

### In Brief . . .

#### Youth soccer sign-ups set

MANCHESTER — The Manchester Rec. Department will conduct youth soccer registration on three Monday nights, Jan. 7, 14 and 28, 1991, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Tilling Junior High cafeteria.

There are four divisions per week (ages 6-7), middle (ages 8-9), junior (ages 10-11) and intermediate (ages 12-14). Age is determined as of Dec. 31, 1990.

There is a \$5 registration fee and a \$4 Rec membership card is required.

There is a maximum number of participants that will be accepted. Once that number is met, registration will be closed.

#### Junior hoop tryouts are set

MANCHESTER — The Manchester Rec. Department will hold junior league (ages 12-15) basketball tryouts on Friday from 7 to 8 p.m. at the East Side Rec. (Bennet Junior High gym).

Anyone not previously registered can do so at the tryouts.

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#### Housatonic wins college crown

MANCHESTER — Housatonic Community College captured the college division of the Rotary Club Classic Saturday night with a 99-75 win over the Eastern Connecticut State University junior varsity. Frank Langston, who had 26 points in the championship game for Housatonic, was the tournament most valuable player.

Tyone Berger of Manchester Community College was a member of the all-tournament team.

#### Hall of Fame memorabilia wanted

MANCHESTER — Memorabilia is wanted for the Manchester Sports Hall of Fame. Anyone who has any items which may be of interest to the hall should contact Tom Kelley at 646-6940.

#### Hartford five beats BU

WEST HARTFORD (AP) — Vin Baker and Ron Moynihan each scored 21 points to lead Hartford to a 69-59 victory over Boston University.

Moynihan scored five three-point field goals during his run Saturday, while Baker grabbed 16 rebounds. Hartford improves its record to 4-4 and Boston University drops to 3-4.

Boston University, which dominated the early period of the game, led 36-39 at halftime. However, the Hawks went on a 16-4 run at the start of the second half to take a 45-40 lead with 13:13 remaining.

Jason Scott scored 12 points for the Terriers, while James Brown, who had 10 rebounds, contributed 12 points.

#### Beamer in line for BC job?

BOSTON (AP) — Virginia Tech football coach Frank Beamer spent Sunday in the Boston area, reportedly searching for a house after talking to Boston College athletic director Chet Gladchuk about becoming the Eagles' new head coach.

Beamer returned to his home in Virginia Sunday night and was expected to announce his plans there today.

The Boston Globe today said Beamer and his wife, Cheryl, spend Sunday home searching, and quoted a source within the Boston College athletic department as saying: "It's a done deal."

However, WBZ-TV sportscaster Bob Label reported Sunday night he was told by sources in Richmond that Beamer had turned down the Boston College offer to stay at his alma mater, Virginia Tech.

BC is seeking a replacement for Jack Rickman, who was fired recently after 10 seasons. The Eagles have experienced four consecutive losing seasons and a record of 14-30 over that span.

Beamer was offered a six-year contract at BC, calling for salary and benefits of more than \$1,600,000 annually, according to an anonymous source quoted in Sunday editions of the Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch.

#### Georgia Southern wins again

STATESBORO, Ga. (AP) — Raymond Gross ran for 146 yards and a touchdown and engineered three other scoring drives as defending champion Georgia Southern beat Nevada 36-13 Saturday for its fourth NCAA Division I-AA title in six years.

Gross scored on an 8-yard run in the second quarter and Darryl Hopkins added second-half touchdowns of 3 and 18 yards as the Eagles stretched their playoff winning streak to 15 games. Southern (12-3) won its 11th game in a row since starting the season with three losses in its first four games.

Nevada, reaching the championship game for the first time in six playoff appearances, finished with a 13-2 record.

#### Welch stays with the A's

OAKLAND — American League Cy Young Award winner Bob Welch has re-signed with the Oakland Athletics for a reported deal of \$13 million to \$14 million over four years.

"You think of a lot of things at these times, not just dollars and cents," said Welch, who became a free agent after a 27-6 record and 2.95 ERA last season. "You go where you want to play and where the money is."

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#### Blair second in speed skate

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — Seiko Hashimoto of Japan edged Bonnie Blair by one hundredth of a second Sunday to win a women's 500-meter World Cup speed skating race.

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#### Soviets win men's biathlon

LES SAISES, France (AP) — The Soviet Union won the men's relay and Germany won the women's relay Sunday as the pre-Olympic biathlon World Cup finished its first weekend.

A Soviet quartet, featuring double-winner Sergei Tschepikov, took the men's 30-kilometer event in 1 hour, 36 minutes, 11.9 seconds, followed by Norway and Italy.

The German women, led by 7.5-kilometer individual champion Utschi Diel, upset the Soviets in a 22.5-kilometer race, winning in 1:23:10.8. Norway was third.

#### Indy Bowl winds up in a tie

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Freshman Chris Bonid kicked a 29-yard field goal as time ran out Saturday night and Louisiana Tech settled for a 34-34 tie with Maryland in the Independence Bowl.

Lorenza Baker set up the game-ending kick by returning a short Maryland kickoff 41 yards to the Terrapins 40.

## Blazers spurt past Magic at the end



LET IT FLY — Portland's Cliff Robinson, former University of Connecticut star, puts up a shot over Orlando's Michael Ansley during their game Sunday night in Portland. The Blazers rallied for a 126-107 victory.

## Cool Sampras walks off with \$2 million

By NESHA STARCEVIC  
The Associated Press

MUNICH, Germany — For a teen-ager playing for \$2 million, Pete Sampras was incredibly cool. He was just as cool when he collected it.

Sampras, 19, beat Brad Gilbert 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 in just one hour, 43 minutes to collect the \$2 million offered to the winner of the inaugural Grand Slam Cup Sunday. Gilbert pocketed \$1 million of the record \$6 million purse.

"He's got ice water in his veins," Gilbert said. "It's always nice to be making a lot of money, but for me the bigger thrill is to win, especially against the top guys."

Sampras said he was donating \$250,000 to a cerebral palsy foundation. His father Sam's two sisters died of the disease.

"It's the least I could do when I win \$2 million," he said. Gilbert said his million was going straight to his bank to pay off a loan on a new house.

Sampras, who became the youngest male winner of the U.S. Open this summer, said he felt he won "an exhibition with a lot of money," and that it could not compare to his U.S. Open victory.

Serving powerfully and hitting tremendous ground strokes, Sampras was never threatened. He served 15 aces and broke Gilbert once in each of the first two sets and then twice more in the third.

"It was very confident. Everything I hit turned to gold," said Sampras, who displayed virtually no emotion after the biggest payday of his career. His career earnings coming into the tournament totaled \$1,103,725.

## Japanese magnate interested in Yanks

By RONALD BLUM  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — America's most famous baseball team may soon have a Japanese part owner.

Iso Nakauchi, the chairman and president of Daiichi Inc., Japan's largest supermarket chain, is considering a purchase of 9.6 percent of the New York Yankees, documents say. Nakauchi already owns the Fukuoka Daiichi Hawks of Japanese baseball's Pacific League.

Nakauchi refused comment, but the company released a statement denying any intention of buying a stake in the Yankees.

"Daiichi refused an offer from a major securities house for the shares in mid-July," the company said in a statement. "We've had absolutely no contact with the American side. Moreover, we are not even considering plans to make such an acquisition."

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PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Orlando coach Matt Guokas says the Magic gambled away a close game with the Portland Trail Blazers.

The Blazers built an 18-point lead, but they had to overcome a fourth-quarter rally by Orlando to beat the Magic 126-107 Sunday night.

Scott Skiles, who led Orlando with 21 points, converted a three-point play with 8:16 in the fourth quarter, capping a 14-0 run that gave Orlando a 99-95 lead.

"We gambled, and what should have been a 3- or 4-point game turns into a 19-point game," Guokas said. "We usually lose the lead at the end of the game because we play stupidly."

The Trail Blazers led 95-85 at the end of the third period but missed their first 10 shots of the fourth quarter. They then followed Orlando's 14-0 run with a 15-0 spurt of their own.

"In the fourth period, we executed and picked up the tempo to put the game away," said Portland's Buck Williams, who had season highs of 26 points and 20 rebounds. "Defense is the most important element, and if we don't play defense, we aren't a very good team."

The Magic closed to 111-105 on a layup by Nick Anderson with 2:18 left, but Portland (21-2) pulled away for its 13th victory in 14 home games.

In the only other NBA game on Sunday night, the Los Angeles Lakers edged the Detroit Pistons, making it 109-106 with 1:37 remaining.

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The Associated Press

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These analysts, however, think the central bank will not move as aggressively to lower rates as the Bush administration would like because of lingering inflationary pressures stemming from the Persian Gulf crisis.

The debate over how much and how fast to cut interest rates was expected to be the primary topic today when top Fed officials gathered behind closed doors for their final monetary strategy session of 1990.

The minutes of those deliberations will not be released for six weeks, but in advance of the discussion, many economists were looking for a fourth modest step toward easing credit.

"The Fed has to ease because the economy looks so rotten," said Peter Dinkowitz, chief economist at the American Economic Association.

However, economists expect the Fed to raise rates in November, the government said today, reporting the first inflation break for consumers since Iraq's invasion of Kuwait sent oil prices skyrocketing.

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# NATION/WORLD

## Baker standing strong against partial pullout

By ARTHUR ALLEN  
The Associated Press

Secretary of State James A. Baker III, having secured NATO's commitment to shun any bid by Saddam Hussein for a partial pullout from Kuwait, said today that he wouldn't object if European leaders meet with Iraqis on the crisis.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz had planned to meet this week with Foreign Minister Gianni De Michelis of Italy, the current chair of the European Community.

But European leaders put the talks on hold after talks that had been scheduled for Monday between Aziz and President Bush were canceled.

Baker said today he had no problem with a European meeting with Aziz.

"We support all diplomatic efforts to try and resolve this crisis peacefully and politically," Baker said as he entered NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, for a second day of meetings with allied foreign ministers.

The Bush-Aziz talks were scrubbed over differences on the timing of a subsequent trip to Baghdad by Baker.

Saddam has sought to hold the meeting Jan. 12, which Bush says is too late. Bush has said Saddam's intransigence on the issue signals his lack of willingness to leave Kuwait as the coalition lined up against him insists.

NATO foreign ministers meeting with Baker issued a declaration Monday saying the Persian Gulf crisis can only be settled peacefully by a "complete Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait."

Baker said he thinks Saddam might announce a partial pullout just before the Jan. 15 deadline after which the United Nations has authorized the use of force to

drive Iraq from Kuwait.

"We need to anticipate Saddam's possible moves, be prepared for a partial withdrawal and coordinate closely our responses," Baker said.

Some officials have said Saddam is willing to abandon part of Kuwait in return for the Kuwaiti section of a border-straddling oil field and two uninhabited islands in the Persian Gulf that would improve Iraq's access to the waterway for its oil exports.

Iraq's Revolutionary Command Council issued a statement Monday saying Iraq would not let the United States determine the date of the Baker-Saddam meeting.

"We want dialogue for the sake of peace. We respect legitimacy and seek the application of the international law on the nation's causes. However, we reject capitulation," said the statement, broadcast by Baghdad radio.

Should the United States attack, the Iraqis said, "the feet of the brave ones will kick the heads of those who allow themselves to encroach on Iraq."

Baker also appealed for more help in deploying U.S. troops in the gulf and for nations hurt by the crisis, notably NATO member Turkey, which borders Iraq and has lost millions in trade because of the U.N.-imposed sanctions on Baghdad.

In Baghdad today, Health Minister Abdul-Salam Mohammed Said said that 2,042 children under age 5 have died of disease and malnutrition because of shortages in baby food and medicine resulting from a U.N.-ordered trade embargo.

Said claimed on Dec. 3 that 1,416 children had died because of the sanctions. Iraq has offered no proof of the claims.

## Libya blamed for Flight 103

NEW YORK (AP) — A computer chip found in the wreckage of Pan Am Flight 103 suggests a Libyan plane planted the bomb that blew the plane out of the sky over Scotland, CBS says.

British police discovered the evidence last summer while combing through the fields around the village of Lockerbie, where the plane crashed Dec. 21, 1988, the network reported Monday. All 259 people on board and 11 other people on the ground were killed.

The computer chip, lodged in the bomb's detonator, matched a bomb part carried by a Libyan agent arrested in Dakar, Senegal, 10 months before the New York-bound Boeing 747 was destroyed, CBS said.

It was constructed and put together in such a way as to have a Libyan signature to it," Vince Canistraro, former chief of the CIA counter-terrorism section, told the network.

Previously, investigators suspected the bombing had been carried out by a bomb-making cell based in Germany and acting on the orders of Ahmed Jibril, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command.

In turn, investigators believed Jibril was working for Iran to avenge the deaths of 290 people aboard an Iranian jetliner shot down in the Persian Gulf in July 1988 by the USS Vincennes.

But investigators have concluded Jibril had to change operatives when his German bomb-making cell was uncovered by German police, and that he turned to the Libyans, according to CBS.

The evidence, according to the unidentified investigators, is the computer chip, which is different from those the Jibril bombmakers were known to use.

Each \$2.99 call to the 900-number gives the caller a chance to win six months' training, a trip aboard a Soviet rocket and a week on the space station Mir in 1992 or 1993, said Space Travel Services, the company promoting the offer.

Thousands of calls Monday, the first day the line was open, overloaded the circuits. The line was expected to be working again early today.

"The problem was with our service bureau in Dallas. They were not prepared for the level of activity our announcement generated," said David Mayer, president of Space Travel Services. No-cost entries can be sent by mail.

The winner, to be selected in a drawing in December 1991, gets the trip plus \$500,000 in cash, or can forgo the trip and take \$1.5 million.

"Our long-term business strategy is to arrange for space travel opportunities for anyone who wishes to go into space," said James Davidson, senior vice president of Space Travel Services.

"To introduce this service and our company to the general public, we've arranged for a little sweepstakes. The trip to the Mir space station is the ultimate adventure."

Davidson said the company has signed a contract with Soviet officials but refused to disclose the terms. Mayer said the company would pay more than the \$12 million paid the Soviets by the Tokyo Broadcasting Service for a Japanese reporter's recent ride.

Sergei Zayevrodny, a spokesman for the international department of Glavkosmos, the Soviet equivalent of NASA, said he was unable to confirm the deal.

"I know nothing about this lottery," he said, "but the Soviets are ready for commercial talks on launching any man into the Mir station. The only question is whether the winner is physically fit for the flight."

Art Dala, whose Houston-based Space Commerce Corp. markets Soviet space services in the United States, said he negotiated the deal but also declined to release details.

The Soviets, for a hefty price, have brought several passengers to Mir, but never an American.

Space Travel Services keeps more than 50 percent of the phone charges and also hopes to sell advertising space aboard the spacecraft.

## GOP conservatives rebel against Bush positions

By MIKE FEINSLIBER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A key prominent conservative thinker who thinks that George Bush's presidency and you get unanimity: they don't think much of it. Increasingly, conservatives are dismayed over Bush's direction and going public with their feeling that he has betrayed what one of them, David Keene, calls "the ideological base of the Republican Party."

And increasingly they tell of hearing talk about turning some true-blue conservative against Bush in the Republican primaries of 1992, if only as a token protest. They agree, though, that there's scant chance of denying him renomination.

It isn't only the president's abrupt abandonment last summer of his anti-tax stance that roils conservatives, although that robbed them the most raw.

They also complain of the bill he signed to ensure the rights of disabled people — which they say smacks of welfare statism — and they point to Bush's program to reinvigorate the Clean Air Act, which they see as just too much more social engineering.

"Just too much government," is how Tom Winter, editor of the conservative newspaper, Human Events, summarized the right wing's grievances.

Even more, the chemistry isn't right, Keene, chairman of the American Conservative Union, said conservatives feel that Bush remains "part of the establishment that most of these folks fought for so many years." They chafe over the White House's "cavalier dismissal of (Ronald) Reagan and all he ever

stood for," he said.

And they resent the way the Bush administration treats conservatism "essentially as an interest group," Keene said.

The president's latest moves — the installation of moderates Lynn Martin as secretary of labor and Lamar Alexander as secretary of education — are unlikely to win any

applause in the conservative camp.

When William Bennett, a true conservative hero, changed his mind last week and said he would turn down the offer to become Republican national chairman, some GOP hard-liners assumed he'd been shoved overboard.

"I took Richard Nixon six years to destroy the Republican Party," Burton Yale Pines, vice president of the Heritage Foundation, told The Washington Times. "Bush has done it in two years."

To test the depth of dismay with Bush, a reporter telephoned conservative thinkers and read them this paragraph, written last week by conservative columnist Joseph Sobran, also a senior editor at National Review:

"Conservatives now spend most of their time trying to figure out how, and with whom, to replace Mr. Bush ASAP. They dread the prospect of his running again in 1992. Even more, they dread his winning. Many of them would rather see even a liberal Democrat in the Oval Office, on the principle that your enemies can't betray you the way your friends can. And a Bush defeat would allow conservatives to

take back the Republican Party."

Those questioned didn't agree that they spend most of their time conspiring to dump Bush, but they all had heard such talk.

And all expressed dismay with the president's performance, especially on tax domestic issues.

The about-face on "no new taxes" was the "gigantic error," Patrick McGuigan, editorial writer for the Daily Oklahoman in Oklahoma City, said it was "capitulation." Winter labeled it a "fiasco." To George Gilder, economic idea man for conservatives, it was "appalling."

"When Bush abandoned that issue, he virtually destroyed the party," Gilder said.

The conservatives' complaint about Bush on taxes, said Martin Anderson, domestic adviser to Reagan, "is not that he didn't succeed but he didn't fight."

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**VIOLENT DEATH** — A pregnant woman lies dead in a Port-au-Prince, Haiti, slum Monday after being shot. Witnesses said the woman was part of a crowd celebrating the unofficial election returns that showed the victory of Rev. Jean-Bertrand Aristide as president when police in a van started shooting, killing the woman.

## D.C. mulls gun liability bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The District of Columbia Council is considering a tough gun-control bill that would make manufacturers and dealers liable for deaths and injuries caused by semiautomatic weapons in the nation's murder capital.

If the bill is passed, it could set up a confrontation with Congress, which has the right to review all district legislation.

The measure, which was given preliminary approval last week, would give private citizens the right to sue for damages from manufacturers and sellers of semiautomatic weapons, regardless of where the makers and dealers do business.

A final vote was set for today. "It's time for these merchants of death to pay a price," said council member William Lightfoot, who

co-sponsored the bill. "We can set a very meaningful precedent."

Officials in Washington, which has the nation's highest homicide rate, say that since January 1988 about 70 percent of the 8,500 guns recovered by police have been traced to dealers in neighboring Maryland and Virginia.

Mayor Marion Barry has not said whether he would veto the gun-control measure, sign it or let it become law without his signature.

If it becomes law, the measure will face strong opposition from the National Rifle Association when it arrives in Congress for a 30-day review period that begins when Congress returns to legislative business Jan. 23.

Congress normally lets new city laws stand, but controversial

## Winery worker to die

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — A winery employee who shot and stabbed to death six relatives and a co-worker in a rampage last year was sentenced to the gas chamber after a plea from his father-in-law for swift and certain justice.

"Why drag this thing out for years?" Robert Richards asked at Ramon Salcido's sentencing Monday. "He admitted he did it. He's showed no remorse."

Salcido, 29, was convicted Oct. 30 of the 1989 murders of his wife, mother-in-law, two daughters and three others in California's wine country. He slit his daughters' throats and left them for dead at a dump site, now 4, surmounting the

anyone since 1967. About 280 prisoners are on death row.

Richards, taking advantage of a California law that lets crime victims address the court prior to sentencing, urged Superior Court Judge Reginald Littrell to follow the jury's recommendation for the death penalty.

"What a coward," Richards said. "He ambushed a man, and besides that he's a killer of women and children. What is that? What kind of man was this?"

Salcido showed no emotion as the sentence was announced. The Mexican-born defendant said through a translator that the slayings occurred "at a time or a moment when I was drugged or intoxicated. I do not recall what I did."

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## 900-number swamped with aspiring cosmonauts

HOUSTON (AP) — A telephone sweepstakes offering one lucky American a chance to ride on the Soviet space station hit a snag when a flood of calls from aspiring cosmonauts overloaded the circuits.

Each \$2.99 call to the 900-number gives the caller a chance to win six months' training, a trip aboard a Soviet rocket and a week on the space station Mir in 1992 or 1993, said Space Travel Services, the company promoting the offer.

Thousands of calls Monday, the first day the line was open, overloaded the circuits. The line was expected to be working again early today.

"The problem was with our service bureau in Dallas. They were not prepared for the level of activity our announcement generated," said David Mayer, president of Space Travel Services. No-cost entries can be sent by mail.

The winner, to be selected in a drawing in December 1991, gets the trip plus \$500,000 in cash, or can forgo the trip and take \$1.5 million.

"Our long-term business strategy is to arrange for space travel opportunities for anyone who wishes to go into space," said James Davidson, senior vice president of Space Travel Services.

## Police: Gotti bribed officer

NEW YORK (AP) — Reputed Mafia boss John Gotti paid off a police officer for a tip that authorities had bugged the office of Gotti's cohort, police say.

Detective William J. Peist, 43, was stripped of his shield and guns and put on desk duty after refusing to cooperate with the FBI, police said Monday.

Peist faces departmental charges for failing to cooperate. No criminal charges were immediately filed.

Meanwhile, the judge in Gotti's racketeering case Monday postponed until Friday a bail hearing while he considers a defense request to close the hearing to the public.

Prosecutors have said six tapes made from listening devices planted in the Ravelin Social Club in Little Italy, one of Gotti's hangouts, will show that the so-called Dapper Don is a threat to the community and does not deserve bail.

In a letter to U.S. District Judge I. Leo Glasser, defense attorney Gerald L. Shargel claimed Gotti's rights to privacy and a fair trial would be violated if the tapes were arrested last week and charged under federal racketeering statutes with murder, gambling, loansharking and racketeering.

The New York Post reported Monday that one of the tapes revealed that Gotti paid at least \$10,000 to a police officer for tipping him off to another wiretap.

Federal agents recorded a conversation between Gotti and co-defendant Salvatore "Sammy the Bull" Gravano and Frank "Frankie Locks" LoCascio during which they agreed to bribe a public servant, authorities said.

Peist, a 16-year-veteran with four departmental awards, passed a tip that police had bugged Gravano's S&G Construction Co., police said.

Gotti, Gravano and LoCascio were arrested last week and charged under federal racketeering statutes with murder, gambling, loansharking, obstruction of justice and other crimes. All three were being held in jail.

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# OPINION

## Open Forum Fight with DJ was lost cause

Please take a minute, count to ten and observe your act of running a page one story on the WCCC disc jockey known as "Sebastian."

You are playing right into the man's hands and he will continue to troll you until you're charred.

I did not hear your exchange with this radio personality, but it is perfectly obvious, from Dianna M. Talbot's article, that you totally mishandled the entire situation.

First, you must agree that we are all in business for only one purpose, i.e. to make money.

As a journalist you have read and understood many views of our first amendment rights. I would love to have heard you speak out of the other side of your mouth, regarding "... free reign to pollute ...". If the situation involved your rights to say or print a point that may be sensitive or controversial such as news accounts involving Ellen Burns Landers, Roger Negro and Maureen Chmielecki.

Radio is no different, although they will prove that they provide a "public service" to the FCC to license renewal hearings, they will also go for the largest market share at any time.

Again you know all of this and you still gave him page one of "my hometown newspaper," and used that newspaper as your weapon, to get even because he hung up on you.

OK it hurt! So what! Let it go!

I wonder how many new listeners he has today because you gave him recognition yesterday. Good or bad you advertised the man and the show and people will tune in to hear what is next.

You repeatedly used the issue of his real name as a weapon because you realize he is sensitive about it, a big mistake. He has more time than you have paper.

Listen to the antics and timidity of any other station in our market (except WPOP) at any hour and you'll see that Sebastian is the only one who is honest about what he does and gets his station gets listeners and advertising dollars in the process.

I have listened to his program on various occasions and find that he eventually wears thin, his schticks are repetitive and unimaginative.

I don't want you, for a minute, to think I am defending Sebastian. I am berating you for the gross mishandling and further embarrassment and harassment you have caused the women of Manchester, including my wife, daughter, friends and associates. As a grown-up you should realize that if you ignore the man he will go away. If you continue to take him on in print, he may get so much recognition and notoriety that he will finally move to a bigger market than Hartford and have even more listeners.

Joseph A. Coscia  
51 Elizabeth Dr.  
Manchester

## Town Hall alternative

To the Editor:  
In the aftermath of the second rejection by ballot of the Town Hall plans, many reactions may be expected:

1. Despite the disappointment, I don't believe there is anyone in Town who does not understand the antiquated condition of the present Town Hall and the need for more space to operate the town's affairs. On this point I suspect the vote against the project reflects a general conception that the proposal represented an attempt to overbuild a very small area available at the Town Hall site, that in the present condition there is no need for indoor parking and that the space to be made available was highly inflated; no doubt in the hope to move this situation into the next century.

2. I am convinced that the amount of the bond issue was not the major factor. Witness the fact that the first referendum lost by only a handful of voters while last election day, after more intense consideration, the deficit reached gigantic proportions.

3. While I recognize the desirability of having an integrated town management team, the loss of centralization is not as significant with the modern modes of communication available today.

I respectfully suggest the next study group go beyond the mission of one large location as expressed in the last two referendums. Consideration should be given to alternate means, either by purchase or rental of presently existing accommodations.

Daily I drive by the modern, air-conditioned building at the Manchester Green which formerly was Motz's Shop Rite location. There are probably other such possibilities in town.

The present real estate market is favorable for purchase or rental at this time.

Roger B. Bagley  
66 Dale Rd.  
Manchester

Editor's Note: Mr. Bagley passed away on November 11. This letter, which he wrote before he died, is printed at his family's request as his "last thoughts for the town."

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## God's latest comeback

You have no idea how relieved God is. Until this month's publication of Life magazine, U.S. News & World Report and Newsweek, God was on shaky ground. God may not have thought so, but that wasn't unusual. Men and women have always annoyed themselves higher authorities on God's existence.

The recent burst of hallelujah energy in the offices of national publications has been re-examining the Word and the existence of God.

"Who is God?" asked the December cover of Life magazine.

"Who wrote the Bible?" queried a December cover of U.S. News & World Report.

"And the Children Shall Lead Them: Young Americans Return to God," proclaimed the Dec. 17 cover of Newsweek.

Is this part of a new media fad, or does it symbolize the possibility of a "Third Great Awakening" of America's theological spirit?

You may recall the faddish foolishness of the 1960s. "Is God Dead?" asked a 1966 Time cover. "God Is Not Dead," shot back a U.S. News & World Report cover interview two weeks later with the Rev. Billy Graham.

Three years later, Time editors apparently underwent a conversion in their offices similar to Paul's on the road to Damascus. "Is God Coming Back to Life?" asked a 1969 Time cover.

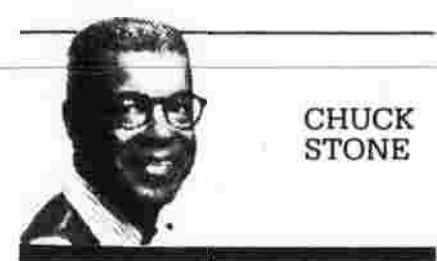
A 1986 Washingtonian magazine cover answered Time cover's question

with pompous finality. Just as Dostoyevsky used his novel to bring Christ back during the Inquisition in "The Brothers Karamazov," the magazine discovered that families had rediscovered God in that heathenish cesspool, the nation's capital. "God Is Back," pompously confirmed the Washingtonian cover.

But New York City's Village Voice was stubbornly unconvinced. A year after the Washingtonian magazine had reassured us that the Holy Spirit had returned, the Voice persisted in its disbelief with a 1987 front-page headline asking once again: "Is God Dead?"

I mention these headlines about God merely to demonstrate the media's recurring foolishness with their cut-and-paste treatment of our salvific faith. "The foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men," wrote Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians.

We may be a witness to a deepening and widening of religious faith in America, not because of any series of magazine covers, but because of the human family's relentless search for the meaning of God's love in its life.



CHUCK STONE

Heading into the 1990s, this nation may be on the sociological threshold of a Third Awakening. Both the Great Awakening in the mid-18th century and Second Awakening in the late-18th and early-19th century touched off an expansion of churches and church-related founding of colleges and missionary societies.

In this last decade of the 20th century, Americans seem to be hungering for a spiritual rebirth — or else the media are running a circulation campaign on us.

I think the former is the case. But the recent Newsweek cover story on children's leadership in seeking a restoration of their families' faiths may come closest to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. "And a little child shall lead them," Isaiah predicted. "Whosoever shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven, Jesus told his disciples."

The capacity of children for unquestioning and unqualified love that stirred the hearts of both the Old and New Testaments' prophets may be the same faith currently leading the families of young Americans back to church.

Church dropouts are returning, and 43 million people — 57 percent of the population — now attend church or temple. Not everyone is worshipping at Madonna's video shrine.

Historically, a decrease in social activism has meant an increase in religious participation. The current trend may be the only decent thing to come out of the Reagan-Bush era.

## 'Wolves' movie is a dog

I hope I'm not the only American to shrug off the foreign takeover of Hollywood studios, but I can't help myself. Anything that sees this smug industry on its ear may even be worth a cheer or two.

To be fair, Hollywood's champions tell us, U.S. filmmaking is a national treasure. That's true, of course, to the extent that Hollywood rakes in billions from overseas. But a treasure in an enduring creative sense? Come on.

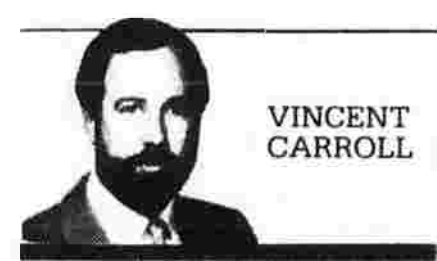
By and large, popular Hollywood movies have become vastly entertaining features of little genuine seriousness. The exceptions, such as "Driving Miss Daisy," only reinforce the dreary rule.

Even the most ambitious movies usually display the complexity of a Grimm fairy tale. For proof, look no further than a current megahit, Kevin Costner's "Dances With Wolves."

The great screenwriter Ben Hecht once quipped that "anyone with a good memory for clichés and unafraid to write like a child can but out a superb movie in a few days." "Dances With Wolves" exactly fits this formula. It is a deeply enjoyable, gorgeous film whose narration never rises above romantic baby talk.

Costner set out to portray Indians in a sympathetic light. And how. There isn't a single one who isn't heroic, wise or at the very least in perfect accord with the natural and spiritual worlds. Costner, who both directs and acts in the movie, even sanitizes intertribal warfare: After the Sioux and Pawnee clash, the narrator (Costner again) extols the battle as one in which no "dark" political motive animated the contestants. Coming from a Civil War veteran who'd fought on the Union side — against slavery, one is tempted to remind the director — this is a remarkably unannounced slam against all national purposes.

Needless to say, the whites in the film make up for the dearth of Indian wars. To a man (and they virtually are all men), they're cruel, racist and destructive — and those are just their most obvious flaws. One fellow cackles like a loon over sun-bleached human bones; another wets his pants during an interview with Costner and then, calm as you please, produces a pistol and blows out



VINCENT CARROLL

his own brains. The problem: In common with all other whites, their lives lack "harmony," the only known cure for which (no surprise here) is the adoption of Indian ways.

This is not history, of course; it is a morality play — the cinematic equivalent of an Ayn Rand novel. Why Ford romanticized some aspects of frontier life, he possessed the artistic integrity to portray both the leading white (John Wayne) and his Comanche nemesis as complex men whose racial rancor sprang from deep personal pain. The story concentrates on Wayne, but it doesn't steer at the Indians as "Dances With Wolves" seems all things non-Indian.

Even in 1956, a generation before "small-culturists" became the rage, Hollywood could produce a more intelligent movie about the clash of frontier cultures than it apparently can today.

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Tokyo	650
East Berlin	540
Seoul	457
West Berlin	389
Buenos Aires	248
Kuala Lumpur	224
Toronto	200
Nairobi	151
Abidjan	132
Beijing	107
Chicago	101
Melbourne	95
Dallas	22

## Behind scenes at S&L hearings

By JACK ANDERSON and DALE VAN ATTA

WASHINGTON — The Keating Five hearings are a hot ticket on cable TV this month, but the atmosphere is even hotter out of range of the cameras.

During one break in the hearings, witness William Black found out just how hot Black was a regulator for the Federal Home Loan Bank Board when it was trying to rein in Charles Keating's Lincoln Savings and Loan in 1987. The future of five U.S. senators is riding in part on what Black remembers about the way they may have tried to intervene for Keating.

The bearded Black has been a cool and smiling witness, refusing to be bullied by the attorneys for the Keating Five. During a lunch break, sources tell us that Black passed the lawyer for one of the five, Sen. Don Riegle, D-Mich., and attempted a pleasantry.

"Hello. How are you doing?" Black said to Riegle's attorney, Tom Green.

"Don't you worry about how I am, ever!" snarled Green. "You just worry about how you are going to be."

Black might have steered clear of Green had he known that his own lawyer, not one minute earlier, had received a dressing down from Green because Black, in his testimony, had said about the name of the law firm that Green works for.

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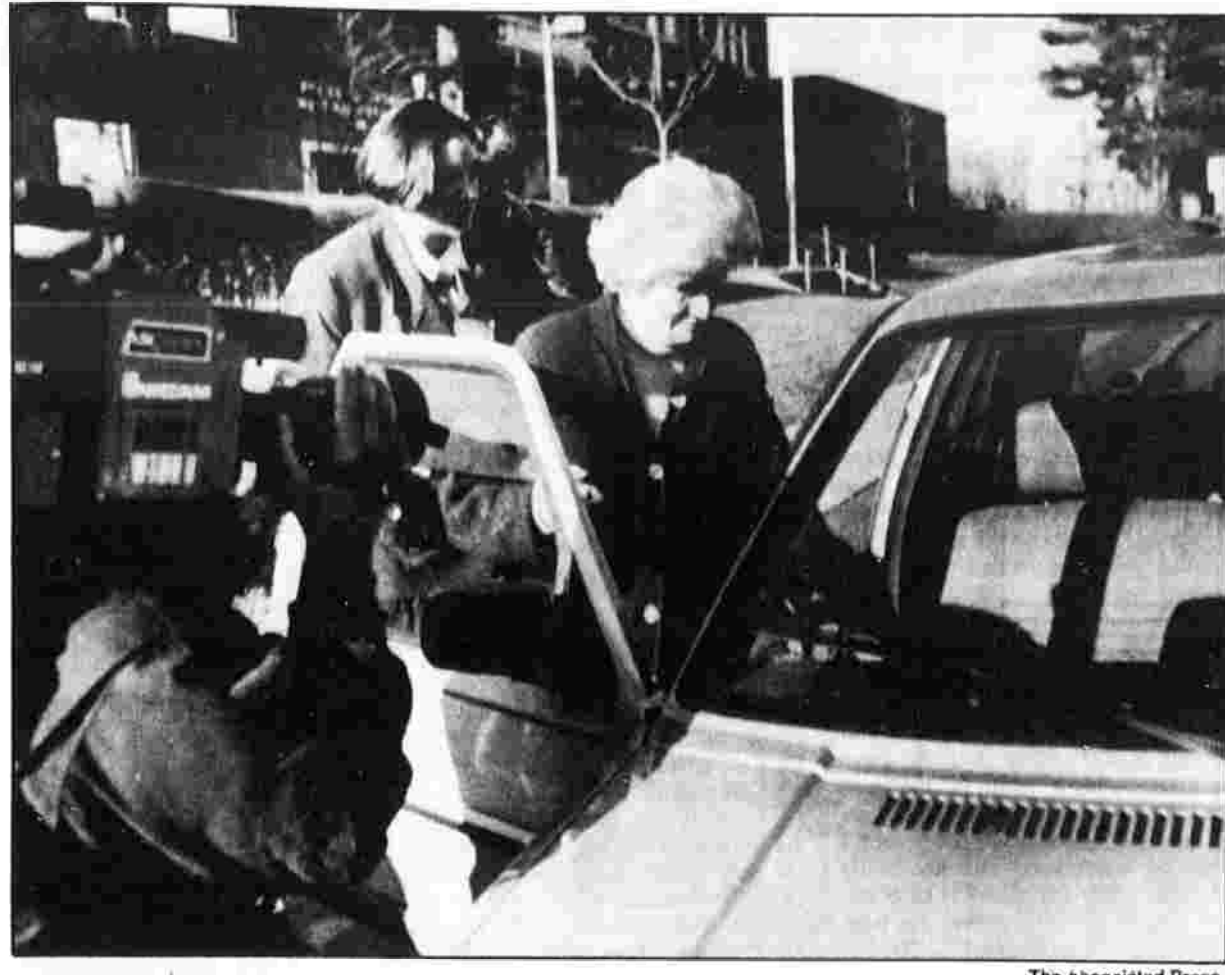
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# STATE



DAY-CARE ABUSE — Hildegard Kralits, right, walks out of West Hartford Superior Court with one of her attorneys after her arraignment on charges of child abuse. Kralits ran Hildegard's Daycare Center & Nursery School, which was closed down Dec. 5. Kralits was arrested Monday morning.

## Smith named new DAS chief

By PETER VILES  
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — It's been an up-and-down year for state Sen. Reginald Smith.

First he lost his bid for the Republican gubernatorial nomination. Then he lost his job as a bank vice president. And since he didn't run for re-election to the Senate, he will soon lose his position as Senate Minority Leader.

But as the year winds down, Smith finds himself nominated to serve as commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services in the Weicker administration, an \$86,000-per-year job with broad powers in state government.

Gov.-elect Lowell P. Weicker Jr. on Monday chose Smith to run the DAS, a sprawling agency of 930 employees that oversees all state purchasing, hiring and negotiations of contracts covering 36,600 state employees.

"This was not my first choice," Smith joked Monday. "I'd rather have Governor Weicker's job."

Weicker described Smith as "a man who totally understands state government." He also praised Smith for his good relations with labor unions.

"He is by far and away the best qualified to handle this enormous job," Weicker said.

Smith's appointment is subject to legislative approval.

A Republican from New

Small cuts, big effects

HARTFORD (AP) — Even relatively modest cuts in the budgets of Connecticut's two most expensive state agencies would have a dramatic effect, according to reports the agencies have submitted to Gov.-elect Lowell P. Weicker Jr.

The cuts in the Department of Education would include a \$49 million reduction in state grants to local schools, and the Department of Income Maintenance would cut \$75 million from payments to nursing homes.

Both proposals were included in the departments' responses to Weicker's request for information on how they would implement a 7 percent cut in their tentative 1991-92 budgets.

"The cuts that were outlined by the agencies are sober and sobering," Mehan said. "They point up the fact that this is going to be a very difficult process."

The reports from state agencies also explain what would happen if the cuts went beyond 7 percent to 13 percent, or to 20 percent.

Weicker sought the information to help him decide how to close a \$2.1 billion gap between revenues and the spending needed to maintain current services through the fiscal year that begins July 1.

That projection is based on the tentative 1991-92 general fund budget of \$7.96 billion presented to Weicker last month by outgoing Gov. William A. O'Neill.

## Democrat lawmaker openly proclaims that he is gay

By PETER VILES  
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Connecticut's first openly homosexual state lawmaker says he is concerned about rising violence and discrimination against homosexuals, but is optimistic that the Legislature will pass a gay rights bill next year.

State Rep. Joseph S. Grabarz Jr., a liberal Democrat from Bridgeport, publicly proclaimed his homosexuality at a news conference Monday, becoming the first openly gay member of Connecticut's General Assembly.

Grabarz, easily re-elected last month to his second term, said he decided to go public with his sexual preference largely "for reasons of personal growth and development."

"It's important that my colleagues know that I am gay and that I'm proud of it," he said.

Grabarz said he is concerned that discrimination against homosexuals and other minority groups is on the rise. But he said he is optimistic about the chances of a gay rights bill, especially because of Gov.-elect Lowell P. Weicker Jr.'s record of support for civil rights.

"This represents a tremendous opportunity for the gay and lesbian people of Connecticut that (Weicker's) sitting in that office," Grabarz said. "The gay and lesbian community has never had anyone as supportive as he has been."

Grabarz said he believes he can now be a more effective spokesman

for homosexuals, especially in support of the gay rights bill, which has been defeated in the General Assembly several times over the past decade.

"I would hope that people's personal contacts with me help them overcome, perhaps, some of the fear and ignorance and resistance in Connecticut and in this legislative body," he said.

"It's almost imperative at this time that I come forward," he said.

About a dozen of Grabarz's House colleagues, including House Speaker Richard Blumenthal, joined gay and lesbian activists at the news conference in a show of support. When the event ended, the room erupted in applause and Grabarz embraced a male friend.

Grabarz, 34, called the news conference the day after he spoke openly about his homosexuality at a gay rights rally Sunday in Hartford that was attended by about 200 people.

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# Minority

Pomerantz said there are now several minority and non-minority students at East Catholic seeking scholarships. She added that in the coming year, due to the current economy, many students from both groups may be denied a higher education because they don't have enough money to meet increasing college tuition costs.

Joe Mesquita, director of Minority Student Affairs at Manchester Community College, said he was opposed to the original plan to deny scholarships based on skin color.

"I feel that it is very important for people to understand that those [minority] scholarships are not given on the basis of ethnicity alone, but on academic performance as well," Mesquita said.

The director added that if the plan to restrict minority scholarships at federally funded colleges had gone unopposed, its effects would have been felt at MCC, where he currently handles about 20 students whose education costs are supplemented by the Acta Foundation Scholarship for Outstanding Minority Students program.

"There is a need for a number of minority students to have whatever aid is possible for them," he said, adding that if minority scholarships were cut, then minority students would have a problem staying in school.

Judy Burr, a counselor at Coventry High School, said she favored ending the plan because equal access to education for everyone needs to be maintained.

Central to the new federal scholarship policy is the Education Department's decision to let universities that receive federal funds administer scholarships funded entirely by private persons or organizations where the donor restricts eligibility for the scholarships to minorities.

Under Title Six of the Civil Rights Act, however, private universities receiving federal funds may not finance race-exclusive scholarships with their own funds, Williams said.

The department also said: "Race-exclusive scholarships funded by state and local governments are not covered by the administration's policy because of past Supreme Court rulings.

# Hours

for next year in lieu of a raise this year. Cannon rejected that offer, saying she did not want to "take it on faith" that the offer would still be there next year.

Last week, Cannon approved to the Board of Finance to accept the salary increase, but the request was denied because past legal opinions by the town attorney have said that only the selectmen have the power to set wages.

Cannon could not be reached for comment this morning, but has said that she is considering several options if her request for a raise is not approved. They include filing charges with the state labor board and quitting.

Morra said that there is no way that the town could afford to pay Cannon any more this year so he will try to structure Cannon's job so that her hours are limited.

Selectman Rich Pelletier said that even though Cannon has rejected the selectmen's previous offer, he wanted it to remain on the table because the new offer would mean that Cannon would not be guaranteed the large increase in next year's budget.

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# Gulf

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to us, so we will want to discuss it," she said. One local veteran was critical of the Army's decision to recall the retirees.

Dennis Sines, a Highland Street resident and former infantryman from 1968-70, termed the call-up "a farce."

"The Army's increasing need for medical skills reflects a broader trend within the U.S. military as tens of thousands more American troops are deployed to Saudi Arabia and the Jan. 15 United Nations deadline approaches for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait."

The Navy last week disclosed that it is deploying two additional 500-bed mobile field hospitals in the projected combat zone in Saudi Arabia and that it plans to call up 8,000 reservists to increase Navy medical support.

It is the first involuntary use of the White House since the end of East Germany's erection of the Berlin Wall.

Hannahan said in an interview that about 4,000 Army retirees are being called up for duty in the Gulf crisis, but that involuntary callups are being used because there aren't enough volunteers with the skills needed most. The Army is especially eager to get more medical specialists in uniform.

About 150 volunteers have been put on active duty, and about half of those are performing medical duties in support of Operation Desert Shield, Hannahan said. Approximately 300 more volunteers are likely to go on active duty over the coming month, he said.

Retired military officers aren't required to maintain any active association with the services. But a service secretary has the authority to force retired personnel back into uniform if it is deemed necessary for national security.

Members of the IRR generally are not required to train. There are 278,000 Army members in the IRR. The Army faces an increasing need for individual volunteers to perform duties such as truck driving, water purification, medical service and graves registration, Hannahan said. Some also are needed to fill out the three National Guard combat brigades placed on active duty for possible deployment to the Gulf, he said.

The Army is concerned about a recent drop in the number of IRR volunteers, Hannahan said, noting that about 600 who had offered to serve had backed out.

Over the next month the Army expects to need 500 to 800 more volunteers from the IRR for active duty, beyond the 1,000 volunteers already put in uniform, he said. And if the Gulf crisis erupts into war, the need for individual replacements will greatly increase, he added.

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# Inflation

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up in a 0.2 percent decline in clothing costs.

Food and beverage prices were up 0.4 percent, as a large 2.7 percent rise in fruit and vegetable prices offset declines for other items.

The prices of goods and services excluding the volatile energy and food sectors, rose a moderate 0.3 percent, the same as in the previous two months. The lack of any pickup in this key number, considered the best measure of so-called core inflation, could provide encouragement to financial market traders who hope the Federal Reserve will stimulate the economy with lower interest rates as long as inflation remains subdued.

In a slow economy, the Fed cuts interest rates to stimulate borrowing by businesses and consumers. But the extra demand that producers also puts upward pressure on prices.

Gasoline prices rose 0.3 percent last month, following a 7.7 percent jump in October. Fuel oil prices, which increased 50.8 percent in the preceding three months, fell 3.8 percent in November.

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# Mill owner sues for tax deferral program

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former Cheney Industrial Mills, only they were denied.

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The tax deferral program was adopted by the Board of Directors in January, 1984. The director's resolution empowered the town to

make a priority list, or a "wish list," of new tax assessments for seven years after the conversions were completed.

The purpose of the resolution was to encourage the creation of multi-family housing in the mill district.

By not being included in the priority list, Brophy Ahern would pay nearly six times as much in taxes as they would have under the deferral

program. In 1988, the Yarn Mill's assessment was \$437,330 and the Weaving Mills assessment was \$333,910. But since the conversions, the assessments have gone up to \$1,470,750 on the Weaving Mill and \$2,928,240 on the Yarn Mill.

The tax bill based on the 1988 assessment for the two properties would total \$48,333.61. But under the new assessments, the bill for the two mills would total \$275,684.70.

By RICK SANTOS  
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — The owner of the Yarn Mill and Weaving Mill apartments is suing the town for not allowing the apartments to participate in a tax deferral program sponsored by the town in the Cheney Brothers Historic District.

Brophy Ahern Development Co. is seeking to overturn its 1989 tax

assessments on the two buildings as well as an unspecified amount of compensatory damages totaling more than \$15,000.

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# Charter changes on hold

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MANCHESTER — Opposing reports from the members of the Board of Directors about revisions to the town charter has the subcommittee of the revision commission asking for more specific information.

The subcommittee of the Charter Revision Commission decided Monday night to seek more information about sections of the charter which they were asked to review before making any recommendations to the full charter commission.

The three-member subcommittee, chaired by former Mayor Stephen T. Penry, has been asked to examine those sections of the charter which members of the Board of Directors say they would like to have reviewed for possible change.

"We don't want to make any recommendations yet because we have conflicting reports from members of the Board of Directors as to their support for specific items," Penry said.

"We want sufficient input from officials on certain matters," he added.

As an example, the subcommittee was asked to review a suggestion by directors that the mayor's role in government be strengthened. But Penry and subcommittee member Jo-Ann Moriarty indicated they did not think there was much support among directors for that suggestion.

They decided they would like to hear the opinions of the directors and the town's General Manager Richard Sarior before making a recommendation.

They decided to seek more information for the remaining items, including administrators, staff members, and politicians to another subcommittee meeting at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 14 at the Lincoln Center. That meeting is four days after the deadline they were given by Subcommittee Chairman Vincent Diana, but Penry and Moriarty could not schedule a second meeting before the Jan. 10 meeting of the full commission.

The third member of the subcommittee, Beverly Malone, did not attend Monday's meeting.

Included in the list of revisions which Penry and Moriarty briefly reviewed was the idea of an increase in the stipend paid to directors. Although both said an increase is warranted, they wanted to get information about the pay for politicians in other towns as a frame of reference.

They wanted input from staff members regarding the possible elimination of the system to elect a full-time controller.

Regarding the elimination of the Board of Selectmen — a body that has virtually no functions — the subcommittee decided to wait to examine sections of the charter pertaining to selectmen who were not available to them at the meeting.

They also are seeking more information regarding recommendations for review of the auditor selection through appointment vs. competitive bidding; currently, the auditor is appointed.

Other items which they delayed acting on include review of the time table for adopting the budget, creation of an inland wetlands commission, a recall provision for elected officials, a review of the expansion of the Advisory Park and Recreation Commission, creation of a water and sewer commission, and clarification of the rules for filling vacancies on the Board of Directors.

By RICK SANTOS  
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Telephone calls were a topic of controversy at Monday night's Eight Utilities District Board of Directors meeting.

The district's directors toiled with service charges for the phone system in Donald Willis Hall for more than 20 minutes before the impasse was broken.

The debate arose after Director Mary Jean Summa announced that she would like to see a one-year guarantee of \$795, and when a motion to reject the high-priced contract was made, there was a stalemate.

With Director Joseph Tripp's out-

burst to illness, votes by the remaining six directors were dead even.

"I am violently opposed to a service contract of this price," said Director Gordon Lassow, arguing that because the building's phone were recently installed, they should not require any repairs for at least five or six months.

Thomas Ferguson disagreed with his fellow director, saying that the phone system's one-year guarantee had expired and a service contract would save the district money should any of the phones break.

After Summa's motion to table the issue for six months — which would enable the district to see its money for the contract in its 1991-92 budget — failed due to a tie-vote, Ferguson made a motion to pass the two-year contract.

A contract would cover repair costs until 1993, he said.

Ferguson's motion also failed due to a tie before Summa put forth a plea to get only a one-year contract at the cost of \$432, which passed 4-2.

The directors then quickly shot down a repair contract for the hall's fax machine.

In other action: The directors reviewed bids from oil companies to provide fuel in the coming fiscal year for the district's three oil-heated buildings and its emergency pumping station on North Main Street. After examining the dozen or so bids, the directors agreed to stay with Andrews Oil Co. Inc. of South Windsor — the district's current oil supplier. The oil company's price is five cents per gallon over the New Haven Harbor price, which fluctuates daily, the directors said.

Summa said the committee to update job descriptions for district workers is about half-finished with its study of the district's employees. If necessary, the workshops are scheduled for Jan. 29, 31, and Feb. 5, with Feb. 7 as a backup.

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### Library holiday celebration

Come and celebrate the holiday season at the Bentley Memorial Library, 206 Bolton Center Road, Bolton, on Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. The evening is free to persons of all ages. Everyone should wear red or green. The evening will be filled with seasonal stories and refreshments. During the program, the mittens and gloves which were collected during our "Free Free Mouth" will be removed from the Christmas tree and boxed for delivery to the Manchester Area Conference of Churches. Please call 646-7349 for more information. Registration is required.

### Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Club

The Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Club Retirees' Group will meet Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Club, 200 Clement Road, East Hartford.

### Topic for Single's Forum

The Single Forum is a weekly educational/discussion group for single adults of all ages and stations in life that meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the First Church of Christ, Glastonbury, 2183 Main St. This Wednesday's topic is "Caring Enough To Be Heard and Be Heard." For more information call, Rev. Malcolm Marler at 633-4641.

## Military Notes

### Fawcett completes training

Army National Guard Pvt. Rhonda K. Fawcett, daughter of Lois A. and Lawrence A. Fawcett of 471 Goose Lane, Coventry, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. She is a 1989 graduate of Windham Technical High School in Willimantic.

## Public Meetings

The following meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 18, and Wednesday, Dec. 19:

- MANCHESTER**  
Tuesday  
Transportation Hearing, 45 North School Street, 7 p.m.  
Human Relations Commission, Municipal Building office room, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Commission for Disabled, Senior Center, 7:30 p.m.  
ANDOVER  
Tuesday  
Elementary School Building Needs Committee, Andover Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.  
Space Utilization Committee, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.  
**BOLTON**  
Wednesday  
Planning Commission, Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.  
**COVENTRY**  
Tuesday  
WCA, Town Office Building, 7 p.m.  
Historic Study, Coventry High School, 7:30 p.m.  
Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Steering Committee, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.  
Veteran's Commission, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.  
**HEBRON**  
Wednesday  
Historical District, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.  
Recreation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.  
Marlborough Board of Education, Marlborough Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

## Lottery

Here are Monday's lottery results from around New England:

- Connecticut**  
Daily: 5-9-4, Play Four: 3-6-1-8
- Massachusetts**  
Daily: 1-7-0-0
- Northern New England**  
Pick Three: 9-7-1, Pick Four: 5-7-1-2
- Rhode Island**  
Daily: 2-3-0-1

## Weather

**REGIONAL Weather**  
Wednesday, Dec. 19

The weather tonight in the greater Manchester area: rainy breezy and mild with lows in the upper 40s. Wind southwest 15 to 25 mph. Chance of rain 80 percent. Wednesday, a 60 percent chance showers early then partial clearing. Temperatures falling through the 40s. Outlook for Thursday, partly sunny with a high around 40.

A warm front will pass northeast across New England today. Tonight several low pressure centers will move northeast from the western mid Atlantic states passing directly across the six state region. On Wednesday a cold front will move east across the region bringing an end to the precipitation and cooler temperatures.

## Obituaries

### Azelle M. Samuelson

Azelle M. Samuelson, 79, formerly of Manchester, died Sunday (Nov. 16) at Bethesda Memorial Hospital in Boynton Beach, Fla., after a brief illness. Samuelson, a former resident of Manchester, is survived by her husband the Rev. David V. Samuelson, a retired pastor of the United Methodist Church in Manchester. Born in Saugus, Mass., Samuelson lived in Manchester for about six years, leaving in 1980. She was a retired major in the Salvation Army, for which she dedicated 30 years of service. Most of her work was with hospitals, and she was also the Registered Record Administrator. She was also secretary her class, which graduated in 1935.

### Norman Leo Harpin

Norman Leo Harpin, 53, of South Windsor, brother of Harvey Harpin of Bolton, died Sunday (Dec. 16) at home. He was born in Hartford and had lived in the area for all of his life.

### Emiline Hillenbrand

Emiline Hillenbrand, 84, of Middletown, widow of James Hillenbrand, sister of Clarissa Vibberts of Manchester, died Sunday (Dec. 16) in Connecticut Hospital. She was born in Portland, daughter of the late William and Elizabeth (Hertz) MacDonald.

## Public Records

- Warranty deeds:**  
Robert C. and Mary J. MacDonald to Paul A. and Tania M. Bard, 30 Bretton Road, \$131,000.  
Arvirinder Singh Bahal to Charles and Helen Ataman, Brook Haven Condominium, \$60,000.  
Brian Alohi and Stephen Alonzo to Peter R. Hicks, four units at Brook Haven Condominium, conveyance tax on each, \$78.11.  
Peter Hicks for the estate of Randy W. and Madeline Correa, Brook Haven Condominium, \$90,000.  
Paul F. Ryan Jr., Melody W. Ryan, Ronald E. Theriault and Robin Weir to Princeton Associates, 25 Hamlin St., \$153,800.  
Tavco Associates to Charles W. and Marilyn A. McHenry, Meadowbrook Fields, \$213,860.  
E. Neill and Mary E. Jordan to Mary M. Greene, 50 S. Alton St., \$123,000.  
Suffield Bank to Martha T. Bernstein, 3A Jamie Lane, conveyance tax, \$98.89.  
Rebecca D. Janenda to Ryszard J. and Janina W. Prypiuziewicz, Mountain Farm, \$126,500.  
Anthony Botticello to Botticello Brothers Realty, four parcels on Spencer Street, \$300,000.  
John A. Finguerra and Manchester 1-84 Associates Limited Partnership to Home Depot USA Inc., Buckland Hills Drive and Buckland Street, \$4,500,000.  
Mary Catherine Development Corp. to Dereketh Corp., Birch Mountain, no conveyance tax.  
Dereketh Corp. to John F. and Leslie A. Lombardo, Birch Mountain, \$216,000.
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Clayton E. and Theresa M. Howard to Kathleen T. Perron, Hackmatack and Kenney streets, \$145,000.  
Alice C. Jarvis and John D. LaBelle, co-executors for the estate of Alexander Jarvis to Russell C. and Gail A. Taylor, Jarvis Home, no conveyance tax.  
Kathy M. Thayer to Ava V. Oriz, Northway Townhouse Condominium, \$108,000.  
Richard P. Daley for the estate of Dorothy H. Daley to Samuel G. and Leah J. Lourie, 16 Drescher Road, \$130,000.  
Mary Catherine Development Co. to Dereketh Corp., Birch Mountain, no conveyance tax.  
Dereketh Corp. to Donald B. and Doreen A. LaPlante, Birch Mountain, \$238,700.  
Raymond E. and Jill M. Smith to James P. Kukih, Southfield Green Condominium, \$126,500.  
Susan C. McKay to Dereketh Corp., 148 Walker St., \$130,000.  
Mary Catherine Development Co. to Dereketh Corp., Birch Mountain, no conveyance tax.  
Dereketh Corp. to Richard F. Gombatz and Susan C. McKay, Birch Mountain, \$280,000.  
Steven M. and Doreen P. Ruggiero to Scott A. Carr, 47 Deepwood Drive, \$132,000.
- Quit claim deeds:**  
Theresa A. Kozlowski to Jeffrey J. Pulin, 507 Woodbridge St., \$6,500.

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### Man charged with sexual assault

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## INVOGUE

### Holiday dress should impress

By FRANCES PARNES  
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Now that the party season is here and special evenings beckon special attire, black tie greenhorns start to scramble. There are men who hardly know how to put it together so do the office in something chic, so doing a wonderful look for Christmas is almost more than they can bear," says Helen Gurley Brown, editor-in-chief of Cosmopolitan magazine.

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### Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Lisner

The Rev. David Jarvis officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Stephanie Kelley was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Barbara Bassett, Lynda Grzeszyk and Kathy Sanders. Sara Carlson was junior bridesmaid.

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The bride is a graduate of Coventry High School and attended Bay Path Junior College for one year. She is employed as a sales representative for Metromedia Paging Services.

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# BUSINESS

## Interest groups debate who will bail out FDIC

By DAVE SKIDMORE  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Regulators, bankers, politicians and economists agree: the fast-fading government fund that guarantees bank deposits will soon need an infusion of billions of dollars to keep it alive during a recession.

But they are vigorously debating who should be the donor.

Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady says the banking industry is healthy enough to bail itself out, and he got backing Monday from L. William Seidman, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

"Any strengthening of the Bank Insurance Fund can and should be financed by the banking industry, not by the American taxpayers," Seidman told the House Banking subcommittee on financial institutions.

Banking's problems do not amount to another savings and loan crisis, he added.

Subcommittee members, with memories of voters' reaction to being forced to pay for the \$500 billion S&L debacle, generally welcomed his words.

"We need to make certain that the taxpayers of this nation are not asked to bail out the banks," said Rep. Frank Annunzio, D-Ill., the panel's chairman.

However, several other members

noted a similar determination within the Reagan administration regarding S&Ls and wondered if it would be better to face up to hard truths now.

"You only have two choices. You pay a little now or a lot later," said Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

Seidman is advancing a plan that would transfer \$24 billion to \$25 billion into his fund by assessing banks a fee equal to 1 percent of their deposits. He also would raise the industry's annual insurance premium to \$6 billion, nearly triple last year's rate.

That should be enough to handle failures in all but a deep and long recession. In that case, the FDIC could borrow from the Treasury, Seidman said.

In addition, Seidman suggested that some weak banks be permitted to remain open under tight supervision by regulators, a tactic known as forbearance that was adopted successfully to handle troubled farm banks in the mid-1980s.

"If economic conditions continue to erode, we must... explore means to reduce losses and improve credit availability by preventing failures," Seidman said.

We cannot let weakness in the financial system bring on recession or worse in the economic system," Seidman said.

However, three economists who prepared a study on the health of the insurance fund for the subcommittee said forbearance would allow bank

managers to take a chance on resurrection by gambling with deposits.

"It could be that forbearance would work... But it's a high-risk gamble. A very high-risk gamble," said Robert Litan of the Brookings Institution.

He and his colleagues, James Barth of Auburn University and R. Dan Brumbaugh of San Francisco, said it is better to inject taxpayer money into the insurance fund so failed banks can be closed promptly and consolidated into healthier institutions.

Seidman estimated his fund will lose \$4 billion this year and \$5 billion next year, when around 180 banks will fail. That would reduce reserves to \$4 billion — to guarantee \$2 trillion in deposits — by the end of next year.

"Our best assessment of the situation," he said, "is that the fund remains solvent, and will be solvent at the end of 1991. But it is very weak."

Refunding should be in place before it is actually needed. In other words, action should be taken early and gradually, Seidman said.

The economists say even a mild recession likely would produce bank failures through 1993 costing \$31 billion to \$43 billion, enough to bankrupt the fund. A severe recession would cost up to \$63 billion, they said, a figure Seidman called too low.

## Seabrook workers get unusual holiday cards

By MELISSA B. ROBINSON  
Herald Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Workers at New Hampshire's Seabrook nuclear power plant are receiving Christmas cards this year with an unusual point of view: the star of Bethlehem rising over the plant's two domed reactors.

We The People, a Massachusetts anti-nuclear group, has mailed out thousands of the specialty cards to employees of the Seabrook station (which is owned by Connecticut-based Northeast Utilities), other nuclear power plants and the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

On the card's front is a red-colored version of the widely disseminated photograph of a Seabrook nursing home resident holding a canister of potassium iodide — a drug used to protect the thyroid gland from radiation — and surrounded by warning signs such as "Danger — Seabrook Nuclear Zone — No Evacuation Possible."

Featured on the card's interior is the sketch of the plant's reactors, with the telltale star overhead, and a greeting from "Jean," the Sea View Nursing Home resident: "At Christmastime, from in my home, I gaze upon Seabrook Station. And wonder if the day will come. For emergency evacuation."

"But, I have my pills, Nancy's word, that all around is pretty fine. So, Happy Merry! everyone! A good Yuletide to you and thine!"

Frank Ingram, an NRC spokesman, gave a terse response, saying, "I have not seen it, I know of no one who has seen it, and I don't think we'd comment on it anyway."

Rob Williams, a Seabrook spokesman, said he had not seen the card either but criticized it as a "sacred relic."

"We haven't seen it, but Comley is a well-known anti-nuclear activist," Williams said. "He has been known to try and scare people."

"Our emergency plan is one of the best in the country," he said. "It's been tested, litigated, approved, and retested... No one is excluded from the emergency plan."

A major issue in the battle of anti-nuclear groups, the state of Massachusetts, and others who tried to stop the Seabrook plant was whether nearby residents could be safely evacuated in the event of a nuclear accident, particularly when the narrow roads to popular New Hampshire beaches become congested in the summer months.

The cards are aimed at encouraging employees in the nuclear industry to come forward with information concerning safety at the nation's nuclear power plants, said Stephen Comley, director of We The People and operator of the Sea View home, located 12 miles from Seabrook.

"We are hoping this Christmas card will encourage NRC employees and others to break through the wall of silence and continue to reveal the terrible secrets that some in government and the nuclear industry would prefer were kept quiet," Comley said.

"Only if the information is made public is there any chance that positive action will be taken," he said.

Comley and his organization have been pushing for a congressional investigation into allegations that substantial parts exist in two-thirds of the nation's nuclear plants.

## Treasurer pulls deposits from ailing state banks

HARTFORD (AP) — With many Connecticut banks struggling financially, state Treasurer Francisco L. Borges says he will direct state agencies to shift large deposits from their own bank accounts to a treasury investment fund.

He cautioned that this does not mean he lacks confidence in the state's banking system, but that improving the state's earnings on these accounts is an important reason for the directive.

"The letter isn't going out because we're concerned about banks' going out of business," Borges said on Monday.

But he acknowledged that protection of the state's money is another reason.

According to treasury records, at least \$36 million is scattered among about 600 bank accounts throughout the state bureaucracy. Another 400 accounts exist, but the agencies involved have not responded to a treasury request for information on current balances.

Although Borges is taking this action in the middle of a state banking crisis, he said that concern about the safety of this money was only one of several reasons.

"I don't want to suggest that the state treasury has lost confidence in the banking system," he said.

State Banking Commissioner Howard B. Brown said he did not see Borges' directive as a negative message about the banking system.

### In Brief . . .

Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr., a renowned retired Navy admiral, has been appointed to the board of directors of Ames Department Stores Inc.

His appointment, which was announced Monday, increases to 12 the number of directors on the board of the financially ailing discount chain that is under bankruptcy court protection from its creditors.

Zumwalt, 70, served as Chief of Naval Operations and a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1970 to 1974. At 44, he became the youngest officer to be promoted to rear admiral, and at 49, became the youngest four-star admiral in Naval history.

Zumwalt now heads his own consulting firm, which specializes in management, energy, health care, overseas business operations, foreign and defense policy and strategic planning.

He was governor of the American Stock Exchange from 1970 to 1985 and sits on the boards of several corporations.

Stephen L. Fisher, Ames chairman and chief executive officer said Zumwalt's experience in government and business will be significant for Ames.

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