

SCOREBOARD

Football

W	L	T	PP	PF	PA
Buffalo	12	0	0	438	233
Atlanta	12	0	0	375	242
Indianapolis	12	0	0	375	242
N.Y. Jets	11	0	0	375	242
New England	11	0	0	375	242
Chicago	11	0	0	375	242
Cincinnati	11	0	0	375	242
Houston	11	0	0	375	242
Pittsburgh	11	0	0	375	242
Cleveland	11	0	0	375	242

W	L	T	PP	PF	PA
San Francisco	12	0	0	475	239
New Orleans	12	0	0	475	239
L.A. Rams	11	0	0	315	412
Atlanta	11	0	0	315	412

W	L	T	PP	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	13	0	0	813	335
Philadelphia	13	0	0	813	335
Washington	10	0	0	625	301
Dallas	10	0	0	625	301
Phoenix	5	11	0	313	286

W	L	T	PP	PF	PA
Chicago	11	0	0	688	348
San Diego	11	0	0	688	348
Detroit	10	0	0	375	242
Denver	10	0	0	375	242
Minnesota	10	0	0	375	242

W	L	T	PP	PF	PA
San Francisco	14	2	0	875	359
New Orleans	14	2	0	875	359
L.A. Rams	11	0	0	315	412
Atlanta	11	0	0	315	412

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Cotton Bowl

W	L	T	PP	PF	PA
Miami	12	7	14	113	46
Nebraska	12	7	14	113	46

W	L	T	PP	PF	PA
Florida State	24	0	0	313	286
Alabama	24	0	0	313	286

W	L	T	PP	PF	PA
Georgia Tech	11	0	0	375	242
Notre Dame	11	0	0	375	242

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Parents seeking school year vacation change

By SCOTT B. BREDE
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Insisting that August is too early for students to start school, a pair of mothers — with more than 1,200 signatures behind them — are clamoring to get the Board of Education to change the school calendar.

"Parents, not Board [of Education] members, should decide when their children take vacation," said Roberta McCormick, one of the mothers who, in September, started collecting signatures from other parents who did not want their children going to school in August.

McCormick said she believed that when the school board switched the school starting date, which opened school doors before September, it was acting to satisfy the wishes of its members and not out of the best interests of students.

At the very least, a poll of parents should be taken by the Board of Education to determine when the majority of them would like to have their children on vacation, she said.

"We really feel that children should not be brought back to school that early," said McCormick, a mother of two elementary school children.

NATION/WORLD

Ex-general: armaments are inadequate for war

By MIKE FEINSILBER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A former chief of Army intelligence says the Pentagon appears to lack adequate stockpiles of bombs and tanks for the "large, costly and bloody campaign" that must be anticipated if President Bush goes to war against Iraq.

In an interview Wednesday, retired Lt. Gen. William E. Odom suggested that neither the American people nor the Pentagon have faced up to the scale of a war that would follow a decision to evict Iraq from Kuwait militarily.

"We may have a war out there," he said. "I don't think we understand how extensive it could be."

The Pentagon said supplies would be "sufficient" for all contingencies. Elaborating on testimony he gave before the Senate Armed Services Committee late last year, Odom said no overseas battle in U.S. history — short of the D-Day invasion of Europe — is comparable to the battle that would be fought in Kuwait.

"The American people will take it better and we will be stronger as a nation if we expect a very bad campaign here," Odom said. "If we persist in thinking this is going to be a Sunday outing and it is worse than that, the political and psychological reverberations in this country will be most unhappy."

Oil prices continue to drop

By DIRK BEVERIDGE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Oil prices fell sharply on speculation of a peaceful resolution to the five-month Persian Gulf crisis.

Light sweet crude oil for delivery in February dropped \$1.95 per barrel, to \$26.49, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

With less than two weeks to go until the U.N. deadline of Jan. 15 for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to pull his troops out of Kuwait, oil traders began focusing on last-minute hints of diplomacy.

"They don't feel there is a solution, but a lot of people in the market feel it's not clear we're

Frozen toddler recovers fully

By CLAUDIA COATES
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Freezing cold apparently helped avert brain damage in a 3-year-old girl found clinically dead in a snowbank, her doctor says.

Brittany Eichelberger was stiff and blue when her parents found her outside their trailer home in Elkins, W.Va., on Christmas Eve. She had been in the snow for 2 1/2 hours in only her underwear.

At a news conference Wednesday at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh, she talked with her parents and tried to blow soap bubbles through a bubble wand held by her father, Steve Robinson.

Dr. Pat Kochanek said Brittany could go home Friday. He said 27-degree temperatures and the quick application of cardiopulmonary resuscitation may have prevented brain damage.

"She looks great, certainly neurologically," said Kochanek, a specialist in pediatric intensive care.

"I think God's the one who did it," said the girl's mother, Melinda Eichelberger.

Brittany will lose part of her right big toe, Kochanek said. But other lingering symptoms, including a weak left arm and a touch of pneumonia, will go away.

The blond, blue-eyed girl was

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"We should prepare ourselves for a large, costly and bloody campaign and consider an easy victory a bonus, if it comes."

"I would not be surprised to see it going on two or three months and it could go on much longer," Odom said of the duration.

Like other former military leaders, Odom foresaw U.S. casualties of 10,000 to 20,000 in a ground war against an entrenched Iraqi force, although he said "anybody's guess could be as good as anybody else's."

Odom said he supports Bush's decision to build up an offensive force in Saudi Arabia, but he counseled waiting a year or two before going to war to see if economic sanctions force Iraq's Saddam Hussein to give up Kuwait.

"We are causing him damage right now," he said. "He is selling no oil. He is not getting a significant supply of industrial materials to keep up his economic programs or supply his military. The most important thing is we put him in a worse predicament every month he waits."

Odom now is a military analyst with the Hudson Institute, a research organization. After running Army intelligence, he was appointed by President Reagan to head the National Security Agency, which monitors other countries' communications. He also served on the staff of the National Security Council

and was a planning officer in Vietnam.

In the interview, Odom said a bombing campaign, no matter how intense, could not force Iraq to withdraw. It would take virtually direct hits to immobilize Saddam's tanks, and Iraq has 5,000 of them, he said. The Pentagon has put the number at 4,000, including about 500 of the heaviest Soviet-built T-72s.

A 500-pound bomb falling only three or four yards from a tank in fortifications "wouldn't even give him a headache," Odom said.

Additionally, Odom said, the prospect of a saturation bombing campaign causes him to worry about the adequacy of munitions supplies — especially of electronically guided "smart" bombs — to launch a bombing attack "and later wage bombing runs to support American ground forces once they start moving."

It is just that kind of unpromising warfare that Bush has been threatening, declaring that a war against Iraq "is not going to bring us Vietnam," with its gradual escalation.

"I would like to know if my bomb and air-launched munitions stocks are sufficient for such a campaign," Odom said.

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RIVAL GROUPS CLASH — A rioter falls after being chased by a member of a rival group in Bombay, India, during clashes between Hindus and Moslems. Four people were killed and more than 40 were injured in the violence.

Conn., Northeast states may get heating funds

By DEBORAH MESE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A home heating aid program for the poor would be cut by two-thirds and would serve only nine Northeastern states including Connecticut, under a proposal by Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan.

Sullivan wants to reduce the \$1.4 billion program to as little as \$468 million in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, targeting the funds to the states where home heating costs are the highest, government sources said Wednesday.

This would mean the six New England states plus New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania would get the same funding next fiscal year as they will this year. Other states now drawing funds from the program would be shut out.

"We'd have a riot out here," said Jim Nolan, the low-income energy assistance program director in Montana.

"It would be nothing short of a disaster for poor people," said Helen Gonzales, staff attorney for the National Consumer Law Center, which represents clients who depend on the program.

"There's no question that the Northeast may have the coldest winter... but as a percentage of income, energy costs are still a major problem for households outside the Northeast, particularly in the Midwest," she said.

Although most of the funds in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, go for heat, some states use their portions to offset air conditioning costs.

The proposed cuts were outlined in a letter from Sullivan to Richard Darman, director of the Office of Management and Budget, in which the secretary responded to changes OMB had made in his fiscal 1992 budget request.

By cutting some parts of his budget, Sullivan could find money to expand and maintain other programs in his massive department.

He told Darman in the letter: "By targeting and limiting our assistance, we will be able to provide more heating fuel assistance to the Northeast region than if we were to accept the OMB-recommended level distributed nationwide."

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Policemen slain as drug battle rears its head

By STEVEN GUTKIN
The Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia — Powerful cocaine barons have slain four policemen in Medellin, police said, in what may signal the resumption of the drug traffickers' war against the government.

Cocaine bosses ended most bombings and assassinations last July after 16 months.

Col. Jaime Pena, national police operations chief, told reporters drug traffickers killed the four secret police agents Wednesday on a street in Medellin, home city of the Medellin drug cartel.

Pena said they also were responsible for a second attack Wednesday in which an anti-kidnapping police chief and his bodyguard were shot and wounded. Pena did not disclose the names.

Before his comments, suspicion fell on leftist guerrillas for the Medellin murders and a series of other attacks that have killed at least 27 policemen and army soldiers in the past two days.

The four policemen, who belonged to a secret investigation division, were shot and killed by unidentified gunmen traveling in a moving car, a police report said.

The extrajudicial, a code name for the Medellin cartel, have admitted to killing 28 policemen in early 1990. That constituted 10 percent of Medellin's police force.

The favorite method of the cartel's hired killers was to shoot their victims from moving cars or motorcycles.

Drug bosses said they were seeking revenge for human rights abuses by police.

Last July, the cartel abandoned its



The Associated Press

LAST DUTIES — At top, Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis and Lt. Gov. Evelyn Murphy, left, are applauded by members of the state legislature Wednesday in Boston, where Dukakis swore in the newly elected members of the legislature as one of his final duties as governor. At bottom, Former District of Columbia Mayor Marion Barry, left, passes the district's seal to his successor, Sharon Pratt Dixon following her swearing in Wednesday.



Diseased drivers have higher risk of car accidents

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Motorists with diabetes or epilepsy run a one-third higher risk of accidents, but tougher restrictions on their driving are probably unnecessary, a study today concludes.

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Crewmen killed in Salvador

By STEVEN GUTKIN
The Associated Press

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Leftist guerrillas say they inadvertently shot down a U.S. military helicopter in eastern San Salvador, killing three American crewmen. The attack came five days after the rebels announced an end to their offensive.

The Salvadoran military confirmed that a Huey helicopter was downed Wednesday and refused to give details. The U.S. Embassy would only say an American helicopter was missing and it was looking for further information.

Washington has been considering sending an additional \$42 million to the right-wing government of President Alfredo Cristiani as a result of the six-week rebel offensive, in which more than 600 people died and two government planes were shot down.

A broadcast by the rebels' Radio Venceremos said a guerrilla unit shot down the Huey helicopter at around 2:30 p.m. local time near the village of Loloitque, about 75 miles east of the capital.

It said the guerrillas found three bodies in the wreckage with U.S. military identification on them, along with two-way radio equipment, a Browning pistol and an M-60 machine gun.

In the broadcast, the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front rebel organization said the guerrillas did not know they were shooting down a U.S. helicopter.

"At the time it was a war-craft that was overflying a war zone... in this context it was shot down," a statement by the front, also known as FMLN, said.

The broadcast identified the pilot only as David Scott, the copilot only as Dawson, but did not say what type of identification was found.

Mauricio Gotay Lacayo, a journalist for the privately owned station Radio Venceremos, said he was in the city of San Miguel the three bullet-riddled bodies were retrieved from the crash site a few miles away later Wednesday.

Gotay Lacayo said the bodies were brought to the Army 3rd Infantry Brigade headquarters in San Miguel, identified in the early evening and were being flown to San Salvador.

Military and judicial authorities in San Miguel refused to release their identities, Gotay Lacayo said. But he quoted military sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, as saying the pilot's name was Daniel Scott, and the other two were a private named Ernest Dawson and a Lt. Col. named David J. Pickett.

The United States has pumped around \$4.7 billion in military and economic aid to buttress a succession of government since the civil war began in October 1979. The conflict has claimed more than 73,000 lives.

Washington also has stationed a contingent of about 55 non-combat U.S. military advisers to help the Salvadoran military.

Six of these advisers were killed when a helicopter they were riding in crashed in bad weather near San Salvador in July 1987.

"We have heard the FMLN report and the only thing we can confirm is that one of our helicopters is missing," U.S. Embassy spokesman Jeff Brown said in a telephone interview.

"We are looking for more details."

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Floods menace Indiana, Ohio

By CONNIE CASS
The Associated Press

Floodwaters coursing southward through Indiana breached three levees and threatened several more, chasing hundreds of people from their homes. Surging currents disrupted barge traffic on the Ohio River.

In Cincinnati, the Ohio River was expected to crest today at 5 feet above flood stage, its highest level since 1959, and water covered streets in the East End neighborhood.

Authorities on Wednesday closed a floodgate at Riverfront Stadium, where the Cincinnati Bengals meet the Houston Oilers in a football playoff game Sunday. Floodgates also were sealed across the river at Covington and Newport, Ky., shutting access to floating restaurants and other riverfront businesses.

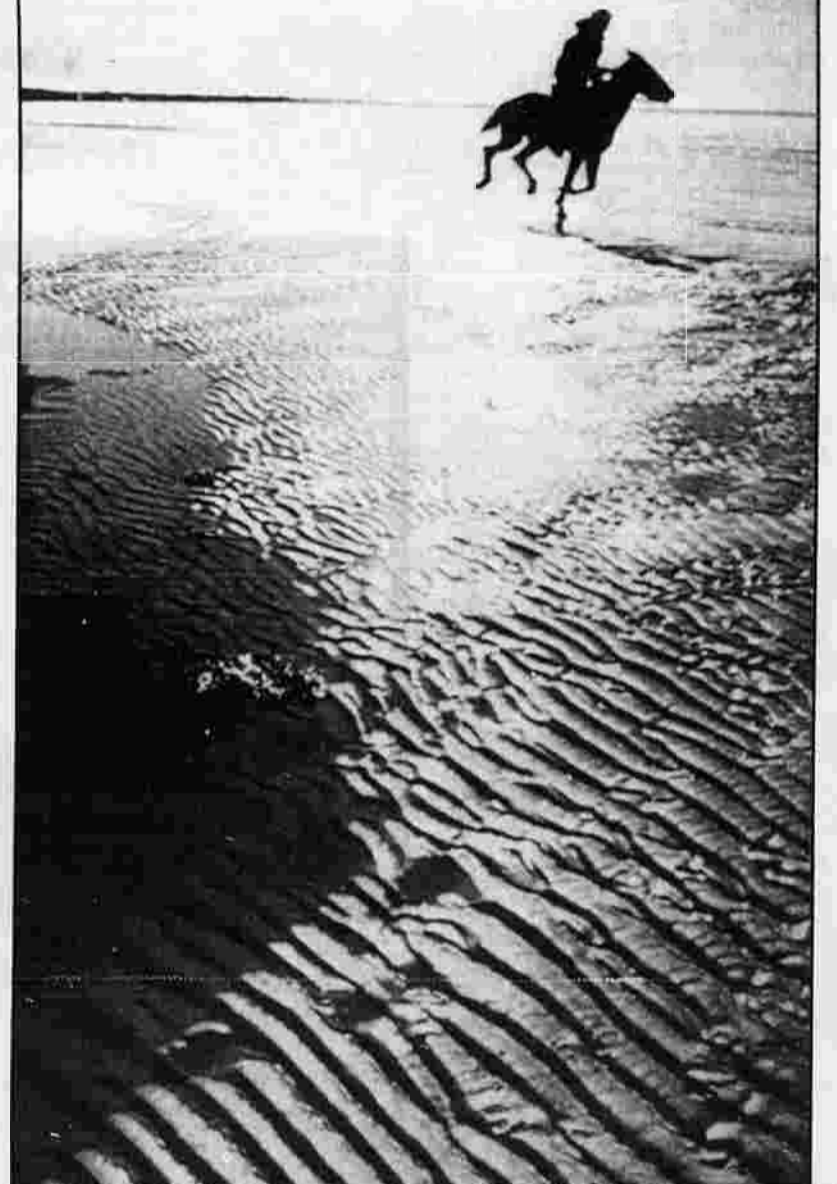
The flooding began Saturday from heavy weekend rains combined with melting snow.

Floodwaters subsided in northern and central Indiana on Wednesday but will threaten southern portions of the state through early next week, officials said.

"One county gets out of it and another county gets the water," said Kelly Stemmok of the State Emergency Management Agency.

Portions of dirt levees in Vigo, Daviess and Gibson counties failed Wednesday despite efforts of volunteers who piled sandbags night and day in freezing cold.

On Tuesday, authorities found the body of an Indiana man who had been missing since leaving his home when he piled sandbags on New Year's Eve to get help.



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SEA HORSE — Christina Potter rides her mustang through the tidal pools on Black Beach in West Falmouth, Mass.

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OPINION

Stock up on fax machines

U.S. Postal Service workers are now demanding raises of eight percent next year, and seven percent each in 1992 and 1993. The quasi-independent postal service agency — which, obviously, is not entirely unbiased about its labor negotiations — says that such raises would cost \$50 billion, resulting in, among other pathologies, a 43-cent first-class stamp in 1993. First-class postage is already due to reach 30 cents next spring.

Obviously a \$50 billion increase to the \$60,000 Postal Service workforce — the nation's largest civilian workforce — would be highly inflationary. It would also irritate citizens discovering that the pay gap between postal employees and other workers continues to widen. Postal workers already make an average of \$37,048 a year in wages and benefits, well over the \$25,223 average for all workers in the private sector. It may be particularly noteworthy that, according to the Baltimore Sun, the average base salary of postal workers is \$2,000 over those of teachers and police officers.

But there, although the Postal Service is theoretically "private" it is, in practice, a public agency whose employees have long had the clout to extract large settlements from management, which then passes on those cost increases to the service's customers — many of whom find themselves in states of childlike dependency on this monopoly. Inevitably, growing numbers of these customers start to use fax machines and any and all other alternatives to the mails.

Postal workers who believe that their jobs will always be secure might ponder the long-term significance of this phenomenon. And the rest of us might consider more closely the ambiguous charms of "privatization" of such key public services as mail delivery.

The Providence Journal-Bulletin
Providence, R.I.

Ban religious displays

Ah, December in Burlington. The lights! The shoppe! The phantoms of lawyers!

If City Hall ties itself in any more knots over religious displays on public property, the Boy Scouts will award it a merit badge.

It's time to cut through the tangle. All unattended displays ought to be banned from city parks year-round — the ACLU ran for the courts. When the city said no, the monarch defenders headed for the nearest judge. In one case, the city had to pay for the ACLU's lawyers as well as its own.

There's no end in sight. Federal court decisions fail to provide clear guidance for future city decisions about religious displays. In the meantime, the parks are getting more cluttered. The well-meaning "peace on earth" billboard that appeared in City Hall Park this December resembles a poorly built construction sign.

Burlington has churches and synagogues, most of them with front lawns. It has thousands of residents with lawns to accommodate religious displays. Stores, private colleges, industry, non-profit groups — are all free to turn their premises into neon advertisements of religious faith if they wish.

Parks sit dark and quiet in the December evenings. A few moments in Battery Park, looking at the infinite stars above the moving water of Lake Champlain, leave the mind in awe and the heart at peace. A man-made symbol only intrudes.

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Berry's World

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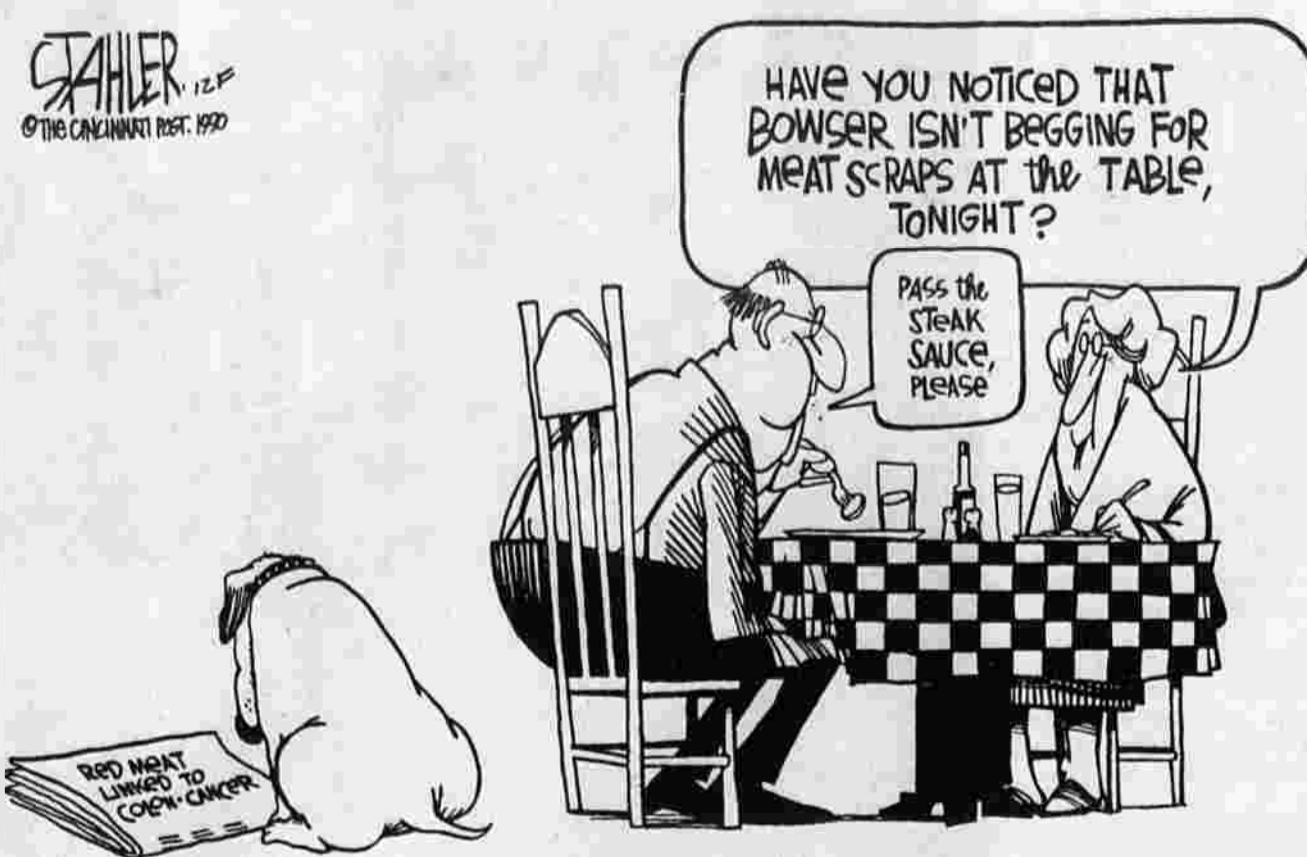
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Our wonderful phone tax

WASHINGTON — The British statesman Edmund Burke once observed that taxing is an easy affair. He said any projector can contrive a new imposition, any bungler can add to the old, and the only question is whether it is altogether just to limit the bounds of the levy merely to the patience of those who bear it.

He might as well have been speaking specifically about your telephone excise tax.

You are not alone if you note here that you have never heard of the telephone excise tax. It was a U.S. toll first imposed a long time ago, and the result is that it's been bound merely by the patience of those who bear it.

The telephone tax was initially introduced in 1898. That was the year the United States declared its "splendid little war" on Spain. It was the nation's first major combat involvement overseas, fighting took place from Cuba to the Philippines, and Congress conducted a careful search for ways to pay for the adventure.

As luck would have it, the telephone was just then being established as a means of communication. And it made an attractive revenue target. It had only been invented two decades before, it was still something of a scarce curiosity, and the federal legislators levied a luxury tax on each call costing 15 cents or more.

Well, who cared? Only the do-gooders and Rockefeller types who used the Bell machine. Besides, the toll was originated as a "temporary" expedient, to finance the country's wartime emergence as a grand world power. And, sure enough, the phone tax was withdrawn after three years on the books, and buried in the history of the era.

But American's government rarely does away entirely with a convenient notion — that's why taxes are called "capital punishment." Thus, the telephone ex-

Apple growers got bad deal

Washington state apple growers, so hardy as their splendid crop, hope to teach a pair of dangerous fearmongers a lesson in intellectual honesty. The growers have filed suit against "60 Minutes" and the Natural Resources Defense Council over the apple scare of nearly two years ago.

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2. San Antonio, TX	\$61,000
3. St. George, UT	\$70,700
4. Pensacola, FL	\$73,300
5. Brownsville, TX	\$60,600
6. Phoenix, AZ	\$82,000
7. Orlando, FL	\$83,200
8. St. Petersburg, FL	\$91,900
9. St. Tammany Parish, LA	\$66,700
10. Miami, FL	\$116,800

Agency digs up rampant waste

By JACK ANDERSON and DALE VAN ATTA

WASHINGTON — There is a glimmer of hope that with each new year, the federal government will get better at curbing the rampant waste of your money. That glimmer resides in the General Accounting Office, which, in 1990, caught enough waste, fraud and abuse to save taxpayers \$15.2 billion — nearly twice as much as it identified in 1989.

A big chunk of the money was caught through the war in Southeast Asia. The Pentagon.

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BUSINESS

American apologizes — twice

By EVAN RAMSTAD
The Associated Press

DALLAS — For American Airlines, sorry seems to be the hardest word.

The nation's biggest airline placed ads in newspapers around the country Wednesday apologizing for poor holiday service and accusing its pilots union of encouraging an illegal strike.

But the ad got the name of the union wrong, forcing a second apology.

We most sincerely apologize for wrongly identifying the Air Line Pilots Association when we should have said Allied Pilots Association," said American chairman Robert Crandall in a letter to ALPA president Randolph Babbitt.

ALPA represents pilots of Eastern, United and other airlines.

1990: A lousy year for business

By JAMES M. KENNEDY
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Just how bad a year was it for business? Ask Michael Milken, or Donald Trump, or Citicorp.

By almost anyone's standard, 1990 failed to measure up. For the start of a new decade, the year was particularly disappointing.

It was a year of undoing and retreat, of dashed hopes and unfulfilled promises. Fortunes were made. Reputations were damaged. Big deals fell apart.

The economy slid into decline. The stock market hit a record high and then tumbled downhill. Car sales slumped, and consumers spent sparingly for Christmas.

Homebuilding stalled, and real estate values in many parts of the country plummeted.

The buyouts of the '80s gave way to the bankruptcies of the '90s as heavy debts pushed enterprises big and small to the brink of collapse.

Banks were left holding the bag for much of the mess, having loaned billions for soaring real estate deals and corporate takeovers.

The news turned bad even before Iraq invaded Kuwait Aug. 2, but the ensuing crisis in the Persian Gulf added a "war premium" to oil prices that drove up prices at the gasoline pump and stoked the embers of inflation.

It all inspired Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan to pronounce a "meaningful downturn" in the economy near year's end, although he stopped short of using the "F" word to proclaim an official recession.

The chairman of one hard-hit Wall Street firm was more blunt in his assessment of the 1990 environment. "Business stinks," George Ball of Prudential-Bache Securities Inc. said in a November memo to his staff.

ECONOMY: Slip-Shiding Into Recession

The government's regular monthly statistics on the economy became a litany of woe in the waning weeks of the year.

Unemployment reached 5.9 percent in November, a three-year high. The index of leading economic indicators signaled the beginning of a recession with five consecutive monthly declines beginning in July.

As construction slowed, sales of new homes dipped to their lowest level since the last recession eight years ago.

Manufacturing also languished. Just this past week, orders for durable goods — items that last more than three years — were reported off by 10.5 percent in November. The drop was viewed by some economists as confirmation of a deepening recession.

The lone bright spot in the chain of bad news was a moderate inflation report for November, which provided an opening for the Federal Reserve to try to turn things around.

The Fed, which can influence the fate of the economy by regulating the nation's money supply, had been holding a tight rein on credit to keep inflation under control. When inflation abated — despite the lingering effects of a dramatic step to ease credit by lowering its lending rate to a half percent — the drop in the discount rate, by a half point to 6.5 percent, was the first cut in the rate in more than four years.

Most of the action in the financial markets shifted to the oil pits, where barrels of crude for future delivery are traded. Frenzied speculation nearly doubled the price of a barrel of oil to more than \$40 by October, before it slid back under \$30 toward year's end.

The conventional wisdom held that the world was awash in oil, but the supply side of the equation mattered little, as long as the threat of a shooting war in the Middle East loomed.

COMPANIES: Let's Not Make a Deal

One missing ingredient in the markets was merger mania. It departed with the '80s.

Some big deals survived into the new decade, but they were few and far between. With bank credit drying up and the market for junk bonds exhausted, not much American money could be raised for takeover wars.

The biggest play was launched from Japan. Cash-rich Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. cut a \$7.4 billion deal to buy entertainment giant MCA Inc.

Other deals were driven by necessity. American Telephone & Telegraph Co. anxious to expand its computer business, tried to reach out and grab NCR Corp. in a deal worth more than \$6 billion. NCR rejected the proposal and Ma Bell took its case directly to the shareholders in the form of a tender offer.

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Recession worries set the mood

Parks

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taking this kind of approach, and (the voters) chose the lower tax rate," he said.

Ellesser also said that if trash bins for recyclable items were available, people would inevitably dump non-recyclable garbage in them anyway.

In the past, people have stuffed trash bins in Coventry parks with their own garbage, so such a practice can only be expected to continue, he said.

Despite the absence of trash containers, Ellesser said that he does not anticipate any major problems with park users cluttering the parks with their garbage.

"We are going to try this and if it doesn't work then we will have to try something different," he said.

Although Manchester town parks will still have a trash service, the newly-implemented recycling law will mean fewer trash disposal areas because some of the garbage cans that were used exclusively for regular garbage will now have to be used to collect the separated items, said Park Supervisor George Murphy.

Trash containers for each type of refuse will be grouped at centralized locations, instead of having them individually spread out throughout the parks, Murphy said.

Park Department maintenance workers will still have to inspect the garbage to make sure the recyclable items are not getting mixed up with regular trash, he said, adding that the department is looking into the purchase of specialized equipment, or using an outside agency to handle the separation process in coming years.

Murphy and Mary Ann Handley, a former town director known for her environmental concern, said that, even though people may have to walk farther to throw away their trash, the decreased number of disposal areas shouldn't mean there will be more litter.

"I think the people who are going to litter are going to litter regardless if there are trash cans around or not," Handley said.

Helen Kemp, Bolton's executive assistant, said instead of one big garbage can, Bolton's park will be equipped with several smaller trash bins come summer to comply with the recycling mandate.

The purchase of extra bins will not put a major dent in the town's budget, Kemp said.

"We're not talking about thousands of dollars here," she added.

In smaller towns, where parks are not used as frequently, such problems should be minimal.

"We're not making any plans to do anything different at the parks," said Hebron Town Manager Robert Lee, noting that the town's sole park doesn't have much of a problem with trash even during peak months.

In April, state-operated parks implemented the mandated recycling law.

Under the new law, garbage cans have been removed from most state parks in favor of one or several dumpsters, depending on their size, being placed near their entrances, said Kathleen McCann, an environmental analyst for the state Department of Environmental Protection, which oversees the parks. Recyclable materials are being sorted out by refuse removal contractors, McCann said.

Trash service has been taken away from boat launches, such as the ones on Bolton and Coventry Lakes, and roadside areas, under the DEP's operation-along program, McCann said.

Despite the lack of trash collection, McCann said there have not been any real problems with excess litter reported at any of these spots, she said.

Issues

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Derek Roseboro, and the defeat in November of two state senators who opposed the death penalty.

Roseboro was convicted in November of killing three members of a Derby family during a burglary. In sentencing Roseboro to life in prison without parole, the judges who decided his fate complained that Connecticut's death penalty law "virtually unworkable."

The last execution in Connecticut was in 1960, when Joseph "Mad Dog" Taborsky was put to death for

high court's standards. No one has been executed under the new law, although two killers have been sentenced and are on death row — Michael Ross and Robert Brton.

The current state law allows inflexible of the death penalty for any one of eight crimes.

Taxes

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more than 5 percent of their general funds, the association said. Massachusetts' deficit is at 3 percent of state.

So far, none of the nation's governors have proposed tax hikes, although at least 28 states, mostly in the East, are struggling with budget shortfalls.

Weicker was rumored to be considering creating a state income tax to raise revenues. But he recently said he did not want to drastically change the state tax code during his first year in office.

Neither have any governors indicated they would create new income or sales taxes, said Jack Miller, executive director of the National Association of State Budget Officers. "We have no evidence that's going to occur," he said.

Seven states, including Connecticut, do not tax income; another seven do not tax sales.

States are trying to close their budget gaps primarily through hiring and travel freezes, and reduced spending for specific programs or agencies, Miller said. After that, they are looking to across-the-board spending cuts, layoffs and furloughs, some fee increases and deferred spending.

The officials said the situation is likely to get worse before it gets better, particularly if the nation's economy recedes even further. And, it is much worse than during the previous recession of the early 1980s.

During the last recession, many state budgets were in surplus. Even so, half the states raised taxes between 1982 and 1983, an option that is no longer viable, the officials said.

Summer

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mostly out of a concern to finish the 180-day school year before July, when the school district's fiscal year ends.

Under the old calendar, the school year had the potential to be pushed past the fiscal year constraints should a blizzard or a hurricane cause school to be cancelled for more than a week, Rogli said.

McCormick said that in the past 10 years, there have only been 2.3 school closing per year and it would be very unlikely for the school district to use up all of the six summer days that have been built into the existing calendar.

Superintendent of Schools James Kennedy added that, saying it is against state law to have children go to school in July.

"You must get the 180 days in before July 1. That's the law," Kennedy said.

Schools have opened for the past three years during the last week in August to accommodate the staff development days that were added to the calendar under the Education Enhancement Act, he said.

McCormick suggested that some of the staff development days be scheduled prior to the opening days of school so that the children's vacation can be extended.

But, Kennedy said the staff development days are scheduled the way they are to achieve their maximum benefit.

The high temperatures during the final weeks in June, which could affect students' performances, is another reason McCormick said she was told why the calendar change was made.

But McCormick argues that the temperatures in the third and fourth week of June are just about the same as the ones in the final week of

open houses at schools around Manchester.

"Almost every parent we asked was drilled to sign this," McCormick said.

McCormick said that School Superintendent James Kennedy told her a poll of parents was taken a few years ago to determine when parents want their children to take vacations, but added that she has never been polled in the four years that her son has been in school.

She alluded to the number of area towns, including Bolton, whose school calendar starts in September, and still gets out before the end of June.

McCormick said she was organizing a group to attend the school board meeting on Jan. 14 to present their demands to the board, adding that any parent who is in support of changing the calendar should attend.

Those parents who wish to join the signature list can call her at 649-8921.

Peace

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to withdraw from Kuwait by the U.N. deadline.

"I have decided to take one extra step," Bush told congressional leaders at a picture-taking session before a meeting with them today. But he refused to take questions from reporters, who were then ushered out of the room.

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said the proposal was for a meeting between Baker and Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz in Switzerland any time from Monday to Wednesday.

McCormick said the 1,200 parent signatures are also in support of staff development days, where children are not in school, being switched so that they fall on the day before or the day after a holiday, weekend or vacation. She also added that many of them favor discharging either the February or April vacation, where students get a week off from school, so that summer vacations may be extended in that way as well.

McCormick, and Nancy Rorer, a fellow mother, started collecting signatures in September by going to

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EDC seeking business retention program

By BRIAN M. TROTTA
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — The Economic Development Commission is planning to create a special program aimed at keeping businesses in town.

The EDC's Business Retention Program would create a special team to promote the town and develop a data base of demographic information about the town for businesses interested in moving to or expanding within Manchester.

Town Planner Mark Pellegrini said the program was started because once the mall was completed there were few other big projects being started in town.

"If you're going to maintain the economic base, you have to pay attention to what's here," Pellegrini said. "There hasn't been an outflow of business, but you have to keep your hand on the pulse of the business community."

The main arm of the project will be an "Action Team" composed of members of the Economic Development Commission and the Chamber of Commerce. The commission will encourage businessmen to contact members of the team with any questions or problems facing their company.

Pellegrini said the team would also be able to work with businesses on the permit and review process, land availability, access to and response from municipal officials, financial assistance and government procedures.

The retention program would also include a marketing information data base from which area profiles specifically tailored to a business could be fashioned.

The data base will include such information about the town as population and demographic characteristics, housing information, employment and labor cost, local and state tax structure and rates, utility rates, business services available, educational services and business support networks.

In outlining the data base, Pellegrini said that the custom tailored information would serve the businesses and the town better because it can be constantly updated with the latest figures.

"We don't think 'canned' copies of information can be appropriately responsive to the wide range of business concerns in which we are interested," Pellegrini said.

Sill, the commission plans to have some prepared information that would be included as part of a general marketing brochure.

Pellegrini said he got a call from a local businessman several months ago who did not identify his company, but wanted to know the type of information that would be included in the data base.

The businessman later turned out to be an official of the Brand Rex Co., which recently announced that it was moving to Tennessee because the operating costs

were about \$1 million a year less.

"We're not going to get them all," Pellegrini said. But having such information would make selling the town to a business that much easier.

Pellegrini said the program would also try to maintain an up-to-date listing of available commercial and industrial sites. Such a listing had been attempted in the past by the Chamber of Commerce, but the difficulty in keeping the list current caused it to be dropped.

The commission would notify Realtors in the Manchester and Hartford areas of the listings and ask that they be kept informed of changes in availability. The commission would also notify businesses of the availability of the listings.

Chamber and EDC members would also undertake a regular visitation program with businesses as well as conduct a series of quarterly seminars in which area businessmen could discuss their problems and ask questions.

Directors to hike welfare budget

By RICK SANTOS
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — One item to be addressed by members of the town's Board of Directors at their public hearing Tuesday is a proposal to channel an additional \$600,000 into this year's half-million dollar welfare budget, which has been drained with six months remaining in the fiscal year.

Much of the increase will be financed by a state grant.

The board is to meet at 7:30 p.m. in the hearing room of the Lincoln Center.

Social Services Director Ellen Jones reported the request is the result of an enormous increase in the number of General Assistance recipients as well as increases in the amount of money needed by individual recipients.

"In the mid-'80s, we had years in which there was welfare money left over," Jones said Wednesday. "This year is serious."

Social service administrators across the state have been predicting doom since the mid-summer when it became evident that slumping economy was beginning to result in great increases in welfare applications with no turn-around in site.

And while the budgetary planners in Manchester were not able to forecast the dramatic and surprising rise in the number of poor residents, Jones is confident the proposed supplemental increase of \$614,300 should be enough to support the services requested through the rest of the budget year. She and her staff calculated and recalculated their projections for the amount of need for the rest of the year.

Most of the assistance payments go toward rent and medical bills, and 88 percent of the proposed increase, \$540,000, will be reimbursed to the town by the state under Connecticut's General Assistance Act. And the recipients are supposed to pay back the state through welfare programs in the community.

But regardless of who pays for the services, Jones presented statistics which numerically portray the existing hard times in Manchester.

Currently, there are 248 welfare recipients in town, that number up from 176 one year ago. There are 69 residents who are unemployed, yet classified as employable, compared to 17 from December of 1989. And the town has 49 homeless families. Last year there were 36.

What concerns Jones even more are the people who are not on the welfare rolls because their disability or unemployment benefits have not dried up yet.

"These are only the ones on our caseload," she said, adding that she does not know who to believe regarding predictions about when the burdens on social service agencies will be lessened.

Although Jones maintains that very few people with mortgages have sought assistance, she acknowledged, "what we're having is people voluntarily leaving their homes or being forced out."

She profiled the typical recipients. Most of the single recipients live in boarding houses or the homeless shelter, and those with families live in small apartments or with other family members.

A single recipient receives about \$400 per month for housing plus medical coverage and is eligible to apply for food stamps.



HONORED — Manchester High School Athletic Director Mike Simmons presents the game ball to Shirley Dieterle of South Windsor High School when Dieterle broke the school scoring record. She is being congratulated by her parents.

Banks wants more Parker St. condos

By BRIAN M. TROTTA
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — The bank that owns a once-troubled condominium complex still has plans to build 102 additional units at the site.

Officials of Sunfield Bank have filed documents with the Town Clerk's office reserving the right to add the new units to Town Homes at Stony Brook complex on Parker Street.

"The documents say that the bank has the 'intention and desire' to build the additional units. When the complex was first planned, 134 units were approved by the town. Of those, 32 units have actually been completed and occupied."

"We found there really was a market for them." There are no plans for the new units on file with the Planning and Zoning Commission, however the bank could proceed with construction at any time, because the units were approved with the original application for the complex.

The 17-acre complex has been plagued by problems since it was built. Residents said the work performed by Multitech was of shoddy quality. They complained of basements that regularly flooded and decks that collapsed because they were installed improperly.

However bank officials say that those and other problems have been cleared up since they took over the complex in April.

"All our [current] units are sold," Gray said.

DiRosa successor pick soon

MANCHESTER — A candidate to fill the town directorship being vacated by Peter DiRosa will be endorsed by the Democratic Town Committee Jan. 30, Democratic Town Chairman Theodore R. Cummings said Wednesday.

The endorsement vote will come at a reception being held by the committee for successful Democratic candidates in last November's election.

The reception, to be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, will honor State Sen. Michael Meoni, state representatives James McCann and John Thompson, and Probate Judge William FitzGerald.

A party nominating committee has scheduled meetings for Jan. 9, 16, and 23 at which it will consider potential candidates for the directorship and will make a recommendation to the Jan. 30 meeting. Anthony Pietramonte, chairman of the committee, said Wednesday that there are now three people being considered for the post, but he declined to name them.

Josh Howdy, who had been mentioned as a leading contender for the post, has withdrawn his name from consideration, saying other duties prevent him from making a full-time commitment to the Board of Directors now. He did not rule out the possibility of becoming a candidate in the November election.

DiRosa will leave the board after its January meeting.



FUEL SPILL — Two hundred gallons of fuel accidentally overflowed a 10,000-gallon fuel tank this morning in back of the Thrall building, 5 Glen Road, Manchester. Here, Manchester Fire Capt. Rudy Kisman stands on top of a cement retainer surrounding the tank, which trapped the spill until it was cleaned up.

In Brief . . .

MANCHESTER — Rose Alma Senatore, the executive director of the Shelter for Women in Hartford, which operated the Gray Lodge Shelter for troubled teens on Hartford Road in Manchester, has been nominated to head the Department of Children and Youth Services by Gov.-elect Lowell P. Weicker. Senatore, 48, of East Hampton, will replace Amy B. Wheaton, who has been DCYS Commissioner since 1987.

Senatore has been the executive director of the Shelter for Women since 1980. The organization's Manchester facility, which opened in 1987, is a non-profit complex, which houses nine adolescent girls who attend local schools, helping many of them get over their problems.

"My years of experience (in children's issues) will serve, I hope, as a foundation to meet the ever-growing needs of Connecticut's children," Senatore said after being nominated.

Morse to join Weicker

By RICK SANTOS
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Town resident Charles F.J. Morse, a columnist for The Hartford Courant, will join the administration of Gov.-elect Lowell P. Weicker Jr. next month as a part-time speech writer and adviser to serve under him.

Morse, who lives at 31 Princeton St., has been an editor and reporter for more than 37 years, covering five governors and serving as the newspaper's capitol bureau chief for 13 years. He writes The Courant's "Political Insights" column.

"Having covered politics and government all my life, I guess I've always harbored a desire to get involved from the inside," he said today.

Morse noted his new job will put him in the middle of an "experiment," because Weicker has decided to draw upon unusual political advisers to serve under him.

Always a registered Democrat — but "never a party-lever guy" — he said like many other New Englanders he thinks the Weicker scheme of removing political partisanship from government is a positive step for Connecticut.

Regarding the work of writing speeches, which Morse has never done before, he said, "my style is conversational, and I think it lends itself to Weicker's style."

To prepare for the task, he has been researching historical speeches made in the past, including those made by orators as Gov. William O'Neill.

His replacement-to-be, Weicker, said on Wednesday, "I think [Morse] represents everything that is good about the press and politics in this country."

"As a reporter he was always thorough with his facts. And as one who operated within the world of reporting on politics, he could always be counted on to keep his word."

Morse said Wednesday he would work three days a week drafting speeches, including the budget address Weicker is to deliver to the General Assembly next month. That speech will get enormous attention this year because of the state's serious financial problems.

"I'm delighted to be able to contribute directly to the state I have covered and know so well as a reporter," Morse said.

Morse, a bass who sings in the Manchester Symphony and Chorale, is not involved with any other local groups.

He surmises his new position will provide him with time to become more involved with the community, where he has lived for the past 37 years, but is not sure if he will.

"I'm just so used to not joining," he said. "But the singing is wonderful. I'm sure I won't give that up."

His wife, Ellen, teaches at Benet Junior High School and had taught at Wadell Elementary School.

Morse, 61, holds a bachelor of arts degree from Tufts College in Medford, Mass. Today the school is known as Tufts University.

He joined The Courant in 1953 after serving in Korea. He wrote obituaries, covered city hall, and was capitol bureau chief, city editor, op-ed page editor and a columnist.

An Associated Press reporter was included in this story.

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Parks and recreation activities

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

Winter Program Registration — Registration is now in progress for the Winter/Spring Program Schedule. Class offerings include: Nike Tykes Preschool Programs — Parent/Toi Playtime (12 to 24 months), Wed. or Fri., 10:15-11 a.m., \$29; Ice Skating (2 to 4 and 3 months), Mon. or Thurs., 10-11 a.m., or 9:30-10:30 a.m., \$39; Terrific Twos (2 and 3 months to 2 and 11 months), Mon., 9:30-10:30 or 10:45-11:45 a.m., or Fri., 9:15-10:15 a.m. or 10:30-11:30 a.m., \$31; Aquababies, Mon., 5:30 p.m. (18 to 36 months), 6 p.m. (6 to 18 months), Gymnastics, Mon., 6 p.m. (4 to 5 years), 6:45 p.m. (6 to 7 years), 7:30 p.m. (8 to 10 years), \$12; Cheerz Tang Soo Do — Mon., and Thurs., 6-7 p.m. (5 to 9 years), 7-8 p.m. (10 and older).

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

One may register at the Parks and Recreation Office located in Center Springs Park, Monday to Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, please call the Department at 647-3089.

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

Quebec City/Winter Carnival — February 7-10, \$299 per person, double occupancy. Fee includes deluxe round trip motorcoach transportation, three breakfasts one dinner, tour of Quebec City, deluxe accommodations at the Hotel des Gouverneurs, visit to Montmorency Falls and Ste. Anne de Beaupre plus all the festivities of the Winter Carnival/The Mardi Gras of the North.

Les Miserables/NYC — Saturday, February 23, \$83 for Front Orchestra Seating (rows A, B, C, D) and deluxe roundtrip motorcoach transportation. \$20 for transportation only, 7:30 a.m. departure.

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State solon now seeks ethics ruling

ANSONIA (AP) — State Sen. Gary Hale, who has been under fire from Naugatuck Valley officials for allegations that he promised to secure state funding for purchases of land owned by his business associates, has asked for a ruling from the State Ethics Commission.

Hale, a Democrat from Ansonia, has been accused of promising state funding after steering a non-profit agency to parcels owned by his associates. He has denied playing any part in the selection of the properties and told the ethics commission "the sale of these properties will not result in any money in my pocket."

Hale outlined his involvement in the 55-57 Beaver St. Ansonia, one of four properties targeted for purchase by TEAM, Training, Education and Manpower Inc. of Derby, in a letter to commission officials Monday.

Hale told commission officials that in 1987 he co-signed for a \$250,000 mortgage with the Great Country Bank in Ansonia for the Beaver Street parcel.

"The property is owned by Hale's business associates, and William Eheman of Seymour and John Coughlin of Ansonia."

"Although I hold no interest in (55-57 Beaver St.)... as a co-signer, the question arises whether this potential liability constitutes a financial interest under the code of ethics for public officials," Hale wrote. "If you do conclude that I have a financial interest what limits does the code place on my actions as a state senator?"

"The commission is expected to rule on the issue at its meeting Monday."

Hale did not return phone calls and told the ethics commission "the sale of these properties will not result in any money in my pocket."

TEAM is seeking a \$1.5 million state bond issue to purchase the parcels. The Bond Commission in December postponed approving TEAM's request because of questions about Hale's association with Eheman.

Last month, TEAM executives said Hale steered them to Eheman's parcels, promised to secure the state funding to purchase the parcels and met more than 10 times with TEAM officials about the project.

Ethics officials said it is not unusual for public officials to ask for an advisory opinion after charged with a conflict of interest as made public by the press.

In Brief . . .

■ **NEW MILFORD (AP)** — Police said they are investigating the death of a 30-year-old South Carolina man whose body was discovered along the railroad tracks near downtown.

The body, identified as Clarence Everett Hamby of Anderson, S.C., was found shortly before 10 a.m. Tuesday near the Railroad Plaza, police said.

The Chief State Medical Examiner's office in Farmington recently determined the cause of death to be hypothermia, police said.

Initial police reports termed the death "suspicious" but police would not comment on whether investigators still believe that to be the case.

Hamby's ex-wife, Patricia, said she had been visiting her and their two children for the holidays. She said he left a New Year's Eve party shortly before 10 p.m. without his coat and may have been intoxicated.

■ **HARTFORD (AP)** — Gov.-elect Lowell P. Weicker Jr. has been called many things during three decades in politics, but dapper isn't one of them.

So it was something of a surprise, and the spark for some teasing at a weekend open house, that the former three-term U.S. senator was named to the New York Post's best-dressers list for 1990.

Claudia Weicker, the governor-elect's wife, said she was speechless at the honor. His mother, who lives in New York, said that now "Lowell is now going to have to live up to it."

Weicker hung a clipping of the story near the kitchen door for all to see.

Among the grimmers were retiring wife, Nikki; Lt. Gov. Joseph J. Paolino and his wife, Ann; and a host of other Connecticut dignitaries.

Weicker, 6-foot-6, was decked out in his usual attire: baggy white ducks, striped shirt with his trademark Charter Oak tie, and a blue blazer.

■ **TRUMBULL (AP)** — Retail and grocery stores asked to make sweeping changes in their packaging methods and containers to promote recycling told town officials they wouldn't do it.

"In a word, they said drop dead," said Andrew Mark Trumbull's recycling coordinator.

Mark sent letters to supermarkets and convenience stores, asking them to eliminate items such as paper cups, plastic bags and trays used for packaging meat.

He said in the letters that he was seeking recyclable alternatives to present forms of packaging. Mark suggested replacing paper cartons with recyclable plastic or glass containers and insisting that every paper container in the store be made of recyclable plastic, glass or metal.

"They were polite about it," he said of the reactions. "Most wrote back and said they would look into it, but in my opinion, they didn't seem too interested."

Mark said some companies argued the changes were costly and unrealistic.

■ **STAMFORD (AP)** — Two Stamford teenagers were robbed at gunpoint of some of their clothing while walking along a city street, police said.

"They just wanted the clothes," said Quincy Hines, 15, one of the victims.

Police said Hines and Jeffrey Nielsen, 17, were told to give up specific pieces of their clothing during the New Year's Eve robbery.

Nielsen surrendered a long, blue trench coat, a waist-length suede coat and a thick, black hooded sweatshirt. Hines gave up a pair of black and gray Nike sneakers and a waist-length canvas coat — both of which were Christmas presents.



MEMORIAL — Tammy Joyce Mazzacaro places a toy on the grave of an unknown baby during a memorial service in Meriden Wednesday. The newborn infant was found dead in a parking lot near her home one year ago. No one knows who the baby's parents are, or who left the baby in the lot.

Stamford officials subject of scrutiny

STAMFORD (AP) — The head of Stamford's garbage agency said the panel wants to give Mayor Thom Serrani and 13 other public officials a "fair shake" by extending the deadline of an investigation into their procurement of a \$2 million 911-emergency dispatch system.

"These are very high-ranking people before the board," said Board Chairman Athanasios Loter, who requested a two-month extension of the probe's Jan. 31 deadline.

Loter said the request was the first time in the board's 23-year history it has asked for more time to look into the case.

"We don't want to hamstring ourselves, and we want to give everyone a fair shake," he said Monday.

The board is charged with deciding whether there is probable cause to conduct public hearings on allegations that Serrani and other officials bypassed city purchasing and budgetary procedures in setting up the system.

The board asked each of the extension under investigation to grant the extension. If the request is rejected, the board will be forced to decide the case by Jan. 31, Loter said.

The 911 system began operation in January 1989 and is used to field calls for assistance from citizens and to dispatch the police and fire departments and ambulance service.

According to a city audit released in November, the purchase of the 911 system was riddled with questionable payments, cost overruns and poor planning.

The audit also said several city officials may have violated the city ethics code by accepting striped rides and meals from a potential vendor and hiring an electrical firm for the system whose director was on the 911 system's planning com-

Ritter seeking speaker's post

HARTFORD (AP) — State Rep. Thomas D. Ritter is getting a jump on the competition by gathering support for his bid to become speaker of the House in 1993.

Members of the 1991-92 General Assembly do not take office until next week, but Ritter is already assisting and getting fellow lawmakers to support him for speaker's job in January 1993.

Ritter, 38, a lawyer and Democrat elected to the House in 1980 from the West End of Hartford, said Wednesday he has commitments from at least 60 Democratic legislators.

The man who holds the job Ritter covets, House Speaker Richard J. Balducci, D-Newington, has said he would not seek a third term as speaker in 1993, but Balducci expressed surprise at Ritter's early start on the race to succeed him.

"Two years down the line? I can't believe it," Balducci said. "It's a long time."

Nevertheless, the move by Ritter, who was not widely seen as being on the track for speakership, has supporters.

His backers range from prominent liberals such as Rep. Miles S. Rapoport, D-West Hartford, to conservatives such as Rep. James McCavanagh, D-Manchester.

Ritter said he started in October asking legislators to consider him for speaker, assuming he was facing an effort that could take the better part of two years.

"There have been a number of major fights over leadership, and I think that has made everyone think about these questions," Rapoport said.

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Edward A. Madsen, administrator for the estate of Jeanne M. Lawson to James W. Press Sr. and Christine G. Press, 18 Sterling Place, \$97,000.
Steven G. and Cornelia S. Carey to David B. Ogden, 40 Karen Drive, conveyance tax, \$151.80.
Evelyn Adamsom to Martha Jane Foster, Vernon Street, \$122,000.
Florence A. Johnson to Maria and Vivian R. Orduz, 15 Packard St., \$116,500.
James A. Taitello and Joan M. Taitello to Barbara A. Duff and James E. Carey, 42 Edision Road, \$124,000.
U & R Construction Co. Inc. to Peter J. and Jeanne G. Hebert, Birch Mountain II, \$318,000.
Wilbur J. Messier to Lawrence J. Caglianello and Kathryn M. Caglianello, Grandview Street, \$180,000.
Suffield Bank to Barbara L. Thus, 7A Jamie Lane, Stonybrook Condominium, conveyance tax, \$98.89.
Francis J. Hart to Douglas J. and Susan B. McDeade, 28 Strickland St., \$145,000.
Andrew R. Weigert III and Roberta M. Weigert to Bruce A. Sobin, Southfield Green Condominium, \$156,500.
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Gerrude W. Fogg to Priscilla C. Swank, Strickland Street, \$115,000.
Steven M. and Barbara L. Lechin to Sharon M. Dube, Millbridge Hollow Condominium, \$72,000.
Suffield Bank to Jeffrey D. Schwartz, Lisa G. Schwartz and Tommie Shea, Stonybrook Condominium, conveyance tax, \$98.89.
Jonathan A. and Karen L. Gerard to Donald B. and Joyce H. Perret, 5 Bramblehill Road, \$165,000.
Mark D. Eddy to Michael S. Page Sr. and Lynn K. Page, 29 Crestwood Drive, \$123,000.
Suffield Bank to Jeffrey A. Scala, Stonybrook Condominium, conveyance tax, \$115.39.
Robert J. DiBattisto and Barbara B. DiBattisto to Willie J. and Shirley M. Henry, Beacon Hill Condominium, \$99,000.
Kathryn M. Caglianello to Laura J. Pavan, 19 Bliss St., \$137,000.
John O. Enderle and Marguerite P. Capello to Karen J. Bombard and Diane K. Garter, Oak Grove Farms Condominium, \$96,000.
Dorothy S. Trotter to William D. O'Neill and Carol M. O'Neill, Gardner Street.

Deaths

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Death Notices

ROY A. VAUGHN
Roy A. Vaughn, 79, of 122 Avondale Road, Manchester, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1991, at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Margaret (Pavik) Vaughn. He was born in Vaughn, N.C. January 26, 1911 and had been a Manchester resident since 1942. He was a veteran of WW II serving in the U.S. Navy and saw action in the Pacific Theatre. He was a member of St. Mary's Church. Prior to retiring he was employed as the manager of the Schulte-Hylers Luncheonette in Hartford for five years. He then opened and operated the former luncheonette concession at the Soda Shop on Main Street in South Manchester in 1948. In 1950 he moved to the former Fenimore Restaurant also on Main Street and in 1953 he opened the Kipper Kettle Restaurant; and operated that until 1958. His wife he is survived by two sons, Charles E. Vaughn of Middletown, CT., and John P. Vaughn of Manchester, a sister, Mary Bryan Benn of Stevens Point, WI., two grandchildren, one nephew and two nieces. A memorial service will be held Saturday 10:00 AM at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 41 Park Street, Manchester. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in the Rested Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to Manchester Association of Retarded Citizens, 57 Hollister Street, Manchester, CT 06040 or to the Book of Remembrance of St. Mary's Church.

Quit claim deeds

Robert B. Regius to Kathleen Dragbe, Middle Heights, no conveyance tax.
Francis A. Laing to Cynthia J. Pannebacker, Pine Acres Terrace, no conveyance tax.
David A. Caven to Ralph E. Caven, 31 Jensen St., conveyance tax, \$55.
Raymond Wrobelko to Barbara G. Wrobelko, 24 North St., no conveyance tax.
Charles P. Ponticelli to Raymond Ponticelli, three parcels on E. Middle Tpk., and two on Northland Terrace No conveyance tax.
Frank R. Simon to Warren M. Schur, South Main Street. No conveyance tax.
David J. Minicucci Sr. and Carol M. Minicucci to Stephen L. Minicucci, Maple Street, no conveyance tax.
Charles E. Lindsey to Dawn L. Volpinetta, Charles E. Lindsey Jr. and Michael J. Lindsey, 15 percent interest in 34-36 Woodbridge St., no conveyance tax.
Herman Yules to Manchester Land Conservation Trust Inc., Birch Mountain Road, no conveyance tax.
Richard J. McConville to John C. McConville, 280 Hartford Road, \$70,000.

Lottery

Here are the latest lottery results from around New England:

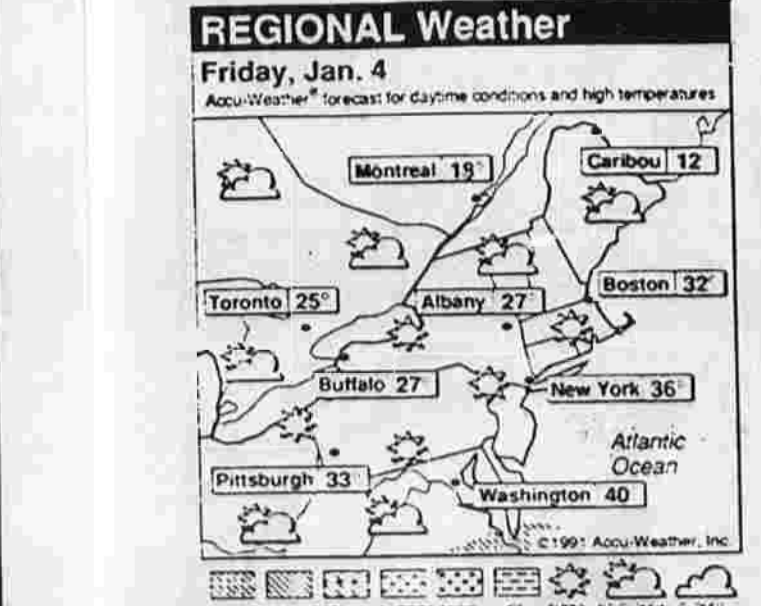
Connecticut
Daily: 3-9-1. Play four: 4-9-3-5. Lotto: 14-18-29-39-40-43.

Massachusetts
Daily: 3-0-4-3. Megabucks: 15-16-18-19-24-27.

Northern New England
Pick three: 7-6-4. Pick four: 9-4-0-7. Megabucks: 11-16-27-36-37-39.

Rhode Island
Daily: 6-4-1. Grandlot: 1-1-8. 4-0-6-1. 1-7-6-1-7. 0-5-4-0-9-2.

Weather



Today's weather picture was drawn by Derek Tigno, a fourth-grader at Washington School in Manchester.

Jill, Riley wait for adoption

By Barbara Richmond
Manchester Herald

Riley, a male terrier cross, is this week's featured pet at the Manchester Dog Pound.

Riley was found roaming on Ridge Street on Dec. 27. He's rusty brown and very cute. He's a rather small dog.

The only other new dog at the pound, as of Monday, was an all-black male Labrador retriever cross. He's about 7 months old and was found on Oak Street on Dec. 27.

Angel, featured a couple of weeks ago, is still waiting to be adopted. Dog Warden Thomas Pascanelli said someone promised to pick Angel up before Christmas but they never showed up.

Also waiting is the adorable little black and white pointer that was featured last week. He was called Noel and was found on Hackmatack Street on Dec. 19.

Current Quotes

"How are you going to pay bills? How are you going to manage?" — Rhode Island resident Evelyn Skillings, whose credit had been closed by the governor because of the insurance fund is depleted.

"Principle is principle. I don't waver on a matter of principle." — Attorney Linda Backiel, in prison in Pennsylvania for 3 1/2 years for refusing to appear before a federal grand jury.

Obituaries

Paul Shelley
HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) — Paul Shelley, a conductor and arranger for Judy Garland, Maurice Chevalier, Sunny Davis Jr. and Paul Anka, died Sunday at age 79. He had suffered from Alzheimer's disease.

Shelley produced musical specials for CBS-TV, conducted the Copacabana in New York for seven years and once conducted the London Philharmonic.

Shelley also conducted for his daughter-in-law, Paula Shelley, when she starred with Davis in "Golden Boy" on Broadway.

Meta Hooks Rogers

Meta Hooks Rogers, 79, of 308 Savin Ave., West Haven, died Wednesday, January 2, 1991 at Harbor View Manor Convalescent Home, West Haven. She was the spouse of the late William W. Rogers. Her parents were the late Thomas and Martha McRoberts Hooks. She was born in Newry, Ireland May 19, 1911. She was a resident of Milford for over thirty years, moving to West Haven five years ago. She was a retired telephone operator for Milford Hospital where she worked for fifteen years until her retirement in 1971. She was a member of the Mary Taylor Memorial Methodist Church. She was a former member of the Button and Bow Square Dance Club and Milford Senior Citizens. Her survivors include one daughter, Lillie E. Katritz, Milford. Two grandchildren, Meta Ann Katritz and John W. Katritz of Milford. A sister, Eva Prentice of Manchester, and several nieces and nephews. There will be no calling hours. Friends are invited to attend services Friday at 11:00 AM in the Mary Taylor Memorial Methodist Church, Milford. Interment will be private. The Coffin-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad St., Milford is in charge of arrangements. Memorials can be made to the Harbor View Manor, Inc. recreational fund, 308 Savin Ave., West Haven in Mrs. Roger memory.

Grace Wilkinson

Grace Wilkinson, wife of Ernest Wilkinson of 6720 River Hills Drive, Greensboro, North Carolina and formerly of Christopher Drive, Vernon, Ct, died on Friday, Dec. 28th, 1990, at Moses Cone Hospital in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Felipe Archuleta

TESUQUE, N.M. (AP) — Felipe Benito Archuleta, whose wooden animal carvings are featured in museums throughout the United States, died Tuesday at age 80. He had suffered from a malignant brain tumor.

Archuleta, who never completed the second grade, worked on ranches and farms in Colorado and the Espanola area before making his mark in the art world.

In 1979, Archuleta received the Governor's Award for Excellence from Gov. Bruce King.

His work is displayed in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., the De Menil Collection in Houston, the Museum of American Folk Art in New York and the Museum of International Folk Art in Santa Fe.

Today's weather picture was drawn by Derek Tigno, a fourth-grader at Washington School in Manchester.

Police Roundup

Hit-and-run charged
MANCHESTER — An 18-year-old woman suffered a lacerated forehead and multiple bruises after being the victim of a hit and run accident on New Year's Eve.

A witness to the accident stated that Jona Huard, of East Hartford, struck by a car as she ran across the street at the corner of Spruce and Eldridge Streets, police said.

Huard was treated and released from Manchester Memorial Hospital.

The witness stated that the car, which was traveling south on Spruce Street, made no attempt to stop after hitting Huard, police said.

Another witness described the car as a dark red Ford Pinto with its left tail light out. The witness also stated two people were in the car, police said.

The car hit Huard in the leg area, catapulting her through the air and landing her on her face, the first witness stated. The accident occurred at about 10 p.m. Monday night, police said.

When questioning Huard the next morning, police said she had no recollection of the accident.

Today In History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 3, the third day of 1991. There are 362 days left in the year.

Today's Birthdays:
Comedian Victor Borge is 82. Consumer reporter Betty Furness is 75. U.S. Ambassador Vernon Walters is 74. Singer Maxene Andrews is 73. Sportscaster Hank Stram is 68. Record producer George Martin is 65. Actor Dabney Coleman is 59. Journalist-author Betty Rollin is 55. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Bobby Hull is 52. Singer Stephen Sills is 46. Actress Victoria Principal is 41. Actor Mel Gibson is 35.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 3, 1959, President Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Alaska to the Union as the 49th state of the United States.

On this date:
In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church.
In 1771, Gen. George Washington's army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, N.J.
In 1833, Britain seized control of the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic. (Almost 150 years later, Argentina seized the islands from the British, but Britain took them back after a 74-day war.)
In 1871, Henry W. Bradley of Binghamton, N.Y., received a patent for oleanumgarine.
In 1938, the "March of Dimes" campaign to fight polio was organized.
In 1946, William Joyce, known as "Lord Haw Haw" for his pro-Nazi radio broadcasts from Germany, was hanged in London. (Although American-born, Joyce held a British passport.)
In 1961, the United States severed diplomatic relations with Cuba.
In 1967, Jack Ruby, the man who shot presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald on live television, died in a Dallas hospital.
In 1980, conservationist Joy Adamson, author of the best-selling book "Born Free," was killed in northern Kenya by a servant in a wage dispute.
In 1983, Republican George Deukmejian was sworn in as California's 35th governor, after eight years of the administration of Democrat Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown Jr.

Thoughts

Bernie Siegal, in his book, "Love, Medicine & Miracles," says regarding overcoming cancer: "The most effective ways of doing this is by replacing destructive things and relationships in our lives with ones that are life creating, sustaining and nurturing. I think that this applies to all life, not just the struggle with cancer. I hope that each of us can replace hate with Love."

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Crossword

ACROSS

1. Six 47. I think, therefore I am
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18. Actor 59. Say again
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Stumped? Get answers to clues by calling "Dial-a-Word" at 1-900-454-3535 and entering access code number 184. 95c. per minute. Touch-Tone or rotary phones.

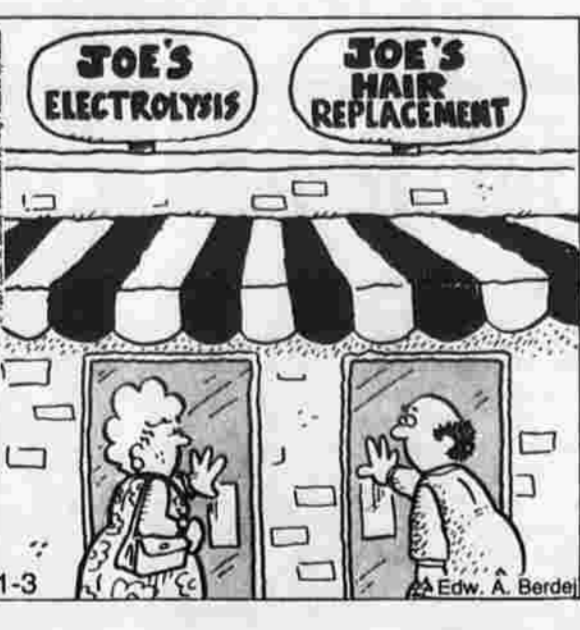
CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from acrostics by famous people, past and present. Today's cipher is by D. E. Quinn.

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A I R B R Y N P Z D M
V I P K R T P K V L Z R
E K Y K J I I H
S Y T K A H V : H T Y X
L I J C Y H K

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Hollywood: No time to think. It's shoot. Boom. If you don't get it right the first time, do it again." — Mary Martin.

THE NEW BREED



SNAFU by Bruce Beattie

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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

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KESTO

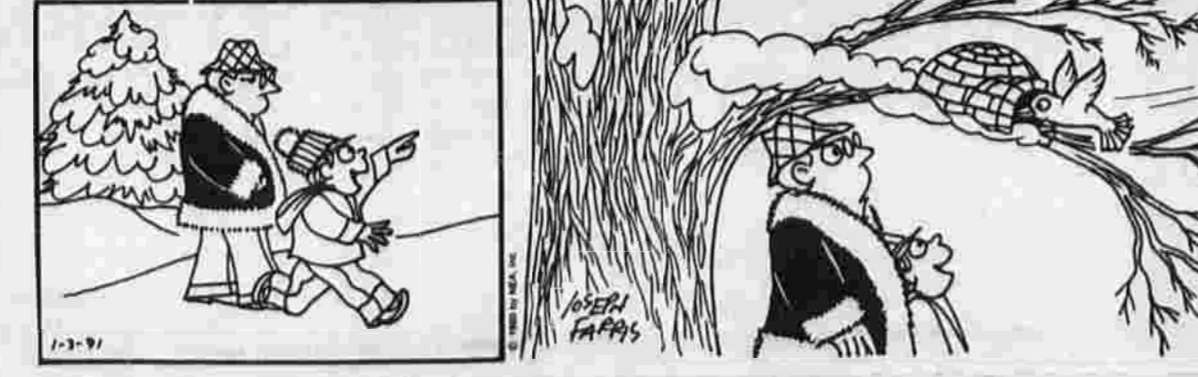
BAHGLE

GRANAH

Now arrange the circled letters to form the cryptogram answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow

Yesterday's Jumble: ACUTE BROOK UPTOWN SHAKEN
Answer: How the ballplayer fell on an off-day — "WHACK"



DISCOVER

Radio celebrity bases popularity on ability to relate

By RON LESKO
The Associated Press

DETROIT — Bill Laimbeer was embarrassed. The haddes of the Detroit Pistons' Bad Boys growled meekly and squirmed like a boy just kissed by his sister.

He was on the radio with J.P. McCarthy, Detroit's king of the airwaves.

With McCarthy painting a kinder, gentler picture of the Pistons' swaggering, scowling basketball forward, Laimbeer was reduced to a muffled, 6-foot-11 slice of humble pie.

"He's the No. 1 guy around," Laimbeer later said of McCarthy, whose 6-10 a.m. radio show consistently tops the local ratings. "He's a powerful guy. I wouldn't want to have him on my case."

Heady stuff from a guy who's made a career of offending millions.

But that's the way Joseph Priestley McCarthy holds after 26 years as the top radio personality in America's sixth-largest radio market.

McCarthy's power rests on the audience he has built. Politicians, business executives and other community leaders frequently appear on his show to get their message out, even those who rarely give interviews to other news media people.

"What McCarthy has been able to do is sit down and converse with the Ford worker, the housewife in Troy or the janitor down in Toledo," said Don Fitzpatrick, president of Don Fitzpatrick Associates, a television talent and management recruiting company in San Francisco.

With a mellifluous, pull-up-a-chair voice that could melt the polar ice cap, McCarthy hands out compliments on his morning show and the early afternoon "Focus" interview program like a letter carrier delivers the mail.

"He's got a captivating personality, a voice that sounds like, 'Here's a guy that wouldn't fool with you,'" said Neal Shine, publisher of the Detroit Free Press, the morning newspaper in the city of about 1 million.

But McCarthy is more than a back-slapper. He can converse freely and without preparation with presidents and pitchers, millionaires and mothers. If there's a question that needs asking, he'll ask it. Straight answers usually follow.

"If he asks you a tough question, you feel obligated to answer it," Shine said.

Born in New York and raised on Detroit's east side, McCarthy got his first broadcasting job in 1955 with Armed Services Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska.

He worked three months at WTAC-AM in Flint, Mich., before starting at Detroit's WJR in 1957. He spent two years at KGO-AM in San Francisco in the early 1960s and then returned to Detroit and WJR on Dec. 7, 1964.

McCarthy said he came back to WJR with an eye on bigger things.

"I really thought I wasn't going to be here very long," he said. "I thought I was going to Los Angeles or New York. But you get caught up in something that's going pretty well."

Arbitron Co., a New York-based marketing information service company, estimates about 3.6 million people over age 12 — those who count in market-share studies — live in Detroit and surrounding counties.

But J.P. is heard by many more folks because of WJR's 50,000-watt, clear-channel signal, which federal regulations protect from competition within a 750-mile radius. The station's regular daytime audience extends throughout Michigan and into Canada, northern Indiana, northeastern Illinois, most of Ohio and western Pennsylvania.

Partly because of his popularity and partly because of WJR's range, there are few people McCarthy can't get on the air.

He talked with George Bush on a live telephone hookup the day before he was sworn in as president. Gov.-elect John Engler was in the studio the morning after he upset Gov. James Blanchard. "Jeopardy" game show host Alex Trebek was a recent "Focus" guest.

"I look forward to different people for different reasons," McCarthy said. "My favorite interview will be the next good one I have."

ABC-TV says McCarthy was among the leading candidates to take over as host of "Good Morning America" when David Hartman retired in 1986. But McCarthy says he's still bitter because he feels he wasn't given a fair shot at the job, which went to Charles Gibson.

McCarthy had a television program on WJBK-TV in Detroit in 1983-86, and he says he'd go back to TV for the right opportunity.

"But I'm really quite happy where I am," he said.

He gets eight weeks vacation, a salary that industry experts estimate between \$300,000 and \$500,000 a year, national advertising contracts with Chrysler and Kelly Services, a work day that invariably ends at noon and far-flung influence.

"He gets more time off than Johnny Carson," said basketball commentator Dick Vitale, a former Pistons coach and a regular guest on McCarthy's show.

Bonfire

'Bonfire' film bombs out

By LINDA TROMBLEY
Manchester Herald

For what does it profit a man if he gains the world and loses his soul? What if he loses everything, but gains his soul?

Those questions Tom Wolfe tried to answer in his best-selling novel, "The Bonfire of the Vanities." Unfortunately, in the adaptation of that book to the big screen not only are those questions left in the dust, but the novel's dark and insightful look at man's inhumanity to man becomes a complete farce.

The nastiness was the first big mistake made in this movie, which is about a man, Sherman McCoy, whose wealth, family social status and beliefs are imperiled when his car accidentally strikes a young black man.

Bruce Willis as "Peter Fallow," who in the book was an English reporter, is a major mismatch. Through most of the movie Willis' voice narrows, sounding more like the voice of a cheap cassette that can be bought in any store, rather than the voice of a man who helped destroy another man's life.

Another blunder is the casting of Tom Hanks as "Sherman McCoy." Although he tries, there is something about his babyish face and the almost childlike innocence he conveys on screen that makes him totally unfit for the role. He never really makes us believe he's a cold, stuffy stock broker.

Melanie Griffith is also unbelievable as "Maria," who in the book is a dark-haired, dark-eyed southern belle. Griffith is blonde, blue-eyed and from New York.

Through most of the movie she slips in and out of a southern accent. She also never conveys the animal instinct for survival above all else that "Maria" conveyed in the book. Ultimately, she is just too soft spoken and sweetly sexy to get the point across.

None of the lead actors ever seems to break stride and get into his or her role. The saddest thing is that it's really not their fault. The only thing the actors can be blamed for is choosing to do this movie. The fault lies with the writer and the director.

Michael Cristofer chose to write his screenplay on the satirical side, rather than trying for the somber and dark feeling given in the book. This approach might have worked if he had managed to get to the satire. Instead, the movie turns into one long overdone racial joke. The book was racist, but it was also very honest. Cristofer turns that honesty into comedy.

Director Brian DePalma seems to have been reading a lot of his good reviews and gotten into his head that he is an artistic director with new way of looking at life. However, he is too overpowering in this film and practically smother the actors and audience by trying to give them a tense atmosphere.

The sets, on the other hand, are very elaborate and believable and the supporting actors are all strongly played. Kim Cattrall as "Sherman's" wife "Judith" and Jon Hancock as "Reverend Bacon" give endearing and strong performances.

There also is the potential for a strong and effective ending. Instead, the movie is dragged on for several minutes so the audience can hear a lecture from Morgan Freeman as "Judge White."

It's too bad that good sets, strong supporting actors and a potentially good ending can't save this movie. The only thing left to say is please try and read the book.

Key: * = Poor, ** = Fair, *** = Good, **** = Very Good, ***** = Excellent, 1/2 = Half star



FUNNIEST GUYS — Funniest guy in America Warren Hutcherson, left, poses backstage with comedian Dennis Miller of Saturday Night Live after being awarded \$50,000 as the nation's best aspiring comedian. Locally, a search for funny people will be held Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Center Court in the Pavilions at Buckland Hills Mall, Manchester.

Queen of sagas launches book

By LINDA DEUTSCH
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — When she first hit best-seller lists a dozen years ago with her steamy novel, "Scraples," Judith Krantz thought it was a fluke, a magical midlife gift that would never come again.

"I was in shock for two years," she says of the book sales bonanza that set the publishing world on its ear. "I put one foot in front of another and did what a person does in a 16-city book tour when you have a No. 1 best seller. But I didn't know what I was doing."

Now, launching her sixth book, "Dazzle," another in the sex-and-glamour sagas that have made her famous, the acclaimed queen of escapist pop literature recalls her first overnight success as fondly as a first love affair.

She still wears the golden cuff bracelet from her husband, producer Steve Krantz, to commemorate the "Scraples" publication. It reminds her of that star burst of fame and fortune that set her into orbit as a best-selling author.

And she, who has since sold books and miniseries for millions, still savors the memory of her first \$50,000 advance.

"Scraples" was published two days after her 50th birthday and, for this former free-lance magazine writer and Beverly Hills wife and mother, a new life had begun.

When she hit the best-seller list, she ran out and impulsively bought a pair of diamond earrings. "I took refuge in the one thing I was sure of — shopping... It had never occurred to me there was money in this," she says of her book writing.

And it had never occurred to her that she could make a major purchase without her husband's approval. "It's one of the basic things most women can't do — they can't write a big check without asking their husbands. It's very satisfying for a woman of my generation to write a check without asking anyone."

But there was life after "Scraples," and Krantz, fearful of being swallowed by fame's dizzying whirl, retreated to her typewriter.

"I started another book so I had a feeling of being grounded," she said.

Superlatives of 1990 announced

Here were some of the superlatives of 1990.

Best-Selling Automobile in U.S. — Honda Accord, 392,810 cars.

Best-Selling Vehicle in U.S. — Ford F-Series pickup, 491,204 trucks.

Top-Grossing Movie — "Ghost," \$198 million as of Dec. 3.

Top-Rated TV Show — ABC's Academy Awards telecast, March 26; Nielsen rating of 27.9, audience share of 48 percent, 26 million homes.

Top-Rated TV Series — NBC's "Cheers," 20.1 Nielsen rating, 33 percent audience share (year-long to Dec. 5), 19 million homes.

Best-Selling Music Album — "Rhythm Nation 1814" Janet Jackson (A&M), more than 6.5 million copies.

Broadway's Hottest Ticket — "The Phantom of the Opera," with \$20 million in advance tickets currently sold; Saturday evening orchestra seats not available until June 1991.

Most Expensive Painting — Vincent Van Gogh's "Portrait of Dr. Gache," auctioned for \$82.5 million.

Richest Person — The Sultan of Brunei; wealth estimated at \$25.6 billion.

Richest Person (Non-Royal) — Yoshiaki Tsutsumi of Japan; wealth estimated at \$16 billion.

Richest Person (American) — John Werner Kluge; wealth estimated at \$5.6 billion.

Most Profitable U.S. Company — IBM, estimated 1990 earnings \$5.8 billion.

Highest-Paid Athlete — Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, \$28.6 million.

Highest-Paid Executive — Craig O. McCaw, McCaw Cellular, \$53.9 million.

Highest-Paid Actor (per film) — Michael Douglas, \$15 million.

Highest-Paid Actress (per film) — Meryl Streep, \$3 million.

Highest-Paid Entertainer — Bill Cosby, \$57.5 million annually.

Source: Forbes Magazine; Fortune Magazine; Billboard Magazine; Institutional Brokers Estimate System.

Godfather III

'Godfather III' wraps up story

By LINDA TROMBLEY
Manchester Herald

Laughter, love, blood and violence remain the hallmarks of the Godfather series. "The Godfather Part III." Francis Ford Coppola again shows us that he is one of the finest directors in the business. Although this plot isn't as strong as the first two, through Coppola's eyes it shows even the bloodiest scenes so that they seem to be beautifully choreographed dances.

The story picks up in 1979. "Michael Corleone" is trying to get his family established as completely legitimate, and the other Mafia families decide that with Michael's help they too can become semi-legitimate.

Al Pacino, Diane Keaton and Talia Shire return to their original roles as "Michael Corleone," his wife "Kaye" and his sister "Connie." Andy Garcia joins the cast as "Sonny Wortzik," an illegitimate son of Michael Corleone.

The best addition to the cast is Andy Garcia as "Vincent Mancini." He captures the intensity and quick temper that James Caan showed as "Sonny Wortzik." Garcia steals practically every scene he is in with his sexy and kinetic performance. He also brings out the best in the actor around him. Pacino comes closest to capturing his original vigor when he is with Garcia.

"The Godfather Part III" effectively wraps up the story of the Corleone family and keeps people on edge for a good part of the movie.

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WRONG TALENT — Many people who read the novel 'Bonfire of the Vanities' will be disappointed with the recently released movie adaptation, starring, above, Melanie Griffith and Bruce Willis.

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FOCUS

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Woman relives messy childhood

DEAR ABBY: Our married daughter, who lives 300 miles from us, keeps her home spic and span, but when she visits us with her family (several times a year), she reverts to her teen-age messiness. She never makes a bed, hangs up a towel, cleans a sink or washes a dish.

Her children, ages 3, 5 and 8, always pick up their toys at home, but when they visit Grandma, their toys are everywhere — even when they leave for home. My husband and I love to have them visit, but picking up after them is no small chore.

Housework never was one of my favorite things, but I always kept a fairly tidy house and cleaned up after myself. My daughter does that, too, at home, but when she comes to visit, she acts like she's vacationing at a hotel with maid service. Where did I go wrong?

WEARY GRANDMA
You went wrong when your daughter and her brood visited you the first time, and in an effort to make them feel welcome, you picked up after them without suggesting that they make their own beds, keep their bathroom clean and instruct their children to put their toys away. But it's never too late to set her straight.

Parents encourage laziness and carelessness in their children by making no demands on them whatsoever. Children develop backbone and a sense of responsibility when their parents put a little weight on their shoulders.

DEAR ABBY: I recently received your booklet titled "What Every Teen Should Know." I found it to be both interesting and informative, but I was left with an unanswered question. Please don't think I'm stupid — but in the section "How to Get Pregnant," you cited the case of a virgin who became pregnant after engaging in heavy petting. Is it possible, then, to transmit the AIDS virus in the same manner? It seems likely to me, but even with all the information presented to students about AIDS, I have never heard this question addressed.

Please hurry your reply.

CURIOS IN HERMISTON, ORE.
DEAR CURIOUS: According to the Centers for Disease Control, there have been no reports of transmitting the AIDS virus through heavy petting. However, such activity should be avoided with any male partner who is HIV-infected or who is at risk for HIV infection.

People are eating them up! For Abby's favorite recipes, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

PEOPLE

ANTI-WAR WILLIE — Volunteers helping to distribute an anti-war tape by Willie Nelson

■ Demand for tapes of Willie Nelson belting out an anti-war tune he wrote 25 years ago hasn't been overwhelming, but volunteers hope the movement will snowball as the possibility war in the Persian Gulf grows.

Since the offer was made last week, about 100 blank tapes were dubbed with the country singer's peace song "Jimmy's Road" and a 10-minute reading of Mark Twain's "The War Prayer." 17-year-old Kevin Zeitner said.

The song was inspired by Zeitner's father, David, a former bandmate of Nelson, who wrote it after Zeitner was drafted during the Vietnam War.

The teen-ager is a volunteer helping Pedernales Film Co. employee Bob Whitoff distribute the tapes. Anyone who sends a blank tape and self-addressed, stamped envelope receives a copy.

■ World chess champion Garry Kasparov promised to sell his \$11 million, diamond-studded trophy and give the money to poor Soviet Armenians.

At World Chess Championship closing ceremonies Wednesday, Kasparov, 27, received the trophy studded with 1,018 diamonds and a check for \$1.7 million.

I won the world championship in the final minutes of the year," Kasparov said, adding that he had not forgotten "that the year started with a tragedy."

He referred to the thousands of minority Armenians who fled Baku, his birthplace on the Caspian Sea, during violent ethnic clashes with Azerbaijanians.

The money gathered will be distributed to those who today have no work and who no one takes care of," said Kasparov, whose mother is Armenian.

■ Brandon Tartikoff, who made NBC a winner, was recuperating today after a car crash that also injured his 8-year-old daughter.

Tartikoff, 41, was upgraded Wednesday from serious to satisfactory condition with a broken rib and pelvis, a hospital spokesman said. His daughter, Calla Liane, was listed in serious condition with a head injury.

Tartikoff's vehicle collided with another near his vacation home on Lake Tahoe, the Highway Patrol said.

Tartikoff became at age 31 the youngest entertainment president in the network's history. He pushed sitcom-rated network into first place last year with programs such as "Cheers" and "The Cosby Show."

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Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

Schizophrenics' dysfunctions vary

DEAR DR. GOTT: My girlfriend is schizophrenic and suffers ostracism because of the condition. Would you please inform the public that people with this affliction are not split personalities and are not harmful to society?

DEAR READER: Schizophrenia is a mental disorder marked by impaired functioning and disturbances in thinking, feeling and behaving. However, schizophrenics exhibit enormous variation in their degree of dysfunction. For instance, mild schizophrenics suffer minimal thought disorders and get along surprisingly well in our society, although they may need periodic drug therapy with tranquilizers and close psychiatric monitoring.

On the other hand, severe schizophrenics are often extremely violent and may have delusions that they are being persecuted (paranoid schizophrenia). Such patients often require prolonged hospitalization and large doses of strong drugs called psychotics. Some schizophrenics are incapable of living in an open society.

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■ It's not a downgrade, "Diddley said Wednesday from his Albuquerque, N.M. home. "It's an upgrade thing for me all the way."

The 62-year-old guitar wizard said the commercial slammed by Richmond radio announcer Rik Maybee was "one of the saddest things on Earth" may expose more people to his music.

In the 30-second ad for Jefferson Loan Office Inc., Diddley played his trademark rectangular guitar, Lucille, and sang a ditty about the pawn shop.

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Higher movie prices offset viewer decline

By JOHN HORN

The Associated Press

HOLLYWOOD — Ten percent fewer Americans went to the movies in 1990 but higher ticket prices pushed the industry's box-office take to a near-record \$5 billion.

The total amount spent by moviegoers flocking to such hits as "Home Alone" and 1990's top moneymaker "Ghost" was just shy of the 1989 record of \$5.05 billion, the Motion Picture Association of America said Wednesday.

Those and other medium-budget, feel-good releases such as "Pretty Woman" and "Home Alone" beat out high-budget star vehicles like "Bonfire of the Vanities" and "Havana."

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"Mermaids" was eighth with a gross of \$6.2 million, "Misery" was ninth with \$6.1 million and "The Russia House" landed in 10th on \$5.5 million.

For the year, following "Ghost," "Pretty Woman" and "Home Alone," were: 4. "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" (\$133 million); 5. "The Hunt for Red October" (\$120.7 million); 6. "Total Recall" (\$118.3 million); 7. "Die Hard 2" (\$115.3 million); 8. "Dick Tracy" (\$103.7 million); 9. "Back to the Future Part III" (\$87.6 million); 10. "Presumed Innocent" (\$86.3 million).

"The biggest surprise of 1990 has got to be 'Home Alone,'" said Greg Rutkowski, a vice president with AMC Entertainment Corp., the nation's second largest theater circuit with 1,650 screens.

"This film is on target to do \$180 million to \$200 million. That's unbelievable," he said.

The National Association of Theater Owners said ticket prices have been climbing over the last several years, increasing from an average \$3.91 in 1987 to \$4.11 in 1988 to \$4.44 in 1989. The average price for 1990 was not available, but several theater owners said prices rose.

In a few markets such as Los Angeles and New York, movie tickets now cost \$7.50 apiece. Even second-run discount houses charge \$3 or more in some cities.

The year's top-drawing movies were Julia Roberts, whose movies combined for \$278.6 million in 1990, from "Pretty Woman," "Fragile" (\$61 million) and the 1989 release "Steel Dawn" (\$59.2 million in 1990). The top male draw was Patrick Swayze from "Ghost" with \$206 million.

The last film to be No. 1 for seven weeks was the original "Ghostbusters" in summer 1984, "Havana" with Robert Redford.

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Echoes from deep seas give scientists clues

By HENRY STERN
The Associated Press

ABOARD THE MAURICE EWING OFF NEW JERSEY — Scientists aboard this research vessel are bouncing loud noises off the ocean floor and recording the echoes in a search for clues to changes in the level of the seas.

Every six seconds a half-dozen air guns fire into the water, sending a deep "thud" penetrating up to 20 kilometers into the ocean floor and bouncing back to the ship's electronic ear.

"We set off an explosion at the surface and we simply listen for the echoes," said Greg Mountain, a Columbia University researcher.

This is the first step in a project designed to determine whether the oceans are rising rapidly, eventually to swamp the world's coastal cities, or merely fluctuating as they have for millions of years.

NBC snags top spot over ABC

By DEBORAH HASTINGS
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — NBC ranked first among the networks but scored its lowest rating of the season as viewers turned off the TV during Christmas week.

NBC, ABC and CBS lost a total of nearly 4 million viewers during the holiday week, according to figures released Wednesday by the A.C. Nielsen Co.

NBC was first with an average rating of 10.6. CBS had a 10.2 and ABC a 9.8.

Scientists believe sea levels changed gradually for most of the last 80 million years, said Ken Miller, a Rutgers University researcher. Old maps of the ocean floor, made for oil exploration, indicate measurable shifts about once every million years.

But in the last 18,000 years, sea levels have risen worldwide by an average 360 feet. Much valuable beach space has been lost in the last few decades.

Sea level is rising right now," Miller said. "As the greenhouse effect kicks in from man-made fossil fuels, sea level will continue to rise. We need to understand the rates of change."

Greenhouse effect refers to the theory that pollution in the atmosphere is causing the planet to grow warmer.

Miller believes large polar ice sheets began melting 40 million years ago, a process that appears to have been accelerated by man's burning of fossil fuels since the industrial revolution in the 18th century.

To determine how quickly sea level is changing, scientists plan to drill holes into the ocean floor and examine buried layers of soil from the past 40 million years.

"Dating these surfaces tells about the rise and fall. Our purpose here is to create a data set that will allow us to come back in a few years and drill," said Mountain. Researchers anticipate drilling to begin in 1993 or 1994 after the maps and the data on some 700 reefs of that, each 3,000 feet long, are analyzed and cataloged.

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Jane Pauley readies for 'real life' show

By JAY SHARBUTT
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jane Pauley will start learning if she really is a Ready for Prime Time Player this Sunday when her "Real Life With Jane Pauley" begins, followed by Tom Brokaw's new three-month "Exposé."

Each is a half-hour NBC News series, the division's 16th and 17th attempt, respectively, with a weekly evening series since "First Tuesday" in 1969. Virtually all the previous entries have had short lives.

Much attention will be paid Pauley, who exits from "Today" and controversial replacement by Deborah Norville helped it become No. 2 — it's been there for a year as of this week — in ratings behind ABC's "Good Morning America."

But Pauley, as she was for 13 "Today" years, appears the epitome of sunny optimism. No matter that "Real Life" faces two tough rivals — ABC's "America's Funniest Home Videos" and "The Golden Girls," NBC (tie), 14.4.

Here are the top 10 shows, their network and rating: "60 Minutes," CBS, 23.3; "Cheers," NBC, 16.6; "Full House," ABC, 16.4; "The Cosby Show," NBC, 15.8; "Family Matters," ABC, 15.7; "A Different World" and "Unsolved Mysteries," NBC (tie), 15.2; "America's Funniest Home Videos," ABC, and "The Golden Girls," NBC (tie), 14.4.

It has no illusions — it's not going to be as it was in the summer," she said, alluding to the five one-hour "Real Life" specials that had a Tuesday test run and a Monday ABC and NBC share of the audience.

"We did very well against... but at least they defined the territory." That, she says, is "a survey of

how it is to live in America in the '90s."

Browning says he prefers the kind of stories that are "not too abstract" but high policy on Capitol Hill, but very close-to-the-bone stories of what goes on in the living rooms, stores and schools of America."

Thus, in one of the "Real Life" specials, Pauley did a story on a woman searching for her mother — who had put her up for adoption. The ending wasn't happy.

Another show had a light segment on American manners, and whether they're getting worse or whether New York's inmates just think they are.

"The highlight," Browning beamed, "was a street fight out on Sixth Avenue, with guys throwing knives and sawdust at each other. I never did figure out what it was all about."

In that same varied-story vein, Sunday's opening show features Pauley's look at a Florida family where the mother, an Air Force reservist, is called to duty because of the Persian Gulf crisis.

But it also includes correspondents' reports on a modern phone line, including interactive phones and the curse of "voice mail."

The summer specials had pieces on TV ratings and VCRs.

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2) The summer of 1990 started on a peaceful enough note. In late May, Mikhail Gorbachev and George Bush held their 7th summit.

3) In October, the Senate confirmed the appointment of... to the Supreme Court. He replaced... who retired.

4) A big disappointment for the U.S. space program in 1990 was the Hubble telescope to work properly because of a CHOICE ONE: faulty mirror, wobbling of its orbit).

5) The strong anti-incumbent mood before the November elections showed up mainly in the... races, where less than half of all winners were incumbents.

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PEOPLE/SPORTS

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Celtics destroy helpless Knicks

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BOSTON — The Boston Celtics were very impressive in destroying the Knicks, 91-78, in New York on Wednesday night.

The Celtics were razor sharp. They were awesome," he said after Wednesday night's 113-86 pounding that wasn't as close as the score indicates. "They denied everything we tried. They outshot, outplayed, and outboxed us."

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Jazz 112, Heat 104: Karl Malone scored 40 points and Utah outscored Miami 9-0 in the final 2:52.

John Stockton finished with 25 points and passed for 10 of his 17 assists in the fourth quarter for the Jazz, who have won 12 of 15 games and trail first-place San Antonio by one game in the Midwest Division.

NBA Roundup

Sonics 127, 76ers 99: Seattle outscored Philadelphia 64-47 in the second and third quarters and got 24 points from Derrick McKey.

The Sonics led 65-53 early in the third quarter and took command with a 15-5 run for an 80-58 lead. 76ers never threatened. Shawn Kemp keyed the game-breaking run with six of his 20 points.

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Army (3-7) shot 53 percent from the free-throw line and hit 25 of 30 free-throw attempts.

Kevin Berry scored 19 points for Army, while Gregg Clark added 17 and Ardayno 14.

Kevin Swann led Central Connecticut (1-10) with 28 points, while Obe Vasquez added 21.

NEW YORK (AP) — Andre Agassi says he'll play at Wimbledon for the first time next summer, but he isn't promising to tone down completely his colorful tennis togs.

In an interview on ESPN, the flashy tennis star responded to questions that he might never play at Wimbledon because of the tournament's dress code, which requires rather conservative clothing, with white the dominant color.

"This year, I hope they're ready for me," Agassi said Wednesday. "I've put a lot of thought into my decision, but I think you'll see me there this year and I'll hope people are ready for it."

Sam Wyche seems afraid of what his players might say or show. Imagine if he had Tim McCarver on the Bengals.

Wyche, no stranger to controversy where the media is concerned, has closed practices and severely restricted access to players this week for fear the Houston Oilers might get behind the insights from their ACP playoff game Sunday at Cincinnati.

"What happens is something will be put in the paper or on TV that the casual fan would think nothing of," Wyche said. "A coach — and I've done it 100 times this year — I'll see something written in the paper and put two and two together and find out bits of information that make a difference in the game plan."

So the Bengals coach closed the locker room to reporters throughout the playoffs, although he said arrangements would be made for some interviews elsewhere. He also refused to let certain players participate in the usual midweek conference call with reporters from the opposing city.

"The players asked me to do this," Wyche said. "They said, 'Will you please give us a little privacy?' We've got to get ready. We've got to get back there and study. There's too much going on back there, we can't do what we need to do to get ready to play the Oilers."

One of the things Wyche seems to fear is exactly what McCarver did — or, more accurately, said — about the Kansas City Chiefs. The centerback for the Miami Dolphins didn't show much respect for his counterparts with the Chiefs, who play at Miami on Saturday in the other AFC game.

"We can beat them," the brain McCarver said. "Their secondary is suspect."

His teammates didn't like that, and they didn't agree with that assessment. Kansas City's secondary is considered among the best in football.

"To put them down as a defensive unit is not a very good thing to do in my eyes, because I think they're good," fullback Tony Stewart said.

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WEST HARTFORD — It looked good for the quarter for the East Catholic High girls' basketball team. But host Northwest Catholic got into gear in the second period and routed to a 55-28 victory Wednesday night in non-conference play.

The Eagles, 9-0, trailed by a slender 13-10 margin after eight minutes. But Northwest, 8-1, outscored East by a 16-2 margin in the second period to take a commanding 29-12 halftime bulge.

East only had two free throws while turning the ball over eight times in the second quarter.

Chris Duba had seven points and Denise Miska 11 rebounds for the Eagles.

Northwest also took the junior varsity contest, 52-33. Regina Ricci had 12 for the young Eagles.

East's next game is Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at Mercy High in Middletown.

Northwest Catholic is in the Citrus Bowl, Rose and Sugar bowls on New Year's Day, getting three of the four best games in the state.

Despite Bert Musburger's insistence that Georgia Tech be repeatedly called the "Rambling Wreck" — the day belonged to ABC.

First, ABC showed Tech's 45-21 victory over Nebraska in the Citrus Bowl, then Washington's 46-34 win over Iowa in the highest-scoring Rose Bowl ever, and finally Tennessee's 23-22 squeaker over Virginia in the Sugar Bowl.

NBC had the Hall of Fame Bowl, which Clemson won 30-0 over Illinois, most of Louisville's 34-7 rout of Alabama in the Fiesta Bowl, and Colorado's 10-9 victory over Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl.

A lot of football fans in Alabama and Kentucky could be forgiven when NBC switched from the Fiesta Bowl to the Orange Bowl pregame show with about five minutes to play.

But the local NBC affiliates busy answering calls.

One poor woman at WVTV-TV in Birmingham, Ala., had to hang up on some folks when they began to speak the language of the diesel cab.

"They were cursing at me," she said.

Hard to believe an Alabama football fan would curse at a woman over the telephone. Even harder to believe they'd care whether they saw the final five minutes of that lousy football game.

The Louisville fans have the real beef with NBC. They were told: No, you can't watch the final five minutes of your team's greatest achievement. Sure. Tell Charles Dickens to leave out the part about "It is a far better thing that I do ..."

Tell Leland Stanford to forget the golden spike on that transcontinental railway. Tell Walt Disney to take the ears off Mickey Mouse.

In Brief . . .

UConn women rout BC

STORRS (AP) — Kerry Bascom scored 26 points to lead the No. 20 Connecticut women to a 92-67 victory over Boston College Wednesday in the Big East opener for both teams.

Connecticut shot a season-high 59 percent from the floor, connecting on 36-of-61 field goals. In the second half, the Huskies hit 21-of-28 for 75 percent.

Connecticut improved to 9-2 overall and 1-0 in the Big East. Boston College fell to 5-6 overall and 0-1 in the conference.

Connecticut limited Boston College to just 33.9 percent shooting from the field.

Only Grossman added 16 points. Laura Lushness 14, Debby Baer and Meghan Patterson 12 each and Wendy Davis 10 for the Lady Huskies.

Sarah Behar scored 11 points in the Carrier Dome. UConn's next game is Saturday at Georgetown.

Yankees sign Mike Witt

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In addition, Witt can earn \$250,000 in performance bonuses each season based on innings pitched.

Witt, 40, could be signed with any team through Dec. 29 as part of new lock free agency granted to 15 players in last month's collusion settlement. But the right-hander with a 114-113 career record opted to remain with New York, which acquired him with pitcher Rich Monteleone last May 11 in a trade that sent outfielder Dave Winfield to California.

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Hearn-Hill bout apparently set

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Thomas Hearn, who has held championships in five different weight classes during his career, will challenge World Boxing Association light heavyweight champion Virgil Hill in May at a site to be determined, it was announced Wednesday.

The 12-round bout will be promoted by Forum Boxing, Inc., but probably won't be held at the Forum, according to John Teodoro, director of public relations for the organization.

"A formal announcement will be made in the next week to 10 days, as to the site and specific date in May," Forum Boxing Inc. president Jerry Buss said.

Hearn, 32, of Detroit, Mich., has a 47-1-1 record with 38 knockouts.

Hearn's Hill will pay for-view but is contingent on Hill retaining his crown against Mike Peak at Bismarck, N.D., where Hill lives. Hill, 27, has a 29-0 record with 18 knockouts.

Army downs Central

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) — James Collins scored a career-high 30 points to lead Army to an 89-81 victory over Central Connecticut State on Wednesday.

Army (3-7) shot 53 percent from the free-throw line and hit 25 of 30 free-throw attempts.

Kevin Berry scored 19 points for Army, while Gregg Clark added 17 and Ardayno 14.

Kevin Swann led Central Connecticut (1-10) with 28 points, while Obe Vasquez added 21.

Agassi to play Wimbledon

NEW YORK (AP) — Andre Agassi says he'll play at Wimbledon for the first time next summer, but he isn't promising to tone down completely his colorful tennis togs.

In an interview on ESPN, the flashy tennis star responded to questions that he might never play at Wimbledon because of the tournament's dress code, which requires rather conservative clothing, with white the dominant color.

"This year, I hope they're ready for me," Agassi said Wednesday. "I've put a lot of thought into my decision, but I think you'll see me there this year and I'll hope people are ready for it."

Hagan undergoes knee surgery

DENVER (AP) — Colorado quarterback Darian Hagan underwent surgery on his left knee, injured in the Buffaloes' 10-9 victory over Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl game on Tuesday night, and doctors said he would be immobilized for about six weeks.

Dr. Wayne Gersoff, the team's orthopedic surgeon, said physicians working about two hours Wednesday to repair the patellar tendon below the kneecap. He said it could take four to six months for the tendon to heal to the point where Hagan can begin rehabilitation.

U.S. advances to the finals

PERTH, Australia (AP) — David Wheaton and Zina Garrison beat Jakob Hasek and Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere 7-5, 6-2 in mixed doubles as the United States defeated Switzerland 2-1 to advance to the final of the Hopman Cup.

Garrison beat Maleeva-Fragniere 6-2, 7-5 in the singles, but Hasek then downed Wheaton 6-3, 6-2. The top-seeded U.S. duo will meet Goran Prytz and Monica Seleš of fifth-seeded Yugoslavia in tonight's final.

Bourque, Neely to start

NEW YORK (AP) — Boston teammates Ray Bourque and Cam Neely, who led the fan balloting throughout the voting period, gained starting spots on the Wales Conference team for the 42nd NHL All-Star Game.

Bourque, a three-time winner of the Norris Trophy as the league's top defenseman, was the leading vote-getter with 315,362 and will be playing in his 10th All-Star game. His starting defensive partner will be Paul Coffey of the Pittsburgh Penguins, who received 216,169 votes.

Neely, a right wing, led all forwards with 224,754 votes. He'll be joined up front by Philadelphia right wing Rick Tocchet (144,241) and Quebec center Joe Sakic (145,310).

Patrick Roy of Montreal led the Wales goalies with 186,577 votes.

Mike Milbury of Boston will coach the Wales team against the Campbell Conference in the All-Star Game at Chicago on Jan. 19.

Allen died of a heart problem

RANCHO PALOS VERDES, Calif. (AP) — Long Beach State football coach George Allen died of a sudden heart problem, his doctor said, Tuesday.

His death was totally unrelated to any bout with pneumonia or any previous illnesses, Bruce Allen said in a brief press release. "A specialist told us that the cause of death was a very rare coronary spasm."

Allen died suddenly at his home Monday. He was 72.

Orangemen squeeze past Redmen

By The Associated Press

The Beasts of the East are at it again. This time, the Big East got rolling with a meeting of unbeaten powers at Syracuse. The hosts, ranked third, edged No. 9 St. John's 92-86 in overtime Wednesday night in a classic game. The victory made Jim Boehm the winningest coach in Orange history with 356 in his 15-year career at Syracuse.

"If we had to play games like this in December," said Boehm, "I'd be out of coaching 10 years early. We can't play these types of games all year long. You play 30. No players, no coaches, and the referees are gone, too, because they can't take these games."

Syracuse took the game as Billy Owens scored 28 points and made his biggest contribution with two lay passes to Dave Johnson for a pair of easy layins in over-

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