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Gulf at a Glance

(AP) These are the latest developments in the Persian Gulf crisis: ■ Kuwait's foreign minister on Thursday said it was too late for peace initiatives in the Gulf. "The whole world has given enough time for a peaceful settlement of the Gulf crisis," the official, Sheik Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, told a news conference in Beijing. He maintained that only military force would dislodge Iraq from Kuwait. "Whether by the Arab world, whether by the friendly countries, whether by the Third World countries, or by the big powers, it is very late for such initiatives. It would not be useful," the sheik said.

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■ Thousands of women and children demonstrated in Baghdad on Thursday to protest the U.S. interception of an Iraqi freighter in the Arabian Sea, branding it "a vicious crime and an act of aggression." The protesters marched from downtown Baghdad to the U.S. and British embassies, singing patriotic songs and shouting slogans denouncing the interception of the "peace ship." "The Iraqi freighter was seized early Wednesday by U.S. and other forces. Members of the ship's crew and peace activists traveling with them tried to resist the action. U.S. Navy sailors said they fired warning shots in the air and tossed smoke grenades to control the crowd on the freighter, which was reported carrying sugar to Iraq in violation of the U.N.-ordered trade embargo.

Fire delays stock trading
NEW YORK (AP) — Trading on the New York and American stock exchanges was delayed indefinitely today following an early morning fire caused by a transformer explosion in Manhattan's Wall Street area. The blaze sent smoke into the Securities Industry Automation Corp., which controls the computer system that supports stock trading, said New York Stock Exchange spokeswoman Sharon Gamstein.

One wounded in Israeli attack
RASHAYA, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli troops shelled Shiite Muslim villages in the Syrian-occupied Bekaa Valley of east Lebanon during the night, wounding one person, police reported today.

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State keeps House seats under census

By MELISSA B. ROBINSON
Herald Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Connecticut gained 188,000 residents over the last 10 years and, as expected, will keep its six U.S. House seats when district lines are redrawn to conform to 1990 census findings, the U.S. Census Bureau announced Wednesday.

There were virtually no surprises when the bureau — in its first major release of final 1990 census numbers — unveiled new population figures for the states. The numbers documented a long-evident U.S. population shift from the Northeast and the Midwest to the West and South.

"The dramatic part of this decade is the change by region," said Census Director Barbara Bryant. "The West is the big population gainer with 22.3 percent.... By contrast, the Northeast has come out with a gain of only 3.4 percent."

The census figures are important, and often controversial, because they are used as a basis for determining political representation in the House as well as how much federal funding the states get for a variety of programs.

Connecticut has 3,295,669 residents, up from 3,107,576 in 1980, 3,032,217 in 1970 and 2,535,234 in 1960.

Massachusetts, the most populous of the six New England states and the only one of the group that expects a change in its House seat number, has 6,029,051 residents. The state expects to lose 1 seat, bringing its total to 10.

Redistricting, which will be hand-drawn, is expected to be completed by June 1, 1992.

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BARGAIN HUNTING — Priscilla Hart and Helen Perrone await the opening of Wishing Well Cards & Gifts at the Plaza at Burr Courts Wednesday. The two were first in line for the store's annual day after Christmas 50 percent off sale. Please see related story, Page 7.

Will Cruzan decision promote euthanasia?

By JERRY NACHTIGAL
The Associated Press

MOUNT VERNON, Mo. — A founder of the right-to-life group Operation Rescue alleged that her husband, Nancy Cruzan, died in "tiring people up" for euthanasia. Officials denied it.

"I'm curious to see who's going to be next at this facility," said the Rev. Joseph Foreman of Atlanta. The co-founder of Operation Rescue said he learned from hospital sources that he did not identify that several patients are candidates for euthanasia.

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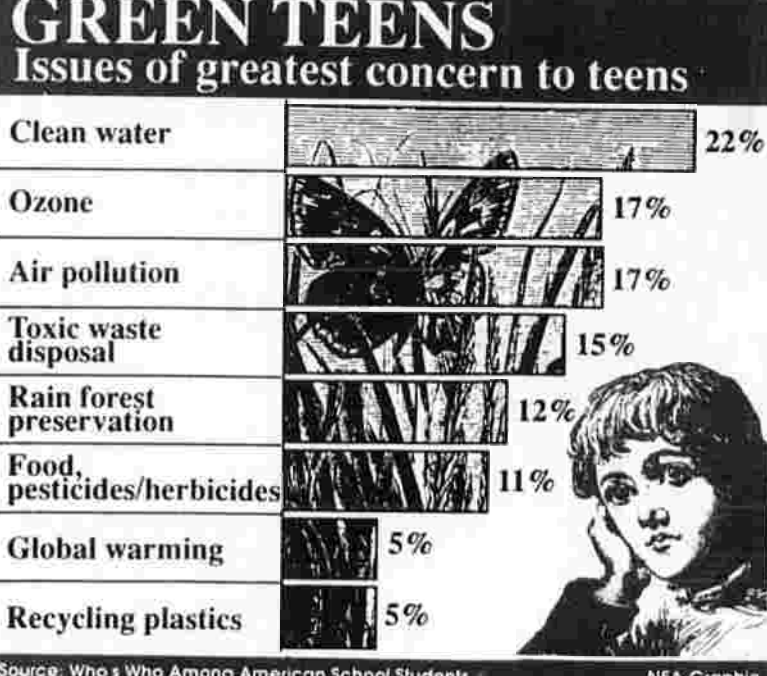
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Tourism boards fighting consolidation suggestion

By BRIAN M. TROTTE
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Members of local tourism boards are drumming up municipal and legislative support to fight a state recommendation that they be combined into larger, regional groups.

The Thomas Commission, which has been charged by the state with finding ways to reduce Connecticut's projected \$2.1 billion budget deficit for 1991-92, has recommended that the 19 local tourism offices be combined into several regional offices.

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Residents urged to learn CPR to help save lives

By SCOTT B. BREDE
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Out of the nearly 500,000 Americans who die of heart attacks annually before getting aid at a hospital, a significant number could be saved if they were around someone who knew cardiopulmonary resuscitation, according to officials at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Hospital officials are urging residents to sign up for CPR courses to give heart attack victims a chance for survival.

"There is no question that CPR courses save lives," said Joel Reich, the medical director for emergency services at the hospital, adding that in most cases, CPR procedures buy up to four minutes of time to get victims of heart attacks to a hospital. Without CPR, "we lose a tremendous chance of saving a person's life," Reich said.

This year, Manchester CPR Project, which offers three courses in emergency medical services at MMH, has certified over 1,000 potential life savers in CPR — more than double the number it certified two years ago, said Paul Giguere, the project's coordinator.

Despite this success, Giguere claims that many of Manchester's older residents — which are in the highest risk group for heart disease — are not receiving the benefits of the program's outpourings.

The average heart attack victim is a male in his 60s who collapses in his home, Giguere said.

"Therefore, you would expect our classes to be loaded with their [older men's] spouses, but they're not," he said, adding that the average age of people who attend the classes is around 30 years old.

"There is a tremendous apathy on the part of the seniors," Giguere said.

Typically, the classes are filled mostly with paramedics or other emergency health care employees, young parents, and high school or college students looking to become lifeguards, he added.

Reich said the longer a person who has collapsed from a heart attack goes unattended, the less chance there is of saving them.

"If you start CPR within four minutes [of the attack], their chance of surviving diminishes considerably," he said.

After eight minutes, there is not much chance of them surviving and even those who do survive usually suffer some type of brain damage, he added.

"People administer CPR by breathing into the mouths of victims and in order to pump their hearts, Reich explained.

Only until recently has there been a move to document the number of lives saved by CPR, so Reich said the number of Manchester residents saved by the procedure could not be determined.

"A lot of people who truly are heroes by giving someone CPR, go quietly back to what they were doing," Reich said to explain the frequent absence of stories about people who save others through this practice.

CPR often helps a person hold on until a paramedic or other professional arrives on the scene and uses other techniques to revive the person's heartbeat, he said.

The Manchester CPR Project, which is an affiliate of the American Heart Association, offers three courses at MMH designed at handling either adult or pediatric life saving techniques or both.

The cost of the basic adult course is \$20, while the others, which are two-night sessions, cost \$30, Giguere said.

More information on the classes can be obtained by calling Debbie VanCleve at 647-4738.

Town CPR courses:

- **The Adult Heartbeater**, a one-hour course that is offered every other week, covers signs and symptoms of heart attacks, first aid, obstructed airway management, and basic CPR. The class will be offered on Jan. 7 and 21.
- **The Adult and Pediatric Heartbeater**, a two-night course that is offered at least once a month, covers in addition to the material in the Adult Heartbeater course, child and infant CPR. The class will be offered on Jan. 14-15.
- **The Pediatric Heartbeater**, a six-hour course that is offered every other month, covers infant and child safety as well as CPR and blocked airway procedures for children. The class will be offered on Jan. 28-29.

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Census shows 249.6m Americans; Sun Belt grows

By TIM BOVVE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation grew to 249.6 million people in the 1990s as more Americans left the industrial and agricultural heartlands for the South and West.

The Census Bureau's first "final" figures from the 1990 census, released Wednesday, showed the pull of the Sun Belt remained strong, despite efforts by the industrial North to promote growth and the collapse during the 1980s of the oil and savings and loan industries — two mainstays of the Southern and Western states.

The census figures are used to adjust the number of representatives each state sends to Congress so that political clout is in line with population. The figures also determine the division of federal money among states and localities.

The numbers could change next summer when the Commerce Department decides whether to adjust the count. Some states and cities are likely to challenge the tallies, whichever way the adjustment decision goes.

More than 6,000 local governments challenged the accuracy of a preliminary count based mainly on the April 1 census taken by mail. The Census Bureau responded with a series of recounts and an ad campaign urging people who thought they had been missed to come forward.

In New York, Mayor David Dinkins criticized the count released Wednesday, saying it underestimated the city's population and as a result will cost the city millions of dollars in federal funds each year.

California is political powerhouse thanks to count

By MIKE FEINSLBER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the politics of the future, California will exercise more clout than any other state. California emerges from the 1990 census as a political behemoth, with 52 House seats, a population bigger than Canada's and 20 percent of the electoral votes needed to be elected president.

Add together the congressional representation of 21 states and they still will total fewer than the delegation from California, which swells by seven in 1992, the result of a 26 percent surge in population in the last 10 years.

The news is nothing but promising for Republicans. California hasn't voted for a Democratic presidential candidate since 1964, except for Jimmy Carter in 1976, when he won the White House while losing California in 1912, when Democrat Woodrow Wilson lost the state but defeated Bull Moose Theodore Roosevelt and



NEW U.S. POPULATION — Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs Michael R. Darby, left, and Census Director Barbara Everitt Bryant hold the new 1990 population of the United States at a news conference in Washington D.C.

Southern Atlantic regions had the sharpest growth, and the East North Central, West North Central and East South Central regions had the slowest.

The Pacific states were the fastest growing region, 23.4 percent, followed by the Mountain states, 20.6 percent, and the South Atlantic states, 18.8 percent. In the 1970s those regions had each showed double-digit growth.

Republicans can find more cheer in most of the other shifts in political power ordered up by the population figures released by the Census Bureau on Wednesday.

The industrial Northeast and Midwest will lose standing in Congress and the electoral college. The West, the South and the Sun Belt are increasingly Republican, gaining 25 House seats, summed up Stephen Hess, political analyst at the Brookings Institution, a Washington research organization.

The census sets the stage, as well, for brutal redistricting battles from coast to coast, promising to generate the nastiest colleague-versus-colleague races in some of the 13 states where the number of House seats must shrink.

New York will suffer the biggest loss, three seats, and California will gain three, one from the Democratic incumbent, Rep. Charles Schumer and Stephen Solari. They may have to compete for a single seat.

It is no coincidence, Hess observed, that Schumer and Solari have built up campaign war chests in the million-dollar range, each anticipating a costly battle — or perhaps a race elsewhere, maybe taking on Republican Alfonse M. D'Amato for his Senate seat.

Four states lose two House members — Illinois, going to 20; Michigan, to 16; Ohio, to 19; and Pennsylvania, to 21.

Eight states will lose one each — Iowa, down to five; Kansas, to four; Kentucky, to six; Louisiana, to seven; Massachusetts, to 10; Montana, to one; New Jersey, to 13; and West Virginia, to three.

Among the gainers are Florida, up four to 23, and Texas up three to 30. And one additional seat in the House will go to five states — Arizona, going to six; Georgia, to 11; North Carolina, to 12; Virginia, to 11; and Washington, to nine.

But it is California where the gains are most dramatic. House will go to five states — Arizona, going to six; Georgia, to 11; North Carolina, to 12; Virginia, to 11; and Washington, to nine.

Elsewhere, black leaders in Virginia, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Texas have served notice that they want the new lines drawn to create districts where blacks have substantial majorities and a chance to elect a member of Congress.

U.S. shivers from cold wave

(AP) The frostbitten West got a brief respite today from cold that ravaged citrus fruit, snapped water pipes and threatened lives, but it still was unusually brisk for the rest of the United States.

A mass of warm air spread across parts of Washington, Wyoming, Idaho, California, Oregon, Arizona and Nevada, raising temperatures in some areas by as much as 40 degrees.

But the National Weather Service cautioned people not to get used to it. Forecasters say a new cold front, as chilly as the last one, will hit Washington full force by this evening and move south, reaching Southern California by the weekend.

Snow fell in Spokane, Wash., early today.

"It will be just as cold and the roads will get just as sloppy and coated over," said Carl Corniglia, a weather service meteorologist in Washington. "People should be prepared with snow tires and chains."

Before the last cold front dissipated, most of Washington was paralyzed by heavy snowfall, broken water pipes and gas lines, traffic gridlock and other weather woes.

California was reeled with hundreds of millions of dollars in agricultural losses and workers preparing for the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena on New Year's Day had to scramble to find replacements for wilted flowers.

Frozen water pipes burst all over the West, even in normally non-freezing areas, like California's seaside Santa Cruz area. The state capital of Sacramento recorded seven consecutive days of record low temperatures, including a 23 on Wednesday.

Other record lows set around the nation Wednesday were: Aberdeen, S.D., 29 degrees below zero; Albuquerque, N.M., 5 degrees; and



PLAYFUL PYTHON — Eleven-year-old Nomer Sebastian, of Manila, Philippines, plays with his friend "Dambo," a seven-foot python. The snake has been Nomer's pet for more than a year and feeds on rats, but Nomer is planning to give him a live chick as a New Year's present.

25 killed in Bangladesh fire

By FARID HOSSAIN
The Associated Press

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Fire raged through a garment factory in a Dhaka suburb today, killing at least 25 people, police and hospital sources said.

About 100 other people suffered burns.

Police said most of the bodies were found on the third floor, which houses a cutting room where cloth is piled before being made into garments.

Survivors said the room usually was kept locked so other workers couldn't snag anything out of the factory.

Twenty-four charred bodies were pulled from the rubble, police said. At least 14 were women.

Merger talks stall

By DAN BLAKE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — TWA and Pan Am were at a standoff Wednesday after bickering over whether TWA should give Pan Am documents detailing a merger offer.

In a letter to TWA Chairman Carl C. Icahn, Pan Am chief financial officer Richard Francis said his company believes TWA is unwilling to fulfill an offer to pay \$1.50 cash and about \$1 in preferred stock or notes for each of Pan Am's 150 million outstanding shares.

The deal would value Pan Am at about \$75 billion.

In response, Icahn wrote that the buyout offer stands as long as Pan Am does not go into bankruptcy, sell assets for less than fair value, default on major debts or make similar moves.

Icahn repeated his proposal to provide a bridge loan so long as TWA was classified as a debtor-in-possession. That status would put Pan Am in line for protection from its creditors.

Mark Buckstein, TWA general counsel, said TWA officials have grown concerned since a Monday meeting was canceled.

"We're not going to give them the documents and have them go shop them around," Buckstein said. "Or quote portions of it out of context. We'll only go over it with them if they are serious."

Buckstein said documents containing the merger offer were prepared over the weekend and were ready to go to Pan Am officials at Monday's meeting.

Gorbachev's choice for VP is voted down

By ALAN COOPERMAN
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — The Congress of People's Deputies today narrowly rejected Mikhail S. Gorbachev's choice for the newly created office of vice president, and Gorbachev immediately renominated the candidate for another vote.

The 2,239-member Congress failed by 31 votes to confirm Gorbachev's relatively obscure 53-year-old Communist bureaucrat who was the only nominee for the job.

The vote today by the country's highest legislative body was 1,089 to 583, the elections commission announced. Yanayev had needed at least 1,120 votes, a simple majority of the 2,239 registered deputies.

President Gorbachev said it was important the vice president be someone he has complete confidence in and urged further debate on Yanayev's candidacy.

"The fact that only 583 deputies or 25 percent of the Congress voted against Gorbachev persuades me to ask the Congress to vote again," he said. It was not immediately known when the second vote would take place.

The Congress began Dec. 29 and was tentatively scheduled to wrap up today.

Yanayev, in comments to the Congress after he was nominated Wednesday, supported Gorbachev's reformist policies but also took a somewhat hard-line cast, calling for law and order.

Gorbachev had initially planned to nominate Eduard A. Shevardnadze. But Shevardnadze resigned as foreign minister last week to protest what he called a drift toward dictatorship.

Gorbachev nominated Yanayev just hours after the quasi-democratic

Congress, which was formed 2½ years ago, approved creation of the vice presidency and other sweeping changes aimed at shifting more power to Gorbachev.

Gorbachev had apparently settled on the cleric Russian only in the last couple of days.

The vice presidency could become the second most powerful job in the country. The job's powers have not yet been defined, and will apparently be left to the president to decide.

A constitutional amendment says the vice president "replaces the president of the U.S.S.R. in case of his absence and inability to carry out his duties."

Despite the reform, it was not clear to what extent Gorbachev would be able to use the new powers in his bid to rein in the country's independence-minded republics and hold together the union.

All 15 republics have declared some degree of autonomy and many are largely disregarding his decrees as they move to wrest control of their economies and administrative systems from the central government.

Yanayev had been considered a "safe" choice for the vice presidency in these turbulent times of bare grocery store shelves, ethnic violence and nationwide political paralysis.

He encountered little criticism Wednesday from either reactionary or progressive members of the Congress.

Gorbachev and I have a common psychological characteristic: neither he nor I tolerate violence," Yanayev told deputies under questioning.

Gorbachev did not sound exactly enthusiastic Wednesday about the person he picked to be his right-hand man.

Durable goods demand falls

By DAVE SKIDMORE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Orders to U.S. factories for "big ticket" durable goods plunged 10.5 percent in November to the lowest level in two and a half years, the government said today.

The decline matched the post-1958 record for one month set in January and indicates the recession most economists believe started this fall is deepening. The drop likely means more layoffs at manufacturing plants, where payrolls have shrunk by 600,000 jobs over the past two years — 200,000 in the past six months.

Order declines were widespread, but were biggest in the transportation and defense industries.

Overall, orders for durable goods — items from bicycles to battleships — showed no decline. They were unchanged from October to November.

Electrical machinery orders fell 7.6 percent and primary metals orders dropped 9.8 percent.

Excluding the volatile transportation sector, orders fell 3.5 percent to their lowest levels in two years after edging down 0.2 percent in October.

New orders for defense equipment dropped 9.6 percent. Orders excluding defense were down 9.6 percent.

And kill thousands of helpless animals.

That, anyway, is what many of the nation's children believe, and it's giving the balloon industry a severe gas attack.

Jackie Stumm, 11, says her fifth-grade classmates in Kent, Ohio, "can't understand why people launch balloons just for enjoyment."

"They know that it does kill the animals and it does litter the ground, too," she said.



BUS ACCIDENT — A New York City Transit Authority Bus is shown after it jumped a curb and hit scaffolding in New York City Wednesday. Nine people were injured — six seriously — in the afternoon accident.

Kuwaiti official: too late for talk

By CHRISTOPHER BURNS
The Associated Press

Kuwait's foreign minister today said it was too late for peace initiatives in the Persian Gulf, but Syria's leading Moslem cleric warned President Bush against attacking Iraq, saying "in the end you will die."

Bush interrupted his Christmas vacation today, with Iraq test-firing another missile and Americans urged to leave countries where Iraqi sentiment is high.

Twenty days before the U.N.-mandated deadline for Iraq to quit Kuwait or face possible attack, the U.S. Central Command in the gulf region held its first regular weekly news briefing.

Brigadier Gen. Tom Coury, a member of the command's intelligence staff, said it is "very realistic" that, if Saddam feels war is inevitable, he may attack Iraq to try to smother the international coalition arrayed against him.

"We see absolutely no indication that Saddam Hussein intends to withdraw from Kuwait," he told the Wednesday briefing in the Saudi capital, Riyadh.

Kuwait's foreign minister, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, offered a similar assessment. "The whole world has given enough time for a peaceful settlement of the gulf crisis," he told a news conference in Beijing.

He maintained that only military force would dislodge Iraq from Kuwait.

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Syria's senior cleric, in an open letter published today, told President Bush: "Should you provoke this war in the gulf, the blood of hundreds of thousands of people will be on your head."

"In the end, you will die, and you will stand before God without your air and sea fleets and intercontinental missiles," Syria's Sunni Moslem mufti, Sheikh Ahmed Kafarto, said in the letter.

Beirut's pro-Syrian Ash-Sharq daily, Al-Balad, did not explain why such a high-ranking Syrian religious leader would deliver such a warning to Bush at a time when Syria has sided with the United States and its other allies against Iraq, which invaded oil-rich Kuwait on Aug. 2, more than a half-million troops, 4,000 tanks, 2,500 armored personnel carriers and 2,700 artillery pieces in Kuwait and southern Iraq, Coury said during his briefing.

Iraq test-fired another surface-to-surface missile Wednesday within its own borders, aiming it away from multinational forces, U.S. officials said. No further details were disclosed.

Previous such firings put some of the 300,000 American forces deployed in Operation Desert Shield on a heightened state of alert. The U.S. Command would not comment on the current alert status.

U.S. troops were already on heightened alert, wary of a terrorist attack over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

British and U.S. military officials reported that Iraq test-fired Soviet-made Scud missiles from east to west on Dec. 2, prompting some units to don gas masks against a possible chemical attack. Iraq protested the seizure of one of its merchant ships in the Arabian Sea early Wednesday by U.S. and other forces.

Balloon makers, students at odds

By CHARLES CAMPBELL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A familiar but exhilarating sight: following thousands of brightly colored helium balloons soar into the air, get caught by the wind, disappear into tiny points against the sky.

And kill thousands of helpless animals.

That, anyway, is what many of the nation's children believe, and it's giving the balloon industry a severe gas attack.

Jackie Stumm, 11, says her fifth-grade classmates in Kent, Ohio, "can't understand why people launch balloons just for enjoyment."

"They know that it does kill the animals and it does litter the ground, too," she said.

American's balloon sellers say they are in a battle for kids' hearts and minds — and they're losing.

"The children don't want anyone to buy balloons anymore," said Philip Levin, president of Balloon City USA, a national wholesaler in Harrisburg, Pa.

"The schoolchildren are the ones that go to the state legislators and say we should ban balloons," Levin said. "Crying children say we're killing millions of animals and ruining their holiday."

The balloon industry disputes any suggestion that animals — on land or at sea — have been harmed by eating stray helium balloons.

"This office has yet to have evidence that a balloon has been the primary cause of death in any case," said Mark Brown, director of communications for the National Association of Balloon Artists in Jacksonville, Fla.

"These misinformation reports are turning into an attack on our industry," Brown said. "Children say, 'Oh no, I can't take that balloon. It might kill a whale.'"

Florida, Connecticut and Tennessee have enacted laws banning or restricting balloon launches. Under pressure from schoolchildren, several cities have passed similar ordinances, or have declared balloon launches a form of littering.

The association says the nucleus is costing balloon sellers \$6 million a year. Many customers have canceled orders for earthbound balloons, as well, even though the controversy directly relates only to the release of lighter-than-air models.

The dispute traces back to 1985, when a dead whale washed up in New Jersey. Robert Schockkopf of the Marine Mammal Stranding Center in Brigantine, N.J., found a Mylar plastic balloon in the whale's stomach. That kind of balloon is not used in launches, which are done exclusively with balloons made of latex, a kind of rubber.

"Although there are no denunciations of animals dying directly from ingestion of balloons, we think it has been a contributing factor," Schockkopf said.

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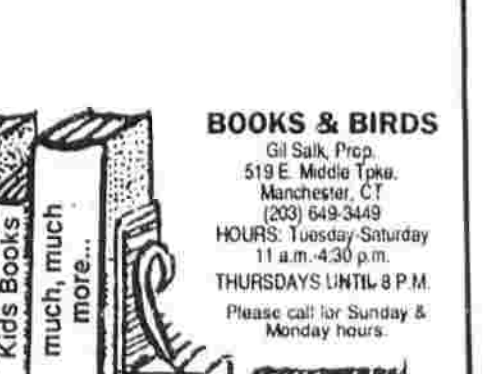
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A brother leaves for Persian Gulf

I left Pittsfield by bus to meet my parents in Worcester, then on to Whittman and family matters. The 181st Construction Engineers Company, Massachusetts National Guard had been activated for duty in Saudi Arabia and Sgt. Douglas Atkins Taylor, my kid brother was shipping out.

The 19 hours between boarding the bus and watching his camouflaged Blazer leave in convoy to Fort Devens would be the most emotionally draining experience of my life. Knowing you are sending your own brother to hostile environs and the potential of war and death, is gut-wrenching and sorrowful.

The 181st had 72 hours to prepare. Informed he was being promoted to platoon leader, my brother in addition to closing out his own personal business, now had 18 men to shepherd through the process: three days to shut down his small construction company, clear details that would go unattended during his absence, track his platoon, pack, and say his goodbyes. My parents and I caught up with him toward the end of that preparation. He was exhausted, his usual good humor strained.

His always sparkling eyes had lost their luster: he was subdued and his intentions with us were cautious. He was in an "Army mode," and I caught the uneasiness and concern that could not be hidden. Conversations were stiff, words carefully chosen. The family was on edge and after dinner we found things to distract us from the purpose of why we had gathered. At 1:30 in the morning, my brother came to me.

"Donald, there are some things I need to discuss with you." I knew it, had known it since his telephone call a few days prior. We went into the kitchen. My parents went silently to bed.

"This is my last will and testament, Donald. Everything is spelled out for you as executor and trustee," he said in a calm, quiet way. "In the event...you know, if I get killed and come back in a body bag."

He had found the courage to say the words everyone had avoided. I sat in roaring silence and thought about the horrible implications: my little brother taking care of business, putting his young life in order, just in case he should die. "Donald," he said, approaching me, "thanks." We hugged for a long time, saying nothing, remembering and hoping.

Three hours later we left for the local VFW and breakfast, a ceremony and a somber vigil as the massive convoy left. Looking around I saw people peked at their food, heard the whispers of private conversations, and watched families agonizing through the sadness of letting go. The commander's voice was loud and crisp. "Company, proceed to formation!"

The crowd moved outside, slowly, uncomprehendingly quiet for such large numbers. The 181st grouped into platoon formation. High-ranking officials gave brief speeches: a priest read poetry and prayed; the young company commander stepped to the microphone. He crumpled up his prepared remarks and began to speak this time in a wavering voice. "I will do my very best to bring you men home safely. Each of them...I promise you that..."

He could say no more, turned and kissed his wife, then left the dais to join his troops. "Company, proceed to your vehicles. Dismissed!"

There was no attempt to keep the throng from joining the men so we walked with them. How sad those first minutes were: parents, wives and children saying goodbye to sons, husbands and fathers; friends saying goodbye to friends; soldiers standing alone with no one to tell them goodbye. Two brothers having to say goodbye.

In knew my mother would cry and was ready for that. I was not prepared to see my father weeping, choking back sobs. Seventy-two-year-old, embracing his baby boy tightly, knowing it could be for the last time. My brother held his daughter, closely, gently, as fathers do in tender moments. He sat her down and looked at me, the newest fashion, a "culotte," which was really a pair of shorts that looked like a skirt. I was a pretty insecure kid and a lot of my fragile self-esteem was tied up in how I thought I looked. In my new outfit, I felt about as pretty as I'd ever felt.

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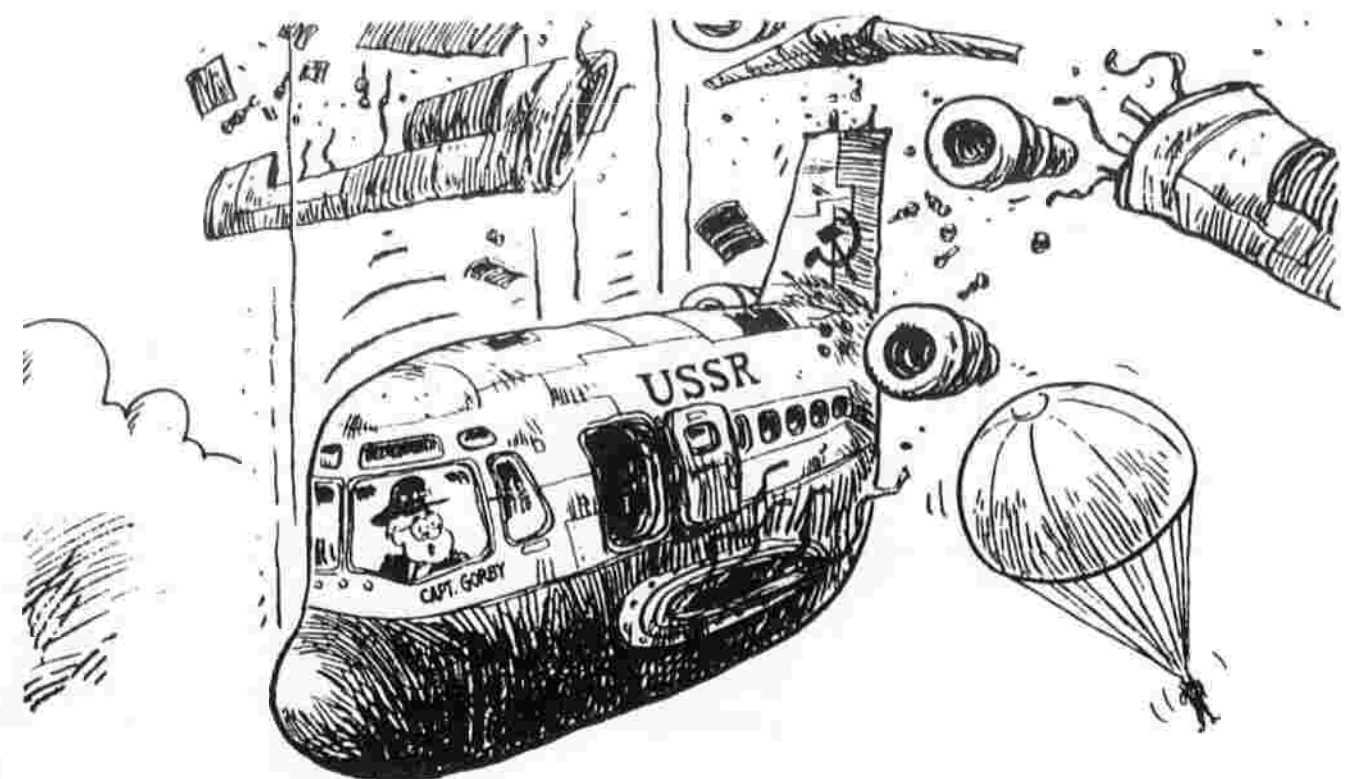
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U.S. is last superpower

If 1989 marked the collapse of the Eastern bloc and thus, de facto, the end of the Cold War, 1990 will be seen by historians as the first year of the post-war era. Before our eyes, if we are not too exhausted and befuddled to look, the world is assuming the shape that it will probably retain for several decades — perhaps even a century or more — to come.

There are signs that President Bush is well aware of this, and is eager to have the United States play a major role in determining that shape. His critics may scoff when he speaks, optimistically, about a "new world order," remembering past abuses of that expression. But some new world order is precisely what there is going to be, like it or not, and it is in America's highest interests to take a hand in designing it.

The first thing to note about the decades immediately ahead is that the United States will be the world's leading nation — militarily and politically, and to a large extent economically as well. It may be that it will consent to leadership only reluctantly; will "have greatness thrust upon it." But it cannot, it will not, escape its destiny.

Second, it seems clear — Mr. Francis Fukuyama to the contrary notwithstanding — that history will keep right on happening. The first historic confrontation of the post-Cold War era is already in progress, and the rest of the world, is already

near five months old. Significantly, it was the United States that blocked Saddam Hussein's southward thrust, and will have the laboring out if military action is necessary. All perfectly appropriate for the world's leading nation — indeed, its only remaining superpower.

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Drug bill lobbying backfires

By JACK ANDERSON and DALE VAN ATTA

WASHINGTON — Cut-throat pressure on Capitol Hill by a few biotech companies has blown up in their faces and in the process angered more than a few members of Congress. Now the companies that shelled out thousands of dollars for lobbyists this year will have to do the same again next year.

The fireworks began when a few well-intentioned members of Congress decided it was time to rewrite the Orphan Drug Act of 1983. Under that law, companies that develop drugs for treating rare diseases are granted temporary marketing rights for those drugs with no price controls. The idea was to give companies an incentive to produce drugs that otherwise have little market value.

The law was enormously successful in most cases, resulting in drugs that might not have been produced without the economic incentive of a monopoly. But without competition, the companies could charge whatever they wanted. Treatment costs for some conditions rose to \$30,000 a year or more. A few biotech companies soon began reaping millions of dollars.

When Congress caught on and tried to curb their profits, the drug companies slipped into a rage. They hired lobbyists who persuaded Congress to water down the legislation to the point where it was harmless to the companies' profits.

The gutted bill was something the companies could live with. But the lobbyists did their job too well. President Bush vetoed the watered-down version of the bill and now no one is happy — not Congress that has to go through a battle again in the next session, and not the biotech companies that have to hire their expensive lobbyists for a return.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., and Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, sparked a near war in the last session of Congress when they proposed lifting the monopoly on orphan drugs in cases where more than one company was interested in competing for Food and Drug Administration approval of the drug.

Biotech companies with profits on the line fought back with a vengeance. One company, Genentech Inc., which makes a human growth hormone that is protected as an orphan drug, hired at least 12 lobbyists on the issue.

Among them was former Florida Sen. Paula Hawkins, who was paid \$95,000 by Genentech for six months of work. Many of the other biotech lobbyists were former Capitol Hill staffers or close associates of key members of Congress.

They pulled the right strings, Congress sent a toothless bill to the White House, and the biotech lobbyists went home satisfied. But Bush, who had paid little attention to the battle on the Hill, vetoed the compromise legislation. The veto sent Congress and the biotech companies by surprise.

Why the veto? Congressional sources told our associate Dean Boyd that the ill-informed White House was convinced by the early arguments made by the biotech companies against strong revisions to the law. Bush's Council on Competitiveness, chaired by Vice President Dan Quayle, was particularly public to the arguments and is suspected of being the catalyst behind the veto.

A representative of one biotech company grudgingly called Bush's veto "not useful." The companies must now call back their high-priced lobbyists, but the big losers are those who suffer from rare diseases. Abbey Meyers, who heads the private National Organization for Rare Disorders, told us that the veto means that for the time being the drug companies "will be able to continue charging whatever they want for their drugs."

Exposed arteries
Pentagon battle plans for a war with Iraq are taking into account Iraq's limited infrastructure. One school of thought in the Pentagon is that Saddam Hussein could be crippled economically for years if the right facilities were destroyed. Iraq has four primary roads connecting Baghdad to Turkey, Iran, Jordan and Kuwait. By knocking them out, the United States could cut off supplies to the Iraqi army. And by taking out major factories and oil refineries, Saddam would be hard pressed to make his allies for a few years, even if he were left in power.

Mini-editorial
Central Intelligence Agency Director William Webster told the Washington Post recently that nothing coming out of the trial of Manuel Noriega will embarrass the U.S. government. Webster has been in Washington too long. His embarrassment threshold is too high. Noriega was on the CIA payroll for years while he went about his dirty business in Panama. That should warrant at least a blush from Uncle Sam.

Britain deploys nuclear weapons

LONDON (AP) — A newspaper today quoted ministers as saying the government has decided to deploy a new generation of nuclear weapons to replace Britain's ageing free-fall nuclear bombs.

The report in The Independent said ministers had told the paper that despite the end of the Cold War, Britain will go ahead with the deployment of tactical air-to-surface missiles (TASMs) to replace the free-fall bomb system known as AW177.

The paper did not name the government ministers. Britain and France are the only two West European powers which maintain nuclear deterrent forces of their own, independent of the NATO defense alliance.

The Independent's report said: "The only question still open is over the type of (TASM) system to use and a decision is expected in the New Year."

Ministers are preparing a study of the options, including two American systems and a possible Anglo-French missile. French scientists have been involved in top secret talks at the Nuclear Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston (45 miles west of London), where the warheads would be designed and built.

Britain's decision, yet to be announced, could be conveyed to the NATO planning group at its meeting in late March. One ministerial source said: "We are definitely going ahead with the TASM. The only question is what type."

The TASM project is in addition to the \$9 billion Trident nuclear missile system Britain has ordered to replace its aging submarine-borne Polaris missiles.

The Trident missiles, bought from the United States but to be carried aboard submarines built in Britain, are due to become operational in the mid-1990s.

The Independent said the likely cost of the TASM program ranges from \$187 million for a system to replace its aging submarine-borne Polaris missiles.

The paper said the TASM program would be highly controversial, that Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev has urged the United States not to sell any more nuclear technology to Britain after delivery of the Trident missiles.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Nearly three decades after three inmates broke out of the island prison of Alcatraz, debate persists over whether they made it across San Francisco Bay to escape the only successful escape from "The Rock."

Many believe the men drowned in the bay's cold waters. But as recently as two weeks ago, officials in Florida were still looking for brothers Clarence and John Anglin and their companion Frank Lee Morris, the San Francisco Daily Journal said in a report to be published Monday.

"What we're looking at is the possibility that two of the three escapes, the Anglin brothers, who were raised in this vicinity, possibly escaped and came back to this area," U.S. Marshal W.L. "Mac" McLendon in Tallahassee, Fla., told the newspaper, a daily that covers legal matters.

Officials began looking for the Anglin brothers in the northwest Florida area about two years ago and recently confirmed the search was continuing.

At least 41 known escape attempts were made at the prison from 1934 until it closed in 1963. But none of the would-be escapees — with the possible exception of the Anglins and Morris — succeeded.

The prison, which housed notorious criminals such as Al Capone, George "Machine Gun" Kelly and "Birdman" Robert Stroud, is now part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and a popular tourist attraction.

In San Francisco, Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal Richard Bippus would only confirm that interest in the case was high.

"It's like a roller coaster," Bippus said. "It goes uphill and downhill. We're on an uphill right now. Our interest is more active, let's say."

That interest was revived in 1989, when a segment about the June 11, 1962, escape was broadcast on the NBC-TV program "Unsolved Mysteries."

A woman who identified herself only as Cathy called the show's tip number and said she recognized Clarence Anglin as a man who lived on a farm near Marianna, Fla., McLendon said.

The brothers also were linked to the area by a woman, who recognized a photo of Clarence Anglin and said he lived near Marianna. She correctly identified his eye color, height and other physical features.

Another witness identified a sketch of Morris, saying it bore a striking resemblance to a man she had seen in the area.

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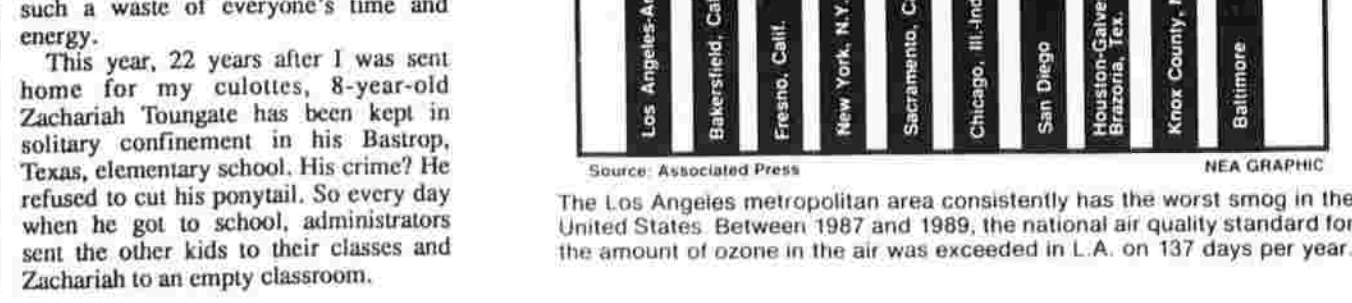
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Mothballed 'Ghost Fleet' is under attack

By JAMES O. CLIFFORD
The Associated Press

BEHICIA, Calif. — Scores of rusting old ships float in tanks on an inland bay northeast of San Francisco, looming out of the chilly fog like ghostly oceanic tombstones.

Congressional critics want to junk the 66-ship Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet, but Charlie Johnston, caretaker of the "ghost fleet," says the ships are ready to weigh anchor if the nation needs them again.

"Many of these ships go back to service in World War II, Korea, Vietnam," said Johnston, 46, the fleet's acting superintendent.

Hanging on a wall was a board with the name and location of each ship, 33 of them World War II Victory ships, all part of a fleet that once numbered 700.

"Pick one. You call it," he said to assure that a tour wouldn't start the visitor toward a specially prepared ship. A CIA spy vessel is off limits, though.

During the last session of Congress, the ships here

and at Fort Eustis, Va., and Beaumont, Texas, came under fire from the House Small Business Committee's subcommittee on regulation, business opportunities and energy.

"The taxpayers are getting repeatedly fleeced ... for these maritime cadavers," said Rep. Ron Wyden of Oregon, subcommittee chairman. William S. Broomefield of Michigan, ranking Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, described the ships as "glorified rust buckets."

The array of ships local landlubbers call the "moth-balled fleet" is impressive from a distance, and the spookiness that earned it the nickname "ghost fleet" is evident while approaching in a tugboat.

They're tied in rows, anchored at the bow and stern and joined to each other by gangplanks. Almost all are gray, and rust stains their hulls.

They include the Glomar Explorer, the CIA ship built to retrieve a sunken Soviet submarine. Since the secret voyage off Hawaii in 1974, the 618-foot ship has been waiting for a new role.

"We keep the Explorer here for the Navy," Johnston said, explaining the Glomar isn't Maritime Administration property like nearly all the other ships.

You can't visit the Glomar, but the Meredith Victory, dubbed "The Gallant Lady" for rescuing thousands of Korean War refugees, is a good substitute.

Rust was rampant. Paint chips littered the deck, leaving metal naked to the elements. Painters used to keep busy on the fleet, but money ran out in the mid-1980s.

"Besides, to us rust is no big deal as long as the metal's still strong," Johnston said as he stamped his foot to show five to 20 days' notice.

"If it really got bad we could put another plate over it."

Unlike the outside, the ship's interior was clean, almost spotless — and creepy.

In Chairs, books, spare parts, bedding and other items were left where they were in 1971 when the ship returned from Vietnam. The lack of interior rust is maintained by systems that keep airborne moisture low.

Below deck, it must look much as it did in December 1950, when it evacuated 14,000 Koreans as Chinese

troops besieged the city of Hungnam. Five babies were born during the voyage that ended in Pusan on Christmas Day.

Built in 1945, the cargo vessel served in World War II. It became part of the reserve fleet after Korea, only to be pulled out for duty in Vietnam.

Could it happen again?

It would take a presidential act to call out the reserve fleet, which is supposed to be ready to sail on 30 to 120 days' notice. The Ready Reserve, 96 newer ships kept at several ports, was set up to carry heavy military gear on five to 20 days' notice.

Much of the Ready Reserve, including some ships from here, were called up after Iraq invaded Kuwait in August.

"Sealift ships carried 90 percent of the Desert Shield equipment," Johnston said with obvious pride. "Planes just can't do it."

The older ships are routinely sold for salvage and the money goes to buy "newer" vessels for the fleet, its caretaker said.

Godfather III boffo, while Bonfire bombs

By JOHN HORN
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Francis Ford Coppola's eagerly awaited "The Godfather Part III" grossed \$6.4 million Christmas Day, the biggest box-office take for the holiday by any movie, Paramount Pictures said.

But news was bad for Warner Bros., whose "Bonfire of the Vanities" finished in eighth place, according to figures released Wednesday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. for the holiday viewing period.

The faithful flocked to "Home Alone," the surprise family hit by John Hughes that finished in first place with \$15.1 million for the sixth straight weekend.

In the five-day period ending Tuesday night, "Bonfire" made just \$4.2 million. Warner already had two other holiday duds, "The Rookie" and "The Sheltering Sky."

Somewhat surprisingly, the Arnold Schwarzenegger comedy-drama-romance "Kindergarten Cop" failed to draw a flood of moviegoers. The movie finished second behind "Home Alone" with a rate of \$11.3 million.

"The Godfather Part III," starring Al Pacino and Anthony Quinn, led the box office in its first week in the reporting period and had drawn mixed reviews from critics.

Because the epic runs two weeks and 42 minutes, many theaters must show it two fewer times daily than a shorter movie.

"Edward Scissorhands" was fourth with a sharp \$6 million. Director-actor Kevin Costner's "Dances With Wolves" was fifth with collections of \$5.91 million.

The sequel "Look Who's Talking Too" landed in sixth on a gross of \$5.86 million.

In its first weekend of wide release, the international spy thriller "The Russia House" was seventh with receipts of \$4.4 million. "Bonfire" was eighth and the movie version of Stephen King's "Misery" was ninth with \$4.1 million.

In 10th was "Three Men and a Little Lady" with a holiday haul of \$3.5 million.

Robert Redford's "Havana" disappeared, falling to 13th in just its third week with \$1.6 million.

Among films playing in limited release, director-writer Woody Allen's "Alice" made \$36,274 on three screens and comedy Penny Marshall's "Awakenings" was much stronger with \$417,076 on 12 screens.

Here are the top movie ticket sales Friday through Tuesday as tallied by Exhibitor Relations, with distributor, weekend gross, number of theaters screened, average per screen, total gross and number of screens.

- 1. "Home Alone," 20th Century Fox, \$15.1 million, 2,108 screens, \$7,029 per screen, \$118.8 million, six weeks.
- 2. "Kindergarten Cop," Universal, \$11.3 million, 1,833 screens, \$6,143 per screen, \$11.3 million, one week.
- 3. "The Godfather Part III," Paramount, \$6.4 million, 1,820 screens, \$3,509 per screen, \$6.4 million, one day.
- 4. "Edward Scissorhands," 20th Century Fox, \$6 million, 1,087 screens, \$5,533 per screen, \$14.9 million, three weeks.
- 5. "Dances With Wolves," Orion, \$5.91 million, 1,254 screens, \$4,710 per screen, \$46.3 million, seven weeks.
- 6. "Look Who's Talking Too," TriStar, \$5.86 million, 1,616 screens, \$3,625 per screen, \$16 million, seven weeks.
- 7. "The Russia House," MGM-UA, \$4.4 million, 717 screens, \$6,186 per screen, \$4.5 million, 1/2 weeks.
- 8. "Bonfire of the Vanities," Warner Bros., \$4.2 million, 1,373 screens, \$3,071 per screen, \$4.2 million, one week.

Tourism

and the Tollard Inn — would get little or no advertising if it weren't for the brochures put out by the East of the River District.

In addition, Harrison said the move would likely cost the boards money of the volunteers that currently serve in an advisory capacity. Without the volunteers, the new districts would have to hire more staff to get work done, she said, eliminating any potential savings.

The tourism districts were created by the state legislature in 1983 and are funded through taxes on hotel

Census

led by state legislators, will be effective in the 103rd Congress that opens in January 1993.

Vermont has the smallest population of the New England states, with 564,964 residents. It has one seat in the House.

Overall, the U.S. population grew 10.2 percent over the decade. That is the slowest rate of growth reported for a decade since the Great Depression of the 1930s, when the population grew by 7 to 8 percent.

The total U.S. population is 249,022,783, up from 226.5 million in 1980 and nearly 4 million more than preliminary results had indicated.

Four states lost overall population: Iowa, North Dakota, Wyoming and West Virginia.

Meanwhile, California, the most populous state, now has more residents than all of Canada. It gained more than 6 million people for a total population of nearly 30 million.

The bureau arrived at the final figures after embarking on recounts to tally people who had likely been missed the first time around. Bryant said that one-fifth of the neighborhoods in the country "have been counted over 4 or 5 times."

Commerce Secretary Robert M. Bush also will change the figures. He has until July to decide whether to adjust the numbers for an undercount of minorities that is statistically determined.

However, Michael R. Darby, the Commerce Department's under secretary for economic affairs, said that he believed the figures released Wednesday reflect a "full, fair and efficient census."

According to the current figures, a total of 19 House seats will shift. However, it is still too early to tell exactly how the districts may change. The bureau plans to send more specific population information to state officials by March 31, after which they will begin the process of reapportionment.

According to the current numbers, eight states will gain seats in the 435-member House.

The big winner is California, which will gain 7 seats for a total of 52, followed by Florida, which will gain four seats for a total of 23, and Texas, which will gain three seats for a total of 18.

rooms. Last year, the 19 districts spent a total of \$64 million. Of that total, \$125,000 went to the East of the River district.

Membership in the districts is voluntary for towns and costs them nothing, Harrison said. Most districts include several towns, though some cities, such as Hartford and New Haven, have their own district.

The East of the River Tourism District, which includes Manchester, Windsor, East Hartford, South Windsor, Tollard, Ellington and Vernon/Rockville.

to fight the cuts, the districts are beginning a letter-writing campaign to state legislators. Volunteers in municipalities are asking that the proposal not be included in the bill that is due in February.

Already, East Hartford has sent in its objection to the proposal and Manchester is soon expected to do the same, Harrison said. A similar campaign is being conducted by the Northeast district.

Herald reporter Jacqueline Bennett contributed to this report.

"I think this increased awareness will help prevent the tragic kind of situation Nancy Cruzan and her parents found themselves in," he said.

Ms. Cruzan, 33, died Wednesday, 12 days after a feeding tube that had kept her alive in a vegetative state for eight years was removed at her parents' request. The decision was controversial.

David O'Steen of the anti-abortion National Right to Life Committee said her death "diminishes hope for thousands of medically dependent people nationwide."

Ed Grant of Americans United for Life expressed sympathy for what Ms. Cruzan's family "has suffered through the past eight years."

He said, however, that his organization is troubled by "a move toward passive euthanasia."

The Cruzan family's effort to end the life-sustaining treatment was the focus of a three-year legal battle that led to a landmark Supreme Court

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New U.S. Att'y likely

HARTFORD (AP) — New Britain lawyer and lobbyist Jay F. Malczyk will replace Stanley Tworzydlo as the U.S. attorney in Connecticut, according to a published report.

The Justice Department often accepts the recommendations of U.S. senators and state legislators. Tworzydlo, who resigned to become a top aide to Gov.-elect Lowell P. Weiker Jr.

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'Right-to-Die' struggle had far-reaching impact

By RICHARD CARELLI
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Most Americans have not planned for critical medical decisions they some day may have to control over, but Nancy Cruzan said she would never want to live "like a vegetable."

The case returned to Missouri courts, and a state judge allowed removal of the feeding tube after hearing new evidence that Ms. Cruzan had said she would never want to live "like a vegetable."

Pickering said the Cruzan case also was instrumental in passage of a new federal law, originally called the Patient Self-Determination Act. "This is a far-reaching piece of very good social legislation," he said. "It will require all hospitals

and nursing homes that receive Medicare or Medicaid funding to tell all patients of their (right-to-die) options under their state laws."

The federal law takes effect in November 1991.

All but nine states have specific statutes spelling out right-to-die rights. But in some of those nine states — Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and South Dakota — court rulings and common law provide some rights of individual determination.

Cruzan

Several of Cruzan's former co-workers testified in state court that she said she would never want to live "like a vegetable." Judge Charles Ted Jr. ruled Dec. 12 that her feeding tube could be removed.

Making history was a woman friend and family member named Dora, who said she loved children and animals and had run off the road as she returned home from work on Jan. 11, 1983.

"She lived life to the fullest pretty much all her life," her mother said. "That's more than a lot of people do."

"She was always the clown, but not a smart aleck," her father said.

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Sluggish retail season closes with a flurry

By PETER VILES
The Associated Press

MANCHESTER — The traditional flurry of post-holiday sales is luring shoppers back for one last round of spending, but most retailers and analysts agree — in stores, 1990 was anything but a green Christmas.

The Register said it is not unusual that the decision would be made before the interview since the Justice Department often accepts the recommendations of U.S. senators and state legislators. Tworzydlo, who resigned to become a top aide to Gov.-elect Lowell P. Weiker Jr.

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malts like the 110-store Buckland Hills Mall in Manchester.

But heavy traffic in the stores is not necessarily a good sign immediately after Christmas. Retailers watch anxiously to see how many shoppers are simply returning gifts, how many are exchanging and how many are hunting for bargains.

Milstein said department stores were battered by several trends, chief among them the slumping economy, shaky consumer confidence and increasing competition from discount retailers.

He said those trends forced many large retailers to advertise heavily this year and to offer pre-holiday sales, which may have kept sales levels from dropping but will

probably result in surprisingly poor earnings reports in coming months.

"It's been worse than disappointing," Milstein said. "For major department stores, it's been a calamity. It's the worst year for major department stores since the Great Depression. They not only didn't meet last year's figures, they fell below the rate of inflation."

He said large department stores are averaging 4 percent to 6 percent below last year's sales totals. When inflation is considered, the drop approaches double digits, he said.

"The sales numbers were poor," he said. "The profit numbers will be cataclysmic."

For Ames Department Stores, the season brought extra pressure to perform. The 453-store chain, based in

Rocky Hill, is in bankruptcy proceedings, and a strong holiday season is widely seen as crucial to its survival.

"In general, sales met our expectations," said Bill Roberts, a spokesman for Ames. "We were moderately below last year's sales, which is what we had anticipated."

He said the chain continues to make "significant progress despite a tough economy."

At Buckland Hills Mall, which opened in March, officials said holiday sales surpassed expectations. But Tom Guerra, general manager of the mall, said most stores discounted heavily, and shoppers seemed to be buying smaller, personal gifts rather than appliances

and other expensive items.

"I think people were more value conscious," said Davidson. "People were very careful in making their selections."

While no one expects post-Christmas sales to turn around the disappointing season, retailers are hoping that most shoppers behave like 25-year-old Maureen Lacey of Manchester did Wednesday.

She went to Buckland Hills to exchange a pair of leggings and return a sweater, when she left, she had two pairs of leggings and a new pair of boots.

"When we walked into the mall, the first thing we saw was, '25 percent off,'" she said. "So we got some new things, taking advantage of the sales."

Town-owned duplexes to be razed for parking

By RICK SANTOS
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Bids for demolishing two town-owned duplexes at 17-19 and 23-25 Trotter St. will be opened at 11 a.m. Jan. 4, in the general services office.

The buildings will be razed to provide space for 35 to 50 additional parking spaces for the town hall complex, according to General Manager Richard Sartor.

Sartor considers adding the spaces next summer as one of several temporary actions proposed in lieu of

adequately renovating the municipal offices.

"Right now, there are no plans for a long-term solution," Sartor said, adding that a third referendum would be held on the multimillion dollar project within the next year.

In November of 1989, voters narrowly rejected the project and last month soundly defeated a slightly less costly proposal. Meanwhile, the town is in violation of state building codes and regulations regarding storage of public records.

Besides the stop-gap measure of increasing the parking capacity, Sartor said officials are considering renting

additional office space at other locations in town, leasing or purchasing modular buildings, or even buying the post office building.

"The post office building of course has all the same problems as town hall," Sartor said, referring to problems with the efficiency of the old building that has very few parking spaces. He noted also that the town hall complex and the post office are on opposite sides of Main Street, possibly the busiest street in town.

If the town purchased the post office, he said there is the possibility that it would be converted into a town museum after more office space is created.

any plans to acquire additional space must be carried out with caution, so greater problems are not created by moving offices to locations where they become difficult to use by the public or inefficient for employees.

"Obviously, we're facing very difficult times, and I don't want to make things more difficult to accomplish," Sartor said.

It is concerned also about what those involved in planning the town hall expansion call "adjacencies."

The term refers to specific offices being located near other offices that are commonly used in conjunction with them. WHY THE CONCERN?

TV show coming to mall

By RICK SANTOS
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Attention area comedians and pranksters: "America's Funniest People" is coming to Manchester on Jan. 4-5 to seek out new talent for the hit television series.

A television crew from the show will be in the center court at the Pavilions at Buckland Hills mall on those days between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to find people who have unusual or amusing talents that set them apart from the rest.

New Haven-based WTHN-TV Channel 8 and radio station KISS 95.7 FM of Hartford will be working alongside the camera crews to help discover Connecticut's funniest people.



Oops!
NEW SKATES — Mike Shanahan, age 10, of 128 Wellman Road in Manchester, Wednesday tries out the new pair of roller blades he got for Christmas. He was having some difficulty, but a lot of fun.



Camera crews will also be stationed at the center court of the Meriden Square Mall, 470 Lewis Ave., Meriden, between noon and 7 p.m. on those days.

"Our new show provides an outlet to the performer in all of us and gives everyone a chance to showcase their talents and possibly win \$10,000 in our weekly contest," said the show's executive producer, Vin Di Bona. "If they're chosen, they'll be seen this season on ABC."

"America's Funniest People" is searching for jokes, unique impressions, sound effects and commercial parodies, as well as lip-synching to favorite records, unusual physical comedy, novel singing and dancing routines and just about anything else.

Anyone with a bit of unusual talent is invited to the auditions. For more information call (215) 662-5100.

Parks and recreation activities

The following are some of the programs, trips, and special events being offered by the Manchester Parks and Recreation Department. For more information on programs, recreation facilities, or parks areas, please call the department at 647-3084/3089.

Winter Program Registration — Registration is now in progress for the Winter/Spring Program Schedule. Class offerings include: Nike Tykes Preschool Programs (Parent/Infant Playtime (12 to 24 months), Wed. or Fri., 10:15-11 a.m., \$29. Wee Twos (2 to 3 months), Mon. or Thurs., 10-11 a.m. or 9:30-10:30 a.m., \$39. Terrific Twos (2 and 3 months to 2 and 11 months), Mon., 9:30-10:30 to 10:45-11:45 a.m. or Fri., 9:15-10:15 a.m. or 10:30-11:30 a.m., \$51. Aquababies, Mon., 5:30 p.m. (18 to 36 months), 6 p.m. (6 to 18 months), Gymnastics, Mon., 6 p.m. (4 to 5 years), 6-6:45 p.m. (6 to 7 years), 7:30 p.m. (8 to 10 years), \$19. Cheeze Tang Soo Do — Mon. and Thurs., 6-7 p.m. (5 to 9 years), 7:5 p.m. (10 and older).

Adult Programs — Aerobics, Tues. and Thurs., 7-8 p.m., \$40. Water Walking, Mon./Wed. or Tues./Thurs., 4:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m. or 5 p.m., \$35. Watercise, Mon., 7-8 p.m., \$17. Let's Get Physical and Fit, Tues./Thurs., 6:30-7:30 p.m., \$37. Ceramics, Mon. or Thurs. evenings or Wed. afternoons, \$38 or \$75.

Trips do not require a Recreation Membership Card and are open to non-residents. Register at the Parks and Recreation Office located in Center Springs Park, Monday to Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, please call the Department at 647-3089. The complete Winter/Spring Program Schedule will be in the Manchester Herald on Thursday, January 3.

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

Atlantic City — Sunday to Monday, January 20 to 21. \$86 per person includes deluxe round-trip transportation, one night's accommodations at the Diplomat Hotel on the Boardwalk, one continental breakfast, and casino bonuses (tab). \$ am. departure.

Quebec City/Winter Carnival — February 7-10, \$299 per person, double occupancy. Fee includes deluxe

round-trip motorcoach transportation, three breakfasts, one dinner, tour of Quebec City, deluxe accommodations at the Hotel des Gouverneurs, visit to Montmorency Falls and St. Anne de Beaupre plus all the festivities of the Winter Carnival! The Mardi Gras of the North. Les Miserables/NYC — Saturday, February 23. \$83 for Front Orchestra Seating (rows A, B, C, D) and deluxe round-trip motorcoach transportation. \$20 for transportation only. 7:30 a.m. departure.

Boston On Your Own — Saturday, March 16. Stops to be made at Quincy Market and the Boston Flower Show. \$20 for transportation only. 7:30 a.m. departure. **Ski Trips** — Vacation Day Ski Trips — Learn to ski this winter! We make it easy and affordable. All trips are open to persons 9 years of age and older. Those 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult, parent or guardian. Preschoolers (4 to 6) are welcome also. For specific fees, please call us. Otis Ridge — Friday, December 28, 7:30 a.m. departure. \$27 for lift and transportation. Butternut Basin — Wednesday, February 13, 7:30 a.m. departure. \$36 lift and transportation only. Friday Nights at Ski Sundown — January 4, 11, 18, and 25 for youths ages 9 to 15. Those 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Fee for lift and transportation only begins at \$18-\$20. Trips depart from the Mahoney Recreation Center at 4:45 p.m. and return approximately 11 p.m. Please call for specifics.

Washington, D.C. — April 5-7, \$195 per person, double occupancy. Fee includes two dinners, accommodations at the Sheraton, deluxe motorcoach transportation, and tours.

NYC/Elli Island — Saturday, May 18. \$28 per person and includes all transportation and admission to Ellis Island. 7:30 a.m. departure. Stops will be made at South Seaport.

Safe Boating Course — A free safe boating course will be offered by the Department of Environmental Protection beginning February 19 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for five weeks at the Mahoney Recreation Center, 110 Cedar Street. Persons successfully completing this course will fulfill the requirements for the Certificate of Boating Operation which includes instruction on navigation rules, Connecticut boating law, legal requirements, safety afloat, and other topics that will help participants become safe, knowledgeable, and responsible boaters.

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Gubernatorial contenders mired in debts

HARTFORD (AP) — In a campaign that centered on debates over how to control state spending, all three major gubernatorial candidates ended up spending considerably more than they raised from contributors, according to campaign finance records.

Gov.-elect Lowell P. Weicker Jr. still owes \$122,000 to consultants and others who provided services to his campaign, despite having raised \$150,000 in a Dec. 4 fund-raiser held to eliminate his debt.

Democratic candidate Bruce A. Morrison, who finished last in the three-way race, owes \$87,000 for services and \$300,000 to a bank, while Republican John G. Rowland, the second-place finisher, has \$104,000 in unpaid bills.

The campaign was easily the most expensive gubernatorial race in state history. That was not surprising, given the presence of a third major candidate.

But what was a little surprising — especially given the state's economic downturn — was that one can-

dicate beat, and another nearly beat, Gov. William A. O'Neill's 1986 record for spending by one candidate.

In December 1986, O'Neill reported spending \$2.6 million and having \$118,000 in bills yet to pay — a total of \$2.78 million.

Rowland's campaign will end up costing him \$2.85 million, and Weicker's will cost \$2.69 million. Morrison's campaign cost \$1.98 million.

Rowland and Weicker said they expected to have no problem paying their debts, but Morrison admitted Wednesday his job will be more difficult.

"I don't look at it with great fondness," he said. "Lots of different people around the state have offered to be helpful," Morrison said. "I don't expect it to get done overnight, but we're going to work on it."

Democratic State Chairman John F. Droney Jr. said he offered, shortly after the Nov. 6 election, to schedule a fund-raiser for Morrison to be hosted by House Speaker Richard J. Blalock, D-Newington, and Senate

President Pro Tem John B. Larson, D-East Hartford.

Droney said he had not heard from Morrison, although Morrison said he has spoken to Larson about having a fund-raiser in January.

It will be difficult to raise money for Morrison's debt, Droney said, not only because Morrison lost the election but also because fund-raising during the campaign may have run the well dry.

But Morrison said he was skeptical about the Democratic Party's efforts on his behalf.

"Ask where the party money was during the election," Morrison said. "Nothings of party don't seem to mean much anymore."

Besides the unpaid bills for services, Morrison's campaign finance committee owes \$300,000 to Morrison himself. He got that money by mortgaging a Long Island home he inherited from his mother.

Morrison said all interest payments on that loan are current, and there's no immediate prospect of his having

to sell the house to pay off the bank.

"I suppose there's a chance, but that's way down the road," he said.

Advocates press resistance to Weicker, said he plans another fund-raiser next month to pay off the rest of his campaign debts.

At the time of the Dec. 4 fund-raiser, Weicker's deficit was estimated at between \$180,000 and \$200,000. The event's organizers predicted it would raise \$180,000.

But Meehan said Wednesday the event actually raised \$150,000, and that Weicker's deficit before the event was bigger than originally estimated.

She said one reason was that the campaign advertising agency, Silery & Partners of Avon, earned a \$65,000 bonus because Weicker won the election.

The campaign's remaining debts include half that bonus, plus \$20,800 in consulting fees to Peter W. Gold and \$11,000 in fees to Thomas J. D'Amore Jr., Gold-

Nearly 800 mourners for tragic family

By LARRY ROSENTHAL
The Associated Press

STONINGTON — Nearly 800 people came together in a church hall today to mourn for three children and their parents who died in a pre-dawn fire Friday at their home in North Stonington.

Philadelphia Archbishop Anthony J. Bevilacqua, a relative of the victims, told the mourners Wednesday that even "heavenly angels" suffering produces benefits to mankind and that urged friends and family not to be paralyzed by grief.

"Even in great tragedy and great loss we cannot keep on staring into the sky. We must go on living," said Bevilacqua, the principal celebrant of the funeral Mass at St. Michael's Church.

James Courtney, 42, a prominent New London attorney, and three of his children, Paul, 12, James Jr., 8, and Jennifer, 3, were killed in a pre-dawn fire Friday at their home in North Stonington. Courtney's wife, Mary Jo, who is a niece of the archbishop, and her daughter, Langan, 11, survived.



COURTESY FUNERAL — The casket of James Courtney is carried to a waiting hearse Wednesday following funeral services for him and three of his children who died in a house fire last Friday. Courtney's wife, Mary Jo, and a daughter, Langan, survived the blaze at their North Stonington home.

Burial will be at noon today at a family plot at Our Lady of the Isles Cemetery in Shelter Island, N.Y.

The archbishop said the outlining of support shown the victims' family and the packed church more than 100 mourners had to stand in the aisles and the back of the sanctuary because all the seats were filled — demonstrated the "beautiful community of the human family."

"When people see a tragedy like this, they realize what is important in life," he said.

Change feared at historic area homes

HARTFORD (AP) — Two Connecticut homes once inhabited by men who signed the Declaration of Independence could be radically altered or even torn down by future owners, even though they are listed as national historical landmarks.

One of the homes is a time-ravaged clapboard house in Scotland with a buckled roof and swollen living room floor boards.

The other house, in Lebanon, has been thoroughly renovated, with even its wooden skeleton rebuilt.

Although the houses are two of only 25 in Connecticut designated national historic landmarks, there is nothing to prevent them from being revamped or even removed.

Zoning laws in both towns allow many types of alterations to the properties. Although both are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and as historic landmarks with the U.S. Department of the Interior, the federal government generally provides no protection, said Laura Feller, staff historian for the National Park Service.

"Under federal law, private owners can still do anything they can normally do," Feller said. "Federal regulations don't outright forbid any type of activity."

The Scotland house on Route 14 has changed little since 1731, when Samuel Huntington, one of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, was born there.

The weekday floors upstairs and down are the same ones Huntington, who became governor of Connecticut, walked on. The central fireplace and a brick oven are the same ones his mother used to cook and heat the house.

"These deaths, so sudden, hopelessly teach us," "Grasp the day, not even this day, grasp the moment," Bevilacqua said. "Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick — today. You may not have a chance tomorrow."

James was remembered by the archbishop as a man of "great joy and exuberance" who had a great love of children. Paul and James Jr. were "full of dreams," while Jennifer was still "too young to dream of a future," Bevilacqua said.

The four caskets — two full-sized ones made of wood, and two smaller metal ones painted white — were placed in front of an altar still festively decorated with four Christmas trees, poinsettias and a miniature crèche. Above the altar were hung three large wreaths tied with red ribbons.

Mary Jo Courtney did not attend the Mass. She was at her daughter's bedside at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Although Langan was able to get out of bed and walk Christmas Day and her condition was upgraded to fair, she had come down with a fever that had Mrs. Courtney worried and led her to remain with her daughter, the archbishop said.

"That's all she lives for now — her daughter," Bevilacqua said outright in his packed church — "After being released from the hospital Sunday, Mrs. Courtney went to stay 'goodbye' to her husband and children, weeping over their open coffins and caressing them," Bevilacqua recalled in vivid details that left many mourners in tears. An hour later, Mrs. Courtney went to see Langan.

Mother gets second chance

HARTFORD (AP) — A Nicaraguan woman who was pinned against a wall by a truck about a year ago may one day be able to walk again, thanks to the efforts of a local group that brought her to Connecticut for free medical treatment.

Azcucena Blandon, 25, was pregnant when the accident occurred on Sept. 2, 1989. She thought at the time she would have to choose between saving her unborn baby or her leg.

She chose her baby.

Blandon spent two months in

tration after the accident as doctors inserted metal rods and pins in an effort to reconstruct the shattered leg. Because she was pregnant, the painful surgery could not be done under general anesthesia. She got only local anesthetic, administered through her spine.

She said she endured the pain to protect her baby.

Tanya was born Feb. 1 — almost exactly five months after the accident.

More surgery followed the birth. But after seven procedures, doctors

in Nicaragua said they could do no more.

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About Town

K of C dinner/dance

Campbell Council-Knights of Columbus will hold a New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance on Dec. 31, starting at 7:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. A buffet dinner will be served and a champagne toast at midnight. \$40 per couple — reservations may be made by calling the K of C 646-9044.

Red Cross CPR classes

The Connecticut Valley East Branch, American Red Cross is sponsoring a training program in Adult Cardiorespiratory Resuscitation. The classes will be held on Jan 9 and Jan. 15 from 6-10 p.m. They will be held at the Branch office, 20 Hartford Road, Manchester. The cost of the course is \$25. On Jan. 10, a course on Adult CPR review will be held. The course is open to persons whose current certification in Adult CPR is about to expire. The cost is \$18. Pre-registration is necessary. For more information, call the Red Cross office, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at 643-5111.

Child CPR classes

The Connecticut Valley East Branch, American Red Cross is sponsoring the following classes in Child CPR formally the First Aid for Children course and the Standard First Aid course. They will be held at the Branch office, 20 Hartford Road. On Jan. 12 and Jan. 26, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., an eight-hour Child Care course will be held. The cost is \$35. On Jan. 29 & 31 from 6-10 p.m. and eight-hour course in Standard First Aid will be held. The cost is \$40. For more information, call 643-5111.

Ice Capades

The Coventry Recreation Department in conjunction with the Mansfield and Willington Rec Departments are sponsoring a bus trip to see the Ice Capades on Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Hartford Civic Center. Registration fee is \$17 which includes ticket and transportation. Must register in person at the Rec Department located at the Town Hall, Bus pickup is at the Second Congregational Church, Route 44, at 10:30 a.m. and the show begins at noon. For more information, call the Coventry Rec Department at 742-9074.

Coventry gives free coupons

The Coventry Rec Dept. has free discount coupons available for several upcoming Hartford Civic Center events. The Northeast Recreation & Camping Show will be held Jan. 11-13. One dollar off coupon is available and good for all three days of the event. The Hartford Boat Show is on Jan. 31-Feb. 3. Save two dollars on each admission for the Thursday or Friday shows or one dollar off on Saturday or Sunday. The fifth annual Kid's Fair will be held Feb. 9-10, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. A one dollar off coupon is available for both days. Discount coupons are good for adult tickets only. Any Coventry Rec Dept. year employee is eligible for free coupons. To receive your free coupon, stop by the Coventry Rec Dept. in Town Hall.

Parents without partners

Country Western Dance to benefit the Indian Children of Connecticut will be sponsored by the East of the River Chapter #1226 on Saturday, Dec. 29, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Kocsiscuzka Club, One Vernon Avenue, Vernon. Advance tickets, \$6; door tickets, \$8. For more information, call 649-1949.

MCC raffie results

Here are the winners of the 1990 Manchester Community College Student Athletic Club Raffle. Drawing was held Dec. 15 at halftime of the East Catholic vs. Warren Harding high school basketball game on the final day of the Manchester Rotary Club Basketball Classic. First prize winner of a \$1,000 Travel Gift Certificate was Paul Purrelli of Manchester. Second prize winner of a color television was Roxanne Alexander of South Windsor. Third prize winner of dinner for two (\$75 value) was G. Botticello of East Hartford. Proceeds of the raffle benefit the MCC Student Athletic Club and Alumni Association.

Correction

The full-day kindergarten class beginning at St. James School in September will not be the first of its kind in town as noted in Monday's Manchester Herald. Currently, there is a full-day kindergarten class offered at Assumption School.

Lottery

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

Connecticut
Daily: 0-0-3. Play Four: 1-0-3-0

Massachusetts
Daily: 5-1-3-2. Mass Megabucks: 2-10-15-19-20-27

Northern New England
Pick Three: 3-9-1. Pick Four: 0-5-5-5. Tri-State Megabucks: 2-3-23-29-32-33

Rhode Island
Daily: 4-5-0-9. Grandlot: 7-6-4. 9-7-3-2. 6-9-5-5-6. 3-0-3-0-9-6

Weather

REGIONAL Weather
Friday, Dec. 28

The weather tonight in the greater Manchester area: cloudy early. Light snow developing toward midnight. Low near 20. Light north wind. Chance of snow 90 percent. Friday, light snow ending or changing to freezing drizzle. High around 30. Chance of precipitation near 100 percent. Outlook Saturday, chance of rain. High near 45.

Obituaries

B. Charles Szemrelyo

B. Charles Szemrelyo, 80, of 26 South St., Manchester, husband of Anna (Gallagher) Szemrelyo, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was born in Hartford and had been a Manchester resident since 1957. Prior to retiring in 1972, he was employed at the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Co.

Henry R. Gilkes

Henry R. Gilkes, 70, of 4 Level Road, Manchester, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, at the Manchester Memorial Hospital. Born in Groton, Aug. 25, 1920, he had lived in Manchester since 1959. Prior to his retirement in 1977, he was a librarian at the Connecticut State Library, Hartford, from 18 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in Germany, and a veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving in communications.

Marilyn M. Merritt

Marilyn M. Merritt, 62, of Columbia, formerly of Manchester and Coventry, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, at the Windham Hospital. She was born April 27, 1928 in Manchester, daughter of the late Earl and Marion Mitter. She was a former Coventry resident, moving to Columbia in 1950.

Sherwood Elmore Fish

Sherwood Elmore Fish, 85, of Vernon, and formerly of Manchester, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, at the Elm Park Baptist Home in Chester. He was the husband of Florence (Ellison) Fish for 65 years. Born in Hartford, he had lived in Manchester for many years. He had worked at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft for 31 years and the D&L Vernon Store for 10 years before his retirement.

Ruth (Bolivar) Corder

Ruth (Bolivar) Corder, 89, of East Hartford, formerly of Chestnut Street, Manchester, died Monday, Dec. 26, at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford. She was the widow of William John Corder, a resident for more than 20 years. She died on Jan. 12, 1901 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and had been a Manchester resident for most of her life. Prior to retiring in 1986, she was employed at the Laurel Manor in Manchester for many years.

Mabel (Eaton) Burnap

Mabel (Eaton) Burnap, 102, of Vernon, and formerly of Vernon, died Monday, Dec. 24, at a local convalescent home. She was the widow of Vernon Burnap, born in Lowell, Mass., in 1830, and had lived in Manchester for 25 years.

Joan "Cris" (DeCarli) Maffe

Joan "Cris" (DeCarli) Maffe, 54, of 116 Choke Drive, Manchester, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, at Manchester Memorial Hospital. She was the wife of Frank A. Maffe Jr., a resident of North Stonington, Conn., and had lived in Manchester for the past 26 years. She had been employed at the Manville Chemical Co. in Hartford for 37 years.

F. Robert Dieterle

F. Robert Dieterle, 67, of 69 Timber Trail, Manchester, husband of Madeline (Forman) Dieterle, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, at his home. He was born March 21, 1923, in Englewood, N.J., and had been a resident of Manchester since 1948. Before retiring in 1985, he was manager of purchases for Northeast Utilities where he had been employed for over 37 years. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

Richard Promise Tyson

Richard Promise Tyson, 43, of 39 Oversland St., Manchester, died Thursday, Dec. 20, at Hartford Hospital. Born in Ridgeland, S.C., he had lived in Hartford and Manchester for the past 17 years.

Anti-Facist

FLORENCE, Italy (AP) — Carlo Francovich, a leader of anti-Fascist forces in Florence during World War II and a prominent historian of Italian unification, died Wednesday at age 62.

Costume-maker

ROME (AP) — Umberto Tirelli, a costume-maker for movies such as "Amadeus" and "Once Upon a Time in America," died Wednesday at age 62.

Adam J. Witkowski

Adam J. Witkowski, 72, of Manchester, husband of Stella (Glasna) Witkowski, died Dec. 25, at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was born in Buzonowick, Poland, and lived in Manchester for 40 years. He was recruited from the U.S. Post Office, Manchester, after 18 years of

Today In History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 27, the 361st day of 1990. There are four days left in the year.

Today's Birthdays:
Actress Marlene Dietrich is 89. Sen. James A. McClure, R-Idaho, is 66. Psychologist Lee Salk is 84. Actress Tovah Feldshuh is 38.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 27, 1851, naturalist Charles Darwin set out on a voyage to the Pacific aboard the HMS Beagle. (Darwin's discoveries during the voyage helped form the basis of his theories on evolution.)

In 1822, scientist Louis Pasteur was born in Dole, France.

In 1900, militant prohibitionist Cary Natun carried out her first public smashing of a bar, at the Carey Hotel in Wichita, Kan.

In 1927, "Show Boat," one of the major works of the American musical theater, opened at the Ziegfeld Theater in New York.

In 1932, Radio City Music Hall opened in New York.

In 1945, 28 nations signed an agreement creating the World Bank.

In 1947, the children's television program "Howdy Doody," hosted by Bob Smith, made its debut on NBC.

In 1949, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands signed an act granting sovereignty to Indonesia after more than three centuries of Dutch rule.

In 1968, Apollo VIII and its three astronauts made a safe, nighttime splashdown in the Pacific.

In 1970, "Hello, Dolly!" closed on Broadway after a then-record run of 2,844 performances.

In 1978, Algerian President Houari Boumediene, one of the Third World's most prominent and outspoken leaders, died after 40 years in a coma.

In 1979, Soviet forces seized control of Afghanistan. President Hafizullah Amin, who was overthrown and executed, was replaced by Babrak Karmal.

In 1983, President Reagan declared himself fully responsible for the security lapses that led to the bombing in Beirut, Lebanon, that killed 241 U.S. Marines.

In 1983, Pope John Paul II met with the man who had shot him, Mehmet Ali Agca. The pope pardoned him.

10 years ago:
Iranian Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Rajavi proposed an alternative way the United States could meet its government's demands on resolving the hostage issue. (The proposal called for the hostages to remain captive until all major issues between Washington and Tehran were settled.)

Five years ago:
Palestinian guerrillas opened fire inside the Rome and Vienna airports. Twenty people were killed, including five of the attackers, who were slain by police and security personnel. American naturalist Dian Fossey, who had studied gorillas in the area, was found hanged to death at a research station in Rwanda.

Thoughts

Did you realize that two books of the Bible start exactly the same way? Genesis and the Gospel of John both begin with "In the beginning..." These words became the theme of a song I shared with my church on Christmas Eve 1987:

In the beginning, when the world had need —
Came the Creator, born of human seed.
Light of the world and vine from which we grow;
Fighting our cups with love that overflows!

In the beginning — hear these words anew!
Every tomorrow, God speaks them to you.
Go bearing good fruit, for your light so shine!
Fulfill the good news, born at Christmas-time!

Each new beginning brings a light that will shine;
Each new beginning brings fruit to the vine.
Each new beginning fills the emptiness...
Each new beginning is God... saying "Yes!"

May today, and the rest of this week, and the new year ahead — all be filled with new beginnings for you.

Charles H. Erickson, Pastor
Bolton Congregational Church UCC

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Dave Corvay
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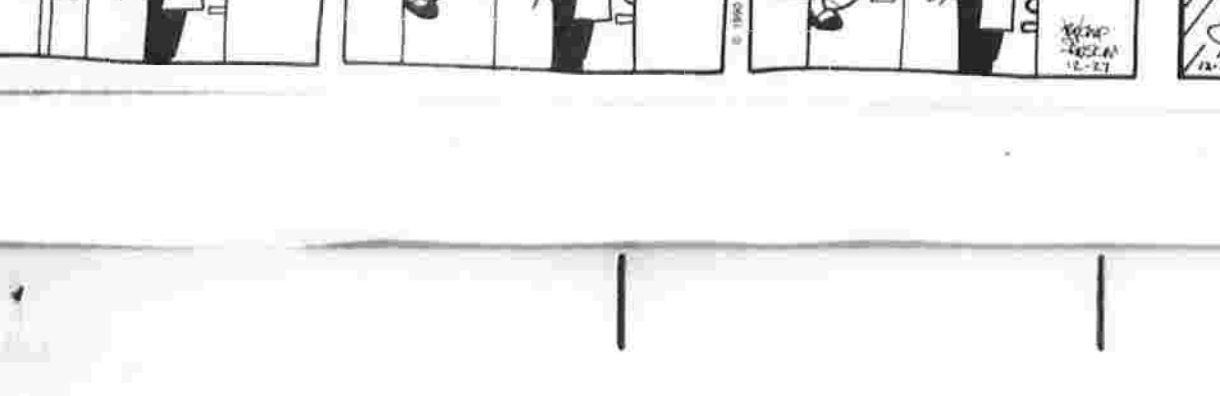


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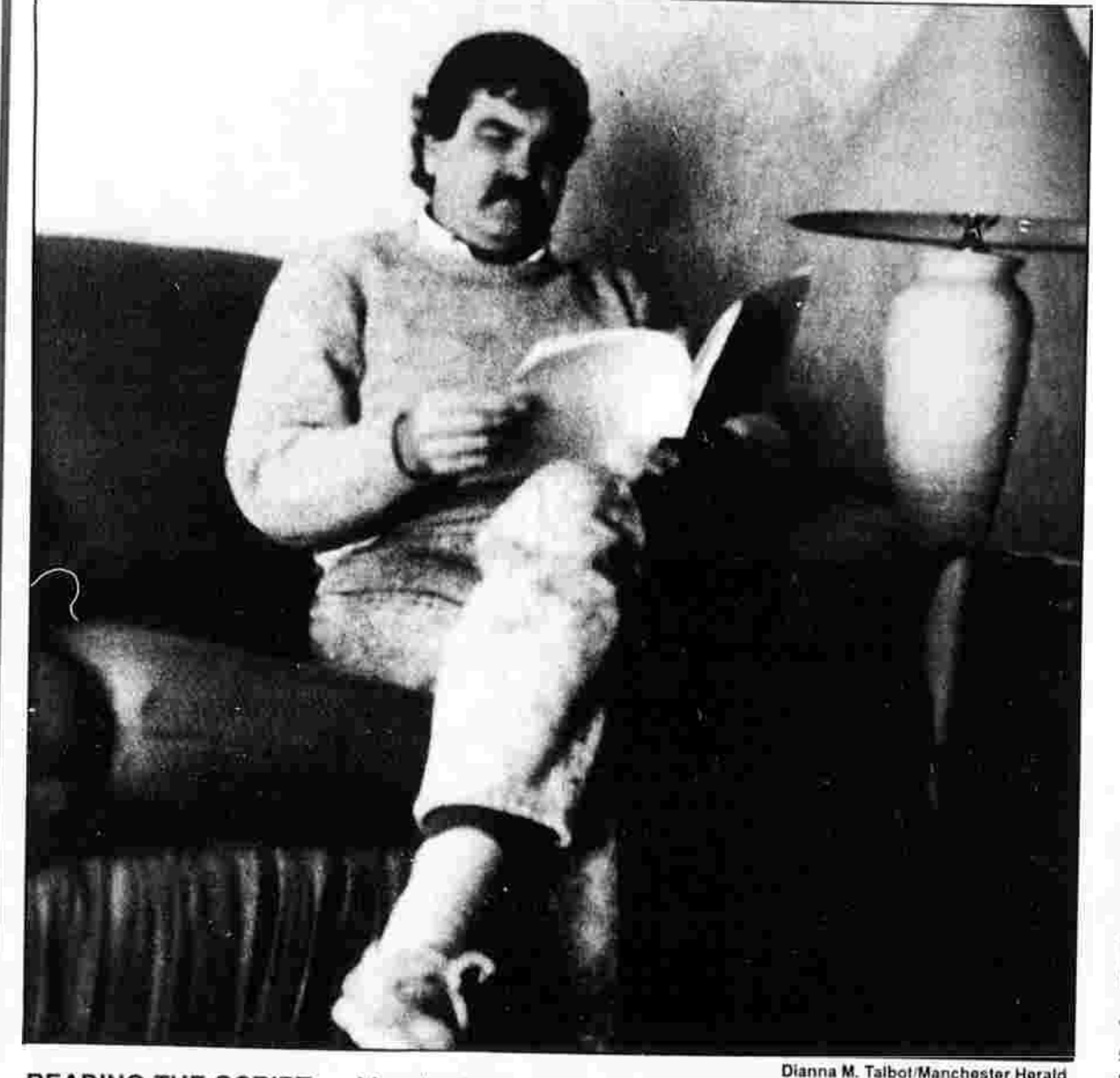
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Entertainment ■ events ■ arts

Local actor benefits on stage from police work



READING THE SCRIPT — Manchester resident Thomas Larson flips through a script of a murder-mystery play he wrote which has been performed at area dinner theaters.

By DIANNA M. TALBOT
Herald Features Editor

MANCHESTER — Town resident and police officer Thomas Larson says he often draws on his eight years of police experience to react quickly when performing impromptu acts before audiences. Larson's main hobby is being a member of Troop No. 517, a group of eight men and two women from the Greater Manchester area who organized last year. They regularly perform comedy and murder-mystery plays for area cafes and dinner theaters.

The performers need to think quickly and improvise because they rely on audience participation for their acts.

For instance, at the start of a comedy performance, an audience member might be asked to supply the group with the following: things the name of an object typically found in a glove compartment, a description of a relationship between two people; the name of a location; and a style of how the comedy might take place. The Troop then participates in an on-the-spot comic skit involving the object, the relationship and the location.

"Sometimes the skits are funny, sometimes they are horrible," said Larson, who says he is hooked on his hobby. "It's a lot of fun."

Besides performing comedy, Troop No. 517 also acts out suspense-oriented, murder-mystery plays in which the audience is involved in helping solve the mystery.

Larson said he has benefited on stage from his experiences as a police officer, which has prepared him to react quickly and with confidence.

"As a police officer, one day I'm unlocking cars and checking out things, and the next day I'm suddenly investigating a bank robbery or a brawl."

Likewise, Troop No. 517 members cannot be sure what type of audience awaits them, he said.

"Some audiences want to hear clean comedy without obscenities or sexual overtones, while other want more risqué fare, he said.

"I enjoy the challenge of not knowing what situation I will find myself in," Larson said.

One of Larson's supervisors, Sgt. Barry Caldwell, said that Larson is "quick-witted," with a good sense of humor.

"In a serious situation, he can be one of the most serious guys around here," the sergeant said. "In the lighter situations, he always has a funny comment or quip."

Martha Capra, director of the Barney House, a University of Connecticut conference center in Farmington that doubles as a dinner theater, said the group performed a murder-mystery play at the center during an October fundraiser which about 100 people attended.

"Troop 517 was outstanding," she said. "We had a wonderful dinner and evening. They pulled everyone into the mystery. Some guests were convinced that Troop members were guests themselves. It was really a riot. We had a lot of people say that was our most fun event yet."

From April to October, the "troopers" performed on alternating Friday nights at Billy Jacks Comedy Club in Glastonbury. Upcoming performances include one at First Night in Hartford on New Year's Eve and dinner theaters on Feb. 8 and 9 at The Whitman Restaurant in Farmington.

In addition to helping the group write its own murder-mysteries and comedy material, Larson has written his own whodunit, "The Curse," which the group has performed three times at Pasquale's Restaurant in East Windsor and during its performance at The Barney House.

The two-hour play is about a woman who becomes involved in illegal art dealings and is murdered during a dinner party. And it's up to some detectives and members of the audience to find out who murdered her.

Off stage, Larson readily mimics upon request, characters such as Marge Simpson from the television series "The Simpsons."

"I think my ability is a combination of natural talent and great exposure to life experiences," he said.

As for establishing a full-time career in show business, Larson said he is not ready to make that leap.

"I enjoy the writing and performing, but to give up police work to become the next Saturday Night Live is a bit far. A main reason why I enjoy performing is because it's for fun."

Poor finale ends up foiling the latest Cher movie

By LINDA TROMBLEY
Manchester Herald

"Mermaids," starring Cher, Winona Ryder, Bob Hoskins and Christina Ricci, is a family comedy/drama featuring the story of a wild and carefree mother and her two daughters who must put up with her. The movie is set in the early 1960's and is directed by Richard Benjamin. Although "Mermaids" starts off slow, it quickly picks up speed, bypassing previous run-of-the-mill coming-of-age movies.

Cher gives a very energetic and strong performance as "Mrs. Flax," who likes to pick up and move whenever life gets boring or frustrating.

Ryder gives a very convincing performance as "Mrs. Flax's" very unhappy about this move, she quickly forgets her anger. Almost as soon as they get there she meets "Joe," played with an engaging shyness by Michael Schoeffling, who becomes her love interest.

Cher also decides that she likes this town as soon as she meets "Lou," Hoskins gives an enjoyable and funny performance as "Lou," a local shoe salesman who instantly falls for Cher. He decides soon after that he wants to marry her, but Cher

refuses. After its slow beginning, this movie gets better mainly because of an infusion of energy and excitement into the plot, which is not too far fetched. However, many lines which the performers use sound like they were written with care and the talent of its actors and actresses.

One of the best scenes in the movie is a scene showing how this small town reacts to President John F. Kennedy getting shot. This tender subject was handled with care and the scene was very effective.

Unfortunately, the plot peaks at about the middle of the movie and begins to spiral back downward near the end. The movie's writers and directors appear to have taken the end of ending what could have been a better movie by using a fairy tale ending instead of a more realistic one.

Despite its negative points, "Mermaids" can be an enjoyable way to spend two hours. What it lacks in finesse it more than makes up for in spirit.

Key: * = Poor, ** = Fair, *** = Good, **** = Very Good, ***** = Excellent, ♫ = Half star



WINTER IN THE CITY — Ice skaters glide below as Rockefeller Center electricians Bill Badt, left, and George Pagan adjust Christmas lights on the upper branches of the center's 75-foot Norway Spruce tree.

Annual city celebration slated

A Celebration of the Arts will be held at First Night in Hartford on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, from 2 p.m. to midnight.

Programs will include performances from 7 to 11:30 p.m.; a Grand Procession from 11 to 11:45 p.m.; and a Grand Finale from 11:30 p.m. to midnight.

For more information, call the First Night Hotline at 522-6400 or the Hartford Downtown Council at 728-3009.

Imelda Marcos: from shoe queen to prisoner of second avenue

By DANA KENNEDY
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — There's no hiding the festive spirit inside the spectacular apartment where Imelda Marcos lives, high above the Manhattan skyline with a sweeping view of the East River.

There are not one but two artificial Christmas trees in the living room, one snow-white and festooned with pink ribbons and another traditional green tree with ornaments. In one corner, Mrs. Marcos plays the piano as members of her staff look on admiringly.

But appearances can be deceiving. All is not going well for Mrs. Marcos.

Though she was acquitted on all counts following a lengthy trial on federal racketeering and fraud charges in July, she faces a myriad of civil lawsuits.

A multimillion-dollar civil suit, based on the same racketeering charges as the criminal trial, has been lodged against her by the

Philippine government in Los Angeles federal court. That case should go to trial in about a year.

The U.S. government also intends to retry Mrs. Marcos on those same charges in a separate civil suit next year.

Worse still, she says, because she is viewed as a "security threat," Mrs. Marcos is required to notify and receive permission from the U.S. Justice Department at least 48 hours before she wants to leave Manhattan.

She has no passport and her current lawyer, James Linn of Oklahoma City, said the federal government has not indicated when it might lift the travel restrictions against her. The Filipino government does not want her back.

The former Filipino "Mother of the Nation" has become a real-life prisoner of Second Avenue, tethered to her home near the United Nations.

"I am beleaguered," said Mrs. Marcos during a recent interview in her 42nd-floor apartment on Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, one of several she rents in the building.

"Do you know what it's like to survive without freedom in a foreign country? You try to uphold your dignity, but you're living in a vacuum."

You're not in your own country, you're uprooted."

All she wants, Mrs. Marcos said, is to return to the Philippines "so I can flourish and grow and live and love again." She also wishes to bring back the remains of her husband for a proper burial.

"It's overwhelming," Mrs. Marcos said of her predicament. "It's good that I'm Oriental. I'm attuned to the spirit of Zen Buddhism, that you are nothing and everything at the same time."

Ferdinand Marcos died in Hawaii in September 1989, three years after he was swept from power in a "people's revolution" led by Corazon Aquino.

His declining health and his demise meant he was spared a trial on charges that he and his wife illegally transferred \$160 million from the Philippines and defrauded financial institutions of \$165 million.

Mrs. Marcos went to trial and was acquitted. Six months later, she continues to protest her innocence and that of her husband.

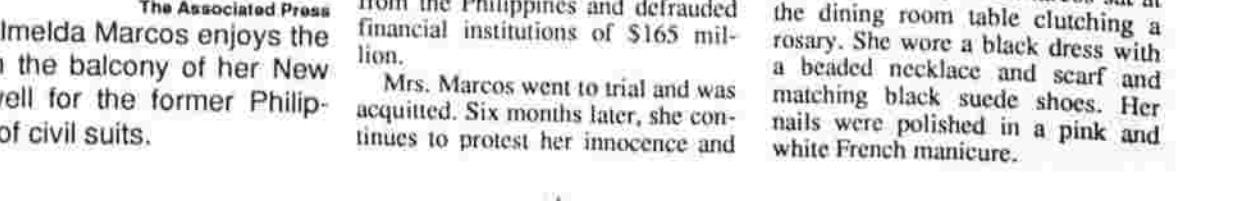
"Marcos was not bad, he was not considered a thief until he landed here," she said. "The CIA, Interpol, they all knew Marcos for 20 years. Then all of a sudden, he is a thief. It is all a mistake."

She displays shelves of documents attesting to the Marcoses' finances, and even an affectionate letter that President Reagan wrote to them shortly after they arrived in Hawaii in exile. Reagan called Marcos a "pariah."

Now, she said, she has become a pariah as a result of what she sees as an unfounded and puzzling public persecution.

"The Marcos issue has become so humongous that every leader in this country is afraid to touch me with a 10-foot pole," she said.

As she talked, Mrs. Marcos sat at the dining room table cluttering a rosary. She wore a black dress with a beaded necklace and scarf and matching black suede shoes. Her nails were polished in a pink and white French manicure.



NOT ON TOP OF THE WORLD — Imelda Marcos gazes from the balcony of her New York apartment. All is not going well for the former Philippines' first lady who faces a myriad of civil suits.

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF BOLTON
NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AND NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
JANUARY 28, 1991

A Special Town Meeting of the elected and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Bolton, Connecticut, will be held at the Bolton High School Gymnasium on Monday, January 27, 1991 at 8:00 P.M. in the Hearing Room, Lincoln Center, 454 Main Street, Manchester, Connecticut to hear and consider the following petitions:

1. To consider and act upon the following petitions:
a. To appropriate \$10,750,000 for design and construction of Bolton High School, including an addition of approximately 9,778 square feet and renovations of approximately 3,803 square feet...

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF ANDOVER
FREE 2-1/2 year old male, Golden Retriever, 1989 Grand Ltd and the supplemental Motor Vehicle taxes are due and payable on Jan. 1, 1991. Payments made after February 1, 1991 are subject to a late charge of 1 1/2% per month on the late installment from the due date, or a minimum of \$2.00. Payment by mail is encouraged or payments may be made at the Town Office Building, 17 School Road, Andover, Connecticut 06021-2002.

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SPORTS

DiYeso to coach Legion team

By JIM TIERNEY
Manchester Herald
MANCHESTER — A changing of the guard has taken place in the Manchester American Senior Legion Post 102 summer baseball program.

Dave Morency, the Post 102 coach for the last four summers who guided Manchester to back-to-back Zone Eight titles in 1988 and 1989, was voted out by the Legion committee.

Bill DiYeso, Morency's assistant the past four years who previously coached in the Manchester Junior Legion and Manchester Little League programs, was named to replace Morency.

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Morency was notified of his release at the end of November, after he had already taken an assistant baseball coaching position at the University of Hartford.

"I wanted to become a better teacher of the game," Morency said of his decision to take the Hartford position. "I couldn't have come at a better time."

Morency, who was a college pitcher at Central Connecticut State University and in the Greater Hartford Twilight League, definitely sees coaching Legion baseball in his future somewhere on the horizon.

"I'll double in this for awhile," he said. Morency is one of six baseball coaches at UHart. "I have a feeling I will get back into coaching at that (legion) level. It'll come along at the right time. It may be for five or 10 years. I'm actually believe someday I'm going to coach a state championship team."

As for his thoughts of the Manchester Legion baseball program, "I can't root against the kids," he said. "I hope they win the Zone. I hope the kids have a great summer. They deserve it."

DiYeso, who could not be reached for comment, has yet to name any assistant coaches for next summer.

Talented Weaver five falls hard on Manchester

By JIM TIERNEY
Manchester Herald
WEST HARTFORD — In the final on opening night in the Doc Hurley Classic, the curtain — in the form of a deep and talented Weaver — fell through a Manchester High boys' basketball team — call it directly on Manchester High.

Constantly recharged by a bench which supplied 48 points worth of support, the Beavers dominated the Indians in the final of 82-52 Wednesday night at the University of Hartford Sports Center.

Manchester (2-2) concludes its visit in the Doc Hurley Classic when it hosts Torrington this afternoon at 2 at Clarke Arena. Unbeaten Weaver (3-0) meets Windsor at 9 p.m. in the finale of a tripartite at the Hartford Civic Center.

Weaver's 6-3 sophomore Robert Graham came off the bench and tallied a game-high 18 points, including 12 in a decisive second quarter.

Twelve Beavers hit the scoring column, seven in the third quarter. Meanwhile, the Beaver pressure combined with inventive substitutions, kept Manchester unsettled for the evening.

"Give credit to Weaver," Indian coach Frank Kinell said. "They played a good game. They took us out of our game plan. They killed us off the boards."

The smaller Indians were unable to stop the flow of second, third and fourth shots inside by Weaver.

"I was concerned because there were different mismatches which would be difficult to deal with," Kinell commented. "That's why we tried to play Jeff Ross, was limited to seven."

Senior Darren Goddard was the only double-figure scorer for Manchester with 11.

"They're deep," Kinell said. "They always are. We have a game in about 16 hours. We can't dwell on it. We've got to forget about this and get ready for Torrington. It will be a different type of game tomorrow."

WEAVER (82) — Mark Lury 5 0-2; Dave McGrover 2 2-6; Chris Brown 1 0-2; Tommy Wilson 5 0-0; Dan Moran 2 0-0; Robert Graham 3 0-0; Dan Moran 2 0-0; Robert Ward 0 0-0; Dave Bryner 1 0-0; Quincy Ditts, WC 0-0; Tom Gora 1 0-0; Total 24 11-13-82.

MANCHESTER (52) — Darren Goddard 2 4-11; Jeff Ross 1 0-1; R. Dwayne Gledhill 2 4-4; Jeff Ross 1 0-1; Dan Moran 1 0-2; Randy Shaban 1 0-2; Shevon Edwards 1 0-2; Mike Walker 1 0-1; Rodney Coleman 2 0-0; 4. Terrace Williams 0 1-2; Tyler Miller 0 0-0; Robert Turner 1 0-1; V. Williams 0 0-0; 0-0; Total 18 14-24-82.

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MHS sextet still not at SW's level

By LEN AUSTER
Manchester Herald
BOLTON — The CCC East Division rivals, Manchester High and South Windsor, High, are in the same league. But that's about where the similarity ends between the two hockey programs.

South Windsor is a full-fledged Division I squad, one that can compete with the best in the state. Manchester is a Division II program, a semifinalist in 1989-90 at its own level, that has plenty of steps to climb.

Still, Manchester did exhibit some positive signs as it was clashed against the Bobcats, 8-2, Wednesday afternoon at the Bolton Sports Center.

"I thought we played a good third period," Indian coach Eric Farnio said, "and that was our objective. We wanted to get some goals and play with some better intensity. And we did that," he added, hoping the momentum will carry over to the Indians' next game which is Friday at 10 a.m. against Tri-Town at the Bolton Sports Center.

The loss leaves the Indians 0-3 in the CCC East, 2-3 overall. The victory pushes South Windsor to 4-1 overall, its only loss to No. 4 Fairfield Prep, 4-0 in the CCC East.

"They're bigger than us and bang," Gunn said. "We have to counter that with puck movement. When we did that, which was about the first half of the second period, we basically took the game over."

Jamie Graham, Mike Weis and Marc Perry made it 5-0 after 30 minutes.

"South Windsor can skate so well. They're a fast skating team and that gives us problems," Farnio said. "We're not as fast as they are so we have to make up for it with desire and a lot of hard work."

"I like playing Manchester. They make us play an honest game," Gunn said. "If they play the others Please see MHS, page 18

Brown providing an offensive spark for the Whalers

By JIM TIERNEY
Manchester Herald
QUEBEC (AP) — Ron Francis has been forced to play with one eye since the two became Hartford Whalers teammates last week.

"When I played against him, I always thought he was strictly a goal-scorer, a guy who would be around the net, tapping the puck in," Francis said after Quebec on Wednesday night. "But now, I'm impressed with his ability to hang on to the puck

and make plays. He has a good eye for the game and having him work with Pat Verbeck and myself has been a real plus."

It was an enormous plus against the Nordiques, since the Francis-Verbeck line combined for nine points, with each player getting a goal and two assists.

Francis ignited the trio, scoring a power-play goal 2:17 into the game. Less than seven minutes later it was Verbeck, with his 19th goal. Brown

earned a reputation as an unsettling influence, attempted to play down the early impact he has had on his new team.

"I'm just trying to go to the net and finish off the plays," Brown said. "I let Paty and Ron do the hard work."

The defeat was the third straight by at least three goals. Quebec, whose most recent setback had been a 10-3 drubbing in Buffalo last Sunday night. They had seven power-

play chances against the Whalers but failed to score, prompting assistant coach Jacques Marin to note "special teams were the difference tonight."

Guy Lafleur, the veteran Quebec forward, noticed something else.

"We've been falling behind a lot in the first period lately," Lafleur said. "It's been a big problem, trying to play catch-up hockey. We're trying to play a tight-checking style in the first period, but it doesn't

seem like we're getting it done."

The Whalers, who had an encouraging start to a three-game road trip which includes stops in Calgary and Edmonton, was limited to one goal in the net, and he's a good playmaker, too."

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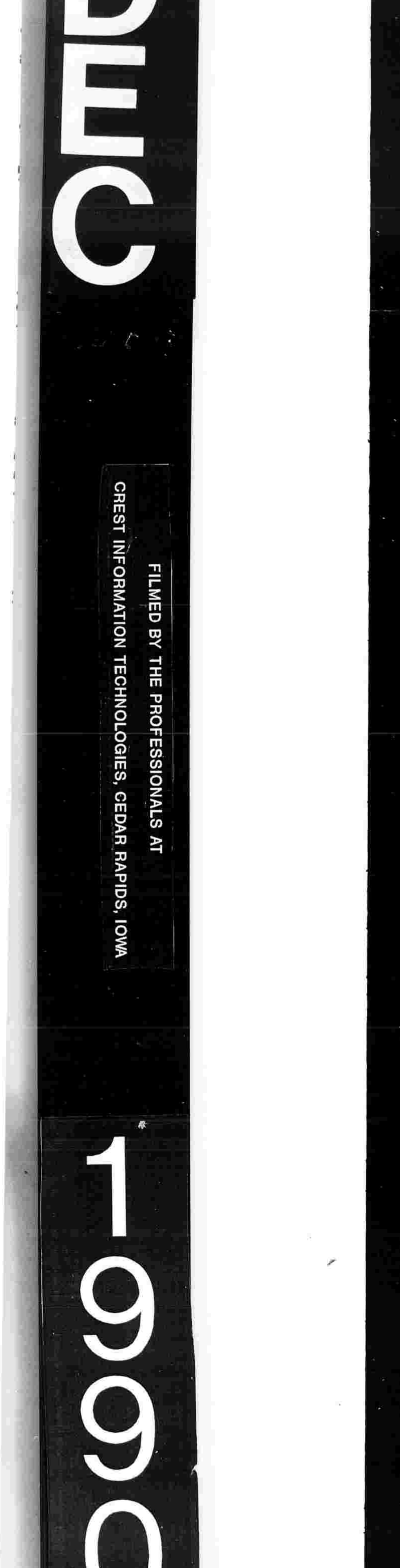
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Ford can't find fault after overwhelming win

Celtics romp to eighth straight victory

By HOWARD ULMAN
The Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Celtics just don't run, they race. They don't just win, they romp. And, when they're shooting, most of the time they just don't miss.

The combination of speed, accuracy and a dedication to defense carried them to their eighth straight win Wednesday night and their highest point total in 20 years.

"I can't find fault with anyone on the team," Boston coach Chris Ford said after the 152-132 rout of the Indiana Pacers. "Our guys are feeling good about themselves."

Led by Brian Shaw's 26 points, eight Celtics scored in double figures in their 19th straight win. In 21 games, they are 14-1 at home and 23-4 overall. Seventeen of those wins have been by 10 or more points.

The score was 40-40 after one quarter, but the Celtics led Indiana, 28-43, at halftime and 115-99 after three quarters.

"It was a real offensive display," Boston's Kevin McHale said. "We played defense in the second period to get the lead and the third to stretch it."

Indiana, 1-14 on the road, hit 49.5 percent of its shots, becoming the 12th straight Boston opponent to miss at least half its shots.

Celtics lead the league in field goal defense, holding opponents to 44.2 percent.

"They didn't miss many shots," said Reggie Miller, who led Indiana with 21 points. "When they did, they seemed to be there for the rebound."

"They just plain out ran us," said Indiana's Mike Sanders, who added 18 points.

Larry Bird had 22 points and 12 assists for Boston, and McHale and Shaw, the playmaker, had 10 assists and seven rebounds.

"Some teams try to stop us by cutting off the point guard," Reggie Miller said. "But we have other weapons."

Boston got boosts from a variety of players. Gamble and Bird led the team with 10 points each in the first quarter. McHale was tops in the second with 12; Shaw and Bird each

had 11 in the third; and Ed Pinckney was high-man in the fourth with 10. Boston's strong defense sparked the routing game.

"We've made the commitment to run," McHale said. "It's hard to stop us with three players — Brian, Reggie and Kevin (Gamble) — pushing the ball up."

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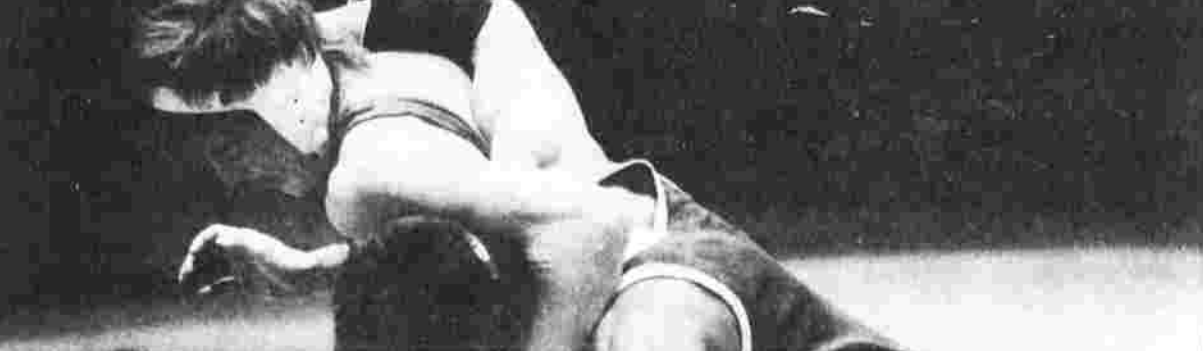
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No pleasing Blues, Blackhawks

By JOHN KRIEGER
The Associated Press

Like a lot of Christmas gift-getters, the St. Louis Blues and Chicago Blackhawks weren't happy about getting a tie.

The Blues were displeased with their 6-6 deadlock at Chicago Stadium Wednesday night because they blew a 3-0 and 4-1 leads. The Blackhawks were unhappy because they blew a 6-5 lead after spending 2 1/2 periods playing catch-up.

"You can't play 30 minutes and expect to win a hockey game," Chicago coach Mike Keenan said. "We have 53 points, and it's consistency that made us a first-place club, not by playing half a game."

"I'm disappointed after leading 3-0 and 5-3, but it's a long season," St. Louis coach Brian Sutter said.

Blues tie the Chicago lead with 4-3 left in regulation gave the Blues the tie. Chicago took a 6-5 lead with 8:20 remaining on goals 13 seconds apart by Adam Creighton and Wayne Presley. Steve Lammier's goal had cut the deficit to 5-4.

Brown tied it when he picked up a loose puck and beat Ed Belfour with a 30-foot slap shot. The Blackhawks had a power play in the overtime, but Doug Wilson's shot an extension could have filed for free agency following the 1991 season.

McReynolds hit .269 last season with 24 home runs and 82 RBIs.

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ROUGH STUFF

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