hall opened Big East Conference play with an 81-77 victory over Villanova.

Doug Day was 11-for-17 from 3-point range and scored 43 points as Radford improved to 8-0 with a 107-103 victory over Central Connecticut. Obet Vasquez had 41 points in a losing effort.

Maurice Alexander tied the game with a 3-pointer with 25 seconds to play, then won it with two free throws with three seconds left as Wake Forest beat Colorado 62-60.

Arizona State beat Brigham Young 82-74 despite the 22 points, 16 rebounds and seven blocked shots of 7-6 freshman Shawn Bradley.

Doug Day scored 43 points, including 11 three-point shots, to lead the Radford Highlanders to a 107-100 win over Central Connecticut State University.

In the first half, Obet Vasquez scored 24 points to keep Central Connecticut (1-7) in the lead by as much as 13 points.

But the Highlanders (8-0) rallied in the second half, with Tyrone Travers tying the score at 78-78 with 10 minutes left. Radford outscored the Blue Devils 29-22 in the second half to win.

Vasquez had 41 points, Kevin Swann added 21 and Scott Weeden and Marc Ryback each scored 15 points for Central Connecticut.

Travon Travis added 19 points for Radford, followed by Ron Shelburne with 14 points and Stephen Barber with 11 points.

Radford shot 53 percent for the game, while Central Connecticut shot only 42 percent.

In Brief . . .

Whaler-Bruin alumni game set

HARTFORD — The first-ever battle between the Boston Bruins and Hartford Whalers Alumni teams will take place Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Eastern States Coliseum in West Springfield, Mass. Tickets can be obtained by calling the Coliseum at 413-787-0198.

The benefactors of the Bruins-Whalers tilt will be Springfield area youth hockey organizations.

MHS girls to be honored

MANCHESTER — The Manchester High girls' soccer team will be holding its state championship banquet on Sunday, Jan. 6, 1991, at 6 p.m. at Bottonne's Restaurant and the public is invited to attend.

NHL Roundup

My confidence has come around," Gremmo said. "I gained a lot throughout last year's playoffs."

Last season, Murphy and his Kid Line colleagues — Martin Gelinas and Adam Graves — were a big factor in the Oilers' Stanley Cup victory over the Boston Bruins.

In other NHL games, it was Toronto 4, Montreal 1, and Boston 5, Hartford 1. In an exhibition game, Soviet Khimik beat the Buffalo Sabres 5-4.

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Syracuse still unbeaten

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By KEN RAPPOPORT  
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Guess who's tied for the scoring lead on the Edmonton Oilers? No kidding, it's Joe Murphy.

The center on the Oilers' so-called "Kid Line" continued his recent surge with a goal and three assists to lead Edmonton to a 5-4 victory over the Vancouver Canucks Wednesday night.

"The goal was the eighth in eight games for Murphy, a burst as Edmonton's top scorer."

My confidence has come around," Gremmo said. "I gained a lot throughout last year's playoffs."

Last season, Murphy and his Kid Line colleagues — Martin Gelinas and Adam Graves — were a big factor in the Oilers' Stanley Cup victory over the Boston Bruins.

In other NHL games, it was Toronto 4, Montreal 1, and Boston 5, Hartford 1. In an exhibition game, Soviet Khimik beat the Buffalo Sabres 5-4.

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First Demers, fired by the Detroit Red Wings last spring, says he'd like to hear from general managers offering him another NHL coaching job.

Demers doesn't hide his desire to give up his job as color commentator on the Quebec Nordiques' radio broadcasts to resume his coaching career. He just hasn't gotten any offers yet.

Both of the NHL's new expansion teams, Ottawa and Tampa Bay, are said to be interested in Demers, who said Wednesday that no one has approached him — but that he's interested.

"It's nice that people are thinking about me," Demers said. "I know I can still coach. It makes me feel good that people haven't forgotten."

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