

RECORD

About Town

College seminar

Mr. Jim Montague, Associate Director of Admissions and Guidance Services for the College Board, will address parents of students in grades 9 & 10 at a seminar to be held on Wednesday in the Manchester High School cafeteria. Mr. Montague will discuss what parents need to know about academic planning, the college admissions process, SAT testing and financial aid. The program has been planned by the Sophomore Committee and the Guidance Department.

Senior citizens clinics

The Manchester Health Department Senior Citizens Clinic will offer information on diet and nutrition. Gloria Weiss, registered dietitian, will visit each blood pressure clinic site to discuss the above topics. The schedule for these clinics is: Senior Center, 549 E. Middle Tpke., May 22, 9 to 11 a.m.; Mayfair Gardens, 211 N. Main St., May 7, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.; Bennet Housing, 1146 Main St., May 7, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Tumbling tots

Join the Tumbling Tots class for parent and child (ages walkers to 22 months) at the East Branch YWCA this spring. You and your child will experience the fun of music and movement through songs, stretching and a variety of fun activities with musical instruments, balls, hoops, and a brightly colored parachute. The class will meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:45-10:30 a.m. beginning April 23. The cost is \$22 for 6 weeks plus an annual membership fee of \$12. Call the YWCA, 770 Main Street in East Hartford, at 289-6706 to register.

Lecture at museum

The Board of the Peabody Museum Associates will present a special slide and lecture presentation and reception to honor Roger David Stone, journalist, environmentalist, activist and sailor on Wednesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. at the Peabody Museum of Natural History. Admission to the reception and lecture is \$10 for Peabody Museum Associates, the membership organization of the Peabody Museum of Natural History, and \$12 for the general public. For more information, call 432-3730.

Town parade scheduled

Town officials will hold a ground-breaking ceremony and parade to kick off the \$7 million Main Street reconstruction project. The parade will start on April 25 at 2:45 p.m., at the intersection of Pearl and Main streets.

College Note

Senior wins scholarship

Michael Fenokietal of Manchester, a senior at East Catholic High School, is the Hartford Archdiocese recipient of a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to Catholic University in Washington, D.C. He is also a member of the National Honor Society and received a commendation in the current National Merit Scholarship competition. In his junior year he received the Restenlar mathematics and science award and the Catherine Tice Memorial scholarship award. He serves as co-president of the East Catholic Science Club and is a member of the school's Math Team and Spirit Club. He also holds a staff position on ECLAT, the high school's literary magazine. At the university he plans to major in the field of mechanical engineering.

Announcements

Flushing water mains

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Lottery

Here are the latest lottery results from around New England: Connecticut Daily: 8-3-1. Play Four: 9-2-4-4. Massachusetts Daily: 0-7-7-6. Mass Megabucks: 12-21-25-29-30-32. Northern New England Pick Three: 9-3-6. Pick Four: 8-7-5-0. Tri-State Megabucks: 5-10-12-29-32-40. Rhode Island Daily: 2-7-1-2. Grandlot: 6-3-5, 8-5-6-1, 5-6-8-6-8, 1-9-2-0-0-8.

Sweet Dudley still waiting

By Barbara Richmond
Manchester Herald

There was good news and bad news from the Manchester Dog Pound this week. The good news was there were no new stray dogs, which means no dog photo this week. The bad news is that Dudley is still waiting to be adopted.

Dog Warden Thomas Pascarella can't understand why someone hasn't taken Dudley because he's one of the sweetest dogs to be at the pound in a long time. Dudley is a black Labrador-setter retriever cross with a white patch on his chest. He's about 3 years old, very friendly and in good condition. He's been at the pound for a number of weeks but is still hoping for a good home so he won't have to be put to sleep.

Rusty, last week's featured dog, is also still waiting to be adopted. He's a friendly male shepherd cross. He's rust color and is about one year old. He was picked up on April 1 on Falkner Drive. The doberman pinscher, mentioned in last week's column, was adopted by a Vernon family. The dog pound is located off Olcott Street near the town's landfill. The dog warden is at the pound weekdays from noon to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and someone is also at the pound from 6 to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The phone number at the pound is 643-6642. There is no answer, call the police department at Olcott Street near the town's landfill. The dog warden is at the pound weekdays from noon to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and someone is also at the pound from 6 to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday.



MISTY

St. and private burial in the East Cemetery will be at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Connecticut Community Care, Inc., Putnam Park, 100 Great Meadow Rd., Waterfield, CT 06109. The Watkins Funeral Home, 142 East Center St., Manchester has care of arrangements.

Deaths

This town listing of deaths is offered free of charge by the Manchester Herald. Post announcements of death and in Memoriams appear under the Death Notices heading.

Manchester

Emily W. Behrend
Marguerite S. Ekstrom
McKinley St.

Death Notices

Emily (Wetherell) Behrend

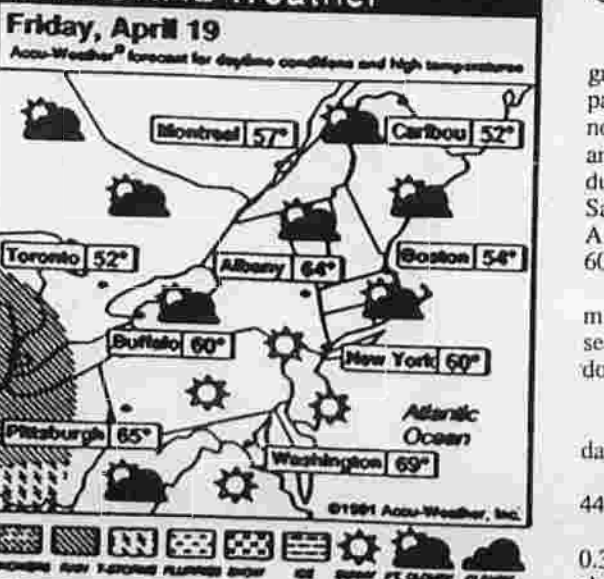
Emily (Wetherell) Behrend, 82, of Manchester, widow of Joseph Behrend, died Wednesday, (April 17, 1991) at her home after a long illness. She was born October 17, 1908 in Portland, County Armagh, Ireland and was a Manchester resident most of her life. Prior to retiring she was a matron at the Washington School for many years. She was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, the Manchester Municipal Retiree's Group, and past treasurer of the Manchester Board of Education Employees Union, local chapter. She is survived by her daughter, Lorraine McKay of Manchester, with whom she made her home; four grandchildren, Stacy Swanson, James McKay and Narda Conley, all of Manchester, and Kathleen Hill of Newington; three great-grandchildren, Melissa Morin, Marcus Hill, and Stephen Conley Jr. Funeral services in St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 41 Park

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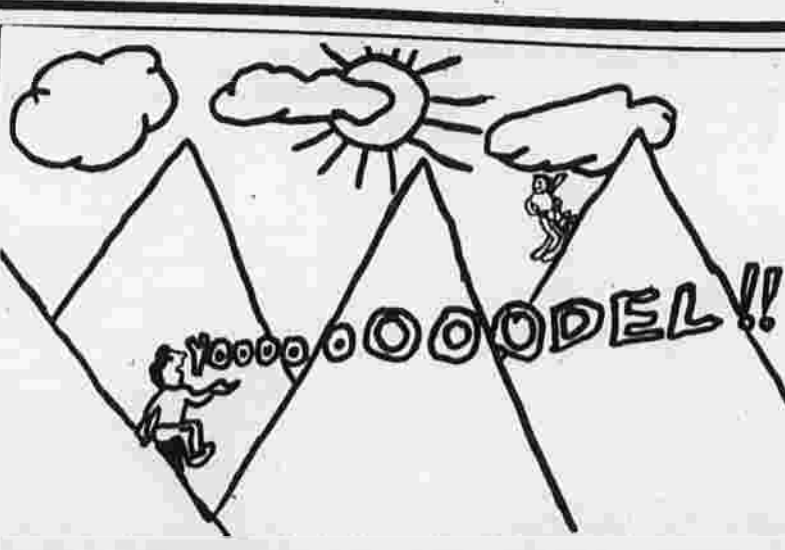
Weather

REGIONAL Weather



Cloudy outlook

Here is tonight's weather in the greater Manchester area, tonight, partly cloudy-Low around 55. Light north wind. Friday, mostly sunny and milder. Increasing high clouds during the afternoon. High 60 to 65. Saturday outlook, becoming cloudy. A chance of rain developing. High 60 to 65. A weak low pressure area off the mid Atlantic coast will move out to sea today. High pressure will build down into New England tonight. Weather summary for Wednesday, April 17, 1991: Precipitation: high of 65, low of 44, mean of 55. The normal is 49.4 inches for the month, 9.07 inches for the year.



Today's high-altitude weather drawing for climbers Center School.

Public Records

Warranty deeds

Additions Unlimited Inc. to Richard S. Brodie Jr. and Carmela M. Brodie, Fairway Estates, conveyance tax, \$286. John J. Waller to Todd A. Edington and Megan M. Fitzgerald, Waranoke Road, \$170,000. Fairway Estates to Lawrence F. Fiano, Fairway Estates, \$60,000. Thelma M. Gilkes to Marjorie S. Johns, 4 Level Road, conveyance tax, \$135.85. Terry A. Carroll to Marion L. Gray, Millbridge Hollow Condominium, \$58,000. S.B.M. Ltd., trustee to Walter H. Trombly Jr. and Lisa M. Gallagher, Karen Drive, \$110,000. William W. Taylor and Joan H. Taylor to Robert W. Harje Jr. and Rebecca M. Dupre, 206 Wells St., \$156,900. James and April Hamilton to Rebecca L. White, Rolling Park Estates, \$128,700.

Births

BOUCHER, Kelsey Allison, daughter of Peter R. and Barbara Boucher, was born March 23, 1991 at Hartford Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Black of Essex. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Boucher, Gales Ferry. HECKMAN, Gabrielle Meghan, daughter of James J. and Rosanne V. Heckman, of 40 Gorman Place, Manchester, was born Feb. 27, 1991 at Saint Francis Hospital, Hartford. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Vernal of East Hartford. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George B. Heckman, New Britain. EVERETT, Joseph Anthony, son of Steven M. and Lynda Eschmann Everett of Columbia, was born April 3, 1991 at Hartford Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John R. Eschmann of 36 Litchfield St., Manchester. His paternal grandparents are Joan Mellen of Brimfield, Mass. and Earle T. Everett of South Windsor. His maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Alta Eschmann of Manchester. His paternal great-grandfather is Earle Everett of Manchester. He has a sister Stephanie Elizabeth, 2.

In Brief . . .

MANCHESTER — Peter J. McNamara, state chairman of the Libertarian Party, will seek a second term at the party's convention next month. McNamara, a Manchester resident, has run several unsuccessful campaigns for state and local office on the Libertarian Party. He has been a member of the party since 1979 and has been on the party's central committee for the past six years. McNamara was elected chairman in 1990. The party's convention will be held May 19 in Meriden. There, the party will select candidates to run for local office in the November elections. McNamara said one of the other goals for the year will be to find candidates to challenge for all six Connecticut seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. He said he also hopes to find someone to run against U.S. Senator Christopher Dodd when his term expires next year.

Parks and Recreation Department schedule

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. A Recreation Membership Card is required for all programs unless stated otherwise. Kidsongs Comes To Mahoney — April 19 — Armed with an acoustic guitar, a bundle of energy, and a vast repertoire of irresistible songs and stories, Ellen Feldman & Co. perform Kidsongs. The program includes original material composed by Ellen, as well as traditional and contemporary folk songs. Come prepared for a foot-stomping, hand-clapping, knee-slapping, finger-snapping concert with lots of opportunities to join in the music. \$3 per family with a recreation membership card and \$5 per family without a rec card. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. with performances beginning at 11 a.m. Tickets will be sold in advance at the Mahoney Recreation Center and the Parks and Recreation Main Office at the door. SuperStar Fun Camp — Registrations will be accepted for our summer SuperStar Fun Camp. Camp will begin June 24 and run for eight weeks to August 16. Youth ages 6-15 are eligible. Weekly fee is \$75 per child, with discounts for siblings and early registrants. For more information or a brochure, call the department. Kindercamp — New this summer is Kindercamp — a half day summer fun program for children who will be entering Kindergarten in the Fall of '91. The program will meet Monday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for six weekly sessions beginning June 24. The fee is \$50. Terry Noon will direct the program. Call for an application. Nike Tykes Summer Fun — Have your preschooler come and join in the fun this summer at Nike Tykes Fun Tykes — children ages 3 years 3 months to 4 years of age, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday or Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., \$40 for three days, \$30 for two days per session. Wee Two — Fridays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. for 2 years to 2 years 3 months and 10:45-11:30 a.m. for 12 to 24 months, both are with parent, \$20 beginning June 28 for six weeks. Registration is now in progress. Tennis Lessons — Registration for tennis lessons for the spring and summer is now in progress. Milly Kostik once again will be instructing the classes. Evening classes will

LOCAL/REGIONAL

District budget plan debated

By SCOTT B. BREDE
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — About 15 Eighth Utilities District residents showed up for a public hearing Wednesday night on the proposed \$2.0 million district budget. Two of the six people who spoke attacked spending for the Eighth Utilities District Fire Department's fire prevention program, while two other residents, also members of the fire department, defended the program.

Another resident argued about her sewer assessment, while another complained about cars speeding on Hilliard Street. James and Lisa Stevenson, of 20 Greenwood Road, asked if the \$3,500 Smokey Bear costume and the \$2,000 CPR mannequin were items that could be put off until the economy gets better.

"Most of us in the Eighth District are working-class and we're all suffering," Lisa Stevenson said. "Although the fire prevention program could go on without a Smokey Bear costume, fire department officials expressed their concern over dismantling parts of the program. 'Things are tough, but services still cost money,' said Thomas R. O'Marra, a member of the fire department.

O'Marra said the department's fire prevention program is necessary because it helps prevent tragedies from occurring. Spending for the program only accounts for 1.1 percent of the total \$565,443 fire budget, he said. James Stevenson asked why the \$11,500 for Hepatitis B vaccines was necessary. Tippy said the state mandates that the district provide the shots to fire department employees.

Lisa Stevenson asked if the district can plan more events like the annual summer Peach Festival and other fund raisers to get more use out of Donald Willis Hall. James Stevenson said that when he drives by the hall, nine out of ten times the lights are out.

Elaine Anderson, of 905 Tolland Turnpike, said the number of emergency calls brought on by the Pavillions at Buckland Hills are affecting fire and police protection to district residents. The \$2.0 million proposed budget represents a 22 percent increase over current spending. Without any additional revenues or cuts, the budget would require a 4.61 mill rate to support spending.



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DRESS REHEARSAL — Members of the Manchester Musical Players Production rehearse 'Kiss Me, Kate,' which will be playing at 8 p.m. on April 19-20 and 26-27 at East Catholic High School. From left, the performers are Dianna Burnham, Pierre Martiney, Chris Stone and Nancy Perrett.

Fund transfer discouraged

By BRIAN M. TROTTA
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — The town's budget officer has warned the Board of Directors that if any undesignated surplus funds are used to lower taxes in next year's budget, it could jeopardize Manchester's good bond rating. Budget and Research Officer Robert Huestis estimates that the total undesignated surplus will be \$1.59 million at the end of the current fiscal year. That is just over two percent of the General Manager's recommended budget of \$80.66 million.

In January, Huestis had estimated the June 30 surplus also known as a fund balance, at \$1.75 million or 2.3 percent of the recommended budget. The total has been lowered because of a decrease in tax collections caused by the slow economy, he said. The town's policy has been to maintain a fund balance of 2.5 percent of the total budget. However in recent years, the percentage has been dropping. Last year, it was 2.25 percent and this year it will be 2.0 percent. The directors included a transfer of \$1.05 million from surplus in the current year's spending plan to help keep taxes down. Bond rating firms, such as Moody's and Standard & Poor's, use the size of a town's fund balance as a way of determining a its fiscal health. A balance below 2 percent is considered a sign of poor health and can cause a town's bond rating to be lowered. A bond rating determines the interest rate a town has to pay on its bond issues. The higher the rating given to a bond, the lower the interest rate the issuer has to pay. For many years, Manchester's rating has stood at AA, one step below the benchmark AAA, Huestis said.

Troops welcome slated

By RICK SANTOS
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Plans for a town-sponsored "welcome home" for the troops at Westover Air Force Base are moving along rapidly and an organizational meeting will be held Tuesday. The meeting, which will be at 7:30 p.m. in the coffee room of the Municipal Building, is open to anyone interested in helping organize the day-long welcoming at the Chicopee, Mass. base. Anyone who cannot attend the meeting and wants more information can get it by contacting town Director Thomas R. Ryan at 645-5995.

Ryan suggested having a "Manchester Day," after having heard about Wetherfield holding a similar day. Manchester Day will be held Tuesday, which will be at 7:30 p.m. in the coffee room of the Municipal Building, is open to anyone interested in helping organize the day-long welcoming at the Chicopee, Mass. base. Anyone who cannot attend the meeting and wants more information can get it by contacting town Director Thomas R. Ryan at 645-5995. Ryan said he has received several calls from people wanting to help. Ryan, who is working with military officials in Westover to confirm the details of the celebration, said he is looking for support from representatives of local churches, veteran's groups, civic organizations, and anyone else desiring to participate. He is hoping to set up a loosely-formed committee.

Before suggesting the plan, he had been to Westover twice with his family to welcome home the troops. The experience provided those doing the welcoming and the troops with an extremely positive feeling, he said. Ryan is attempting to organize the events on Manchester Day so that bands from the high school and the junior highs will be able to play patriotic songs. He also wants Mayor Terry Werkhoven to issue a proclamation for the day. Participants will have to provide their own transportation to the base.

Registration is now in progress for the Spring session of the following programs: Watercolor — Mondays, May 6 to June 10, 7 p.m., \$7. Water Walking — Mondays and Wednesdays, 4 or 4:45 p.m., or Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:15 or 5 p.m., Please see ACTIVITIES, page 4.

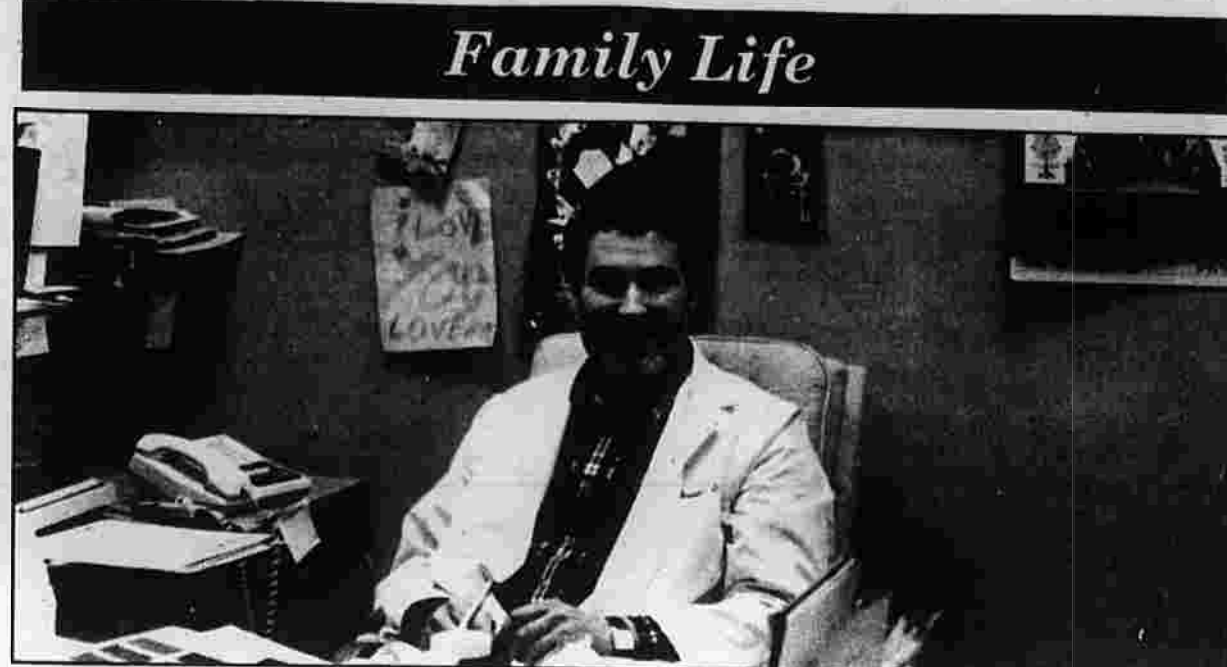
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Town of Manchester Water Department

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This year we're celebrating Earth Day '91 by launching a public campaign to help our consumers save water. We're offering each of our consumers up to two of these kits for free. Additional kits may be ordered at our cost of \$10 each.
This year, we're offering water conservation kits by mail to about a third of our customers. In 1990, we'll offer kits to another third and in 1991 we'll finish the program. We're taking this phased approach to minimize the impact of water conservation on the rates you pay for water.
If you are not sure you don't receive our offer in the mail, within the next few months, you can visit our office to pick up your free kit. Kits will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis for as long as this year's supply lasts. It's never been easier to "Think globally, act locally" help save the earth this Earth Day! Help us save water in and around your home.
For more water conservation information visit our office or call us at:
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PROUD FATHER — Dr. Loren J. Schneider sits in his office on West Middle Turnpike. The podiatrist recently returned from Romania, where he had a trying experience in securing adoption of his 3-month-old daughter.

Adoption

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children. Before trying to adopt the little girl, they had been introduced to another Romanian baby.

"We fell in love with her instantly," he said.

But the little girl tested positive for hepatitis B. They had to wait for a while before they could adopt her.

But later that same night they were informed of another baby girl,

little, three-month-old Jessica. But when the embassy told them there were inaccuracies in the paperwork for Jessica, they again felt helpless.

Randi Schneider went back to Connecticut and telephoned the office of U.S. Sen. Christopher J. Dodd, D-Conn., asking for support in securing adoption of the child they had already met and fell in love with. She talked with Mark Stefano,

who expressed a genuine interest in their problem and immediately called the embassy.

Even though the paperwork was finally approved regardless of Stefano's efforts, he was there when Schneiders needed him.

"I can't tell you how good it felt," Schneider said. "It was almost as if you were drowning, and somebody put their hand out and pulled you out of the water. It was a gasp of air."

Calm

From Page 1

He is seven years old. He weighs seventy pounds. His shirt sleeve cuffs are soaked with cold saliva, as is the front of his pajama shirt.

You start to sing the song from his early youth, an air by Handel. Your voice starts softly then gains strength; but nothing can be heard above his shouts and squeals and moans.

"Remember when you used to sing that song, Billy? Remember? You used to sing so beautifully."

It is true. The boy once had an astonishing voice — perfect pitch,

delicate, heart-breaking. No one would believe you until they heard him and even then it seemed impossible. He sang that song. But now he didn't. He had stopped singing long ago.

Time passes. One hour, two hours. You sing, you speak to him, you try to hold him. It goes on. He is not responding to anything you do. Your ears hurt from the noise. He must be in pain but you don't know what is wrong. This has happened so many times before and you are supposing to be used to it.

"Come on Billy, come on." You cannot stay here any longer. There is something else you will try. You take his hand from the waterbed — he is extraordinarily heavy. As you pull up, something catches in your back, but the pain dissolves upon the heap of pain and exhaustion that is your body.

"Come on Billy, oh please, come on." You navigate him down the

Please see CALM, page 7.

See additional profiles on greater Manchester area families in Family Life sections A and B.

REMARRIAGE WITH CHILDREN

Help for the Blended Family
This six session group is designed to assist parents and step-parents coping with the challenges and problems of developing healthier, more harmonious blended family relationships.

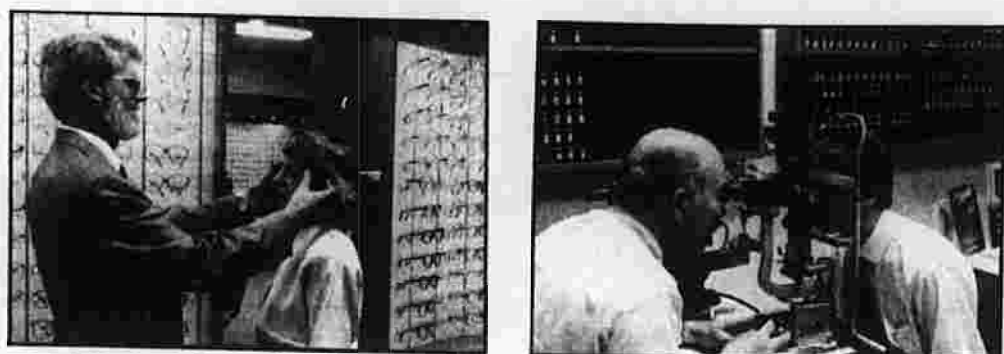
SESSION	TIME	TOPIC
1. Wednesday April 24	7:00 - 8:30P.M.	The Myths and Expectations of Remarriage with Children
2. Wednesday May 1	7:00 - 8:30P.M.	Who's In, Who's Out Strategies for Increasing Openness and Acceptance in the New Family System
3. Wednesday May 8	7:00 - 8:30P.M.	Effective Step-parenting: Becoming a Co-parenting Couple Identifying Developmental Needs for Post-Divorce Children
4. Wednesday May 15	7:00 - 8:30P.M.	Conflict Resolution: Defining New Roles and Developing More Effective Problem Solving Approaches
5. Wednesday May 22	7:00 - 8:30P.M.	Cooperative Co-parenting with Your Ex-Spouse
6. Wednesday May 29	7:00 - 8:30P.M.	Interfacing with Other Systems (extended family, schools, friends, etc.) as a Blended Family

Group Leaders: Kerry A. Williamson, R.N., M.S.N., C.S. and Kitty Ansaldo, R.N., M.A., C.S. Nurse Psychotherapists Specializing in the treatment of individuals and families.

Place: Watkins Center
935 Main Street, Suite 2-C
Manchester, CT 06040

Fee: \$120.00 per couple
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halfway. He is like a loaded shopping cart with crooked wheels — he keeps going into the walls. Laughing and screeching, lurching and jerking. It takes all of your strength to protect him from himself.

At the top of the stairs you open the gate and walk down. More than once have you tumbled down the stairs together. Not tonight, you tell yourself. Not tonight.

Downstairs in the family room you flick on the television, holding Billy with your other arm. Into the 'CR goes the Sesame Street tape. It comes to the screen.

"Look Billy, look. Sesame Street. 'Shhh, Shhh.'"

Somewhat Billy sees it. He puts his face up to the screen as always, an inch or two away. He is breathing heavily and erratically. His breath quickens suddenly and he moans — like a tea kettle. A few more spasms follow. But he is calming down. The 'deluge' is ended; the silence is impossible. Soon, all that is heard is his breathing through congestion and a hand-stuffed mouth. He stops jumping and lurching.

You scoot to the couch and lie down, watching your boy. It is now nearly 4 a.m. and you feel as if someone had throttled your entire body. You are overtired and cannot

fall asleep immediately. And you did not fall asleep until midnight, and you must prepare breakfast for Billy. You go back to the stove.

Then, Susan eats at the kitchen table while you spoon Billy's formula into his mouth as he stands in front of the television and sometimes wanders wobbly, stiff-jointed around the room. You chase him around the room holding the spoon.

What do they see anymore? Susan holds herself at the kitchen table, and you realize that you have been shivering slightly ever since waking. You start a fire in the wood-burning stove — the only source of heat in the house since you stopped paying the gas bill.

Later, you manage to eat some toast and coffee.

8:30 a.m. You've dressed them both and yourself and you load them into the car for school. Billy is dropped off at the early childhood learning center. Then you and Susan go to the preschool where you will teach until noon.

You have another job — teaching dance on the weekends — but during the week you teach preschool. Today is Monday. Supposedly, a weekend just went by but it is hard to tell.

News. You leave the preschool, finished with teaching for the day. Altogether, there are 80 kids in your

life; now you must leave some of them and shop and prepare for the week ahead while you have the chance. There is no time to waste.

3 p.m. After you've run the errands, Susan comes home from the preschool, followed by Billy. You greet him off the bus, and lead him inside. He seems happy.

The respite worker is there to help. She is there until Sesame Street comes on television, followed by Mister Rogers, and this occupies him for the time being. Susan sits on the couch or plays with her toys. Billy used to play with toys.

In the kitchen, you fix dinner for everyone. Billy is chopped up into bite-sized pieces and later, you will follow him around, from the family room to the kitchen, popping food into his mouth.

7 p.m. It is time for the respite worker to leave already. Then you bring Billy upstairs for his nightly bath. He is in the water and you are washing him and... something goes wrong. He begins to moan. And thrash.

"Billy... shhh... Billy..." You do what you can to soothe him but nothing helps. And then... tears start to roll down his cheeks. But Billy never cries — never. He must be in horrible pain — but what is it?

His face flushes and he continues

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Family Life

Family best shield against dark

By DAVID LAMEY
Manchester Herald

In a real dark night of the soul, it is always three o'clock in the morning. — F. Scott Fitzgerald

Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls; the most massive characters are seared with scars. — E.H. Chapin

It would be nice if suffering did merely result in massive character.

But there is a threshold of suffering and stress in cases like Billy's mother, and no amount of character can withstand such strain for too long.

Billy (not his real name) is afflicted with the rare degenerative disease, mucopolysaccharidosis (MPS) type III, or San Filippo Syndrome. It is an inherited, progressive, neurodegenerative disease for which there is no effective treatment.

It is characterized by the buildup of a sugar, mucopolysaccharide, in the body cells, which are unable to process it normally. As this sugar in the cell increases it will cause disturbances of the normal metabolism of the cell, preventing normal function.

The brain is affected very early in the disease, leading to mental retardation and loss of cognitive and motor functions. Eventually, a seizure disorder or epilepsy will occur, as well as enlargement of the brain because of the storage of the material in the brain cells.

In the course of the disease, heart valves will thicken, the liver and spleen enlarge, and joints stiffen, limiting mobility.

Billy is slowly dying; he will very likely be dead by age 14 or earlier. His present mental capacity is that of a 10-month-old and rapidly decreasing.

He is subject to bouts of mania during which he laughs uncontrollably, screams, slams doors and flushes toilets repeatedly and rocks and overturns chairs. His medical problems are numerous and worsening, including chronic diarrhea, frequent upper respiratory infections, seizures, fluid in the lungs ... the list goes on and on.

In short, he requires constant, hands-on supervision. His mother's marriage buckled under the strain of caring for him late last year. At present, she receives \$100 a week (or up to 25 hours) for respite aid payments, but she must seek, hire and train all her own workers.

Between caring for Billy, his sister, working two part-time jobs and being a landlord, Billy's mother is heartbroken, exhausted and chronically depressed. In fact, she realized long ago that she simply cannot care for Billy on her own any longer. But there is nothing she can do to alter the situation — there is no alternative.

And there are other dozens of other families in the Manchester area who face a similar situation to Billy's mother. Their cases are not worse, or better — they are merely different. For each child is unique.

How did matters end up this way for these families? Before 1978, if you had a child like Billy, he went to an institution. The word "institution" is unpalatable to the parent of a disabled child, and feeling not unlike nausea, so the word is not used. Institutions were, and are, considered as little more than prisons that no parent who loved their child could tolerate.

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"CARC (Citizens Association for Retarded Citizens) vs. Thorne" by those people who name lawsuits, the grand experiment known as "de-institutionalization" commenced.

The central tenet of the experiment was to return the child to his or her natural home. The family would then be supported by state-provided respite care and other family support programs, and the child would benefit by the nurturing that only a natural family can provide.

It is a noble experiment and not one of the families is condemning it as an idea, nor are they condemning any government agency involved.

However, it is obviously not working. Families like Billy's are burning out, and there is no telling how long they will last before they disintegrate completely.

Why isn't the experiment working? It is tempting to say that the problem is lack of money, but that is not the whole answer. The situation is a bit more complex — but not nearly as complex as the tangle of government agencies that form the care net for families with handicapped children.

The main problem is a lack of choices, according to four local mothers who met recently at MARC, Manchester Association for Retarded Citizens, to discuss the problem.

Families are left with the so-called options of keeping the child at home — or sending the child to an institution.

But sending the child away to an institution is not a solution. And presently, they say, there is not nearly enough funding for family supports and respite care for a family to take care of the child at home.

In other words, there are no options. There are no real options for these families — instead, they are forced to choose between their disabled child and their other children, between sending the child to an institution or drowning under his needs at home.

It's appalling that we should have to choose between destroying our family or sending our child away, "one mother says.

A possible solution for the families, such as Billy's, that have decided it is impossible to care for the child on their own, is a "group living arrangement" — also known as a group home.

A group home for children is a house with a rotating staff devoted to the care of several handicapped children living in the home.

If the group home is close enough, the parents of the child can visit the child as often as they like — and the brunt of the responsibility for care of the child is handled by the staff. So no one gets burned out, and yet the family stays close to the child — the best of both worlds.

However, such a place does not exist in the Manchester area. The nearest one is in Columbia and it is filled to its maximum of four children.

Several local mothers, including Billy's mother, are trying to raise \$50,000 for a "group living arrangement" in Manchester. They have a commitment from MARC to acquire such a facility — but nothing more. There is presently no money, and MARC workers feel just as helpless as the families.

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"Billy," with his mother and his sister, age 3, at the Manchester Association for Retarded Citizens on Hollister St.

unbearable? "Peggy" is one such mother. Her daughter is paralyzed from the nose down with spina muscular atrophy, and must spend two-thirds of the day on a respirator.

When the "de-institutionalization" experiment began, families were promised that they would receive enough support, financial and otherwise, to keep their child at home.

But funding has steadily decreased, year by year, until Peggy finds herself unable to continue caring for her child. She, like Billy's mother, is near an emotional and physical collapse.

"The state agencies are so complicated, they are struggling in their own rules and regulations," says Billy's mother. "And as a result, they can't fulfill what they promised."

"Nobody could have predicted the stress that would be on families (as a result of de-institutionalization)," says one mother. "We only want a place where we can be involved in our child's life everyday."

"The town is doing their best. Everyone is doing their best. But now the state is saying that they must cut the budget more ... it is not just absurd, it is cruel."

"What will I tell my child when the cuts come through?" Peggy says. "What will I tell my [other children]?"

"Everyday I ask God to give me strength," says another mother. "We will not fail. We're going to make it one way or another. But you can only pray for so long."

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OPINION

Keep ships afloat

Nearly every nation with a large shipbuilding industry provides generous government subsidies to help its shipbuilders compete on the world market. The only major exception is the United States.

Consequently, the completion of an international agreement to reduce most foreign shipbuilding subsidies would be of enormous benefit to American shipbuilders.

The accord, being worked out under the auspices of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, could provide a significant boost to the nation's shipyards and thereby spur the economy.

Because of government subsidies for foreign producers, American shipbuilders say they are at a decided competitive disadvantage on the world market.

The Shipbuilders Council of America says that the governments of Japan, South Korea and Germany have provided their shipyards \$4.5 billion in cash, loans and credit guarantees since July 1983. That is when the three nations entered negotiations with the United States to pare shipbuilding subsidies.

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Give warnings a chance

How selfish can some Americans get? This selfish feminism in New York state have battled a proposal to require taverns and package stores to post signs warning pregnant women of the dangers of alcohol consumption.

Now, I'm no fan of such warnings, either, mainly because I suspect they're superfluous. The signs are emblazoned on cartons of cigarettes. Only a few hermits have still to learn of the dangers of smoking or the risks of consuming booze while pregnant.

Yet the New York chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) opposes warnings to pregnant women for an altogether different reason. Its leaders simply don't like laws that try to influence a woman's behavior on behalf of a fetus.

Never mind that 5,000 infants — and roughly half are girls, perhaps we should remind NOW — are born every year in this country with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, a tragic affliction that disables a person for life. The hierarchy of NOW's values is stunningly clear. The rights of a fetus simply aren't worth mentioning beside the liberties of women.

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It is not one's concern except the mother's, and that her own behavior, no matter how ill-advised, takes absolute precedence over the rights of the child she carries. In line with this reasoning, some feminists have even expressed alarm over the growing trend of targeting women who abuse drugs while pregnant with lawsuits or criminal charges.

Animating these objections, of course, is fear that any concession to fetal rights reinforces anti-abortion forces. Perhaps this is true. Yet one does not have to be a pro-lifer (I am not) to see the cruelty and selfishness in dismissing all manner of fetal rights for tactical political reasons.

Pregnant women planning to give birth bear a special responsibility that no amount of rhetoric can dispel. If that's unfair, blame biology, not a conspiracy by anti-abortion zealots.

Before New York, nine states and several cities had passed laws requiring taverns to post warnings for pregnant women. They did this, presumably, not out of a mean-spirited desire to harass women, but from the immemorial desire of a community to protect its most helpless members — even those who don't yet have names.

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Last December they were summoned before the committee, whose own staffers had reported that Martin had a weak record of riding herd on the EPA's biggest contractors — particularly the ones working on the Superfund hazardous waste cleanup program. Dingell's staff also accused Martin's inspector general office of being lax in the number of prosecutions that had resulted from their investigative work and for pursuing trivial matters instead of going after the big fish.

EPA's top 25 contractors have jobs with the government worth \$8.6 billion, and Dingell questioned whether that was money well spent. The General Accounting Office also issued a report critical of the way the inspector general monitored the contracts.

Two Steps Backwards
Nicaraguan President Violeta Chamorro has allowed the Sandinista party to spoil her promise to bring peace to her country. Raymond Genie, a Nicaraguan with little interest in politics, knows first-hand that free elections in Nicaragua have done little to change things. Genie's 16-year-old son, Jean Paul, was mysteriously gunned down last October when, in his car, he attempted to pass a caravan that was escorting high-ranking Nicaraguan military officials. Soldiers riddled Jean Paul's car with bullets. Raymond Genie has since come to the United States seeking help to bring his son's killers to justice. Genie has gotten no satisfaction from Chamorro. That is because she has lost control of her own military to the Sandinistas.

Mini-Editorial
Don Dixon, one of many savings and loan looters, was recently sentenced to five years in prison. It seems like a small price to pay for bungling \$41 million in loans from a thrift backed by the full faith and credit of the American taxpayers. Dixon's Vernon Savings and Loan collapsed with \$1.3 billion in losses. And Dixon got five years. Adding insult to injury is the fact that even if Dixon had been sentenced to 500 years, that wouldn't have erased the debt. The punishment can never fit the crime in the S&L fixaco.

Commission and the appellate courts (the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and the U.S. Supreme Court) to void Greene's decision.

The seven Bell companies contributed \$3 million apiece to amass a \$21 million lobbying fund. Not surprisingly, the efforts ended in embarrassment. In 1989, for example, Massachusetts regulators accused Nynex of improperly charging ratepayers (instead of shareholders) with almost \$15 million worth of lobbying and public relations costs.

In 1990, Wisconsin regulators accused Ameritech of similarly misallocating more than \$10 million in lobbying expenses. Also last year, Southwestern Bell admitted that it wrongly charged ratepayer accounts for \$19 million worth of lobbying expenses, including almost \$11 million to finance its Washington, D.C., operations.

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Agency, clients cozy

By JACK ANDERSON
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WASHINGTON — It wasn't very long ago that Washington's two top environmental cops got a verbal whipping from one of Capitol Hill's most intimidating members of Congress. At least one of the cops apparently has a short memory.

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., called a hearing to grade the performance of John Martin and John Barden. Martin is the inspector general for the Environmental Protection Agency, and Barden is his chief investigator. Dingell took the occasion to chew them out in public for failure to more aggressively pursue reports of fraud and abuse by companies that do hazardous waste cleanups for the EPA.

The two should have taken that as a hint that Congress expected them to be more critical of the companies that work for the EPA. Barden has since taken a temporary job at an organization that represents the contractors he is supposed to be investigating. And the taxpayers are continuing to pay his \$100,500 annual salary during this so-called sabbatical.

Through a special government exchange program, Barden will spend two years working for the research and education foundation of the American Consulting Engineers Council, a trade association with many members who work under contract for the EPA. In addition to the non-profit foundation, ACEC lobbies Congress for measures to benefit its members. Recently the group lobbied for a measure to limit the liability of those contractors when they work for the EPA. Barden is not the first EPA employee to come through this revolving door. The head of ACEC is a former top EPA official.

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Last December they were summoned before the committee, whose own staffers had reported that Martin had a weak record of riding herd on the EPA's biggest contractors — particularly the ones working on the Superfund hazardous waste cleanup program. Dingell's staff also accused Martin's inspector general office of being lax in the number of prosecutions that had resulted from their investigative work and for pursuing trivial matters instead of going after the big fish.

EPA's top 25 contractors have jobs with the government worth \$8.6 billion, and Dingell questioned whether that was money well spent. The General Accounting Office also issued a report critical of the way the inspector general monitored the contracts.

Two Steps Backwards
Nicaraguan President Violeta Chamorro has allowed the Sandinista party to spoil her promise to bring peace to her country. Raymond Genie, a Nicaraguan with little interest in politics, knows first-hand that free elections in Nicaragua have done little to change things. Genie's 16-year-old son, Jean Paul, was mysteriously gunned down last October when, in his car, he attempted to pass a caravan that was escorting high-ranking Nicaraguan military officials. Soldiers riddled Jean Paul's car with bullets. Raymond Genie has since come to the United States seeking help to bring his son's killers to justice. Genie has gotten no satisfaction from Chamorro. That is because she has lost control of her own military to the Sandinistas.

Mini-Editorial
Don Dixon, one of many savings and loan looters, was recently sentenced to five years in prison. It seems like a small price to pay for bungling \$41 million in loans from a thrift backed by the full faith and credit of the American taxpayers. Dixon's Vernon Savings and Loan collapsed with \$1.3 billion in losses. And Dixon got five years. Adding insult to injury is the fact that even if Dixon had been sentenced to 500 years, that wouldn't have erased the debt. The punishment can never fit the crime in the S&L fixaco.

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Dibble, Yelding suspended

NEW YORK (AP) — Rob Dibble got a three-game suspension for last week's brawl between Cincinnati and Houston. Eric Yelding, who drew a one-game suspension, doesn't think the pitcher's penalty is enough.

"They have to set a standard of more than three days," Yelding said Wednesday night after National League president Bill White assessed the penalties. "We're not bickers. We're out to play baseball."

Both players appealed the suspensions, so they will not start serving the penalties until after a hearing before White.

No football deaths recorded

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Researchers were surprised that although violence associated with football has grown over the years, the goal of a season with no game-related deaths nationwide has finally been achieved.

"We've always talked about getting fatalities down to zero, but we weren't sure that it would ever happen again because of the nature of the game, the contact, the hard hitting and players getting bigger and faster," said Frederick Mueller, professor of physical education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

A study conducted at the school showed there were no deaths last season directly linked to injuries suffered on the football field.

It was the first time in the 60 years that records have been kept that no deaths were reported, the study said. There were six deaths indirectly connected with football during the 1990 season, according to the study.

Tennessee faces charges

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The NCAA has accused the University of Tennessee of recruiting violations, including improper recruiting activities, lying to an investigator and running an improper summer camp.

The NCAA notified the university of its investigation in a letter on April 8 acting university president Joseph E. Johnson. The university has until June 10 to reply.

The accusations fall into two broad categories. The first involves a series of alleged recruiting violations by assistant coach Jack Sells, and his subsequent misrepresentation of those actions to the NCAA. The other concerns how the university runs its summer football camp.

Leconte ousts No. 2 seed

NICE, France (AP) — Unseeded Henri Leconte defeated second-seeded Andrei Chesnokov 6-3, 7-5 in the second round of the Nice Open.

In other second-round matches, Alberto Mancini defeated third-seeded Andres Gomez 6-2, 3-6, 6-1; sixth-seeded Karel Novacek beat Carl-Uwe Steeb 3-6, 7-5, 6-4 and Cedric Pioline beat seventh-seeded Alexander Volkov 6-4, 6-3.

Seles wins Slims match

HOUSTON (AP) — Top-seeded Monica Seles beat unseeded Radka Zrubakova 6-0, 6-2 the second round of the Virginia Slims of Houston.

Second-seeded Mary Joe Fernandez moved into the quarterfinals without playing a match, because she withdrew of Halle Cioffi. Fernandez received a first-round bye and advanced when Cioffi was forced to withdraw because of a back injury.

McCaffrey to leave Duke

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Bill McCaffrey, the second-leading scorer on Duke's NCAA championship team, has decided to transfer to another school. Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said McCaffrey, a 6-foot-3 sophomore guard, was granted release and will leave Duke at the end of spring semester.

McCaffrey, from Allentown, Pa., averaged 11.6 points and scored 16 points against Kansas in the NCAA final.

Divving phenom on the way

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Look out W. Mingxia. There's another 12-year-old diving phenom on the way. She's Jenny Keim. And she's as American as baseball, hot dogs, apple pie and Greg Louganis.

Keim, a 5-foot, 90-pound "retired" gymnast from Boca Raton, Fla., was the second qualifier in the women's 10-meter platform competition Wednesday as the U.S. Indoor Diving Championships began at the University of Minnesota Aquatics Center.

Only a superb final dive by veteran Cokey Smith of Ann Arbor, Mich., prevented Keim from being the top qualifier entering Sunday's finals. Smith finished with 361.65 points to Keim's 360.45.

A's continue along on hot streak

By BEN WALKER
The Associated Press

No Rickey Henderson. No middle relievers. And still, no chance for anyone playing Oakland.

The Athletics won their seventh straight game Wednesday night, beating California 3-1 as Jose Canseco and Dave Henderson homered and Mike Moore got his 100th career victory.

The Athletics, trying for their fourth consecutive American League pennant, matched their longest winning streak of last year and moved into first place for the first time this season.

Oakland won its third straight game in Anaheim on a night in which Henderson again did not play because of a calf injury. Earlier in the day, Todd Burns joined Rick Honeycutt and Gene Nelson on the disabled list.

Canseco led off the fourth inning with a 435-foot home run for 2-1 lead. It was his third homer of the season and second in two nights.

"I've hit balls harder than that in Oakland, but they haven't gone out to right field like that," Canseco said. "It's amazing what a small ballpark can do for you."

Henderson, who enjoyed the first five-hit game of his career Tuesday night, hit his fourth home run of the season in the sixth. It was his fifth career homer off Jim Abbott (0-2), making Henderson 9-for-15 lifetime against the Angels' left-hander.

"He's awful hot right now," Abbott said. "I've had an awful lot of trouble with him, but he's given a lot of guys trouble. He's probably the most underrated player on their team."

Moore (2-0) gave up three hits in seven innings. He left the game after issuing his first two walks to start the eighth inning, and Joe Klink took over and retired six straight batters for his first save. Moore, beginning his eighth full season, is 100-122 lifetime and trying to rebound from a year in which he went 13-15.

"Physically, I feel a little better, and mentally I'm definitely better this year," Moore said. "My concentration is something I really worked on in spring training, and so far I've carried it into the games."

The Mariners lost their first six games of the season last season. Klink had only one save in 40 relief appearances last season. But with Burns, Honeycutt and Nelson out and manager Tony La Russa not wanting to overwork Dennis Eckersley, Klink got the call.

Mariners 4, Twins 3, 11 innings: At the Kingsdome, pinch-hitter Scott Bradley singled home the winning run with one out in the 11th inning as Seattle sent Minnesota to its fifth straight loss.

The Mariners lost their first six games of the season before sweeping three from the Twins.

Alvin Davis singled to start the 11th against Rick Aguilera (0-1) and Henry Cotto pinch ran. Cotto stole second, Jay Buhner walked, Pete O'Brien struck out and Bradley singled home Cotto.

Mike Jackson (1-1) pitched 3 2-3 hits innings for the victory.

Brewers 7, Orioles 3: Paul Molitor hit a two-run double and Gary Sheffield homered as Milwaukee won at home.

The Brewers scored four times in the fourth inning after two outs. B.J. Surhoff ended a 1-for-22 slump with an RBI single and Molitor capped the comeback with his double.

Sheffield led off the fifth with his first home run, finishing Dave Johnson (1-1). Jaime Navarro (1-0) pitched 6 2-3 innings and improved to 4-0 lifetime against the Orioles. Mark Lee relieved for his first save.

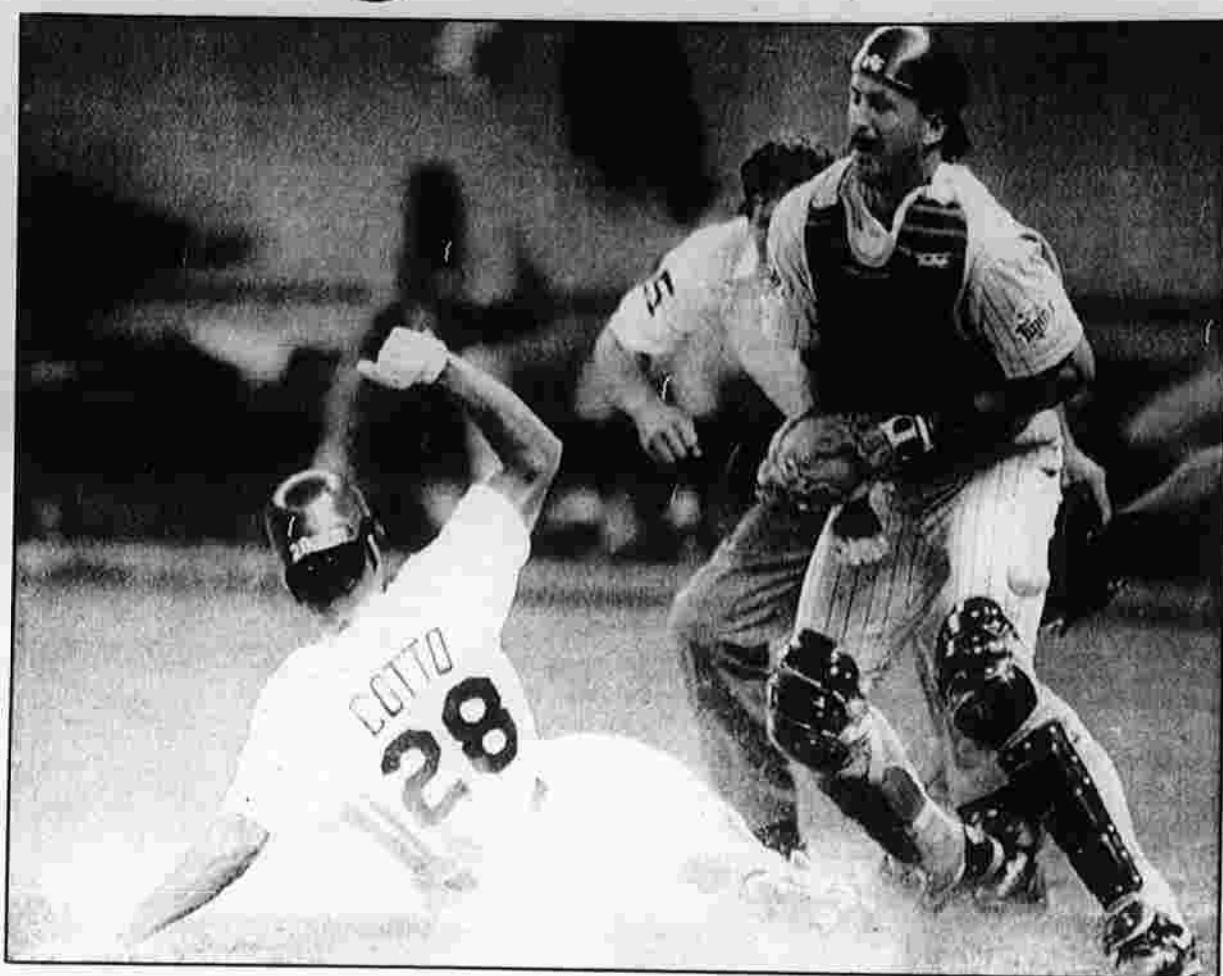
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Tigers 5, Blue Jays 4: At Tiger Stadium, Lou Whitaker tied the game with two outs in the ninth inning with a three-run, pinch-homer and Detroit won in the 10th with speed.

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WINNING RUN — Seattle's Henry Cotto slides home safely with the winning run of the eleventh inning as Minnesota catcher Brian Harper is unable to control the baseball during their game Wednesday night at the Kingsdome. The Mariners won, 4-3.

Aguilera (0-1) and Henry Cotto pinch ran. Cotto stole second, Jay Buhner walked, Pete O'Brien struck out and Bradley singled home Cotto.

Mike Jackson (1-1) pitched 3 2-3 hits innings for the victory.

Brewers 7, Orioles 3: Paul Molitor hit a two-run double and Gary Sheffield homered as Milwaukee won at home.

The Brewers scored four times in the fourth inning after two outs. B.J. Surhoff ended a 1-for-22 slump with an RBI single and Molitor capped the comeback with his double.

Sheffield led off the fifth with his first home run, finishing Dave Johnson (1-1). Jaime Navarro (1-0) pitched 6 2-3 innings and improved to 4-0 lifetime against the Orioles. Mark Lee relieved for his first save.

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Payne Stewart glad to be back

By RICK SCOPPE
The Associated Press

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — After a two-month absence from the PGA Tour, Payne Stewart knows his game may not be on par with what he is used to when play begins today in the Heritage Classic.

But after suffering with a herniated disc, Stewart is just glad to be back playing again.

"The game definitely needs some WD-40 because there's some rust on it," Stewart said. "Teeing off the ball will make this tournament a success for me.

"I don't have any expectations of winning this week. But don't count me out."

Until Wednesday, no one was sure Stewart could be counted on to be in the 120-man field. But Payne is positive and playing.

"I'm excited," Stewart said. "It's like my year's just getting ready to start this week. I can't think of a better place to start my year than right here."

Indeed, Stewart is the only golfer to win consecutive Heritages at the par-71, 6,912-yard Harbour Town Golf Links.

In 1989, he whipped Kenny Perry by five strokes with a course-record 16-under-par 268.

Holyfield, Foreman weigh-in revealing

By ED SCHUYLER Jr.
The Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Before the official weigh-in for the Evander Holyfield-George Foreman heavyweight championship fight, a reporter complained about how cold the Trump Plaza showroom was.

"Why do they always hold these things in a meat locker?" he asked.

"That makes it a perfect place to weigh in George Foreman," another replied.

The 42-year-old Foreman weighed in Wednesday night at 257 pounds, 49 more than Holyfield, for his bid to become the oldest man to win a world title in any weight class.

"This will be the 12th straight time in his 25-fight comeback that Foreman has weighed more than 250.

Only one man has weighed more than Foreman for a heavyweight championship.

That was Primo Carnera, who weighed 260 1/2 when he won the title from Jack Sharkey on March 29, 1935. In three defenses, Carnera weighed 270, 263 1/4 and 259 1/2.

Foreman will be the second heaviest opponent with a paunch for Holyfield, whose weight is identical to what he carried when he won the title from James "Buster" Douglas in a third-round knockout last Oct. 25.

Douglas was badly out of shape at 246, although previous bouts had proven his best fighting weight was around 230. He weighed 231 1/2 when he upset Mike Tyson.

Foreman decided early in his comeback that at his age he would be wiser for him to be paunchy than sleek. He weighed 217 1/2, 219 1/2, 224 1/4 and 220 in four title fights when he was champion in 1973-74.

This will be the 12th straight time in his 25-fight comeback that Foreman has weighed more than 250.

The least Foreman has weighed in his comeback was 234 for his seventh-round knockout of Dwight Muhammad Qawi on March 19, 1989. Foreman said he didn't feel comfortable at that weight.

"I think he's in top condition," said Archie Moore, Foreman's 77-year-old trainer-guru. "He couldn't be in any better condition."

Foreman's thinking on his eating habits and weight is "if it ain't broken, don't fix it."

It should be noted, however, that none of his previous 24 comeback opponents, 23 of whom he knocked out, could match Holyfield's superior physical conditioning or his ability.

The weight difference between Foreman and Holyfield is the sixth greatest in heavyweight championship history. The biggest is the 86-pound advantage Carnera, 270, held when he outpointed Tommy Loughran in 1933.

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WORLDSCOPE (10 points for each question answered correctly)

1 Not everyone is happy about President Bush's decision not to help the Kurds and Shiites overthrow the Iraqi regime. U.S. cargo planes have been dropping relief supplies to Kurds along the border between Iraq and...?

2 According to the U.N. resolution ending the Persian Gulf war, Iraq will have to devolve (CHOOSE ONE) at a portion of its oil earnings to making reparations payments to Kuwait.

3 The space shuttle "Atlantis" was able a few days ago to deploy the mammoth GRS. The letters "GRS" stand for...?

4 After 46 years of communist rule, Albania held free elections a few days ago. The communists won in enough (CHOOSE ONE) that urban areas to keep control of the government.

5 The Environmental Protection Agency recently announced that the loss of atmospheric (CHOOSE ONE: carbon dioxide, ozone) over the U.S. is taking place twice as fast as expected.

MATCHWORDS

(5 points for each correct match)

1-devote o-manuever
2-deploy c-escape
3-nomoth d-tum over
4-trique e-schering
5-surplus f-schering

PEOPLE/SPORTS

(5 points for each correct answer)

1 A new book by controversial biographer Kelly Kelley claims that former First Lady Nancy Reagan had a long-running affair with singer...? — even during the White House years.

2 Author...? whose novels of international intrigue and moral confusion influenced many writers, died recently. Perhaps his best-known work is "The Quiet American."

3 Many experts predicted that the defending World Series champion Cincinnati Reds will have a hard time repeating. The last team to repeat was the (CHOOSE ONE): Oakland A's, New York Yankees.

4 As the season begins, Oakland A's star Mickey Henderson needs only three more stolen bases to surpass (CHOOSE ONE): Ty Cobb, Hank Aaron as baseball's all-time base thief.

5 Jack Nicklaus warmed up for the first of his 100th birthday celebration by winning the Tradition, a Senior PGA event. Nicklaus was seeking his...? Masters win. o fifth d-sixth c-seventh

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Family Life

Family size seems hard to predict at first

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By DAVID LAMMEY
Herald Features Editor

What is the ideal number of children?
That question has as many answers as there are families. But here are some statistics:
According to the Census Bureau, the nation's average family size (not to be confused with household size) in 1989 was 3.16 persons.
In 1980, it was 3.29 persons; in 1970, 3.58 persons; in 1950, 3.7 per-

sons; and in 1910, it was 4.2 persons.
A gradual decline, according to the Census. So what are the trends in family size?
In 1970, 44.1 percent of all families in the U.S. had no children, 18.2 percent had one child, 17.4 percent had two, and 20.2 had three or more.
In 1988, 51.0 percent had zero children, 20.8 percent had one child, 18.3 percent had two kids, and 9.9 percent had three or more.

What do the people think about that? Los Times-Ferrari, of the University of Connecticut's Institute of Social Inquiry, provided this Gallup poll of 1,239 Americans in 1990:
How many children is ideal?
None 3 percent
One 37 percent
Two 37 percent
Three 18 percent
Four 8 percent
Five plus 3 percent
Don't know 8 percent

Those are the statistics. Feel free to interpret them as you will. But it is possible that statistics are misleading by the very nature of their alleged precision.
Same with polls. When people talk about the ideal number of children, this implies that they have some control over the matter.
But how many children a family ends up with is often more accident than planning, the experts say. That last statistic in the Gallup poll above

is the size of the family from which the parents came themselves. For instance, someone from a large family may tend to have a large family of his or her own, while a parent who was an only child may multiply likewise. Conversely, that same parent may have decided that being an only child was a lonely existence and resolve to provide his or her kid with a few other siblings for company.
Another influence is religion, Anderson says. But this is not nearly as influential as it once was.
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In the final analysis, the "ideal number of children" question is mostly a game of hit or miss.
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However, to end on a less vague, more precise note, here is another poll: According to a 1990 poll by UConn's Institute for Social Inquiry, 500 Connecticut adults were asked what they thought the ideal number of children was:
None 2 percent
One 3 percent
Two 66 percent
Three 22 percent
Four 8 percent
Five or more... less than half a percent
Once again, two children is the most popular number.

economic assets; now they are considered more an economic liability. Especially, if they go to college.
He also credits the modern day emphasis on "quality of family life" as influencing family size. "Families are smaller now because we talk about good parents being nurturing parents," Sabatelli says. "Before it was enough to provide for them. But now there is a belief that you can't provide a quality life for a child in a family that is too big."
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David Lamme/Manchester Herald

PART OF A LARGE FAMILY — Strolling down Main Street, Manchester, are local resident Tina Reighard and her children, left to right, Stephen, 4; Matthew, 18 months; and Tricia, 6. They look like a small family, but looks are deceiving. The children's father, Stephen Sr., could not make the

picture. Neither could daughters Jessica, 8, and Mindy, 12, who were in school. And if you look closely enough, you may see Colleen, 3 weeks old, who is wrapped in blankets in a mini-hammock near the carriage handle. Mrs. Reighard promised that Colleen will be the last.

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Family Life

Athletes' knack for spawning more athletes

By LEN AUSTER
Manchester Herald

VERNON — The family that plays together stays together?
It's nice in theory, but not necessarily so. Not when everyone in the family is active in athletics in one way or the other.
"Jimmy played two years of Little League as a 9- and 10-year old, and his coach thought I was a single parent," says Joan Penders of the eldest of three sons, all involved in athletics.
Just like his father before that.
If you talk about athletics at East Catholic High School in Manchester, then the Penders name crops up prominently. It also crops up in the coaching field, and on the athletic field, too.
The story of the Penders' family originates back in its hometown of Stratford. The head of the clan, the late James William Penders, was prominent in baseball and basketball, first in high school and later at now defunct Arnold College in New Haven.
He went on to a 37-year career as a physical education teacher at Stratford High and as supervisor of physical education for 13 years. He was the school's baseball coach and director of athletics for years.
The gorgeous ballfield in Stratford was rechristened Penders' Field in his honor years ago.
James William Penders begot three sons and one daughter. The three boys went on to scholastic and college careers. The one girl, Kathy Penders von der Lieth, was athletically inclined, but didn't play.
"She didn't play because we didn't have girls' sports in school," Joan said. "I think the first sports for girls we had in school was field hockey and I don't know if (Stratford) had it. Kathy was the scorer for the baseball team."
While Kathy didn't play, her three brothers, James Edward, Tom and Billy, followed in their father's footsteps. All three were prolific in baseball and basketball. Jim and Tom would go on to baseball college careers at the University of Connecticut.
Jim, as a senior second baseman, and Tom, as a sophomore centerfielder, helped the 1965 Huskies to a berth in the College World Series in Omaha.
Tom now has the prestigious position as head basketball coach at Division I University of Texas.
The youngest, Billy, would go on to a college career at Bates College in baseball. "What else?" Jim Penders says innocently.
John Cholko Penders was not an athlete in high school, by the strictest definition. But "cheerleading was the epitome and I was it," she says. "We didn't have sports so what else were girls supposed to do."
A 1964 graduate of Stratford High, she co-captained the cheerleading squad. She has one brother, Francis Cholko, who played with her future husband in high school.
Athletics, needless to say, was an important part of the Penders and Cholko families in Stratford.
And now it has repeated itself with Penders' family in

Vernon.
There are three boys — Jim Francis, 19, Robert William, 17, and Michael Joseph, 14. The eldest, now at the University of Connecticut, is concentrating on one sport — baseball. Both Robbie and Michael are two-sport participants — basketball and baseball.
"Our family is almost a mirror of my family growing up," the 22-year East Catholic baseball coach, who has 287 victories and two state titles in that sport, said. "I was like Jimmy, a real worker, and Tommy was a natural athlete and Billy..."
...had a tough act to follow, just like Michael," Joan interjected.
"But he's still involved," Jim said. "He (Michael) is not thinking of playing major league ball. He's thinking of going to college and being a doctor, through sports. He's combination of the other two, just like Billy."
Common knowledge would say, sure, it's only natural that all three offspring would be involved in sports. Logical, but not necessarily so. There is a basketball hoop, its rim bent, at the edge of the driveway. And there is a mini-baseball diamond where the backyard ought to be.
But...
"When our kids played Little League, people would say they're so good because their father is a professional coach and he takes them into the backyard and throws to them 10 hours a day. I used to sit there with my mouth open thinking this guy never got into the backyard because he was gone with other people's children while our kids were growing up," Joan said. "He really had to make an effort to get out there with the kids because 1) there wasn't a lot of time and 2) because he made this big effort not to put a lot of pressure on them."
So, how do you explain everyone being involved?
"It's because they're always exposed to it," Joan explains. "I think it comes somewhat genetically, and definitely environmentally."
"Genetically it's there because there is a predisposition to the athletic talent in the genes. But it doesn't mean the kids are going to use it. But it's also environmentally. If you give me the first names of guys on professional teams, I can give the second names. Give me a city, and I'll give you a nickname. Why is that? Because of osmosis. I live with the TV and radio tuned to sports. I don't sit and watch it. I think it's environmental. Guys at work are amazed how much I know. And I really know nothing. I just parrot what I hear. And I think that's a big part of the kids."
"I think it's awfully tough for an only child," Jim said. "My father never said let's go into the backyard and play. That's why I was fortunate to have brothers who played all the time."
"All the genes in the world may not do it if he has to battle a non-athletic environment," Joan believes, "and vice versa. I think it's a combination."

Someone not athletically gifted wouldn't be ostracized. "I would hope if one of the boys wasn't interested in sports, we'd be open-minded enough to let him pursue his own interests. But if that happened, it might penalize him to a degree of not being totally sharing with the family and in Jim's case of coaching, it would be a penalty of missing a great opportunity to play for your dad," Joan says.
Sports is important, but it definitely is not No. 1 with the family.
"Health and happiness, in either order, are Nos. 1 and 2," Joan said. "They don't have to be geniuses, but academics is also very important."
"Sports is a big part of the family, but I don't think it's succeeding in athletics but it's participating. I don't think they'd be penalized if they didn't pursue sports. I think it would have been odd if one of the boys had decided not to pursue athletics. It would have been unusual, but I'm sure we would have been supportive of whatever they pursued."
But in the Penders' family, the common language they all speak is sports — 365 days a year.



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FAMILY AFFAIR — James Francis Penders, left, and his father, James Edward Penders, play ball in last year's East Catholic High baseball program. The son was the catcher for the Eagles while his father continued his 22nd year as the head coach.

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Family Life

Getting children involved in school sports

It helps build teamwork and coordination skills

By JIM TIERNEY
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Participating in sports can be a major thrust of a child's life in this country. The lessons to be learned, both on and off the field, the concepts of teamwork, sportsmanship and working toward a common goal are introduced, and, relationships with coaches and friends are developed, nurtured and cherished for a lifetime. A sense of belonging, accomplishment and self-esteem are virtues which also can be earned by participation in sports. Questions may arise for parents: How should we go about getting our children involved in sports? How hard should parents push their kids into participating? What is the right age to act upon these inclinations? What physical, mental or emotional harm, if any, could occur? Frank Galasso, who has coached Little League baseball for 25 years in Manchester and coached basketball from the young recreational age up through CYO leagues and was the Manchester Little League president from 1984-1988, has established views on this very subject. "I'd start them as early as you



LITTLE LEAGUERS — A Manchester Little League baseball player slides into a base during a game last summer as another player catches the ball. Participation in sports is a very healthy experience for youngsters, educators say.

can," Galasso, who has a doctorate in chemistry and who has been employed by United Technologies Pratt & Whitney for 30 years, stated. "The reason I got into it, basically, was that if you kept kids playing and active, they wouldn't be out getting in trouble. There were kids always standing by the backstop trying to get the other kids not to show up for practice and all that stuff and go off and do something else. Those kids would always be the kids who got in trouble." Galasso coached Billy Masse, a 1984 East Catholic graduate and 1988 grad of Wake Forest University who played on the gold-medal winning United States Olympic baseball team in the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea. Masse, a first-team All-American in three different national publications in 1988, was drafted by the New York Yankees and is currently playing in their minor league system. Galasso began coaching the Medics in the National League in 1964, one year after his only son finished playing. His daughter played Little Miss softball and still plays in summer softball leagues. "Most of these kids aren't going to play in the major leagues," Galasso said. "Billy is the only one I had. When I came to town, everyone said, 'why don't you get into the Board of Education' because of my background. I decided that it's more important to work with kids. I liked baseball because of the organization." Playing sports, according to Galasso, is a necessity for children. "It's important because you learn so much about team play," he said. "It's a good thing physically. If I had my way I'd have every kid playing a team sport." "What about the kid who goes out and drops the ball?" Galasso queried. "What happens to the kid who sits on the bench? That gets a little tougher. But, there's some kids who never would've played. I still think he's better off in the long run being with those kids than being with the ones hanging around. Not only that, but you have to learn in life that you have different abilities." In retrospect, Galasso holds a special place for all the kids he ever coached. "You build a very close relationship with them," he said. "I still follow them. We were like a second father to them." Can sports be harmful to children? Believe it or not, according to a Consumer Product Safety Commission report on children's sports injuries, youth baseball had the greatest number of injuries. C.R. Castaldi of West Hartford, president of the Academy of Sports

Family Life

Good times outweigh work in large families

Members are always on the look out for and advising each other

By SCOTT B. BREDE
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Whether shuffling children off to school each morning, taking them to church on Sundays, or worrying about what mischief they are getting into, there is never a dull moment bringing up a large family, say local mothers of five or more children. Manchester's Christine Ross ought to know. She has got a household with her seven: Lanita, 15; Arnette, 14; James, 11; Alex, 10; Willie, 7; Hezekiah, 5; and Joseph, 2. "Sometimes I'll look at them in the morning and say, 'God, did I have all of them?'" she said. Christine says the morning rush hour in her Wells Street home takes

same school in Florida. Since Lanita always did well in school, the teachers thought Arnette would do well also, Christine said. But, whereas Lanita was studious, Arnette was more apt to be playing outside. Christine says knowing each child's quirks is one of her secrets to parenting. "You have to know them individually, instead of placing them in one big bowl," she said. "If it wasn't for my children, I wouldn't have the courage to go on. I couldn't stand it without them."



ALL TOGETHER — Manchester resident Christine Ross, holding her two-year-old son, Joseph, crams together with her family in her living room. From left to right, her children are: Lanita, Arnette, Willie, Hezekiah, James and Alex.

"You have to know (children) individually, instead of placing them in one big bowl." The bustle starts again once her children are back from school and does not end until she puts the last one to bed. In Florida, Christine said, she would often scold her husband for not doing enough of the household chores. But, in the months that she has been on her own, she has realized how much work he actually did. Mary Champagne, a mother of five, voiced similar concerns about the work load associated with raising a large family. Mary said she must prepare herself for the hectic mornings when the each member of her family is rushing to get out the door. "If I don't have things ready the night before, it is very much chaos around here," she said. During the fall, the family's schedule is often dictated by soccer schedules, she said. During soccer season, Mary and her husband are often found on the sidelines watching their 12-year-old son, Jeffrey,

and eight-year-old daughter, Alison. And, as the couple's six-year-old twin daughters, Jaclyn and Joanna, start picking up the game, there may not be enough of them to get to every game. Fortunately for Mary, her oldest daughter, Claudine, 21, helps out by baby-sitting. After attending college out of state for awhile, Claudine is living back at home while commuting to the University of Connecticut in Storrs. Claudine's brother and younger sisters are often called upon to help her out. Claudine has a hearing im-

pairment and needs help talking with people on the telephone, her mother said. The other children are always eager to lend their support, she said. Once in awhile, Mary said she has to ask her husband, Gary, whether the sibling rivalry frequently displayed by her children is natural. "I'm an only child, so I am not accustomed to sibling rivalry," she said. Christine Ross said she is also faced with problems due to such rivalry. Although she often finds herself exhausted at the end of the day after putting up with the bickering of her seven children, Christine said she feels blessed by having such a large family. "Sometimes, I feel sorry for children who have to come home to an empty house," she said. This, she added, was the main reason for her decision not to get a part-time job. In fact, she said, her children are what keep her going. "If it wasn't for my children, I wouldn't have the courage to go on," Christine said. "I couldn't stand it without them."

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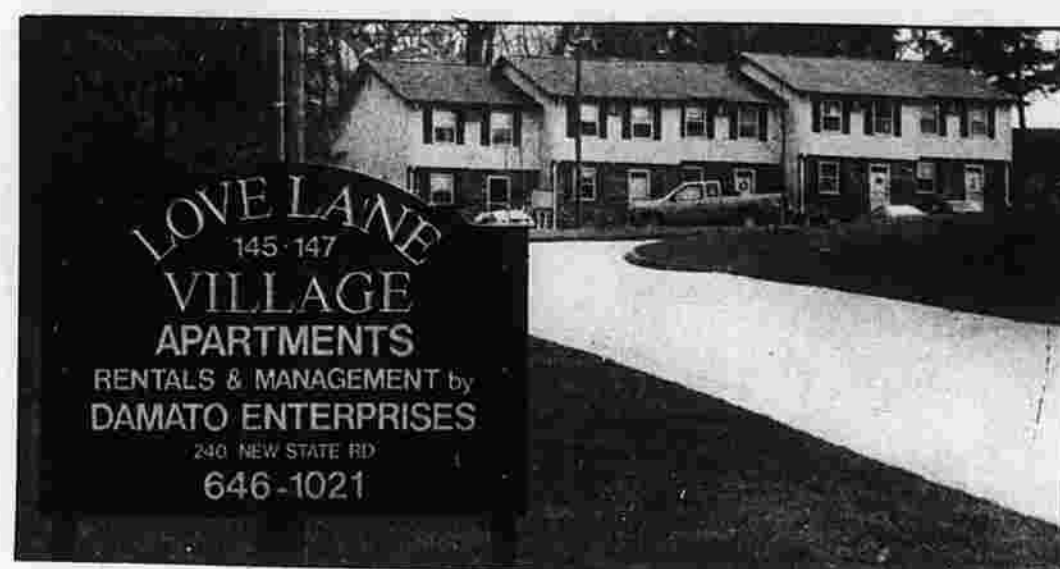
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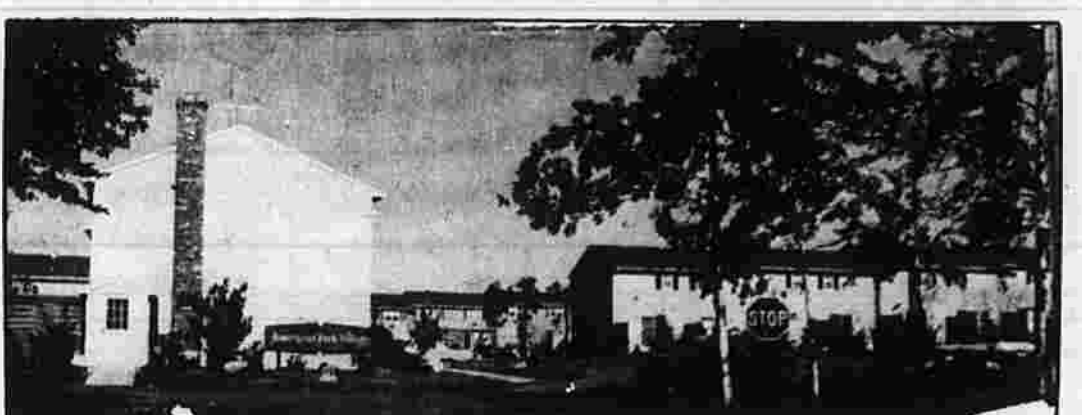


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Family Life

'Lucky dog' happy as a member of the family

Other pets feeling the same way

By BARBARA RICHMOND
Manchester Herald

This is a story about families and their pets - but every family that has animals knows it should be the other way around - a story about pets and their families.

Manny is the proverbial "lucky dog" - he has two surrogate mothers, Toni Woerle, director of nurses, and Joan Sundquist, director of recreation, at Manchester Manor, and lots of aunts and uncles and cousins.

Manny was recently adopted from the Humane Society and was brought to live at Manchester Manor, 385 W. Center St. Since then, he has found his way into the hearts of all of the staff and patients there.

Manny is part terrier and part Shelti collie and is about 5 months old. Manny is short for Manchester or Manfred the Magnificent. Woerle said, "The patients respond to him - he brings on smiles," she said.

The idea to adopt the dog came when Sundquist and Woerle saw how the patients enjoyed the animals that were brought from the Humane Society for occasional visits.

"The patients brightened noticeably when the animals were there," Woerle explained. She added that they also noticed an increase in the number of visitors at the Manor. "People are bringing the children to



BEST FRIENDS ALWAYS - Manchester resident Heather Swanson gets a love nibble on her nose from her white fluffy cat, Furball.

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Dogs of the warden

One would think that Manchester's dog warden, Thomas Pascantelli, would see enough of dogs all day during his working hours. Obviously, he doesn't, because he has two dogs at home that he caters to, as does his wife, Sandy, and his two children, Nicholas, 12 and Jessica, 10.

Pascantelli adopted the dogs from the pound, but that was before he became dog warden a little over a year ago.

Clover, a big German Shepherd and Pokey, a shepherd cross, are really part of the family and have the run of the house, the same as the kids, Pascantelli said.

"They're spoiled rotten. Pascantelli said he thought she would grow into them but she never has." She looks like an Australian

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Dingo," he said, affectionately.

The Pascantellis have had Pokey about six years and Clover, almost five years. "Clover had obviously been abused before being brought to the pound, because she was very shy, but with loving care she's come a long way," Pascantelli said.

However, he had warned that she was very camera shy and this was obvious when it came to taking a picture for The Herald. She was ready to hide the minute she saw the camera.

As for Jessica and Nicholas, they don't mind sharing their parents with Clover and Pokey. Nicholas said, "Pokey gets along with us real good. She plays soccer with us, plays frisbee and slides in the snow." Jessica said, "I love them very much but Clover is shy, she doesn't like to play too much."

These are two dogs that won't end up back in the pound, that's for sure.

Panopoly of pets

Then there's the Ryan family, 111 Lorraine Road. They love all kinds of pets. They have three dogs, five cats, four birds and several lop-eared bunnies.

A litter of six bunnies arrived just in time for Easter. Needless to say, the family had several friends eager to adopt the bunnies.

Kathy and Thomas Ryan are very tolerant of the many animals the family has acquired. Mrs. Ryan said she seems to be the one to take in the animals that friends can't keep. That's how they inherited most of the cats and one of the dogs.

Mrs. Ryan said her four daughters, Erin, Meghan, Brie and Maura, know they have a responsibility to take care of the animals. "Each one has charge of something, with such a variety of animals, it

means there's all different kinds of food," she said.

The mother lop-eared rabbit, Hersey, had the litter of six babies. The Ryans are going to keep two of them, a brown and white one and a black and white one and the others are promised.

Leo is the name of the father of the bunnies. And no doubt there will be more babies before next Easter rolls around.

The Ryans had two Lhasaspos - a Tibetan breed of small dog with very long hair and a tail curling over the back - and now they have three. They adopted one that belonged to a neighbor. Their names are Darby and Katie. They also have a parakeet, a Finch and two love birds, plus five cats.

The dogs names are Darby, Katie and Oscar. Mrs. Ryan said when Oscar gets out he likes to take off out of the yard. She said the way they get him to come back is chase him with some bologna. Thus, the name Oscar for Oscar Meyer bologna.

Pet's peevess

Furball and Heather Swanson, 6, of 20 Flower St. are best friends. Furball is Heather's fluffy white cat. She said he loves to lick her face and "sometimes I don't like it."

Heather's mother, Stacey, a nurse at Manchester Memorial Hospital, said when she's not home, Furball's favorite pastime is getting on counters and tables and knocking off everything in sight.

Heather claims that she's Furball's mother. "He listens to me because I can yell louder than my mother," she explained. Heather is in kindergarten at Waddell School. She said maybe some day she'll bring the adventurous Furball to visit school.



ALL FAMILY - Manchester dog warden Thomas Pascantelli and his wife, Sandy; daughter, Jessica; son, Nicholas; lavish attention on their dogs, Clover and Pokey.

Cat burglar

And now about my cat, Tansy. When he found out I was writing this story, he asked for top billing. For once he had to take "no" for an answer. He usually wins in cases like this.

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Family Life

A single mother offers her own perspective

By DIANNA M. TALBOT
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — In the two years since Marcia Fisher became a first-time divorcee, she has learned to support herself and two children and deal with a host of unexpected challenges.

But despite the problems, — a broken furnace and burst water pipe were among unpleasant surprises awaiting her single status — the former housewife-turned home day care provider relishes her new lifestyle.

High on her list of words describing the positive aspects of single parenthood is "independence." "I've got no one to answer to but me, and I like that," said Fisher, who is active in a local chapter of Parents Without Partners. "I used to have to check with my husband before making important decisions. Now I just keep him informed of what's going on."

Fisher maintains custody of Matthew, 9, and Megan, 5, while her ex-husband takes them two nights a week for a couple of hours and overnight one night per weekend.

The single mother says she considers herself fortunate to have a positive working relationship with her ex-spouse, who provides about \$275 per week in alimony and child support.

"Most single parents I know have a lot of friction and tension in their lives when it comes to dealing with their exes," she said. "Many don't get the support they need."

The 37-year-old strawberry blonde says she has made the transition to single life successfully by viewing problems as challenges, which she zealously attacks. But it wasn't always this way, she says.

Recalling the broken water pipe and furnace incidents, both of which happened within a short time span of each other, Fisher says, "I was at



TOGETHERNESS — Manchester resident Marcia Fisher plays a board game at home with her children, Matthew, 9, and Megan, 5. The single mother has custody of the young

ones, who see their father at certain times on weekends and during the week.

loss as to what to do. I had never dealt with anything like that before. My husband had done all that. Just to make a phone call and find someone who knew what was happening and how to fix it was very hard for me."

But solving each problem seemed to make it easier to attack the next, she said.

Another roadblock Fisher encountered as a newly-single parent was learning to distinguish between the responsibilities she needed to give up and the ones she could pass on to other people or seek help with.

face job. She set about applying for a home day care license, getting her home inspected and day care insurance, and making sure her home would be a safe place for children to stay. She also had to decide on a bookkeeping system to run the business.

"I quickly got over trying to do everything by myself," said Fisher. "You just can't, and no one really expects you to."

At her request, family members began and continue to baby-sit the children while she shops for household necessities or attends social or business functions. (In addition to her work with Parents Without Partners, Fisher also is membership chairwoman of the Manchester Family Day Care Providers Association.)

Fisher's day care business now operates smoothly, with two youngsters who come to her home full time and five who come part time. They begin arriving at about 7:15 a.m. and the last one leaves about 5 p.m.

Now, Fisher says, she also doesn't hesitate to ask school coaches to give her son, a sports enthusiast, a ride home after sports practice and games, or to ask other parents to give her a hand with other driving and child-related responsibilities.

"The children had to get used to me working," said Fisher. At first they seemed reluctant to share their mother with the other children.

All in all, Fisher says she thinks single parenthood has helped her become a better parent.

I've become much more effective in my parenting," she said. "There is no one to pass the buck to. I'm much more clear and concise when I deal with my children. No more wishy-washiness."

Single father longing for full-time children

Dreaming of day they come live with him

By DIANNA M. TALBOT
Manchester Herald

ELLINGTON — Each day, David Stable mentally logs another step toward reaching his goal of being more than a part-time parent to his three young children.

"I'm trying to be the best parent I can from a distance," the single father says sadly. "I don't want my children wondering, 'Does Daddy love me?'"

The 36-year-old is caught in a trap that befalls many single parents. He and his wife of 10 years were divorced last year and do not get along with each other. The children, Steven, 10, Christopher, 8 and Lauren, 5, live with their mother in Massachusetts.

Stable wishes he had custody. The U.S. Postal Service worker sees his children only once a weekend for a few hours and considers himself a weekend father.

Often, he says, he aches for their company. "I'm more like a visitor to them. I'm not involved in the day-to-day parenting aspects of their lives," Stable said. "Once a week for a couple of hours I have three children."

Because the visits are short, the children do not have enough time to open up completely with their father, discussing personal problems or feelings, he says.

"Right now, my ex-wife and I are shooting bullets at each other and they are going right over the heads of our children. It's tough for

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them. We need to talk more," said Stable, who blames a "slow court system" for his position.

"I'm always waiting to see my children," Stable said. "I wouldn't give up being a father for anything. There is nothing I'd rather have than three children."

To help fill the void in his life, the father says he has become closer to his parents and brothers in the area. He also sings in a church choir, plays the key boards and nurtures friendships.

Stable hopes that someday the void will be filled with his children.

"It's going to change. I'm just waiting," he says. "In the meantime, I've got my own life to live."

A spark of hope suddenly lights up Stable's face.

"Some day, my children might even want to come live with me. That's what I'm hanging on to."



WEEKEND FATHER — David Stable, 36, of Ellington, holds up pictures of his three young children, who live with their mother in Massachusetts. The single father hopes that someday his children will want to come live with him.

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Springs Park, featuring a water slide for children.

"The rec department is a definite plus," said Hall.

"Many sports are there for the kids," agreed Daniel Bisette, a husband and father of a two-year-old daughter, who has lived in Manchester for about 12 years.

In addition, Manchester is credited with having an adequate, if not abundant, supply of family services. These include child care and child welfare programs.

"It's amazing how many support groups and services for families there are in this town," said

Maureen Ferguson, child life specialist at Manchester Memorial Hospital and an adjunct faculty member at UConn's School of Family Services. "There is such an incredible network of services I feel like I can always go out into the Manchester Community and find the support services I need."

Ferguson specifically referred to the generosity of local churches and other organizations who donate or lend meeting space for family-related functions. She also mentioned local programs, such as "Thuckle Up Baby" program, which is run by the Manchester Junior Women's club

and loans infant car seats to needy families.

In addition to an adequate, if not abundant, supply of child care facilities, the Manchester area also offers sick child care services, another service that attracts two-income families, a mainstay of the 1990s. Visiting Nurses and Home Care Association of Manchester recently introduced its "Sniffles and Sneezes" program, which provides a health care worker to baby-sit children who have a minor illness, such as a cold or sore throat, so a parent does not have to miss work to care for the child. The baby-sitter,

who is trained in simple medical procedures, such as first aid and CPR, is provided at a cost of \$10.25 per hour.

So far, 100 parents are registered for the program, according to Diane Wilson, executive director of the Visiting Nurses association.

A concept behind the program, she said, is to allow working parents to keep vacation days, rather than use them up caring for children with minor illnesses.

"When there are two parents working in a household, it's common for one or both to abuse their vacation time," Wilson said. "We

are giving parents an alternative, so they can use their vacation time as a family — the way it's supposed to be."

Overall, the shift toward emphasis on family life is a positive step for society, says UConn's Fowkes.

"From my own point of view, the only hope for the world is if we care about each other and make our relationships important. I hope the values of attachment and concern of someone outside ourselves will have a new world order that emphasizes caring about other people."

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Family Life

Immigrant family finds help and hope here

Romanian couple relishes new life

By JACQUELINE BENNETT
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — A smile and friendly hello are priceless gestures of kindness to strangers in a foreign land, according to Adrian and Mona Panaitisor, a Romanian couple who recently immigrated to the United States and live on Bissell Street.

"Just knowing that someone cares how you are doing, that you are alright, that is the most important," said the 35-year-old Adrian, who says his family, including a five-year-old daughter, Monica, has found warmth, acceptance and sincere concern here.

Adrian is a political refugee who escaped Romania in 1988 and went to Greece, leaving behind his 33-year-old wife, daughter and other relatives. He says he wanted a better life for his family than he could have in Romania.

With the help of a Romanian friend living in New London and the Catholic Church, which sponsored him, Adrian arrived in the United States in March of 1990. A job hunt brought him to the Hartford area, where he stumbled upon Manchester, which appealed to him.

Adrian, Mona and Monica were reunited this past December, after Mona and Monica, who were living with Mona's mother in Romania, received passports and visas to join Adrian. They were sponsored by the Interfaith Refugee Ministry.

"If I went back to Romania, I would be convicted to seven years in prison, as an enemy," said Adrian, adding that he came to America, seeking the freedom and quality of life he had heard and read about, as well as seen in movies.

He also said he believes the Romanian government doesn't want its people to emigrate because up until recently there has been no data about the way it really is there. They don't want the Western world to know," he said.

Poverty and political confusion are rampant in Romania, where it is difficult to find jobs, food and even babies' milk, the couple said, expressing concern about family members who stayed behind.

A look of sadness enters Mona's eyes and she folds her arms tightly around her body as she talks about her mother, home and the teaching career she left behind. But she is quick to add that she is not homesick.

"That [part of her life] is over,"

she said. "Everyone here has been so nice, helpful. Monica is so lucky to go to Nathan Hale School. Her teacher is so, so nice. And she has a tutor to learn English, which is very nice too."

Mona also expressed approval of computer classes Monica is taking.

"That is the future," she said. The United States is everything that the Panaitisors expected, according to the couple.

"We expected to have to work very very hard, and we do," the couple agreed. A top priority of the couple is to earn enough money to

buy health insurance. Adrian, an electrician by trade, works in a yogurt shop. Mona is studying English in Benet Junior High School's Adult Education program and taking computer classes at the Data Institute in East Hartford. But her real desire is

to return to being a French teacher. First things first, she says. "To be able to teach French here, I must speak English very well," says Mona. At times, she seems to struggle to find the correct English to convey her thoughts.

The couples' work schedules mean they do not have time to socialize. But they say caring and friendly neighbors stop by from time to time with cupcakes for Monica, or just to say hello.

One thing that has been difficult

is a quiet community with lots of greenery, yet it includes conveniences, such as public buses.

for the Panaitisors is adjusting to a different measuring system. Americans use miles, instead of kilometers; yards, instead of meters; and Fahrenheit temperatures, instead of Celsius.

Both spouses say they are impressed with how openly Americans express their opinions through the media.

"It really is true," said Adrian. "Here you are free to speak your opinions."

An unexpected joy was the number of holidays and special days, such as Valentine's Day, which are celebrated in America, the Panaitisors say.

"You have so many," said Mona. Adrian says he admires "the way Americans take care of the children." Here, child care is a priority, he says.

The couple appreciates having fresh fruits and vegetables available for them to buy. In Romania, most food is chemically treated, they said.

Adrian and Mona praised the people and town of Manchester. "It is a quiet community with lots of greenery," yet it includes conveniences, such as public buses.



ADJUSTING TO A NEW LIFE — Manchester residents Adrian and Mona Panaitisor sit with their five-year-old daughter, Monica, in their apartment on Bissell Street. The family recently immigrated to the United States from Romania.

Jacqueline Bennett/Manchester Herald

Family meals

Are we eating well?
Or are we raising a
Twinkie Generation?

By JACQUELINE BENNETT
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — It's a beautiful day in April, and the Kaisers, a family of Manchester is taking advantage of the unseasonably warm weather.

Gary, just home from work, is grilling hamburgers in the backyard. Christine is inside, laying out silverware and place settings for the kitchen table. Gary stops flipping burgers for a moment to throw the baseball with his seven year old son, Ryan. Their daughter Jordan, 4, joins in the summery fun.

Then everyone moves into the kitchen, sitting down to a set table. The meal includes tossed and potato salads, milk for the kids, iced tea or water for Mom and Dad, and of course — delicious grilled, extra-lean burgers.

If Norman Rockwell had sketched a family that enjoys eating, it would have been Christine and Gary Kaiser. This is one family that takes their eating seriously.

"When he gets paid, the first

thing I do is go grocery shopping," said Christine, 38, at their home on Fairview St. For the Kaisers, structured and well-balanced meals are a way of life.

"It's important because it keeps the children healthy, it gives them a better start. If you don't get into bad habits when you're young, it's less likely you will as you get older," says Gary, 40.

What's their prescription for good eating? Christine says they try to avoid excess beef and fats of chicken, whole grains, fruits, vegetables and dairy products daily.

"Every other day I allow Ryan and Jordan a sweet," Christine notes. "Cookies," chimes in Gary. But Christine and Ryan encourage the children to eat yogurt, fruit, cheese, or plain popcorn.

"And we don't allow snacks in the living room, except on eating nights."

When he gets paid, the first



SIZZLING BURGERS — Gary Kaiser, of Fairview St. in Manchester, prepares some burgers (extra-lean) for a family meal on a gorgeous, barbecue kind-of-day in early April. After all, what would a perfect summer day — even if it's a false summer — be like without a barbecue?

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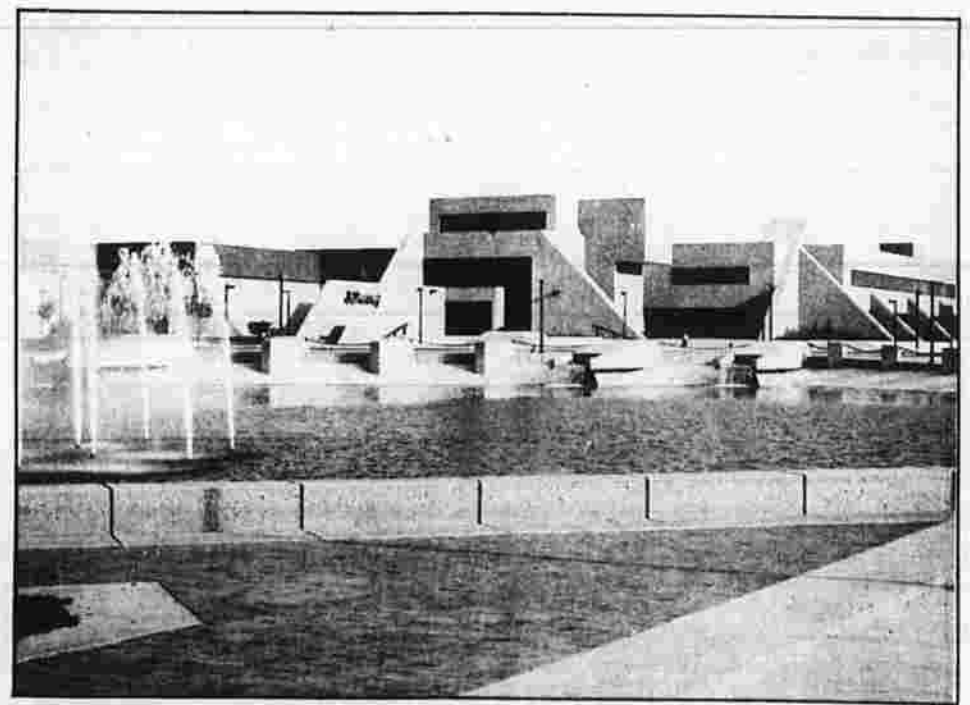
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Family Life

Not much compares with the family room

It belongs in a league of its own

By DAVID LAMMEY Herald Features Editor

When you walk into a typical bathroom, you know it is a bathroom. The look is unmistakable, from porcelain counters to an Ajax-clean smell.

Same with a dining room. And a basement, an attic, and a kitchen. And it is likely that Gertrude Stein said that a bedroom is a bedroom. But what is a family room? Is it a living room? Or is it an all-purpose, multi-function, television-viewing romper-room with a view? The answer is, yes.

Family rooms are the MVR's (Most Valuable Rooms) of your average American suburban home. They are the omnibus, the Swiss Army knife, the Bo Jackson of American homes.

And as Barbara Krivanc of Barbara K. Interiors on Center Street says, they are "a comfort zone, a haven, and where everything takes place — requiring privacy, and yet it's a public room."

Some people don't call it a family room, though. They say "television room" or "company room" or "that room over there."

And ask what a couple without children calls the room, and they might say "den."

Some people may call it family room a living room, but this is inaccurate. Living rooms are the rooms with plastic over the seats, with dust on the mantelpieces. They are the rooms saved ostensibly to impress royalty from a foreign land, but they never actually used because guests prefer to sit in the family room anyway.

A family room is called such because it is the room where the family lives everyday, however big or small the family is. Family rooms are usually close to the front door, adjoining the dining room or the kitchen.

They usually contain a large couch and several chairs, all equipped with reading lights and somewhere to put the coffee mug.

And often there is a fireplace and perhaps a few bookshelves line the walls, housing several family



David Lamme/Manchester Herald

FAMILY ROOM ACTIVITY — This is a time-lapse photograph of a typical family room, just after school. It belongs to the Geysers of Manchester. In the picture are the Geysers' children, Kevin, 2; Kori, 8; Kara, 12; and Mrs. Kim Geysers.

Notice the television, the couch, and the nearby kitchen, all of which are considered important assets of the modern family room.

portraits, just so everyone remembers who lives there.

But the most important component of a family room is television. And if there is more than one television in the house (as is usually the case) the biggest, best, and most colorful television with the remote control sits in the family room.

In fact, it is to the television that the family room owes its inception, according to Richard Lawrence, AIA, of the Lawrence Associates on Tolland Turnpike, Manchester.

"Typically, homes in the 1940s, before television, did not have the kind of a space for relaxation like family rooms," he says. "With the onset of TV in the late forties and fifties, families began looking for a place to locate the TV and everything else... and that's when family rooms started."

Each family has different needs, so each family room reflects a unique designing problem. As such, family rooms are truly reflections of the families that use them.

most difficult room to design in the house, experts say. "Most people are not willing to pay much in designing a family room, and yet it takes the most abuse, the most wear and tear, and it is the most popular room in the house," Krivanc says.

And each family is different. Each family has different needs, so each family room reflects a unique designing problem. As such, family rooms are truly reflections of the families that use them.

If that is so, then families want

cient house plans, to put the space they have to better use," Davis says. So they are putting the kitchen and dining room in the same space rather than having a separate dining room and a separate kitchen.

"You have busier families these days, both parents are working," Krivanc says. "A working woman does not want to be separated from the family while cooking the roast." Davis agrees. "It helps when the Mother needs to be in the kitchen and keep an eye on the kids. For everyday living, great rooms are very convenient."

"Great rooms have been on the agenda for years," Krivanc says. "And I believe they are here to stay."

Flash forward 5,000 years. Two archeologists have just unearthed the typical Manchester home. This is their conversation: "Watson, Watson, come here! Look at what I've found!"

"What have you found?" "It's a room! But what a room! Would you take a look at this room? What do you make of it?"

"Well, I'd have to say, by the looks of things, that they spent most of their time here... see how the carpets and floors are worn by the application of many feet? And see how they sat and watched television. And see how they dragged the Christmas tree through the door and put it up in the corner... and see how the dog utilized the rug, and the table, and the side of this chair! See how they entertained guests, celebrated birthdays, took piano lessons, tossed their books down after school, figured out their taxes, and read Time magazine in this room!"

"But wait! Can you hear their voices, Watson? Can you hear the echoes?"

"I believe I can. I hear the gleeful shouts of scampering children, the clink of champagne glasses, the murmur of conversation, their footsteps as they crossed the room to their favorite chair..."

"I dare say Watson, this was their favorite room. But Watson, what should we call this room... what should we call it?"

"greater," more convenient space. That is why the family room is steadily evolving into a "great room," the experts say.

Tracy Davis of the Home Designing Service on East Center Street says great rooms are enlarged family rooms, open and airy, with large windows or skylights. They often include the kitchen, a casual dining room, and whatever else the homeowners want to throw in. In short, the most versatile room in the house just got more versatile.

"People are going for more effi-

Family Life

Young adults live home with their parents

By SCOTT B. BREDE Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — George DeCandia no longer parks his truck in the lengthy driveway of his Carpenter Road home in Coventry.

"I can't. There's already too many cars there in the first place," the father and husband said.

Instead, he leaves it overnight in his brother's driveway down the street.

For George and Roberta DeCandia, this is just one of the many compromises they have grown accustomed to by having a house full of "kids" who are in their twenties and also need a place to park their vehicles.

But, the DeCandia clan — a census taker's nightmare — is not simply one of a growing number of local families whose children live at home longer after they reach voting age.

Rather, the couple has opened their two-story ranch to their two daughters' husband and fiancé — a move even some of the most liberal parents might shy away from.

The atmosphere at home reflects the zainness of a college dormitory mixed by the coziness of having a living room fire. Not a minute goes by in-side the DeCandia home without a laugh or excitement of some sort, family members say.

Even though she rises before dawn to get a quiet moment alone and gets angry at times when she finds a raised toilet seat, Roberta said she would mourn an emptier house.

"I had a 38-room house. I probably would have them all filled because I love kids," she said, admitting that this may be the result of her being an only child. "They keep me young."

Roberta's 21-year-old daughter, Sue Griffin, said she could not remember a time in her life when she would ever classify her mother as a "stereotypical parent."

"Our friends used to come over and see her more often than us," she said, recalling an earlier time after the death of her father, Roberta's first husband, when she and her brother, James, were the only children living in the house.

It was because of Sue that Roberta came to know George, who also had children but was divorced.

Sue and George's daughter, Holly Bemier, met in band practice at Coventry High School and soon became friends. Holly decided to introduce her father to her friend's mother.

"Little did I know that it would turn out like this with all of us living together," said Holly, now 22, who lives in the house with her husband, Paul Bemier.

Initially, her children grew uncomfortable as George's visits to the house increased, Roberta said. "My kids were getting nervous because [after my husband's death] they were used to having me alone."

But, in the fall of 1989, three years after first meeting, George and Roberta were married.

Their marriage brought on a change in the household's structure. As George moved into the home along with Holly and his teen-age daughter, Jessica, Roberta's 25-year-old son, James, moved out.

Holly eventually ventured out on her own for awhile, but after her roommate got married and moved away, she could not afford to keep her apartment and found herself back on the doormat of her father's new home.

Sue also moved out once when she was 20, but a \$920 phone bill in one month's time quickly brought her back under her mother's roof.

"All the kids have made a



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FAMILY DISCUSSION — Roberta DeCandia, sitting at left, laughs with her stepson-in-law, Paul Bemier, while other family members sit around the kitchen table. The DeCandia family often groups around the table to talk and play board games.

mistake at one time or another," Roberta said, referring to the five younger generation members who reside in her home.

For Sue's fiancé, Chris Sexton, 23, the mistake was getting hooked up with drugs and alcohol. Before his move to Coventry, Chris lived in one run-down apartment after another. He insists he would be worse off now had he not been accepted into the DeCandia household.

"When you don't have much to care about, you don't try very hard," he said.

Chris, who grew up in Norwalk, came into the DeCandias' lives after a friendship with Sue turned into romance, and their "affair over the phone" became too costly for both of them.

He was only supposed to stay the first night, but has ended up living here for almost six months, Roberta said, adding that he was quick to gain the family's love.

Chris said the move was the best thing he could have done because, with the number of people living under one roof, there is "always has someone to turn to when you have a problem."

Growing up an only child with just his mother, Holly's husband, Paul, said the first few days in the house were a bit overwhelming, but he quickly overcame his shyness.

"I like being here. I like being with all these people," Paul said. He and Holly were married in February, but were unable to afford a place of their own, so Paul moved into the home with Holly.

Paul and Chris share a bedroom in the basement, while Holly still rooms with her sister Jessica on the second floor. Sue is the only one who has a room of her own.

Although Paul and Holly's father George get along now, trading barbs like old friends, their relationship got off to a shaky start.

Recalling his nervousness, Paul said the first time he met

bound to happen, but most of the time family members will leave the room if they think they are going to blow up at another member, Roberta said. Later, when tempers cool down, the parties involved in the disagreement will gather in the kitchen to discuss the problem, she said.

Roberta said she is able to relate to the younger members of the household and will often join in their activities.

Chris recalls a time when he and a few friends were partying downstairs in the basement. Roberta, who works for a liquor distributor came down, and found a bottle of Schnapps liquor.

"I've seen the name on my inventory list, but never tried it," she said.

To Chris' surprise, Roberta pounded a shot of it with little lag time.

Although the family is quick to lend a friendly welcome to any of its members' friends, Chris said the unit is sometimes cautious of others.

"We get kind of protective in

problems. So, Roberta and George, knowing Paul couldn't afford both car payments and rent, took Paul down to a local car dealer where he bought a new set of wheels. Roberta has agreed to stop charging Paul rent until he can afford it.

Chris compared the couple to a pair of police officers interrogating a suspect: one plays the rough cop, while the other's the nice one.

Roberta and George "are the same way, but they're trying to help you," he said.

Roberta said she likes a neat home, and each person is assigned a particular clean-up task.

"I think when they move out, I'll come live with them and work their houses," Roberta jokes.

More seriously, she said, the thing she will miss most when everybody moves out is not knowing what is going on in their lives as much as she does now.

"After Paul moved into the house following his marriage to Holly, the couple shared Holly's old car. It wasn't long before different work schedules created

this house," he said, recalling a time when the family didn't like one of Jessica's boyfriends.

The basement, often a place of social gathering, was closed off to this particular boyfriend because the family didn't like the way he was treating Jessica, Chris said, adding that he and Paul are kind of like Jessica's second and third fathers.

Jessica, 17, rules the telephone, the family members agree. They are amazed by how fast she responds to his ring.

"Usually, she gets it in a half ring," Roberta said.

Paul said he is waiting for the day when she picks up the phone, without its ringing, and starts talking.

Roberta said she collects money for the phone bill, food and rent from each member of the household.

"It's almost like I have everyone on a payment schedule," she said.

But, exceptions are made in special cases.

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Family Life

People who don't live with their families

Project Home Share gives them companionship

By RICK SANTOS
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Loneliness is something people rarely worry about early in life. Young men and women often are surrounded by friends and family members. Companionship is taken for granted. The feeling is that these companions always will be there, just as they are today.

But as people age, those friends and relatives seem to slip away, for one reason or another. The traditional New England society, in which families took care of kin, has changed. Now grandparents live thousands of miles away in suburban retirement communities. The days of neighbors coming together to help a family through tough times have faded. Now neighbors are separated by chain-linked fences and the soundproof walls of condominiums. A good neighbor's advice has been drowned out by the pronouncements of Oprah Winfrey and others who preach through televisions. And so, as the years pass by, many may find themselves utterly alone one day. It is something everyone dreads, and yet there seems little anyone can do about it. One possible solution has been Project Home Share.

Project Home Share is a state-funded program that matches single elderly people with others, so the pairs can live as roommates. A companion program, called Family Home Share, matches single parents and their children.

In Project Home Share, the companion typically assists with chores, shopping, and other household duties. In exchange, he or she pays only a low rent or utility costs — or sometimes nothing.

Project Home Share, administered by Child and Family Services Inc., a private, non-profit organization based in Hartford, is not simply a roommate service, however. "You're very careful when you match people, so we've only had one that wasn't ideal," says Susan L. Perkins, the program's coordinator for the Manchester area. "When it dissolved, we were able to find another match."

Before moving in, candidates are screened extensively by Perkins, who checks references from friends, clergymen, employers, and such authorities as the police. And after the move is made, Home Share coordinators monitor the participants by calling on the telephone and visiting.

While Project Home Share helps primarily the elderly, the Family Home Share program helps single parents get off the welfare rolls and into better living situations.

Since last summer, when Family Home Share was introduced to the Manchester area, 24 East-of-the-River families were matched, according to state statistics. "At least three of those were taken out of shelters," she said.

Under the Family Home Share program, the single parents are able to create a schedule so that one of them can work, or look for work, while the other cares for the children, alternating functions at different times of the workday.

But more than providing companionship, one of the nice features of the Project Home Share program in particular is that it often allows participants to stay in their houses, says Perkins.

"Too often the elderly are driven into convalescence homes because they don't have people to do the little things," says Perkins, who is the same Susan Perkins who chairs the school board.

"We haven't had any problems," says Home Share participant Louise Banks. She has been sharing her modest Cape Cod-style home



FOLLOWING UP — Project Home Share Area Coordinator Susan L. Perkins, right, asks Home Share participant Louise Banks about the relationship between Banks and her roommate. Perkins had matched the two together about four months before the interview.

with her roommate for about four months. Before that, she had lived for five years with another woman,

who had to leave for medical reasons.

For Louise, the program means

being able to eat meals with someone, and go for walks, play cards,

and even watch television, an ac-

tivity she described as lonely if done alone.

And she appreciates the fact that she can stay at her home.

But now, Louise is starting to fear that her golden years may not be so golden. Gov. Lowell P. Weicker has excluded Project Home Share from next year's proposed budget, as well as Family Home Share.

The funding for the programs was eliminated along with the funding for most other community-based, pilot programs, according to Gov. Weicker's budget guru, William J. Cibes, the secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.

Louise would prefer that it wasn't cut. "It's a good program, and it shouldn't be done away with," she says.

State Rep. John W. Thompson, D-13th District, agrees. As chairman of the Human Services Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, Thompson is working to reinstate funding for both programs by the time he and his fellow legislators adopt a budget.

"The question is whether we can provide these programs in the budget in some other way," Thompson said. "My intent is to see

them through."

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Family Life

Sharing and building careers in business

Family members enjoy working together

By BRIAN M. TROTTS
Manchester Herald

The family business. The name evokes the image of a Mom and Pop grocery store on the corner of Main and Elm in Anytown, U.S.A.

But family businesses are no longer limited to such small ventures. In Manchester alone, there are many family businesses that no longer fit the traditional image.

Local family-owned businesses include companies operated by husbands and wives, siblings and members of several generations of a family — businesses both large and small, such as Andrew Ansaldo construction company, Carter Chevrolet, Highland Park Market, Tara Metals and Williams Cleaners.

The principals in such companies say that running a business is a tough job, but one that is made easier by having a relative as their partner.

"With family, feelings run deeper in both good times and bad times," said Theodore R. Cummings, owner of Ted Cummings Insurance Agency. "They're more dedicated to the task than someone without that special interest."

Family members involved in a business also know that they only get out of the business what they put into it.

"If I don't work at it, I don't get a check at the end of the week," said Carl Preuss, a member of Bolton's Board of Selectmen and a life-long employee of a family business. "When you're working for someone else, there's not as much pressure to perform."

Preuss said he knows both sides of the equation because he works as both a full-time firefighter in East Hartford and at W.H. Preuss & Sons, the power equipment store started by his grandfather in 1911. Preuss said he has worked at the store with his father and older brother since his early teens.

Preuss said his younger brother and mother also work at the store, but they are not involved on a full-time basis.

Working with relatives can sometimes blur the relationships between husband and wife, parent and child, and employer and employee.

One of the most important aspects of running a successful family venture is leaving your relationships at home, said Cummings, who employs his son Ted T. Cummings and his daughter Terry Bogli.

"I think we all try to put the fact that we're family in the background and stuff any influence in the closet," he

said. While it's important to keep family relationships at home, it's nearly impossible not to bring home at least some of the work.

"When you own a business, no matter how hard you try, you bring your job home with you and your home comes to work with you," said Jack McVeigh, who owns The Bike Shop with his wife Debbie. "But we try to leave the business as much as possible on Main Street."

The McVeighs say that working together has improved their relationship and diminished some of the stress that is brought home from the store.

"A lot of the stress that we might otherwise feel isn't there because we both know what it's like to be down there all day," Debbie McVeigh said.

But balancing relationships between family members is not the only problem for family businesses. The family also has to balance their interaction with the other employees in the business.

Cummings, who employs two other people in addition to his son and daughter in his insurance business, said that it is important to treat everyone equally and focus on the task at hand.

"In our office, a lot of work gets done by a few people," Cummings said. "The other employees are a real significant and important part of this business."

The businessmen said they were thankful that they had the option of not joining the family venture, and have extended the same option to their own children.

Preuss said that as a child, he spent a lot of time at the shop, hanging around when he was younger and working as a teen-ager. But, he said, he was never pushed to work for the company.

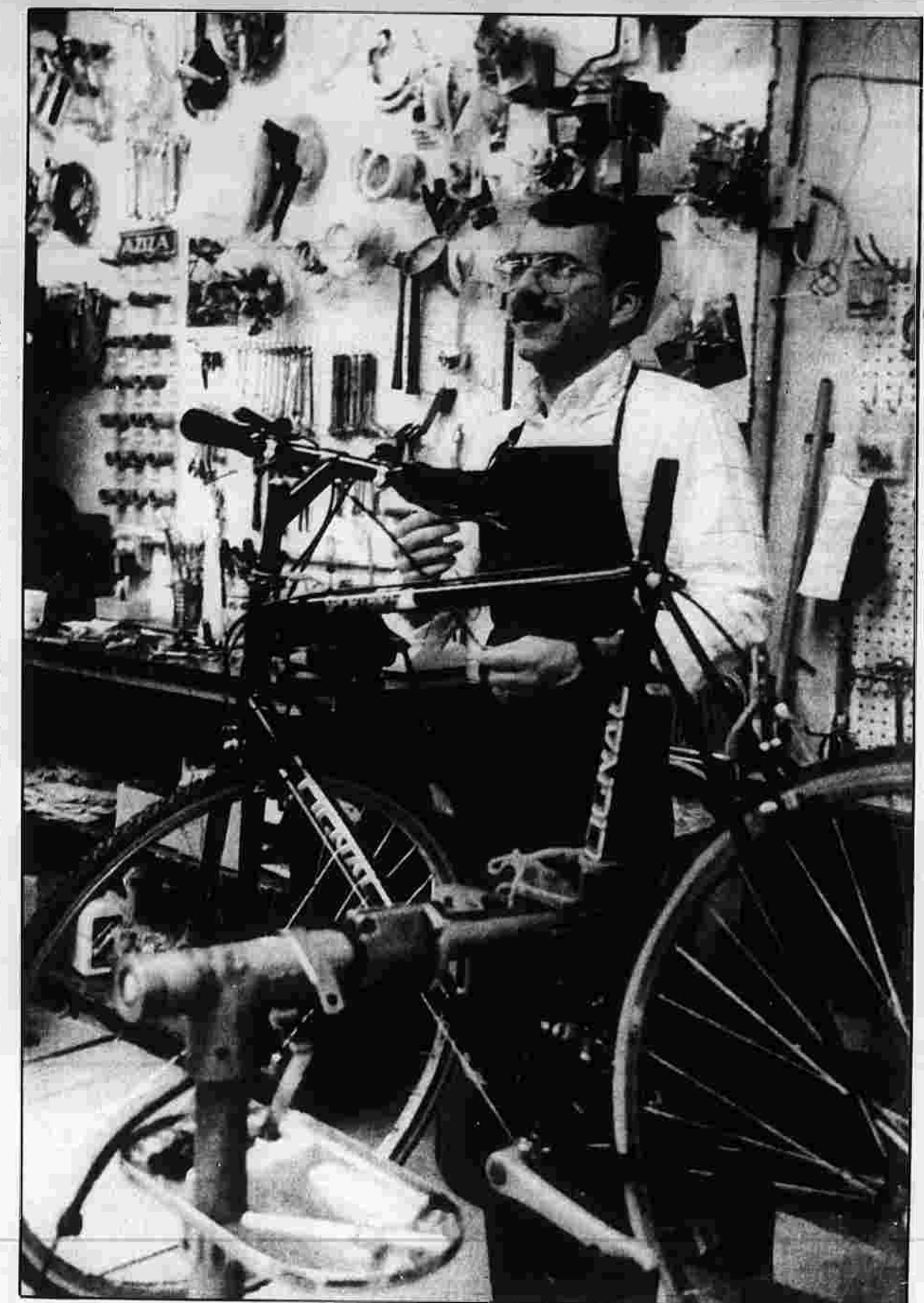
Similarly, Preuss said, his nephew Jim, who is in sixth grade, is becoming interested in the business. Recently, he did a project for a science fair on how small engines work. Preuss said his nephew took apart several old engines at the shop to illustrate the project.

The McVeighs have two daughters, ages 5 and 8, who have been at the shop almost from the time they were born. However, Jack said, he will not encourage them to make a living from the shop.

"There will be opportunities for them to earn money when they get older," McVeigh said. "But do I want them to make a career out of it? No."

Ultimately, despite occasional arguments and disagreements, the family businessmen said they were glad to be working with their relatives.

"Sometimes I wonder if it's all worth it," Cummings said. "But in the end, I know it is."



SPINNING HIS WHEELS — Jack McVeigh works on a bicycle at The Bike Shop in Manchester. McVeigh has run the business with his wife for the past 19 years. He said he concentrates on bike repairs and services while his wife handles the finances.

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Meals

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Friday night — popcorn. It's the only night Ryan and Jordan can stay up past 7:30 to watch TV," Christine said.

Dinner is the meal that brings the whole family together — usually. Gary travels a lot as a sales representative for Ensign-Bickford Industries, Inc. and can't always make it for dinner. But when he can, he enjoys it. "I look forward to home-cooked meals," Gary said.

The Kaisers try to make supper as relaxing and enjoyable as possible.

"At dinner we usually talk about what happened during the day, at school, my day or Gary's at work. We want it to be a pleasant time," said Christine.

Gary admits that he sometimes skips meals on the road, and perhaps even substitutes a pint of ice cream for lunch. That prompts a frown and polite reprimand from his wife. But mostly the couple tries to model good eating habits for their kids.

It would be ideal if all families were as conscientious as the Kaisers, but according to experts, that is not the case. Indeed, America may be raising a couch potato, Twinkie-gobbling generation.

"Eating habits for families have changed remarkably over the past 20 years, and not for the good," says Margo Maine, Ph.D., an associate clinical director of Eating Disorder Service at Newington Children's Hospital.

The two-parent working family or single parent family lifestyle means mealtime is often the only time the whole family is together. Unfortunately, Maine says, that produces a lot of conflict associated with eating — causing increases in



ALL TOGETHER NOW — The Kaiser family in the kitchen of their home, reaping the awards of a summery day in April and a flaming barbecue. From left, are Jordan, 4, Ryan, 7, Gary and Christine Kaiser.

eating disorders such as bulimia and anorexia. Food often becomes a tool of comfort or control for the youngsters.

Maine says that latch-key children are often given high-calorie snacks while watching TV to ease a parent's guilty conscience — to compensate for the parent's absence. But it is very bad to use food as a reward or punishment, Maine says.

Fast food, with its high fat and sodium, as well as unstructured, unbalanced meals, increase the potential of heart disease and soft bones, she says. And that fact that kids are getting less exercise these days is equally serious, for good exercise is inextricably linked to good eating.

Frank Rizza, an elementary school gym teacher at Verplanck for 22 years, says he sees the difference in the condition of youngsters now from ten years ago.

"They are less fit. It shows up when we do our fitness tests. More children are also overweight," Rizza said.

Rizza, who grew up in Manchester, notes a change in lifestyles. "A lot of people are still active in organized sports, but when I was a kid, these fields would be packed after school with kids waiting to get in for pick-up games. Children now seem to be doing less on their own," Rizza says.

He says we may be falling victim to "too much TV and too

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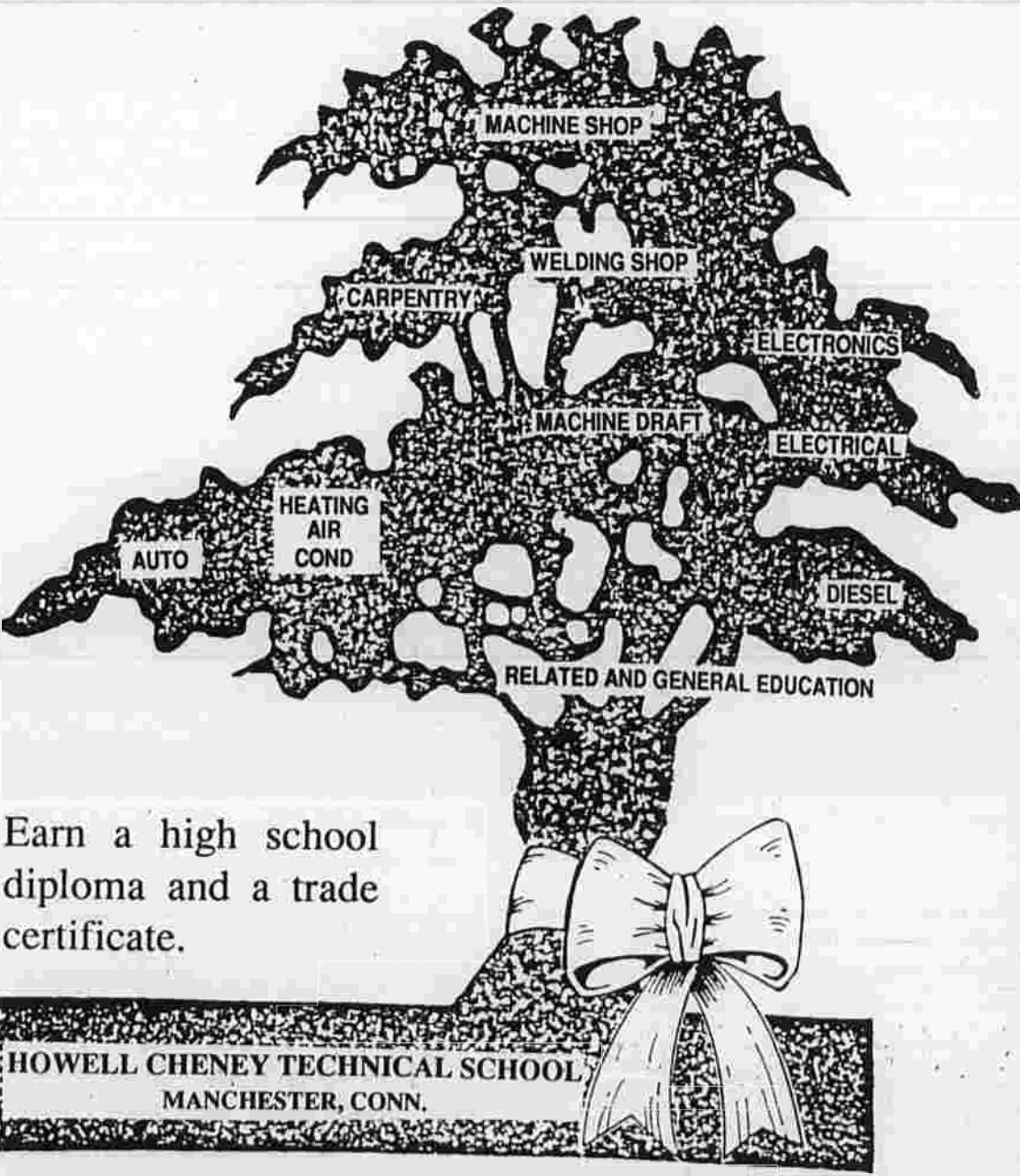
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Family Life

My adventure into the future

Adopted children and the parents who adopt them

By PAULA LENTI
Manchester Herald

I watch as the car is packed with all my belongings: my huge teddy bear, toy box, carriage, toy soldiers, all my little dresses and play clothes.

Where are they going, I wonder? Then, I realize — I too, am going for the ride.

It must have been spring time. I was three and a half years old. I remember the bright sun shining in my eyes as I sat squinting in the front seat be-



THE ADVENTURE Well, back to the ride... we turned into this driveway — what a big house. The house was on a farm. Green pastures and hills stretched out as far as a little girl could see.

We got out of the car, and I see a boy riding a tricycle in the driveway. We said our hellos. Then he said I could ride his bike. When he asked if I wanted to ride it — I hopped right on, of course.

It was an old green tricycle with white tires. I thought, "Wow, I just got out of the car, and this nice boy gives me his bike. What a neat thing!" The

ladies went inside, while I stayed outside with the boy. The boy seemed to know who

twen two women. I must have met them before, because I was not afraid to go with them.

The car started, and we left. It seemed to be a very long ride, but I enjoyed myself. I even got to wear someone's sunglasses, which made me giggle a lot.

All I know was that I was going to stay with some people for awhile, but I don't remember worrying. I also don't remember saying goodbye to anyone, but I must have, because I have other memories before this very special trip.

EARLY MEMORIES When I was very young, I remember lots of kids being around all the time. It was a very happy home. We were a family in my eyes. There was a lot of love in the Foster Home. I stayed with my Foster Family for three and a half years.

I remember my last Christmas together with my Foster Family. They gave me a carriage and some little army men. I still have the very same toy box I had then, the same teddy bear, the same little doll with the scrunchy face. Other memories: A woman with curly hair. She must have been my foster mother. I think she was short.

And I remember a man, who

must have been my foster father. He worked on machinery a lot — things like equipment and cars. At least, that's what I remember.

I also remember a spring or summer day. I was outside in the yard. We had a dirt driveway then and a white house with a good-sized yard.

There were some older boys with dark hair, who I think now must have been the other foster kids. I was the youngest.

And of course, there was my little brown rabbit, who was called Upjohn. He was later sent to me at my new home.

I was. He talked about all the fun he had on the farm, about how his Dad would give him rides on the tractor. He said that I too would get to do things like go on hay rides and play in the hay loft.

He said there were a lot of kids in the neighborhood. He had lots of playmates. And he said there were lots of cousins his age.

And he talked about how he loved Mom's cooking. She made his favorites. And Grampa — Grampa always took him for a ride in his car.

He just started telling me things. I rode around on the

bike, watching the world go round and round. Look at the yard I could play in! And the fields I could go sledding in!

And I had a friend already. The afternoon was flying by as the sun began to fall in the sky.

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Family Life

Paula

From Page 9B

MEETING HER NEW PARENTS

A little later, we were called inside. I met my soon-to-be Mommy and Daddy. We had snacks and talked for a while. Everyone was happy.

Mom had cooked up all kinds of goodies—cookies and cake. Mom was short. She had curly brown hair and wore glasses. Dad was also short (just a little



me for a while and stayed until I was asleep. But sleep didn't last long.

ADJUSTING TO HER NEW LIFE

I cried myself back to sleep that night, and every night for a while. Kevin would lean in the doorway and say, "You're such a cry baby."

He kept telling me how much I was going to like living here. He had gone through the same thing two years before. I'm glad he was around to tell me everything would be alright, because — he was right!

It didn't take long to adjust bit taller than Mom) and skinny. He worked hard on the farm. He had big farmer's hands. I found out that the boy's name was Kevin — and he hadn't always lived here. He had come about two years or so before me. He was adopted too! He was 2-1/2 years older than I was.

By the way, I think they used to match up children to their parents according to looks, at least partially. Maybe I'm wrong, but I ended up looking a lot like my Dad. Kevin looked a lot like my Mom then.



Anyway, the ladies were getting ready to leave. I thought it would be alright to stay — after all, they lived on a big farm, had lots of animals, it would be fun to play with the animals, Kevin was here, and I liked these people. I felt comfortable here.

After the ladies left, I got the grand tour of the farm. I met the animals — the cows, the baby calves, the chickens, the cats and the dog. I met my Uncle John (my father's brother) and the hired men.

We had a big supper together (Mom, Dad, Kevin, Grampa and me). I must have asked a million questions. I wanted to know everything.



After dinner, Mom showed me my room. Wow, I thought, my own room. We put away all my things. I put my pajamas on. Then we went downstairs to watch some TV and have some ice cream (chocolate — my favorite). Pretty soon, it was time for bed. I gave Dad a big kiss and went upstairs with Mom. Kevin came with us.

I didn't want to stay in my room all by myself, even if I did have a night light. Mom read to



because I was lucky to be found by such a wonderful, loving family. I was lucky enough to have a great foster home, one I'll never forget. But now I finally had my very own family — a permanent family. I was surrounded by people who loved me, and isn't that what every child deserves?

About a month later, we (my new Mom and Dad and I) met with some people. They must have been from the adoption agency. They wanted to see how I liked my new family and my



new home and things. I must have given them the okay, because I'm still here! And I'm still that happy little girl, just all grown up now — 25 years later.

A LUCKY GIRL
Adoption, I think, is a wonderful idea. But it takes special people to adopt a child — regardless of the child's age. People who have a lot of love will adopt a child and give them the family and home that everyone deserves.



People who give up a child have a lot of love too. They let that child go so that he or she can have a chance for a good life — maybe better than the one they can offer them. It takes a very strong person to give up a child they may never see again, but also a very caring person, since he or she is putting the child's needs before their own.

POEM TO AN ADOPTED CHILD
*Not flesh of my flesh, nor bone of my bone,
But still miraculously my very own.
But do not forget for a single minute,
You were not born under my heart, but in it.*

(Paula Lent works for the Herald's classified department. She was raised in Manchester and now lives in Coventry.)

I am so thankful I was adopted by such terrific parents. I love them with all my heart, and they are two of the most special people in my life. If it wasn't for their love and courage, I wouldn't be where I am today. My Mom is gone now, and I miss her dearly. Dad and I are very close, as everyone knows. He is my best friend.

This story is dedicated to the happiness my parents have brought to my life and the future they gave me!

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Games kids play



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BOTTOM LEFT — A Little Leaguer taking a swing last summer. For more on kids and sports, see page 4A. **TOP LEFT** — Maura, 6, and Brie Ryan, 9, with their bunnies, Lollipop and Leo, and Katie, their dog. For more on families and pets, see page 8A. **TOP RIGHT** — Toby Schoeneberger of Vernon with her 1-1/2-year-old, Ben, and friend Martin Gosselin, 4, on the carousel in Charter Oak Park in Manchester.

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