

# Quayle presents plan for Pacific

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — The United States will remain a major force in Asia-Pacific region but U.S. military cutbacks will leave room for other nations to play a bigger role in regional defense, Vice President Dan Quayle said today.

"We continue to be a Pacific power," the vice president said at a Singapore news conference before flying to Indonesia, his last stop on a six-day, three-nation tour of the region.

Budget problems have prompted the United States to cut back its defense expenditures, but that has opened opportunities for other countries to participate in regional security, he said.

Singapore, for instance, has signed a memorandum of understanding last year to allow U.S. forces to use some naval and airport facilities, Quayle said.

The move could strengthen the hand of U.S. officials trying to reach a new treaty with the Philippines on military bases staffed by 40,000 U.S. military personnel. The talks broke off May 3 and the lease on Clark Air Base and Subic naval base run out this fall.

In an interview with Indonesia's official news agency, Antara, Quayle said that in Southeast Asia, "We have been a stabilizing presence for over 40 years and we intend to continue playing that role as long as we are welcomed in the region."

To that end, he said, the United States believes it is in Asia's best interests to maintain a U.S. military presence in the Philippines.

Quayle, however, canceled his planned stop in the Philippines.

# Shiite troubles hidden

BAHJEDAD, Iraq (AP) — The plight of Kurdish refugees in northern Iraq has diverted world attention from another grim product of post-Persian Gulf War rebellion: the suffering of Shiite Muslims in the south.

Ruined cities, damaged mosques and shattered lives dominate the southern landscape, from the port of Basra through ancient settlements of the delta region to the holy Shiite shrines of Najaf and Karbala.

Towns and villages in the mountainous north suffered striking damage in the Kurdish revolt that began in the war's aftermath.

But losses of life and property appear much greater in the south, where Shiites rose up against Saddam Hussein.

In Najaf and Karbala entire blocks were destroyed, left in piles of rubble. On other streets, stores are burned-out shells, scarred by machine-gun and rocket fire.

In the port of Basra, once Iraq's second-largest city, every government building was damaged or destroyed. Offices were looted and records burned.

About two-thirds of electricity and water have been restored, but the water is still unhealthy due to a lack of purifying chlorine. Cases of water-borne diseases such as cholera are reported rampant.

Thousands of Shiites are reported still hiding in the marshlands of the south, too fearful to return to their homes.

"The world isn't as concerned about the Shiites as they are about the Kurds," Jasssem Hassan, 33, who fled his home in Basra last month, told reporters in Iran.

"It's because they are Shia. No one cares about them," said a Shiite woman in Baghdad, who like other Iraqis interviewed in the Iraqi capital asked not to be identified.

The Shiites have failed to equal the Kurds in winning equal attention in part because Shiite rebels were less organized than the Kurds, who have been around for decades and are acquainted with the art of public relations.

Although tens of thousands of Shiites fled across the border into Iran, their exodus was dwarfed by that of hundreds of thousands of Kurds fleeing to frigid refugee camps along the borders of Turkey and Iran.

"The volume of the Kurds to Iran and Turkey was clear evidence of the tragedy of the Iraqi people in the north," said Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, an Iraqi Shiite leader now based in Syria.

The Kurdish flight also alarmed Western governments worried about the stability of Turkey, a NATO ally. Shiites also argue that they receive less Western sympathy because of the reputation of radical Shiite fundamentalism in Iran and Lebanon.



BEFORE THE WALL — Poland's President Lech Walesa stands before the Walling Wall, Judaism's holiest site, with rabbi Yehuda Getz during a Tuesday visit to Arab East Jerusalem. Walesa's four-day visit is the first to Israel by a Polish head of state.

# Winnie Mandela arrested at protest

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Winnie Mandela and more than 200 other women were arrested today after scuffling with riot police during a demonstration to demand the release of political prisoners.

Police banded Mrs. Mandela, wife of African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, and other activists into vans and took them to the main Johannesburg police station after the protest in the city center.

Brief scuffles broke out as police took away the women activists of the African National Congress, who had held an all-night vigil.

Other ANC women who gathered outside the police station to demand Mrs. Mandela's release were arrested after refusing to disperse. "Viva ANC," the women chanted.

Police said 205 women were arrested. Mrs. Mandela was to appear in court later Wednesday to face charges of resisting arrest and obstructing traffic, police said.

Mandela visited his wife at the police station after she was arrested. He said she had been bruised during the scuffles with police but was in good spirits.

Mrs. Mandela was sentenced to six years in prison last week after being found guilty of kidnapping and being an accessory to assault in connection with the 1988 abduction and beating of four young men.

She had been free on bail while her lawyers try to appeal the conviction.

ANC leaders were on a 24-hour fast today to demand release of some 200 political prisoners in jails around South Africa.

Vigils and protests were planned in different parts of the country and overseas to show support for the prisoners, who are also staging hunger strikes to demand their release.

# Rebels press fighting

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — Rebels today rejected the new government and its call for a cease-fire, pressing their offensive ever closer to the capital despite the resignation and exile of President Mengistu Haile Mariam.

In a clandestine radio broadcast, the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front said the new interim president, Lt. Gen. Tesfaye Gebr-Kidan, an ex-defense minister, is "part and parcel" of the former Mengistu regime.

Mengistu, one of Africa's most ruthless leaders, resigned Tuesday and fled to Zimbabwe.

The new government has called for an immediate cease-fire and said it would go to U.S.-brokered peace talks scheduled in London on Monday prepared to discuss an interim government representing all parties in Eritropia.

The impoverished, drought-plagued Horn of African nation of 51 million is home to dozens of tribes and approximately a dozen opposition movements.

The front, composed primarily of members of the Tigrayan tribe, and Eritrean insurgents have been the most active and significant groups. They control roughly the northern third of the country and have made dramatic battlefield gains since late February.

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# Widow says no; probe on Tamils

By ARTHUR MAX  
The Associated Press

NEW DELHI, India — The widow of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi today declined an offer to lead her slain husband's Congress Party through national elections next month, United News of India reported.

Italian-born Sonia Gandhi's refusal threw the leadership of the country's dominant political force wide open.

The offer for her to succeed Gandhi as party president was made by Congress leaders on Wednesday, a day after her husband was assassinated at a campaign rally. It was widely seen as aimed at capitalizing on public sympathy.

Gandhi's slaying forced this week's vote to be postponed until mid-June.

Thousands of mourners today quietly lined up to see his body lying in state, and police focused their investigation of the killing on Tamil militants.

Mrs. Gandhi said in a statement that her husband's assassination "does not make it possible for me to accept the presidency of the Congress Party," United News said.

Party leaders convened to decide their next move.

Mrs. Gandhi, 43, has held no public office and lacks political experience.

Had she accepted the party leadership, she would have continued the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty that dominated Indian politics since the 1950s.

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# News In Brief

**Mistrial denied in murder case**  
BRIDGEPORT (AP) — A defendant who attempted to represent himself against capital murder charges was denied the chance for a new trial after naming his case back over to public defenders.

Superior Court Judge Martin L. McKeever on Wednesday refused to declare a mistrial in the case of Jason Day, who dropped his bid to act as his own attorney after a rocky first day of testimony.

McKeever continued the trial until June 4, giving the two public defenders representing Day half the time they had requested to prepare their case.

# Counsel to fight SNET rates hike

HARTFORD (AP) — Southern New England Telecommunications Corp. should not raise basic telephone exchange rates and should drop extra charges for touch-tone service when it implements its \$52.4 million rate hike, the state Office of Consumer Counsel said.

In a brief filed Wednesday with the state Department of Public Utility Control, Eugene M. Koss, acting consumer counsel, said he opposes SNET's proposed 6.6 percent increase in basic telephone rates.

SNET, which wants to drop toll charges about 4 percent for long-distance calls within the state, also wants to cut WATS rates by nearly 14 percent.

# Bush reappoints General Powell

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said today he was reappointing Gen. Colin Powell to a second term as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"I can think of no one more qualified to lead our armed forces as we prepare them for the challenges of the 21st century," Bush said.

Bush praised Powell for his advice and leadership during the invasion of Panama and the war against Iraq, and said the 54-year-old four-star general "has been at the forefront of planning for this critical restructuring" of the military.

# Arms control progress made

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, while providing no details, said there has been progress made this week in arms control negotiations with the Soviet Union.

He was equally vague when asked if the United States was willing to provide Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev with \$100 million for economic aid, saying only that he was working with allies on a plan to help the ailing Soviet economy.

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# MID-SPRING DREAM

Top, students Leslie Soto, Tracey Shirshac and Jill Westerman, left to right, act out the witches scene from Shakespeare's tragedy 'Macbeth.' Right, Amanda Amato and Sean Donnelly play the king and queen from the Bard of Avon's 'Hamlet.' The student's theatrical efforts were part of Lilling Junior High School's Elizabethan Food Festival held Wednesday at the school's Media Center.



# Senate to consider tougher death bill

HARTFORD (AP) — The annual legislative push for a tougher death penalty in Connecticut is headed for the state Senate after easily passing the House of Representatives.

The criminal justice bill, which would raise the death penalty from 30 to 45 years in prison for first-degree murder, is expected to be introduced in the Senate next week.

The bill would also prohibit the death penalty if the jury finds a single mitigating factor in the murder case.

West Haven, said the House late Wednesday. "We are doing what is necessary to make Connecticut's existing death penalty statute workable."

Current law effectively prohibits the death penalty if the jury finds a single mitigating factor in the murder case.

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# Budget proof: higher gas tax

HARTFORD (AP) — Regardless of who prevails in the argument over a state income tax, one group is most certain to lose: Connecticut motorists, who will get slapped with between a nickel and a dime per gallon in higher gasoline taxes.

Both budget plans alive in the Legislature would increase the state motor fuels tax from 22 cents per gallon to 25 cents per gallon. In addition, both plans would slap the sales tax on gas, at either 4.25 percent or 5.75 percent.

That means the total state and federal taxes on gasoline will likely rise from 38 cents per gallon to at least 46 cents, maybe as high as 49 cents. Connecticut's gas prices, already the highest in the region according to one recent survey, will likely keep that distinction.

And Connecticut, home of the nation's highest state sales tax and its highest corporate tax, may have yet another tax distinction by this summer: the nation's highest state excise tax on gasoline.

The American Petroleum Institute's last nationwide survey showed that only Nebraska (23.9 cents) and Wisconsin (22.2 cents) had higher excise taxes on gas than Connecticut's 22 cents.

In one example that higher gas taxes are inevitable, the groups that usually lobby against them are complaining not so much about the tax hikes themselves as about when the new money will be needed to pay for them.

"Our main concern is that we believe taxes on motor Please see GAS TAX, page 8.

# Abortion counseling ban upheld

WASHINGTON (AP) — A sharply divided Supreme Court ruled today that federally funded family planning clinics may not discuss abortion with pregnant women or tell them where to get one.

Justice David Souter, the court's newest member, voted with the majority in the 5-4 decision.

The court said that the ban, contained in regulations issued by the Reagan administration in 1988, does not violate free-speech rights or women's right to end their pregnancies.

The family planning program, enacted in 1978 by Congress as Title X of the Public Health Service Act, funds clinics serving over 4 million low-income women each year.

The clinics always have been banned from using federal money to perform abortions, but until 1988 regulations let clinic staff tell women about their abortion option and make referrals.

After those regulations drew criticism from anti-abortion groups, the Reagan administration said the clinics may not "encourage, promote or advocate abortion" or distribute abortion pills.

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LEGO LESSON — President Bush listens as Sarah Stevens, a student at the Saturn School of Tomorrow in St. Paul, Minn., explains a Lego display during a school workshop Wednesday.

# Bush to Saturn: you're the one

WASHINGTON (AP) — Plop a president down in front of a bunch of bright school kids and they get right down to business: Like how did you get to be a superpower leader, Mr. President?

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# Crime bite grows

MANCHESTER — By establishing a local crime-stoppers group, the Manchester Police Department's Crime Prevention Officer Gary Frost hopes to take a bigger bite out of crime.

And because crime busting is a dog-eat-dog business, crime-stoppers works by throwing tipsters a bone. Sometimes a very meaty bone.

The program, which will officially begin on June 12, will provide a reward for any tip that leads to an arrest. Furthermore, it will provide informants with a method of giving tips anonymously.

"This is designed to get information from people who might otherwise be reluctant," Frost said.

The theory behind crime-stoppers, which will be linked with a network of similar groups on Connecticut, is that some people who have valuable information about unsolved crimes are often themselves involved in criminal acts or are on the fringe of crime.

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## About Town

### Play auditions

The Little Theatre of Manchester auditions for an October-November production of "The Fantasticks" will be held on June 6, 7 and 10 at 7 p.m. in the LTM workshop located at 71 Hilliard St., Manchester. Openings available for one female (teens-twenties) and seven males (all ages). For details call 875-3594.

### Elementary school reminder

The elementary school children of Manchester are reminded to bring their Memorial Day flowers to school on Friday. A plant with a blossom in full is preferred. Flowers will be used by the Permanent Memorial Day Committee to decorate the Center Park on Memorial Day.

### Library closings

The Manchester Public Libraries (Mary Cheney, Whilon Memorial and the Bookmobile) announce that they will be closed on Monday in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Regular hours of operation will resume on Tuesday, May 28.

### YWCA ends season

The Manchester Parks and Recreation Department Fitness center at the community "Y", 78 North Main St., will close for the season on Friday, May 24 and reopen in October.

### MHS pool closes

The Manchester High School Pool early morning swim and evening swim will close for the season on Friday, May 24.

### Cookbook reprinted

Emanuel Lutheran Church, 60 Church St., is reprinting the church cookbook, "Seasoned With Love," in honor of the 110th anniversary of the founding of the church. Copies, at \$8 each, will be available soon. To order, see cookbook, which was compiled by the Rebecca Circle, contact the church office, 643-1193.

## School Notes

### Master's school honor roll

Emily Gray of Manchester has been named to the honor roll for the third quarter at The Master's School in West Simsbury. She is a student in the upper school at Master's.

Robert Gray and Seth Mancini, also of Manchester, achieved honors at the school. They are students in the Middle School.

### Kingswood students awarded

Alicia Maderazo of Blue Ridge Drive and Keith Wolff of Timrod Road, both of Manchester, students at Kingswood-Oxford School, West Hartford, have received first place awards given by the American Scholastic Press Association.

The awards were given for the school's publication, K-O News. Maderazo held the position of associate feature editor and Wolff, the position of business manager. Both are seniors at the school.

### Bolton band scores high

The Bolton High School Concert Band and Chorus performed recently for adjudication at the Freedom Music Festival in Philadelphia. The students received ratings of very good, performing in the Class B category for schools with student enrollment under 500.

Timothy C. Ketterer Sr. is music director; May Steinhilber, choral accompanist; John Marino, Phyllis Amundsen, Rhoda Owen, Gwen Campbell, Betty Wright and Peggy Schock were chaperones.

### Local teacher writes scripts

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## Lottery

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- Rhode Island: Daily: 6-7-2-8. Grandlot: 8-7-6, 6-3-6-7, 9-1-1-0-9, 7-8-9-4-3-6.

## Weather

### Clouds increasing

Here is tonight's weather for the Greater Manchester area: Increasing clouds. Low 55 to 60. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Friday, considerable cloudiness with a 30 percent chance of showers. High 80 to 85. Memorial Day weekend forecast, a chance of showers Saturday then fair Sunday and Monday. High in the 70s. Low in the 50s.

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Today's windy weather drawing is by Becca Stoltz, a fifth-grader at Highland Park School in Manchester.

## Pandora's box needs opening

By BARBARA RICHMOND  
Manchester Herald

A female terrier cross, that looks like a big ball of cotton, is this week's featured pet at the Manchester Dog pound. She has been named Pandora. She's about 7 years old and was found at Charter Oak and Virginia Roads on May 21.

Pandora is very friendly and seems to be in very good condition. The only other new dog at the pound was a Springer spaniel, brought to the police station by someone who picked him up on May 18. He's liver and white and is about 4 years old.

Betsy Beagle, featured in the column a couple of weeks ago, is still waiting to be adopted. Even though Dog Warden Thomas Pascantelli said the dog is about 10 years old, she's in good condition and has a nice disposition. She was found at Main and St. James streets on May 3.

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

For more information about adopting a cat from Protectors of Animals call 653-8515. And from Aid to Helpless Animals, call 232-8317 or 242-2156. All numbers are toll-free from the Manchester area.



Pandora



Tigger

## Deaths

This town listing of deaths is offered free of charge by the Manchester Herald. Paid announcements of death and Memorials appear under the Death Notice heading.

### Manchester

Halina Wolk-Laniewski  
31 Columbus St.

## Death Notices

### Halina (Cierbiej) Wolk-Laniewski

Halina (Cierbiej) Wolk-Laniewski, of 31 Columbus St., Manchester, wife of Zenon Wolk-Laniewski, died Wednesday, (May 22, 1991) at Manchester Memorial Hospital after an extended illness. She was born in Grodno, Poland and had been a Manchester resident since 1951.

Mrs. Wolk-Laniewski was a part-time employee of the Journal Inquirer newspaper, a past employee of the former Hartford National Bank's Main Street office in Manchester, and a parishioner of St. Bridget Church of Manchester. Besides her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Barbara, Theresa, and Danna; Donna Wolk-Laniewski, all of Manchester; her mother, Alina Cierbiej of Manchester; and several cousins. Funeral services will be Sunday (May 23) with a Mass of Christian Burial, 9:00 AM at St. Bridget Church, 70 Main St., Manchester. Burial will follow in St. James Cemetery, Manchester. There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 233 East Center St., Manchester, CT 06040, or to St. Bridget Church, 70 Main St., Manchester, CT 06040. The Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., Manchester has care of the arrangements.

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## Public Records

### Warranty Deeds:

John J. O'Brien and Darryl P. Danahy to Christopher Steg, Beacon Hill Condominium, conveyance tax, \$59,400.

Christopher Steg to William A. and Jacqueline H. Aronson, Beacon Hill Condominium, conveyance tax, \$76,890.

Barbara R. Pickering to Barbara R. Pickering and Carol H. Pickering, Pine Acres, no conveyance tax.

Thomas P. and Carolyn M. Lento to John C. Dudzinski, Treble Manor, \$130,000.

William Edwards to David J. Fritch III and Tracy C. Fritch, 539 E. Center St., \$136,000.

Abilio Santos to Starke Services Inc., 3-5 Ridgewood St., \$190,000.

Rothman & Beaulieu Inc. to Gerald P. Rothman, Sandstone Estates, \$270,000.

Ernest J. Pain and Maggie Pain to Joseph R. and Robin M. Chopus, Dougherty Estates, \$130,000.

Starker Services Inc. to Marshall K. Dubalco, 3 Ridgewood St., conveyance tax, \$209.

Quit claim deeds: Isain Cortes Sr. and Isain Cortes Jr. to Isain Cortes Jr. and Margarita Cortes, Elvree Street, no conveyance tax.

John and Jamie Soule to Matthew J. Descy, Park Cheating Condominium, no conveyance tax.

Joseph J. Kasky and Erma E. Kasky to Lynda M. Gleeson, 55 Edwards St., no conveyance tax.

Mabelle E. Newton to Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, 16 Hyde St., no conveyance tax.

Frank J. Melluzzo to Marilyn M. Melluzzo, 147 Ferguson Road, no conveyance tax.

Richard Botticello to Mary Ellen Botticello, 595 Hilltown Road, no conveyance tax.

Thelma Sherwood to Ellen M. Williams, Gardner Street, no conveyance tax.

Harris M. Horen to Patricia W. August, St. John Street, no conveyance tax.

Barbara L. Swenson to Highland Park Estates Inc., 153 E. Eldridge St., no conveyance tax.

Ray K. Broege to Donna M. Broege, 168-170 Hilliard St., no conveyance tax.

Rachael D. Davis to Ernest R. Davis, 42 Elm Terrace, no conveyance tax.

## Business Briefs

### Local business school graduates

Two Manchester women are among 19 Greater Hartford residents who were graduated as accounting or word processing majors May 10 at the Data Institute Business School in East Hartford.

Anne St. Germain graduated with high honors in accounting, and Rachelle Garrett took home a degree in word processing.

Diplomas were presented by Mark Scheinberg of Manchester, president of Data Institute, which is located at 745 Burdette Ave., East Hartford.

Among those receiving awards were: Walter S. Fusz, P.E., and Jay J. Giles, P.E., of Fusz & O'Neill, Inc., in Manchester.

Fusz is former president and currently Chairman of the Board of Fusz & O'Neill, Inc., a 140 person civil and environmental engineering firm. Since 1967 Mr. Fusz has been responsible for the growth of this firm to one of the largest consulting engineering firms in the state.

Giles is principal at Fusz & O'Neill. Giles was instrumental in bringing about the successful completion of the \$150 million, 1 million square foot Backland Hills Mall, a \$50 acre shopping center and mixed-use development project in Manchester. He was both project manager and project engineer of this extremely complex development.

Should the Board of Education be unable to reopen its contract with the MEA, "that's totally understandable," Irish said.

# LOCAL/REGIONAL

## Newcomers make top taxpayer list

By BRIAN M. TROTTA  
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — The list of the top 10 taxpayers in town contains several new names and sees a few old ones drop off.

According to figures released by the town, the total assessed value, before phase-in of the real and personal property on the top list was \$175,909,800 or 7 percent of the total grand list of \$2,367,849,440.

With phase-in, real property will be assessed at 36.67 percent of fair market value. Personal property, meanwhile, is always assessed at 70 percent of fair market value. A breakdown of real and personal property was not available from the assessor's office this morning.

Last year's second largest taxpayer, The Pavilions at Buckland Hills mall, dropped completely off the top 10 list as the tax assessment agreement took effect. The mall's assessment is fixed at \$7,000,000 a year for the next seven years or until the tax savings total \$9.5 million.

The agreement, which gives the mall a tax break to compensate for the road and utility improvements made in the North End of town, took effect when the mall was 50 percent occupied, two department stores opened and construction of the public improvements was completed. The mall met those criteria when it opened for business March 14, 1990.

Also falling off the list were Al-

lied Printing & Iris Realty, which was ranked fifth last year; Connecticut Natural Gas, which was sixth and United Technologies, which was seventh.

The top taxpayer in town remains J.C. Penney, whose pre-phase-in assessed value is \$48,925,880. Last year, prior to the revaluation, J.C. Penney's total assessment was \$21,452,130.

The biggest mover on the list is Manchester 1-84 Associates which jumped from ninth place on the list last year to second place this year. The company's total assessment for 1990 is \$32,673,220. Last year, the total assessment was \$4,655,460.

Newcomers to the top ten list include Broadman Associates, owner of the Manchester Parkade shopping center, which is ranked fourth with a total assessment of \$15,112,360; Brophy Ahern Development Co., which owns several of the apartment buildings in the Cheney Mill complex, which is ranked sixth with a total assessment of \$12,633,640; Emil Downey, an apartment owner, ranked eighth with a total assessment of \$11,186,710 and Robert W. Weinberg, ranked tenth, with a total assessed value of \$10,392,430.

The rest of the top 10 includes third-ranked Connecticut Light and Power; fifth-ranked Purdy Corp.; seventh-ranked Raymond F. Damato and ninth-ranked Manchester Progress Limited Partnership.

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Scott B. Brode/Manchester Herald

NEW DISTRICT PRESIDENT — Thomas Ferguson, standing with his wife, Elaine, and six-month-old daughter, Elisabeth, is congratulated by two district residents after he was elected district president at Wednesday's annual meeting of the Eighth Utilities District. Ferguson ran unopposed. Elaine Ferguson was also elected district secretary.

## Ferguson is new district head

By SCOTT B. BREDE  
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Six-month-old Elisabeth Ferguson sat quietly in her mother's arms Wednesday night in Waddell Elementary School's humid gymnasium taking in the clapping that was directed her way.

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over Ferguson's seat once he becomes district president.

In other elections, Mary Beth Lufico and Ernest Mitchell were re-elected to their respective positions as the district clerk and tax collector.

Residents also approved the district's \$2.09 million spending plan for the coming year without any discussion. The 1991-92 budget represents a \$70,898 — or 22 percent — increase over the district's current \$1.7 million spending plan.

A tax rate of 3.7 mills to support the budget was also approved by the district voters. As a result, property taxes for the average homeowner in the district will increase by more than 20 percent, said John LaBelle Jr., the district's attorney.

One resident, James Stevenson of 20 Oakwood Road, spoke out against the tax rate proposal.

"I don't know how we are going to be able to afford this," he said, adding that the new mill rate will nearly double his taxes.

In 1989, Ferguson replaced Longest as the board's sewer commissioner under the orders of then-district president Thomas Landers. When Longest took over as president, his first action was to replace Ferguson with Gordon Lassow as sewer commissioner.

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## Firework safety emphasized

By RICK SANTOS  
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — The town's deputy fire marshal is not concerned about safety being compromised at this year's fireworks display as a bill that would loosen regulations nears adoption.

At the urging of Fire Chief John C. Rivoso, officials from the fireworks company putting on the display have signed a statement saying they will meet state regulations.

"The safety will be the same," said Capt. Rudy Kissmann, who is the town's deputy fire marshal. "Safety always will be first."

The pending legislation is intended to allow the state fire marshal to grant waivers to display companies to allow newer and safer fireworks that cannot be used according to regulations that took effect Dec. 30.

Without a waiver, the company that the town has contracted to do the display, Atlas Pyrotechnics, would not be able to use shells made of high-density polyethylene, a sturdy, rubbery, plastic, which company officials consider more safe than shells made of paper.

Company General Manager Wayne Deorosters said Wednesday he did not want to comment on whether he would apply for a waiver to use the polyethylene shells in Manchester because the legislation is still pending.

However, he has said that thousands of dollars will have to be spent to build other equipment if Atlas cannot use the polyethylene shells.

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# STATE

## Blues drop \$10m rate increase request—for now

HARTFORD (AP) — Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Connecticut Inc. has dropped its request for Aug. 1 rate increases that would have cost senior citizens an extra \$10 million, but the company plans to seek bigger increases that would take effect Jan. 1.

The January increases probably will exceed the nearly 20 percent average increase originally sought for August on coverage that supplements Medicare, officials say.

Blue Cross on Wednesday backed off from August increases to eliminate the confusion a midyear rate adjustment would have created among customers over age 65, said John F. Crowe, chairman and chief executive officer.

The decision to withdraw the request affects more than 192,000 senior citizens who have Blue Cross Medicare supplement insurance. The coverage, often called Medigap insurance, pays various medical expenses that are not picked up by Medicare.

If approved, the increases would have boosted the cost of the most popular combination of Medigap plans to more than \$1,000 a year from the present \$860.

The proposed increases, however, touched off much confusion among the state's senior citizens because Blue Cross had just announced it would return \$9 million from its 1990 profits to them.

Some senior citizens could not understand why the company was giving back money while asking for more. Blue Cross said the \$9 million is based on 1990 financial results, while it needs the rate increases to cover a projected \$8 million to \$10 million loss on Medigap this year.

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Blue Cross previously said it would put the credits on bills starting this summer, but now senior citizens will have to wait six months or more. Only 1990 policyholders who are no longer customers will receive cash refunds.

The company blames increased claims for outpatient services, including surgery and diagnostic testing, for the loss.

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## Parole quirk let accused killer out of prison

HARTFORD (AP) — A quirk in the statutory parole regulations was responsible for putting a man charged in the murder of his girlfriend back on the streets again only three years after he was sentenced to the blue-gangster deaths of two relatives.

Oscar Martinez, 52, served less than five years of a 15-to-20-year manslaughter sentence for beating his brother and sister-in-law to death with a 4-foot pipe in their driveway in an apparent dispute over a parking space. A bloodstained machine also was found at that crime scene.

Martinez was charged with the murder Tuesday night of Adelaida Ramos, 28, whom police believe he was living with at the time. He was being held late Wednesday on \$1 million bond.

Ramos bled to death en route to the hospital, after being attacked with a machine in broad daylight on the street in front of her North End apartment building. The incident occurred in plain view of numerous witnesses and of two of Ramos' four children.

Martinez was charged with murder in the 1989 slaying, too, but a jury convicted him of two counts of manslaughter after a trial that included substantial psychiatric testimony. Pasquale Mangini, chairman of the state Parole Board, said Wednesday.

He was sentenced to five-to-ten years in prison for the death of his brother, Jorge Martinez, 44, and 10-to-20 years for the death of his sister-in-law, Carmen Martinez, 38. The two sentences, to be served consecutively, amounted to an overall sentence of 15-to-30 years, Mangini said.

But Martinez had already been jailed for almost two years by the time he began serving his sentence. And the now-corrected statutory loophole allowed him to apply the pre-trial incarceration time to each of the two sentences he was serving.

In effect, then, he was able to double that time and take almost four years off his sentence.

Martinez got more time off, in fact, than he would have if he had only one manslaughter conviction, Mangini said.

The statute was changed in 1981, he said.

With the substantial good time, Martinez became eligible for release and was released on June 24, 1985, just four years and 11 months after his sentencing.

"Even without any parole, he would have been eligible for release from the system, all things considered, early in 1993," Mangini said.

Hartford State's Attorney John M. Bailey said Wednesday he would fight to keep such a tragedy from occurring again.

"I'm going to bring the example of this to the chairman of the Judiciary Committee to see if we could get corrective legislation," he said. "This is a horrible thing."

## Seawolf bids were flawed

NORFOLK (AP) — A federal judge has criticized the Navy's bidding procedure for the second Seawolf submarine as muddled, but he left open whether that made the contract illegal, as the losing bidder contended.

"It would be difficult not to find it ambiguous," U.S. District Judge Robert G. Doumar said Wednesday of the solicitation for Seawolf bids sent out by the Navy last December.

But Doumar said he had not decided whether the request was sufficiently flawed to issue an injunction barring work on the Seawolf pending the trial of a lawsuit filed May 6 by the Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co.

The Virginia shipyard filed suit after the Navy awarded the Seawolf job to the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corp. Gregory S. Stillman, the attorney for Newport News, said officials there thought the solicitation meant that they would get the award if their bid was less than the Navy's ceiling price of \$708 million.

Stillman said the Seawolf solicitation was worded so that the Navy had to give priority to any low-bidding bid from a rival of Electric Boat, which had won the first Seawolf contract in 1989. Newport News submitted a bid of \$688 million; Electric Boat bid \$615 million.

Craig S. King, the Navy's general counsel, said the Navy considered, as Congress insisted, having competition for Seawolf construction before deciding that price would be the determining factor for the award.

"An automatic award for being under \$708 million is not competition," King said.

Stanley Dees, the attorney for Electric Boat, said his client's advantage in winning the first Seawolf contract was not unfair. Requiring competitive bids for the second Seawolf was a message to Electric Boat not to get too greedy and assume a monopoly, he said.

Doumar has set July 11 to begin hearing the case and will decide next Tuesday whether to prohibit Electric Boat from doing work on the Seawolf until the lawsuit is heard.

"Cancer is something you think about every day once you have had it," Doumar said. "It's not just a disease, it's a way of life."

One of the ways she accomplishes her day's good is through the program, Reach to Recovery, a volunteer program for women who have had surgery for breast cancer. The program is designed to help women meet the physical, emotional and cosmetic needs of their disease and its treatment. It also provides information and support to loved ones and friends. To make clients feel more at ease, the volunteers are women who also have had mastectomies or lumpectomies.

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## Smokers cough out for protection

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Should smokers be protected from job discrimination just as the handicapped or minorities are? Thirteen states think so and have passed such legislation. New Jersey is on the verge of doing so, and bills are pending in 11 other states.

Proponents of such laws say they are needed to protect people who won't quit smoking, even if it's just at home, from being fired or passed over for jobs. They frame the issue as a matter of privacy and individual rights.

"If we're going to start picking and choosing the OK behaviors, good Lord, we're going to have to ban ice cream and all sorts of things," said Dave Brenton, president of the American Lung Association in Mesa, Ariz.

Anti-smoking forces say that protecting the jobs of people who refuse to stop smoking promotes a harmful habit, hurts worker productivity and raises health-care costs.

The American Cancer Society says smoking claims 390,000 lives annually and that secondhand smoke kills 53,000 a year. The organization has identified smoking as the leading preventable cause of death in the United States.

Colorado, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia have adopted smokers' rights laws.

Legislation is pending in Alabama, Connecticut, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Texas and Vermont.

In Indiana, the smokers' rights issue got a boost from the case of Janice Bone, who was fired as a payroll clerk at the Ford Motor Box Co. in Wabash. Bone did not smoke at work but a drug test detected nicotine in her urine.

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## Mannequin Two' is stiff, wooden

By LINDA M. TROMBLEY  
Manchester Herald

In the 1987 original "Mannequin" pretty and delightful Kim Cattrall played Emily, a mannequin who comes to life for Andrew McCarthy. The first "Mannequin" may not have been an intellectual masterpiece, but at least it had heart and humor.

In the new sequel "Mannequin Two: On The Move" yet another wooden dummy has come to life to disrupt the life of Jason Williamson, yet another young actor in the kingdom of Hauptmann-Koenig. Prince William is in love with Emily, a young and beautiful peasant girl. In order to stop the romance, the queen has her sorcerer cast a spell on a necklace that Prince William wears to Jessie. The spell turns Jessie into a wooden statue and will last 1,000 years or until a true love from another land removes the necklace.

The audience is then transported back to 1991, where the peasant girl's statue is put on display for a show at Prince and Co. The audience is never told how it came about that this wooden statue from a long time ago is put on display in the middle

of Philadelphia, but that is the least of the film's problems. The movie's biggest fault is in the acting. William Ragsdale as Prince William/Jason Williamson is a talented young actor, but he can't steal the show from his role. Kristy Swanson whose dubious resume is about "classical" such as the horror movie "Deadly Desire" and the short-lived TV series "Nightingales" plays Jessie. She looks just like a Barbie doll, but Barbie has more charisma and is less stiff.

The only person who brings any life to this script is Meshack Taylor as Hollywood, the only holdover from the last Mannequin. Taylor seems to be having a great deal of fun with his role, but even he can't save the few very lame jokes.

Most of the blame for this still-born film should be placed on the four writers of this screenplay, Edward Ruffoff, David Isaacs, Ken Levine and Betty Israel should all be frozen for another 1,000 years in the hopes that they could come up with some decent jokes given time.

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

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## DISCOVER

### Beating cancer spurred woman to assist others

By JACKIE HOLMES  
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Sometimes it takes the pain of a serious illness to bring out the best in people.

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## Weekenders... Places to go... things to do

**'Broadway Bound'**  
The Little Theatre of Manchester will present Neil Simon's "Broadway Bound" this Friday and Saturday and on May 31, and June 1 at East Catholic High School in Manchester.

The play is the third in Simon's autobiographical trilogy, the first two being "Brighton Beach Memoirs" and "Biloxi Blues." Set in the period right after World War II, this bittersweet comedy is hailed by many critics as one of Simon's best plays.

Certain time is 8 p.m. for each performance. General admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for students and seniors. For tickets call 645-6848.

**Four-handed concert**  
Dr. Robert Richardson and Ms. Ruth Sturtevant will play a four-handed concert at the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 153 West Vernon St., Manchester on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Selections include works by Bach, Beethoven, Debussy, Dvorak, Joplin, Mozart and Schubert. Free will donation. For more information, call Gail Crook at 246-9900 or 649-9508.

**Memorial Day worship service**  
A Memorial Day Church Service will be held at South Methodist Church, 1226 Main St., Manchester on Sunday at 10 a.m. Color Guards from the Veteran's Organizations will assemble outside the church at 9:30 a.m. This service is to remember the veterans and the service is open to all veterans, families and friends.

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**Shuttle explosion narrowly avoided**  
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA says it escaped catastrophe by removing a leaky fuel-temperature sensor in September that the agency later learned was cracked and could have caused the shuttle Columbia to blow up.

More of the cracked sensors may have been aboard Columbia when its latest mission was scrubbed Tuesday — one day before liftoff, NASA said. Because of a mixup, the agency didn't learn of the problem until late Monday, officials said.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress granted final approval Wednesday to a Democratic-written \$1.45 trillion federal budget for 1992 that rejects President Bush's plan to cut Medicare and other benefit programs.

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By LINDA M. TROMBLEY  
Manchester Herald

In the 1987 original "Mannequin" pretty and delightful Kim Cattrall played Emily, a mannequin who comes to life for Andrew McCarthy. The first "Mannequin" may not have been an intellectual masterpiece, but at least it had heart and humor.

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What in the name of anything holy is going on here? Not satisfied with the tremendous education budget trimming made last February by the Superintendent, the Republican majority on the Board of Directors gallantly submitted to an open hearing on said budget on April 30. The meeting opened with a stern rebuke by Mr. Workmen that the assembled, concerned citizens must, and will, respect the Board.

Well, the majority of the Board then proceeded to install the entire Town of Manchester by slapping an additional \$550,000 from the approved and balanced budget forcing the loss of 10 teaching positions. The only rationale given by the impetuous majority was that it felt aggrieved because the MEA contract break had legally negotiated and binding contract with the Town.

This came on Law Day, of all days. Also, and no less serious, was the fit of pique experienced by Mr. Oseila over the very mention of his employer's name, Northeast Utilities. The Deputy Mayor claimed to have been open to foregoing the half million dollar cut until he heard NU's name mentioned.

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That same week, Mr. Oseila challenged the report submitted by the Charter Revision Commission, not liking the style in which the report was prepared. The local Champion of Monopolies further complicated the Commission made recommendations which served the personal interests of some of the Commission members. To which Mrs. Burns-Landers expressed concern about complaints being made to the Ethics Commission under oath. Because the lady was herself the subject of an ethics complaint last year, one can only conclude it all depends upon whose ox is being gored.

This week, the Republicans outdid themselves for sheer arrogance. A new spokesman for the majority, Mr. Irish, went back to contract busting. He made a secret vote to two Board of Education members, trying to force to have the MEA contract re-negotiated. The Mayor also was busy with some little covert actions since Law Day. Hizzoner sounded out the MEA president to see if the 10 lost teaching positions had inflicted a large enough wound upon the union to make it knuckle under.

These people never quit. The majority of the Board of Directors obviously cannot see the absurdity of violating a legal contract, the result of crippling the future of our children for the sake of an oversized clubhouse, and the readiness of the effort to a formally constituted commission's report.

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"We're trying to reach the good aspect of their character," Frost said. "Hopefully, if you're an honest citizen, you're going to report any crime right away and through the regular procedures."

But the crime-stopper system for getting tips is hardly conventional. Anyone with information can call a specially designated number at the Police Department and either talk with Frost or leave a message on an answering machine.

After providing the tip, the informant will be given a time to call back to find out if the tip has led to an arrest and the extent of the reward, if any.

The amount of rewards will be determined by a group of 13 citizens who make up the Silk City Crime-stoppers. The group is responsible also for raising the money that will be used for the rewards.

Savings Bank of Manchester has kicked off donations by giving \$500 to group, Frost said.

"The town and the Police Department don't have anything to do with the money," Frost said. "It's another effort by citizens to help fight crime in the community."

Frost also supervises the community block watch program.

In some of the law established programs, there have been some cases when informants have refused rewards, saying they just wanted to inform the police. "They want to do the right thing, but they don't want to be paid," Frost said.

Frost said he wanted to emphasize that the program's success hinges on the effort of various sources. "We're looking for all the help we can get," he said. "I don't think there's going to be an avalanche of information coming to us from this, but it's another step."

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## SPORTS

# Darwin's outing encouraging sign to Bosox

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The Associated Press

BOSTON — Last season, Denny Darwin led the National League in earned run average and winning percentage. This year, he was among the American League leaders in most ailments while on the disabled list.

On Wednesday night, Harris pitched the final four innings to complete the shutout, and Darwin drove in three runs, two of them with his second homer in two games and eighth of the year.

"It shows the type of team we have," Darwin said. "We have a lot of character. We bounced back."

The sweep left Boston one game ahead of second-place Toronto, which lost to Oakland 2-1 Wednesday, in the American League East.

Darwin (2-1) began the game with an 8.10 ERA and his usual strong control. He allowed six hits but no walks.

"He can throw strikes," Boston manager Joe Morgan said. "He can do it day and night."

"I was able to throw strikes but I threw a lot of them right down the middle," he said. "Hopefully, the next time I go out I'll have better command of my fastball in and out."

Boston's ace, particularly two other players, also rebounded from tough times at Milwaukee's expense.

The Red Sox were outscored 31-13 while being swept in a three-game series at Texas last weekend.

Milwaukee's ace, Steve Garvey, was demoted to the bullpen. And Tom Brunansky was in the midst of a 1-for-15 slump.

But the Red Sox, who lead the majors with six shutouts, began the Milwaukee series with a 3-0 shutout Monday night by Matt Young. Jeff

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## Rebels ignore call for halt in fight

**ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP)** — Rebels smelting victory after the resignation and flight of longtime dictator Mengistu Haile Mariam have brushed aside government and U.S. pleas for a truce and are pressing on toward the capital.

The impoverished country's acting president, Lt. Gen. Tesfaye Gebrre Kidan, said in a nationwide broadcast Wednesday that he was willing to "establish an interim government with all parties" to end 30 years of civil war.

"On behalf of the Ethiopian people who have been shedding their blood for so long, I appeal for peace," Gebrre Kidan said.

President Mengistu fled into exile on Tuesday after 17 years in power and was believed to be in Zimbabwe, although officials there said they did not know his whereabouts.

Gebrre Kidan said he was ready for the U.S.-mediated peace talks that are to begin in London on Monday and added: "We will not stop there. There is nothing we are not prepared to do."

With rebels pushing back demoralized government troops to within 25 miles of the capital on Wednesday, intense diplomatic efforts were under way in Addis Ababa and Washington to arrange a cease-fire.

It appeared the rebels were waffling on what sources said was a deal arranged by the United States for Mengistu's departure in exchange for a cease-fire and meaningful negotiations between the warring parties.

Ethiopia has the largest army in sub-Saharan Africa, but its troops have been unable to stem the tide of rebel advances, both because of low morale

and lack of supplies.

The United Nations and several Western embassies said they were reviewing whether to evacuate dependants and staff. The U.S. embassy withdrew dependants and non-essential staff weeks ago — the only embassy to do so.

The two main guerrilla armies rejected the cease-fire call.

The Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front, comprised of Tigrean rebels, said it would crush the remnants of Mengistu's brutal dictatorship. The truce also was rejected by the Eritrean People's Liberation Front.

The Tigrean rebels said they had advanced to Addis Ababa, 34 miles west of Addis Ababa, and vowed to push on until a peace agreement was signed or the government was "completely wiped out."

The insurgents seek a broad-based transitional government, free elections and multiparty democracy in this one-party state.

The rebels rejected Gebrre Kidan as a "cosmetic change." The former defense minister had led the fight against the insurgents. He was named vice president about two weeks ago.

Tigrean rebel spokesman Asefa Mamo said the rebels still plan to attend the London talks.

The Eritrean rebels have fought for independence for their Red Sea province for 30 years in Africa's longest war.

They and the Tigreans, who launched their insurgency 16 years ago seeking greater autonomy for their province, control roughly a third of northern Ethiopia, making dramatic battlefield gains in the last three months.



**IN THE STREET** — Workers march to the prime minister's office in Warsaw Wednesday during a nationwide day of action called by the Solidarity trade union to protest declining living standards, its first large organized effort since overthrowing communists in 1989.

## Turkish general wounded in attack

**ADANA, Turkey (AP)** — Four gunmen firing from a car today wounded a Turkish general and his driver in this southern industrial city, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

Brig. Gen. Temel Cingoz, the military police commander, and his driver were hospitalized and the police were searching for the attackers, Anatolia said. Their condition was not given.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the shootings in Adana, 250 miles southeast of Ankara near the Mediterranean coast.

The attack was the second this year targeting military officials. On Jan. 30, retired Gen. Hulusi Sayin, the

former commander of the forces fighting Kurdish rebels in the southeast, was assassinated in front of his home in Ankara. The Dev-Sol (Revolutionary Left) terrorist gang claimed responsibility.

Today's incident also marked an intensification of bloody acts of terrorism in the country over the past weeks.

Istanbul, Turkey's largest city and industrial center with a population of over seven million, was the scene of attacks last week in which five policemen were killed. Last weekend, police raided an apartment and in the ensuing shootout a man and a woman suspected in the murders of policemen were killed.

## Waldheim support slipping

**VIENNA, Austria (AP)** — One-time supporters of Kurt Waldheim now say another term for the president with a damaging wartime past could jeopardize Austria's chances of being accepted into the European Community.

Waldheim says he will announce in June whether he intends to run for re-election in next year's balloting. No major candidates have announced themselves for a post, which is long on ceremony and short on political power.

The former U.N. secretary-general was elected Austria's head of state in 1986 despite an international uproar over his World War II service with a German army unit implicated in war crimes — a past he had covered up.

Waldheim denied involvement in any atrocities, and investigators have never turned up any evidence against him.

But he has been widely stung by international leaders during his tenure and remains on the U.S. Watch List of suspected Nazi war criminals, unwelcome in Washington or other Western capitals.

Waldheim appears to retain considerable public support in his country, but some Austrian politicians and business leaders who backed him five years ago want a new president.

In their view, if Waldheim is elected to a new six-year term in June 1992, his notoriety abroad could hurt Austria's attempts to join the 12-nation European Community. The EC's internal trade barriers are to fall at the end of 1992, which could hurt Austrian exports.

"On the eve of our joining the European Community, Austria cannot afford to remain isolated from parts of the world," Herbert Krejci, head of Austria's Association of Industrialists, said in an interview.

He supported Waldheim in 1986. Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal, who is Viennese, said Waldheim's re-election would "not simplify attempts to join the EC. We need a decent and intelligent man with a good name."

The conservative People's Party, which nominated Waldheim in 1986, is also rethinking its support.

If Waldheim runs, it would be "damaging to the country," declared Erich Ederer, the People's Party leader in Graz, Austria's third-largest city.

Kronenzeitung, Austria's biggest daily, backed Waldheim in 1986. But the newspaper suggested last week that he bow out quickly.

The Waldheim "story is now finally ending as a humbling tragedy," said columnist Hubert Fink.



**TUNNEL THROUGH** — British and French construction crews celebrate at the mid-point after breaking through to complete the first running tunnel inside the Channel Tunnel Wednesday, a milestone in the world's largest engineering project. Expected to be completed in 1993, the tunnel will permit high-speed trains between London and Paris in three-and-a-half hours.

## Cyclone victims' tales astound

**KUTUBDIA ISLAND, Bangladesh (AP)** — Siddiq Ahmad sat on his hospital bed today and showed Marilyn Quayle how he clung to a tree for more than six hours during the cyclone that killed his mother and 13 other relatives.

Holding his arms in a wide embrace, the 55-year-old farm laborer described to the wife of Vice President Dan Quayle how he drifted about 8 miles south to Maheshkhal Island, bobbing in and out of the rushing water.

"I was not afraid. I was praying to Allah," the farmer said earlier. "I feel like I've been reborn. Allah saved me."

Mrs. Quayle stopped to chat with Ahmad during a visit to the only hospital on this island in the Bay of Bengal, one of the worst hit by the April 30 cyclone, which claimed some 139,000 lives.

Between 15,000 and 20,000 of Kotubdia's 110,000 inhabitants died, according to the Bangladesh military.

U.S. Navy Lt. John Koella, 32, of Oceanside, Calif., part of the 1,000-strong U.S. military task force sent to help the relief operation, told Mrs. Quayle that Ahmad suffered serious bruises on the inside of his legs and arms from clinging so tightly to the tree.

Ahmad's wife, six sons and five daughters survived because they went to one of the concrete cyclone shelters on the island that withstood the storm. He stayed home with his mother and other relatives.

At a news conference after returning to the island, Mrs. Quayle said Bangladesh needs more multi-purpose buildings that can be used as schools or hospitals and double as cyclone shelters.

"The permanent solution is disaster planning — emergency preparedness, shelters — I think that's going to help the country a great deal," she said.

Mrs. Quayle said she will submit a report on Bangladesh to President Bush as soon as she returns to Washington. She is a member of the council of the U.N. International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction and chairman of the U.S. Agency for International Development's disaster advisory committee.

"I'm very impressed by the resilience of the Bangladesh people and their ability to fight back when nature has given them such an incredible blow," she said.

Mrs. Quayle said she would like to see Bangladesh implement U.N. guidelines for disaster preparedness and improve its management of disaster.

Her attention is expected to hit

## Brazil strike flops; workers ignore union

**SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP)** — A general strike flopped Wednesday, as Brazilians widely ignored a call by labor groups to protest government economic policies.

Bus and train service slowed and pickets staged isolated protests, but for most of the nation of 150 million it was business as usual.

Labor Ministry press spokesman Francisco Baker called the walkout — the first general strike since President Fernando Collor de Mello took office on March 15, 1990 — a "complete failure."

In Sao Paulo, rock-throwers damaged about 200 buses. Some companies chose to keep their buses off the street.

In Rio de Janeiro, pickets kept buses from leaving the garage. State police broke up the picketing, and 12 protesters were arrested and later released.

Millions resorted to taxis, chartered buses and car pools to get to work.

Jair Meneguelli, president of the far left Central Workers Union, announced the planned 48-hour strike a month ago. It was organized by his union, the General Workers Confederation and the General Workers Central.

The three leftist union movements, which say they represent 35 million of Brazil's 62 million workers, pledged to stop economic activity in major cities and get mass turnouts in the streets in a major show of popular discontent.

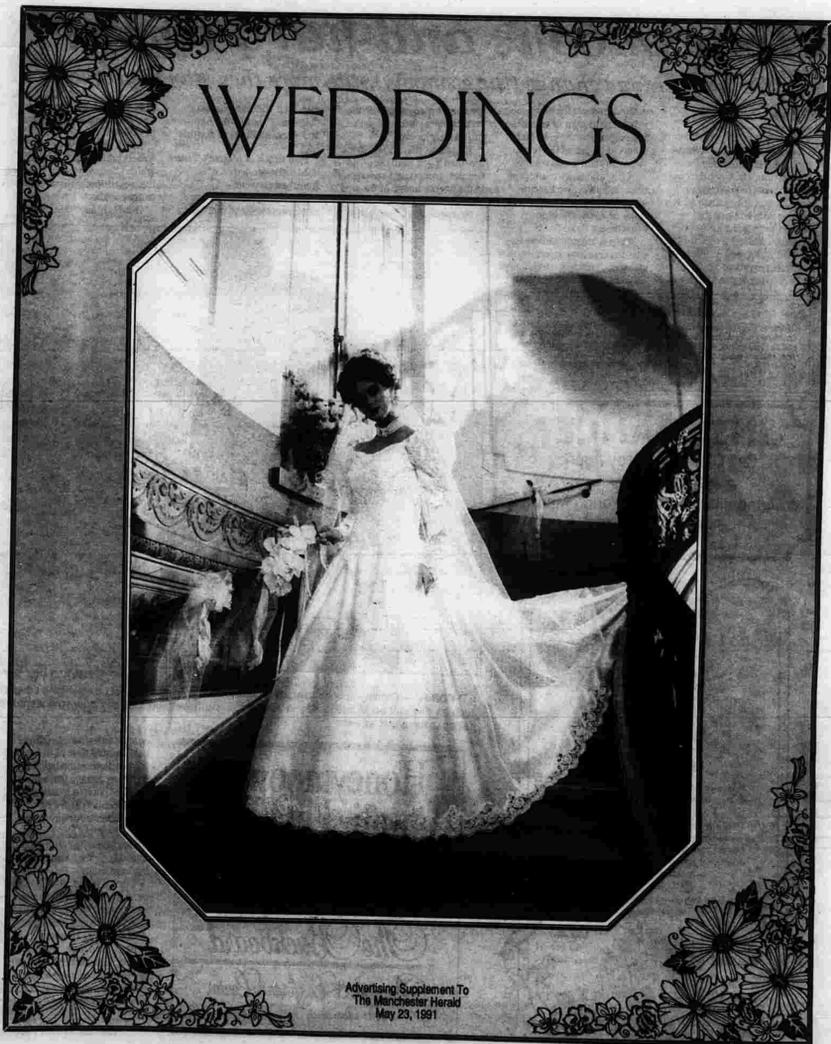
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But even in traditional union strongholds turnout was surprisingly low.

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## Honeymoons and hard times:

The more things change (the economy), the more they stay the same

By HAROLD C. SHAYER  
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — When Antia the Hun abducted the Roman princess, Honoris, carrying her off to his fortifications, he not only gained an attractive wife and half the Roman Empire, he gave Western culture the idea for one of its most revered institutions — the honeymoon.

Evolved now to a kinder and

gentler practice, the honeymoon is holding its own in an otherwise bleak economy. In fact, it seems to be one of the few investments still worth making.

"If the economy is affecting honeymoons ... we have no way of knowing it," says Bob Jones of AAA Travel in Manchester.

"People are reluctant to discuss the financial aspects with strangers," he says. "But in my 22 years in the travel industry,

I've never seen anyone skimp on their honeymoon ... we're just as busy as ever."

Jones says that honeymoons are often a gift from the couples' parents and are crucial to the overall image of the wedding.

"Honeymoons are the one place couples go all out," she says. "But people do tend to 'low-ball' on price. They want the sales."

Brock says many of her customers prefer beach resorts, of which Cancun, Mexico is one of the most affordable and consistently popular.

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## Annie and Justin: a wedding story

By BARBARA MAYER  
The Associated Press

Justin Edwards — carpenter, amateur photographer, bicyclist and sailing enthusiast — doesn't strike an observer as a sentimental man. But after his girlfriend, Annie Chervin, admired a particular engagement ring while they were window shopping one spring day in 1988, he quietly went back to the shop and bought it without telling her.

"The wine was wasted on me," recalls Annie, "because after Justin said 'do you want to get married?' and I said 'yes,' he pulled out that ring and gave it to me."

Their thoughts quickly turned to an outdoor wedding. They could see the perfect site by looking out their window. It was the expansive lawn surrounding the apartment, which occupies part of a landmark colonial house in South Salem, N.Y., a small town about 50 miles north of New York City.

Typical of many couples these days, Annie and Justin already were living together, and they planned to arrange and pay for their wedding themselves. And they wanted a party that wouldn't offend their parents' sense of decorum.

As soon as their obliging landlord gave them permission to hold the ceremony and reception on the grounds, Annie and Justin began planning the wedding which would take place a little more than a year later, on May 19, 1990.

Their first budget estimate was \$10,000, and they did manage to keep costs to under \$11,000. Ultimately, most of the cost was covered by Annie's parents, Alexander and Edith

Chervin of Montreal, as a wedding gift.

As a floral designer and photographic stylist, Annie, now 33, says she knew she had the skills to plan a wedding with 80 guests. "I already had done flowers for weddings and coordinated models, props, logistics and food on many photographic shoots," she recalls. Justin, 31, would lend moral support, help make decisions and handle many of the technical chores, such as lighting and sound.

They agreed they wanted an informal yet dignified affair at which their friends and far-flung families — she is originally from Montreal and he is English — would get a chance to meet.

"Having everyone there from all the different aspects of our life was important to us," says Justin.

"We started out with the thought of a nontraditional party, but as we got closer to the date, it got more traditional," Annie says.

Taking on many of the tasks herself let her have things just as she wanted and let her work with friends and acquaintances who enjoyed creating the party as much as she did herself, she says.

Annie started her planning by making a list of what she thought she would need for the wedding and then went straight to the Yellow Pages for names. She telephoned first for information about rental costs and availability, following up with visits to those vendors she considered good possibilities.

When possible, she hired people she already knew. The caterer, Daryell Ray of Greenwich, is a friend, as are the cake baker and photographer. Otherwise, she relied on instinct, choosing people who she felt were both professional and pleasant.

One of the first important decisions was to find someone to marry them. Annie is Jewish; Justin's grandfather was a minister, and he grew up in a Church of England family. They wanted a religious service that would be comfortable to both families.

They asked the Rev. Scudder Edwards (not related to the groom), minister of the nearby South Salem Presbyterian Church, to perform the ceremony.

"He was sensitive to our desire to weave the two religions together," recalls Justin.

"He was willing to take out the Holy Ghost but leave God in," says Annie. "He gave us a standard ceremony book to look at and told us to put a bracket around any words that made us uncomfortable."

This important matter settled, they moved on to select caterer, menu, photographer, and music. They found rental sources for a large tent with a dance floor, tables and chairs, dishes, glasses and silver, tablecloths and portable toilet facilities.

They also had to find restaurant locations for pre-wedding events and lodgings for the many out-of-town guests, including her family and friends from Canada and some of his relatives from Britain (his parents, Michael and Sheila Edwards, live nearby in Coventry, Conn). Clothing for the wedding party had to be selected.

Annie created her own invitations, and with the help of a friend who is a florist, chose and arranged the wedding flowers. She and Justin taped the music for the wedding procession and reception. And they chose a festive menu of interesting but beautiful food.

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## Bridal fashion: from mermaids to sheaths

Avant-garde look is popular; but traditional tastes prevail

By MATTHEW FLYNN  
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Although traditional wedding attire still reigns supreme in the billowy, lacy world of bridal fashion, area bridal shops say that outlandish, avant garde styles have been seen coming down the aisle recently.

Both Lisa Johnson of Bridal Elegance and Virginia Fenez of Wedding Expressions say that although most prefer the traditional wedding gowns and tuxedos, an occasional couple opts for the more, shall we say, unique look.

Johnson says that one of the more outlandish dresses has been the mermaid dress. She describes the mermaid as a full

length dress which fits tight about the body and billows out at the bottom. From the shins down, the dress is garnished with ruffles.

"This makes the dress flow out to make the look of a fish," Johnson says.

She considers the mermaid dress the most popular of the outlandish wedding outfits. And she says not only do bridesmaids wear them, but often the bride does as well.

Another offbeat trend is wearing straight dresses, rather than flowing gowns. Johnson describes these as long, sheath dresses with a modern look. She says that they most often are worn white or ivory.

And these days, being avant garde sometimes means being



ultra-conservative. For example, one common trend lately has been the "Black and White" theme.

For a "Black and White" wedding, everyone in the procession wears strictly black and white. All men sport black tuxedos and ties. Bridesmaids adhere to the black and white.

Johnson says that the "Black and White" theme breaks with the traditional, colorful attire theme, but it creates a harmonious look for a wedding.

Fenez says that one woman had requested a short black

**FRESH LOOKS** — Left, is a "mermaid" dress, and right, a "sheath" style.

Photos courtesy of Bridal Elegance



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**BRIDESMAID FASHIONS** — Here are some of the latest fashions for all you bridesmaids out there: In the first photo, on the left, is a Fatael print with kick-back featuring a Fichu neckline outlined with Venice lace on black velvet; and right, a Guipere bertha collar over a black sheath in Sabrina Taffeta, with short-fitted sleeves, and hip-bow trailing streamers.

In the second photo, on the left, is a Fatael print floor length ball gown skirt, featuring an open neckline with shoulder length puffs; and right, an iridescent Taffeta, teal, scoop neckline with 3/4 puffs, fitted and pointed waist prancing a dance floor length skirt.

In the third photo, standing at left, gold cording outlines the shoulder length short sleeves and Veed neckline, soft gathers parade the hipline releasing a bouffant floor length skirt, all-over Hemlock Iridescent Falles; and seated center, is a combination of Verdigris Vermeer Tapestry and iridescent Taffeta, shoulder length short sleeves, a floor length skirt, and bustle bow accented with a blossom. All gowns are from the House of Bianchi.

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dress for her wedding. The dress was described by the wedding consultant as acquired with lace on the bottom.

"It wasn't what you would expect to see at a wedding, but it was really beautiful," Fenez said.

Both Fenez and Johnson say that in the world of bridal fashions, it is wise to keep attuned to new — and perhaps odd — bridal ideas.

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## Want more money? Get married

(AP) — Single men looking for a raise or promotion should consider a serious option: Get married.

Married men earn an average of 30.6 percent more than unmarried men, according to a University of Michigan survey. Husbands outearn bachelors in several other countries as well, said Robert Schoeni, a doctoral student at the school's Population Studies Center in Ann Arbor, Mich.

"The average earnings of married men were consistently higher than the earnings of their unmarried counterparts in all the countries we studied. The effect persisted even when education, age or experience, and race were taken into account," Schoeni said.

He thinks possible reasons are that employers perceive married men as more stable and community-oriented, that women tend to marry financially successful men, and that men feel more responsible, and therefore are more productive.

Schoeni studied incomes in 12 countries, using data for 25- to 64-year-old males collected since 1983 by the Center for Population, Poverty and Policy Studies in Welford, Luxembourg. He said he found marriage had a particularly powerful effect on men's earnings in the United States, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland.

Long-distance calls and travel fares often need to be figured into wedding expenses, according to Modern Bride, whose December-January issue looks at the phenomenon of what it calls "long-distance weddings." The mobility of people today makes it unlikely that you'll meet, marry and settle down in your old home town, the magazine says. The publication advises you plan far in advance so relatives and friends in distant cities will have a better chance to come, provide travel information, arrange blocks of hotel rooms at discounted rates, and try to keep costs to a minimum for participants and guests.

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By ALEX GIRELLI  
Manchester Herald

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## Bouquets brighten bride's special day

As a floral designer, Annie Chervin looked forward to choosing and arranging the flowers for her own wedding.

So two days before her May 19 wedding, she and her sister, Nancy, rose at 4 a.m. and drove 50 miles from South Salem, N.Y., to New York City. By 5:30 a.m., they were arriving through the wholesale flower market on the lower West Side.

"I didn't have any particular flowers in mind ahead of time. I wanted to be inspired by what I saw in the market," she recalls.

Annie found inspiration for her bridal bouquet in green lilies and white lilies with burgundy veining. She bought beaded ranunculus and variegated ivy for her flower girl's basket. She also bought sweet pea

vines with slender green pea pods already formed in case the two types of lilies needed augmenting. For the mothers, grandmothers and groom's sister, she bought gardenias and phalaenopsis orchids.

She decided she would pick some of the lily of the valley growing in the garden at home for the flower girl's basket, the bridesmaids' bouquets and as boutonnières for the groom and his attendants.

To decorate a trellis under which the wedding procession would pass, she bought stock in cream and white. For the buffet table she chose a sheaf of tall grass that looked like wheat and blue delphinium and love-in-the-mist, as well as three big artichokes on a stem.

Each of the 12 dining tables would have a flowering herbal topiary, which she had already or-

dered from a Connecticut herb farm. After completing their flower market purchases three hours later, Annie and Nancy stopped at Balducci's, a famous gourmet produce shop in Greenwich Village, where they bought flowering kale and other interesting-looking vegetables to further embellish the buffet table.

"I didn't buy anything that would be hard to condition, such as roses or greens with a milky substance," she says.

Arriving home, she stripped off the leaves and trimmed the stems of the flowers, then put them in vases with tepid water. "I left them in the garage, which was the perfect cool and dark place for them."

There they sat until the morning of her wedding, when they were arranged by Annie and her friend, Karen McCowan, also a florist.

Annie spent \$330 at the wholesale flower market and \$125 for the topiaries. Her cost of \$475 is just under the \$478 that Bride's Magazine says is the average expenditure for flowers at weddings.

In choosing unusual blossoms and mixing commercially-grown flowers with garden flowers, herbs and vegetables, she was revealing a romantic sensibility that is in keeping with bridal trends which emphasize novelty and originality in both selection of blooms and their arrangement.

"People don't want to look at a book and order number 24. They want something unusual," says Alexandra Randall, a florist and photo stylist in St. James, N.Y.

How unusual? Recently Randall executed a bridal bouquet in the form of a box of leather and 100 roses, which the bride wore around her shoulders and draped over her arms.

Floral designers also are improving on nature. For a recent issue of Bride's, Randall created a flower by inserting a bundle of six miniature Serenoa roses into a large lily. The bouquet containing several of these fantasy flowers was set off with a border of lady's mantle, a green herb that looks like curly parsley or green baby's breath.

For the same issue of the

magazine, floral designer Curtis Godwin inserted a spray of lily of the valley into each of several large yellow calla lily blooms on a single stalk, so the entire bouquet emerges from one stem.

Though unusual today, the idea of stuffing smaller blossoms into larger ones was popular in earlier eras, says Randall. The Victorians did it, and in the 1930s, there was a craze for so-called "glamellas." The creations were actually gladiolus flowers arranged one inside the other to create the look of a multi-petaled camellia.

These days there is little need to imitate out-of-season flowers because air transportation and improvements in breeding techniques have led to almost constant availability of all types of flowers, says Rocky Pollitz, a vice president of Teleflora, a floral wire service based in Los Angeles. "If you are willing to pay for them, your wedding flowers can be virtually any-

thing you might wish for," she says. Choosing unexpected flowers is just one way to achieve originality. Unusual bouquet shapes are another. One new look is a waterfall bouquet in which the flowers are arranged in a cascade of bloom, says Pollitz.

Heart-shaped bouquets, pomander balls on wands and tiny nosegays of miniature flowers are some other examples of fashionable styles. Fresh flowers also are often entwined in the hair, arranged to cover a chignon, or used to trim a hat.

Color trends in floral bouquets include multicolor mixtures and unexpected color combinations, such as champagne roses and beige stock with deep purple pansies or English lavender. Instead of the traditional all-white or pale bouquet, many brides are choosing colorful arrangements. Many quite naturally select their flowers to complement their dresses, especially those in a period style.

## Trousseaus make romantic return

With the revival of full-scale formal weddings comes the return of another romantic extravagance: the trousseau.

"Our trousseau business is phenomenal," says Nicole Muller, who with her mother, Gloria, runs Lingerie de Nicole, an upscale boutique on New York's Madison Avenue. "Not a day goes by that someone doesn't ask about a trousseau."

Business is so brisk that they have started a bridal registry service, so that close friends and relatives can select preferred items for the bride, in her right size. "Our bridal registry is the response to increased demand for bridal lingerie and also to the need for the bride and her entire wedding party to juggle the countless details involved in wedding planning," says Gloria Muller.

"Trousseau" is derived from the French word for "bundle" and usually refers to the bride's clothes and linens, often collected in a hope chest. To the Mullers this means lacy silk and satin bras, panties, garters, gowns, robes and slippers, traditionally in white or ivory, but also in pastels and occasionally black. Accessories include the good-luck garter, satin slippers to be worn for comfort at the reception as well as with sleepwear, padded satin lingerie hangers and a lacy laundry bag for the delicate lingerie.

Others may prefer easy-care versions made of Patina or Captiva, two nylon luxury fabrics by Allied. Designer Fernando Sanchez uses these in brilliant hues for lingerie and at-home wear, while lingerie makers such as Lily of France, Lorraine, Gilligan & O'Malley, Val Mode, Cine Star, Chic and others interpret traditionally glamorous designs in these fabrics.

For an elegant touch, trim pillows in fabrics and embroidery to match the robes in your trousseau, suggests Holly Lawless, a lingerie designer. She recommends packing several robes among the sheets, slips and sashes — one that's elegantly embroidered, another that's sheer, and one for real comfort. Dress designer and antique dealer Ann Lawrence advises the bride to devise her own version of a hope chest — perhaps an old cedar chest or steamer trunk — to collect lingerie and linens. There's something about old things, she says, that gives a comfortable feeling of enduring tradition.

Most of those filly-at-home clothes — robes, nightgowns, lace-trimmed or embroidered toddlers, camisoles, slips, bras, panties and hosiery — can go right into the automatic washer, advises Maytag. Just make sure you launder smaller loads than usual, separately, using the delicate cycle and at least a medium water level.

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## Invitations: more than announcements

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Couples who are paying for and organizing their own wedding often rewrite the standard wording form. They also may choose something more colorful than the traditional black-link-on-silver stock.

Hand-written or computer-generated calligraphy, original artwork such as a caricature of the couple or a floral design may be reproduced on the invitations. Hand-made paper, a scroll with antique lettering or a box instead of an envelope are among some ideas being used.

"People who come to us want something different, not the standard engraved invitations," says Barbara Logan of Rockville, Md., who markets a line of invitations in which rose or cornflower petals, Queen Anne's Lace or bits of lace fabric are impregnated in handmade paper in pink, violet, blue, cream or white. The invitation itself is printed on a parchment sheet inserted under the decorative cover with ribbon or tassel.

Logan says many brides are coordinating invitations, reply cards and

thank-you notes to the wedding's color theme. Prices for floral paper invitations start at \$4 and go up to \$6 for the lace. They are sold at craft shops and stationery stores across the country. For information, call (800)-458-9143.

It's also possible to send out a wedding invitation in a plastic wine or champagne bottle, says Elaine Barker, owner of Paper Popcorn in Haverhill, Mass. The unbreakable bottle can be sent through the mail with a 45- or 85-cent stamp, depending on its size.

One recent order she handled was for 150 invitations screened with a watercolor, with response cards and notes for gift thank-yous. Cost was about \$1,000, she says.

Replacing a pen-and-ink sketch on the invitation might cost about \$2 for each invitation, plus \$150 for the original drawing.

In line with this new trend, Annie Chervin of South Salem, N.Y., created her own invitation. She drew a caricature of herself and her groom, Justin Edwards, in wedding attire for the cover and designed a map with directions to the wedding location for the back of the invitation. She wrote out the text in her own clear hand.

"I experimented with unconventional wording but went back to the traditional wording because I felt this would please both sets of parents," she says.

Since she knew how to prepare the necessary mechanical — finished drawings and text — she was able to deliver camera-ready material to the printer. Ordering and paying for 100 invitations, she was pleasantly surprised to receive 150.

The cost of \$120 was well below the \$286 which, according to Bride's Magazine, is the average spent on invitations, announcements and thank-you notes. Annie saved money by asking guests to reply by telephone instead of including a reply card to be mailed.

Despite innovations, don't write off the traditional engraved invitation. It's alive and well, says Dina Clason, senior stationery buyer at Tiffany's in New York.

"Being Tiffany's, we are, of course, extremely traditional. We used to see more demand for unusual invitations, but these days, people don't want to stand out and be unique and different."

In one respect, Tiffany's has bent the rules. "Technically a reply card

isn't correct, and we fought them for a long time. But Americans do not reply without them," she says.

The cost of a traditional-size engraved invitation at Tiffany's is \$365 for 100. Reception cards are \$148, and reply cards and envelopes add \$260 more. Clason says most people order informal note paper for thank-you notes. But she recommends regular stationery with the new name or monogram, since it will have many more uses.

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The odds aren't as great as you may think, even if you're an older woman, says Barbara Lovenheim, author of "Heating the Marriage Odds: When You are Smart, Single and Over 35" (William Morrow). Lovenheim reviews the statistics from a variety of sources, including the Bennet-Bloom report of several years ago, which concluded that women over 40 had only a 1.3 percent chance of marrying, and the National Center for Health Statistics figures, which show that a 40-year-old woman has a 24 percent chance.

"The one thing, (the statistics) show that a woman's marital probabilities really do decline as she ages. That is a fact," Lovenheim writes. "The bright side of these statistics is that a large number of women can — and do — marry at every age. A forty-year-old single woman can find a husband and so can a fifty-two-year-old single woman. A thirty-eight-year-old divorced woman may find a new spouse, and a forty-nine-year-old divorced woman is not at all out of the running."

"The Perfect Wedding Planner" (Dulacore Press) is a record-keeper, planner and reference guide in one looseleaf binder.

## Bows of etiquette bend

Wedding etiquette, once practically carved in stone, is now written on the wind.

Just for starters, the bridal couple may have been living together before the wedding. The groom may have selected a woman as his honor attendant while the "maid" of honor is a man. The bride may walk down the aisle on the arm of both her father and her stepfather, or with her mother. The wedding service may be conducted by two members of the clergy, each of a different denomination.

"The nicest thing that has happened is that weddings have become more individual," says Elizabeth Post, granddaughter of Emily Post, who kept earlier generations' manners in order. "We have many more choices today. People check in etiquette books to see what is considered proper and then modify it to suit themselves," says Post, who recently revised "Emily Post's Complete Book of Wedding Etiquette."

Still, she discerns a growing interest in observing the forms, after an era in which many people wanted to eliminate them in the interest of spontaneity and freedom.

"Compared to the 1970s and the 1960s, people want more structure, but without returning to the formality that characterized the Victorian age," says Post.

Or as Annie Chervin Edwards, who was married in South Salem, N.Y. last spring, puts it: "I didn't want my wedding to be stuffy, but I didn't want anything to be in bad taste, either."

Although she didn't plan on observing traditions such as having a receiving line, she says that one materialized naturally after the ceremony as guests came up to congratulate the couple and their parents.

"Etiquette today is changing to accommodate feelings, which is only right, since it evolved as ritualized courtesy which is a form of kindness," says Barbara Tober, editor of Bride's Magazine.

Some practices now considered appropriate — once either frowned on or not considered — include sharing expenses between both sets of parents, closing the bar early or even doing without alcoholic beverages altogether, inviting live-in mates as well as spouses of friends, and addressing invitations to a husband and wife who don't share the same last name, Bride's reports.

If receiving lines and other rituals are no longer a matter of concern, what questions of etiquette most concern those planning weddings today?

The toughest questions are those having to do with the roles of step-parents and divorced parents in the wedding, followed closely by those about second weddings, says Post.

A common question: Who gives the bride away? "Tradition says it's her own father's prerogative, but this can lead to hurt feelings if she has been living with her mother and stepfather for many years. Many brides are writing to ask if their mother can give them away. I say yes — even though there may be some raised eyebrows — if that is what the bride would like."

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## Wedding cake ideas

A wedding cake in traditional white, but with a difference — chocolate — is a current favorite of bridal couples who have their receptions at New York's Plaza Hotel.

Bernard Chmiewiec, executive pastry chef for the hotel, offers this recipe, using white chocolate and white chocolate cream liqueur in the cake, cream filling and frosting to make a moist, rich wedding cake he describes as "decadently delicious." It is completely edible, including the decorations.

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Put the egg whites and vanilla into a bowl, then add the confectioners sugar. Using a large wire whisk, start to beat the mixture over a bain marie using very low heat — not to exceed 50 degrees. Then move the bowl to an electric mixer and beat at high speed until cool, snow-white and thick, adding the butter bit by bit. (The mixture will look as if it is about to separate.) Continue beating and shape the butter cream.

Cut the sponge cake into 2 or 3 layers and soak in the syrup to absorb the liquid. Spread the cream filling between the layers, and frost and decorate with the butter cream. Use a pastry bag with various tips to shape decorations.

Other white chocolate recipes appropriate to wedding celebrations, including one for a drink called "The White Satin," is available without charge from Heublein, which makes and markets Truffles White Chocolate Liqueur. Write to Truffles Recipe Book, c/o AGW, 225 Varick Street, New York, N.Y. 10014.

## Living 'happily ever after'

WASHINGTON (AP) — You can strengthen your marriage by not expecting to agree with your partner on everything and by learning to manage those differences constructively, says a family counseling specialist.

Happy couples are those who have learned to communicate, negotiate and compromise more skillfully, says Clifford Notarius, co-director of the Catholic University of America's marriage and family studies group.

He adds that it's how the couple deals with differences rather than the differences themselves that affects the stability of their marriage. He offers these guidelines to help couples communicate successfully:

- Speak only for yourself, not for your partner.
- Communicate, or argue, as if it were a game with rules, not a free-for-all.
- Separate the discussion of the problem from the solution; don't rush to a solution.
- Choose one topic to talk about and stick to it. Don't stack problems.
- Be polite. Maintain self-control.
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## Uniquely devised

A wedding you plan yourself is unique, but that quality of originality is what makes it typical, says Barbara Tober, editor of Bride's Magazine.

So the wedding of Justin Edwards and Annie Chervin was unique to them, of course, but typical.

"The desire to make a wedding personal in all its aspects is paramount today. All the elements — from ethnic customs to what they wear and what they eat and how they travel to the ceremony — are being considered and personal choices are being made," says Tober.

"No less important is having the people they regard as family present at the wedding. Today, a couple wants to make a connection with family in whatever way they can. Not everyone has a big family. Or they may have given up on their relatives but want to include those who are meaningful."

Today's weddings are traditional in that people send invitations, make vows, have a meal, cut a cake, have toasts and go on a honeymoon. What is different now is that there are so many choices in every one of these activities. Many couples have an essentially traditional service, but they may add to or modify it, observes Tober.

"The wedding dress can have a handkerchief hem, be bullet length or have a cathedral train and four types of beads. Or be a simple dress or a lace suit. There's every neckline, every kind of fabric."

Flowers? "From grape hyacinths and miniature tussy musies to roses and gardenias."

## Surviving the wedding day

CHICAGO (AP) — Tempers may flare and patience wear thin on this special occasion, your wedding day.

"Weddings are almost like a crisis situation," says Doris J. Rankin, associate professor of community and mental health nursing at Loyola University in Chicago.

"You've never done this before and multiple decisions, large and small, must be made in a relatively short period of time. There are almost certainly going to be conflicts."

Just about anything can create conflict on the wedding day, she says, from the color of the wedding dress to the type of band or music being played.

But it's all survivable.

"The key to a successful and happy wedding is to resolve conflicts as they occur," says Rankin. "Be honest about your feelings, but don't be afraid to compromise."

Solving conflicts on the wedding day may not be easy, but the important part is to start with an open mind, not a confrontational stance, she says.

"Look for the win-win situation, something that satisfies both parties. A bride and groom that I knew came from distinctly different religions. Their solution was two ceremonies, one from each faith. Both families were pleased."

It's a day of great expectations, she says, for bride, groom, family and friends.

"While everybody wants their dream wedding, remember, perfection isn't always possible."

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