

SCOREBOARD

Basketball

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE		WESTERN CONFERENCE	
Team	W-L	Team	W-L
Boston	49-37	San Antonio	40-39
New York	45-37	Utah	35-46
Philadelphia	33-44	Los Angeles	33-47
Washington	22-53	Dallas	33-47
New Jersey	18-57	Portland	33-48
Miami	17-57	San Diego	29-51
Chicago	20-54	Phoenix	28-52
Atlanta	21-54	Golden State	28-52
Indiana	21-54	San Jose	27-53
Cleveland	20-54	Seattle	27-53
Charlotte	19-55	Denver	27-53

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Eastern Conference
 Boston at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
 New Jersey at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Cleveland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 Charlotte at New York, 7:30 p.m.

NBA notes

Cavs 106, Pistons 103
 DETROIT (AP) — The Cleveland Cavaliers defeated the Detroit Pistons 106-103 on Tuesday.

Bucks 119, Heat 106

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Milwaukee Bucks defeated the Miami Heat 119-106 on Tuesday.

Devils 129, Packers 104

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The New Jersey Devils defeated the St. Louis Blues 129-104 on Tuesday.

Knicks 112, Bulls 109 2OT

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College hoops scores

East
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 Duke 82, North Carolina 77
 Virginia Tech 82, Wake Forest 77

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Scholastic

Girls' state tourney results

HARTFORD (AP) — First-round scores from Tuesday in the CAGG girls basketball tournament.

Class 1

Tuesday's results
 First round
 Fish Creek at Woodbury 52
 Manchester 60, Shelton 55

Class 2

Tuesday's results
 Second round
 Upper Meriden at Bridgeport 34
 Lower Meriden at Naugatuck 34

Class 3

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 Second round
 Upper Meriden at Bridgeport 34
 Lower Meriden at Naugatuck 34

Class 4

Tuesday's results
 Second round
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 Lower Meriden at Naugatuck 34

Class 5

Tuesday's results
 Second round
 Upper Meriden at Bridgeport 34
 Lower Meriden at Naugatuck 34

Class 6

Tuesday's results
 Second round
 Upper Meriden at Bridgeport 34
 Lower Meriden at Naugatuck 34

Class 7

Tuesday's results
 Second round
 Upper Meriden at Bridgeport 34
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Class 8

Tuesday's results
 Second round
 Upper Meriden at Bridgeport 34
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Class 9

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Class 10

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Class 11

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Class 12

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Cease-fire in the Gulf: A Special Report

Ragged civilians seek food after attack

By JOHN POMFRET
The Associated Press

NORTHWEST OF NASIRIYAH — Stunned sheep sprinted in all directions as Army attack helicopters buzzed the fertile Euphrates River plain beside the two-lane highway where the 101st Airborne did most of its fighting.

Baghdad was less than 150 miles away.

Burned-out shells of civilian and military vehicles dotted the road and

Bedouin tents filled the horizon. Along the highway, dozens of ragged-looking Iraqi civilians loomed in a burned-out truck that had been carrying flour.

Women turned from the looting to expose a single breast to American soldiers and point their mouths in a sign troops interpreted to mean they had babies to feed. Iraqi men also pointed to their mouths and cursed Saddam Hussein in broken English.

More than 8,000 U.S. in-

fantrymen had been ferried deep into Iraq by helicopter in what commanders described as the biggest such airborne operation and encountered little resistance.

No American casualties were reported in the lightning strike, which began early Monday.

On Wednesday, the soldiers cut the highway, which is just south of the Euphrates and northwest of the provincial capital of Nasiriyah — a major route for Iraqi soldiers fleeing the Kuwait theater of battle. They

troops blew craters in the roadway, burned the surface off in places and destroyed at least 17 Iraqi trucks, leaving them blocking the road.

Since Tuesday, the American soldiers had been attacking fleeing enemy troops along the highway. In more than two days, two Iraqi soldiers were killed and 22 wounded. At least 40 were captured.

The Americans frequently encountered Iraqi civilians and most contact was relatively relaxed.

On several occasions, however, civilians would scream, "Don't eat our food and medical assistance we offered, but not accepted."

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Freedom elates Kuwaiti natives

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — Kuwaitis wandering the streets of their newly liberated capital took in the full horror of Iraqi-wrought destruction today, recounted tales of torture and murder by the occupiers who fled.

But the burned-out buildings and acrid smoke from hundreds of oil wells set ablaze by Iraqi soldiers did not diminish the elation Kuwaitis felt at regaining their freedom.

Most Iraqi troops had fled by Tuesday afternoon as allied forces closed in to end nearly seven months of occupation. Marines fought the last die-hard near the airport on Wednesday, while Kuwaitis danced in the streets.

"I'd like to thank all the Americans, especially the families of soldiers who fought for Kuwait," said a doctor, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"I'm sure all the Kuwaitis will never forget the blood of those soldiers," Nazir Nassash, a Lebanese oppositionist, said today. "I've seen everybody who gave us help, from our heart."

The only gunfire still heard today came as Jubailan Kuwaitis fired AK-47 rifles in the air. Women in black veils and robes chanted,

On Wednesday, arriving journalists were greeted by hundreds of Kuwaitis. Parading cars honked their horns. People waved Kuwaiti and American flags and said, "Thank you, thank you." Some kissed the journalists.

People thronged Kuwait City's beachfront and cars full of cheering people cruised the boulevard.

Families inspected the bunkers and several anti-aircraft guns the Iraqi army built on the beach. Some shelters still contained machine guns.

Residents assailed the Iraqis as kidnappers, torturers and murderers. "We paid our blood to be free," said Habib al-Gharab, a technical advisor to the criminal investigation department.

He said that as the allies approached Kuwait City, the Iraqis began destroying evidence of torture and killings. He said that as many as 4,000 Kuwaitis may have died in recent days, but he could not elaborate on how he had the figure or say where the bodies were.

A fire rescue worker, Mohammed al-Ajmi, said that perhaps 5,000 Kuwaitis were killed. He said he did not say whether they had been killed.



IRAQIS WATCH FLAG RAISING — As Iraq's prisoners of war look on at left, members of the 2nd Force Reconnaissance Co. of the U.S. Marines begin unfurling the American flag to be hoisted at the American Embassy in Kuwait City Wednesday.

Army mops up Republican Guard

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A climactic tank battle between allied forces and the Iraqi Republican Guard turned into a rout, a Pentagon official said today, with no U.S. tank losses. "We just kind of chased them across the plains," he said.

Days and nights of relentless pounding by U.S. Army M-1 tanks and Apache tank-killer choppers decimated Saddam Hussein's forces in what U.S. military officials had anticipated would be the biggest tank battle since World War II.

The Pentagon said some U.S. tanks were damaged, but none to the extent it would have to be scrapped.

"They never fought the way you thought a division would fight," said the official, speaking only on condition of anonymity. "We just kind of chased them across the plains, shooting at them."

He said that Iraqi troops "rushing northward will be allowed to trudge

northward." He said U.S. troops would remain in defensive positions "so that if they counterattack we wouldn't be out there with our rear end in the air."

At the Wednesday midnight U.S. deadline for coalition forces to cease firing, allied troops still were engaged with the few remaining Guard units, a senior U.S. military source said today in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Even before President Bush suspended allied combat, military officials said the fighting was all but over.

"They've got nowhere to run," one senior Pentagon official said then, speaking on condition of anonymity. "They've been hammered from all sides."

Trapped in southeastern Iraq near the military center of Basra by three

of the Army's toughest armored units, the Iraqi force "fragmented" as its communications network was destroyed and its top-of-the-line Soviet-made T-72 tanks were blown

apart, the official said.

\$10,000 for ear

AGANA, Guam (AP) — A former Guam senator is offering \$10,000 for the right ear of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

"This is for all the grief he has caused the people of the world," Ben Ada said.

The one who delivers the ear also will get a week's stay at the hotel of his choice on Guam.

Ada, a funeral home owner, says he has asked the territorial medical examiner to help him establish the authenticity of the ear.

The offer is open to anyone, including Iraqis, Ada said. "Hopefully, it will be one of our boys who brings it home."

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Cease-fire in the Gulf: A Special Report

Bush decides to stop war

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush listened to his top general describe the utter destruction of Saddam Hussein's army, checked with his field commander and then gave a simple order: "I want to stop it as soon as possible."

A few hours later, he did just that. Barring some last desperate gesture of defiance by Baghdad, the Persian Gulf War was over.

Just four days — 100 hours — had elapsed since Bush unleashed the allied ground army on Iraqi forces already battered from 5½ weeks of unremitting punishment from the air.

Wednesday morning, Bush made his first call to the White House Situation Room at 5:08 a.m. for the latest word.

By 10 a.m., when Bush addressed a conference on spurring the political and economic reforms in Eastern Europe, he confessed to the visitors that he had caught him "on an up-beat note."

An hour later, Bush drove to the J.W. Marriott Hotel to make a pitch for his domestic initiatives before 700 civic group leaders, lobbyists and others. The crowd gave him a thunderous ovation and clearly moved, he told them. "The war is almost over, and I think we owe (America's) people a vote of thanks, and I think I heard it right now."

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way out," said Schwarzkopf.

Bush caught "snippets" of that briefing on replays before gathering at 2:30 p.m. with his daily war council with Gen. Colin Powell, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, Secretary of State James A. Baker III, Vice President Dan Quayle, national security adviser Brent Scowcroft and chief of staff John Sununu, as well as Scowcroft's deputy, Robert Gates.

Powell, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, painted the same bleak picture that Schwarzkopf had of what until six weeks ago had been the world's fourth largest army.

"As Colin briefed ... it became more and more clear that really the fighting was over and our military objectives had been met," Fitzwater said later. "The military backbone of Iraq was broken."

When it was evident that Saddam no longer was capable of waging war, the press secretary added, "the president said, 'I want to stop it as soon as possible.'"

But Bush, who has taken pains to avoid second-guessing his military chiefs, first wanted to make sure it was OK with Schwarzkopf.

"General Powell called General Schwarzkopf on a direct line from the Oval Office to tell him of the president's plans and to make sure that it was militarily sound in terms of the timing," said Fitzwater.

"And General Schwarzkopf responded that it was fine with him."

Right after Powell finished talking with Schwarzkopf, the president said, "How soon can I do it?"

Fitzwater said Bush "wanted to be able to tell the American people at the earliest possible moment that their children or their husbands or wives were out of harm's way and they were coming home as soon as possible."

"We talked about tomorrow, and the president said, 'What about tonight?'" Fitzwater said. "General Powell said, 'Well, I think that we can do that.'"



VICTORY IS SWEET — A U.S. soldier flashes the "V" sign for victory from his position on top of a tank in Kuwait City Wednesday.

Postwar costs are of concern

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers are concerned that the cost of American military and economic programs in the Middle East after the Persian Gulf War will exceed the expense of the war itself.

Robert Reischauer, director of the Congressional Budget Office, warned of this possibility Wednesday, hours before President Bush declared a unilateral ceasefire.

"The costs of postwar policies represents the source of greatest uncertainty," Reischauer told the House Budget Committee. "They could be larger than the cost of the war."

The budget office's new numbers were in line with estimates the General Accounting Office also presented on Wednesday. The GAO, Congress' auditing agency, projected the war's cost since Oct. 1 at \$34.4 billion to date and up to \$55.3 billion if it had continued until March 31.

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"We've been so focused on the war that we haven't paid enough attention to postwar costs," budget panel Chairman Leon Panetta, D-Calif., said after the hearing. "That may be the next

big issue we have to focus on."

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First U.S. women killed in Gulf

By CLAUDIA COATES
The Associated Press

ROCHESTER MILLS, Pa. — Christine Mayes got engaged the day she left for the Gulf War and gave her ring to her fiancé for safekeeping. Beverly Clark left to serve overseas.

Their relatives learned Wednesday the women, both from rural Indiana County in western Pennsylvania, were the first American female soldiers reported killed in the war with Iraq.

"She was proud to serve her country," said Mrs. Mayes' mother, Darlene.

Ms. Mayes, 22, of Rochester Mills and Ms. Clark, 23, of Armagh died when an Iraqi Scud missile leveled their barracks Monday in Dharan, Saudi Arabia.

"Twenty-six other soldiers were killed in the attack, and 89 were injured, the Army said.

Both women were specialists in the 14th Quartermaster Detachment, an Army Reserve water purification unit based in Greensburg. The 99th Army Reserve Command of suburban Pittsburgh said Wednesday at



ADRIENNE MITCHELL



CHRISTINE MAYES

least 11 members of the 14th died in the Scud attack.

Spec. Melissa Rathbun-Nealy, 20, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is listed by the Pentagon as missing in action. The Pentagon on Wednesday night released the name of another of the women killed in the attack, Spec. Adrienne L. Mitchell, 20, of Moreno Valley, Calif.

Mrs. Mayes said she talked with her daughter Sunday night.

"She said she would be leaving for the desert the next day, and she was thinking of us here," she said.

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Survivors tell of atrocities

LONDON (AP) — A Kuwaiti doctor said Iraqi troops executed civilians with point-blank gunshots and dumped victims in mass graves, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

Dr. Jaffer Mohammed, chief of preventive medicine at the Kuwait Ministry of Health, said Kuwait was "like a big concentration camp" during the nearly seven-month occupation.

Mohammed said he witnessed five people shot in the head by Iraqi soldiers, and claims he

knows the location of the mass graves.

British businessman Geoff French, who avoided capture throughout the Iraqi occupation, said some Kuwaitis detained by Iraqi soldiers shared their lives with babies, the Standard reported.

Geoff French, 40, who ran a computer consulting firm in Kuwait until Iraq invaded on Aug. 2, told the newspaper: "Whatever you have heard about Iraqi atrocities is true."

He said that Iraqi troops "rushing northward will be allowed to trudge

BOARD OF TAX REVIEW TOWN OF MANCHESTER, CT LEGAL NOTICE

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Monday, March 4, 1991	Tuesday, March 5, 1991	Wednesday, March 6, 1991
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Thursday, March 7, 1991	Friday, March 8, 1991	Saturday, March 9, 1991
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Headings will be by appointment. Appointments can be obtained by calling the Town Hall at 647-3013 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday thru Friday, February 19 to March 12, 1991.

Please bring with you, at the time of the scheduled hearing, any documentation in support of your appeal.

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Monday, March 25, 1991, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Tuesday, March 26, 1991, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
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Additional hearing dates or workshops may be scheduled, if needed.

In addition, the September Board of Tax Review Meeting, for the sole purpose of hearing appeals related to the assessment of motor vehicles, will be held Tuesday, September 10, 1991, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. All persons claiming to be aggrieved by the doings of the Assessor of the Town of Manchester with regard to Motor Vehicle Assessment on the Grand List of October 1, 1990 are hereby warned to make their appeal to the Board of Tax Review at this meeting.

Betty Sadloski
Board of Tax Review Chairperson
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Loser wins Arab respect

By MONA ZIADE
The Associated Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Saddam Hussein lost the war, but in facing a mighty army and drawing attention to Middle Eastern issues he has grown in stature in the eyes of many Arabs.

Trying to stave off military disaster, in recent days the Iraqi leader had offered one concession after another.

He raised the Palestinian cause early in the gulf conflict, but abandoned their campaign for a homeland early this week when he ordered his forces to withdraw from Kuwait in the face of a massive allied advance.

Yet in defeat, Saddam retains power and can still claim wide support from Arabs who view him as a hero who stood up to America and other world powers.

To many Arabs, Saddam is the man who fought a coalition of 32 armies and dared to fire missiles into Israel — something no other Arab leader had done in 42 years of Arab-Israeli conflict.

"The allies think a military defeat will humiliate him," said Francis Tsas, a military analyst with the London-based Armed Forces Journal.

"But I'm sorry to say it won't. The fact that he has thumbed his nose at the United States and the rest of the world for eight months is good enough." Domestically, Saddam's main fear likely was that his army would revolt and topple him in a military coup. But his ruthless secret police have eliminated many opponents among the 18 million population.

Saddam's army is now fragmented. Thousands of troops have been killed in the war, more than 50,000 have been captured by the allies and many more have been wounded. It will be some time before any unit can regroup to pose a real threat to the Gulf states.

"And even then, they will have to find him."

Saddam has surrounded himself with a group of handpicked bodyguards — either relatives or natives of his hometown of Tikrit with strong clan ties to him.

It is said that no one knows where Saddam is at any given moment.

New satellites helped allies

By PAUL RECER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — To keep from getting lost and to help avoid shooting friendly forces, American armor forces in the Persian Gulf have used an electronic gadget called "Sluggo."

The device, an electronic box about the size of a handheld scientific calculator, is designed to put troops in instant communications with a \$768 million fleet of navigation satellites orbiting 11,000 miles overhead.

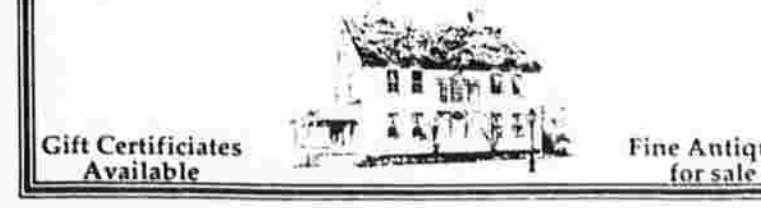
With the Sluggo, any tank commander can learn immediately where he is, his speed and direction of travel, and how far it is to the next objective.

And, just as important, friendly tanks with the same equipment can be located and not attacked during the frenzy and fury of modern armored battles.

Operation Desert Storm was the first use of the Sluggo and the nation's fleet of Navstar Global Positioning Satellites in a massive, then displays an eight or 10 digit number on a screen.

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OPINION

Open Forum

Firing was a disgrace

To The Editor: Charles Holland is one of the finest sheriffs who I have had the pleasure of working with in over 35 years of practice. His firing by the chief sheriff is disgraceful. This act alone may cause the death knell for the county sheriff system for the State of Connecticut and it may fall because Charlie Holland was such an outstanding individual.

He never let his politics interfere with his duties as a sheriff. Sheriff Holland should be reinstated at once.

Vincent L. Diana
1091 Main St.
Manchester

PTA needs help

To The Editor: Highland Park Elementary School was reopened in September 1990 with the essentials.

While we have been concentrating on upgrading the library and classroom libraries, computer equipment, etc., the PTA has voted to improve the playground, which is particularly deficient, to benefit students and community.

Presently, Headstart and the kindergarten use a small playground on the side of the school. Students in grades 1 through 6 use the facilities at the back of the school which include a set of swings, a ball field and basketball hoop. This is the area that greatly needs improving with additional equipment, slides, etc.

We are, therefore, calling on alumni of Highland Park Elementary School, neighbors, and local businesses to help us in our efforts. A tax-deductible donation of any size will be much appreciated and enable us to install some basic equipment, hopefully, before the close of this school year. Highland Park PTA Playground
397 Porter Street
Manchester, CT 06040

Our wholehearted thanks for your support.
Debbie Johnson
PTA Playground Chairperson
Manchester

Press helpful

To The Editor: Thank you for your fair, accurate, and concise reporting of the powers of the Commission for the Disabled which appeared in the Feb. 22, 1991 issue of the Manchester Herald.

You have reported our concerns in a manner which will help achieve greater awareness of the problems of accessibility which are daily problems for the disabled members of our community.

The aim of the Commission for the Disabled is to work cooperatively with all segments of our community in order to guarantee the opportunity for people with disabilities to achieve full franchise and benefits of citizenship by removing architectural barriers, and having full access to employment, transportation, housing, education, recreation, and all other aspects of community life.

We welcome the press to attend any and all meetings of the commission, and look forward to your continued assistance in raising the level of public awareness to the needs of all persons with disabilities.

Margaret R. Churchill
15 Safford Street
John S. Churchill
Manchester

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IF I CLEAN UP MY ROOM, MAY I USE THE CAR TONIGHT?



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EIGHT-POINT GULF PEACE PLAN
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Gulf war eclipses drug war

By JACK ANDERSON and DALE VAN AITA

WASHINGTON — While the eyes of the world are on the war in the Persian Gulf, the United States is losing the drug war in Colombia. The drug cartels there have intimidated Colombians by violence and coaxed their government into submission. Meanwhile, the United States continues to pour anti-drug money into the country — money that the Colombian military would rather spend putting down guerrilla uprisings that have nothing to do with drugs.

After a brutal campaign of terror that took the lives of three Colombian presidential contenders and hundreds of politicians, journalists, judges and others, the drug cartels got what they wanted from their government — minimal jail terms for those who give themselves up and no extradition to the United States where the cartels have not been able to terrorize the justice system.

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Feminists feed own biases

If you wonder how the feminists are able to grind out so many books and studies that feed their peculiar biases, one place to look is gray train of federal funding. Here is a list of just some of the tax-funded grants given to feminist studies by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The following grants are quoted directly from the NEH's last available annual report. They are labeled "independent study and research in the humanities," but in truth they are just federal handouts to feminists in academia.

"Formations of Gender in 18th-Century Narrative" — \$27,500 to Carol L. Barash, South Orange, N.J.

"The Historical Context of Early Christian Responses to Gender" — \$16,750 to Bernadette J. Broeten, Cambridge, Mass.

"Female Piety and Self-Empowerment in 17th-Century France" — \$27,500 to Marie-Florine Bruneau, Los Angeles, Calif.

"An Exploration of Female Discourse and Ethnographic Process in a Northern Greek Town" — \$23,100 to Jane K. Cowan, Swansea, Wales.

"Images of Women in Medieval France" — \$16,550 to Kathryn Louise Graydon, New York, N.Y.

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"African-American Women Preachers in New Orleans: Gender and Inspired Discourse" — \$21,841 to David C. Estes, New Orleans, La.

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NATION/WORLD

Almost half of 65-year-olds need nursing homes

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Nearly 1 million Americans who turned 65 last year are likely to live in nursing homes before they die, and almost 200,000 will spend more than five years there, according to a study released today.

"Over a lifetime, the risk of entering a nursing home and spending a long time there is substantial," researchers wrote.

The study projects that of 2.2 million Americans who turned 65 last

year, more than 900,000 of them — or 43 percent — are expected to enter a nursing home at least once before they die.

In their analysis of the findings, the researchers questioned whether nursing homes, which now cost an average of about \$25,000 a year, should remain the mainstay of care for the elderly.

"When one in seven men and one in three women who reached the age of 65 in 1990 are projected to spend at least one year in a nursing home, society needs to undertake a fundamental reassessment of long-term

care, rather than simply paying for what has been done in the past," they wrote.

The study was based on a survey of 16,587 adults who died in 1986. It was written by economist Peter Kemper and epidemiologist Christopher M. Murrain of the U.S. Agency for Health Care Policy Research in Rockville, Md., and published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Among the findings: Nearly two-thirds of the people using nursing homes live in them. This is because women live

longer than men, and since they outlive their spouses, there is no one at home to care for them.

Nearly one-third of all people who reached 65 in 1990 will spend at least three months in a nursing home, 25 percent at least a year, and 9 percent at least five years.

Thirteen percent of all women will spend at least five years in a nursing home, compared with 4 percent of men.

In 1986, whites used nursing homes more than blacks. Even when racial differences in longevity were taken into consideration, 38 percent

of whites and 27 percent of blacks lived in nursing homes before their deaths.

The number of people in U.S. nursing homes has risen dramatically in recent years. In 1964, about 500,000 people lived in nursing homes. By 1985, the number nearly tripled.

Medicaid covers nursing home expenses for people who cannot pay their bills. However, they must spend most of their savings and other assets before the government covers their care. In 1988, Medicaid paid over 44 percent of nursing

home expenses.

In an accompanying editorial, Drs. Robert and Rosalie Kane of the University of Minnesota said the study depicts "the dire consequences of the aging of a society" — and said the projections may be too conservative.

They suggested being more creative in finding substitutes for expensive nursing home care. One idea is easing licensing rules so homes can get by with less professional help. This would provide a reasonably safe option for elderly people interested in spending less money.

Dodd tries to ease credit crunch

By MELISSA B. ROBINSON
Herald's Washington Bureau

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AKRON, Ohio (AP) — The National Inventors Hall of Fame has inducted its first woman.

"It would have been just as exciting if I were the second one, but it is certainly nice to start a tradition," said Gertrude Eilson, 73, who was selected partly for her work synthesizing drugs used in cancer treatment.

Ms. Eilson, co-winner of the 1988 Nobel Prize in Medicine, said she thought her nomination was important to women, "who need to have some encouragement, that they can achieve whatever anybody else can."

Ms. Eilson and seven other inventors will be honored at a ceremony in Akron on May 17, it was announced Tuesday.

They will join 94 others already named to the hall, which opened in 1973. It is located in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Arlington, Va., but will be moved to Akron when a new hall opens in 1993.

The other 1991 inductees include: — The late Elmer A. Sperry, who is credited with more than 400 patents, including invention of the pyrocompass, patented in 1917.

Many banking and business leaders in the bank cannot or will not make loans because they are too low on capital to meet stringent new requirements designed to stem bank failures.

Brady, who met with New England lawmakers earlier this month to discuss the credit crunch but has made no promise of federal aid to resolve the problem, told a reporter that the Dodd plan "would be a very difficult proposition to enact into being."

"I don't know how the other regions of the country would feel about it," Brady said. "But Senator Dodd is working on a problem of importance to this region, and I commend him for it."

Brady and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan are considering other measures to ease the credit crunch such as letting banks write off a smaller percentage of bad loans to boost the amount of money available for lending.

However, Brady has always appeared reluctant to infuse the region with federally backed dollars from the insurance fund, which is intended to cover commercial bank deposits up to \$100,000.

In fact, one of his chief occupations in recent days has been pushing the Bush administration's plan to overhaul the banking system on Capitol Hill — a plan that stresses the need to recapitalize the FDIC fund but is short on specifics for accomplishing the goal.

When pressed for an answer on the New England plan Wednesday, Brady would only say he has not fully reviewed it.

The program will begin at some 30 schools and be phased in eventually at all 120. Students can get condoms anonymously from offices staffed by adult volunteers in their schools or neighborhoods.

Counseling will be optional. Chancellor Joseph A. Fernandez had argued that required counseling, and parental permission, would scare teens away.

Thirty-four people spoke Wednesday before the vote.

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- More than 50,000 Iraqi taken prisoner, including about 3,000 captured before ground offensive.
- 97 Iraqi planes destroyed, plus six helicopters.
- Reported by Iraq:
 - More than 180 allied aircraft downed.
 - More than 20 prisoners held.
 - No comprehensive casualty deaths in Operation Desert Shield before the war.
 - 13 prisoners of war, including nine Americans, two British, one Italian and one Kuwaiti.

U.S. officials say Bush has not yet decided on the two key points: whether American, Canadian and British forces will be part of a security shield along with Arab nations and whether the shield will extend northward.

"It's clear neither the United States nor Britain wants to keep forces in Iraq or in the region for any longer than is necessary," Hurd told reporters.

The Soviet Union, not having contributed troops to the assault on Kuwait, evidently also will not participate in the security coalition. But Soviet cooperation in controlling the spread of weapons into the volatile region is considered essential.

Three radical Arab states — Iraq, Syria and Libya — built their arsenals partly on billions of dollars of Soviet weapons. Baker, with support from some members of Congress, will try to reverse the provision that allows them to sell their weapons to Iraq, Syria and Libya.

Initially, U.S. officials said, the goal is to prevent the introduction of new weapons into the region and to stop the influx of ballistic missiles as well as nuclear and chemical weapons technology.

Contract

Werber would not commit to moving first, but did say the possibility of meeting after work would have to be examined.

When the talks broke down Tuesday, the two had been discussing only the ground rules for the negotiations, not the specifics of any contract proposal, Little said. He added one of the ground rules pertains to the secrecy of the negotiations.

Regarding secrecy, Werber said, "I find it extremely disturbing that Mr. Little decided to call the paper and not me."

The current union contract is due to expire June 30.

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Reaction

If U.S. forces kill Hussein, he will be branded a hero by his countrymen, Colletti said, adding that an assassination attempt would have to be carried out by an Iraqi citizen.

Colletti said she was particularly relieved to learn of the cease-fire because one of her students has a brother stationed 10 miles from the Kuwaiti border.

Both Colletti and Smith expressed concern over when U.S. troops would return to American soil.

"I just can't imagine us not leaving some troops over there," Smith said.

"I am not so sure that we will come home so fast, things have to be sorted out," said Senet Street, resident Donald Wheatley, adding that troop withdrawal from the area will be a gradual process.

Wheatley, who was reading about the latest war developments in a newspaper, said he was surprised the Iraqis were so easily defeated.

"I thought the war would last longer and we would sustain more casualties," he said, expressing support for the Allied Forces' battle plan.

Wheatley added that troop withdrawal will also be slow because Allied Forces will have secured an area ravaged by war.

"I can't see the U.S. turning its back on Iraqi citizens and soldiers in need of medical attention," he said.

Eventually, the United Nations should establish a peace-keeping force in the area to stop future outbreaks of violence, Wheatley said.

He added that Iraq's quick defeat by the allied forces has enhanced the U.N.'s position to settle international problems.

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Layoffs

prove its financial performance and protect its ability to compete.

Acta has had small staff reductions in some departments in the past, but the 2,600 jobs mark the first massive companywide layoff. The company had 45,200 workers last fall.

The size of the layoff has left some employees disillusioned with Acta.

One employee who asked not to be identified said Acta should have tried harder to encourage early retirement to avoid some of the layoffs.

Hawkins acknowledged such reaction, saying, "It's never easy for anybody, whether they're remaining and seeing good friends go out the door or whether you're being laid off."

Hawkins said it is understandable that employees are upset, but, "Clearly management believes these are steps that need to be taken for the good of the company."

Most layoffs in field offices around the nation will take place by the end of this year, Hawkins said.

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Gulf War toll released

(AP) Here's a summary of the latest numbers on the Persian Gulf War:

Reported Wednesday:

- 7 Americans killed in action.
- 2 French killed in action.
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- More than 50,

School leave policy debated

By SCOTT B. BREDE
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — School board members debated the granting of sabbatical leave in light of budget cuts at a recent Board of Education meeting.

The matter arose when a motion was called to adopt the consent calendar, which included a request for a 16-week sabbatical leave for E. Charles Voudest, an English teacher at Manchester High School.

"I have to question the sabbatical due to the current budget situation," said board member Thomas M. Sheridan.

Auto insurance rates on rise

HARTFORD (AP) — State officials say automobile insurance rates rose an average of 10.7 percent in Connecticut last year — the biggest annual jump since at least 1984.

Consumer advocates said the latest numbers released Wednesday by the state Insurance Department underscore the need for automobile insurance reform.

"A 10 percent increase in insurance rates is not new — it's a powerful argument that we need to regulate insurance rates in this state," said Edna Rome, legal and political director of the Connecticut Citizens Action Group.

Honor Roll

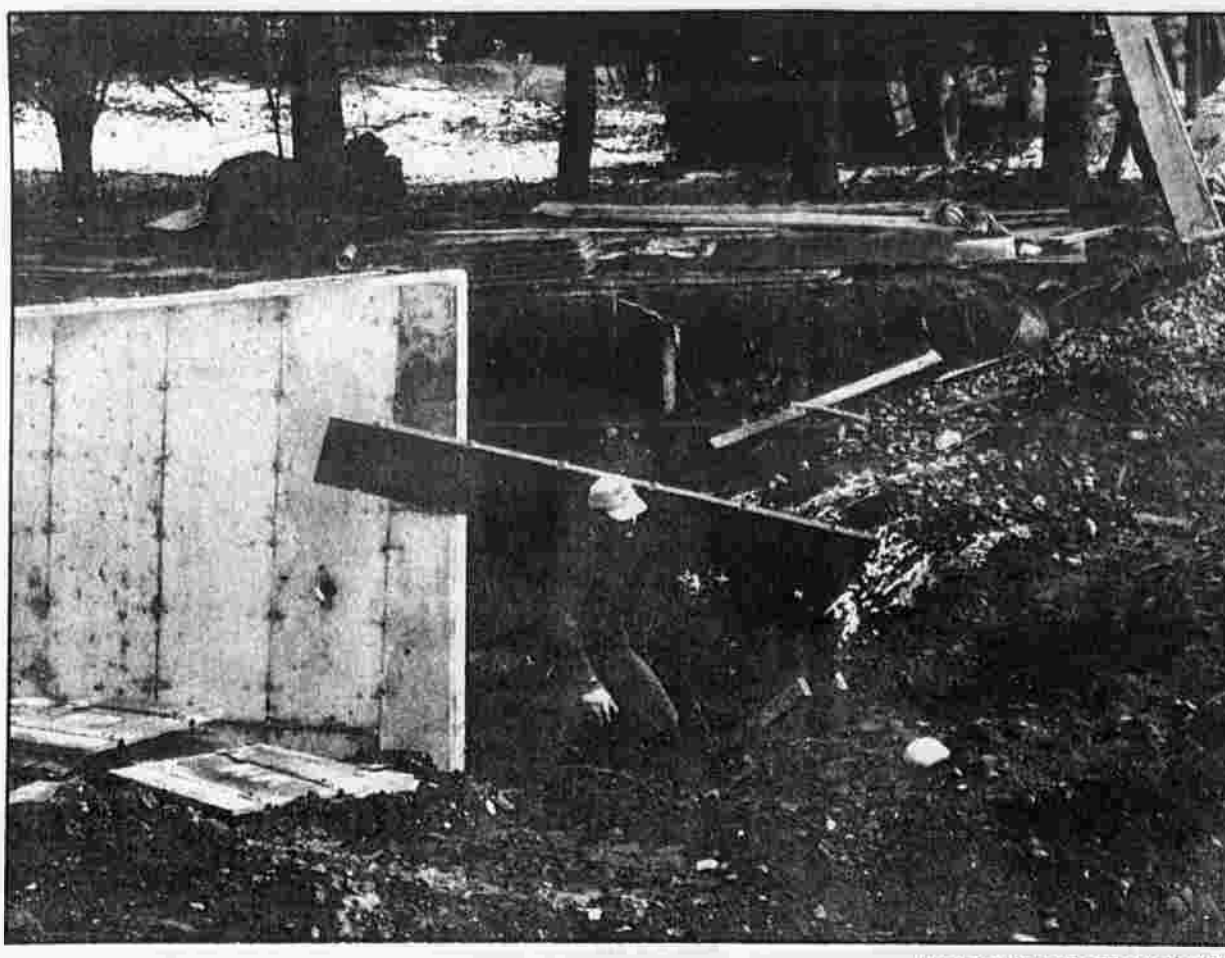
The administration and teachers at Bennett Junior High School are pleased to announce that the following students achieved a place on the second quarter honor roll.

- Grade Seven**
 Matthew Adinolfi, Joseph Allard, Tamara Bell, Sara Blomstrann, David Bottaro, Kristine Botti, Thomas Bowler, Sadi Brice, Joshua Buckno, Anthony Camposeo, Nicole Chomick, Scott Coakley, Kevin Coughlin, Leslie Crockett, Jennifer Dean, Lisa Diakonikolas, Michelle Diehle, Melinda Downey, Michelle Dumont, Andrew Fitting, Michelle Fleming, Michelle Fogarty, Jennifer Gates, Amy Gemballa, Joelen Gilkey, Stephanie Grimes, Keri Hyde, Autumn Johnson, Anoshal Kowalyk, Jong Kim, Jessica Kinnel, Caleb Knappson, Courtney Knappson, Kevin Lappan, David Lawrence, Michelle Lee, David Logudice, Ann McCandless, Adelle Mercadante, Stephanie Myers, Marc Novakouski, Amielia Ouellette, Matthew Peak, Laura Pedemonte, Shantelle Pickett, Carrie Popoff, Richard Prentice, Kate Quigley, Brendan Richard, Katherine Robenhymer, Christine Rutigliano, Gregory Sobin, Joshua Solomonson, Christopher Spafford, Jeffrey Talbot, Robin Taylor, Kimberly Tracy, Zong Yang.

Grade Eight
 Caitlin Aceto, Erich Asperschlager, Kevin Begley, Benjamin Berte, Hal Black, Kevin Blout, Mark Brodie, Andrew Brown, Michael Brown, Richard Carlson, Alycia Carrano, Chang Choi, Andrew Giolico, Nicole Dakin, Cara Damiano, Jeffrey Damon, Benjamin Donahue, Jason Doucette, Melissa Ewald, Grace Finelli, Melissa Flemming, Sarah Foran, Sara Ganzer, Lori Ann Hansen, Jennifer Jobin, Stephanie Larson, Jamie Lazarus, Peter Leonard, Alison MacLeod, Valerie Makarewicz, Evann Mazur, Sherilyn McCauley, David Michelle, Beth Mizoras, Tahira Moore, Tammie Moquin, David Muirhead, Diana Norris, Jeffrey

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BRIDGE WORK — Mike Jacques, of Hop River Construction Co., Columbia, does some work in preparation for the new bridge over the Hop Brook on Charter Oak Street, Manchester.

Hebron Maple Days set

By EDWARD DEVOE
Manchester Herald

HEBRON — The Board of Selectmen recently approved a proclamation for the founding of "Maple Days" in Hebron on March 16 and 17.

The proclamation is in conjunction with the "Gala Maple Festival" organized by Maria de Carvalho. She sees the potential of the festival growing every year, with the possibility of parades and festival queens.

Van for elderly bid OK'd

By EDWARD DEVOE
Manchester Herald

HEBRON — The Board of Selectmen recently voted to accept a bid for a new van for the elderly.

The van would cost \$31,050 and would be paid for by a \$25,000 grant from the Department of Transportation and \$6,052 from the special revenue account.

The town received two bids for the van with the board choosing the Matthews Bus Company of Tolland. The van would accommodate 12 passengers and be equipped with a wheelchair ramp.

- List of the WIN A TRIP CONTEST SEMI-FINALISTS**
 Week of 2/26/91
 81 West Street, Manchester
 Beth Paterson
 104 Baldwin Road, Manchester
 Lori Dugas
 242 Crissom Road, Manchester
 Ed and Jeannette Dezzo
 595 Tolland Turnpike, Manchester
 Josephine Ferlazo
 13 Durkin Street, Manchester
 Daniel Doda, Shannon Donnelly,
 D'Shanna Dorsey, Diana Ford,
 55 Tonic Spring Trail, Manchester
 Barb Rohan
 95 Autumn Street, Manchester
 Lenore Halloran
 42 Bolton Street, Manchester
 Brenda O'Reilly
 100 West Street, Apartment 303, Vernon
 Harriet Olaver
 107 Cambridge Street, Manchester
 Dolores B. Luko
 26 Sunrise Lake, East Hartford
 Rose Mazzotta
 79 Keeney Street, Manchester
 Mr. & Mrs. Mark T. Wagner
 175 Bobby Lane, Manchester
 Dorothy S. Roberts
 55 Tonic Spring Trail, Manchester
 Mary Jaworski
 33 Clyde Road, Manchester
 Karen Chorchos
 14 Carpenter Road, Manchester
 Debbie Shog
 17 Hilltop Drive, Manchester
 742 Hillstown Road, Manchester
 Mr. Orrin E. West
 14 Agnes Drive, Manchester
 Ida Ponticelli
 65 Fairview, South Windsor
 760 Hillside Street, Manchester
 Coris Schreiber
 464 Gardner Street, Manchester
 Walter A. Backus
 16 Robin Road, Manchester
 Jayne Schoen
 154 Florence Street, Manchester
 Dave Forman
 299 East Middle Turnpike, Manchester
 Norma J. Buxce
 103B Rachel Road, Manchester
 Marie Enrico
 136 Eldridge Street, Manchester
 Mr. Edgar N. Wasiloff
 15 Alexander St., Manchester
 Raymond P. Martins, Jr.
 1004 Mill Pond Drive, South Windsor

Excavation proposal protested

By DAVID LAMMEY
Manchester Herald

BOLTON — Concerned citizens again packed town hall for a marathon hearing Wednesday night, trying to convince the zoning commission that it should deny the proposed excavation plans of a tree farm owner.

But the three-hour hearing was not enough, so the commission is continuing the hearing to March 14. At the meeting objectors presented two petitions, one calling for an environmental study of the project and one calling on the commission to reject the application.

Milton and Rosemary Hathaway of Quarry Road are seeking a permit to excavate sand and gravel from 18 acres of their land to expand their tree farm. Mr. Hathaway says that the proposed site is an unmanageable hill that he wants to level so that he can plant Christmas trees and hemlock.

However, neighbors living on roads near the site fear their peaceful neighborhoods will be transformed into dusty, noisy, life-threatening neighborhoods much like the neighborhoods in Dante's Inferno.

Hathaway's attorney and engineers presented several studies, which have been substantiated by the town engineer and other government officials approving the project on environmental and practical grounds.

But the citizens opposed to the plan distrust the calculations of the experts, relying instead on their "common sense" to conclude that the project would significantly alter their neighborhood.

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East Center St.	156-202 even		
East Center St.	342-402 even		
Garth Rd.	all		
Gay St.	89-138		
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About Town

St. Patrick's event

Join your family and friends for a pancake breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to noon on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, at RIHAM High School cafeteria in Hebron. Tickets at the door will be adult \$3.50, seniors and children under 12, \$3.

Scholarships

Applications are now being taken for Rosary School Scholarships to St. Bridget Catholic School and East Catholic High School in Manchester. Please include the name of affiliated Rosary members and their relationship to the applicant. Please submit applications before the end of March. For information call 646-4475 or 647-8187.

Senior news

Exercise class with Celeste Carlton will be held on March 1, March 4 and March 6 at the Senior Center from 2 to 3 p.m. Water aerobics will be held at the IOW Pool on March 5 and March 7 at 9:15 a.m. from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Blood pressure clinic will be held at Spencer Village, Pascal Lane Community Room, March 5 from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Basketball game

Cox Cable of Greater Hartford will air a girls' basketball game, featuring Manchester High School versus Staples High School, tonight at 7 p.m. on Channel 52.

Delivery change

Fruit that was to be delivered Saturday to people who bought it from American Field Service representatives (Manchester High School) will instead be delivered Saturday, March 9, to purchasers' homes. The change in date is due to a delay by the producer. Any problems, call 647-9739.

Housing meeting

The Bolton Interfaith Housing Committee will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. at St. George Episcopal Church, 1150 Boston Tpk., Bolton. All are welcome. For more information, call 649-3759.

Garden club trip

The Coventry Garden Club will sponsor a bus trip to the Flower Show in Boston on Tuesday, March 12. The bus will leave the Amazing Store Parking Lot in Manchester at 8:45 a.m. and Meadowbrook Shopping Center in Coventry at 9 a.m. Return trip will start at 4 p.m. Cost is \$22 for transportation and admission to the show. For reservations call 228-9745.

Nursery registration

YWCA Nursery School is taking registration for their 1990-91 program. Classes include programs for children ages four, three and two. Call the East Hartford YWCA at 289-6706.

MCC concert

Newspace Gallery of Manchester Community College will open an exhibition by Premises on Friday. The evening's program will begin at 8 p.m. with a chamber music concert by the Hop River Wind Quartet. Following the concert at 9 p.m., a reception with refreshments will be held in the gallery. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call 647-6013.

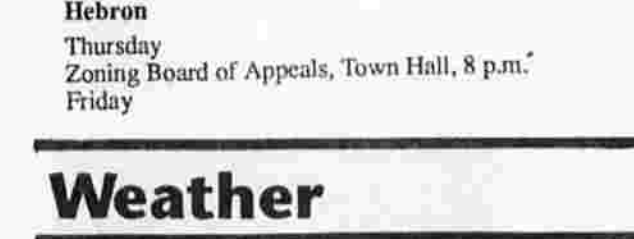
Housing applications

The Glanbury Housing Authority is accepting applications for its Congregate Housing Facility, the Herbert T. Clark House. Applications can be picked up at the Housing Authority Office, 25 Risley Rd., Glanbury. Eligible men or women age 65 or older, whose income does not exceed \$20,675 for one person and \$23,625 for two persons and with asset limits for one person not greater than \$51,688 and for two persons no greater than \$59,063. For more information, call 633-3549.

Public Meetings

Manchester
 Thursday
 Charter Revision, Lincoln Center hearing room, 7:30 p.m.
 Coventry
 Thursday
 Economic Development Commission, Town Office Building, 8 p.m.
 Hebron
 Thursday
 Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Hall, 8 p.m.
 Friday

Weather



Friday, March 1
 Tonight's weather in the greater Manchester area: Partly cloudy. Low 25 to 30. South wind around 10 mph. Friday, mostly sunny in the morning, increasing cloudiness in the afternoon. Warmer, high in the lower 50s. Outlook Saturday, a chance of rain. High in the 50s.

A warm front will move across New England tonight and Friday morning. A large low pressure system will be developing over the Plains states on Friday.

Dudley and Angie await

By BARBARA RICHMOND
Manchester Herald

Dudley, a black Labrador-setter retriever cross, with a white spot on his chest, is this week's featured pet at the Manchester dog pound.

Dudley is a male about 3 years old. Besides being a friendly dog, he's very handsome with a shiny, well-groomed coat. He was picked up on Feb. 22.

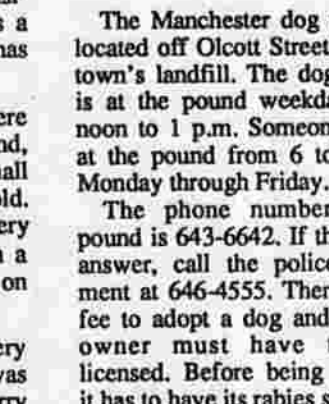
Smiley, last week's featured pet, a rather large Chow, has been adopted by a Vernon business that plans to use him as a guard dog. Dog Warden Thomas Pascantelli said.

Besides Dudley, there were two other new dogs at the pound, as of Tuesday. One is a small mixed breed, about 5 months old. He looks part boxer and very cute. He's tan and white with a little black. He was picked up on Wadell Road on Feb. 24.

The other new one is a very sweet shepherd cross. He was picked up in the area of Barry and Elizabeth roads on Feb. 26. He is white with black spots and some tan.



Dudley



Angie

The Manchester dog pound is located off O'Connell Street near the town's landfill. The dog warden is at the pound weekdays from noon to 1 p.m. Someone also is at the pound from 6 to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The phone number at the pound is 643-6462. If there is no answer, call the police department at 646-4555. There is a \$5 fee to adopt a dog and the new owner must have the dog licensed. Before being licensed, it has to have its rabies shot.

Aid to Helpless Animals Inc. and Protectors of Animals Inc. are organizations of volunteers who take in stray or abandoned animals, mostly cats and kittens.

This week's featured cat is Angie, a gentle female, being boarded by Aid to Helpless Animals Inc. All of the cats and kittens put up for adoption by either organization are neutered or spayed and given their shots, unless too young when taken.

To adopt a pet or to find out more information about the organizations call 232-8317 or 242-2156 for Aid to Helpless Animals and 646-7000 or 644-8515 for Protectors of Animals. All numbers are toll-free from this area.

Current Quotes

"It's been a miraculous war. You just don't go to war and have it over with in a few days with so few casualties. There has to be a higher power that handled this. We've just been blessed." — Sissy Jordan of Chesapeake, Va., wife of Dr. John Jordan Jr., Navy doctor aboard the USS Guam.

"I think Saddam Hussein was wrong, but I hold us accountable for that, for the tens of thousands of civilians and the tens of thousands of Iraqi soldiers who have died!" — William W. Hutchison Jr., high school social studies teacher from Dover, Del.

"It's a bit strange that everything went as planned. It was almost like a scenario to a movie." — Duane Pinlow of Salem, Ore., on the allied forces success in the Gulf War.

"See, the president does listen." — What Carolyn Medved, 5, told her mother. The little girl persuaded Rocky Medved to write President Bush asking him to "send her dad (Army Capt. Richard Medved) home real soon."

Correction

A Manchester police officer was incorrectly identified under a photograph on page 5 of The Thin Blue Line supplement published in Tuesday's Herald. The officer's correct name is Max Cohen. The Herald regrets the error.

Thoughts

An old man in India sat down in the shade of an ancient banyan tree. The roots of the tree stretched out and disappeared far away in a swamp. Squinting out from the shade, the old man could see a communion where the roots of the tree entered the swamp. A scorpion had become hopelessly entangled in the roots.

The old man carefully crept along the tips of the roots and reached down to free the scorpion. But each time he touched the scorpion, it lashed his hand with its tail, stinging him painfully. This happened again and again, until his hand was so swollen that he could no longer close his fingers. So he went back to the shade of the tree to wait for the swelling to go down.

A young man called out to him from the road above: "You're a fool," said the young man, "wasting your time trying to help a scorpion that can only do you harm." The old man answered: "Simply because it is the nature of the scorpion to sting. Should I change my nature, which is to save?"

William Sloane Coffin, Jr., reports telling that story in a Sunday sermon and moving himself nearly to tears. But immediately after the service, one of the choir members, whom he described as "a soprano of invincible practicality," spoiled his reverie with the pointed question, "Why didn't the old man use a stick?" Why, indeed. We need to balance our eagerness to feel good about our suffering with a concern for effectiveness. But we still need to remember that it is our nature to save.

Rev. Dr. William C. French
 Pastor, North United Methodist Church

Lottery

Here are Thursday's lottery results from around New England:
 Connecticut
 Daily Lottery: 2-3-6. Play 4: 9-7-4-3.
 Massachusetts
 Daily Lottery: 6-1-4-9. Mass Megabucks: 5-13-14-24-26-31.
 Northern New England
 Pick 3: 3-0-1. Pick 4: 9-9-1-8. Tri-State Megabucks: 15-17-23-24-31-32.
 Rhode Island
 Daily Lottery: 4-5-3-2. Grandlot: 3-6-0. 4-3-9-3. 0-4-3-2-9. 8-9-9-9-6-3.

In Memoriam

Neta K. Reale
 April 5, 1911-Ferbruary 28, 1969
 It is 22 years
 that I have missed the
 Memory of your love
 Imprinted in my heart.
 Alphonse Reale

Births

DAVIES, Alanna Richard, daughter of Steven and Deirdre Golden-Davies of 66 Brandy Road, Bolton, was born Jan. 21, 1991 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are James B. Golden of South Windsor and the late Celia J. Golden. Her paternal grandparents are Carolyn Davies of 100 Woodhill Drive, Manchester and Gerald and Dorothy Davies, Stafford Springs. She has two sisters, Christina, 5 and Rebecca, 3.

BRyant, Hilary Patricia, daughter of William L. and Cynthia Coleman Bryant of 59 Loomis Road, Bolton, was born Jan. 22, 1991 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Patricia Coleman of Manchester and Gary Coleman of Coventry. Her paternal grandmother is Lala B. Meserve of Mechanic Falls, Maine. She has a brother, Daniel, 5 and a sister, Erin, 3.

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Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Family struggles after suicide

DEAR ABBY: My brother committed suicide last November. This tragic loss has brought out emotions that I never knew I had.

My family is struggling to find answers to the questions that surface after a loved one chooses a permanent solution to a temporary problem.

I started attending Survivors of Suicide meetings, which have helped a great deal. I know the painful feelings that a survivor of suicide experiences, and I wrote the "1-2-3's of Survival" to help those who are faced with such a trauma.

COPING IN FRESNO, CALIF.

- DEAR COPING:** Please accept my sympathy on the tragic loss of your brother. It is reassuring to know that you and your family have gained a measure of comfort and perspective through the support of other survivors of suicide.
- I am printing your "1-2-3's of Survival" in the hope that it will help others who have experienced feelings of helplessness and grief after losing a loved one to suicide:
1. Accept what you cannot change.
 2. Believe in a higher power.
 3. Seek support when the need arises.
 4. Do not repress your feelings.
 5. Express your feelings to someone you trust.
 6. Forgive your loved one.
 7. Allow yourself time to grieve.
 8. Help your family members through their grief.
 9. Live in the present, and put the past behind you.
 10. Keep those special memories of your loved one close to your heart.
 11. Make time for yourself.
 12. Pick up the pieces of your life and slowly put them back together.
 13. Quit blaming yourself.
 14. Take good care of your health; focus on survival and hope for the future.
 15. Dwell on the positive, and your zest for life will return.

For those families who wish to find a nearby chapter of Survivors of Suicide, send a stamped (29 cents), self-addressed, business-sized envelope to: Survivors of Suicide, 2321 N. 78th St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53222. Attention: Shary Schaeffer.



ASK DICK KLEINER

Q: How much does a hatchet job pay an actor? How much did Gregory Peck get for working Judge Rock over on TV? What fee did Meryl Streep get for causing havoc in the apple industry over Alamo? — M.E.S., Kalamazoo, Mich.

A: Those folks believed fervently in the causes they were espousing, and they did it for free. Just as Charlton Heston did — at the other end of the political spectrum — with his plugs for the National Rifle Association.

Q: Please help! My life depends on your answer! In "Vampire's Kiss," did Nicolas Cage actually eat that insect, or was it a photograph? — L.M., Abingdon, Va.

A: Never underestimate Hollywood's ability to make unreal things look real. While actors are often required to do foolish, sometimes dangerous things, they do not have to eat bugs. The studio prop departments can make insects out of chocolate, or whatever, that look very real.

Q: Can you find out if TV executive Fred Silverman was a member of the crew of US LSM 301 during World War II? — D.S., Allegan, Mich.

A: Not unless he was the mascot. He was born in 1937.

Q: Please tell me where the show "Charles in Charge" is taped. I say it is in New Brunswick, N.J. My friend says Las Vegas. — D.P., Trenton, N.J.

A: Your friend is right.

PEOPLE

Meredith Vieira, the only woman correspondent on "60 Minutes," is leaving the top-rated television news show to have a second child.

Variety reported Wednesday that Vieira was fired because she was pregnant and wanted to keep working part-time. Don Hewitt, the show's executive producer, balked, the trade publication said.

Vieira and Hewitt denied she was fired.

"I am, for the short term, going to stay with the show," said Vieira, who plans to finish the season, then depart to have her baby. "I'm not happy about it, but I'm certainly happy with my decision to expand my family."

Hewitt said he needed Vieira to work full time now that Harry Reasoner has left the show.

"Meredith said she couldn't do that," he said. "Now, when Meredith is ready to do that, there is nobody we'd consider more to come back to '60 Minutes.'"

There was no immediate word on who would replace her.

Maureen O'Sullivan, who played Jane to Johnny Weissmuller's Tarzan, received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame near her late co-star's.

Cesar Romero and Janet Leigh were among about 75 friends and fans who gathered Wednesday on Hollywood Boulevard for the unveiling. Miss O'Sullivan's star is the walkway's 1,931st.

Her daughter, actress Mia Farrow, sent flowers. Farrow, who lives in New York, could not attend because she is working on a movie, said Laura Edelman, a spokeswoman for the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to "Tarzan" films in the 1930s, Miss O'Sullivan's movie credits include "Pride and Prejudice," "David Copperfield," "Anna Karenina," "Hannah and Her Sisters" and "Peggy Sue Got Married."

"Television talk-show host Geraldo Rivera says he bought a controlling interest in a New Jersey weekly newspaper to regain his journalistic perspective.

"This gets me back just where I started," he said Wednesday. "I miss it, I'm nostalgic for it. When you get in the national TV business, you miss the forest for the trees."

Rivera put up \$400,000 for a 75 percent interest in The River Times, based in Red Bank, about 40 miles from New York. He will be managing editor and a columnist.

Rivera said he would continue to host his nationally syndicated TV show, "Geraldo," based in New York, as well as a new show, "Now I Can Be Told," scheduled to begin in September.

He said the newspaper has a circulation of 10,000.

"It will be a voice for a clean environment and for sensitive local government," he said.

Rivera, who became a television reporter in the 1960s, has written four books and many magazine articles.

Glória Estefan, preparing for a comeback tour with The Miami Sound Machine, was recovering from a broken back, sang and danced for disabled adults at a dress rehearsal.

The audience at the rehearsal Tuesday night at the Lakeland Civic Center in Florida included about 100 people from the Wheelhouse, which provides housing for physically disabled adults.

"Oh my God, you guys sound like 10,000 people," Estefan said. "We definitely picked the right people."

The tour and album, "Into the Light," are the first since Estefan was injured in a bus accident while touring last March.

Doctors inserted a pair of eight-inch rods in her spine and initially feared she might be paralyzed.

The tour kicks off Friday night with a concert in Miami.

Grammy Award winner Sandi Patit was nominated for her 10th-straight award as the No. 1 female singer in gospel music. She also was nominated for gospel artist of the year.

Finalists were announced Wednesday in 33 categories for the 22nd annual Gospel Music Awards. The awards will be presented April 11.

Also up for artist of the year — the top award — are Steven Curtis Chapman, Steve Green, Michael Smith and Carman.

Patit, of Anderson, Ind., has won the female vocalist award for the past nine years. She won a Grammy Award last week for her album "Another Time... Another Place."

Also nominated were Margaret Becker, Kim Hill, Robbie Mason and Twila Paris.

Nominations for No. 1 male vocalist were Chapman, Smith, Green, Wayne Watson and BeBe Winans.

Markos Brandt's son yelled "end you" and shot one of his beer-drinking buddies about three months before he killed his half-sister's lover, a Christian Brando shot Ricardo Alvarez last February outside his Laurel, Md., home, Corey Kronick testified at Brando's sentencing hearing Wednesday in Santa Monica, Calif. The bullet grazed Alvarez's head, Kronick said.

Police have been unable to find Alvarez. He didn't report the shooting because he didn't want to hurt his friendship with Brando, Kronick said.

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

Proper diet for celiac disease

DEAR DR. GOTT: Our 2-year-old grandson has been diagnosed with probable celiac disease. He has violent reactions to any wheat, oat or gluten products, and his growth development is below normal. Is there any advantage to putting him in a children's hospital for further tests or biopsies? Is there any known cure for this disease?

DEAR READER: Celiac disease (celiac sprue or gluten enteropathy) is a congenital disorder marked by a sensitivity to gluten, a cereal protein found in wheat, rye, barley and oats. Although in its mildest forms celiac disease causes no symptoms, in most cases it is associated with chronic diarrhea, abdominal bloating, growth retardation (in children), anemia, weight loss and nutritional deficiency.

The diagnosis, which is suspected on the basis of these findings, is confirmed by either a biopsy of the small intestine or the patient's response to a gluten-free diet. Elimination of dietary gluten leads to rapid and permanent relief of symptoms.

Thus, the treatment is avoidance of gluten. This often requires the services of a dietitian because in addition to being present in cereal grains, gluten is widely used in commercial foods, such as soups, sauces and processed meats.

If your grandson has been diagnosed with celiac disease and his doctor is confident that a gluten-free diet is appropriate treatment, the child needs no more medical testing. If, however, his diarrhea and slow-growth pattern continue despite the diet, he should be examined by a pediatric specialist in a teaching hospital.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Recently the drug company I work for has adopted a random drug-testing policy. Will they be able to detect marijuana in my system through urine testing and if so, how long will the drug reside in my body?

DEAR READER: The psychoactive ingredient in marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol, can be measured in the urine. Traces of urinary THC can be detected up to three weeks after smoking the drug, though in some cases it remains in the body much longer than a matter of weeks; it is stored in fatty tissue, especially in the brain and the reproductive tract, for years.

Therefore, while urinary excretion of THC may cease after a few weeks, the drug remains bound in the body's organs. The significance of this finding is unknown. As an example, experts are not sure if brain-bound THC continues to affect thinking and behavior. For this reason, I urge you to discontinue smoking marijuana.



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PLAN AHEAD FOR SPRING

A walk around your property toward winter's end will reveal a number of chores necessary to ready your landscape for the upcoming growing season. Branches stepped by cold weather storms, flower beds that need preparation, driveways or walls cracked by frost and water seepage — all of these are common problems that require work come spring.

But even before the weather's still cold, there's a way to get a head start on chores. First on the list of priorities should be organizing the tools and materials needed for cleanup and planting. If you've organized in the past, you know, now is the time to organize the work area so that a fine spring day is not wasted by the need to search for tools and supplies.

Most work tools and supplies can be divided into two categories: the larger type which requires sizable space to store (rakes, shovels, hoses), and smaller odds and ends that tend to get easily misplaced (nuts and bolts, screws, nails, etc.).

To organize well, a good plan is essential. Most retailers offer a number of alternatives to help with each of these needs. Among the newer organizers on the market is the "Work Space" System by Rubbermaid that lets you design around your needs.

Here are some "tools" currently available to help you organize your own tools:

- Broom handle hooks with plastic-coated "retainer hooks" allow for retrieval and replacement of rakes, shovels and long handled tools.
- Deep double hooks hold large-handled garden tools, snow shovels or large hoses.
- Garden hose, power cords, ropes and chains are quickly stored in a carry sling.
- A wall strip, just over 33 inches long, can be used to bring quick order to a work area. The time it takes to keep things straight is well worth the effort.
- Other snap easily into the wall strip for a clean, neat appearance.
- Small parts bins with clear lids allow quick identification of contents.
- Tool racks can hold screwdrivers, nutty knives, pliers and small hammers.
- Specially designed holders contain screws, nails, bolts and washers.
- A wall pocket can hold manuals, warranties, garden gloves or sandpaper.
- Many of the above containers will snap into a tool rack for added convenience. They also can be easily removed to wall board or to perboard with peg hook adapters.

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The environmentally-aware gardener's guide to controlling insects and other pests safely

For Sale: one garden complete with elegant evergreens, fruit trees, flowering shrubs, breathtaking blossoms, nutritious vegetables, and at no added cost, caterpillars, slugs, aphids, grub and a variety of other soil pests.

Garden pests are a fact of life, but before you put the garden up for sale, take a quick course in pest control. The key word is "control." You will never be able to completely eliminate all pests from a thriving garden, but there are many methods for keeping them under control. Today's environmentally-aware gardener is becoming more knowledgeable about the options.



There will be times when the most effective solution for saving a favorite plant is a chemical pesticide, and other times when other alternatives are preferred. The Garden Council cautions that any pesticide, organic or inorganic, is designed to kill. Its misuse can be dangerous to good bugs, birds, pets, children and adults. Precautions should always be taken when using a pesticide. Read the label carefully and follow directions exactly. Don't overuse or underuse. Don't neglect follow-up treatment. Consider using gray materials, such as insecticidal or fungicidal sprays and dusts.

Many successful gardeners begin their pest control program without pesticides using some simple tried and true defense techniques such as:

- Timing. Know which pests threaten your plant and time your planting season so that the plants get a good start before the bugs come into season.
- Selection. Try to select varieties that have been bred to resist common pests.
- Traps. There are hundreds of types of traps for many pests ranging from crumpled paper or upside-down flower pots, to trap earwigs, to elaborate conical traps, both home-made and commercially available at the local garden center. Pheromone traps help prevent insects from mating and laying eggs.
- Nature. Encourage the "good bugs" to move into the neighborhood. Lady beetles, praying mantises, dragonflies and wasps can be your allies along with birds and frogs.

There's always more than one way to get rid of garden pests, but if everything fails, the final solution is to find a different type of plant, one the pest don't like.

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