

# Unsung Leahy gets some richly deserved acclaim

By BARRY WILNER  
The Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Every company has one. Every organization is built on them — the people who do their job without fanfare for a lifetime.

That Leahy is just such a person. On Wednesday, however, he got the acclaim he richly deserves by being voted the 1990 MVP of the New York Jets.

With the award came a trophy and a standing ovation. None of the previous winners were given such a greeting.

Holding the trophy he received, Leahy said, "It's an honor to see my name with Al Toon, Joe Namath, Matt Snell and John Riggins on it. It's more special (than the Pro Bowl) because it comes from the people who know me."

Jets fans have gotten to know Leahy for 17 seasons. He has been one of the few consistent forces for a franchise that specializes in roller-coaster rides.

"I never thought about how long I might play when I first got here," said Leahy, a free agent when he signed with the Jets in 1974 after playing football in college — for Leahy for 17 seasons. He has been one of the few consistent forces for a franchise that specializes in roller-coaster rides.

camp, so there wouldn't be a tough decision for the coaches," he said. Leahy has made those decisions easy by making 71 percent of his field goals, with a superb percentage of 83 inside the 40. This year, the 39-year-old Leahy has looked like anything but the oldest player in the league by making all 31 extra points and 20 of 23 field goals.

Last Sunday, he moved into seventh place on the all-time scoring list, ahead of Hall of Famer Lou Groza with 1,352 points. If he can score 13 points in the season's finale at Tampa Bay on Sunday, Leahy would tie Fred Cox for sixth place.

"That has been the steady pro everyone has expected him to be," coach Bruce Coslet said. "He works hard, he's a leader and he produces." The Jets had no player in the Pro Bowl, which Leahy never has made. Asked last week if anyone deserved to be in the all-star game, Coslet quickly replied, "Except for Pat, no."

But Leahy was not selected, losing out to Nick Lowery of Kansas City.

"Nick's having a great year, a lot of kickers are, and he deserved it," Leahy said. "I'm at a point where I don't think about it. If it happens, he'd love to go. But it doesn't motivate me or make a difference in my season."

"This is special because it comes from my teammates, the players who are out there every day," Leahy said of being named Jets MVP. "That means the most to me."

## SCOREBOARD

### Basketball

**NBA standings**

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

| Team         | W  | L  |
|--------------|----|----|
| Atlanta      | 23 | 4  |
| Charlotte    | 19 | 8  |
| Chicago      | 18 | 9  |
| Cleveland    | 17 | 10 |
| Dallas       | 16 | 11 |
| Denver       | 16 | 11 |
| Indiana      | 15 | 12 |
| Los Angeles  | 15 | 12 |
| Memphis      | 14 | 13 |
| Minnesota    | 14 | 13 |
| Philadelphia | 13 | 14 |
| Pittsburgh   | 13 | 14 |
| Portland     | 12 | 15 |
| Sacramento   | 12 | 15 |
| San Antonio  | 11 | 16 |
| Seattle      | 11 | 16 |
| Utah         | 11 | 16 |
| Washington   | 10 | 17 |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

| Team          | W  | L  |
|---------------|----|----|
| Golden State  | 20 | 5  |
| Houston       | 19 | 6  |
| Lakers        | 18 | 7  |
| Milwaukee     | 17 | 8  |
| Phoenix       | 17 | 8  |
| San Diego     | 16 | 9  |
| Suns          | 16 | 9  |
| Trail Blazers | 15 | 10 |
| Utah          | 15 | 10 |
| Warriors      | 14 | 11 |
| Wizards       | 14 | 11 |

### Baseball

**MLB standings**

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

| Team            | W  | L  |
|-----------------|----|----|
| Atlanta         | 23 | 4  |
| Boston          | 22 | 5  |
| Los Angeles     | 21 | 6  |
| Philadelphia    | 20 | 7  |
| San Diego       | 19 | 8  |
| St. Louis       | 18 | 9  |
| Washington      | 17 | 10 |
| Chicago         | 16 | 11 |
| Cleveland       | 15 | 12 |
| Detroit         | 14 | 13 |
| Florida         | 13 | 14 |
| Montreal        | 12 | 15 |
| New York        | 11 | 16 |
| Pittsburgh      | 10 | 17 |
| San Francisco   | 9  | 18 |
| Seattle         | 8  | 19 |
| Texas           | 7  | 20 |
| Toronto         | 6  | 21 |
| Wash. Nationals | 5  | 22 |

**American League**

| Team        | W  | L  |
|-------------|----|----|
| Baltimore   | 22 | 5  |
| California  | 21 | 6  |
| Chicago     | 20 | 7  |
| Houston     | 19 | 8  |
| Los Angeles | 18 | 9  |
| Minnesota   | 17 | 10 |
| Seattle     | 16 | 11 |
| Texas       | 15 | 12 |
| Toronto     | 14 | 13 |
| Yankees     | 13 | 14 |
| White Sox   | 12 | 15 |
| Indians     | 11 | 16 |
| Milwaukee   | 10 | 17 |
| Pittsburgh  | 9  | 18 |
| San Diego   | 8  | 19 |
| St. Louis   | 7  | 20 |
| Washington  | 6  | 21 |
| Wrestlers   | 5  | 22 |

### Ice Hockey

**NHL standings**

**Wales Conference**

| Team         | W  | L  |
|--------------|----|----|
| Edmonton     | 23 | 4  |
| Calgary      | 22 | 5  |
| Colorado     | 21 | 6  |
| Phoenix      | 20 | 7  |
| San Jose     | 19 | 8  |
| St. Louis    | 18 | 9  |
| Utah         | 17 | 10 |
| Washington   | 16 | 11 |
| Winnipeg     | 15 | 12 |
| Los Angeles  | 14 | 13 |
| Minnesota    | 13 | 14 |
| Montreal     | 12 | 15 |
| Nashville    | 11 | 16 |
| Ottawa       | 10 | 17 |
| Philadelphia | 9  | 18 |
| Pittsburgh   | 8  | 19 |
| San Jose     | 7  | 20 |
| St. Louis    | 6  | 21 |
| Washington   | 5  | 22 |

**Patrick Division**

| Team         | W  | L  |
|--------------|----|----|
| Buffalo      | 22 | 5  |
| Carolina     | 21 | 6  |
| Florida      | 20 | 7  |
| Los Angeles  | 19 | 8  |
| Montreal     | 18 | 9  |
| Nashville    | 17 | 10 |
| Ottawa       | 16 | 11 |
| Philadelphia | 15 | 12 |
| Pittsburgh   | 14 | 13 |
| San Jose     | 13 | 14 |
| St. Louis    | 12 | 15 |
| Washington   | 11 | 16 |
| Winnipeg     | 10 | 17 |
| Los Angeles  | 9  | 18 |
| Minnesota    | 8  | 19 |
| Montreal     | 7  | 20 |
| Nashville    | 6  | 21 |
| Ottawa       | 5  | 22 |

### Football

**NFL standings**

**American Conference**

| Team         | W  | L  |
|--------------|----|----|
| Baltimore    | 23 | 4  |
| Buffalo      | 22 | 5  |
| Cincinnati   | 21 | 6  |
| Cleveland    | 20 | 7  |
| Dallas       | 19 | 8  |
| Denver       | 18 | 9  |
| Indianapolis | 17 | 10 |
| Kansas City  | 16 | 11 |
| Los Angeles  | 15 | 12 |
| Minnesota    | 14 | 13 |
| New England  | 13 | 14 |
| New York     | 12 | 15 |
| Pittsburgh   | 11 | 16 |
| San Diego    | 10 | 17 |
| Tennessee    | 9  | 18 |
| Washington   | 8  | 19 |
| Winnipeg     | 7  | 20 |

**National Conference**

| Team         | W  | L  |
|--------------|----|----|
| Atlanta      | 22 | 5  |
| Baltimore    | 21 | 6  |
| Carolina     | 20 | 7  |
| Dallas       | 19 | 8  |
| Denver       | 18 | 9  |
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## Heavy snow surprises region today

By BRIAN M. TROTTA  
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Area towns dipped into their snow removal budgets for the first time today as a surprise winter storm blanketed the area.

Just yesterday, forecasters expected the storm to produce only 2 to 4 inches of snow before switching over to freezing drizzle and sleet. But this morning, Mark Sekelsky, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Windsor Locks, said 5 to 9 inches of snow was expected in the Manchester area.

State and local road crews were out in force this morning as the snow piled up at two inches per hour. State Department of Transportation officials said the first trucks were called out around 10 p.m. Thursday and by 11 p.m. all 860 trucks were on the road.

By 8 a.m. today, the heaviest accumulations were in the southwest corner of the state. New Canaan reported 7.25 inches, Danbury 6.75 inches and in Litchfield 6.5 inches of snow were reported.

In Manchester, 30 trucks were out plowing and spot-standing roads by 2 a.m. Still, roads were mostly snow-covered throughout the morning hour. State Department of Transportation officials said a few minor accidents on area roadways.

The storm also delayed the opening of Manchester Community College this morning. The school delayed the start of its intersection classes from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Thursday and by 11 p.m. all 860 trucks were on the road.

## Jackie O., meteorites make fools of psychics

By RITA BEAMISH  
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — As predicted, the nation's most famous psychics failed accurately forecast 1990 news events and in most cases were just plain wrong, the San Francisco Bay Area Skeptics said Thursday.

Predictions that fizzled included a Jackie Onassis marriage to rock star Jon Bon Jovi and an tidal wave flooding New York City.

Did you hear the one about the meteorite landing in the White House Garden? Or the Japanese finding a cure for the common cold? "These predictions can be harmful, even dangerous," said Robert Steiner, the skeptics' spokesman. "It becomes dangerous when you let other people control your lives with this."

Each year the skeptics "dig up the predictions made the year before to embarrass those who made them," Steiner said.

Steiner said no psychic predicted the

## Questions raised on readiness of U.S. troops

By RITA BEAMISH  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Could U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf go for 10 to 15 minutes from now? Or on Jan. 15? Or shortly after Jan. 15? Or not until Feb. 15?

All are prospective strike dates posed by U.S. officials in recent days, as conflicting signals emerge from the administration on whether and when the nation is ready and able to go to war.

President Bush himself now says there's been enough talk about the readiness of U.S. forces.

"I've said all I want to say about readiness," he told reporters Thursday during a one-day trip back to Washington from his vacation retreat at Camp David, Md.

"If I think it would be very useful if the president and others there try to change his mind on that point when he briefed him Monday on their trip to the Gulf region."

On the other hand, the president called "too provocative" a question as to whether he would have any hesitation in going to war on Jan. 15. And he never directly denied new reports quoting U.S. officials saying the troops will not be sufficiently ready for offensive action until weeks after the Jan. 15 deadline set by the United Nations.

Bush's comments came in the wake of a jumble of conflicting

## Collective bargaining change sought

By RITA BEAMISH  
The Associated Press

HARTFORD (AP) — A rash of expensive contract awards for state employees in the midst of a state budget crisis has spurred an effort to change the collective bargaining laws that discourage big salary increases.

The gist of the legislative package now in the works would be to reduce the number of contracts going to binding arbitration, and to force arbitrators to consider the state's fiscal problems in making awards.

One controversial proposal, which does not have the support of the co-chairman of the committee raising the bill, would allow the Legislature to reject an arbitration award by a simple majority vote, instead of the two-thirds vote now required under a law passed in 1986.

Leaders of state employee unions said Thursday they were unaware of the proposals, but did not like the descriptions they had heard.

"This would weaken the whole law," said Dominic J. Bualotini, executive director of Council 4, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, which represents 15,000 state workers.

"It would weaken the role of state employees. They (the state) strengthen their position and make the collective bargaining process useless," he said.

But Sen. Joseph H. Harper Jr., D-New Britain, co-chairman of the Appropriations Committee, said the current process has produced a salary spiral that the legislature is all but helpless to stop.

Even if fiscal times were good, he said, there would be a need for changes in the system.

"There is a problem with the process," Harper said, "and that issue really transcends good or bad economic conditions."

Harper acknowledged that there has been no research done that shows arbitration awards provide bigger salary increases than other contract settlements.

But it has gotten to the point, he said, at which almost every contract is an arbitration award and legislators feel helpless to stop them, despite objections to the pay increases.

Most of the recent awards have included pay raises of about 6 to 8 percent.

"In these difficult economic times, those wages per-

## Connecticut's Mandatory Recycling Program

On January 1, Connecticut will officially begin a mandatory recycling program that requires residents and commercial generators to separate nine items from the waste stream for recycling.

The law, aimed at reducing the state's waste stream by 25%, requires cities and towns to recycle:

- corrugated cardboard
- newspaper
- office paper
- glass containers
- metal food containers
- leaves
- scrap metal
- storage batteries
- waste oil

The state has authorized \$26.8 million in grants for the start-up costs of regional recycling centers, where bottles, cans and newspapers will be taken for separation and preparation for sale.

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## What's News

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### Sage-Allen closes stores

HARTFORD (AP) — Sage-Allen & Co. will close its Vermont and Windsor stores within 60 days, the retailer announced.

Susan Scherer, vice president for sales promotion, said the company would try to find jobs at its other stores for the 109 full-and part-time employees. Workers who are not transferred will be offered severance pay, she said.

Scherer said she could not discuss why Sage-Allen decided to close the two stores but many since Sage-Allen opened a larger store at the Pavilions at Backland Hills mall in nearby Manchester in March.

### Ex-lawyer gets seven years

STAMFORD (AP) — Former Stamford attorney Peter Weisman was sentenced to seven years in prison.

Weisman was sentenced to 15 years, suspended after seven years. The rest of the time would be spent on probation.

Weisman's family and defense attorneys maintained the thefts, which totaled \$1,080,650, were the acts of a desperate single parent whose law practice was failing.

### Denture products recalled

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Three dental adhesives were recalled Thursday because traces of cancer-causing benzene were detected, authorities said.

The adhesives are Oramax Special, Braces and Cushion Grip. Richard Kessel, chairman of the state Consumer Protection Board, said the agency found benzene in the adhesives after receiving a tip from "someone in the industry."

The adhesives pose no immediate health threat and the Food and Drug Administration is not recalling dental adhesives as a precaution, Kessel said.

### Rabbi's remarks anger Israelis

JERUSALEM (AP) — An influential ultra-Orthodox rabbi said Thursday that religious and secular Israelis by saying the Holocaust was God's punishment for sins such as violating the Sabbath and eating pork.

"Not for a long time has any single remark caused such an emotional reaction," said Razi Barkai, boss of a radio talk show that was flooded with hundreds of calls Thursday over the remarks of Rabbi Eliezer Schwach.

### Two dead in murder-suicide

SUFFERD (AP) — An unemployed truck driver and his estranged wife were found dead inside a car early Thursday in a murder-suicide.

The police called an apparent murder-suicide.

The wife, who said she suspect Alan Lanchow, 39, shot his estranged wife, Holly Lanchow, and then shot himself. Both of them died of a single gunshot wound to the head, police said.

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# NATION WORLD

## Bush favors quick war; more ships sent to Gulf

By BRIAN MURPHY  
The Associated Press

A warship convoy including two U.S. aircraft carriers is under way today to set sail for the Persian Gulf less than three weeks before a U.N. deadline for Iraq to leave Kuwait or face possible war.

Also today, the Pentagon was reported to be planning inoculations for troops against germ warfare, and senior U.S. officials were quoted as saying President Bush favors a quick, short war that could save American lives.

About 16,000 sailors and Marines were scheduled to leave East Coast ports for the gulf today aboard 17 ships, including the aircraft carriers America and Theodore Roosevelt from the Norfolk Naval Base in Virginia.

Navy officials said it should be a two-week voyage, putting the ships' arrival in time for the U.N. deadline. Three U.S. carriers — the Kennedy, Saratoga and Ranger — are already in the gulf.

More than 400,000 U.S. troops are expected to be deployed in the gulf by mid-February. Iraq, which invaded Kuwait Aug. 2, reportedly has more than 500,000 troops in Iraq and southern Kuwait.

The New York Times reported today that inoculations of soldiers against biological weapons could begin "within a matter of weeks."

Army Lt. Col. Steve Roy, a spokesman for the

Department of Defense, declined comment Thursday night about the report.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has repeatedly denied having biological weapons, based on viruses and bacteria that can spread diseases such as typhoid and cholera. Iraq has used chemical weapons against its Kurdish population and against Iran.

Lt. Gen. Calvin Waller said last week that he did not believe the United States was prepared for a full attack on Jan. 15, and several recent media reports said Bush was told that Waller's assessment has wide support among officers in the gulf.

But Bush said Thursday: "Don't believe those reports you're reading" and noted he was "very comfortable" with the firepower on hand.

Bush on Thursday dismissed reports the United States is still weeks away from being ready to mount a full military strike against Iraq.

He also said there has been "no progress" on setting a de-escalation over dates for a proposed meeting between Saddam and Secretary of State James A. Baker III. Should negotiations fall before the Jan. 15 U.N. deadline, Bush favors a quick attack, according to senior government officials quoted in today's Los Angeles Times.

The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bush believes a prompt strike will reduce American casualties.

"He's thought about that, and he's comfortable with the decision," one official said. "He said he's prepared to take whatever the consequences may be, including if it's an unpopular war and makes him a one-term president."

Bush said he still hopes for a peaceful solution, but noted there have been no plans made for a meeting between Baker and Saddam. The Iraqis have insisted meeting on Jan. 12, but Bush said there will be "no compromise" on the U.S. position of talks beginning no later than Jan. 3.

A military-enforced U.N. embargo against Iraq has caused shortages in the country but has so far failed to persuade Saddam to back down.

Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu today urged U.S. officials to hold direct talks with Iraq to avert a war, Kyodo News Service reported.

Kaifu made a similar request in a letter to Saddam on Wednesday, in which he also called for the immediate withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Kuwait.

Twenty Iraqi diplomats who met with Saddam on Wednesday were heading back to their overseas posts today. The officials, which include envoys to the United States, United Nations and Soviet Union, are "ready for a serious and constructive dialogue based on mutual respect," according to the official Iraqi News Agency, mounted in Nicosia, Cyprus.

But Iraq denied reports that Saddam was seeking a

new peace initiative before the Jan. 15 deadline.

Saddam met Thursday with Soviet Deputy Premier Igor Iosadov, but details of the talks was not released.

A Soviet diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said all but about 200 Soviet workers have agreed to leave the country before Jan. 15.

The official Soviet news agency Tass reported that 250 Soviets returned from Iraq today. It said all Soviets who wish to leave Iraq will be gone by Jan. 10.

In Moscow, the 2,250-member Congress of People's Deputies on Thursday approved a resolution supporting the U.N. resolution on use of force, Tass reported.

In other developments:

—The U.S. Army is calling up a reserve unit that recovers soldiers' bodies and arranges for their burial. The 630th Quartermaster Company, with nearly 40 soldiers, is to begin reporting Jan. 3 in New Orleans, said an Army statement on Thursday.

—A letter to Bush signed by 101 members of Congress urges holding off on a military strike to give international economic sanctions more time to take hold. The letter, drafted Thursday, contends the U.N. resolution "does not commit, or authorize the use of the United States armed forces," and only Congress can approve military action.

## Gangster films muscle in for Golden Globe awards

By JOHN HORN  
The Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — The mob movies "The Godfather, Part III" and "GoodFellas" have begun to move in on Academy Award turf, capturing 12 Golden Globe nominations between them.

Oscar nominations won't be disclosed until Feb. 13, but Thursday's Golden Globe selections established the two Mafia dramas and Kevin Costner's "Dances With Wolves" as strong early favorites.

"The Godfather, Part III" was nominated seven times and "GoodFellas" collected five nominations from the membership of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association.

In awards already presented, "GoodFellas" has been named best film in year-end voting by film critics as-

sociations in New York and Los Angeles.

The National Board of Review selected "Dances With Wolves," directed by and starring Costner, the best movie of the year. The western collected the second most nominations — six — in Golden Globe voting, including best dramatic motion picture.

Other films receiving multiple nominations, four apiece, were "Dick Tracy," "Ghost," "Pretty Woman" and "Reversal of Fortune."

The Golden Globes do not carry the prestige of the Oscars, but in past years have presaged Academy Award nominations fairly accurately. Trophies will be presented Jan. 19 — the same day Oscar ballots are mailed.

The Golden Globes will be broadcast from Beverly Hills by cable television network TRS.

The "Godfather" sequel was selected for best

dramatic motion picture and received nominations for best actor (Al Pacino), supporting actor (Andy Garcia), director (Francis Ford Coppola) and best screenplay (Coppola and Mario Puzo).

The movie also received nods for original score and original song, "Promises Me You'll Remember."

Costner was nominated for best actor and best director in his first directing effort. "Wolves" co-star Mary McCormack drew a supporting actress nomination.

"GoodFellas" five nominations included best dramatic motion picture and best director for Martin Scorsese, also honored for co-writing the movie.

Unlike the Academy Awards, the Golden Globes divide films in two categories — drama and musical or comedy.

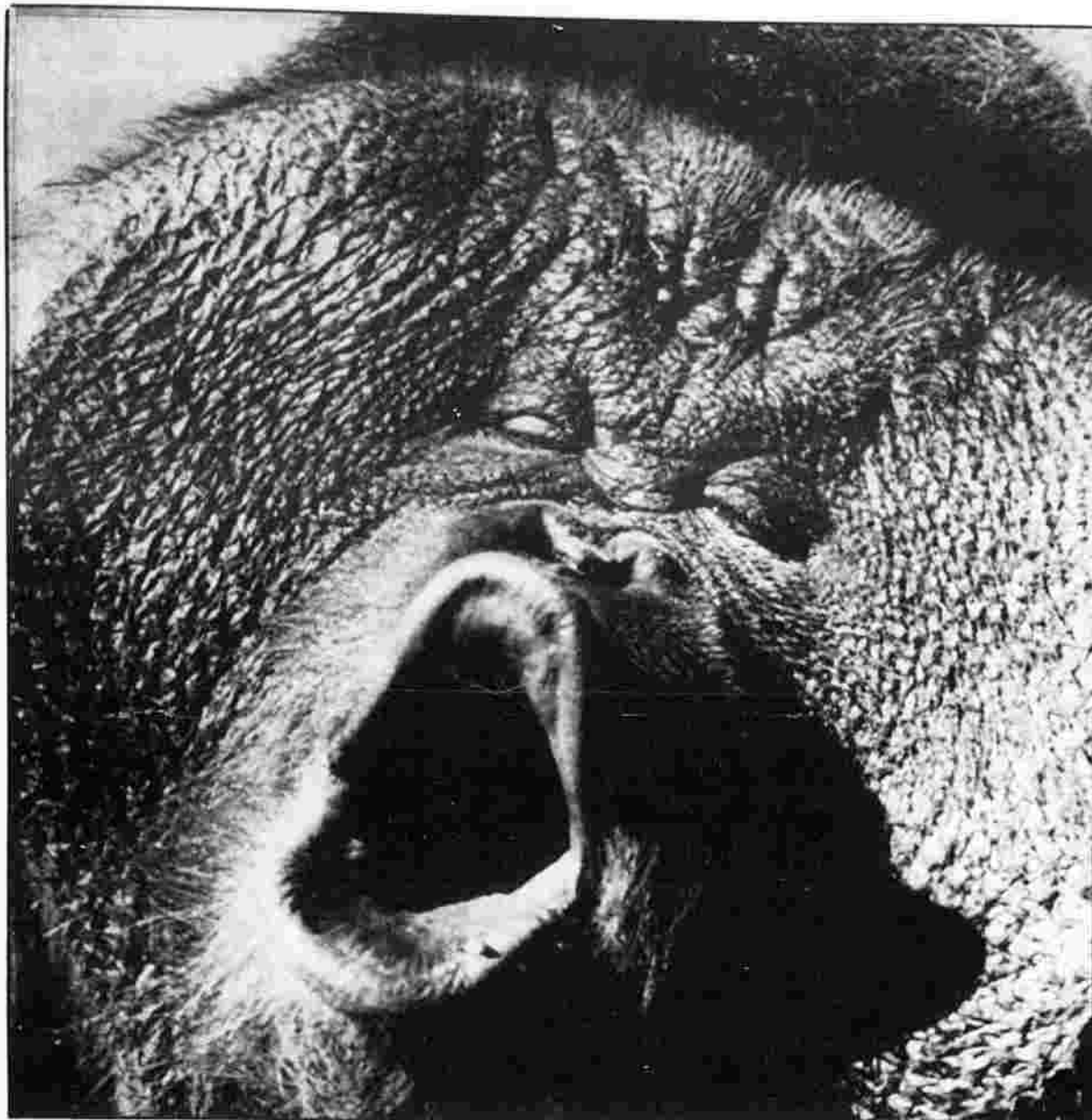
In one wacky selection, "Ghost," the enormously popular film, was judged in the musical-comedy

category. Other nominees for best musical or comic motion picture were "Dick Tracy," "Green Card," "Home Alone" and "Pretty Woman."

In another peculiar matchup, the 86 foreign press members said Macaulay Culkin, the 10-year-old star of "Home Alone," and Gerard Depardieu, the great French actor who stars in "Green Card," will compete for best actor in a musical or comedy.

Nomiated for dramatic actress were Kathy Bates for "Misery," Anjelica Huston for "The Grifters," Michelle Pfeiffer for "The Russia House," Susan Sarandon for "White Palace" and Joanne Woodward for "Mr. and Mrs. Bridge."

Best dramatic actor nominees, in addition to Costner and Pacino, included Richard Harris for "The Field," Jeremy Irons for "Reversal of Fortune" and Robin Williams for "Awakenings."



THAT FLORIDA FEELING — Nobody's sure if this is a yowl, a yawn or the Tampa, Fla., version of a Bronx Cheer, but 'Skinny,' a Borneo orangutan at Bush Gardens, creates this expression before stretching out to soak up some rays.

## Report: Army flight surgeon ordered to end hunger strike

KILLEEN, Texas (AP) — A flight surgeon stationed in Saudi Arabia against his will has been ordered to end a 28-day fast, his lawyer says.

Attorney Richard Prinz said Capt. David Wiggins called him Wednesday and read a written order instructing the physician to eat.

The order indicated Wiggins, 28, was being required to eat because he is "too weak to perform his duties and that combat might be necessary immediately," Prinz told the Temple

## New Year forecast clouded by Gulf crisis, Gorbachev

By BARRY SCHWEID  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — This was the year the Cold War ended and NATO and the Warsaw Pact signed the most sweeping arms-reduction treaty in history.

The phrase "new world order" gained currency in America as well as Europe. East Germany was merged into West Germany without a flicker of friction. Nations at odds for 45 years were contemplating new arrangements to promote peace and prosperity.

So much had the volatile world changed that for a while it seemed the biggest worry in some State Department offices and Washington think tanks was whether new superpowers could be found for NATO now that U.S.-Soviet tensions had nearly evaporated and military alliances seemed obsolete.

As distrust dissolved, President Bush offered up to \$1 billion in food credits to the Soviet Union and other incentives for Mikhail S. Gorbachev to weather dislocations and to keep

## Declared clinically dead, toddler now recovering

By TARA BRADLEY-STECK  
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Britanny Eichelberger is a little horse, her lungs are congested and she may lose the tips of her fingers and toes to frostbite.

But her mother couldn't be happier.

Doctors say the 3-year-old girl was alert and well Thursday, three days after she was found frozen and clinically dead in a snowdrift outside her mobile home in Elkton, W.Va.

"At this point, she looks pretty normal," said Dr. Shekhar Venkataraman, the girl's doctor at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, where she was in serious condition.

Britanny was breathing and eating on her own and is expected to be released from Children's within two weeks. It will be some time, though, before doctors determine if there's been any brain damage, he said.

"When we first took her to the hospital, I didn't think she had a chance because she just looked so bad," said Britanny's mother, Melinda Eichelberger, 20. "Now, she's fighting with the nurses, telling them to get away."

Doctors estimated the blond, blue-eyed toddler was outside for two to three hours, dressed only in a T-shirt and underwear in 27-degree weather.

Her body temperature dropped to 74 degrees, causing her heart to stop — apparently minutes before her mother found her, Venkataraman said. He said her heart probably stopped at 80 degrees.

Without oxygen, the cold helped preserve her brain, the doctor said.

A neighbor, Paul Owens, began heart and lung resuscitation until medical arrival. Doctors at Davis Memorial Hospital in Elkton continued revival techniques for 3 1/2 hours until Britanny's temperature began to rise and her heart began to beat.

Doctors also warmed the little girl immediately, both externally with warm blankets and lights and internally with a warm saline solution pumped into her stomach.

She was flown to Pittsburgh on Monday evening. Her mother said Britanny was able to speak to her on Christmas.

"Her voice was real hoarse, but I was excited. I was afraid she wasn't going to be able to talk," Ms. Eichelberger said. "She's 'mummy,' 'get,' and 'snoopy.'"

"It was the best Christmas I've had in all these years," said Ms. Eichelberger's fiance, Steve Robinson, 21.

## Orange prices to soar

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Navel orange prices could double nationwide because of the deep freeze that devastated much of California's citrus crop, an industry official says.

Farmers, meanwhile, braced for a second acute blast that threatened to destroy surviving crops and the trees themselves.

The navel orange crop in the San Joaquin Valley, the state's main growing region, was virtually wiped out in the siege of freezing temperatures that started Dec. 21.

A number of vegetable crops were also damaged, including artichokes, avocados, broccoli, cauliflower and celery. And the cold affected the state's flower crop, forcing people working on the Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena to use substitute decorations.

Joel Nelson, manager of California Citrus Mutual, a growers organization, estimated 15,000 workers in the state's 70 citrus packing houses, plus an undetermined number of harvest workers, will lose their jobs.

Preliminary estimates put the loss at \$286 million to \$288 million for valley orange growers in California's worst freeze since 1913, agriculture officials in Tulare, Kern and Fresno counties reported.

As a result, navel oranges will be scarce and more expensive in supermarkets nationwide, industry officials said Thursday.

"Prices could double because of the severe damage in the central valley," said Claire Peters, spokeswoman for Sunbelt Growers Inc., a marketing cooperative of about 6,000 California and Arizona growers.

"The fruit will be well tested, so the quality should be fine, but there won't be as much and it will be more expensive," she said.

The U.S. Agriculture Department last month projected that retail prices of fruits and vegetables as a group would rise 1 percent to 4 percent in 1991, compared with gains of 7.5 percent in 1990, 8.5 percent in 1989 and 7.6 percent in 1988.

Ralph Parlett Jr., of the department's Economic Research Service said Thursday the 1991 increase now will be "a little more" than was forecast. He wouldn't say how much.

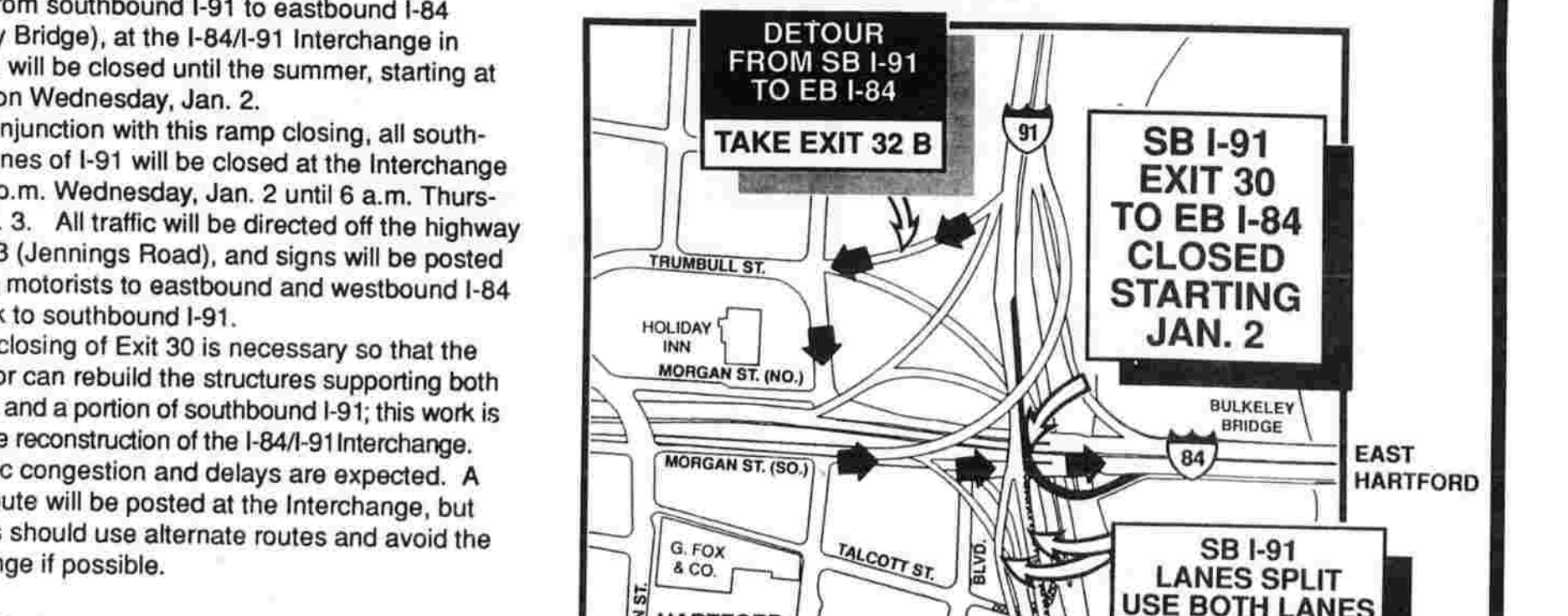
The Joint Agricultural Weather Facility, operated by the Agriculture and Commerce departments, noted that Arizona and Texas crops escaped serious freeze damage.

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### EXIT 30 FROM SOUTHBOUND I-91 TO EASTBOUND I-84 TO CLOSE, STARTING AT 10 P.M. JANUARY 2



Exit 30 from southbound I-91 to eastbound I-84 (Bulkeley Bridge), at the I-84/I-91 Interchange in Hartford, will be closed until the summer, starting at 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

In conjunction with this ramp closing, all southbound lanes of I-91 will be closed at the Interchange from 10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2 until 6 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 3. All traffic will be directed off the highway at Exit 33 (Jennings Road), and signs will be posted directing motorists to eastbound and westbound I-84 and back to southbound I-91.

The closing of Exit 30 is necessary so that the contractor can rebuild the structures supporting both the ramp and a portion of southbound I-91; this work is part of the reconstruction of the I-84/I-91 Interchange.

Traffic congestion and delays are expected. A detour route will be posted at the Interchange, but motorists should use alternate routes and avoid the Interchange if possible.

**Detour Route**  
Motorists will be directed from southbound I-91 to eastbound I-84 by way of the following detour route, which will be posted: Take Exit 32B (Trumbull Street) and turn left at the end of the ramp onto Market Street, follow Market Street south to South Morgan Street (the second traffic light), turn left and follow South Morgan Street straight onto the eastbound I-84 on ramp.

**Alternate Routes**  
Depending on their destination, motorists can take one of the following alternate routes from southbound I-91:

- Exit 25/Putnam Bridge:** Motorists heading for Route 2, Glastonbury, southern East Hartford or points further south-east should continue south on I-91, through the I-84/I-91 Interchange, to Exit 25 in Wetherfield. Take Route 3 north across the Putnam Bridge to Route 2 east or west in Glastonbury.
- Exit 27/Airport Road:** Another alternate route from southbound I-91 to eastbound I-84 is to continue south on I-91, through the I-84/I-91 Interchange, to Exit 27 (Airport Road). Turn left at the end of the ramp onto Airport Road, take a right onto Branford Road and the next right onto northbound Routes 5 & 15; from there, motorists can reach eastbound I-84 by taking the Charter Oak Bridge or by continuing north onto I-91 and taking the Founders Bridge (Exit 30).

**NOTE:** The Charter Oak Bridge is open to cars only.

**Drive Carefully Through Work Zones**  
The I-84/I-91 interchange is a busy construction zone. Motorists are reminded to slow down, obey posted speed limits and drive with extreme caution, for their own safety and for the safety of their passengers and those who are working to improve our highways.

**Call The "Hotline" For More Information**  
To receive more information about this long-term ramp closing, or to find out about other Hartford area construction work and traffic changes, call the Greater Hartford construction HOTLINE at (203) 528-4023, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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## AIDS case defendant sentenced

MARION, Ill. (AP) — A man has been sentenced to 33 years in prison for sexually assaulting a young relative and knowingly exposing the key to the AIDS virus.

Randall Lee Dempsey, 34, was sentenced Thursday to 33 years on a charge of aggravated sexual assault. The sentence will run concurrently with a maximum seven-year sentence on a charge of criminal transmission of the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV.

Dempsey's conviction was the first under the state's HIV transmission law, which took effect Sept. 11, 1989, does not require that victims catch the virus or develop AIDS, only that perpetrators knew they could have transmitted it.

Dempsey will be eligible for parole within 14 to 15 years with good behavior, said Williamson County State's Attorney Charles Carnati. He said he was "very satisfied" with the sentence.

Before Williamson County Circuit Judge Snyder Howell set the penalty, Dempsey told him: "I have regrets."

"I could have taken a plea bargain, but I didn't take it because I didn't want to live the rest of my life with the idea that people would think I was guilty when I was not," Dempsey said, his voice shaking.

Dempsey's young relative testified against him during trial but recanted afterward. Public Defender Larry Brooking said he will appeal, focusing on the recant.

The judge had earlier denied Brooking's motion for a new trial. Brooking also charged the state's AIDS confidentiality law had been violated.

Tests have shown twice that Dempsey carries HIV.

Dempsey, of rural Marion in south-central Illinois, was convicted Oct. 18 of ejaculating into the mouth of an 8-year-old relative in March.

The act exposed the boy, now 9, to the virus, which is carried in semen and blood.

The assault charge conviction has brought a sentence of 6 to 60 years in prison and the transmission conviction carries 3 to 7 years.

At the sentencing hearing, probation officer Dean Kahler and the boy's mother and sister testified the youngster had denied after the trial that the sex act had taken place.

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# OPINION

## Time to show forbearance

Curmudgeons are nothing if not presumptuous, and I intend to demonstrate this character trait in undiluted form today as I brazenly suggest the names of a few people the president of the United States ought to call up and apologize to.

He has an ideal excuse, this being the holiday season. He can say he has been moved by the Christmas spirit, or that he is living up to New Year's resolutions to make amends with people with whom he has had differences. No one would be the wiser and he would rest better for having exhibited forbearance.

This is assuming there are forbearance genes in George Bush's body. I have wondered about this, and I am slowly coming around to the view that the main stimuli that move Bush to action are displays of bad faith, disloyalty and dirty pool.

Ponder it. Did the United States invade Panama a year ago to bring a drug trafficker to justice, or did George Bush decide that Manuel Noriega was an ungrateful



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whelp who had been subsidized by the CIA for years and was now arrogantly thumbing his nose at the non-Americans?

Are 400,000 U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia today for the noble goal of putting down a dictator who invaded a defenseless nation, or because George Bush supported Saddam Hussein for years and felt a sense of personal betrayal when he turned out to be not just a despot, which we knew all along, but a treacherous despot to boot?

Is Bush the gentler and kinder leader he vowed to be two years ago, or does he have a mile-wide mean streak? Is the nation being commanded by a benevolent Gentle George, or by an easily offended Gentle George?

A disclaimer: I would not argue that the president is so crass as to deliberately put American lives on the line to fight his personal battles. I am certain he believes the rationale he has put forward. But what are the subconscious forces that move him to conscious behavior? I'd give odds they are rooted in George Bush's genetic upbringing.

The evidence is considerable. Bush launched his crude and brutal assault on Michael Dukakis in August 1988, after the Democratic candidate criticized the Reagan administration's drug-control efforts — programs that Bush himself headed. Dukakis' remarks were "an insult" to drug enforcement officers who were "putting their lives on the line," Bush said. "It was a deliberate insult," he said. "When I heard that, I was angry. I was angry because I know the men and women who carry their personal cache — such as capital gains tax cuts — he does not demand that I slash the critics as 'liberals' who 'measure progress by dollars spent.'"

So, to whom should the president apologize for having spitefully wronged?

Here are three for starters:  
C. Everett Koop, the former Surgeon General, who abruptly resigned in 1989 after being rudely and repeatedly snubbed by the White House. Koop's major sin: Even though personally opposed to abortion, he refused to support the party line; it is emotionally and medically harmful. Dr. Koop valued ethics and morality over politics.

Gary Trudeau, the ascorbic and deadly accurate "Doonesbury" cartoonist who was bounced from a USO-sponsored Thanksgiving trip to Saudi Arabia. Official reason: "logistics and transportation limitations." Most likely reason: The president detests him. It was Trudeau, after all, who created Bush's evil, harshly partisan twin brother "Skippy" — the one who shows up when opponent-hushing is called for.

Lauro Cavazos, the former Education Secretary who was forced to resign — if not summarily fired — for alleged lack of leadership ability. I would not contend that Cavazos was an inspiring minister of education, but he is a decent and compassionate man who did not deserve such callous treatment.

And so I incoherently say to the president in this season of goodwill toward men: Why don't you lock Skippy in a back room somewhere and get on the phone with a few people?

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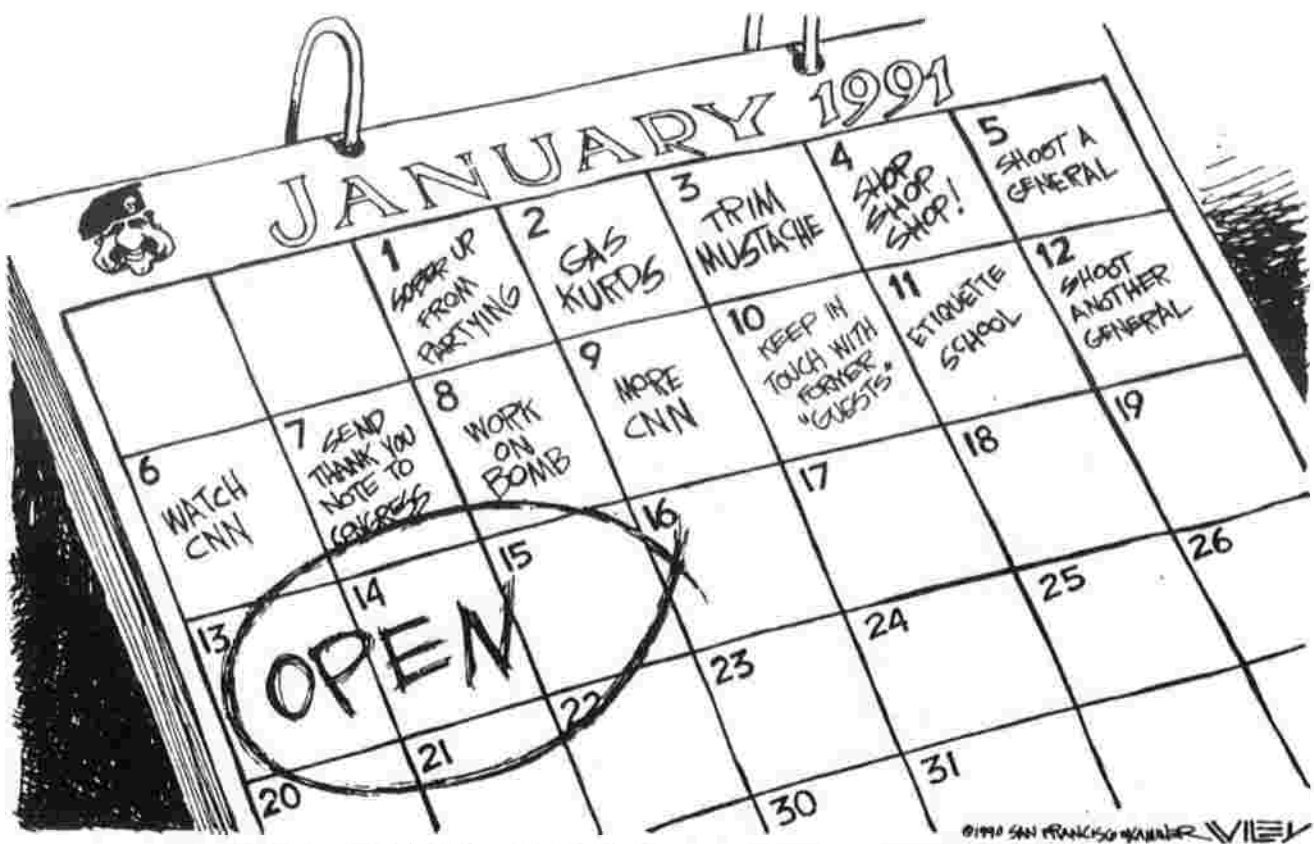
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## A nation awash in red ink

WASHINGTON — 1991 will not be an easy year for most U.S. governors. At least 30 of them are faced with the largest budget deficits their states have ever seen. The remedies available are few and uniformly painful.

As the U.S. economy nosedives into a possible recession, state revenues plummet. Meanwhile, demand for state services, especially unemployment benefits and welfare payments, skyrockets.

Further, unlike the federal government — which has the luxury of running massive operating deficits — 49 of the 50 governors must, by law, produce balanced budgets.

In almost every state, revenues will be below projected levels by hundreds of millions or more. New York, which saw the economic slowdown coming and budgeted accordingly, is nonetheless \$1 billion short. Virginia, which budgets in two-year cycles, did not forecast the economic downswing. As a result, they are estimating a two-year revenue shortfall of \$1.8 billion. Minnesota and North Carolina are each \$1 billion in the red. North Carolina is almost as badly off. California's Gov.-elect Pete Wilson is looking at a shortfall of \$4.3 billion.

Six months ago, the New York state fiscal budget was balanced. In only six months it has gone to an expected \$1 billion deficit.

So Gov. Mario Cuomo devised a plan of major spending cuts and called the legislature back into a grueling special session. It ended with state lawmakers approving \$1 billion in spending cuts and revenue increases.

The cuts were not easy. New York, the state agency budgets will be slashed \$375 million. State employees will have to forego a week's pay, which will be ultimately given back in retirement income. Another \$125 million in cuts will come from Medicaid; and \$190 million will come from cuts in education.

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## Blowing whistle on IRS

By JACK ANDERSON and DALE VAN ATTA

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service — the people who expect perfection from you — are no angels themselves. Between April and September 1990, investigators from the Treasury Department looked into 1,700 cases of alleged bribery, smuggling, embezzlement and theft by Treasury employees, and the vast majority of the culprits work for Treasury's biggest division, the IRS.

One IRS staffer, angry at an acquaintance who had sued him, retaliated by making his enemy the subject of a tax investigation. The tax man with an axe to grind controlled all aspects of the investigation and had unlimited opportunity to wield the intimidating power of the IRS.

Another IRS employee used inside information to tip off a friend — a drug trafficker — that IRS couldn't seize them.

Congressional sources told our reporter Paul Parkinson that ethical lapses in the IRS are widespread and that a "culture of lawlessness" abounds.

Treasury investigators have their hands full keeping track not only of the IRS, but of the 155,900 total employees under the Treasury umbrella. Here are some of the cases uncovered in a six-month period:

• Another Customs inspector took a \$350 bribe in exchange for not reporting the theft of two huge shipments of coffee valued at \$100,000. In this case, in addition to being dishonored, the inspector had undervalued his services.

• A former staff assistant at the Customs Academy billed \$7,200 out of the government by filing false requests for financial assistance in the names of former academy students. She also forged her boss' signature to collect money for travel expenses that she never incurred.

• A former agent for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms helped hide a drug shipment. In exchange for money, the agent got a deputy sheriff's badge for the man so he could evade Customs while carrying drugs across the border.

Not all the crime is white collar. Some involves violence. Treasury investigators looked into more than 370 cases of assault and murder involving department employees between April and September.

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A problem that many governors have — especially those who ran election campaigns this past November — is that they have painted themselves into a corner with election promises. Many ran, and won, on blistering no-new-tax pledges. Now they find themselves saddled with massive deficits, but without the ability to increase taxes.

One example is Michigan's new Republican Gov. Jim Engler. Engler made taxes his No. 1 campaign issue and narrowly beat incumbent Democratic Gov. Jim Blanchard, who had raised taxes during his four-year term. Not only did Engler promise not to raise taxes, but he also promised to roll back property taxes while significantly increasing state spending on prisons and education.

Engler says that "leadership" will get Michigan through its coming economic problems. He still insists that he can make up a billion-dollar revenue shortfall — while still increasing corrections and educational spending — by cutting fat from the budget.

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# No benefit increase for disabled veterans

By ROBERT GREENE  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Disabled veterans start the new year without any cost-of-living increase in benefits, but key members of Congress promise to change that.

"I've talked to the speaker and he feels very strongly and told me to be sure the COLA increase gets into the March checks of the veterans," said Rep. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery, the chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

An omnibus veterans bill that included the cost-of-living increase died in the last Congress because of a dispute over benefits for Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange.

The bill would have required an outside panel to examine scientific evidence to determine if there are links between the herbicide and health problems experienced by Vietnam veterans.

The legislation provided for a 5.4 percent increase in benefits for the 2.2 million veterans and 300,000 widows or children that receive the disability payments. That's the same

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statements from senior U.S. officials.

Last Wednesday, Army Lt. Gen. Calvin Walter, second in command of U.S. forces in Operation Desert Shield, told reporters Bush should wait until mid-February if he wants to attack because the troops would not be ready until then.

White House Press Secretary Martin Flitewater then said Walter meant the troops "might not be as ready as they'd like to be... for all the contingencies."

The Pentagon said Cheney was "not displeased" by Walter's comments. Some Pentagon officials said U.S. air power would be fully prepared for a strike even if ground troops were not.

Cheney himself said that "soon after Jan. 15," the U.S. forces would be "in a position to take military action in conjunction with our allies."

Bush entered the readiness fray on Saturday, stating that he could launch an attack in 10 minutes.

The varying statements caused speculation that the administration was deliberately trying to put Iraq's Saddam Hussein off balance. Fitzwater told reporters that, "It never hurts to build in a little uncertainty about what our intentions are as it relates to Jan. 15."

Administration officials have stressed that Jan. 15 is not a strike date, but merely an authorization date.

Asked what message he wanted Saddam to get on the readiness issue, Bush said Thursday, "We are going to fully implement the United Nations resolutions," which include one authorizing use of force.

A senior administration official said, meantime, it has been decided not to talk about readiness any more. Asked for an indication of which of the various statements represented the real administration

## Flops

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foresee Bush having trouble with Iraq," the skeptics said.

In a supermarket tabloid in July, Irene Hughes predicted Jacqueline Onassis would marry Bon Jovi and Bryant Gumbel would be fired from the "Today" show after a barroom brawl.

In the same article, Marie Graciete of Los Angeles said the largest earthquake on record would hit the sea bed near New York City, producing a tidal wave that would flood Manhattan.

She's also the psychic who predicted the meteorite in the Rose Garden and the cure for the common cold.

"Not one prediction which was both specific and surprising came true," the skeptics scoffed.

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## Storm

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Sekelsky said a low pressure system off the Virginia coast has been supplying the moisture for the storm, and the high pressure system that brought frigid temperatures to the area earlier this week combined to create the storm.

The high was expected to move northward later today, allowing some warmer air into the area. That would likely last through the weekend, thus melting all the snow.

The forecast for Saturday is for a cloudy day with occasional showers and highs in the mid 40s. On Sunday temperatures are expected to reach into the 50s.

Before the snow began falling Thursday night, many town officials throughout region had expressed enthusiasm about the money saved by the late arrival of winter weather.

Bolton First Selectman Robert Morra said that by this time last year, his town had spent about one-quarter of the funds allocated for snow removal and winter maintenance.

By this time last year, crews have even gone out to sand the roads and "our snow budget is almost fully intact," Morra said.

By Dec. 26 last year, 12.2 inches of snow had fallen, mostly on holidays and weekends when public works officials are paid double time to clear the roads.

Coventry Town Manager John Ellessor, who said his town applied money saved two years ago from the snow removal budget to paving and

draining city streets, said he was relieved by the late start of the snow season.

"This year the money might go toward fuel oil," Ellessor said. "It makes us a little more comfortable about making it through the year."

Coventry has budgeted \$6,000 for snow removal this month.

Manchester officials were also pleased by the dry weather. Last year, the town spent \$95,270 more than the \$227,627 it had budgeted for winter road maintenance, according to Budget Officer Robert Huestis.

By this time last year, Huestis said Manchester had spent \$49,200 on personnel and materials for snow removal. This year it has spent \$38,600 on materials, he said.

An Associated Press report was included in this story.

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centage increases do not seem reasonable," Harper said.

The legislative package is being prepared by Harper and by the co-chairmen of the Labor and Public Employees Committee, Sen. James H. Maloney, D-Dunbury, and Rep. Joseph A. Adamo, D-West Haven.

Although Harper is advocating all of what is essentially a four-part program, Maloney and Adamo support three parts and oppose the idea of letting a simple majority of the legislature overturn an arbitration award.

The legislation would:

- Eliminate a provision that allows some arbitration awards to be put into effect immediately, even though contracts that do not go through arbitration sometimes wait months to be implemented.

- Institute a "fact-finding" stage during which a neutral hearing officer would study the issues and recommend a compromise that might avoid the need for binding arbitration.

- Redefine the criteria that guide arbitrators' decisions, to require recognition of the state's economic climate, its budget problems and other issues that now may be ignored.

Adamo said he is convinced that the state would save money if fewer contracts went to binding arbitration, partly because it would force the parties to negotiate instead of leaving all the tough issues for the arbitration stage.

Peter Allen, the state's top negotiator with 12 of its 27 bargaining units, said many issues could be settled through fact-finding — a step he strongly favors.

But union officials said fact-finding is a waste of time.

"Prior to binding arbitration we had fact-finding and the biggest joke," said Steven Perruccio, president of the Connecticut Employees Union Independent, which represents about 8,000 state maintenance workers.

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## MMH, association sue for higher Medicaid

By SCOTT B. BREDE  
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — In the wake of the state funding, the Connecticut Hospital Association and its members, including Manchester Memorial Hospital, are taking the state to court claiming that more than \$33 million in Medicaid costs last year were left unpaid.

The suit, which was filed on Dec. 21 in the U.S. District Court in Hartford, seeks a court order directing Gov. William A. O'Neill and the Department of Income Maintenance Commissioner Lorraine B. Aronson to

force the state to reimburse hospitals at a "reasonable and adequate" rate for unpaid Medicaid costs, according to a CHA press release.

If successful, the suit will require the state to pay all Medicaid costs in future years.

"Federal law requires that a state adequately fund the benefits it offers through the Medicaid program," said CHA president Dennis P. May. "We have filed suit to compel the state to live up to that obligation."

Impeded by the lack of Medicaid funding, hospitals across the state have had to dish out millions of dollars in the past few years to cover the bills of Medicaid

patients.

At Manchester Memorial Hospital, about \$716,000 of Medicaid costs were left unpaid by the state in 1989, said hospital spokesman Andrew A. Beck.

"Obviously, we support the Connecticut Hospital Association in this suit," Beck said.

Medicaid, which is run through the Department of Income Maintenance, is a program set up by the state to provide health-care for poor patients who would otherwise not be able to pay their medical bills, Beck said.

Federal law requires that states reimburse at a "reasonable and adequate level" to meet the costs of efficiently-run facilities, according to the CHA release.

The basis of the federal lawsuit is the state's failure to adjust the manner in which it calculates Medicaid reimbursements. CHA claims that Connecticut relies on an outdated formula that uses 1982 as a base year in determining the amount of funding it will provide to hospitals and, as a result, the hospitals have been reimbursed below costs for inpatient Medicaid costs over the past eight years.

Upon filing the suit, Connecticut hospitals join health-care facilities in 10 other states that have taken similar measures to obtain a higher reimbursement rate for Medicaid costs.

## Bolton dogs vote delayed

By JACQUELINE BENNETT  
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — About 30 residents voted at a Special Town Meeting Thursday to postpone until Jan. 7 a decision on an agreement for the town to provide canine services to Bolton.

During the meeting at the Town Office Building, the group voted unanimously to adjourn to another meeting and make a decision then.

The group agreed that at that time they will have more information on what many said is a related issue — whether the town will lease Camelot Kennels at 384 Swamp Road, owned by Richard Sypek.

After an hour of debate, town officials convinced the residents, most from Swamp Road, that the agreement with Bolton and the leasing of Camelot Kennels were not necessarily interdependent.

A public hearing will be held on the Camelot Kennels matter (specifically, dog pound site appropriateness) Jan. 3. A Special Town Council Meeting will follow, as will chairman Joan Lewis promise to call the council to make a decision on the Camelot Kennels lease.

However, there were skeptics.

"Why do I have a very strong feeling that in order for Camelot Kennels to work this agreement, [the Bolton issue] has to pass" asked Jim Albert.

The agreement with Bolton would be a possible three-year lease, with a six month trial period, with Bolton paying the town \$18,000 a year to take over its dog pound.

The agreement with Camelot Kennels would be similar, with the town paying \$15,000 a year to Sypek to lease his kennels.

Town Manager John Ellessor said the request from Bolton came about a year ago because Bolton does not have the same canine control resources as Coventry. He noted Sypek approached him a few months ago with a proposal for the town to lease his kennels when Sypek learned of a possible arrangement with the town and Bolton.

"Mr. Sypek has another offer but would rather do business with the town. Also he loves animals and doesn't like the [town] dog pound," Ellessor said.

Ellessor noted the poor condition of the current pound located at the town landfill on Route 31 must be considered. Water there is contaminated and must be shipped in, and the pound is outdated and in such disrepair that the state has warned the town about it, he said.

Current operating costs for the town's canine services, including a full-time and part-time dog warden, van and pound maintenance are about \$64,000, Ellessor said. A new pound without land would cost about \$70,000, he said.

Lewis said the cost to the town of canine services for contracting with Bolton would not increase significantly.

Fusscas, Munns named to posts

Peter Fusscas and Paul Munns, two Republican state representatives whose districts include parts of Manchester, have been given committee assignments by House Republican Leader Edward C. Krawcheck Jr.

Fusscas, of Marlborough, has been named to the Finance Committee and to the Business Committee. His 55th Assembly District includes the Transportation Committee, Voting District 3 in Manchester.

Munns, of Manchester, has been named to the Appropriations Committee, the Transportation Committee, and the Internship Committee. His 9th Assembly District includes Voting District 9 in Manchester.

## Manchester leads in ARC volunteerism

By BRIAN M. TROTTA  
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Manchester residents are the top volunteers when it comes to the American Red Cross.

Nine town residents have been chosen by their peers as Red Cross Volunteers of the Month for the greater Hartford Red Cross Chapter, which covers 48 towns in the area. One was also chosen as volunteer of the year.

Maryland Lincoln, a Red Cross spokeswoman, said she doesn't think there's ever been that many winners from one town in one year. She said the unusual success of Manchester residents in garnering the award could be due to the active membership at the Connecticut Valley East branch of the Red Cross, which is based here.

"It may be that more people are nominating volunteers out of Manchester and they really feel strongly about them," Lincoln said.

Lincoln said the volunteers at the Manchester branch have been highly successful in their blood drive efforts. They have consistently been getting over 100 percent of their goal at local events.

"Their success is remarkable," Lincoln said. "They're all very enthusiastic about doing their share."

The big winner in the chapter is T. Arnold Ferguson, who in January was named Volunteer of the Month and in July was named Volunteer of the Year for his 30 years of service to the Red Cross.

Ferguson has served as a youth services staff member, disaster volunteer and motor service driver. He is the current chairman of the Chapter Health Services Committee and serves on the Chapter Board of Directors and the Chapter Executive Committee.

In February, Isabelle Wilcox and her long-time neighbors Earle and Paula Rollinson shared the monthly award. The trio works together at several blood drives each month, with Wilcox in the canteen area, Mr. Rollinson taking temperatures and Mrs. Rollinson working as an observer.

July found Grace and Mark Bogdan sharing the honors for their 15 years of service. The husband and wife team work at two to three blood drives a month. In addition, Mrs. Bogdan spends one day a week keeping blood and of-face volunteer records up-to-date.

In September, Antoinette "Tony" Barber was named Volunteer of the Month. Barber, who has been with the Red Cross since 1984, is no stranger to volunteer work. She also donates her time to the Manchester Senior Citizen's Center, Manchester Memorial Hospital and the Manchester Association for Retired Citizens.

Fred and Thelma Badger were the final honorees for the year. They received the November award for their contributions at local blood drives. Mrs. Badger, a registered nurse, has been a health history interviewer since 1982, while Mr. Badger has served as a driver and photographer for the branch for the past four years.

The survey found that among the respondents who said they had performed any volunteer work, including helping at church or school, many shied away from long-term commitments.

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By TAMARA STARKS  
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Seventy-five percent of adults in a survey say Americans should volunteer to help the less fortunate, but few follow through and many shy away from helping the homeless, poor and ill, the study found.

Three-quarters of the 1,000 people who responded to the random telephone survey said they would like to volunteer to help the less fortunate, but are too busy, said Donald E. Barker, a vice president at Lions Club International, which commissioned the study.

"We're concerned about the lack of participation in our association by the younger generation," Barker said Thursday in a telephone interview from California. "There seems to be a hesitancy to get involved."

Forty-one percent of the respondents said they would rather donate money than volunteer their time. The survey, conducted last spring, questioned people ages 25 to 40, and had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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THEY MATCH — Bill Davis, of 92 Woodhill Road, Manchester, takes his schnauzer, Duffy, to Charter Oak Park for a walk. The pair go there regularly for exercise.

## Goldsmith sees excitement in Manchester college post

By SCOTT B. BREDE  
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — A former interim director of the University of Connecticut's Women's Center has been appointed to the post of director of transition and women's programs at Manchester Community College.

Diane Goldsmith, who headed the Women's Center at UConn from May 1989 until a permanent replacement was found this fall, replaces Maryann Dibante, who was moved up to the Student Affairs office.

"But instead of finding the smaller MCC a bit drab compared to UConn, Goldsmith views the job switch as a challenge.

"I'm very excited about this diverse student body," said Goldsmith, who completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Rochester in New York.

"There's a certain type of student



DIANNE GOLDSMITH that comes to a community college," she added, noting that in contrast to UConn, where the majority of stu-

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## Soviet aid continues with large shipment

WINDSOR LOCKS (AP)—The private relief group AmeriCares said it has now crossed the halfway mark in its effort to send 1 million pounds of emergency food and medical supplies to the Soviet Union this winter.

A Boeing 747 cargo jet took off Thursday from Bradley International Airport, carrying 205,000 pounds of food and supplies.

The airlift was the largest of seven so far in AmeriCares' campaign to help stave off illness and starvation in the Soviet Union, where widespread food shortages are expected during the winter months.

"This airlift... will put us a little over the halfway point of our commitment of a million pounds," said Dwan Schenk, a spokesman for the New Canaan-based group.

AmeriCares began a campaign in mid-November to send emergency supplies to the Soviets. The campaign, dubbed "To Russia With Love," will continue until 1 million pounds of supplies have been donated, Schenk said.

"Moscow has never been overtly supplied, ever," he said. "But the fact is there are a lot of people that are going without this year. There are people suffering and that's why we are helping."

Greenwich-based United Parcel Service donated the jet, which lifted off at 3:05 p.m. from Bradley International Airport near Hartford.

Among the items on board were antibiotics, aspirin, disposable needles, rubber gloves, cough medicine and liquid nutritional supplements, Schenk said.

In addition, AmeriCares sent "vegetable burgers," a "meat that's

actually a vegetable," he said.

The supplies will be taken to hospitals, clinics and orphanages in Tula, Kaluga, Orel and Ryzan, which are located south and west of Moscow, Schenk said. Other supplies have been distributed throughout Moscow, Minsk, Byransk, Gomel and Mogilev.

"We're really spreading the supplies out because of the acute shortages," he said.

AmeriCares regularly has been sending food and medical supplies to the Soviet Union since the earthquake in Soviet Armenia in 1988. The "To Russia With Love" program is in addition to those regular shipments.

Eds: Donations can be called in to AmeriCares at 1-800-486-HELP.

### In Brief . . .

#### Tax reform vigil starts

HARTFORD — About 50 people huddled together in front of the state Capitol in a quiet vigil in support of a state income tax, marking the first demonstration of what is certain to be a bitter fight over the state budget.

The demonstrators, many holding small candles, said Thursday the Legislature and Gov.-elect Lowell P. Weicker Jr. should change the state's tax system rather than slash state spending to create a budget deficit now estimated at \$2.1 billion.

"We really believe that an overhaul of the system is due," said Joyce Briggs, vice president of the Connecticut League of Women Voters.

"The current system is so fragmented it is an embarrassment for one of the wealthiest, most sophisticated states in the nation."

The League of Women Voters, which has supported tax reform for 20 years, was joined at the vigil by members of the Connecticut Citizen Action Group, a grassroots organization that has also supported tax reform for two decades.

"Given that it's the holiday season, we wanted to do something to call attention to the impact that cuts would have on families and children," said Ehan Rome, CCAAG's legislative director.

#### Phone scam costs \$1,600

ENFIELD — A man who mailed away \$1,600 after hearing telephone promotions promising him a box of expensive prizes has no legal recourse against the companies who took his money, according to state officials.

The man, who asked to remain anonymous, said the Republic Distributing Corporation of Atlanta, Ga., called him earlier this year, saying he could win such prizes as a car or a fancy vacation if he sent in a check for \$598.

The man sent the check, but received only a box of ballpoint pens in return.

When the company called again

#### zoo may close

BRIDGEPORT — The state's only zoo may be forced to close due to the city of Bridgeport's budget problems, officials said.

It costs the city \$480,000 a year to fund the 36-acre Bearsley Zoo, which takes in just \$100,000 a year, Mayor Mary Moran said Thursday.

The mayor said subsidizing the zoo costs mean cutting essential services such as police and fire.

#### and told him to send more money

for a second chance to win, the man mailed off another check for \$382. Again he received only pens.

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# RECORD

### About Town

#### YWCA vacation trips

The YWCA will offer recreation/enrichment programs for children in grades K-6 on the following vacation days. Daily activities may include indoor/outdoor recreational activities, crafts, short films, special entertainment trips. Program hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Extended AM hours are available from 7 to 9 a.m. at an additional cost of \$3 per day. All programs will be held at YWCA, 78 North Main St. For more information, call 647-1437.

Friday, Jan. 18, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. — Vernon Arcade  
 Saturday, Jan. 19, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. — Enfield Twin Skating Rinks, bring a bag lunch, drink, ice skates (no charge for skate rentals), cost \$20 member, \$23 non-member.

#### Advantages of breastfeeding

"Advantages of Breastfeeding to Mother and Baby" will be the topic of the next Manchester Evening La Leche League meeting to be held Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at 51 Starkweather St., Manchester. The meeting is open to women of all ages and especially to young mothers and mothers-to-be. Children are welcome. For more information, call Kathy at 646-7277.

#### Commercial driver licensing

The Business Services Division of Continuing Education at Manchester College is offering a 16-hour training program to help truck and bus drivers to prepare for the commercial exam required by the U.S. Department of Transportation beginning in January, 1991. The classes will be held on two consecutive Saturdays, Jan. 12 and Jan. 19, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fee is \$160. For more information and to register, call 647-6065.

#### AARP meeting

The Conn. North East Chapter #604, American Association of Retired Persons, will hold its next monthly meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at Concordia Lutheran Church on Pitkin Street, Manchester, at 1:30 p.m., preceded by refreshments and a social at 12:45 p.m.

#### Manchester AARP trips

The Manchester Chapter AARP #2399 trip schedule in the Catskills — March 18-21, \$245 twin. \$50 deposit due Jan. 18. For more information, call Jeanne Roark, 646-1291.

"Party with Charlie Prose," luncheon and show on April 3, 5:38. For more information, call Alice Desiring, 649-7626.

May 15 — New London to visit the USS Nautilus Memorial. \$32. For more information, call Ruth Lloyd at 649-6527.

June 12 — New York City, 543. For more information, call Helen Chevalier at 649-3030.

### Cinema

**EAST HARTFORD**  
 Buster's Pub & Cinema — Ghost (PG-13) Fri-Sun 7:15, 9:30  
 Showtime Cinema 110 — Dances With Wolves (PG-13) Fri-Sun 7:00, 9:15, 11:30  
 Kinship (PG-13) Fri-Sun 12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 10:10, 12:35  
 Look Who's Talking Too (PG-13) Fri-Sun 1:20, 4:50, 7:40, 9:30, 11:40  
 Home Alone (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20, 4:50, 7:40, 9:30, 11:40  
 The Godfather Part II (R) Fri-Sun 12:30, 3:00, 7:15, 10:25 — Murray (R) Fri-Sun 12:30, 3:10, 5:25, 8, 10:15, 12:25 — The Bonfire of the Vanities (R) Fri-Sun 12:30, 3:00, 5:25, 7:50, 10:05, 12:30 — Home Alone (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 10, 12:10

**MANCHESTER**  
 UA Theaters East — Rocky V (PG-13) Fri and Sat 2:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:15, 11:50  
 Sun 2:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:15, 11:50 — Another (PG) Fri-Sun 2:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:15, 11:50 — Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Fri and Sat 11:45

**VERNON**  
 Cine 1 & 2 — Avion (PG) Fri 2, Sat and Sun 2, 4:15, 7, 9:30  
 Leader (R) Fri-Sun 9:30 — Ghost (PG-13) Fri, Sat, Sun 2:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:15, 11:45

**WILLIMANTIC**  
 UA Theaters — Look Who's Talking Too (PG-13) Fri-Sun 2, 4:15, 7:30, 9:30 — The Russians Down Under (G) Fri-Sun 2:15, 4:35 — Home Alone (PG) Fri-Sun 2:15, 4:35, 7:45, 10:15 — The Bonfire of the Vanities (R) Fri-Sun 2:15, 4:35, 7:45, 10:15 — Murray (R) Fri-Sun 2:15, 4:35, 7:45, 10:15 — The Godfather Part II (R) Fri-Sun 2:15, 4:35, 7:45, 10:15

### Lottery

Here are the Thursday's lottery results from around New England:

**Connecticut**  
 Daily Lottery: 6-0-2. Play 4: 2-2-0-9.  
 Daily Lottery: 6-9-1-4.

**Massachusetts**  
 Northern New England  
 Pick 3: 8-0-0. Pick 4: 7-8-8-8.

**Rhode Island**  
 Daily Lottery: 9-0-4-9. Lot-O-Bucks: 4-12-14-20-39.

### Weather

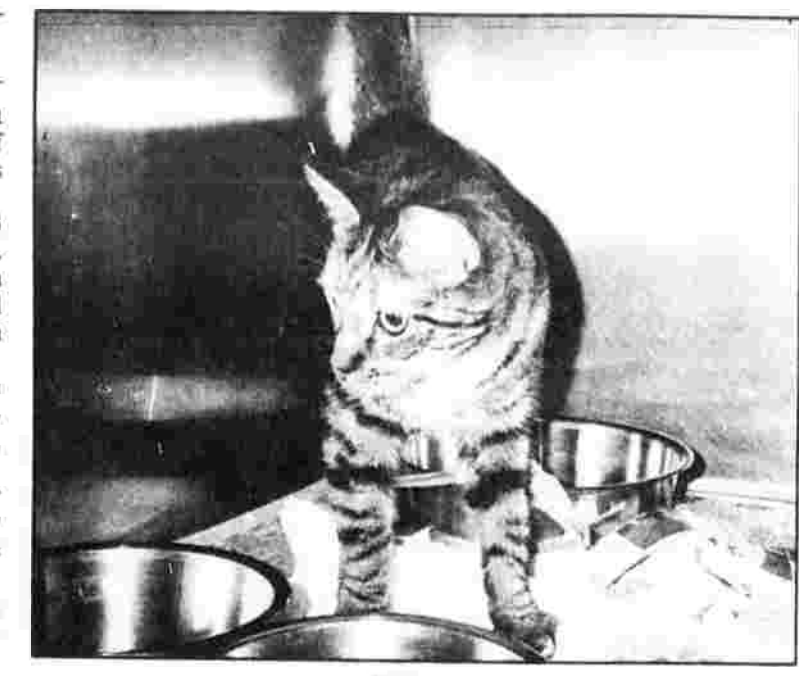
**REGIONAL Weather**  
 Saturday, Dec. 29  
 Aops Visual — Forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

Warmer, showers  
 The weather tonight in the greater Manchester area: Some fog forming with a little freezing drizzle possible. Low near 30. Light north wind.

Outlook Saturday, cloudy and becoming mild with a 50 percent chance of showers. High 45 to 50. Outlook for the rest of the New Year's weekend: Mild with a chance of showers Sunday and Monday. Clearing and cooler New Year's Day. Highs 45 to 55 Sunday and Monday and 38s Tuesday.

## Adopt a pet: Noel and Dudley

By BARBARA RICHMOND  
 Manchester Herald



DUDLEY

There was just one new dog at the Manchester Dog Pound of Monday, and that's Noel, this week's featured pet.

Noel is a male pointer, about 3 months old, and very adorable. He's black and white and has a nice soft coat. He was found roaming on Hackmatack Street on Dec. 19.

The only other two dogs at the pound Monday were the ones featured for the past two weeks, Angel and Merry.

Both were to be picked up later Monday and will be presents for some lucky people. Both were adopted by Vernon area families.

The German short-haired pointer, mentioned in last week's column, has been adopted by a Tolland family.

Unfortunately, Noel has to be held for seven days before someone can adopt him. So, he may be very long-suffering.

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

Dudley, a young male cat, is this week's featured pet of the Helpless Animals Inc., an organization made up of volunteers. The group needs temporary homes for the many cats and kittens it takes in. Financial support is also needed to help pay for food for the cats, as well as pay veterinarian bills.

All of the cats put up for adoption are neutered or spayed and given their shots, unless too young when taken.

For more information about adopting a cat, or helping the organization made up of volunteers, call 666-7000, a toll-free number from the Manchester area.

### Obituaries

#### Robert E. Harney

Robert E. Harney, 70, of Manchester, husband of Cecilia (Fin) Harney, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, at Manchester Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Private funeral services were held today at the Holmes Funeral Home on Main Street, Manchester, with burial in St. James Cemetery.

#### Vincent J. Burto

Vincent J. Burto, 63, of 101 Connecticut Blvd., East Hartford, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center.

Besides his wife, Cecilia, he is survived by four daughters, Linda Elk of East Hartford, Sandra Burto of Glastonbury, Donna Brady of East Hartford, and Cynthia Owens of Manchester; four sons, Stanley Burto of Stuart, Fla., Michael Burto of Manchester, Matthew Burto and Richard Burto of East Hartford; and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral service will be Saturday, 9:30 a.m., at the D'Esopo East Hartford Funeral Chapel, 30 Carter St., East Hartford. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, East Hartford.

Calling hours are today from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

#### In Memoriam

In sad and loving memory of Raymond Camposo Sr., who passed away on December 27, 1971.

His memory is as dear today as in the hour he passed away.

Sadly Missed,  
 Wife and Children

#### In Memoriam

In loving memory of my husband, Jim Gomez, who passed away December 28, 1988.

In my lonely hours of thinking thoughts of you are always near. Gone are the days we used to share, but in my heart you'll always stay loved and remembered every day.

Love always,  
 Connie

#### Thoughts

"Home for Immanuel" is a Christmas song that reflects on how the unfolding of the birth of Christ touched every soul's setting.

Greetings brought by Gabriel reached her ear and stopped her breath.

"You are chosen to carry Christ," and Mary heard it in Nazareth.

Suburb of Sepphoris, hillside village between the seas, where common folk work with their hands — on the threshing floors, inside olive trees.

Limestone dust swirled around their feet — on Joseph's sandals and Mary's hem.

As they walked to the stable-cave, on the border of Bethlehem.

City home of David's kin, fortified with walls so old; with narrow streets, stone houses filled; her natives come to be enrolled.

Night-time in the Judean fields, light of glory shines from on high;

Silhouetting the sleeping flock, on the unpopulated countryside.

Wilderness, the creatures' home; travelers pass, but never stay.

The shadows lean on mountain grass; a placid place to rest and pray.

Unweary plan down everywhere — the whole Creation's story to tell!

Village, City, and Countryside — All are home for Immanuel!

Charles H. Erickson, Pastor  
 Bolton Congregational Church UCC

### Public Records

**Warranty deeds:**  
 Suffield Bank to Marianna Dmochowska and Gregory M. Goliszek, 614 Jamie Lane, conveyance tax, \$98.89.  
 TACCO Associates to R. Neerime and Sheryl L. Neerime, Meadowbrook Fields, \$225,175.  
 Douglas D. Mayer and Lisa J. Zoppa to Charles L. Amman, Robin Estates, \$185,000.  
 Timothy S. Judd to Elaine D. Thompson, Wetherell Village Condominium, \$129,900.  
 Suffield Bank to Paula Sacuzzo, 2F Jamie Lane, conveyance tax, \$98.89.  
 Suffield Bank to Diane S. Prior, Stonebrook Condominium, conveyance tax, \$98.89.  
 John C. Davis Jr. and Lowell W. McMullen III, co-executors for the will of Helen L. McMullen to Elizabeth S. Cario, Southfield Condominium, \$155,000.  
 Sidney Green and Harriet E. Green to Saadia G. and Aamal G. Chowdhury, 60 Woodstock Drive, \$176,000.  
 Henriette R. Fitzgerald, executrix for the will of Renee A. Potter, to John J. and Maribeth Schneider, 114 Greenwood Drive, \$25,000.

#### Quit claim deeds:

Donald C. and Karen L. Samartino to Donald C. and Karen L. Samartino, Birch Mountain, no conveyance tax.  
 John M. Mordavsky and Virginia P. Mordavsky to Patricia G. Griswold and Joanne G. Buckner, 661 Oak St., no conveyance tax.  
 Frederick F. Vogt to Beth-Ann C. Vogt, 26 Green Road, no conveyance tax.  
 Charles E. Elish Sr. to Gloria J. Elish, 145 Braintree St., no conveyance tax.  
 Edward Swain Jr. and Shirley M. Swain to Edward Swain III, 265 Autumn St., no conveyance tax.  
 Marian F. Thomas, Kenneth S. Thomas and Lynne C. Thomas to Victor I. Moses, Manchester Green Fairlawn, no conveyance tax.  
 Victor I. Moses to Marian F. Thomas and Carol M. Thomas, one-half interest in Manchester Green Fairlawn property, no conveyance tax.  
 James C. Kowalski and Lynn C. Lynne C. Thomas, one-half interest in Manchester Green Fairlawn property, no conveyance tax.  
 Dennis J. Bonicello to Candace E. Bonicello, 45 Barrwood Road, no conveyance tax.

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### Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Sport
- 2 Band
- 3 Food
- 4 Cat
- 5 Wal ground
- 6 Invention
- 7 Giant of fairy tales
- 8 Actress
- 9 Smokey
- 10 Puffy
- 11 Fighter pilot
- 12 Bird
- 13 Weekend
- 14 Emerald
- 15 Measure
- 16 Narrow list
- 17 Sock
- 18 Weight
- 19 Stomach
- 20 Small size
- 21 Statement
- 22 1000
- 23 Receiver of money
- 24 Taper
- 25 Tailor
- 26 Jewels
- 27 42
- 28 Packing

**DOWN**

- 1 Weekend
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- 15 Jewels
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- 17 Packing

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**CELEBRITY CIPHER**

Identify the celebrities by their initials. Each letter in the cipher stands for a name. The number of letters in the name is given in parentheses.

K W E L M E U B O Y K R  
C M J C M B A W U B O D  
K U L M P O B H M J E J R  
A O E A T, E J R  
C B U M G K U M C G W E G  
K C E U K C G E T M . . .  
K J F U E D Y M O F U E J .

**PREVIOUS SOLUTION:** "The age of a woman doesn't mean a thing. The best years are played on the oldest fiddlers." —Sammy Engel.

**THE PHANTOM** by Lee Falk & Barry

GATES OPENED. SAM, YOU GO IN AND SEE WHAT SPIES ARE DOING. MAYBE A DOUBLE-CROSS.

WHERE'S OUR GUY?

WITH CHEEK, MARKING A DEAL. A DOUBLE-CROSS!

I'LL GET HIM. NOW!

YEAH!

**HAGAR THE HORRIBLE** by DA Brown

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DID THAT AT THIS TIME OF YEAR!

RELAX...

IT'S EGNOG

**ALLEY OOP** by Dave Coverly

TIME TO MOVE OUT, ALLEY OOP!

HELP! OH, NO! WHAT HAPPENS WHEN BE JOHNNY LIE REAL OKAY, WAVE!

WE'LL WAVE DOWN, FRESH WAGON, INTO BANHAM!

WELL, NOW, WHAT'S THIS EXTRA FOR THE WAGON ROAD, LOOK HERE!

**THE BORN LOSER** by Art Sarsam

I'M SICK... CAN THE DOCTOR COME SEE ME?

DOCTOR NO, LONGER MAKES HOUSE CALLS.

CAN YOU COME TO THE OFFICE?

DOCTOR NO, LONGER MAKES PHONE CALLS.

### THE NEW BREED



**JUMBLE** THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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

ROGAC

HELEW

BRYDOW

ZARDAH

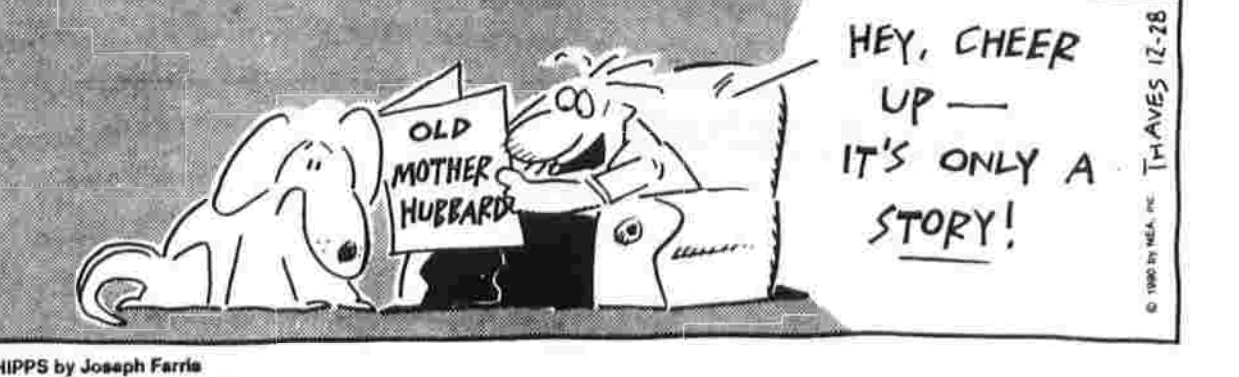
Now arrange the coded letters to form the dictionary answer, as suggested by the clue.

Answer here: THE "FOUR LETTERS"

Yesterday's Jumble: SHINY FOAMY UNFAIR CONGRAT

Answer: A rich relative is always close to you until you try to — TOUCH HIM

### BLONDIE



## ACCENT

### Local effort benefits new mobile chapel

By DIANNA M. TALBOT  
Herald Features Editor

MANCHESTER — When the women of Trinity Covenant Church baked their Christmas cookies this season, they made double batches — one for their family and friends, the other for truck drivers.

The cookies were given to Transport for Christ International, a non-profit organization that wants to bring the message of God to truck drivers through mobile and permanent chapels at truck stops and trucking companies nationwide.

So far, the organization operates seven Mobile Chapels — tractor-trailer trucks with the inside of trailers converted to a chapel into which passing truck drivers are invited to talk to chaplains — throughout the United States and Canada. Two of these units are stationed permanently in truck stops in Harrisburg, Pa., and Elkton, Md.

Last month, however, the organization established its newest permanent chapel at American Eagle Truck Stop in Southington, intersection of Interstate 84 and Route 322, formerly Route 66. It is the only such chapel in the state and is staffed by Chaplain Glen Hill, who is from York, Pa.

Trinity Covenant Church members sent about 100 boxes of cookies to the Southington truck stop chapel.

"Hundreds of men pour through truck stops each year," said Ken Nelson, a long-time member of Trinity Covenant Church and a local coordinator for Transport for Christ, which is based in Denver, Pa. "These truck stops are, to put it bluntly, the tarps of hell. Prostitution and drugs are rampant."

The goal of Transport for Christ is to help change this by reaching out to truck drivers and letting them know they are cared about, he said.

Nelson said he recently visited the Southington truck stop chapel.

While there, he said he witnessed first hand the "tremendous" good that the chapel can do for truck drivers.

"One man from Texas came into the chapel and said, 'I thank God that you are here for me. I can't go to church.' The man went into the chapel for prayer and encouragement. He came out with tears in his eyes he was so happy that someone cared about him."

The man was given a box of homemade Christmas cookies for the road, Nelson said.

According to the organization, one of every six registered vehicles is a truck, and if it were not for today's professional truck driver, most goods and commodities would not be available.

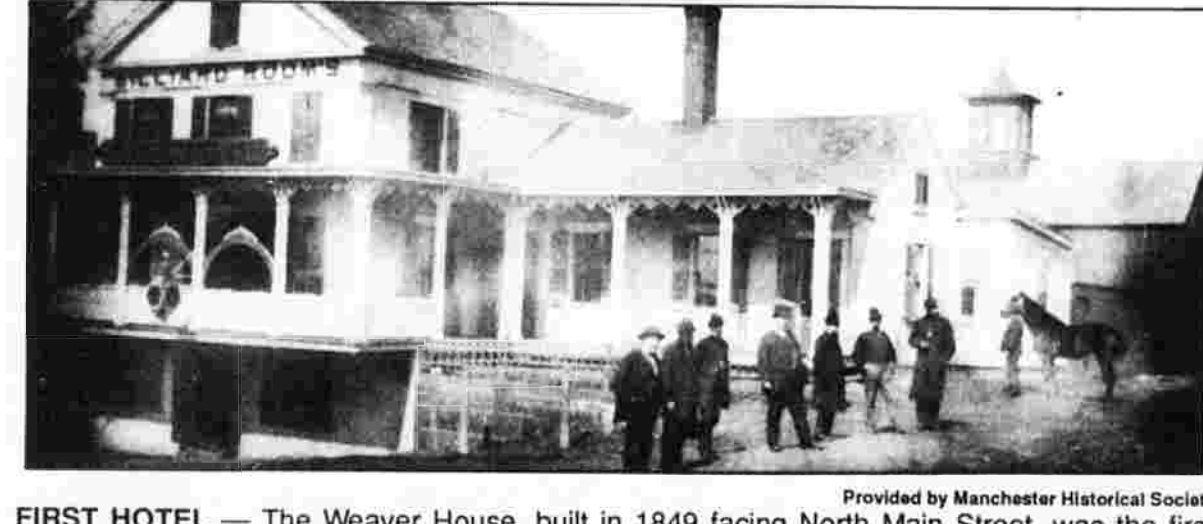
Also, the average on-the-road truck driver is home only four to eight weekends per year and faces loneliness, family problems, hazardous road conditions and constant pressure to meet delivery deadlines.

Transport for Christ International is funded by donations, Nelson said. Anyone wishing to donate can send a check or contact the organization at P.O. Box 303, Denver, Pa. 17517. Telephone number is (215) 267-2444.



Mobile chapel

### Hotel's history of evading fires ends, memories saved



FIRST HOTEL — The Weaver House, built in 1849 facing North Main Street, was the first hotel in the town's north end.

### Cracking postal history

By RUSS MACKENDRICK  
Manchester Herald

all over the state. They have a Journal issued three times a year, now into Volume 16. The editor is Frank Reichert of Manchester.

One article tells of the Glastonbury "G", a distinctive pioneer premark that was used by the J.B. Williams Company of that town in the 1870s and '80s. The story and photos were supplied by R. Malcolm Hooper, a past proxy of the local stamp club.

The Journal for Winter, 1989 had a 25-page dissertation on the New Haven Beehive. This is a marking with a conical beehive in a circle with the words NEW HAVEN CONN. It has been found on the upper left corner of five envelopes. These covers were valued up to \$5,000 at one time as the Beehive was thought to be a postal marking but this cover was established.

We all know about the Rumbling Chicken cover from Waterbury, here's a story on the Devil & Pitchfork cancellation from West Meriden that is now valued at \$2,000 or so but might take off into the stratosphere with the chicks someday.

Membership in the PHSC is \$10 a year. The dues cover a copy of the Journal, \$4 Hillside Rd., Cromwell, 06416.

What's postal history — and who cares?

This book would tell you. As you see on the dust jacket, there's something about postmarks, cards and covers. More than that inside. The author, Prince Dimitry Kankouloff, tells of posts in ancient times, going back to the Books of Nehemiah and Esther, and still further into the

and the story ends with "First Day Covers and Maximum Cards."

The book has 188 pages, including a useful index. It was published by Larousse & Company in 1974. Can't tell what Dimitry was a prince of, but his book was printed in Holland.

As to the mippy "... who cares?" above — will say that the PHSC membership cares — that's who.

The Postal History Society of Connecticut meets in different spots



Postal history book

### Children's humor means much more than laughter

NEW YORK (AP) — What makes children laugh tells us a great deal about what's on their minds and their level of development, according to Dr. Lawrence Kutner, a clinical psychologist and associate professor of public health at the University of Minnesota.

"The specific things children laugh at tell us which developmental tasks they are struggling with," says Kutner, author of "Parent & Child: Getting Through to Each Other" (William Morrow and Co., 1991, \$18.95). "That explains why 3-year-olds, who are mastering toilet training, love bathroom humor. Seven-year-olds, who aren't worried about toilet training anymore, think 'potty' jokes are just stupid."

It also explains why peek-a-boo makes a toddler laugh. Kutner says babies learn some very complex things during their first year, including the fact that objects and people exist even when they can't be seen. While a baby is learning this, peek-a-boo is fraught with tension and excitement. He's pretty sure Mom is still there and will come back, but he's not certain. When she does reappear, the baby laughs with relief and glee. He can predict the future. What was scary is now fun.

"But if Mom keeps her face hidden for too long," Kutner says, "the child's tension will turn to fear, and he'll cry."

Once children grasp a new concept, they love to play with it. That's why 2-year-olds go for combinations of words and nonsense syllables. "They've learned to tell the words from the nonsense," says Kutner. "Nonsense words are sounds that are out of place. They're funny."

Similarly, putting mittens on hands isn't funny. But putting a mitten on his nose is hysterical to a 2-year-old because he knows it doesn't belong there. He's done it on purpose to be silly. He's learned to make a joke.

A 6-year-old, struggling to master logic and abstract ideas, finds riddles and jokes full of misnamed combinations, plays on words or logical flaws to be her favorites. "Why did the elephant wear blue sneakers?" "So he could hide in the blueberry bush!"

The elephant who thinks he can blend into the blueberries by making part of himself blue doesn't understand something that the child does. "It's a funny joke to 6-year-olds because they can imagine and identify with the elephant who is trying in vain to hide," says Kutner. "The small child knows more than the big elephant."

The innocent tone of children's jokes changes toward the end of the school year. By age 10, they are telling jokes that are very physically violent and very sexual. Girls that age like humor that is verbally aggressive, perhaps because they often have better verbal skills than boys. They may tease each other about boyfriends.

While the kids' jokes may seem quite different to their parents and teachers, boys and girls use humor to do the same things. When an 11-year-old boy sneezes at a joke about rape or prostitution, he's not making a judgment about those topics. Sexual issues are much too topical for him to deal with directly. "The child uses the joke to check out what feelings and behaviors are acceptable," says Kutner. "He can try out a position and, if necessary, back away fast."

Jokes can serve another purpose at this age as well. They can be like team sweaters, letting the other children know who belongs and who doesn't. Those who "get" a particular joke are in the group; those who don't aren't.

The charter for the Manchester Railroad was granted in 1833, but no railroad was built. The charter was revised and revised in 1848 and became part of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad. The first train steamed its way from Hartford to Willimantic in Dec. 1849.

The station was built on the South West corner of Main and North Main Streets and Depot Square became an important business section. E.B. Hibbard started his store and tinware business on the south side of North Main Street. Moses Scott has a drug store on the north side of that street. And Erastus Weaver built the station on the north side opposite the station.

A 1889 fire that destroyed the nearby Rose drug store building threatened the hotel, but persistent work of the bucket brigade — friends and neighbors equipped with pails of water — won the battle.

Erastus Weaver sold the hotel to Clinton and Walter Cowles in 1869 and later Clinton became the sole owner. He replaced the small barn

with a new larger facility and created the first livery stable at the North End.

From the Saturday Herald on Oct. 1887: "Covels Hotel has 46 regular boarders and a transient patronage of 15 to 20 guests a day. The new rooms, lately finished from the old hall, have been furnished in first class style and are as nice as any to be found in the state. A large new range has been put in the kitchen and as soon as the electric light system is in operation, 25 incandescent lamps will illuminate the lower floor. A force of waiters, cooks and chambermaids has been doubled to meet the increasing demand of patrons."

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side of the hotel that faced the fire. After the fire, he became the Eighth District's first fire chief. He purchased a number of leather buckets and distributed them around Depot Square. Today, the Eighth District's Fire Prevention display includes one of these leather buckets.

After the death of Allen in 1898, his widow leased the hotel to Timothy O'Connell and Thomas Sheridan. Others who later conducted the hotel were W.J. Griswold, W.E. Hapenny, James Murphy and Mrs. Ellen Murphy. About 1929, the property came into the hands of Harry Mintz, who had a dry goods store at 209 N. Main St. He removed the veranda and put in four stores.

The old wooden building that had been so dramatically saved in 1889 was badly gutted in Jan 1940 despite the best efforts of Manchester's fire departments. It was replaced by a one-story building of five stores that stood until the North End redevelopment of the late 1960s and early 1970s.



ICY DOLPHINS — Visitors to Marine World Africa USA in Vallejo, Calif., stop to admire ice formations on the theme park's Dolphin Fountain, which was turned on when temperatures dropped to 18 degrees and the water froze.

### Students surveyed on marital plans

While once considered taboo, 80 percent of the University of Connecticut students who participated in a recent survey support the idea of living together before they marry.

This was among the findings of an annual "College Commitment" survey by UConn and five other college campuses across the country by the Adolph Coors Co.

Highlights of the UConn survey were:

- Eighty-six percent of students plan to begin their families between 25 and 29 years of age, followed by 39 percent between 30 and 34 years and 10 percent between 35 and 39 years.
- Forty percent of UConn students plan to begin their families between 25 and 29 years of age, followed by 39 percent between 30 and 34 years and 10 percent between 35 and 39 years.
- In addition to UConn, students were surveyed at California State University, Sacramento; Colorado State University, Fort Collins; Memphis State University, Tenn.; Ohio State University, Columbus; and University of Texas, Austin.

Prevention of pet chewing is approached in the same way as house training.

First, teach a puppy the desired behavior by allowing a limited number of chewable objects or toys and encouraging their use by playing with them and scenting them with a smear of food.

Praise the puppy each time it chews the chosen items. This is easier and better than scolding when he/she starts to chew hundreds of other household objects. Also, teach the pup to fetch the selected toys.

For the first year keep everything out of reach that is designated as non-toys. If it can't be made unreachably, make it taste bad, pepper in water, pepper sauce or things such as bitter apple which are available at your veterinarian's should make an unpalatable.

If the pup commits an oral misdemeanor, give a firm "No," then offer a chew toy and follow with praise when the pup mouths it. If chewing problems persist, continue with loud startling verbal reprimands, but never strike the animal manually. The hand should be perceived only as a friend to the puppy.

In the case of a kitten that is claw destructive, provide a scratching post, such as cork board. Shake a penny can, fire a cup pistol, tinkle a rack of pie plates on the floor, or squirt the offender with a water pistol during the act. Do not let the kitten see you zapping her/him because then the distraction will be associated with you and in your absence the clawing will resume. If the kitten thinks bad things will happen when clawing, maybe it won't be repeated. Declawing is a last resort.

Jumping up on people is an unruly puppy problem, especially when they become larger dogs and still do it. Initially, try to teach the pup to greet people by sitting. Hold a tidbit at nose level and call the pup. Then, slowly raise it over the pup's head and give the "sit" command before jumping up can occur.

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