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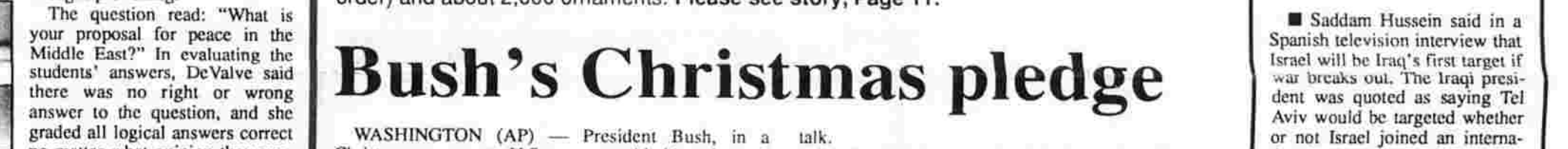
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MCC students ponder peace in the Mideast

By DIANNA M. TALBOT
Herald Features Editor
MANCHESTER — With the Jan. 15 deadline for Iraq to get out of Kuwait fast approaching, many people have formed their own opinions on how to settle things. Last week, students in Manchester Community College's English 95 class decided their own proposals for peace in the Middle East.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS — Patrick J. Fay looks at some Christmas lights on his tree at home in Falls Church, Va. Fay has an antique collection of 700 or 800 tree lights...

Bush's Christmas pledge

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, in a Christmas message to U.S. troops worldwide, reiterated his vow to try to bring those serving in the Persian Gulf home without a shot fired and declared "the world is behind you."

Area's banks reeling

From the weakened Bank of New England to the neighborhood savings bank, experts say the region's financial institutions are limping into a recession they helped to cause.

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Experts on child development call it a natural process for youngsters to want things. At around age 2, they say, the average child says "mine" about everything in view. It's only over time that they develop a sense of what is theirs and what belongs to others.

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MANCHESTER — Massachusetts State Police say it appears that a local man being held on murder charges may not be involved in two slayings in that state.

Gulf of a glance
(AP) Here are the latest developments in the Persian Gulf crisis:
Saddam Hussein said in a Spanish television interview that Israel will be Iraq's first target if war breaks out...

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# NATION/WORLD

## Cheney says "clock ticking" toward war in Gulf

By BRIAN MURPHY  
The Associated Press

U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf were on heightened alert today as many soldiers were given light duties to begin Christmas celebrations.

The measures, which include increased security checks, were called to guard against possible terrorist attacks during the holiday season, said a military source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Before concluding his visit to the gulf region, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said the "clock is ticking" toward war with Iraq. He also hinted that the U.S. arsenal in the Persian Gulf includes chemical weapons.

Also stressing plans for war, Saddam Hussein told a Spanish television interviewer that Tel Aviv will be Iraq's

first target if war breaks out. It was the first time he had threatened to make the Jewish state his first target.

In Baghdad on Sunday, stress waited and power to half the city was cut in an air raid drill. The defense minister said the Americans and their allies "will see how the earth will be burned under their feet" if they choose war.

U.S. troops planned a low-key Christmas in Muslim Saudi Arabia, with non-religious Christmas carols favored on Armed Forces radio and two-foot plastic trees sent from home discreetly displayed behind closed tent flaps.

Bob Hope was to meet with U.S. service personnel but, in deference to the Saudis, no shows were officially planned and media coverage was to be limited.

The military's cooks prepared a special holiday feast

of turkey, roast beef, cranberry sauce and other traditional dishes.

"The sacrifices you make will never be forgotten. America is behind you. The world is behind you and Christmas message to U.S. troops worldwide scheduled for broadcast today.

Cheney, ending a five-day trip to the Middle East on Sunday, did not directly answer a reporter's question in Saudi Arabia on whether the United States had chemical weapons in the Persian Gulf.

But he noted that U.S. forces in the region will have the "full spectrum" of arms to draw from in the event of war.

Iraq has threatened to use chemical weapons against the United States and other members of the multinational

al military force arrayed against it in the Saudi desert.

Even before precipitating the gulf crisis by seizing Kuwait on Aug. 2, Saddam had threatened to attack Israel with chemical weapons.

Saddam was quoted as saying in an interview Saturday with a Spanish TV network that Tel Aviv would be Iraq's first target whether or not Israel joins an international war effort against Iraq. The network summarized Saddam's remarks and said the interview with him would be shown on Wednesday.

The Iraqi leader apparently seeks to weaken the resolve of some Arab members of the multinational force lined up against Iraq. Some analysts have suggested Syria might not fight Iraq if Israel were drawn into a conflict.

## Farewell bid to ferry victims

HAIFA, Israel (AP) — Divers today abandoned the search for the last of the 21 men lost in the ferry disaster that befell the U.S. aircraft carrier Saratoga, American officials said.

The decision was made in consultation with Israeli authorities, who felt there was no way of finding the body.

The U.S. Embassy said it was assumed the body would eventually be washed ashore. The missing man was identified as Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class Anthony J. Fleming, 25, of Buffalo, N.Y.

Ferry service to the Saratoga was suspended after the only available ferry started its propeller in a cable early today, the embassy said.

With only a limited number of helicopters available for shuttle service, many of the Saratoga's crew who had gone on shore leave were to spend Christmas on land instead of returning to the carrier.

First preference for helicopter ferrets went to servicemen who were aboard the ferry that capsized early Saturday and their rescuers followed by those whose wives or girlfriends flew to Israel for the holiday, said a Navy spokesman who spoke on condition of anonymity.

## Like predecessors, Bush skips raise

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal workers everywhere, from Vice President Dan Quayle to the troops in the Persian Gulf to the groundskeepers at the White House, will pocket fatter paychecks in the new year.

There's one exception to the rule: President Bush.

His salary stays frozen at \$200,000, right where it has been for the last 22 years and five presidencies.

For several million rank-and-file workers, both military and civilian, the pay raise is a flat 4.1 percent. But thousands of top federal executives are getting big raises, on the scale of \$20,000 to \$30,000, thanks to a 1989 law that lifted the lid on salaries.

## Soldiers in holy city

By HAITHAM HAMAD  
The Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank (AP) — The main colors of Christmas Eve in Bethlehem this year were purple, red, black and green — the hues of the berets of hundreds of soldiers dispatched to provide security in the holy town.

Early this morning, a few tourists could be seen outside the Church of the Nativity, built over the grotto where tradition holds that Christ was born.

A strike called by the leadership of the Palestinian uprising closed all shops and restaurants in Bethlehem. There were no holiday decorations, as officials of this town of 40,000 canceled most celebrations in solidarity with the three-year revolt.

The Tourism Ministry was predicting that fewer than 7,000 people would visit Bethlehem this year, down from 10,000 last year.

Tourism in Israel has been cut in half by the Persian Gulf crisis, and many of the Arab hotels in Jerusalem that cater to Christian pilgrims are shut because of too few guests.

Before the uprising, thousands of pilgrims would normally gather for holiday festivities in Bethlehem and

Crewmen bade a tearful farewell to their 21 comrades at a memorial service Sunday aboard the Saratoga. The dead were symbolized by rows of sailors' caps and a petty officer's hat laid out on a table.

"There are no words that can express the heartfelt sorrow of this entire 5,000-man ship," said the carrier's skipper, Capt. Joseph S. Mobley.

Among the 1,200 mourners were many of the 81 survivors of the chartered Israeli ferry Tuvia, which capsized and sank as it was carrying 102 Saratoga crewmen back from a shore leave.

Mobley told reporters that the Navy concluded with "almost confidence" that Fleming had died. "He was definitely on the ferry at the time of the accident, he was definitely not rescued," he said.

Nineteen bodies were recovered Saturday, including six pulled by Israeli divers from the sunken, two-deck ferry. Another was found Sunday, shortly before a military air transport jet flew the corpses to Dover Air Base, Del.

At the memorial service in one of the Saratoga's huge aircraft hangars, some men wiped away tears as a choir sang "America the Beautiful" and the Navy hymn "Eternal Father."

\$124,000 to \$160,000. Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Speaker Thomas Foley got the same 29 percent increase. Cabinet salaries swell from \$107,300 to \$138,900.

The Constitution precludes raising — or lowering — the president's pay during his term, so Bush has no immediate prospects for a new year.

Bush has "no complaints," says White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater.

"He thinks his pay is adequate. The presidency's still a pretty good job," quipped the press secretary.

No one disputes that, but a blue-ribbon panel that reviewed government salaries two years ago did recommend boosting the president's salary in 1993 to \$350,000 plus a cost-of-living adjustment. Congress ignored the recommendation.

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader begs to differ.

elsewhere.

Church and Israeli government-sponsored programs in Bethlehem were to proceed, beginning with an afternoon procession led by the Roman Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem, Michel Sabbah, into the Church of the Nativity. The celebrations end with a midnight Mass at neighboring St. Catherine's Church.

After sunset, a choir from the First United Methodist Church of Oklahoma City was to join a Jerusalem choir, the Living Stones, in a concert.

Security was especially heavy in Bethlehem this year because of a wave of Arab-Jewish clashes following the Oct. 8 Temple Mount riot in which Israeli police killed 17 Palestinians.

"Thousands of Israeli soldiers and police manned roadblocks and road-observation posts on roads leading to Bethlehem and inside the town."

Metal detectors were set up at the seven streets leading to Manger Square, and everyone entering was searched.

Army curfews were imposed on the three refugee camps in the area, confining about 15,000 Arabs to their homes. Last year, some cars were stoned passing the camps.



**GRIEVING SOLDIER** — A U.S. seaman weeps during the memorial service aboard the U.S. aircraft carrier Saratoga for 20 U.S. seamen killed when an Israeli ferry capsized near Haifa harbor Saturday morning.

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## Mitchell: cut Soviet aid if repression takes place

By JOAN MOWER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration has banded together to support President Mikhail Gorbachev's ability to reform his troubled nation, according to a key Senate leader and others.

Gorbachev is, of course, an historic figure — effected change in the world more than any other person in recent years," Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell, D-Maine, said Sunday.

But Mitchell said Gorbachev is not going to rule forever in a country where, he said, the central government appears to be leaning towards a crackdown on the rebellious republics.

"If that were to happen, we certainly should be grateful for all he has done, but I think our policy ought not to be as highly personal as it has been," he said on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press."

Of the situation in the Soviet Union, Mitchell said, "I think the signs coming out of there are ominous in the last few days and the possibilities of that (a crackdown) occurring, I think are increasing."

If a crackdown occurs, he said the United States should cut off any aid to the Soviet Union.

"I think we ought to have substantial aid unless and

until the crackdown occurs and if it does, then... we surely should not be providing aid at that time," he said.

Zbigniew Brzezinski, national security adviser under former President Carter, agreed with Mitchell's pessimistic assessment of the future of the Soviet Union, at least in the near term.

"I think the coalition... is beginning to break up," he said. "The options are becoming more extreme and I am afraid there is, indeed, a drift toward the hard line with the KGB and the army now being the dominant political institutions," he said.

Moreover, the United States has "overly identified the future of the Soviet Union with Gorbachev," he said.

While Gorbachev deserves the administration's support and admiration, he has proved intransigent in his opposition to collective ownership of land and has said he will never give up on the idea of a multinational state run by the Russians, Brzezinski said.

"These two things are no longer viable," he said.

Earlier this month, President Bush outlined a varied economic aid package that included technical and medical assistance and support for the Soviets to affiliate with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

## Mayor to sign VDT law

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Businessmen will have up to four years instead of two to provide safer equipment and working conditions for video display terminal users, under a compromise Mayor Art Agnos has agreed to sign, his aides say.

What was hailed as the nation's toughest VDT law won final approval last week from the city Board of Supervisors, but Agnos wouldn't commit to signing it until he talked to business and labor groups about its impact and cost.

After a weekend meeting with Agnos, the two sides agreed Saturday to several amendments, one extending the compliance period from two years to as many as four years, the mayor's aides said.

The compromise, which Agnos plans to sign Thursday, must go back to the supervisors for approval.

"This is an example of what happens when both sides come to the table. And we now have something that both sides can live with," said Claude Everhart, deputy mayor for government operations, who mediated the negotiations.

The compromise measure still calls for frequent work breaks, proper lighting, anti-glare screens, adjustable computer furniture and equipment to make VDT use safer.

Among the problems associated with regular work at a computer keyboard are nerve damage to the wrists and fingers, back and neck strain, eye strain, sleep disturbances, chronic headaches, nausea and fatigue.

Labor leaders hope the VDT law will be a model for other cities and counties in California and for the state and other states nationwide.

Business groups have consistently opposed efforts to pass such legislation because of its expense and because some doubt VDT use causes health problems.

City budget analysts estimate businesses will spend as much as \$76.5 million and the city as much as \$6 million to comply with the law.

The board on Dec. 17 passed the

## Seven arrested after spree

NORTH VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Seven people accused of kidnapping a multimillionaire's daughter were arrested soon after they hired a limousine and went on a wild spending spree with ransom money, police said.

Cynthia Kilburn, 30, had been freed unharmed the night before.

Among the places where her alleged abductors shopped was the department store where one of them had picked up the ransom a day earlier, police said. Security guards there recognized the man and alerted police.

Three men and four juveniles — one of them a girl — were arrested Saturday and early Sunday. Charges were expected to be filed today, Royal Canadian Mounted Police said.

Kilburn was abducted Friday morning by several people who burst into her North Vancouver home, police said. The intruders left her 4-year-old twin son and daughter tied up and alone in the house. Kilburn's husband was not home at the time.

Kilburn was released blindfolded but unharmed on a North Vancouver street 14 hours later after her father, Jim Patison, paid a ransom. Police would not say how much he paid.

Patison, 62, chairman of the 1986 World's Fair in Vancouver, is the sole shareholder of Jim Patison Group, a conglomerate that owns auto dealerships, supermarkets and radio stations. The group had revenues estimated at \$2 billion last year.

The abductors had telephoned

Patison and directed him to leave ransom money at a downtown Vancouver department store, RCMP Constable Sheila Armstrong said.

"Store security got a good description of the person who picked up the money," Armstrong said.

On Saturday the pickup man, accompanied by another person, returned to the store to shop, store security officers told police. The pair had a chauffeur-driven limousine waiting outside.

An all-points bulletin was put out for the limousine, and two suspects

were arrested when police spotted the car in a West Vancouver shopping center. Five others were arrested elsewhere, Armstrong said.

RCMP also recovered a large sum of money and other items.

The abductors told the limo driver Saturday they were celebrating their last year of high school with a \$20,000 spending spree.

"One of the guys was in a store a Park Royal (shopping mall) getting seven suits tailored," said chauffeur Dino Falcone.

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# OPINION

## No message of hope, joy for hostages

By WALTER R. MEARS  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Near the eve of Terry Anderson's sixth silent Christmas in captivity, his lot and that of five other Americans held hostage in Lebanon is shrouded still, with no message of holiday hope for freedom.

The latest word from the administration is, as so often before, that there is no new information on prospects for their release, and that the government is doing everything it can to get them out.

That is a familiar message, and a jarring one to the families of the Lebanon hostages, who have just seen hundreds of American hostages freed on orders of Saddam Hussein and flown home from Iraq and Kuwait.

"Today, thanks to President Bush's firm policy, the nightmare has ended for Saddam's American hostages," Vice President Dan Quayle said of their release.

The families of the Lebanon hostages say the government has not done enough to end their nightmare. Peggy Say, Anderson's sister, said she has begged the government for action. She said the Iraqi release "shows what can be accomplished with the full attention of national leadership."

Other Shiite groups have linked the hostages' fate to other grievances, including prisoners held in southern Lebanon by forces allied with Israel, and the imprisonment of one of their clerics, Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeidi. Israeli forces seized him in a Lebanese village in July 1989.

Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent of The Associated Press, is the longest held of the 13 Western hostages in Lebanon. He was kidnapped on March 16, 1985, by a group called Islamic Jihad. The last direct message from Anderson came in a videotape released by his captors in October 1988. Other hostages freed since that time have told of seeing him in captivity.

Two American hostages, Robert Pihl and Frank Reid, were released by their Lebanese captors in April. When the plight of the hostages still held in Lebanon was raised at the administration's welcome of the release of Americans from Iraq, Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney said that while there was no lessening of concern, their situation "has been murky from the outset."

"We haven't had the kind of central focus in terms of our ability to be able to deal with a specific government as we've had in the case of Iraq, where you clearly have an identifiable individual government that we can pursue their release," Cheney said.

The White House said Bush raised the question of the Lebanon hostages when he met with Syrian President Hafez Assad in Geneva on Nov. 23, asking for help in gaining their release. That was only a footnote to a three-hour conference at which Bush sought to strengthen Arab support for his effort to force Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait, in the confrontation that threatens war this winter.



## The blame for GOP fiasco

WASHINGTON — Most political experts accept the explanation that former drug czar William Bennett turned down the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee because of financial considerations. But this has lessened the recriminations being heaped upon Bennett in that post.

It would be hard to overstate how pleased the conservative wing of the GOP was with the naming of Bennett to the party chair. Previously, they had been so angry with Sununu for his handling of the budget negotiations, and so angry at President Bush for dropping his no-new-taxes pledge, that there was real talk about running a conservative candidate in opposition in next year's Republican primaries.

The appointment of Bennett — a particular favorite among conservatives — silenced much of the criticism. With Bennett in place, GOP conservatives were confident they would have input into major White House issue positions for the second half of Bush's first term.

Now that has gone by the wayside. The conservatives are angry at how the entire appointment was handled, and they say that Sununu and his staff have simply made Bush and the GOP look inept.

Conservatives are also saying that there should have been some way found to accommodate Bennett's need to earn more than the \$125,000 a year he would have received as GOP chairman.

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## Lobbyists' seasonal generosity

By JACK ANDERSON  
and DALE VAN ATTA

WASHINGTON — The Christmas spirit drives throughout the year in Washington's power circles. Lobbyists and special interest groups come to Capitol Hill bearing gifts, knowing that it is better to give if one wants to receive.

There are free trips, tickets to major sporting events, golf clubs, pretentious bangles, food and lodging. And this time of year, members of Congress are making their lists and checking them twice because, when the year is over, they must report their haul to the federal government.

There are just a few rules to remember when showering gifts on your elected representative. He or she can't accept anything worth more than \$100 from a foreign national or from anyone who has business directly before Congress.

Our associates Scott Sleek and Paul Parkinson checked the 1989 gift list to find out what one buys for the member of Congress who has everything.

Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, received a \$1,500 Studebaker crystal eagle from the Private Sector Council in Washington, and Rep. Helen Delich Bentley, R-Md., got a necklace and bracelet worth \$757 from the AFL-CIO Baltimore Port Council.

Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., raked in the knickknacks, each valued at less than \$100 — a lamp stand from the president of Malawi, a director's chair from Universal Studios, a Sony Watchman TV from the Association of Independent TV Stations, and food items from RJR Nabisco Co.

Liquor and perfume are first-class gifts. Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., received six bottles of imported Scotch valued at \$30 each from a constituent in Bolton, Conn. Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., received a bottle of Giorgio perfume valued at \$175 an ounce.

Home furnishings are always a popular gift. Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., got a carpet worth \$2,777, a \$200 rocking chair and a \$100 pair of pants from friendly constituents last year.

# BUSINESS

## Consumers reduce spending to prepare for recession

By JOHN D. MCGILAN  
The Associated Press

American consumers are telling it like it is. "You can't even find a job. If you want a job, you can't find one. This here messenger, I don't like it," complains Miguel Torres of New York.

"We were thinking about buying a second car, but we'll have to hold off," frets Paul Johnson, a Canton, Ga., housewife and mother.

"We were planning to go to Naples, Fla., for awhile and we're not going to do that," says Erica Grassman, a retired travel agent in Deer Park, Long Island.

However they phrase it, many consumers believe the economy is in a recession or about to enter one. And these perceptions determine their buying habits — habits which until now have been the driving force behind eight years of economic growth.

And they're not buying, according to government statistics and surveys of retail stores.

Consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity. If that declines, it often is enough to throw the U.S. economy into a tailspin.

The Commerce Department said last week that consumer spending declined in November for the second straight month, when adjusted for inflation.

Retail sales also fell in November and are sluggish this month despite the holidays.

Actress Lynday Dawkins says Hollywood appears to be belittling too, to "this year, I've thought of gifts that I can make."

Wyn Smith of Woodstock, Ga., who just found another job after being laid off, says she's cut back her Christmas spending by about 25 percent. "I've made a lot of stuff this year — crafts," she explains.

But it's not just Christmas shopping that's been devastated by consumer concern. Automobile sales remain dismal. The housing industry is in its deepest decline since the 1981-82 recession.

"I postponed the purchase of a new automobile for my wife at least until June 1991, and even then I will be very critical of the economic picture before making a purchase," says Buck Buchanan who lives in the exclusive Hollywood Hills section of Los Angeles.

For Donald Hirsch, a San Bernardino independent auto wholesaler, the tough times started three years ago, when retail sales of new cars fell and used cars rose. That prompted dealers to buy more secondhand cars, leaving fewer for the independents.

"The wholesale market has dried up and those guys are out there fighting for cars," said Hirsch's wife Karen. "I think they should stop calling it a recession and start calling it a depression."

Rick Williams and his wife, waiting at a Tulsa shopping mall where their daughter posed with Santa Claus, said they've delayed buying their house because of economic uncertainty.

Even those consumers whose jobs are intact express concern over the economy. "I'm starting my eleventh year at the firm and this would be the first

planned Christmas caviar "spurge" for his parents has been cut in half when he interrupted himself in mid-sentence.

"It's not a big deal," he says. "But it's something — on a professor's salary, it is something ... There are some beautiful people on the street that deserve a better way."

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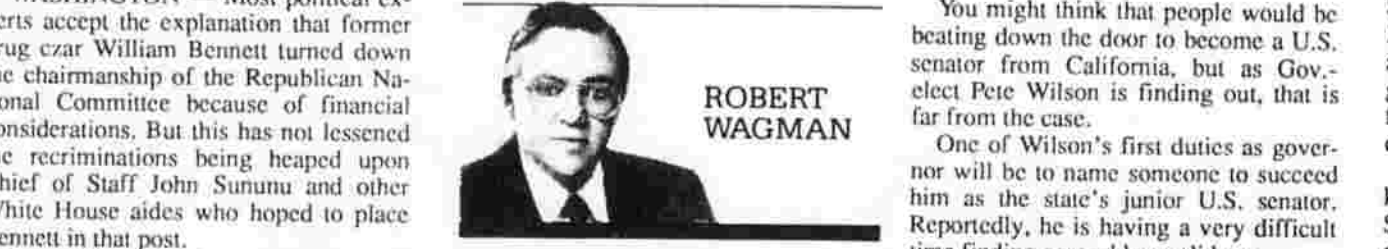
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ROBERT WAGMAN

You might think that people would be beating down the door to become a U.S. senator from California, but as Gov.-elect Pete Wilson is finding out, that is far from the case.

One of Wilson's first duties as governor will be to name someone to succeed him as the state's junior U.S. senator. Reportedly, he is having a very difficult time finding agreeable candidates.

Under California law, an appointed senator must run in the next available general election — November 1992. But that race would be only to serve out the remainder of Wilson's term, which is up in January 1995. This means that whoever is appointed will have to run again in 1992, and, if he or she wins that election, will have to run yet again in 1994.

In other words, the person Wilson names will have to run continuously for the next four years in the most expensive campaigning state in the country. Insiders estimate that the individual will have to raise and spend \$20 million in the next four years.

Wilson also has another problem. His narrow victory in the November gubernatorial contest was the result of a fragile moderate-conservative GOP coalition. Insiders estimate that the individual will have to have any success as governor. Few people would satisfy both elements of the usually feuding California GOP.

One possibility that is being explored is the naming of a caretaker who will accept the appointment on the condition that he or she will not be a candidate in '92.

## Some facts on South Africa

South African President de Klerk and African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela have stalled around as long as they can now, and the curtain is about to rise on the second act of "The End of Apartheid." It will be very different from the first.

Just about everything that could be done to please "world opinion" (meaning Western liberal opinion) has now been done. Nelson Mandela has been freed from prison. Various remaining vestiges of apartheid legislation have been scrapped, or soon will be. All that remains (I) is to devise some constitutional system under which the peoples of South Africa can live together peacefully and democratically.

I wouldn't blame any American newspaper reader or TV viewer for assuming that, after some negotiations over the details, there will be a large public ceremony in which President de Klerk will effect sign over the government to Mr. Mandela and the ANC.

But I can assure you that that is the least likely of all conceivable things to happen. And the reason for the widespread American misconception on the subject is the truly disgraceful performance of the vast majority of the American media over many years in reporting the facts about South Africa. In more than 40 years of observing American journalism, 40 of them from the inside, I have never known a worse example of systematic, long-standing misrepresentation.

An American who has never been to South Africa or hardly been blamed for knowing little or nothing about its complex problems. He will almost automatically make the major blunder of assuming that the "race question" in South Africa is, like ours, basically a matter of blacks vs. whites.

But no reporter who has spent so much as a week in South Africa can possibly be under any such illusion. He will know, at a minimum, that South Africa's blacks are divided into nine major tribes, most of which detest one another, and

can be sure that it will have to take into account all of the interests described above, which the Western media has so breezily disregarded.

Any attempt to do otherwise would result in swift revolt by the Zulus and perhaps other tribes as well, probably in the form of a black and white civil war.

None of this, however, has been conveyed to Western readers and viewers by their media. The surprising truth is that that nothing — absolutely nothing — has yet been agreed upon, or so much as publicly discussed, even between de Klerk and Mandela, concerning the nature of the future government of South Africa. The ANC's position is clear: They want everything — now. The white government has not revealed so much as a clause of its counterproposal, but as a

Luckily there are other opinions, such as the "Indaba" agreed upon in 1986 by representatives of all groups in Natal as setting forth an acceptable form of constitution for the governance of that province. If South Africa is to have any peaceable future at all, it will have to be on some such basis.

But meanwhile don't trust a single line or sound-bite about South Africa in any standard American news source.

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# Opinion Banks

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question," she said. "We are all thinking about the Persian Gulf crisis."

Other topics the group has evaluated include women's rights and political elections, the instructor said.

"It's a challenge to bounce ideas off the students and stimulate their thinking," she said.

Dr. Toby S. Tamarkin, director of humanities and communication arts at MCC, said she is pleased that DeVolve picked a current and controversial topic for her students to evaluate and write about.

"I think it caused the students to think and encourage creativity," she said. "Students need to learn how to think about issues and form their own opinions on paper."

DeValve, an adjunct instructor at the college, began teaching at MCC three years ago after retiring from a 20-year teaching career with the East Hartford school system.

Before that, she taught English classes overseas in Turkey and Nigeria, where her husband taught math and science.

# Greedy

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age are capable of being totally selfish," said Martin Hoffman, head of the NYU psychology department. "But they are also capable of being quite empathic and sympathetic toward others who do not have what they have."

The problem, Hoffman said, is not that children are inherently selfish, but that Christmas thrusts them into a context that surrounds them with all sorts of neat things they would like to have. And they usually respond with according materialism, even greed.

But change the context, and the same child might offer a pleasant surprise.

"Most kids, as greedy and self-oriented as they appear when they go to visit Santa in the department stores and sit on his lap and ask for everything under the sun, if put into the position of knowing that there are other children who have nothing — and if there are adults around who make the suggestion that they might want to share some of their things — most kids would share a lot," Hoffman said.

Hoffman explained that children, and parents too, are bombarded by television commercials that put

# Hero is victim

WATERBURY, Conn. (AP) — A local man credited with saving a motorist whose car plunged into a pond has found there is a down side to life — money from his jacket was stolen and gasoline in his car was siphoned while he made his rescue.

Ameen El-Massri dove into a frigid pond off Interstate 84 last Monday to help save the life of a fellow motorist.

While he was getting hypothermia holding Frank Vancura's head above water, waiting for rescuers, someone stole his jacket containing \$370 he had just cashed from his unemployment compensation.

El-Massri's unemployment checks stop next month, and he has been unable to find a job as a commercial truck driver. The money he lost was earmarked as rent for the triple he shares with his pregnant wife and their three children.

"That was everything we had in the world," said El-Massri, 31. "Everything else is gone, literally."

When El-Massri cashed the check, he took out \$200 and put it in his pocket — money he was saving to buy Christmas presents. But the sassy bills are now gone; they were needed to cover family expenses.

Since the El-Massris started their Christmas shopping early, Santa will still come through for Aaron, 8, Omar, 6, and Nancy, 2.

El-Massri said losing the money is tough, but he and his family will get by somehow.

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banks," said Paul Getman, an analyst with Regional Financial Associates, a banking consultant based in Westchester, Pa.

"This is a banking-led recession, there's no question about that," Getman said. "That is why it is particularly bad in the New England area and why that area is the worst in the nation."

New England's economy is far more diverse and able to absorb a slump than was the oil-based economy of Texas in the 1980s. And strict zoning laws in New England acted as a brake on overdevelopment. Texas had no such restrictions and left itself wideopen for the inevitable bust following the boom.

"Every major bank holding company in Texas essentially failed," said Ken Guenther of the Independent Bankers Association of America, a Washington-based banking association. "That's not going to happen in New England. But there won't be a light at the end of the tunnel until real estate values stabilize."

Statistics generated by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. bear out the weakened condition of banking in New England.

Commercial banks in all six states showed sharp losses in the first nine

months of this year compared to the same period last year.

Massachusetts led the nation with \$216 million in commercial bank losses for the first three quarters of this year after about breaking even last year. Connecticut ranked third in the nation with \$198 million in losses compared to an even first three months in 1989.

New Hampshire ranked fifth with \$23 million in losses in the first three quarters and Maine's commercial banks were sixth with \$21 million down the drain. Rhode Island and Vermont broke even through Sept. 30 of this year but were doing worse than last year.

The FDIC reported that "There is little promise of near-term improvement in the Northeast."

By the end of the third quarter on Sept. 30, four New England states were in the nation's top seven with the highest percentage of non-current real estate loans — or loans in which payments are not being made.

Rhode Island ranked first with 14.7 percent of its real estate loans non-current. Massachusetts was third with 13.7 percent; Connecticut was fourth with 12.7 percent; and New Hampshire was seventh with 11 percent non-current.

In a sign that banks expect times to get better, the 180 commercial banks in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut sharply increased their reserves for bad loans this year.

Savings banks, which were once limited to small-scale loans, much like the savings and loan institutions, dominate New England banking and they, too, are in trouble.

A recent House banking subcommittee report referred to "severe weakness" among savings banks and to earnings that had "nosedived." Three-quarters of the nation's 471 savings banks are in New England.

Even some bankers admit that lending practices by their colleagues contributed to the economic slide.

"I believe that it was an overextension of credit in commercial real estate," said Jasper J. Jaser, president of Prime Bank in Orange, Conn. "Banks were lending against equity which did not exist," said Jaser, who is also chairman of Con-

necticut's Independent Bankers Association.

The situation in Connecticut, Jaser said, "is still in a state of deterioration." He predicted that "several banks" would close or be swallowed up by larger banks.

The nation's banking community is closely watching the Bank of New England, which is based in Boston and also owns Connecticut's largest bank, Connecticut Bank and Trust.

"Not one banker wants to see Bank of New England fail because it will cast a pall over all of them," said Getman of Regional Financial Associates.

Anticipating a possible space of closures, the FDIC has opened a field office in Franklin, Mass., with 350 employees ready to handle the work that goes along with a bank failure.

Not everyone blames the banks for causing the economic downturn. Lawyers from the region have been harshly critical of what they call excessive federal regulation of

New England banks. Others have blamed overly restrictive laws.

Michael DeVio of the Rhode Island Bankers Association said federal tax reform in 1986 made real estate a less attractive investment and contributed to the downturn in New England, where real estate is an important part of the economy.

In addition, DeVio said, the 1980s saw the growth of investment firms that could offer mutual funds and compete with banks for depositors' dollars.

But state and federal officials may be in no mood to ease restrictions on banking, as DeVio advocates. If anything, the pressure may be in the opposite direction, according to Jaser, Prime Bank's president. The errors of banks over the past several years may lead to reforms that more strictly control lending.

"I don't believe this is going to be looked at in the future as a cyclical situation," Jaser said. "I believe there are going to be some serious ramifications."

# Bush

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With the United Nations-set deadline of Jan. 15 for Saddam Hussein to leave Kuwait just weeks away, Bush said, "When you come home, and we hope it's soon, you'll be welcomed as what you are: all-American heroes."

Bush reiterated his vow to "do my level best to bring you home without a shot being fired."

"The sacrifices you make will never be forgotten. America is behind you. The world is behind you and history is behind you."

The president concluded the message with a story about a military couple both serving in the Gulf.

"I think of Lt. Mary Danko, the flight nurse who volunteered for Saudi Arabia. Her husband, a C-130 navigator, was already dying in support of Desert Shield. And when asked if leaving their baby with relatives was a hard thing to do, Mary said: 'It's the right thing to do. We're needed.'"

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# Coventry, after scare, retains bond rating

By JACQUELINE BENNETT Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — A surprise investigation of the town by a New York bond rating firm gave town officials a fright but has turned out well, Town Manager John Elisser said.

"It gave us a scare but basically we got good news," Elisser said last week in a phone interview.

Due to the poor economic conditions of the state and large borrowing by the town, Elisser said, the town's bond rating firm, Moody's Investment Service of New York City called Elisser Monday and conducted an "aggressive" telephone investigation of the town's fiscal status.

Elisser alerted the Town Council Monday night the town was at risk of having its bond rating dropped a level from its A status. The result, he noted, could be an additional one percent interest cost, \$700,000 more in

interest over 20 years for the \$4.8 million bonds the town will put out to bid Thursday. The \$4.8 million in bonding is for two school renovation projects approved by the voters.

An apparently agitated Elisser told the council that the five referendums it took to approve a budget for the current fiscal year had jeopardized the town's bond rating. Elisser said the firm felt it indicated an unwillingness of taxpayers to pay.

"Our bond rating could drop due to our inability to pass budgets," Elisser said.

Yet on Wednesday Elisser said Moody's had "reaffirmed the town's A rating."

He said in tough economic times such investigations are more aggressive because it is the firm's job to accurately assess if a town is going to pay its bills.

town's declining surplus fund, currently \$329,000. It falls a quarter of a mill short of Moody's recommended \$500,000.

"They view that fund as essential to protect the fiscal integrity of the town... basically they have put us on notice to reduce the trend of reducing that fund and have taken the council at its word to make the \$500,000 goal," Elisser said.

He said a bond rating drop would not have been retroactive to past debt, which has a current principal of \$6.3 million and interest of \$3.8 million.

Asked if the logical solution to the rating threat is to stop borrowing for big ticket projects, Elisser said quite the opposite is true. He noted it was the town's recognition of infrastructure needs like school and town hall renovations, bridge repairs and a long-term capital projects plan to address those needs that helped rescue the town from a rating drop.

"The firm says we have to recognize that municipal government has responsibilities to maintain infrastructure," Elisser said. A plan, he added, signals that an emergency like a school roof collapse is less likely. Thus funds would not likely be diverted from debt payments, he said.

In addition Elisser said the firm frowns on cutting services for the same reason. Although it took five referendums the town was able to maintain programs, Elisser noted, which helped in the investigation. "In a pinch we still have somewhere to go," referring to programs that still exist but could be cut to meeting debt payments, he said.

Other considerations in the town's favor, Elisser said, were having a professional town manager and planner, never missing a debt payment, and having only a slight increase in unemployment likely due to a diversified employment base.

Elisser said bond rating reviews usually take place every three years.

# Meotti seeking campaign limits

By SCOTT B. BREDE Manchester Herald

State Senator Michael P. Meotti (D-4th District) will introduce a bill to the General Assembly that, if passed, will slice campaign contribution limits for 1992 state legislative races in half.

Meotti's proposal would establish lower limits on campaign donations over the next few years and provide public funding for candidates willing to agree to cost limits.

"Public confidence in our method of paying for campaigns is waning," Meotti said. "Contested campaigns are too expensive and the sources of significant contributions are narrow."

Currently, a business political action committee can donate up to

\$1,000 for Senate races and \$500 for House contests. Union PACs have a limit of \$500 and \$250 respectively.

If Meotti's plan is adopted into law, then these limits would be dropped to \$100 by the time 1994 executive and legislative races begin, and a system of public financing would be established.

A formula based on the number of registered voters and the actual voter turn-out in a preceding election would determine the amount of public funding each candidate would receive, according to Meotti's plan.

In order to qualify for public contributions, candidates would have to agree to spend no more than 150 percent above the money they receive from the state.



Narda Conley/Manchester Herald

FIRE FOOD DRIVE — Manchester firefighters — from career firemen, volunteers and members of the Eighth Utilities District fire department — come together for the fourth year to collect and sort food and gifts for the needy.

Seven families in Bolton and Manchester this year will be helped by the collection, which is also coordinated by the Manchester Area Conference of Churches.

# St. James School planning all-day kindergarten

By SCOTT B. BREDE Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — In response to an increase in the number of families with two working parents, St. James School will supplement its existing half-day kindergarten classes with a full-day session come September.

The full-day kindergarten students will take on the same hours as the school's older children, 7:55 a.m. to 2:10 p.m., said Sister Louise Kelly, the parochial school's principal.

"We are not going to be a day care," Kelly said. "The program is for parents who feel their children can handle a full-day program."

"It's a response to a need by some families" who find it difficult to pick up their children in the middle of the day, she said.

Kelly added that the school's two part-time kindergarten sessions that are offered in the morning and then in the afternoon will remain intact when the new program starts.

At least 20 children are expected to enroll in the full-day program, she said.

The space crunch, which is clogging the town's elementary schools, is not in effect at St. James, Kelly said, calling the Park Street parochial school's population "stable."

The full-day program would be the first of its kind in town.

Despite a debate by public school officials to expand their fall-day kindergarten classes, as of yet, no full-day program has been devised.

St. James also offers an extended day program for its pupils which runs from the end of school to 5:30 p.m.

The program was able to cut down on the number of latch-key children whose parents both work during the afternoons, Kelly said.

The principal said the full-day kindergarten program would be convenient for parents who would otherwise have to get out of work to transport their children from school to a day care facility.

Currently, there are 38 kindergarten students at the school.

# Robertson School emphasizes parental involvement

By SCOTT B. BREDE Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — At Robertson Elementary School, teachers and administrators are trying to get parents to do more than just help their children with their homework.

"We're trying to emphasize how important the parents' role [in their child's education] is," said Robertson principal Rochelle Abratis.

One way the school is fostering parent interest in children's learning is by encouraging them to play educational games at home with them, Abratis said.

Every issue of the monthly school notice to parents includes suggestions on different activities that can enhance students' education outside the classroom.

A game could be as simple as parents having their children find every product beginning with the letter "H" during a trip to the grocery store, the principal said.

Another such activity is cutting up comic strips and having children put the panels back in their original sequence to make them understand the concept of order, she said.

"A lot of what we're doing is encouraging parents to talk with their kids more," Abratis said. "It could be even by asking their children their favorite part of a TV show."

The principal cited the Robertson Ravens Readers program as another way the school is trying to get students to bring their education home.

Under the program, teachers have students read about 15 minutes a night over the course of 20 nights. Each night, parents sign their names stating that their

children accomplished the task. Parents can also read to younger students for 15 minutes.

At the end of the 20-day period, the children who have completed the reading assignment get recognized in school and get to pick prizes out of a grab bag, she said.

Some parents also come into the school to meet with 5th- and 6th-grade students to discuss books they have read, said 5th-grade teacher Ann Zajchowski.

The oral book conference "makes it easier for those children finding it difficult to write their thoughts down," Zajchowski said.

To go along with the conference, the students make pledges at the beginning of the year on the number of pages they will read throughout the term.

Some students pledge to read as many as 3,500 pages over the course of a grading period.

Those reaching their goal get recognition on their report cards and may receive paperback books as an award for their efforts, Zajchowski said.

"For some of the children who didn't look at themselves as great readers before, this really helps them," she said.

Another way the school tries to get parents to be more in tune with their children is by participating in annual "Turn Off the

TV Night," in which families agree to shut off the television one day a week for a month.

"I found parents who, even a couple months later, said they had gotten used to turning the TV off on that night," Abratis said.

"Having a lot of families with parents that both work, it is difficult for them" to get some quality time together, she said.

Abratis said teachers just don't call home to parents when their children are getting into trouble.

"Teachers contact parents at home [when their children are displaying] good effort, not just when there are problems," she said.



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CHRISTMAS CONSTRUCTION — Amber Newmarker, left, and Kristin Campbell right, second-graders at Robertson Elementary School, prepare for the Christmas

holiday, making wreaths by gluing tissue paper onto cardboard cutouts.

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### Crossword

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**CELEBRITY CIPHER**

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**THE PHANTOM** by Lee Falk & Sy Barry

**HAGAR THE HORRIBLE** by Bill Brown

**ALLEY OOP** by Dave Coverly

**THE BORN LOSER** by Art Serson

**THE NEW BREED**

Harold might have made a great superhero, had he a bigger costume budget.

**SPIDER-MAN** by Stan Lee

**JUMBLE** THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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

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**BUGS BUNNY** by Warner Bros.

**THE GRIZZLELLS** by Bill Schur

**FRANK AND ERNEST** by Bob Thaves

**PHIPPS** by Joseph Parris

**BLONDIE** by Dean Young & Stan Drake

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# ANOTHER ANGLE

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News with an unusual twist

## When tree lights burn out, man won't curse darkness

By ROBERT M. ANDREWS  
The Associated Press

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Unlike most us, Patrick J. Fay never worries about making a panicky, late-night dash to the drugstore to find replacement bulbs for his burn-out Christmas tree lights.

When the lights go out, Fay doesn't curse the darkness. Instead, he chuckles and descends to his cozy basement, where his antique collection of 700 or 800 tree lights — all in good working order — and about 2,000 ornaments is safely stored.

He has so many, in fact, that his suburban Washington, D.C., home boasts not one but three Christmas trees, their branches sagging under the weight of brightly colored baubles and twinkling, blinking bulbs.

"I've gone a little overboard on the lights," he says, smiling ruefully. "I have so many lights that I feel guilty not using them all, so we change them and the ornaments every week or so. We have ever-changing trees."

The trees are artificial, the better to withstand all the changing of lights and ornaments and because they don't require watering. They are put up the day after Thanksgiving and sometimes aren't taken down until mid-January, he says.

Fay's oldest ornament is a teardrop-shaped, red and silver "kugel" or "witch's ball," made in Germany of molded blown glass in the 1870s. It is nestled in the branches of a rare old German "feather tree."

The feather tree looks like a real, though somewhat scraggly, pine tree. It consists of green-eyed goose feather "needles" wired to thin metal branches of a tall wooden stick. Many German immigrants folded these cherished holiday artifacts into their luggage and brought them to America in the 1800s, Fay said.

His rarest set of Christmas tree lights is an eight-bulb string of carbon-flament Edison lamps stamped 1904. That was only a year after the small, pear-shaped bulbs first hit the U.S. market as substitutes for a centuries-old tradition of tree candles.

"At the turn of the century, electric tree lights were only for the very rich," Fay said. "The bulbs cost about \$1 each, which was a tremendous sum in those days. You had to have an electrician come to your home to wire them, and they were screwed into a ceiling fixture."

"The carbon filaments burned very hot and used a lot of electricity," he said. "The bulbs overheated, burned down trees and really made the room go around."

They were replaced by cooler, brighter tungsten-filament bulbs shortly after World War II, which also was the beginning of the golden era of fancy Christmas tree ornaments.

Fay's trees are full of lavish glass baubles from Germany, beaded-glass novelties from Czechoslovakia, tiny illuminated houses, keewpie dolls in snowsuits, dirigibles, fruits and vegetables, miniature airplanes and ocean liners.

There are spun-glass butterflies, double-faced angels, baryard animals, feather-tailed peacocks, windmills, chicks popping out of eggshells and lights covered with revolving painted lampshades.

There are elaborately scissor-shaped "Dresdens" from Germany, tree balls from World War II with caps of cardboard instead of scarce tin, bubble lights from the 1950s and midjet lights from the 1960s.

Fay, a 42-year-old hotel banquet waiter, began collecting Christmas tree antiques more than a decade ago, when he and his wife, Flora, a real estate agent, found a large box of "quite rare, quite expensive" ornaments in the attic of a home they had just bought.

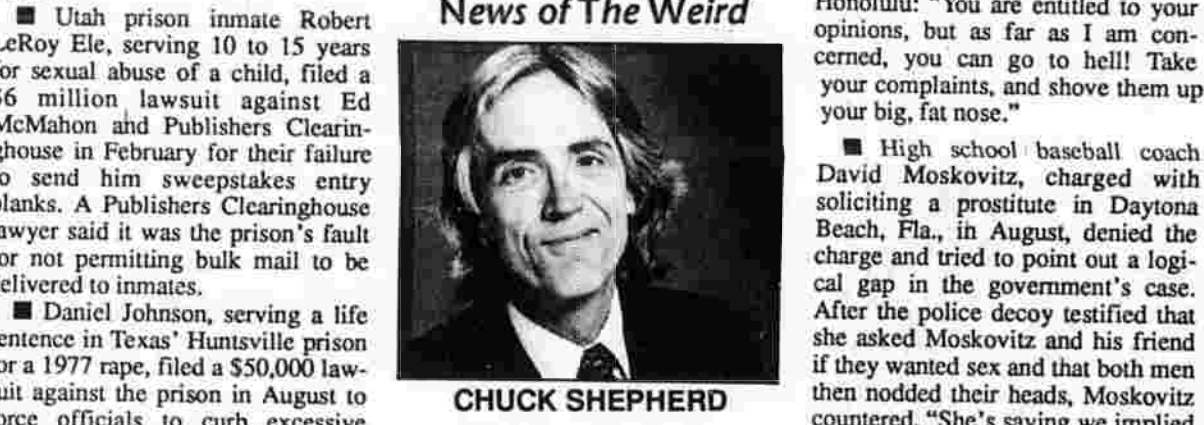
"Some people think I'm absolutely crazy, but it's a hobby that has grown by leaps and bounds," he said.

"We have friends and neighbors over for show-and-tell, and they are always stunned."



**WHOA NELLIE!** — U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Tim Gray of Florissant, Mo., patrols the "Desert World" recreation center in Saudi Arabia on his mount Suzie. The camel is a Bedouin gift to the Marines. Gray says he uses it for patrol duty around the rest area.

In October, Mary Mead, the Republican candidate for governor in Wyoming, wrote a letter of apology to a group of county officials in Casper for having given them what she called a "boring" speech. "Even before I left," she said, "I know that my remarks had not served me well. Some days are great, and some aren't."



**NEWS OF THE WEIRD**  
**CHUCK SHEPHERD**

Utah prison inmate Robert LeRoy Ely, serving 10 to 15 years for sexual abuse of a child, filed a \$6 million lawsuit against Ed McMahon and Publishers Clearinghouse in February for their failure to send him sweepstakes entry blanks. A Publishers Clearinghouse lawyer said it was the prison's fault for not permitting bulk mail to be delivered to inmates.

Daniel Johnson, serving a life sentence in Texas' Huntsville prison for a 1977 rape, filed a \$500,000 lawsuit against the prison in August to force officials to curb excessive noise from late-night TV in prison lounges. Johnson claimed "deprivations of needed rest and sleep, nervous tension, severe anxiety, feelings of depression, dejection, fatigue, emotional pain and torment, and headaches."

In July, a New York appeals court upheld Celestino Lucas' 1983 trial court verdict against the New York Transit Authority. Lucas had leaped onto the subway tracks and lay spread-eagled across them briefly but then tried to get up as a train entered the station. He sued the Transit Authority because the engineer was not able to stop the train in time, resulting in Lucas' losing both legs below the knee. Under the trial court's formula, Lucas would be paid \$600,000.

In September, the prosecutor in Virginia Beach, Va., dropped charges against Aimee Ashton, 17, for holding her dripping ice-cream cone outside her car window. The prosecutor said it was a "close" decision to drop the case because a "large amount" of ice cream was involved.

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**BILLBOARD SITTER** — Denver radio personality Rich Goins celebrates from his billboard perch as Denver scores a touchdown last Sunday against the San Diego Chargers. Goins spent 33 days on the billboard waiting for a Denver Broncos victory. After the game, he was finally able to come down as the Broncos defeated the Chargers 20 to 10.

**ROAD TO RECOVERY** — Anesthesiologist Julie Mayer moves stallion Robby Partebault into the recovery room after plastic surgery at the University of Illinois in Urbana, Ill. Plastic surgeon Jim Sheridan, who normally works on humans, repaired damage to the horse's face.

**Horse receives makeover**

URBANA, Ill. (AP) — So what if the mares don't care? Robby Partebault is a stall, and his owners care. They want the stallion to look his best.

So a plastic surgeon who normally works on patients of the two-legged variety was summoned to repair the dent in 11-year-old Robby Partebault's forehead.

The stallion, nicknamed Partee, got the dent in 1989 when he galloped head-first into a fence post. This week, a team at the University of Illinois veterinary school filled in the mark with a sort of body putty.

"This is one of the top 10 sizes of halter horses in the nation — a precious animal," said owner Roger DeWitt of Gillespie.

University veterinarians had patched Partee's face as best they could in 1989, using wires to hold together broken bones.

But when it came to a face as pretty as Partee's — the subject of ovals and ash at the university clinic — the veterinarians decided a plastic surgeon was needed.

They called in Dr. Jim Sheridan from Carle Clinic in Urbana.

## City known for its acronyms

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — FAT doesn't mean fat in the Washington state capital. And SNOW is no word for flaky rain.

Here, in a place that could be nicknamed Acronym City, the government has created thousands of acronyms — 3,187 by one legislator's count for various agencies, situations, conditions and crimes. With many of the acronyms spelling out words of their own, the speech spoken around the statehouse can often be confusing.

SURF and WAVE, for example, don't mean fun at the beach, and SMART isn't the opposite of dumb. We're talking FAT as in Fish Agencies and Tribes, SNOW as in School Nurses of Washington,

SURF as in Simple Update Reference File, WAVE as in Washington Award for Vocational Excellence and SMART as in Summer Motivation and Academic Residential Training.

All of these can be found in the second edition of the Dictionary of State Government Acronyms, a fat — or make that thick — list that has grown from 1,972 acronyms in 1985 to 3,187 in 1990.

The book, like its predecessor, is the work of Rep. Steve Van Laven and helpers Monica Tracey and Barry Weiss. The Republican legislature from Bellevue said the team of acronym-busters labored long and hard to compile the list. His BF, or "biggest fear," he said, was E&O.

That's "errors and omissions." The legislator said he paid for much of the work from his own pocket after the House clerk refused to handle the cost. He is giving the book away to other legislators and interested constituents.

For the future, he suggests that an "ADA (Acronym Designation Agency)" to professionalize the endeavor may be in order.

MI refers not only to Mentally Ill but also to Manifest Injustice. LOS stands for Length of Stay, but LOSIS means Large On-Site Sewage System.

Aw, HEC (Higher Education Coordinating Board). Maybe it's time to STOP (Social Treatment Opportunity Program).

## Belch prompts slaying of man

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (AP) — A man was convicted of killing another man in a feud that began a month earlier when the victim belched at him over the phone.

Wayne S. Davis, 26, was found guilty of murder Monday by Circuit Judge J. Warren Stephens and could get up to 22 years in prison at sentencing next month.

Davis shot Howard R. Helmeck, 22, on March 22 while Helmeck was hitting the defendant's car with a baseball bat.

"He started it by burping," Davis testified. "He stuck his nose in my business."

According to testimony, Davis' relationship with his girlfriend was souring when he called her apartment on Feb. 26 to talk about it. A friend of the woman, Tanya Wright, testified that she and Helmeck, her boyfriend, were at the apartment and

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# FOCUS

## Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

### Call for help when you vote

**DEAR ABBY:** You recently published a letter, as you have often done, urging people to vote. You said that one-third of eligible citizens are not voting. Perhaps it is not their fault. Some people do not know where to go to register, how often to register (some people think you must register every year), where to vote and when to vote.

The registration board should advertise this information not only in the newspaper, but also on television and radio, as a public service. I know several people in town who are not voting because they don't know where to go to register. They don't even know whom to call with questions. I can't help them, as I am new here and voted absentee.

I know that if each community made it easier, more people would vote.

**DEAR ILLINOIS VOTER:** Anyone who wants to know how, when and where to register to vote can get specific details by calling the League of Women Voters or the county election board (both of which are listed in the phone directory). If you can't find them, call "Information."

**DEAR ABBY:** Until three years ago, I was a senior minister in a large church. My wife left me and divorced me at that time. My denomination doesn't believe in divorced ministers, so I lost my parish as a result of her departure. Since then, I have had to get only temporary jobs that last a year per job. I am 50 years old. My children are living with their mother 10 hours away and are in the 11th and 12th grades. The divorce decree requires that I pay child support until the children reach 18. I have never missed a payment.

My kids and their mother tell me that it's my duty to finance a four-year education for each of my children. I have been self-supporting since I was 17 and put myself through college.

Abby, am I morally obligated to borrow the money to put my kids through college in my circumstances? I can barely support myself right now. Sign me ...

FLAT BROKE AT 50

**DEAR FLAT BROKE:** Nowhere is it written that a parent who is flat broke must put his children through college. If your children want a college education, let them work for it—like you did.



## ASK DICK KLEINER

**DICK KLEINER**

**Q:** During the filming of the chariot race in the '59 classic "Ben Hur," were there any deaths or serious injuries? Did Charlton Heston have a double for those scenes? I say yes on both counts.

—L.C.W., Mesa, Ariz.

**A:** Win some, lose some. When they filmed those scenes in "Ben Hur," there were a couple of accidents, but no serious injuries and no deaths. Once, two speeding chariots slammed into a camera platform, and the camera operator and his assistant were bruised. The chariot sequences were directed by second-unit director Yakima Canutt. His son, Joe Canutt, was Heston's double. Big stars, no matter how brave or physically capable, are always doubled in stunt work. The studio cannot risk the costly disruption an injury might cause.

**Q:** I was watching "The Arsenio Hall Show" and saw Marie Van Peebles ("Sonny Spoon") as a guest star. He mentioned that his father was an actor and actor what movies did he do? —B.A.M., Sparta, Mich.

**A:** Marie Van Peebles was the Spike Lee of the '60s, only more talented. He may have done some acting, but he was primarily a director. He made "Watermelon Man" and "Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song" among others.

**Q:** While living in Germany in the early '70s, I saw a film, "Brother Sun, Sister Moon," about the life of St. Francis of Assisi. Who starred in that movie, and is it available on video cassette? —P.S., Augusta, Mich.

**A:** That 1973 Franco Zeffirelli movie starred Graham Faulkner, Judi Bowker and Alec Guinness. A video cassette is available.

## PEOPLE

Actor Tom Hanks says charges of racism in "The Bonfire of the Vanities" may be misdirected because the movie his rich, white people most of all. "I didn't worry much about the racist angle," he said. "The story is based on every body, probably hardest of all on the white Park Avenue types."

Director Brian DePalma ran into considerable community opposition while making the movie, particularly from blacks.

In an interview published Sunday in the Tennessee, Hanks said he was "tracing to hear from the Southern belle lobbyist. My mistress in the movie is not a very flattering example of Southern womanhood."

The star of "Splash," "Dragon" and "Big" said the offer from DePalma to play selfish yuppie Sherman McCoy came as a surprise and he thought the offer was a joke.

About the character, Hanks said: "In the beginning, he is a man with no soul, he has no heart and he is utterly lacking in moral fiber. Can you imagine anything sadder than that?"

A year after the release of a Christmas film in which she appears, Marcia Porter still glows as she talks about her role in "Prancer."

"It was an adventure of a lifetime and I wish everyone would know the magic of being a part of something like this," she said. "Because it is magic. It really is."

Porter, a former substitute teacher, played a teacher in the film about a reindeer, a little girl and her dreams of Christmas.

"All I did was to myself," she said.

The film, which stars Sam Elliott, Clois Leachman, Rebecca Harrell and Abe Vigoda, was in top 10 in the box office for several weeks in late 1989 and has been a popular item in the video stores this year.

Mrs. Porter has been a substitute teacher, a journalist and an editor. As a free-lance writer, she was covering conditions for the movie.

When she walked into the theater where they were being held, one of the staff asked to take a picture of her. Later, she modeled around interviewing prospective actors, she was asked to go up on stage and read for the part of the schoolteacher.

After missing his scheduled court date last week, an Indian actor who appears in the Kevin Costner film "Dances With Wolves" was finally arrested on a warrant for failing to appear in court on a year-old warrant for failing to appear in court on a previous warrant, in December 1989. Grant, 31, was charged on two counts of obstructing justice. Rodney Grant was arrested in Lincoln on Monday on a year-old warrant for failing to appear in court on a previous warrant, in December 1989. Grant, 31, was charged on two counts of obstructing justice. Rodney Grant was arrested in Lincoln on Monday on a year-old warrant for failing to appear in court on a previous warrant, in December 1989. Grant, 31, was charged on two counts of obstructing justice.

Deputy Lancaster County Attorney Jan Lipovsky said Grant was apparently unaware of his arraignment Wednesday. After learning that he had missed that second court date, Grant returned to face the charges Friday.

The misdemeanor charges stem from two one-week periods in June and July 1988, when he allegedly was employed but received unemployment compensation.

Judge Richard Williams set a \$1,500 personal appearance bond for Grant. His next court appearance has not been scheduled.

## Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

### Giardia parasite infects water

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** Do you have information on the Giardia parasite? Is it prevalent in Texas?

**DEAR READER:** Giardia is a parasite that lives in fresh water. When ingested, the organism attaches to the intestinal lining and reproduces. This causes flatulence, abdominal cramping and diarrhea. Young parasites are passed in the stool and can contaminate water supplies, thereby completing the life cycle.

Giardiasis has been recognized for years as "Beaver Fever" in unpleasant recognition in hikers and campers who drink from seemingly pristine streams and lakes in the wild. Therefore, most authorities recommend campers avoid drinking from lakes and streams, unless the water has been boiled or treated. Beavers also suffer Giardia infection and act as natural reservoirs for the parasite.

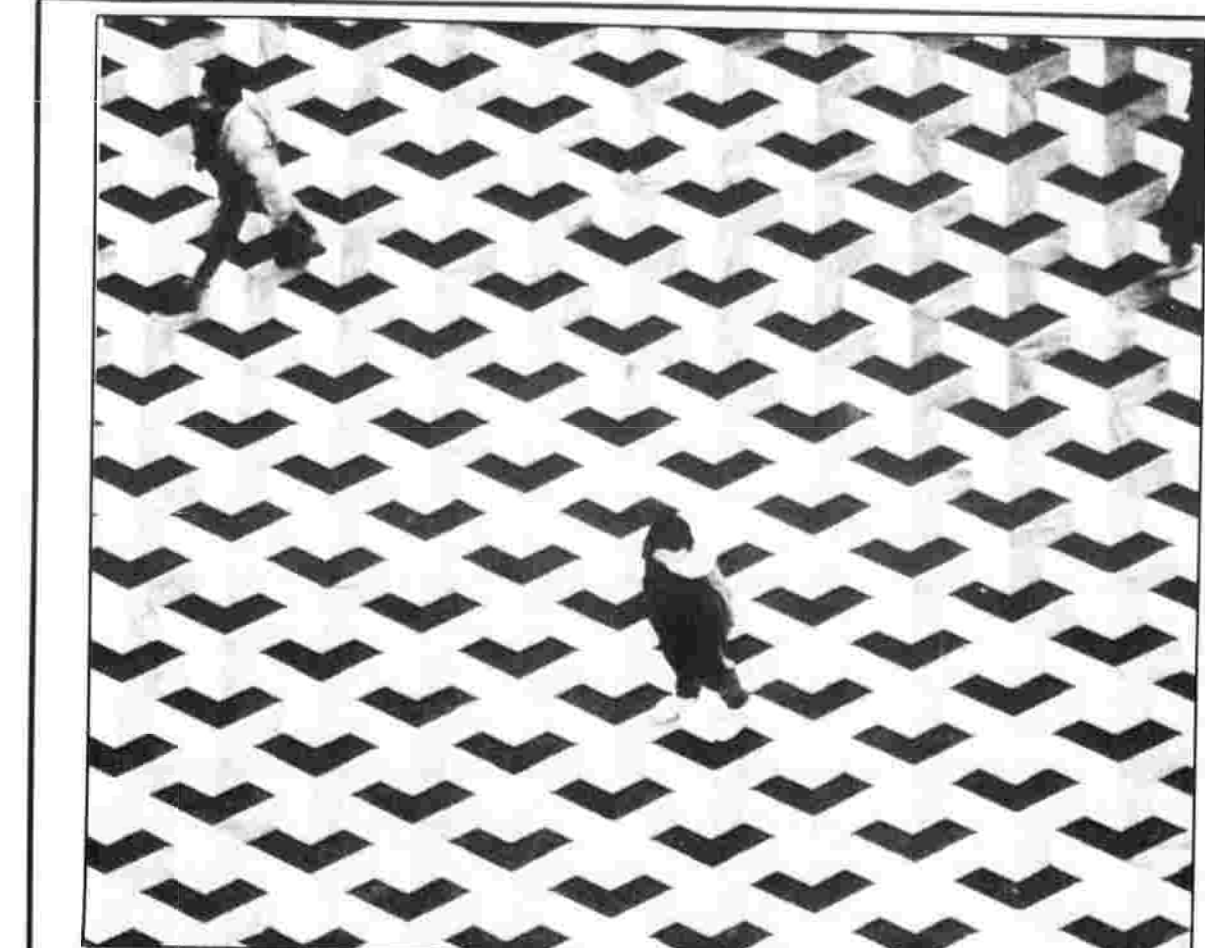
Urban giardiasis hit the headlines a few years ago when an epidemic resulted from contaminated municipal water supplies in Leningrad, U.S.S.R. Since the Soviet outbreak, Giardia has been identified the world over, probably because of natural contamination by infected animals. Although I do not have firsthand knowledge of the situation in Texas, I'll bet that many fresh-water sources are affected.

Giardia organisms are not killed by chlorination of drinking water. Recently, the federal government considered legislation to force municipal water suppliers to use special filters that would block Giardia. Such legislation is being fought by the water companies because of its enormous cost.

The good news is that, in the main, giardiasis is not a serious affliction. It is a nuisance, of course, but few people become ill from it. The infection is diagnosed by fecal analysis.

Severe giardiasis is treated with quinacrine or Flagyl (metronidazole).

Water supplies can be easily tested for Giardia by microscopic identification of the parasite. Although water used for swimming, boating and fishing may be contaminated by Giardia, there is no risk for humans unless they drink the water.



**ILLUSION OR REALITY?** — When looking from the 10th floor of the Bobst Library at New York University in lower Manhattan, it's hard to tell exactly what this unidentified person is standing on. When viewed from eye level, it is just creative floor tiling.

### Sadness tinges Christmas for Ryan White's mother

**By BETH HARRIS**  
The Associated Press

CICERO, Ind. — Preserving the Christmas tradition of a cozy house festooned with decorations, family pictures and love is even more important to Jeanne White since her son, Ryan, died from AIDS last spring.

"When you face a crisis like we have, the family is the one that pulls together and stays together. You cannot do it without family," Mrs. White said.

The holiday decorations almost didn't come out this year. But Mrs. White ultimately decided to follow the tradition Ryan loved.

"Even though I'm sad a lot, especially this holiday season has really been rough. I feel like he's just everywhere. He's in every part of everything I do," Mrs. White said.

It helps that her mother is staying with her this month, and her sister's family will be in for Christmas Day. Plus, the phone continually rings with friends from around the country, charities seeking Mrs. White's endorsement and reporters wanting interviews.

The chaos is a kind of therapy for Mrs. White, who has taken another one-year leave from her assembly line job at General Motors Corp.'s Delco plant in Kokomo.

"I don't know whether there'll be a time when I'm tired of talking about AIDS... We keep losing so many friends to it, the people we

met met along the way," she said. "It drains you and you wonder, out of a lot of the people we met, when are they going to come down with it?"

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**SPORTS**

**Burrell has career day in win over Fairfield**



**PULLING ONE IN** — UConn's Scott Burrell (24) hauls in a rebound as Fairfield's Drew Henderson tries to take it away in their game Sunday at the Civic Center. The 15th ranked Huskies walloped the Stags, 94-70.

By JIM TIERNEY  
 Manchester Herald

HARTFORD — Following an 11-day layoff, which included final exams week, there was slight cause for concern around the University of Connecticut basketball camp.

Coming out stale against intrastate rival Fairfield University Sunday afternoon at the Civic Center was feared.

Not only did the 15th-ranked Huskies look like a smooth, running machine which hasn't missed a beat since pummeling the University of New Hampshire, UConn sophomore Scott Burrell has obviously worked out some of the kinks in his previously suspect outside shooting.

The liltosome Burrell, a genuine athletic specimen, scored a career-high 23 points (18 in the first half) as UConn easily disposed of Fairfield, 94-70, before a sellout crowd of 16,294.

The omnipresent Burrell, ranked fourth in the country in the stats department, added nine rebounds, two blocked shots, five assists and five steals. He was a perfect 5-for-3 from 3-point range in the first half with his line-drive delivery.

Before Sunday, Burrell was 1-for-8 from 3-point range this season. "I haven't seen him that hot before," Chris Smith, who had 15 points, said. "I was surprised they left him open that much."

UConn (6-1), which has won the last six meetings with Fairfield, leads the intrastate series, 16-5.

UConn assistant coach Howie Dickenson was head coach for the day as he quickly put the game away in the second half with the

Stags never coming closer than 10 points. A Smith 3-pointer gave the Huskies a 20-point edge at 62-42 with 13:37 left. For all intent and purposes, the game was over at that point.

"We knew we just had to go out and play within ourselves," Smith said. "We knew if we played hard that we kind of let him go. He hasn't had a great history of 3-point percentage. He certainly played above and beyond today."

The high-scoring Stags (4-4), averaging 86 points per game, hung reasonably close in the first half. Their only lead was at 2-0. Fairfield trailed by six points (24-18) after a layup by freshman Johnnie Jones, a 1989 graduate of St. Joseph High in Trumbull, with 8:18 left in the first half.

A pretty wraparound layup by John Gwynn (18 points, 14 in the second half) gave UConn its biggest lead of the first half at 45-30. The Huskies led, 45-33, at intermission.

"When you get Burrell shooting like he did today...basically all their players shot well," Fairfield coach Mitch Buonoaguro said. "And, that's something they haven't done. The early threes took us out of the zone. We tried to play off him (Burrell). He played great. He's a terrific player."

UConn was 6-for-9 from 3-point range for the game and 33-for-60 (55 percent) overall from the field.

"I don't think teams respect me as an outside shooter," Burrell said. "You've got to have confidence, for anything in life. I just felt comfortable today."

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**Indian wrestlers unbeaten**

MANCHESTER — The Manchester High wrestling team ran its unbeaten mark to 6-0 Saturday with three wins in a quadrangular match at Clarke Arena. The Indians topped Southington, 41-36, Wilton 57-13, and Trumbull High, 45-29.

Sophomore Tom Stevens pinned his man in the 275-pound class to give the Indians the victory over Southington. Manchester came from behind with wins in four of the final five weight classes to down Trumbull.

Three seniors led the way for the Indians. John Tucker (112) had two pins and a decision, and co-captains Matt Theriault (119) and Tom Provencal (171) each had two victories and a third via the forfeit route.

Junior Toby Sloan had a pair of pins in the 135 and 140-pound divisions. The sophomore class also made its mark for the Indians with Tim Schilling (103), Luis LaGuardia (152), Mike Jaworski (160), Keith Podchorz (189) and Stevens (275) each picking up pins. Cory Lasson also garnered a win for Manchester.

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**TEAMING UP** — Hartford defenseman Ulf Samuelsson (5) and goalie Daryl Reaugh team up to poke the puck away from Minnesota's Ulf Dahlen, left, in Sunday's NHL clash at the Civic Center. The North Stars beat the Whalers, 5-2.

**North Stars pressure pays off with road win over Whalers**

By TOM COYNE  
 The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Hartford goalie Daryl Reaugh was sharp, but Dave Gagner said he knew the rookie wasn't sharp enough to withstand the pressure Minnesota was inflicting.

"We had a lot of good quality chances as a team and sooner or later you're going to find out where to put the puck," Gagner said.

Gagner found where to put the puck midway through the second period, scoring twice in 65 seconds Sunday night. He finished with a hat trick as the North Stars beat the Whalers 5-2 and ended a three-game losing streak.

"We showed a lot of poise after being down 2-0," Minnesota coach Bob Gainey said.

"It was good to see us come back because we've been struggling," Gagner said. "We're happy as a team to get that win. We needed a win very badly. Toronto's been catching us a little bit."

Gagner ended Reaugh's scoreless streak, which had reached 89:06 after shutting out Philadelphia Saturday night, when he tipped Brian Bellows' wrist shot from the left circle over Reaugh's shoulder at 9:08 of the second period on a power play.

"I just tried to deflect it and it happened to be on net," Gagner said.

Gagner tied the game on a slap shot from the top of the left circle that went past Reaugh's glove. His goal with 2:22 left of the third period also was a slap shot, giving the North Stars a 4-2 lead.

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**Giants earn bye with shaky win**

By WALTER BERRY  
 The Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — After a 6,000-mile round trip, the New York Giants are assured of staying home for the start of the NFL playoffs.

The NFC East champion Giants earned a first-round bye and the homefield advantage for a second-round game by beating the Phoenix Cardinals 24-21 here Sunday.

"We got what we wanted," coach Bill Parcells said after New York improved its record to 12-3. "I'll take 12 wins in this league anytime, anyway I can get them. Now, we have the homefield advantage and some momentum going into the playoffs. We also have some time to work on the quarterback situation."

Jeff Hostetler, subbing for the injured Phil Simms, threw for 190 yards in his first start this season and scored the clinching touchdown on a 4-yard run in the fourth quarter for the Giants, who almost blew a 24-14 lead.

"Hostetler did a good job. He played error-free and made good decisions on the field," Parcells said. "We got a good lead but then we gave the Cardinals some momentum and allowed them to come back on us. It looked like they were going to win it at one point."

The loss was Phoenix's fifth straight to the Giants and eliminated the Cardinals (5-10) from wild-card playoff contention despite a brilliant passing day by Tim Lincecum.

Rosenbach completed 23 of 41 passes for 381 yards — all career highs — and brought Phoenix within 24-21 on his third touchdown pass, a 3-yarder to rookie Ricky Proehl with 2:09 remaining.

Proehl recovered the ensuing onside kick at the Cardinal 43. Rosenbach drove his team to the New York 40 but they got no closer.

A blocking penalty and Lawrence Taylor's sack for an 8-yard loss brought the ball back to the Phoenix 42 and New York took over with 52 seconds to play after a fourth-down incompletion.

"The Giants are the class of the East," first-year Cardinal coach Joe Bugel said. "We wanted to battle them and see what would happen. We laid it all on the field today and came up a little short with a couple critical errors. We got to find a way to win games like this one of these days."

Hostetler, who completed 13 of 23 passes and rushed nine times for 31 yards, has beaten Phoenix three times now in relief of Phil Simms — 20-13 here last season and 20-19 on Oct. 21 in East Rutherford, N.J.

Simms is sidelined with a severely sprained right foot sustained in the Dec. 15 loss to Buffalo.

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# Saints, Cowboys to have final say in playoff picture

By DICK BRINSTER  
The Associated Press

With the NFL playoff picture nearly complete, New Orleans Saints quarterback Steve Walsh hopes he gets a chance to bring out his best.

"The picture will be painted Monday night when we play the Rams," Walsh said Sunday after the Saints upset the San Francisco 49ers 13-10 to remain alive in the battle for the final NFC wild-card berth.

## NFL Roundup

The Saints and the Dallas Cowboys, hoping to become the first one-game winner to make the playoffs the next season, are the combatants even though they don't play each other.

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## In Brief . . .

### UConn women top Hartford

WEST HARTFORD (AP) — Wendy Davis scored 18 points, including four 3-pointers, and Kerry Bascom added 17 points to lead No. 24 Connecticut to a 57-43 win over Hartford on Sunday.

The Huskies (7-2) never trailed, and held a 34-17 edge over Hartford (3-6) at halftime. Connecticut led 21-15 with 11:20 left in the first half, and Davis scored 5 points in the team-clinching period with a 13-2 run.

Hartford narrowed the lead to 9 points with 2:24 remaining, bringing the score to 50-41. But Connecticut went seven of eight from the foul line in the final minutes, with Bascom four for four.

Maura Rodgers scored 15 and Mary Jane Besselink had 13 points for Hartford, which shot 37 percent from the floor.

Connecticut returns to action on Dec. 31 when it hosts Big Eight opponent Iowa State in a 2 p.m. game at the Harry A. Gampel Pavilion on the Storrs campus. Coach Geno Aurierman will be trying for his 100th career win in that one.

### Raines dealt to White Sox

NEW YORK (AP) — Seven-time All-Star Tim Lincecum was traded from the Montreal Expos to the Chicago White Sox on Sunday night for outfielder Ivan Calderon and Barry Jones.

The deal, which had been discussed since the winter meetings earlier this month, was completed when Raines agreed to a three-year contract worth more than \$10 million.

No announcement was made, but sources in the Los Angeles and Chicago confirmed the trade to The Associated Press. The sources said it is scheduled to be announced today.

As part of the deal, Chicago will get Jeff Carter, a minor league pitcher, and another minor league player to be determined later.

Raines, 31, hit .287 for the Expos last season with nine home runs and 62 RBIs. In 10 seasons, Raines has a career average of .301 and has averaged 63 stolen bases.

Calderon hit .273 with 14 homers and 74 RBIs last season. In 1987, he emerged has a top power hitter with 28 home runs and 83 RBIs.

### Suit threatened over disclosure

CLEVELAND (AP) — An attorney defending a suspended Cleveland State University basketball player against a rape charge has threatened to sue over disclosure that his client's was convicted of murder in California when he was 14.

"It's a violation of my client's right to privacy and, as far as I know, a violation of California law," said James E. Caywood, who is representing Roy Williams on charges that he raped a female student Nov. 3 on the Cleveland State campus.

Caywood said that while Williams has no adult criminal record.

The News Herald of Willoughby reported Saturday that Williams served nearly five years in California youth institutions after his 1981 murder conviction.

Borg preparing a comeback  
STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — It's been eight years and some major equipment changes since Bjorn Borg was on the tennis court competitively. Still, he's prepared for the comeback.

"I'm mentally ready and I don't have any physical problems," Borg said in Sunday's edition of Expressen, Scandinavia's largest afternoon newspaper. "I have an urge to play and show people the fantastic things I can do on the court."

"I have discovered that I can still contribute a lot to the game, and I do miss the battle out there."

The 34-year-old Borg did not indicate when or where the return would come, but it will be with a wooden racket in his right hand.

Borg recently practiced with 11th-ranked Jonas Svensson in Milan, Italy. Svensson said Borg "thought very hard during our sessions and he's still the world's best player with a wooden racket."

The AFC is not so simple. Buffalo clinched the East with a 24-14 victory over Miami, which already had a wild-card berth.

The Los Angeles Raiders, 28-24 winners Saturday over Minnesota, and the Kansas City Chiefs, also have berths clinched. The Raiders (11-4) need to finish a game ahead of the Chiefs (10-5) to win the West because Kansas City won both times.

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## Jets see hope; Pats bleakness

By BARRY WILNER  
The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Judging by 1990, the New York Jets are a small step along the road to rebuilding. The New England Patriots are many miles behind even that modest goal.

That point was driven home emphatically Sunday as the Jets routed the Patriots 42-7. New York broke a five-game slide and is 5-10, a whole lot better than New England's 1-14, including a team-record 13 straight defeats.

"Evidently, it's a team that is demoralized," said Sam Jankovick, hired last week as Patriots director of operations. "What they have to do is get their season over with. One of the most important things this team has to deal with now is attitude. It's a bleak. I think the whole organization has to do it."

While the Patriots simply want the season to end so they can forget it all, the Jets are hoping to carry something into the future.

"This is a good team, better than our record," said Dennis Byrd, who had three of New York's six sacks. "With a little more time and experience, we'll beat good teams as well as the poor ones."

If anyone doubted how poor the Patriots are, they got convincing evidence from the Jets. New York gained 465 yards, averaged 7.9 yards per play and 13.3 per pass and was forced to punt once. The Jets rushed for 239 yards, led by rookie Blair Thomas with 88.

The quarterbacks were 15-for-16, with Ken O'Brien going 11-for-12 for 210 yards and TD passes of 6 yards to Thomas and a Rob Moore. Freeman McNeil ran for touchdowns of 1 and 9 yards, rookie QB Troy Taylor ran for a 5-yard score and Johnny Hester had a 7-yard TD run.

"As a unit, we had to get fired up," McNeil said of the running backs. "It was crunch time for us. We didn't hesitate. We just had to get it done."

The Jets got it done with long drives for all six TDs. Those drives covered 80, 73, 76, 55 and 67 yards.

"They play a four-man front," Jets tackle Brett Miller said, "and they stack their linebackers pretty close to the line. It's almost like an eight-man front. If you can open through the line like we did, you'll do pretty well."

The Jets did so well they scored 35 straight points after New England tied it 7-7 in the second quarter. The Patriots scored on Marc Wilson's 24-yard pass to Irving Fryar on the same drive they lost rookie quarterback Tommy Hodson to a sprained left ankle.

"This is bad, it's getting worse, and it doesn't get any easier to live with it," Wilson said.

The crowd of 30,250 — there were 46,641 no-shows on a warm, sometimes rainy day — saw Pat Leahy move into seventh place on the NFL's all-time scoring list with 1,352 points. The fans also saw two teams going nowhere now and trying to focus on the future.

"We want to create a good feeling going into the offseason," Coletti said. "There is no other special significance to this. It was one of 16 games."

Sixteen games the Patriots could do without. "I don't know if it's quitting," coach Rod Rust said of his team's ugly season.

## Valenzuela suspended

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Jockey Patrick Valenzuela, the winner of last year's Kentucky Derby aboard Sunday Silence, was suspended for six months Saturday by the Board of Stewards at Hollywood Park for failing to honor his riding assignments at Santa Anita on Nov. 3.

Along with the suspension, which will be in effect until May 11, the board placed the 28-year-old jockey on probation for two years during which he must remain in a rehabilitation program satisfactory to the California Horse Racing Board and Stewards. Valenzuela was suspended for 60 days last year for cocaine abuse.

Pittsburgh gets involved in the wild-card race with Seattle, the head-to-head advantage disappears because Seattle did not play the Steelers.

Bills 24, Dolphins 14: Subbing for the injured Jim Kelly, Frank Reich completed 13 of 21 passes for a career-high 234 yards and two touchdowns, and Thurman Thomas ran for 154 yards and a score as the Bills (13-2) won their third straight AFC East title and the home-field advantage.

Using the no-huddle offense that Kelly ran so well, Reich threw touchdown passes of seven yards to James Lofton and 11 yards to Andre Reed.

Buffalo's defense limited Miami (11-4) to 35 rushing yards and controlled Dan Marino, sacking him three times and forcing two turnovers. Marino completed 24 of 43 passes for 281 yards and a TD.

Steelers 35, Browns 0: Pittsburgh's AFC-leading defense forced fumbles on Cleveland's first three plays from scrimmage and took a 21-0 lead with less than nine minutes gone.

Bobby Brister threw four touchdown passes in the first half, two to Mike Mularkey and one each to Merrill Hoge and rookie Chris Calloway.

Bengals 40, Oilers 20: Houston quarterback Warren Moon dislocated his thumb and finger and missed the Oilers' game Sunday in Buffalo. The Bills beat the Dolphins, 24-14.

Aikman is the sixth quarterback the Eagles have knocked out this season, passed for two touchdowns and goal with 4:43 remaining to keep the game close to a strained abdominal muscle that flared up overnight. It was the first game Montana has missed this season.

Steve Young completed 22 of 37 passes for 208 yards for San Francisco (13-2) and ran eight times for 102 yards.

Eagles 17, Cowboys 3: Philadelphia knocked Troy Aikman out of the game with a separated shoulder that probably will eliminate him from the picture if the Cowboys make the playoffs over the Oilers.

Keith Byars threw for his fourth touchdown in four pass attempts as the Eagles (4-10) moved within a victory over Phoenix next week of the playoffs.

Falcons 20, Rams 13: Scott Case returned an interception 36 yards for a TD and quarterback Hugh Millen won for the first time as a starter.

Bears 27, Buccaneers 14: Mike Tomczak, making his first start this season, passed for two touchdowns and ran for one as Chicago ended Tampa Bay's playoff hopes.

## NBA Roundup

slippery floor, was resumed. The Celtics extended the lead and went on to a 132-104 victory.

"We were worried about the floor before the game and that's what Atlanta's Dominique Wilkins said. 'Everybody on the Celtics shot the ball well. And when you start the game 15 points down, it's tough to win.'"

When the game was stopped last month, Boston led 37-22 with 10:30 to play in the second quarter. Moisture on the hockey surface below the famed parquet floor made the court too slippery to continue that night.

It looked there might some of the same problems on Sunday because temperatures in Boston were a spring-like 68 degrees. But drier boards prevailed.

"It looked like we were worried about the floor and they weren't as they hit their first couple of shots," Hawks coach Bob Weiss said. "Our guys just weren't ready."

The Celtics were as they hit their first seven shots from the field. Boston started the resumption with an 18-4 run, with Kevin Gamble scoring eight of his 25 points in the first quarter.

Larry Bird, playing just 32 minutes, had 14 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists.

In other NBA games on Sunday it was Miami 99, Utah 93; the Los Angeles Clippers 109, Sacramento 99; Portland 132, Denver 101; the Los Angeles Lakers 118, Minnesota 94.

Boston led 69-41 at halftime and stretched the lead to 87-49 with 39 points in breezing to its seventh straight win and 18th in 20 games.

The Celtics led 13-1 in home while leading the Atlantic Division with a 22-4 record.

"My major concern was how we were going to start," Boston coach Chris Ford said. "We wanted to come out and treat it as a 35-minute game or whatever."

The Celtics took a 103-68 lead into the fourth quarter and reserves played the rest of the way as Atlanta lost its third in 11 games.

Robert Parish had 18 points and Brian Shaw 16 for Boston.

Bird had scored six points when the game was suspended and six six of the 20,000-mark. Although all statistics were put on hold

## High School Roundup

# Ninety second span the downfall for MHS hockey

ENFIELD — A hockey game is 45 minutes long. But it was a 90-second stretch late in the second period that was the difference in Ferns High's 6-1 win over Manchester High Saturday afternoon in CCC East Division action at the Enfield Twin Kink.

The defending state Division II champion Falcons, 3-0 in the CCC East and 4-1 overall, scored four times in the final 3 1/2 minutes of the middle period to take control. Three came in a 90-second span.

"They scored, and that's when we mentally broke down," Manchester coach Eric Farno said. "We were playing excellent hockey until then. They scored three goals in a minute-and-a-half and I called a timeout. And (Farno) got out and scores again."

"We lost the game in that minute-and-a-half lapse. When they scored, we stopped playing. It was just a big mental vacation. And you can't have mental lapses like that against anyone."

Freshman goalie Curtis Dell had a strong game for the Indians, coming up with 16 saves. Jim Curry had the lone Manchester goal.

Manchester, 0-2 in the CCC East and 2-2 overall, hosts South Windsor High Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Bolton Sports Center.

Malden is now 3-0-1 while East falls to 1-2. East's next action is Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. against North Braintree at the Bennett Rink in West Haven in the West Haven Tournament.

"They're an excellent team. We haven't seen anyone this good," East coach Bob Crawford said of the Massachusetts outfit.

East previously lost to Hamden High, ranked No. 1 in Connecticut.

## Rangers find the energy to tie B's

By KEN RAPPOPORT  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Both playing their second game in two days, it was hard to tell who was more tired — the Boston Bruins or New York Rangers.

But it was easy to tell who had the most energy when it counted. New York's Bill Berntson forced the overtime with a goal at 8:18 of the third period after Flatley's two goals helped the Islanders overcome an early 2-0 deficit.

Canadiens 4, Flyers 4: Denis Savard scored twice and Russ Courtnall got the game-winning goal with 4:54 remaining in regulation time as Montreal overcame a four-goal deficit to tie Philadelphia.

Courtnall tied the game on a breakaway, beating goaltender Ron Hextall to the far side after defenseman Gord Murphy failed to clear the puck. Savard, who started the Canadiens' comeback with a

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Malden is now 3-0-1 while East falls to 1-2. East's next action is Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. against North Braintree at the Bennett Rink in West Haven in the West Haven Tournament.

"They're an excellent team. We haven't seen anyone this good," East coach Bob Crawford said of the Massachusetts outfit.

East previously lost to Hamden High, ranked No. 1 in Connecticut.

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and extended their home unbeaten streak to seven games (5-0-2). The Devils' home record of 13-3-3 is the best home winning percentage in the NHL. Toronto was undefeated in its five previous road contests (4-0-1).

Sabres 10, Nordiques 3: Christian Ruutu scored two goals, one on a short-handed breakaway, and Buffalo took out a half-season's worth of frustrations by routing Quebec.

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## East girls hoop loses to Aquinas

NEW BRITAIN — A horrible start, just two points in the opening eight minutes, put East Catholic High in a deep hole as host St. Thomas Aquinas toppled the Eagles, 58-43, Saturday night in non-conference girls' basketball action.

The Saints improve to 4-2 while the Eagles are winless at 0-4. East's next game is Thursday at 8 p.m. against host Ellington High at the Ellington Tournament. Manchester and Rockville meet in the 6 p.m. opener.

Aquinas had a 21-2 bulge after one period. "Our scoring picked up in the remaining quarters when we hit in double figures," noted East coach Donna Ridel.

By then, however, it was too late. Erin Colgan had 20 points and Kelly Romano seven and five rebounds to lead East. Irene Chomayczewski had six carrots for East. Kate Cieslowski netted 12 to lead Aquinas.

Aquinas also took the junior varsity class, 49-25. Beth Snyder had 13 markers for the young Eagles.

AQUINAS (58) — Stefanie Kerry 1 0-0 2, Roseanna Solano 1 0-2 3, Jen Huggins 4 0-3 6, Roseanna Plocher 3 2-3 8, Sarah Truitt 2 0-0 4, Jessica Engleby 1 0-2 4, Kelly Romano 5 2-2 12, Sue Jenk 2 0-0 4, Ann Plocher 1 0-0 2, Tonia De Vito 2 0-0 4.

EAST CATHOLIC (43) — Kelly Romano 3 1-2 4, Irene Chomayczewski 2 0-0 6, Erin Colgan 8 2-2 20, Alyson King 3 0-0 6, Chris Duba 2 0-0 4, Cathy O'Brien 1 0-1 2, Christine McKeown 1 0-0 2, Patricia Rice 0 0-0 0, Tiana 1 0-0 4, 3-point goals: EC-Colgan 1, A-Rosewood 1, Huggins 1-12 Aquinas.

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