

RECORD

About Town

Coventry senior citizens club

The Coventry Senior Citizens Club will meet for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Patriot's Park Lodge. The guest speaker will be Beverly Peters who will speak on Therapeutic Massage. The age limit has been lowered to 55 years and all Coventry Senior Citizens are invited to attend.

MHS 1956 class reunion

Manchester High School Class of 1956 will celebrate its 35th reunion with an informal cocktail party on Friday, October 4 at George's Restaurant Lounge (The Quality Inn), Vernon and a dinner dance on Saturday, October 5 at Manchester Country Club. Invitations will be mailed in June. Organizers are still seeking some addresses. Please call Cynthia, 644-8635, Pat, 647-0725 or Marcia, 875-1476.

Grange Stanley party

The Grange Stanley Party is open to the public. It will begin at 8 p.m. on Wednesday in the Grange Hall, 205 Olcott St. The Stanley Hostess will have door prizes and the Grange will serve refreshments. Grange members are reminded that the business meeting will start at 7 p.m. and items for the auction table and pantry basket.

Republican Women's Club

The Manchester Republican Women's Club will be holding their annual spring luncheon and election of officers at Manchester Country Club on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Officer Stacy Simmons of the Connecticut State Police will be the speaker. Reservations may be made by contacting Mrs. Donna Mercer.

Bridge results

Duplicate bridge games are held three times each week in Manchester. All games are open to the public and bridge players are invited to come with or without a partner. Results from Mon., May 6 were: N-S: 1) Sara Mendelsohn and Eleanor Berggren, 2) Iv Carlsson and Ellen Goldberg, 3) Phyllis Pierson and Peg Dunfield, 4) Bea Boylan and Betty Nigro, E-W: 1) Bev Taylor and Marge Warner, 2) Bev Cochran and Tom Regan, 3-4) Mary Willhide and Frankie Brown, 3-4) Fred Karrove and Dale Harnold. Tue., May 7 results were: N-S: 1) Henry Samuelson and Roman Solecki, 2) Ellen Goldberg and Susan Henry, 3-4) Elaine Healey and Dick Jaworowski, 3-4) Helen and Evy Cross, E-W: 1) Linda Starr and Don Weeks, 2) David Benjamin and Clayton Parker, 3) Jaf Chaing and Joe Pantoja, 4) Bob Bancker and Hoby Littlefield. Thu., May 9 results were: N-S: 1) Linda Simmons and Peg Arsenault, 2) Jim Baker and Hal Lucak, 3) Diane McCarthy and Peter Griffith, E-W: 1) Mary Murphy and Mary Warren, 2) Mollie Timreck and Peg Dunfield, 3) Edith Boucher and Doris Gorsch.

Recreation News

MANCHESTER — "Clubs for Kids" is a golf program designed for kids aged 12 to 16 who are economically unable to pursue an interest in the sport of golf. The program is a joint effort on the part of the towns of Hartford, East Hartford, and Manchester, with the assistance of the Connecticut Section PGA. The program provides equipment, lessons, and free golf for all participants. The program will begin in July and continue throughout the summer. Registration for this program will take place at the Mahoney Recreation Center, 110 Cedar St., May 15 to 30 from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information call Elizabeth Mielcarz, assistant recreation supervisor, at 647-3166 after 3 p.m.

School Notes

Mock trials finalists
MANCHESTER — Students in Ms. Cerrina's Law in American Society Class at Manchester High School recently participated in Mock Trials sponsored by the Connecticut State Department of Education. The team from Manchester emerged among the six finalists. They received awards on Law Day, May 1. The program gives students the opportunity to experience the justice system first hand.

In Memoriam

In sad and loving memory of Ian G. Wright, who passed away on May 14, 1988.
On this day you are remembered
In a very special way
God saw the road was getting rough
The hills were hard to climb
We think of you every day
And make no outward show
Of what it means to lose you
No one will ever know
To others a part of the past
To some you may be forgotten
But to us who loved you dearly
Your memory will always last.
His Wife, Daughters,
Son-in-Law and Grandsons

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Coleman Bros. shows return

MANCHESTER — A number of changes will greet visitors to Coleman Bros. Shows when the Connecticut-based carnival opens its booths and starts its rides today, according to the midway's sponsors, the Manchester and East Hartford Lions Clubs. The carnival is located at the Manchester Parkade.

Coleman Bros.' 1991 Manchester engagement will begin tonight and continue through Sunday night. The midway will open weeknights at 6 and at noon on Saturday and Sunday. Fun-seekers will be able to purchase discount ride coupon books throughout the week. The sponsors are also planning other special promotions, including a "pay-one-price" wristband night.

Carnival president Bob Coleman Sr. said the show's six-day engagement will feature a number of new rides, together with many familiar favorites — a blend he describes as "classic carnival entertainment," a formula which has enabled the amusement enterprise to endure and prosper for 76 years.

New features on the carnival midway this year include the "Ring of Fire" and "Sea Ray" thrill rides, both of which, according to Coleman, "challenge a rider's senses and courage." The "Ring of Fire" accommodates patrons aboard futuristic cars that revolve inside a 60-foot-high vertical steel ring illuminated by over 4,000 computer-controlled lights.

Local Briefs

Springtime craft fair slated

MANCHESTER — Over 40 craftsmen will participate in the 17th Annual Springtime Professional Craft Fair on Saturday at Center Congregational Church. The fair, sponsored by Senior Girl Scout Troop 2, will be held outdoors on the church lawn, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The directors are scheduled to act on the request for the waiver at their meeting at 7 tonight in the hearing room of the Lincoln Center.

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Entitled "Legendary Connecticut," the storytelling program has been acclaimed by historical societies, civic organizations, libraries and educational groups all over the state, while Phillips has been praised in the press as "a cross between Charles Kuralt and Vincent Price" and as "Connecticut's Asop and Uncle Remus." The program is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Arbors of Hop Brook.

Emeritus Professor of English at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic, Phillips taught courses in American literature, New England studies and folklore from 1962 to 1990, when he retired. From his students' field collections and other sources, he developed an archive of Connecticut folklore and oral history, now part of the Beth Center for Connecticut Studies and the John Hopkins University.

Renbrook athletes awarded

Chris Postorero and Erin Corbett of Manchester and Lauren Spostito of Bolton, students at Renbrook School, West Hartford, have received awards for their performance this winter in the Renbrook Upper School sports program.

Bryant College dean's list

Kimberly Schuberl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schuberl, 49 Joseph St., Manchester, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Bryant College, Smithfield, R.I.

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Facilities Committee, Highland Park School, 7 p.m.
Board of Directors Comment Session, Municipal Building, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday
Zoning Board of Appeals, Community Hall, 7 p.m.
Friday
School Referendum, Community Hall, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Coventry
Wednesday
School Building Cmte., Coventry H.S., 7:30 p.m.
Conservation Comm., Town Off. Bldg., 7:30 p.m.
Insurance Advisory Cmte., Town Off. Bldg., 7:30 p.m.
Veteran's Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday
Veteran's Appreciation, Town Off. Bldg., 7:30 p.m.
Hebron
Wednesday
Historical Dist. Cmte., Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Personnel Appeals Board, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday
Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.
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Lottery

Here are the latest lottery results from around New England:
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Pick Three: 2-5-3. Pick Four: 1-4-4-6.
Rhode Island
Daily: 8-8-4-5.

Weather

Partly cloudy

Here is tonight's weather for the greater Manchester area: Partly cloudy. Light northeast wind. Low 50 to 55. Wednesday, mostly sunny. High 75 to 80.
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LOCAL/REGIONAL

Housing waiver ruling due

By RICK SANTOS
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — If the Board of Directors agree to waive a payment of almost \$21,000 owed by the Bennett Housing Corp., the corporation can pay \$15,500 in bills and will still have at least \$5,500 to pay to the town.

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Wood carvings fly high

By HAROLD C. SHAYER
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — The artist carefully arranges the birds on the patio table, preparing them ready for the camera. All three have been baited as masterpieces.

And the smallest, a miniaturized ruffed grouse, is world-renowned. It appears momentarily frozen in time, ready to suddenly spring off of its hand-carved perch.

The bird sculpture captured first place last month at the world bird-carving championship held in Ocean City, Md. The competition, the largest in North America, was sponsored by the Ward Foundation, whose purpose is to preserve the art of wildlife carving.

Its creator, Gary Gentileore of 155 Griswold Road, is no stranger to winning competitions. In 1986, his full-sized grouse sculpture placed second. In 1987 a mourning dove carving placed third. But it was the miniature that yielded the biggest prize.

"It took 300 hours to create," said Gentileore, "much of the [it] in the final stages...creating the feathers."



Harold C. Shayer/Manchester Herald

Pictured is Gary Gentileore's world champion wood carving of a miniature ruffed grouse.

Gentileore taught himself the intricate art of wood carving.

"Maybe it's an inherited talent...maybe one of my ancestors was a sculptor in ancient Rome," he said.

Truck needed for event

MANCHESTER — They've got the bands, buses and bagpipes lined up; now all that's needed for an event celebrating the return of Patriot Air Force Base is a truck and a few troops.

Members of an ad-hoc committee, which has been planning Manchester Day at Westover Air Force Base, a day-long welcome-home celebration for troops returning to the United States from the Gulf, said Monday that most of their preparations were complete, but they still need a truck to get some of the bands' equipment to the Chicopee, Mass. base.

Manchester Day will be held Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in a hangar that has served as a welcoming station at the base.

The 120-person Manchester High School Concert Band is scheduled to perform from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., but the base does not have any chairs available for the group.

Thus, the band must bring its own chairs. The problem, said Town Director Thomas Ryan, who serves as co-chairman of the committee, is that they have no way to get the chairs and the band instrument up to the base.

Committee members have contacted several truck rental companies about donating a truck to move the chairs and equipment, but so far have been unable to get permission from any of the companies because of insurance concerns. Ryan said that if a truck can not be found, only the 22-person jazz band will be able to perform.

In addition to the high school band, the Bennett Junior High School band will play at the base from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and several file and drum corps have said they will play from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Also, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Color Guard will be at the base from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The committee has arranged for several buses to take people from Manchester to Chicopee. The buses will leave from the Manchester High School parking lot at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. and return from Westover at 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person.

Officials at Westover Air Force Base said this morning that there will be at least one flight of troops returning to the base on Thursday. An L-1011 loaded with more than 200 personnel is scheduled to land at the base at 3 p.m. Officials said the schedule is subject to change.

Base officials said that some of the troops on board will be from the 173rd Medical Company, which is based at Westover. Also scheduled to be on the flight are 142 members of the 619th Transportation Company which was deployed out of Ft. Devins, Mass.

THE MAY SALE

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THE MAY SALE

MANCHESTER — They've got the bands, buses and bagpipes lined up; now all that's needed for an event

Pratt lays off over 800

EAST HARTFORD (AP) — Union leaders at Pratt & Whitney said the layoffs of more than 800 hourly employees from the company's Connecticut operations were unnecessary.

These layoffs are infuriating because they are based on corporate greed, not need," said Andrew Romegialli, directing labor representative for District 91 of the International Association of Machinists.

Pratt & Whitney on Monday laid off 837 hourly workers, speeding up reductions in its work force because of a downturn in the commercial jet engine business.

The layoffs will reduce by about 3.5 percent Pratt & Whitney's Connecticut work force, which stood at 24,500 the end of April, the company said.

A division of United Technologies Corp., Pratt & Whitney had announced last August a plan to eliminate 4,000 positions by the end of 1993 because of the decline in defense spending.

The company said at the time it hoped to carry out most of the reductions through attrition and retirement.

But in February, the company said it would have to

speed up the plan because of a decline in the commercial jet engine business. The announcement was followed in March by 300 layoffs in Connecticut and 55 at a P&W facility in West Palm Beach, Fla.

In addition to the layoffs in Connecticut, 45 employees at a P&W plant in Columbus, Ga., received layoff notices Monday, said Mary Ellen Jones, a company spokeswoman.

All of the layoffs take effect May 27, she said.

Pratt & Whitney officials said business conditions will determine if there have to be more layoffs.

"We can't say for sure yet if this is the end," Jones said.

But union leaders at Pratt & Whitney said the layoffs were needless. Romegialli said increased subcontracting work by Pratt was partly to blame for the loss of jobs.

Pratt & Whitney has said companies like it can't survive without subcontracting less-technical work to save money and remain competitive in the global marketplace.

Pratt & Whitney once relied on defense contracts for about 35 percent of its business, but has been trying to shift more work to the commercial side.

CL&P increases fought

HARTFORD (AP) — The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities challenged proposed increases by Connecticut Light & Power Co., saying the hikes would overburden local budgets.

CL&P, a subsidiary of Northeast Utilities, wants to collect \$228 million more revenue a year by raising various rates it charges residential, business and municipal customers for electricity.

The CL&P case is pending before state utility regulators. A decision by the Public Utilities Control Authority is expected in late June.

As proposed, increases in six municipal-related rates would range from 9 percent for street-lighting to 15.25 percent for small municipal

buildings and 13.5 percent for large schools.

The burden is particularly unfortunate in light of the severe budgetary constraints under which most Connecticut municipalities are operating," Michael Lawson, director of intergovernmental finance for the conference, said Monday.

CL&P has recommended a rate structure that would distribute the overall increase to minimize the effect on manufacturing, as required by recent state law.

Lawson urged regulators to base rates instead on what utility studies show is the cost of providing service. The change would cut more than \$1 million from the \$10 million increase proposed for municipalities.

The utility filed the cost-of-service studies as part of the rate case. Using those calculations, electric rates for street-lighting actually would drop 9 percent from current levels, and the increases in other rates would be less than 10 percent, Lawson said.

The 26 municipalities participating in the case are Andover, Beacon Falls, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Canton, Coventry, Danbury, Durham, East Windsor, Farmington, Groton, Ledyard, Manchester, Mansfield, Monroe, New Canaan, New Fairfield, North London, North Stonington, Oxford, Southbury, Southington, Thomaston, Waterbury, Waterstown and Westfield.



READY FOR THE FAIR — Manchester residents Teri Tamatis, left, and Sandy Bottolico look at some crafts that will be part of the 17th Annual Springtime Crafts Fair, sponsored by Girl Scout Troop #2, on Saturday, May 18, at the Center Congregational Church in Manchester.

Wesleyan student charged

MIDDLETOWN (AP) — A Wesleyan University student has been arraigned on charges in last year's firebombing of the school president's office.

Kofi Taha, 20, of the Bronx section of New York City, was arraigned Monday in Superior Court in Middletown. He was arrested Saturday after being stopped for a routine traffic violation, police said. He was charged with third-degree arson, conspiracy to commit first-degree criminal mischief, manufacture of bombs and first-degree criminal mischief.

Taha, the second suspect charged in the attack, is on leave from Wesleyan, where he is a junior, said Bobby Wayne Clark, a Wesleyan spokesman. He has not attended classes at the school since completing his sophomore year in 1990.

Superior Court Judge Thomas V. O'Keefe on Monday reduced Taha's bond to \$35,000, from \$50,000. He had been held since his arrest shortly after 11 p.m. Saturday, and remained in custody late Monday.

Another bond hearing was scheduled for next Monday. "It is painful that a student has been charged with this crime, so we have mixed feelings," said Clark about the latest arrest. "This was a difficult and injurious episode in Wesleyan history."

The firebombing occurred early in the morning of April 7, 1990, when three Molotov cocktails were thrown through a window in the office of Wesleyan President William M. Chace, causing \$20,000 damage. No one was injured.

Sudhama Ranganathan, 18, whose late father was a faculty member at Wesleyan, pleaded guilty in March to state and federal arson charges in the attack.

In his federal plea agreement, Ranganathan admitted he helped a campus group that wanted to inflict economic damage on the elite private college in Middletown to protest the university's position on minority issues.

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Marine convicted in killing

PARRIS ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — A Marine recruit from Pennsylvania charged with killing another recruit was convicted of involuntary manslaughter during a court martial.

Pvt. Troy R. Uzmaek, 18, of Tarentum, Pa., was sentenced Monday to a dishonorable discharge, two years in jail and forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

During an argument Jan. 31 Uzmaek fatally struck 18-year-old recruit Chad E. Skog on the right side of the head. Skog, of Vernon, Conn., died four days later from brain injuries suffered from the blow, officials said.

Uzmaek was found innocent of a charge of unpremeditated murder. That is a more serious offense than involuntary manslaughter under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island said in a statement.

The argument between the two recruits occurred the day before they were scheduled to graduate from boot camp.

Both recruits were assigned to Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion at Parris Island.

Uzmaek was not allowed to graduate, but Skog was administratively graduated and ceremoniously promoted to private first class by Parris Island commanding officer Maj. Gen. Jarvis D. Lynch Jr.



SCIENCE FAIR — Keeney School first-grade teacher Barbara Hooker and her class look at an exhibit at a science fair at the school recently.

Cop treated for rabies

GREENWICH (AP) — A Greenwich police officer whose face was splattered with blood after he shot an apparently ill raccoon is undergoing treatment for rabies.

Jeffrey Eccles killed the possibly rabid raccoon with a single shot Friday as it charged at another officer, police said.

Although he was not bitten by the animal, Eccles is undergoing the treatment as a precautionary measure because blood from the raccoon splashed onto his face and left eye, police said.

The rabies treatment is normally used only on people who have been bitten by an animal suspected of having the disease, which attacks the nervous system and is virtually always fatal if untreated.

The raccoon was first spotted at about 5:30 p.m. Friday on a patio, police said. When Eccles arrived, he confirmed that the animal appeared to be sick, and "not in a normal state of mind" according to a police report.

Officer Mark Larobino then arrived with a .22-caliber pistol. When the police department must destroy an animal, officers use small caliber weapons, said Capt. Paul Keegan Jr. The raccoon charged at Larobino and appeared to be about to attack him, police said.

Larobino said he shot the raccoon three times, with little effect.

BRIDES '91

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FAMILY

Shyness: acquired trait, or in the genes?

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Four-month-old David frowned warily at first when an orange and red plastic bear bounced on a spring 2 feet from his blond head. Then slowly his face crumpled into a gargoyle snarl. He howled and stretched his back and thrashed his tiny arms and legs.

Newness and uncertainty, the things that make life interesting for many, are clearly painful to David. Even though his time on Earth has hardly begun, a psychologist who watched his heart-rending reaction is quite certain what lies ahead:

"David will probably grow up to be painfully shy, the kind of person who would rather have a root canal than strike up a conversation with a stranger."

"I'm afraid he will remain vulnerable to being anxious when things get out of his control," said Jerome Kagan. "He may be an investment banker or a fighter pilot or anything else where there is likely to be risk and uncertainty. He'll have close friends, but he won't be the life of the party."

In his lab at Harvard University, Kagan has videotaped how David and hundreds of other infants deal with funny noises, odd smells, weird toys and strangely dressed grownups. What he sees leads him and other psychologists to believe that the seeds of extreme shyness and caution are already sown at birth and probably lie within the genes.

Babies like David seem clearly uneasy in many ways. They have easily excitable, revved up nervous systems. Even at 2 weeks of age, their hearts beat faster during sleep than other babies'. By 9 months, the pattern of brain waves inside their heads is distinctly different.

In new situations, their blood pressures are more likely to rise, their pupils to dilate and their vocal cords to tense. They tend to get hay fever. Often they vocalize differently. The very shy are more likely to have thin faces, slender builds and blue

eyes.

Scientists believe that by observing how youngsters act and how their bodies work, they can pick out the ones who are predisposed — though not absolutely destined — to become shy and timid teenagers and adults.

"We think we can go back and select the behavioral patterns that reflect the earliest temperamental origins of shyness," said psychologist Nathan Fox of the University of Maryland. "We also think we can nail down the interaction between those temperamental patterns and brain activity."

Kagan, the pioneer in this field, calls this inborn tendency "temperamental shyness." Not all shy people have it. For instance, this category does not include youngsters who turn shy as they get older, usually after age 4, because of some disagreeable experience: They stutter; they are homely; they can't play baseball. These children often fall quiet with strangers, but they are not unusually afraid of things.

"Temperamentally shy youngsters, however, are restrained and inhibited in all unfamiliar situations."

"These are children for whom the first reaction to every new food, every new stranger, every new place, every new smell is to push it away," said Stella Chess, a child psychiatrist at New York University Medical Center. "If you give them a new food, it dribbles out the side of their mouths. If they come to a new place, they hide behind the person who brought them."

Kagan estimates that 20 percent of middle-class white American children — the only ones he has studied — are born temperamentally shy.

At age 4 months, these babies fuss at almost any unexpected diversion. They arch their backs, flex their arms and legs and generally act worried at the sight of a galaxy colored mobile or a whiff of alcohol on a cotton swab. They also sleep poorly at

night, take short naps and are often irritable during their first eight or nine months.

In their second year of life, these youngsters are timid. They cling to their mothers around strangers, dislike noisy toys and are uneasy about anything out of the ordinary, such as an unfamiliar house or a new nursery school. If separated from their parents, they may be inconsolable.

As they grow older, they are often reserved and quiet with other children. Many are haunted by lingering fears of such bugsaboo as being kidnapped or eaten by large animals.

However, the inborn tendency does not mean babies will unfailingly grow up to be withdrawn. Many learn to cope with their condition and even overcome it. Though they will never be gregarious back-slappers, they will not be cringingly bashful, either. Kagan said that by age 8, about 10 percent of all children are still excessively introverted, and by age 20 only about 5 percent are this way.

"That doesn't mean they have lost the temperamental quality," said Kagan. "It just means that they've lost the external demeanor of being shy."

Extreme shyness appears to run in families. But experts believe the trait is under the control of several genes, and inheritance patterns are extremely complicated. This is why bashful brothers can have gregarious sisters.

Psychologist Robert Plomin of Pennsylvania State University, who studies shyness in twins, said, "Studies suggest that shyness is the most heritable component of personality."

Perhaps 50 percent of shyness is inherited, he estimates, while the rest might result from factors including childhood experiences and even the effects of maternal hormones while pregnant.

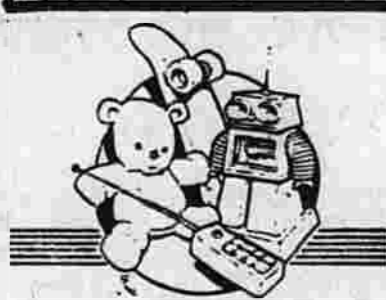
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Books help parents

Dear Parents: Once in a while I'm tempted to alter this column's regular letter-response format when there is an opportunity to deal with important matters that worry many of you.

One of them is the turmoil and frustration that bring stress to parents when their kids reach the teen years. That's nothing new, of course, but the kinds of pressures do differ from generation to generation.

When a lot of us were young, drugs, teen pregnancy and health dangers of smoking weren't in the picture, or at least not talked about as much as they now are.



Our Children

Times have changed. That's why it often pays for today's parents to keep up with present family irritants unknown (or unrecognized) in the past. That's also the reason to alert you to new sources of help to add to dependable older ones, like the writings of Haim Ginott and Thomas Gordon.

Here are two current ones that might be useful to you.

The first is a book titled "You and Your Adolescent" by Laurence Steinberg and Ann Levine. Its coverage is indicated by its subtitle, "A Parent's Guide for Ages 10-20."

It is packed with practical guidelines that aim toward closing in on many of the nagging issues that parents may face sometime during their children's adolescent years.

In sections devoted to age groups 10 to 13, 14 to 17, and 18 to 20, the authors deal with topics like these:

— The Basics — What makes a good parent: family communication and problem-solving; today's families (working mothers, divorce, single parents, and stepfamilies).

— The 10- to 13-year-olds: Helping your adolescent cope with puberty; health issues like diet, exercise, sexuality (including feelings and fantasies; homosexuality; pornography; abuse, rape and masturbation); alcohol, drugs and cigarettes; right and wrong; independence; peer and parent pressures and cliques; school issues.

— The authors are equally direct and detailed when they write about other teen-age groups. Here are a few examples of their thoroughness:

— During the 14-to-17 years: Problem behavior (sexual acting out, defiance, delinquency, running away, truancy, and what to do about them); dating, drug and alcohol abuse; date rape, AIDS and teen pregnancy; the school and work scene.

— The young adult (18- to 20-year-olds): Independence ("Why don't you call/write?"; "pure strings, where to live); relationships; parent/grown child friendships.

— This book's extensive index lists a multitude of topics, from "Abandonment, by divorced parents" and "Abstinence, sexual" to "Weight," "Work" and "Worries."

The second book also stresses some practical issues that concern many families, and may result, sometimes unnecessarily, in tension or conflict. Its title tells the "story" — "Surviving Adolescence or Growing Up Oughta Be Easier Than This!" Its author is Jim Burns.

Its two parts emphasize (1) the importance of a person's self-image and (2) friendships, sex, dating, parent-teen relationships, GHQ (garbage in/garbage out influences of some rock music, movies and television), and decisions regarding drugs and alcohol. Its religious orientation may have a special appeal for some of you.

Both books are, or soon will be, available in many bookstores and libraries.

As other resources that may help smooth the sometimes turbulent teen years come to my attention, I'll share them with you. So stay tuned.

Weddings, engagements and anniversaries

Wlochowski brothers to wed

Rocco and Rosalie Pugliese of Fairfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Joan Lauren Pugliese, to Jason B. Wlochowski, son of Robert and Marion Roeger of Champaign, Ill. announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Lynne Roeger, to Aaron Michael Wlochowski.

Both Wlochowskis are the sons of Michael and Jane Wlochowski of 94 Cambridge St., Manchester.

Joan is a 1987 graduate of Notre Dame High School, Fairfield, and will graduate with a bachelor of science degree in medical technology from Central Connecticut State University this May.

Jason is a 1984 graduate of Manchester High School and will receive his bachelor of science degree in biology from Central Connecticut State University this May.

He is presently employed as a marketing and research technician at Cadbury-Schweppes, Trumbull.

Joan and Jason plan a May 30, 1991 wedding at Holy Cross Church in Fairfield.

Michelle is a 1986 graduate of Kennebunk High School, Kennebunk, Maine and received a bachelor of science degree in management from Bentley College, Waltham, Mass. in 1990. She is currently employed as a district sales manager with Preston Trucking, Billerica, Mass.

Michelle and Aaron plan an Oct. 26, 1991 wedding at St. Rose Church, East Hartford.

Akins-Bumsch

Col. Robert E. Akins, USMC Ret., of Ashford, announces the engagement of his daughter, Carleen I. Akins to Walter A. Bumsch, son of Aurel and Catherine Bumsch of Manchester. The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late Ruth W. Akins.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Central Connecticut State University with a bachelor of science in education. She is a trainer with the Connecticut State Police.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of the University of Hartford with a bachelor of science degree in business administration-management and a master's degree in business administration, corporate finance-investments. He is a customer support analyst with NCR Corporation.

A Sept. 21, 1991 wedding is planned at St. Philip Church, Ashford.

Osterlund-Lent

Rene and Raymond Osterlund of French Road, Bolton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Osterlund, to Jeffrey Lent, son of Susan Lent of Vernon and the late David Lent.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Bolton High School and is employed by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Rockville High School and is employed by MQS Inspection.

An April, 1992, wedding is planned at South United Methodist Church, Manchester.

Greene-Burkhard

Clinton N. and Barbara A. Greene of 61 Dele Road, Manchester, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellen Joan Greene of Clinton Park, N.Y., to William E. Burkhard of Albany, N.Y., son of William and Mary L. Burkhard of Delmar, N.Y.

The bride-elect is a 1988 graduate of Siena College, Buffalo, N.Y. She is presently a graduate student in environmental toxicology at the State University of Public Health.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1981 graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo, N.Y. He is a data processing manager at Community Hospital of Scobee County, N.Y.

A June 29, 1991 wedding is planned in the chapel at Siena College.

Cote anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Emile J. Cote celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 16, 1991. They were married in Bridgeport and have lived in Manchester for the past 38 years.

Both are retired from United Aircraft Corp. To honor the anniversary the family attended church services at St. James Church, followed by a family celebration for the couple at the Adams Mill Restaurant.

The couple has two daughters, Margaret C. Gabbett and Marilyn C. Darway, and two grandchildren, Elizabeth and Mary Gabbett. All live in Atlanta, Ga.

Greene-Schaller

Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Farr of 29 Elizabeth Drive, Manchester, announce the engagement of their daughter, Felicia Marie Farr, to James Arthur Schaller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Schaller of Newington.

The bride-elect is a graduate of East Catholic High School. She is employed by Lynch Motors Inc., Manchester.

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OPINION

Open Forum

Plan short-term

To The Editor:
 Everyone — CASE, TNT, and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges — agree that something must be done to fix our schools. We must either approve the current building project on May 17, or a different one, later on. The Board of Education has designed a \$9.4 million building project. TNT members say they can get the job done for only \$5 million. Sounds good, doesn't it? But there's a catch. Their proposal, according to their own description, only deals with the needs of the school system until 1997.

That's right. Their \$5 million plan would be outdated only 3 years after it's completed. After spending \$5 million now, in 1997, they say, we would have to start building again. Compare this to the Board of Education plan, which doesn't even cost twice as much, and will last over five times longer.

Think about this, people of Bolton. Which plan is ultimately going to cost us more?

Laurie L. Spooner
 192 Bolton Center Road
 Bolton

Vote no May 17

To The Editor:
 Letter to Bolton Voters: Vote NO!

In just a few days Bolton is having a referendum on the slightly revised school building project which was defeated in January. On Friday, May 17, from 6 to 8 p.m., the people must go to the polls and defeat this expensive project again.

Our town is in trouble!
 Our state is in trouble!
 Our country is in trouble!

What is causing this trouble? Spending! Spending — excessive spending on all levels. When we spend beyond our means we put our personal resources in jeopardy. Perhaps excessive spending is affordable for some; however, for those that are less well situated it can become punishing and detrimental.

Moderation should be exercised and spending kept within reasonable limits. If we, as adults, fail to set standards of reason, we set a poor example for our young people.

It is reasonable to abandon a school which has a new roof and has already had the asbestos removed; and which is itself a structurally sound building? Is it reasonable to replace it with a new building twice as large?

If you have any doubts about this, vote NO, and urge all your friends and neighbors to vote no.

Bob Mortenson
 922 Boston Turnpike
 Bolton

Vote for others

To The Editor:
 After attending the last two public hearing sessions regarding the budget, and particularly the Board of Education budget, we feel that it is imperative we must offer some criticisms to the Manchester Board of Directors. We greatly admire the education of the young people has become such a political issue. All of us, no matter what our political persuasion, need to give children the most comprehensive education that they can receive in order to insure the safekeeping of our future.

It seems that some of the Board of Directors do not consider the children as much as they do their own public persona. We urge voters to remember that the next election and to remind these elected officials that they serve the varied interests of the people, not themselves. In the debate over difficult choices; judgment, not politics should prevail. If these present Directors will not be the guardians to protect our youth and their future, others can and will be elected to take their place.

Virginia S. and Craig W. Schneider
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OMB head crying 'foul'

WASHINGTON — One of the unwritten laws of Washington is: Don't make enemies or pick fights if you don't have to. To the Bush White House, from Chief of Staff John Sununu on down, seems to blithely ignore this rule.

The latest dust-up pits Office of Management and Budget Director Richard Darman against some powerful House Democrats. At issue is the \$12.2 billion — that's billion with a "B" — Dire Emergency Supplemental Appropriation recently enacted by Congress to make changes in the fiscal 1991 federal budget.

At the last minute, Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., moved some money from one budget account to another. Foul, cried the bean counters at OMB. They said that under the complex budget rules Rostenkowski could not do this, and despite the total dollar amount of the bill not changing, the action actually made one account exceed the so-called budget cap by \$7.4 million.

That set off a round of wrangling between OMB and the Hill. It finally came down to OMB admitting that it was wrong about the amount. In fact, OMB asserted, the budget cap was exceeded by only \$2.4 million — in a \$182.9 billion budget.

Budget Director Darman could simply have let the matter rest. Another \$2.4 million hardly matters in a year when the deficit will approach, or even exceed, \$350 billion. But Darman has decided to play fiscal hardball.

Under law, he has the power to order a "sequester" when the budget cap is exceeded. This is an equal-amount, across-the-board cut in all discretionary spending categories. He ordered \$2.4 million sequestered from the current year's spending.

Now, it is important here to trust the first television accounts of the Washington Post's attack on John Sununu. They reported the Post's charge that Sununu had used military jets for political and private trips. But, perhaps because they hated to spoil a good story, they failed to add, as the Post did, that a presidential spokesman had cited a White House policy, announcing the Bush administration, that requires chiefs of staff to use military planes in order to remain in secure contact with the White House at all times.

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Austria seeks renewal

By JACK ANDERSON and DALE VAN ATTA

VIENNA, Austria — The people of the Austrian capital city are fed up with being a kind of Disneyland without the rides — a sparkling clean, old-world fantasy village taken seriously only by tourists and movie makers.

In the cataclysmic change across Europe, the Viennese and other Austrians are ready to fight for their place as a wizened middlemen between Western capitalism and the emerging democracies of Eastern Europe.

The person for the job is Austria's Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, a sometimes-socialist who heads a coalition government and has a knack for tapping into the Austrian psyche — a psyche that has been called schizophrenic.

"There is no Austria," one former U.S. ambassador said. "Within the state system, the Austrians are the croles of Europe. Look at the Vienna telephone book. It's like a final exam in Germanic and Slavic pronunciations."

The identity crisis is illustrated by a well-known Austrian "zweidigitler," or ambiguity, a definition made up of jokes and half-statements. For example, the answer to the question of what the future might be for the Viennese: "Every Viennese man has two great ambitions. The first is to be a Vienna Choir boy, and, as he gets older, a Lipizzaner." (Lipizzaner are the royal horses trained at the famous Spanish Riding School in Vienna.)

Some Austrians argue that they are forming a distinct identity. "If you had asked my father whether he felt German or Austrian, he would have found it hard to answer," one Austrian said. "Ask me, and I say, Austrian, of course. But ask my children, and they will not even understand the question. It does not occur to them that they might not be Austrian."

Historians say the terror of the Nazi domination forged a distinct Austrian. Before World War II, the Austrians were heartily supporting Hitler's "Anschluss," or annexation of Austria into the Third Reich. They longed for the power of the old Austria-Hungarian Empire and thought Hitler could bring it back.

But he imprisoned their politicians in concentration camps and made Austria part of an international nightmare.

After the war, internationalism seemed to be the ticket for Austria. Social-Chancellor Bruno Kreisky built a huge and expensive "United Nations city" in Vienna where the UN houses some of its functions.

As Viennese began to collapse, Vranitzky figured out that Austria's previous neutral position between East and West was no longer useful. He began quietly subverting it, and then openly sought membership in the European Economic Community, which would put Austria firmly in the Western camp. Some small European states secretly opposed including Austria because they feared Austria will join with Germany to create a lopsided power base in the EEC.

American and Austrian officials say Vranitzky knows the only future for his country lies in jumping into the Western camp with both feet, and probably trying to make Austria the banking center for Eastern Europeans who want to make it in the West. Vranitzky is busy privatizing banks and businesses that were originally put under state control as a way of keeping the Soviets and others from claiming them as the spoils of World War II.

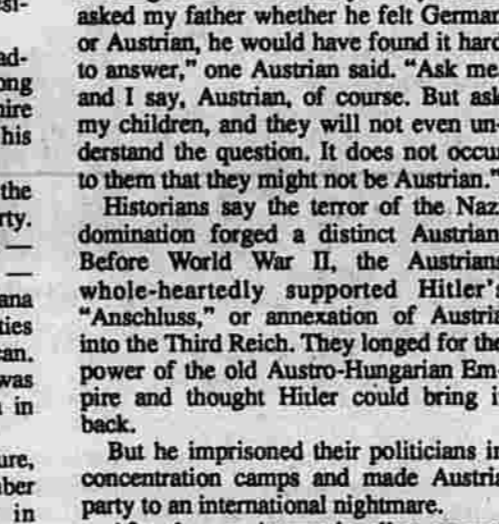
One American diplomat told us that banking may be the only option for Austria. "The country has no other place to go because they are demographically aging and have little industry. There is a limit to music festivals and people who come for chocolate cake and strudel."

There is another, more subtle aspect of the Austrian character that could be useful in the new Europe. Austrians are great negotiators and centralizers. They held together an empire comprising half of Europe for centuries.

Now, at a time when restive Eastern European nations are aching for less totalitarianism, the Austrians could act as networkers. But they must first express their own nationalistic urges. The prime purveyor of those urges is Jörg Haider, leader of the right-wing Freedom Party. This tub-thumper is no Nazi himself, but his party appeals to Aryans, and his anti-immigration platform suggests an exclusionary racism: "Vienna must not become Chicago."

Vranitzky also feels there is danger in letting too many Romanians, Poles, Czechs, Hungarians, Yugoslavians and even Soviets stream into Austria looking for a better life. He has said that it is too expensive for them to survive in Austria.

On the other side of the ledger, Vranitzky has insisted that Austrians should not claim to be the helpless victims of the Nazis who were powerless to stop Hitler when he ran amuck.



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That amounts to an infinitesimally small percentage of the budget. Put another way, it means that for every million dollars spent, about \$13 must be cut. Actually, it also means a great deal of work for every federal department because all salaries and benefits will have to be recalculated. The salary amounts involved? By one calculation, the sequester will probably cost the government about \$100 million. Another calculation says it will face a pay cut of 10 cents a month.

OMB sources acknowledge that the sequester will probably cost the government much more than \$2.4 million since all agencies must reprogram their budgets, refigure their payrolls and reprogram their computers. But OMB says it had no choice: The law is clear, and they wanted to send a message to Congress.

The Hill does not agree. Both the Congressional Budget Office and the Central Accounting Office have issued opinions to the effect that OMB is misfiguring the supplemental appropriations bill and misapplying the law.

Both Rostenkowski and Rep. Jamie Whitten, D-Miss., powerful chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, reportedly engaged over what they see as a political move by Darman aimed at making them look bad.

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Bush commits to global chemical weapons ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Monday offered to destroy all U.S. chemical weapons within 10 years — a global ban on "these weapons of terror," dropping his insistence that a small portion be retained for self-defense.

Bush said he hoped "this initiative will spur other nations to commit themselves equally to this critical objective." Officials conceded that the administration's previous plan to hold back 2 percent of its stockpile had never been a popular one.

In another initiative according to a report in Tuesday

editions of The New York Times, the Bush administration has prepared an arms control plan for the Middle East aimed at eventually ridding the region of weapons of mass destruction, including chemical weapons known to be possessed by Arab countries and nuclear weapons Israel is believed to have.

For the moment, the plan was said to require Israel not to make nuclear material; to bar Arab nations from acquiring them; to remove Arab capability to attack Israel with chemical weapons and to force all parties to give up ballistic missiles with a range of more than 90 miles.

Even though chemical weapons were not used in the Persian Gulf War, Bush said in a statement that the conflict "raised the specter" of a complete and thus underscored the importance of a complete weapons ban. "These stark events renew and reinforce my conviction, shared by responsible leaders around the world, that chemical weapons must be banned — everywhere in the world," Bush said.

Although Saddam Hussein's army clearly possessed such weapons, they were never used against coalition forces.

U.S. officials during the war declined to say whether the allies would use their own chemical weapons in retaliation in the event of such an attack.

The president's decision, to be officially conveyed on Tuesday to arms negotiators in Geneva, ends the U.S. insistence on holding back about 500 tons of chemical weapons, or 2 percent of the current U.S. stockpile, as insurance against a chemical weapons attack.

Bush also called for any remaining differences among the 39 countries negotiating the pact to be resolved this year and for a completed Chemical Weapons Convention to be ready for ratification by next May.

Canyon crash kills 7

GRAND CANYON, Ariz. (AP) — A tourist plane crashed and burned near the Grand Canyon, killing all seven people aboard in the area's third major accident involving sightseeing aircraft in five years, authorities said.

The single-engine plane went down Monday in Kaibab National Forest four miles from the canyon rim, said Bill Pribil, chief sheriff's deputy.

The plane nosed into the ground and exploded, starting a fire that blackened 2 1/2 acres of brush before being brought under control, Whitehead said.

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CANYON CRASH — Officials look over the wreckage Monday evening of a Cessna 207 that crashed at the Grand Canyon. All seven on board the plane were dead at the scene.

Kennedy eyewitness disputes story

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Lawyers for William Kennedy Smith say they were an eyewitness to the alleged rape at the Kennedy compound and that the person saw "absolutely nothing consistent with the accuser's account."

This is the first time the defense has claimed to have a witness who saw the alleged encounter.

The assertion is contained in letters from defense attorney Mark Schnapp protesting plans by police to release their investigative file today. Schnapp complained that the eyewitness' sworn testimony was excluded from a police affidavit supporting the charges against Smith and may not be in the file.

The letters did not identify the alleged witness, and neither Schnapp nor Randall Turk, another of Smith's lawyers, would reveal the person's identity Monday or say why he or she was not mentioned before.

State Attorney David Bludworth refused comment.

A source close to the Kennedy said on condition of anonymity that the witness was neither Sen. Edward Kennedy nor his son Patrick, a Rhode Island lawmaker, who were at the estate at the time of the alleged attack on March 30.

The Boston Herald, citing sources who did not identify, today ruled out waitress Michele Cassone as the witness. Cassone, who was a guest of Patrick Kennedy, had been widely quoted about what went on that night but has never publicly claimed to have seen the incident.

The newspaper said the witness told police well before Thursday, when Smith was charged with

rape, that the encounter was not a rape.

Smith, a 30-year-old medical student and nephew of Sen. Kennedy, has not denied having sex with his 29-year-old accuser but denies having committed a crime.

Police planned to release the more than 1,000-page file Monday but held off after Schnapp protested to Bludworth and town attorney John Randolph that the file, if incomplete, would "seriously impair Mr. Smith's right to a fair trial."

In the nine-page police affidavit released last week, the alleged victim said Smith raped her near the pool after she drove him home from a nightclub. The Jupiter woman said a "ferocious" Smith tackled her and pinned her down. She told police she could not understand why no one in the house heard her screams.

The second plan, a four-engine Electra co-owned by the National Science Foundation and the National Center for Atmospheric Research, will measure airborne particles, air temperature, pressure and humidity.

The effect of the smoke on the weather depends on the properties of the smoke. The scientists will study the effects on cloud formation, changes in radiation reaching the ground, atmospheric chemistry and formation of rain.

For example, the formation of clouds requires nuclei for water to condense on. Whether soot particles from the burning wells produce such particles will be important.

In addition, scientists want to learn how much of the smoke is washed out of the air by rainfall and how far the remainder travels.

During May, the climate in the Persian Gulf region changes from the wetter winter season to dry summer weather.

Antarctic mining decried

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Al Gore, D-Tenn., urged the Bush administration Monday to join other countries in approving an indefinite ban on mining and oil exploration in Antarctica.

"The holdouts — Germany, Japan and the United Kingdom — have all come around," the Tennessee Democrat said. "The U.S. State Department is now isolated in the world community."

Curis Bohlen, who led the U.S. delegation at talks last month in Madrid on environmental protection for Antarctica, told Gore the proposed protocol, including the mining ban, is under consideration within the administration.

"I would hope that in the next few weeks we would have a decision," Bohlen testified before Gore's science subcommittee of the Senate Commerce Committee.

Bohlen, assistant secretary of state for oceans and international environmental and scientific affairs, said he chose to take "a very hard-nosed position" at the Madrid talks among the 26 nations that are consultative parties to the 1959 Antarctic Treaty and 13 nonvoting adherents to the pact.

"We don't believe we should foreclose forever the possibility of a future generation deciding to allow mining in an environmentally sound manner if there is a need for it," Bohlen said.

The draft drawn up in Madrid would allow the treaty signatories to lift the mining ban after at least 50 years have passed, but only if none of the 26 consultative parties objects.

Also testifying at the hearing was polar explorer Will Steger, who urged more support for research both in Antarctica and in the Arctic.

"We must lead a unified, international research and education effort in the polar regions of the world," said Steger, co-leader of an international expedition that crossed Antarctica last year by ski and dog sled.

Kuwait: one giant test tube

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of burning oil wells in Kuwait are providing scientists with a valuable opportunity to conduct hands-on studies of topics ranging from global warming to nuclear winter.

Teams headed by Peter Hobbs of the University of Washington and Lawrence Radtke of the National Center for Atmospheric Research are en route to Kuwait to study the burning wells.

Several hundred oil wells were set ablaze during the war in Kuwait, with black smoke billowing into the air over the region.

Observations and measurements must be made to determine "if anything of major scientific significance is to be learned from this misfortune," Robert Correll of the National Science Foundation, a co-sponsor of the effort, said Monday.

"This is a unique opportunity to gather unprecedented scientific information on the effects of such

added Gilbert M. Grosvenor, president of the National Geographic Society, also a co-sponsor.

While global warming and nuclear winter may seem like opposite sciences, scientists hope to learn about both in the study.

The nuclear winter theory holds that explosions and fires caused by war could throw so much dust into the air that sunlight would be blocked and the planet cooled.

Or, some believe, the planet could be overheated as carbon dioxide and other gases generated from burning fuels such as oil trap the sun's heat in the atmosphere.

The University of Washington's specially equipped Conair C-131A has traveled wherever such smoke plumes exist, ranging from forest fires in the west to volcanoes in Alaska, said university spokesman Bill Cannon. The plane uses special laser beams to detect cloud particles too small to be seen by radar.

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Schools

Despite appearing on School Superintendent James P. Kennedy's list of recommended budget cuts, tuition for four students to attend the performing arts program was not cut by the school board. The parents of those students will be responsible for bringing them to school from the center.

The \$30,000 in cuts to various sports and student activities does not call for the elimination of the entire high school interscholastic sports program. As a result of a compromise between high school and junior high school principals and athletic directors, the reduction will be shared by all three secondary schools.

The cut will affect the number of non-league games, pre-season scrimmages and invitational tournaments for both varsity and junior varsity teams next year. Assistant School Superintendent Wilson E. Deakin Jr. said.

Junior high school varsity teams will play 10 games instead of 12, while junior high school jayvee teams will play eight games instead of 10, Deakin said.

High school teams may also play a reduced non-league schedule next year, he said.

The reduction will leave the sports program with less money to travel to away games and to pay officials and crowd control personnel, he said.

High school clubs will also suffer under the cut. The student council, which sponsors dances and other events at the high school, will have \$4,220 less to work with. Other clubs, whose budgets are much less than the student council's, will also have to do with less next year.

The PROBE program will have 2.5 teachers at its disposal next year, Kennedy was recommending the elimination of an entire position from the elementary school enrichment program.

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React

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Shyness

still in the womb. While precisely what genes do is still a mystery, experts are looking for effects of their influence inside the brain that might account for shyness...

Cellular

Avicé A. Meehan, Weicker's press secretary, said there are "significant dead spots" around the state where the state police radios just don't reach.

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Economy

applying pressure to the central bank to lower interest rates to stimulate sluggish consumer demand.

While home heating oil and natural gas prices continued to fall sharply, the cost of gasoline at the pump rose by 0.2 percent last month, the first monthly gain in gasoline since last November.

Health

would have led to a hospital emergency room. Washington-area hospitals say the emergency room visit could cost \$600 to \$700 or more, including doctor and various tests such as a chest X-ray, blood workup and electrocardiogram.

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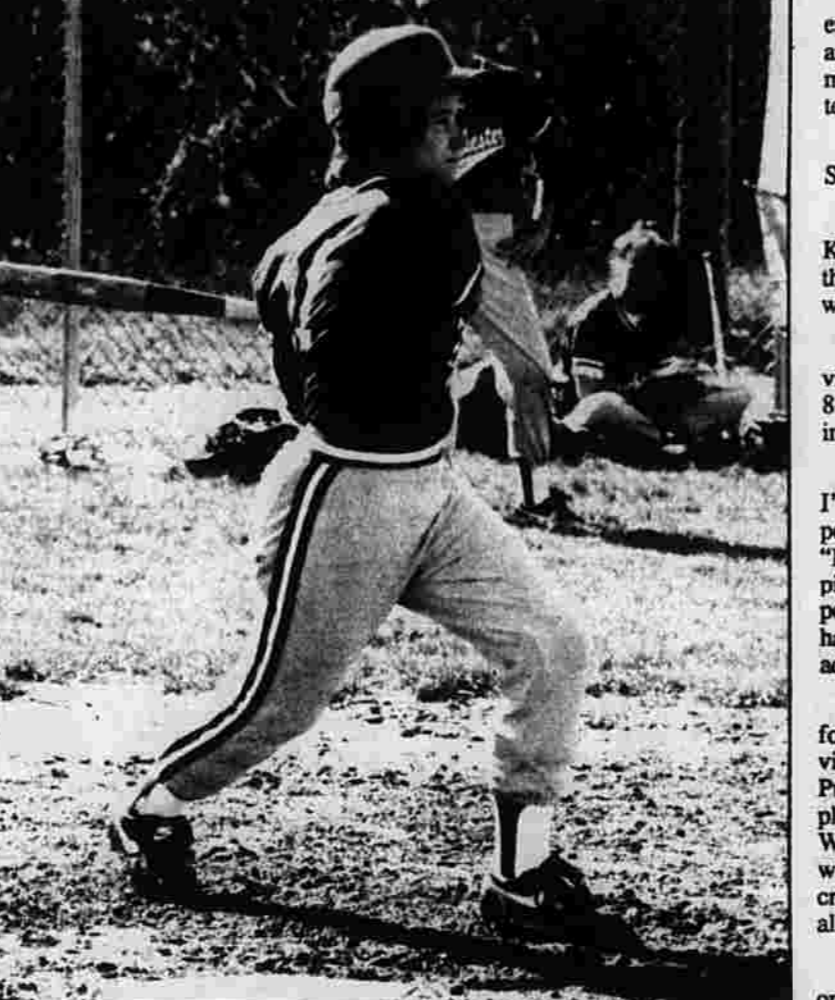
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SPORTS

Brown, Holmes set pace for MHS softball

By LEN AUSTER Manchester Herald Michelle Brown and with good reason, as the Manchester High junior pitcher's sterling effort led the Indians past Windham High, 7-1, Monday afternoon in CCC East action.



WINNING HIT — Manchester High's Julie Holmes delivered a three-run homer in the fourth inning, giving the Indians a 3-0 lead, in Monday's game in Willimantic.

SPORTS

EC's Williams opts for Boston College

By JIM TIERNEY Manchester Herald In the final nine games of the season, Williams averaged better than 18 points a game. His final game was a 28-point performance in a Northeastern and Fairleigh Dickinson game.

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SPORTS

Pistons get major efforts from some ancient warriors

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — They are like ancient warriors, these Detroit Pistons and Boston Celtics. Big, slow and cunning, they battle from memory as much as from muscle.

They have fought one another so many times, in so many important games, there are no surprises. They slam and bang and grind on one another, as they did Monday night, until someone finds the strength and the will to win.

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Yankees execute prophecy

NEW YORK (AP) — A lot has happened since the last time the New York Yankees won a series from the Oakland Athletics.

The Yankees beat the A's 6-3 Monday night to take three of four games in the series. In the process, New York ended a 16-game losing streak to Oakland.

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SCOREBOARD

Softball

Tonight's Games
Zoev vs. AAN, 6—Fitzgerald
Bry vs. Taper, 7:30—Fitzgerald
Eastview vs. Pines, 6—Roberson
Lafayette vs. Lindway, 7:30—Roberson
Meadowdale vs. Pines, 6—Roberson
Pines vs. Eka, 7:30—Peters
Northview vs. Westview, 6—Fitzgerald
Dyrel vs. Meigs, 7:30—Nika
Troy vs. South, 6—C. Cook
W. vs. H. Taper, 6—C. Cook

West Side

North United Methodist host Hartford City Sports Association, 5:30, Monday night at Pagan Field. Mike Boscovino and Dave Page lead the winners with two hits each while Pagan's Camacho had two in defeat.

Pagan

Zambrowski's nipped Allstate Business Machine, 12-11. Matt Schmitt led the winners with four hits while Mark Lagon had three. John Green, Mike Hill and Jim Pugh pitched two each. Rob Carme led Allstate with two hits.

Ric

Marquette Electric beat Main Pub 8, 7-6, at Pagan Field. Ben Phillips had three hits, including one while Chris Green had four, including one while Tom Morrison had three. Steve Derron, Don McMillan and Tom Junich were the winners. Don McMillan pitched two while Tom Morrison pitched one. Steve Derron pitched one while Tom Morrison pitched one.

Nike

Allied Printing defeated Brown's Package Store, 10-0. Greg Lambert pitched two while Mike Green had four, including one while Tom Morrison had three. Steve Derron, Don McMillan and Tom Junich were the winners. Don McMillan pitched two while Tom Morrison pitched one. Steve Derron pitched one while Tom Morrison pitched one.

Intermediate

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Rookie

Wolf-Zachin beat Capen Chevrolet, 13-10, at Pagan Field. Jeff Canfield was the winning pitcher while Jim Hoffman pitched the offense with three hits. Chris Tarrant and Steve Cole led the winners with two hits each. Pat Carroll had two in defeat.

Northern

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Rodvan

Commuting Insurance beat Travee Landscaping, 7-4. Rick Kravitz pitched two while Tom Morrison had three hits. Steve Derron, Don McMillan and Tom Junich were the winners. Don McMillan pitched two while Tom Morrison pitched one. Steve Derron pitched one while Tom Morrison pitched one.

Cher's Oak

Goody's Gym got past DAM Country Market, 4-3, at Fitzgerald Field. Ed Palay and Jack Sherman led the winners with two hits each while Tom Morrison had three. Steve Derron, Don McMillan and Tom Junich were the winners. Don McMillan pitched two while Tom Morrison pitched one. Steve Derron pitched one while Tom Morrison pitched one.

Pro Delaney

Green Commission defeated B.A. Club, 10-5, at Fitzgerald Field. Mark Tress led the winners with three hits while Tom Morrison had three. Steve Derron, Don McMillan and Tom Junich were the winners. Don McMillan pitched two while Tom Morrison pitched one. Steve Derron pitched one while Tom Morrison pitched one.

Women's Rec

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Baseball standings

COC East			
East Hartford	11	14	1
Rochester	6	7	1
South Windsor	6	7	1
Windsor	6	7	1
MANCHESTER			
Hartford Public	5	8	3
East Hartford	2	10	10
Enfield	2	10	10
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COC West			
Enfield Prep	1	1	0
St. Bernard	1	1	0
BART Catholic	1	1	0
St. Joseph	1	1	0
North Dena	1	1	0
Xaver	1	1	0
COC-East			
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Softball standings

COC East girls			
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Enfield	1	1	0
Hartford Public	1	1	0
COC West girls			
W	1	1	0
L	1	1	0
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Radio, TV

Today
7:30 p.m.—ABC News on CBS, ESPN
7:30 p.m.—Angels at Yankees, MSG, WHP
8 p.m.—White Sox at Cubs, NESN
WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS
8 p.m.—Brewers at Cubs, TBS
9 p.m.—Baseball Tonight, TNT
10 p.m.—Mets at Padres, ESPN
10:30 p.m.—Phillies at Braves, TNT
Monday's games not included

Little League

Intra-town Majors
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Rochester	6	7	1
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East Hartford	2	10	10
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Little League

Intra-town Majors
Casson defeated Frigidians, 15-6, Monday night at Woodlawn Field. Mike Johnson was the winning pitcher with two hits for the winners. John Hill and Mike Hill pitched two each. Mike Hill pitched two each. Mike Hill pitched two each.

West Side

North United Methodist host Hartford City Sports Association, 5:30, Monday night at Pagan Field. Mike Boscovino and Dave Page lead the winners with two hits each while Pagan's Camacho had two in defeat.

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FOCUS

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

AIDS: sexually transmitted?

DEAR ABBY: Recently you ran a letter from "Helen in K.C." that raised the issue of whether or not I include AIDS as the cause of death in an obituary. One statement in that letter concerned me deeply, so I hope you will print this in order to correct the misinformation.

The sentence, "Due to ignorance, many people think AIDS is a venereal disease—which it is not," is incorrect. AIDS is a venereal disease—which it is not.

Abby, I am the manager of the AIDS Education Project at California State University, Sacramento. Please advise your readers that AIDS is a sexually transmitted disease (the term "venereal disease" was phased out several years ago).

AIDS can be transmitted through an infected person by one of three ways: 1) sex (without protection), including penis to vagina, penis to mouth, penis to rectum, mouth to vagina, mouth to rectum, or sharing sex toys; 2) direct blood-to-blood contact, including sharing hypodermic needles, tattoo equipment, sex toys or razor blades; 3) infected mothers may pass the virus to their unborn babies during pregnancy, delivery or through breast feeding.

People who believe that AIDS cannot be transmitted through sex are operating without clear and accurate information. AIDS is a non-discriminatory, equal-opportunity sexually transmitted disease.

—SUSAN FELDMAN, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO

DEAR MS. FELDMAN: The sentence that concerns you concerns me because the word "venereal" was inadvertently omitted. The sentence, "Due to ignorance, many people think AIDS is a venereal disease—which it is not," should have read: "Due to ignorance, many people think AIDS is exclusively a sexually transmitted disease—which it is not."

DEAR ABBY: "Had I in Hawaii," whose neighbor was always borrowing something which she never paid back, reminded me of a neighbor we had when I was a kid, 60 years ago. She was forever borrowing coffee. She always paid it back, only she gave a real cheap kind. Mom got tired of it, so when this neighbor sent over this cheap coffee, Mom would let it sit aside and the next time this neighbor asked to borrow some coffee, Mom would just lend her some of her own cheap coffee. You guessed it. She quit borrowing coffee.

—MRS. JONES (MY REAL NAME IN INDIANA)

TONIGHT

ASK DICK KLEINER

DICK KLEINER

Q. My uncle by marriage always said he was a first cousin by marriage to Alice Faye. His name was Art Leppert, and he lived his best years in Milwaukee. I knew you wrote a book with her, so maybe you could help if that was true. — G.M., Bridgeport, Mich.

A. I did ask her and she said, "I never heard of him." Stars find unknown relatives coming out of the woodwork; people like to impress other people by saying they are related to stars.

Q. I am 7, and I would like to know all about the actress Julie Swetnick, who plays Stephanie Tanner on the ABC show "Full House." — J.T., Phoenix, Ariz.

A. Julie turned 9 on Jan. 19, so there isn't too much to tell about her—yet. She's a Los Angeles girl, and she has a dog named Lucy. She says she isn't sure what she wants to be when she grows up—maybe a doctor, perhaps an astronaut, possibly an actress. Before "Full House," she was in the series "Valerie."

Q. Is the girl who plays Roseanne's sister, Jackie, the same girl who played a daughter on a show that starred Neil Carter and Ralph Sweet? — F.K., Rayland, Ohio

A. Laurie Metcalf plays Jackie. This is her first TV series. There were three daughters on "Laurie A. Metcalf," Karl Michaelson, Laurie Hendler and Lara Jean Miller.

(Send your questions to: Ask Dick Kleiner, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10166. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

PEOPLE

■ Amy Grant says having her single "Baby Baby" at the top of the pop charts for two weeks doesn't get the laundry done.

"After it went No. 1, I said, 'What, and I don't wake up to clean laundry? This doesn't magically clean the house?'" the singer said.

"There's one level that's so exhilarating, and at the same time, day-to-day life is exactly the same. And I wouldn't want it to be any other way really," the mother of two said.

"Baby Baby" is the first single from her album "Heart in Motion."

The former gospel star said she knew the song would be a smash the first time she heard the music by Keith Thomas. She wrote the lyrics.

"You can just hear a song sometimes and know, especially when it's as unique as this one," Grant said.

■ A 26-year-old man has pleaded innocent to charges he broke into the home of horror writer Stephen King.

Erik Keene of San Antonio also pleaded innocent by reason of insanity Monday to a charge of terrorizing King's wife, Tabitha.

Keene was arrested April 20 after he broke a window and entered King's Bangor home carrying a phony bomb, police said.

Defense attorney Mark Perry said Keene believes King's best seller "Misery" was based on Keene's aunt, a baby-killer serving a 99-year sentence.

Keene was ordered to undergo a psychiatric evaluation to determine if he is fit to stand trial.

■ John Guare's "Six Degrees of Separation" was named the best play of the 1990-91 theater season by the New York Drama Critics' Circle.

"Our Country's Good" by Timberlake Wertenbaker was picked as best foreign play, and "The Will Rogers Follies" a Ziegfeld-like soap-and-dance extravaganza directed by Tommy Tune, won as best musical.

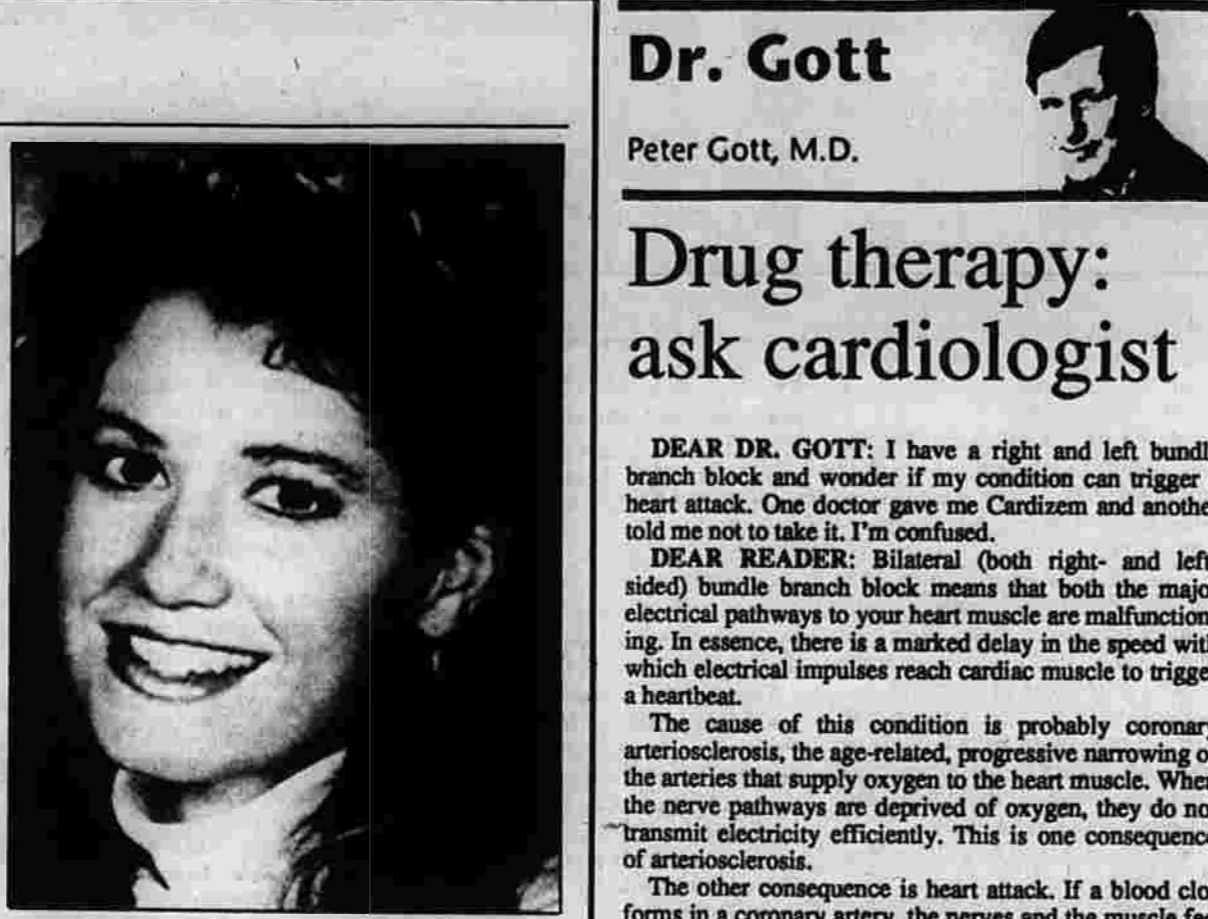
A special citation Monday went to Ellen Atkins for her portrayal of Virginia Woolf in the one-woman show "A Room of One's Own."

"Six Degrees of Separation" is about a con artist who dupes several wealthy New Yorkers. Among his competitors was Neil Simon's "Lost in Yonkers," which won the Pulitzer Prize and on Sunday won a Drama Desk award.

"Our Country's Good," which was commissioned by the Royal Court Theater in London, is about a group of English convicts in Australia.

Among the competitors for best musical was "Miss Saigon," the most lavish show of the season.

■ VH-1 says it will air country singer Garth



Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

Drug therapy: ask cardiologist

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a right and left bundle branch block and wonder if my condition can trigger a heart attack. One doctor gave me Cardizem and another told me not to take it. I'm confused.

DEAR READER: Bilateral (both right and left-sided) bundle branch block means that both the major electrical pathways to your heart muscle are malfunctioning. In essence, there is a marked delay in the speed with which electrical impulses reach cardiac muscle to trigger a heartbeat.

The cause of this condition is probably coronary arteriosclerosis, the age-related, progressive narrowing of the arteries that supply oxygen to the heart muscle. When the nerve pathways are deprived of oxygen, they do not transmit electricity efficiently. This is one consequence of arteriosclerosis.

The other consequence is heart attack. If a blood clot forms in a coronary artery, the nerves and the muscle fed by that artery will be severely damaged. If the damaged area is large, the heart may stop.

Therefore, your branch block is a likely reflection of the general state of your heart. The branch block will not lead to a heart attack, but, I suspect, the poor circulation could.

Cardizem (diltiazem), a calcium-channel blocker, will lower blood pressure, reduce the work of the heart and improve circulation to cardiac muscle. However, it must be used with caution in patients with bundle branch abnormalities, such as yours, because it can further slow electrical impulses; this could lead to inefficient heartbeat and an inappropriately slow pulse.

I think you'll be best served by placing yourself under the care of a cardiologist. Ask your doctor to refer you to one. Such a specialist will test you further to determine the degree of cardiac malfunction and will suggest additional treatment that might include coronary angiography (unblocking your coronary arteries with a balloon) or bypass surgery. At the very least, the cardiologist should be able to modulate the apparent misreading about Cardizem.

Brooks' music video "The Thunder Rolls," which has been banned on two other cable channels for its scenes of domestic violence.

"We found it was an acceptable video within our standards," VH-1 spokesman Barry Kluger said Monday. In the video, Brooks portrays an adulterous husband who beats his wife. She shoots him when he pursues his daughter.

The Nashville Network and Country Music Television banned the video. TNN asked Brooks to air a message about the content at the end, but he refused.

Brooks said earlier that the video shows "nothing they don't see on the 10 o'clock news."

Scott Stern, a spokesman for Brooks' management company, said he was thrilled with VH-1's decision. "It will allow a lot of people to see it and judge for themselves," he said.

Among Brooks' hits are "If Tomorrow Never Comes" and "Friends in Low Places."

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Medical Specialists." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

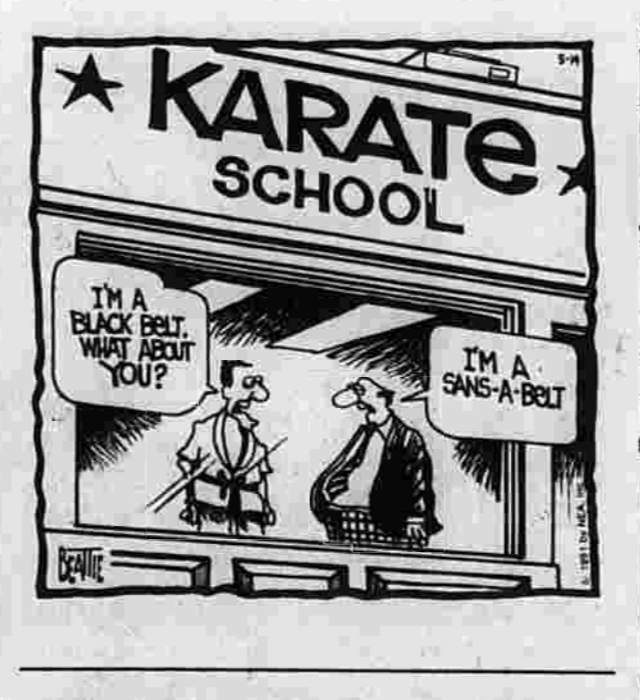
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KVACK? KVETCH!

ROBOTMAN

LET'S SEE YOURS TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING, YOU'RE A NINJA. YOUR CAR BROKE DOWN.

BLONDIE by Dean Young & Stan Drake

USE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT SCRAMBLED EGGS AND SAUSAGE FOR BREAKFAST?

NOPE... I'M ON A NEW HEALTHY DIET. I DON'T WANT TO PLAN MY MEALS FOR ME.

THAT'S G'LOCK... TIME FOR LUNCH?

WHAT? YOU HAVE? SCRAMBLED EGGS AND SAUSAGE?

ARLO AND JANIS by Jimmy Johnson

OH, IT'S JUST A LITTLE CAPSULE!

SPIDER-MAN by Stan Lee

AND JAMESON, THIS IS PETER PARKER...

I KNOW WHO IT IS! I CHALLENGE YOU TO A FIGHT!

BE IN MY OFFICE TOMORROW MORNING AT NINE.

DON'T BE LATE!

TROUBLE PETER!

WITH JOEY JONAH... WHAT ELSE?

EK AND MEK by Howie Schneider

MONIQUE, WE HAVE A PROBLEM...

I'VE JUST BEEN REJECTED BY SOMEONE ELSE.

SO I HAVE TO ADMIT I FOUND IT THRILLING.

WINTHROP by Dick Cavall

DID YOU BRANDA FIGHT IN WORLD WAR TWO?

SURE, HE SAYS HE FOUGHT FOR THREE AND A HALF YEARS...

BUT THEY FINALLY DRAFTED HIM, ANYWAY.

THE BORN LOSER by Art Sarnon

LOOK WHAT I FOUND HIDDEN IN THE FRIDGE... COLD MEAT LOAF!

BREAD RISING!

THE GRIZWELLS by Bill Schorr

WHEN I DIE... I WANT TO DIE IN MY SLEEP...

...AND UNTIL THEN, I PLAN TO LIVE EACH DAY LIKE IT WAS MY LAST...

ALLEY OOP by Dave Sirois

MAAM, LOOKS LIKE THIS GIRL'S GOT WAYLAPPED!

NOW THE QUESTION IS... DID THEY GO?

THAT DIRECTION, BUZ!

OHAY FANGS, LEAD THE WAY! I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU!

FRANK AND ERNEST by Bob Thaves

THINGS TO DO TOMORROW:

1. GET UP AT THE CRACK OF DAWN.

2. STUFF UP THE CRACK.

3. GO BACK TO BED.

PHUPPI by Joseph Perle

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