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Sara Gragnolati

“An honor ... a small class ... a lot of talent ...”—this was Sara Tiffany Gragnolati’s reaction to her new role as president of her class.

Sara was chosen by her fellow classmates as president of the WLHS Senior Class of 1995. Sara comes from a well-known local family.

The Gragnolati name has left its mark as part of this column over the years ... Alfred, a great uncle in 1976, Dennis an uncle in 1977 and Sara’s grandparents, Francis and Mary in 1981.

Sara is a local girl, the daughter of Michael and Marilyn (Rebne) Gragnolati. She has a younger sister, Ariel, age 9, a student at South School and a girl interested in writing.

Family Active in Town

No story concerning Sara would be complete without, first, some background on her active and interesting parents. Michael, a 1971 WLHS grad, went on to the University of Southern Maine in Portland, where he met his future bride, Marilyn. Michael has two brothers, Dennis and James,

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and a sister, Elizabeth.

Michael earned a degree in agronomy (the study of soil and plant sciences) at the Southern Maine school. Currently, he is studying for his master’s degree at the University of Connecticut.

The meeting at college of Michael and Marilyn began a partnership with their wedding day of May 18, 1974. They lived in Maine a short time and then did something extraordinary ... a trip to the state of Oregon (for more schooling for Michael) ... by motorcycle and sidecar. (a true story)

The purpose of the West Coast trip did not pan out ... so the young newlyweds returned to Connecticut to live in Michael’s home town. But

he did continue additional education at Springfield Tech, worked for the Windsor Locks Board of Education, and attended UConn.

Today, Michael is a private consultant in environmental wetlands sciences. Before this role, he worked for the Massachusetts Conservation District for three years. On a local level Michael was recently appointed to the Windsor Locks School Building Committee.

Now for some information on Marilyn, the daughter of Arne and Peggy (Wayness) Rebne. Arne came from Canada, Peggy was a native of Scotland. They had met in Scotland, after World War II. Arne was a member of the Canadian Royal Air Force. Marilyn has two brothers, Glenn and Alan, and two sisters, Brenda and Gail.

Marilyn was born in Ontario, Canada, came here at the age of 12. She received her teaching degree at the Maine college, started as a substitute in Windsor Locks, and today, after 16 years experience as an art teacher, in all the local schools, except North.

President of Class of 1995

School Career

Now back to Sara, their talented daughter. The following are some involvements during her active school career: three years on the Student Council, secretary of her sophomore class, on the Year Book, Junior Prom, Girl's State, chorus four years, Youth Commission and a member of the popular Vocal Motion for the past four years. On the sports scene at the Raider School Sara and Amy Lubas have been the tennis managers the past three years.

On a more personal note Sara enjoys all kinds of music, follows television on a limited basis, pasta is her favorite food, and when it comes to movies Disney is the best, with one star that stands out—"Tigger."

She has always found the time to be helpful. She volunteered at the Hartford Hospital the first two years at the high school. She works at the Edwards store in Windsor after school and weekends.

One of her many highlights of the high school years was being selected town's representative by the GOP Town Committee for a week at the nation's capital, in the



Sara Gragnolati

summer internship program, along with 43 other students from all over the state.

For Sara, being picked as the class president was "an honor, it's a small class, a lot of talent in music and sports." Her parents reaction ... her mother said, "We are proud of Sara ... she is very capable" ... and (when asked to describe

her daughter), she said, "Tries to be honest and outgoing young lady ... and very caring."

Sara was asked who she most admired? After a short time, she admitted, "I look up to a lot of people."

Epilog

Sara Tiffany Gragnolati carries on the tradition as member of a well-known local family, with deep roots in their town.

When Sara thinks about the 1995 class: "Our class is small in numbers, but very talented." You might say Sara is setting the example.

I believe Sara will appreciate the following words by newscaster Barbara Walters: "Success can make you go one of two ways. It can make you a prima donna, or it can smooth the edges, take away the insecurities, let the nice things come out."

In Sara's case, the nice things are already showing.

Betty Ann Reilly —

'Center runs on volunteers' and 'I always wanted to help people....'

—Betty Ann Reilly

Betty Ann (Demers) Reilly became the new director of the Windsor Locks Senior Citizens Center in October 1994.

It didn't take too long for the Enfield native and now Suffield resident to say, "I love it (working with seniors) ... I'm very relaxed around them ... and (amazed) at their activity." Adding, "The center runs on the (many) volunteers."

Betty Ann comes from a large family, one brother and four sisters, children of the late Joseph and Gladys (Tetreault) Demers. Mr. Demers came from Canada, lived in Vermont. Mrs. Demers was a native of the Green Mountain State.

The Reilly and Demers families have strong Enfield connections. Betty Ann's four sisters still reside there: Edna, Jacqueline, Brenda and Roberta. Their brother, Jean Demers, lives in Florida.

Betty Ann's husband, Patrick William Reilly, was from Enfield, as was his late father, William Patrick Reilly, who worked at Colt's, and was a town councilman. Mrs. Mildred (Dudley) Reilly is

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retired from U.S. Envelope and still makes her home in Enfield.

Patrick also comes from a large family, with two sisters, Mary McGuire and Ellen Higgins of Enfield, and two brothers, Kevin Reilly of Enfield, who works at Travelers, and Father Thomas Reilly, Vicar of the LaSalette (order) that oversees the activity of the order in Argentina, Italy and the United States.

Betty Ann graduated from Our Lady of Angels (Class of 1966) where she was into basketball, softball, the art and drama clubs.

Looking back after graduation, she said, "I knew I wanted to work with people or become a teacher ... and wanted to help people." She has achieved that goal, but first, attended Manchester Community College, worked at Pratt and Whitney in the office for three years, and then

her chance came. She and her husband were a team at the State Receiving Home at Warehouse Point.

S o m e background on Patrick. He graduated from Enfield High School, Class of 1966, where he excelled in basketball. He and Betty Ann met while students at Manchester Community College. They were married on April 26, 1969, lived in Enfield, in 1975 to their present home, actually a "horse farm" in Suffield.

As mentioned, one of Patrick's early employment was at the Warehouse Point facility, which lasted three years. He then went into the real estate business, and today, involved in home construction (as self-employed) in Somers, Suffield, Windsor, Enfield and Windsor Locks.

Betty Ann left the work force to have their two daughters, Kelly and Patricia. When they were the age for school, Betty Ann returned to school herself and at the time "was very nervous" she recalled. But she made out just fine, earning an associate degree (computer and general) at Asnuntuck Community College and later went on to Springfield College where she was awarded a bachelor of science degree in gerontology, graduating "with honors,"

Meet the New Senior Center Director

- New Senior Center Director



The Reilly family

saying, "with a heavy account in psychology."

They have two daughters. Kelly is currently a senior at Providence College, specializing in sociology/education. She is a graduate of Suffield High School, involved in 4-H in her younger years, at the high school played field hockey, basketball and softball. Kelly was an honor

student. Since her early years Kelly was interested in horses. Hobbies include pottery, skiing, following pro football of the San Francisco 49ers. Last year she attended the Super Bowl in Atlanta with a friend from college, along with Natalie Cole, singer and daughter of the late and great Nat "King" Cole.

Patricia is a seventh-grader

at the Suffield McAlister School and is into skiing, horses, dogs, watercolors and at school plays on the field hockey team.

When it comes to hobbies for the rest of the family, Patrick is involved in all sports with his daughters and follows the Red Sox and Boston Celtics. Both he and Betty Ann

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enjoy dancing. With Betty Ann, singing has been one of her talents, along with arts and crafts, with the family fans of basketball and hockey on the local level.

When it comes to travel, Patrick and Betty Ann have made several trips to Europe, in summers enjoying the shores of Rhode Island and winters skiing in New England. Just to round out an active lifestyle the Reillys have horses, cats and dogs, and do horse shows locally.

Over the years Betty Ann has been active in the 4-H program as leader. At their church in Suffield, Sacred Heart, under Pastor Father Ted Raczyński, Betty Ann has been a CCD teacher. She has done volunteer work at other senior centers and has been very involved in an Alzheimer's support group at the Enfield Senior Center. She said her immediate attention will be to join the Windsor Locks Rotary Club this month.

In October 1994, Betty Ann took over the directorship

of the local Senior Center. As mentioned, she has always been interested in working and helping people. Betty Ann "feels very relaxed around seniors and impressed with their activity." Any drawbacks? "Yes, I feel working on a limited budget affects the senior programs." Her main job: "to get those programs started." Any future trips planned? Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the Inn at Hunts in Landry, Pa., to celebrate Mardi Gras. On March 14, a St.

Patrick's Day Festival in Pomona, N.Y. Julie Lynes handles trips for the seniors.

A few personal comments by Betty Ann, who she most admires... "People that stand up for what is right and just." Her philosophy of life... "Treat people the way you want to be treated." Any favorite saying? ... sure, "What's cooking?" And her husband Patrick — she had this to say — "He has given me a lot of encouragement to follow through on all my

achievements in life."

Epilog

Betty Ann Reilly, volunteer in many just causes, doing what she knows best, "helping people." The Town of Windsor Locks and seniors welcome Betty to this new venture, that affects the seniors in a special way.

The following words might just apply to this friendly lady who knows: "Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day."

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Martin Henry -

The story of Martin Henry is best described as one versatile young man who plays the guitar, reads the latest best sellers, spent four years in the Air Force, rides a bike, is a full-time career accountant, and locally, is the new Lion Tamer of the Windsor Locks Lions Club.

Yes, one of the newest young Lions has lived in town only a short time, coming from East Hartford, where he grew up.

Martin is the son of George Henry, deputy fire chief of the

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East Hartford Fire Department, and Toni (Salvator) Henry, a native of Manchester. Martin has a sister, Anne Belanger, who lives in East Hartford, with her husband, Paul Belanger, and their two daughters, Rebecca and Samantha.

Lion Tamer Martin is a graduate of Penney High School, class of 1983, where he was on the swim team. Did he have any idea what he wanted to do after graduation?

"No, not a clue," he admitted. So after a year of working at different jobs, he joined the U.S. Air Force, serving four years with time in Texas (Lackland) and the remainder of his duty in South Carolina, as Security Police.

Any overseas duty?

"Yes, I did spend a month in England, on temporary duty, stationed at an airbase near London."

On his short stay, he said, "Didn't care too much for the weather ... but did manage a visit to London, where I saw the palace and at the famed "Hard Rock Cafe." After his return to the states, he served out his time and was discharged in January 1988.

Now he was a veteran, but this time he had a clue and

enrolled at the University of Connecticut, earning a bachelor of science degree in accounting. His first job was with Slade-Maze Co. in East Hartford, and since January 1994, has handled tax problems at Blum Shapiro & Co. in West Hartford.

Martin is working on his personal qualification to be a certified public accountant, passing two tests in '92 and '93, and hopes to complete the tests in July. He said, in addition, "CPAs must have at least three years of public accounting."

He and his future wife, Carol Moore, met at a local video store, and that meeting meant a future wedding of July 13, 1991. They lived in Ellington for a year, before moving to Windsor Locks in 1992.

Carol is the daughter of Ruth Cate of Windsor Locks.

One of the New Young Lions

She has a brother Larry Moore, and a sister, Cheryl Blair, both of town. Carol is a grad of Suffield High School (class of 1984), and is currently employed by the Hartford Insurance.

Martin has several hobbies, reading novels, especially the best-sellers authored by Tom Clancy and John Grisham. He is a bike rider in the summer months, and said, "I always wanted to play the guitar." The past year he has been practicing on the musical instrument, but yet, not ready for Nashville.

Speaking of the "Volunteer State," Martin's favorite vacation spot is Tennessee, where he visits a friend from the service in Greenville, where he includes camping and fishing.

He's a big Rock fan (the '70s), never misses "Wings" and "Frasier," on the television, and his all-time favorite movie is "The Outlaw-Josey Wales."

Martin joined the local Lions Club in October 1992, sponsored by his father-in-



Martin Henry plays his favorite instrument.

law, Lyle Cate.

Martin's comments on the Lions: "A good organization ... with projects for the community, and also state and national levels." His role as Lion Tamer is "to take care of equipment, such as flags, the bell, badges, etc."

When asked who he most admired, he said, "My father, a very intelligent man, in more ways than one." His favorite saying and philosophy, go hand in hand: "Life is short; live it."

Epilog

Martin Henry is one of the young Lions, who has become active in the "We Serve" organization.

He may be looking forward to his new CPA status but also might just agree with words by Dag Hammarskjold, former U.N. secretary, "Do not look back. And do not dream about the future either. It will neither give you back the past, nor satisfy your other daydreams. Your duty, your reward, your destiny are here and now."

Tripp Family -

"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everyone."

—Bill Cosby

This is Marylou Tripp's favorite saying.

After interviewing the entire Tripp family, you soon find their key to success is variety and a constantly busy schedule.

It's a schedule that includes two active high school students (Patrick and Heather), a busy mother with dual roles as CCD teacher and eucharistic minister, Cigna employee (Marylou) and the father who knows best, George Leonard Tripp.

Mr. Tripp, a former Travelers employee, is a now history teacher at Hale-Ray School in East Haddam. He is a Vietnam veteran and a member of the Army Reserves since 1972. And when it comes to his personal sport of golf, he has a low handicap and vivid memories of the GHO, plus the famous players he and Patrick have caddied for at Cromwell.

How did I get to interview these friendly and congenial folks? I was at a Raider basketball game, and (knowing me) asked the obvious question? Who is the student in the large pirate headdress?

"That's the Tripp boy, his sister plays basketball and his mother is active at St. Robert's." See what you can

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learn at one of those Dan Sullivan games.

Now for some background and accomplishments of George, Marylou, Patrick and Heather. George, a Hartford native, is the son of the late George Sr., came from the capital city, and Shirley Tripp, who was from Massachusetts, now makes her home in Manchester. George has a brother, Richard of Newington, and a sister, Margorie Moores of Enfield.

George graduated from Prince Tech in 1969 where he took up the fine points of printing. At that time his main sports activity was the game of golf, where he played on the school team. Soon after graduation he went to work for Travelers; however, in November 1969, he went from the world of insurance to the U.S. Army. His basic training was in nearby Fort Dix, N.J., then on to Fort Devens, Mass., where he was enrolled in the Army Intelligence School. Soon after this specialized

training, he was off to the Far East and the Vietnam War.

He spent 21 months of his young life in what he called "a difficult war," but added, "I can say I enjoyed the military, the good times and the good guys." George received the Bronze Star for his service in Nam. Upon discharge, he joined the Army Reserves and today, the Sgt. 1st Class has 22 years of time with the reserves, serving at the New Haven facility.

With more than 20 years at Travelers (he returned there after Nam), he decided for "a big change in my life," he said. He attended Central for 18 months to earn a teaching certificate. George also went to Central over a 10-year period to secure his bachelor of arts degree in history.

In May 1994, the "change" became a reality. He was accepted for a teaching position at Hale-Ray School in East Haddam, teaching classes in U.S. history and world cultures.

He and Marylou agreed, "A good choice in his career change."

He also found the time to coach Little League and served on the LL town's board of directors. At the Hale-Ray School, George coached JV soccer and basketball, and several years back coached midget hockey for Enfield and Windsor Locks team.

Marylou (Mazeika) Tripp,

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Variety, Activity Is Key to Success



The Tripp Family

mother of this active group, is a West Hartford native, the daughter of Alex and Frances Mazeika. Marylou has a sister, Frances, who was visiting Windsor Locks from Virginia during the holiday, and two brothers, Alex of West Hartford, where their parents live, and Andrew, who resides in Indiana.

Marylou is a 1974 graduate of Conard High School, where she played on the volleyball team. She met her future husband when she was a senior at the school. They were married on July 3, 1976, lived

in Windsor until moving to their present home in 1977.

She attended Manchester Community College, receiving an associate degree in Business. She went on to work at Coopers & Lybrand for a year, then Dunham Bush Inc. for two years, followed by six years as a substitute teacher in town. The past 10 years she's been at Cigna. During the period before Cigna, Marylou was raising their two children.

The past five years she has been a CCD teacher at St. Robert's and for two years in

the role of Eucharistic Minister.

The active students are George and Heather. Wait a minute, George? Yes, but young George goes by Patrick to one and all. Patrick is an honor student, senior this year, played varsity baseball and football, and JV basketball.

In his younger years, Patrick was involved in the town's Little League and also the midget football program. During this season's basketball games, the Raiders have added a mascot — the

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role of the Pirate, with Patrick and two other students cheering on the team — the headdress is something to see.

Patrick is a "no TV for me" kind of guy, and when it comes to his favorite subject in school, history. After school, has worked at the local McDonald's, and now is at the new East Windsor theater. In addition, Patrick has been a band member for four years (including jazz), when he plays the sax. This versatile young man was an altar boy at St. Robert's. When it comes to the stage, watch for Patrick in one of the leads (Sir Harry) in his senior class musical, "Once Upon A Mattress."

As mentioned, Patrick has caddied at the GHO for pro golfer Billy Andrade, of Rhode Island. His father caddied in the foursome that included the 1992 GHO winner, Lanny

Wadkins.

Now for the young lady in this family, Heather Alexandra, honor student in her second high school year, a three-sport athlete... soccer, softball and the current basketball team. Her favorite subject in school, science. When it comes to TV it's "Seinfeld." She also known as "Tripper" to her many friends. She has volunteered at the Windsor Nursing Home and teaches girls (3 to 6 grades) basketball on Saturday mornings under the watchful eye of Park Director David Farr.

Heather and another softball teammate, Alaina Felber, have been recruited to play this summer for the Connecticut Softball Association in games located in New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire and Connecticut. She and Alaina had attended softball camp at Eastern.

There is one subject the entire family agrees on ... all are Red Sox fans. They also enjoy all kinds of music ... with Marylou a TV fan of "Wings" and "Northern

Exposure." Marylou also plays golf, along with George and Little League executive Wayne Chapple, at Edgewood. Marylou and George over the years have also played Airways and Copper Hill.

The family was asked, who they most admired, and it was up to Heather to say a few kind words. Her uncle, Jim Riley was disabled in an accident. "He has accomplished a lot, has his own business in Virginia, a man I greatly admire."

Did Marylou have a favorite saying? Yes, one by Bill Cosby... "I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everyone."

One word to describe the best golfer in the family is "excellent," for the father who knows best.

The Tripp family, their accomplishments speak for themselves, and so I end this by saying: The Tripp family lives just around the corner from us (where everything is green) — was it worth the trip(p)? You bet it was!

Molinari Is the New

"To provide the same type of care...that I would like to be given me and members of my family...."

— Stephen

Andrew Molinari's reasons for serving at EMT and Pari-Medic

Stephen Andrew Molinari is the third generation of the Molinari family to be interviewed for this column.

His grandparents, Modesto and Mary (Sartori) Molinari, in June of 1981, his parents, Joseph and Irene (Field) Molinari in January of 1980, with stories that graced the Journal, with the late Modesto's "A Gem Among Mortar and Bricks" and Joe and Irene, "Live the Full Life."

Now the story of their grandson and son — Steve Molinari is taking over the role as Chief of the local Lions Ambulance Service.

Steve has a lot of local history to look back on, remembering the stories of the Molinari family.

His grandparents came from Italy; his parents, Irene, a native of Windsor Locks, Joe was from New York City.

Their son, a native and graduate of WLHS, Class of 1983, like all the children of Irene and Joe, are graduates of the Raider School, Lorraine, Joan, Joseph Jr. and Susan.

Now for some high lights of young Steve. During his high school years he had a unique schedule during his junior and senior years, half of his high school classes were in town, the other half he was learning about electronics at the Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield. He received his high school diploma from the high school, and a Certificate (from the college) in Electronic Technology.

After graduation, Steve

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worked at Xerox Medical Systems in East Windsor for two years, followed by employment (as other members of the family) at Dexter. His father a veteran from Dexter, retiring in the late '80s. Steve started as an electrician, spending some time with the Information Service Department, and the Engineering Department as a Electrical Designer. (Steve left Dexter, at the end of November, to take over his new role as chief).

Here is an update on Steve's family since his folks' interview. As mentioned, Joe Sr. is retired from Dexter; also Irene is enjoying retirement, along with Joe, with vacations in Florida. Irene retired from Southern Graphite in East Windsor.

As for Steve's brothers and sisters, Lorraine is married to Karl Chambers; they reside in New Jersey. Her children include Armand, Jr., stationed in Germany in the U.S. Army; Jonathan, also in the army, stationed in the states. Suzanne lives in Atlanta, Georgia, and Christopher attends school in Los Angeles.

Joseph Molinari Jr. lives in town. His other sisters, Joan and Syl Posocco, live in Stafford Springs, with their two children, Mike and Brian. Susan is married to Stephen Ossolinski, and they reside in town, with their son Eric.

Steve and his wife, Laurie

(Kupec) Molinari, live in town. They met during their high school days, while working at Modern Drug. Laurie is the daughter of Leonard

Kupec, who resides in town. Her mother, Joan (Rocconella) Kupec has passed away. Laurie has two brothers, Tom of Cromwell, and Leonard Jr., who makes his home in town.

Laurie is a WLHS grad (Class of 1982), where she was a member of the Honor Society. She is a recent graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Law and is employed at Cigna in the Compliance Department.

When Steve was asked about hobbies he said, "I guess you would have to say, the ambulance service and working part time." He has been a member of the Lions Club since 1988. He and Laurie usually go north to New Hampshire, when vacation time comes around, because "we like the area." He admits, "I'm not much of a television fan ... but I do admit to being a Red Sox fan."

In late 1987, Steve joined the Lions Ambulance Corps, when working at Dexter, volunteered to take classes in becoming an Emergency Medical Technician. In addition, Steve attended school at UConn and passed the exam for Pari-Medic. He is now an employee of the Windsor Locks Ambulance Corps., also part time with the Manchester Ambulance Service, on call in East Hartford and Manchester.

Today, the first full-time chief of the Windsor locks Ambulance Corps said, "We will provide ambulance service for the town of Windsor Locks, seven days a week, 24 hours a day."

When asked, why he volunteers and now the chief

Lions Ambulance Chief



Stephen Molinari is the new Windsor Locks Lions Ambulance chief.

Staff Photo by Linda Tishler Levinson

full time, Steve said, "To provide the same type of care, that I would like to be given me and members of my family."

Steve was also asked to comment on who he most admired—well, he chose two individuals with diverse backgrounds, Henry Ford, auto great, "for his vision and innovation." The other was the giant on the movie screen, big John Wayne, "A man who never took any (well, you supply the noun) from

anyone."

Steve's personal philosophy is "Treat others with respect, compassion and consideration."

Epilog

Now you have met the new chief of the WL Ambulance Corps — of course, all the natives are well aware of the Molinari name. His grandfather, Modesto, the "gem among mortar and bricks." Now his grandson wants to "provide (care) he would like to receive for his

family," and indeed is carrying on the family tradition of dedication, be it in building a wall or home with mortar and bricks, or answering the call of folks in trouble.

Postscript: The interview with the new chief was held in October of last year, however, he felt the announcement of his new position should come from the WL Ambulance Corps. This being made, we now present the interview in this C&K column.

Mona Family Update

"You get back from life, what you put into it" is Mark Mona's personal philosophy.

This might be rightfully called an update on the Mona family.

This time, Mark Stephen Mona Sr., and his family: Melanie, Melissa, Megan and Mark Jr., and their equally active mother, Linda (Pfaffenbichler) Mona. As you can see, the letter "M" dominates their children's names.

Mark is the son of the cigar maker's best friend, Paul Mona, and Peg Mona, both active on the local scene for many years. Paul and Peg were interviewed in September 1979. Mark and Linda are continuing this family active tread. They are both natives of Windsor Locks, with Paul and Peg from the capital city.

Peg is the former Ms. Reiser. She and Paul are

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parents of another son, Michael, who lives in Florida, and a daughter, Mary Lou Gillis, who resides in California.

Mark is a graduate of Windsor Locks High School in the 1970s, where he played soccer and was captain of the school's first golf team, under the current coach, Fran Beaudry. In addition, Mark was a member of the band, with the trumpet his main instrument. He went on to Fairfield University for two

years, before joining Sweet Life in Suffield, where today, after 22 years, he is in charge of refrigeration.

On the local sports scene, as a young boy, Mark was a Little Leaguer, went into Babe Ruth and Legion ball. He wanted to mention his Little League coach was that nice guy, Bob Norris. Mark also includes the Boy Scouts as one of his early activities. As with his father, Mark has been active in the local K of C for over 20 years.

Now to the mother of this clan. Linda Susan Mona is the daughter of Bill and Dot Pfaffenbichler. She has two brothers, Bill of Windsor and Paul who lives in Boston.

Linda graduated from the high school in the '70s, where she met Mark in the "Spanish class," and can be called "high school sweethearts." They were married on March 22, 1971 and first lived in town,



The Mona Family

moved to the Poquonock section of Windsor and then back to their hometown in 1977.

After raising their four children, Linda has had her own "day care at home," the past 14 years, saying, "Good

kids, good parents, which is a good foundation for this type of work, and all local kids." In addition, Linda has had a "manicurist business," with these appropriate words: "Children by day, nails by night." When the girls were

growing up she took on the duties of Girl Scout leader. To fill out a full schedule, for the past four years Linda has been a member of the Municipal Resource Recovery.

The four children of Linda and Mark include Melanie,

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married to Joseph Oliverira, station with the Army in California. They are parents of Peg and Paul's great-grandson, Geoffery, age 5, in kindergarten at North. Today, Melanie works at Cigna (was in the work study program during her high school years). She is a WLHS graduate, class of 1989.

Melissa, 1992 WLHS grad, is a "full-time nanny in Simsbury" and lives in Manchester. Megan is a recent

graduate of the high school (1994) and now attends Northeastern in Boston, studying criminal law.

The youngest is Mark Jr. He started high school at Northwest, and now attends the Raider School, played JV football and is into baseball. His favorite subject is history.

When it came time to mention hobbies (or sports) for Mark Jr. and his parents, it goes something like this. Mark Sr. bowls in the Knights of Columbus league at Bradley,

plays golf, saying, "My father took me to Copper Hill when I was 10, and I have been playing ever since." His son and Linda are also into golf, with Linda adding, "I just started, and love it."

Just for the record, as for sports, Melanie played softball at the Raider School, and Melissa was a varsity basketball player for Coach Brian McKeown.

Vacation time for the Monas means summertime at Hampton Beach. As for traveling, Florida, and Cancun in Mexico has been ideal for them.

As for spectator sports — the entire family are New York Yankee fans, and I had to wear my Red Sox jacket the night of the interview. (If looks could kill.) Mark Sr. was always a Roger Maris fan, and during the football season it's the New York Giants.

When the girls were growing up, both Mark and Linda were active in the town's

softball program, and when Mark Jr. came along it was T-Ball up to the senior division in the town's Little League program, with dad as coach, assisted by Alan Stegman and Chris Mathiason.

Linda calls Mark Sr. "very supportive" when it comes to the family. Linda also named in a special way, the person she most admired, "My grandmother, the late Pauline Pfaffenbichler, who lived in Poquonock, who died in her late 80s, came from Germany, worked hard, raised four sons, and I am her only granddaughter." Mark's personal philosophy is, "You get back from life what you put into it."

Epilog

That's the update on the Mona family, Mark Sr. and clan, a family active in sports, local affairs and family togetherness. Mark Sr. is the steady worker and father; and Linda, the working mother, who balances her talents in two different ways.

Jim Anderson — As in

“Invest in yourself” is one of Jim’s favorite sayings.

James Eugene Anderson, local man, who after several years working at well-known facilities — United Technologies (Research Center and Hamilton-Standard) and Treasure Chest — decided to “invest” in himself and became “Anderson Arts.”

Jim, a self-styled individual in the world of computer graphics, goes by the title of photo illustrator.

But first, some background on Jim and his equally talented parents, Gene and Nancy (Evans) Anderson, who came from Detroit to Connecticut, while Gene was employed by Bendix Corp. He and Nancy retired in 1990. Mrs. Anderson was known as “Mrs. Art,” in town and taught art in the Windsor Locks grade school system. She designed the logo that is on the local Police Department arm patches and on the patrol car doors. Nancy is still active, with an art studio in Florida. Gene did electronic numerical control for Bendix. They now enjoy retirement in Punta Gorda, Fla.

Due to his parent’s experience in different fields, Jim had this to say, “Thanks to my parents, I became an electronic artist.”

As a young boy Jim and his mother were active in Boy Scouts, under the leadership of Howard White. He also recalled, at the age of 8,

working on his first oil painting.

Jim graduated with the Windsor Locks High School Class of 1978, and when it came to the class yearbook, Jim was the chief photographer. During those years, Jim said, “I wanted to be a photographer and was greatly influenced by my high school teacher, Tom Panaccione, who introduced me to the math of photography.” Tom later employed Jim at his photo store called Colonial Camera in Enfield.

Actually, Jim’s first job after high school was with the old G. Fox store in Enfield, where he worked for a year but was never given the opportunity to work in their photo department; the chance never came.

So Jim, being the industrial type and went where the chances were much brighter. He went south to Florida to attend the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale from 1980 to 1982. The location on the beach, “was ideal,” Jim said, where he received an associate degree in sciences from the institute.

He said he was “greatly influenced by teachers in

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Florida and recalled they were the originators of the famed “CBS Eye,” used by television stations around the country.

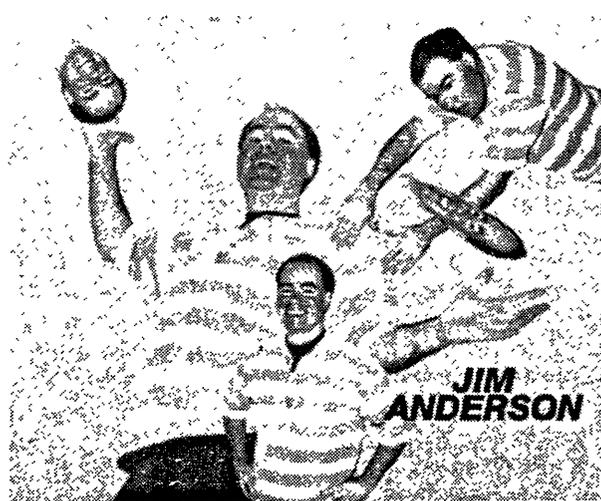
Jim came out as “a commercial artist.” He was now ready to use his new found talents (that were always there), joined the United Technologies Research Center and Hamilton-Standard from 1983 to 1986, followed by a year in typographic services and five years with Treasure Chest Advertising.

Jim then went on his own in 1991, and started the “Anderson Arts Advertising,” operated from his home.

The following projects have kept Jim busy. He is working on a program that will make the local firefighter’s job less hectic in an emergency. Jim is designing technical maps of each street in Windsor Locks that will show every fire hydrant location and important house numbers on local streets.

He is now doing photo restoration with a computer system that can fix a person’s photos. He can make pictures look the way a person wants them, in bringing their memories back to life, he

'Anderson Arts' Business



James Anderson

stated.

Jim has a favorite client, Radio Station WHCN, where he designs ads and billboards, produces comics of Picozzi and the Horn, the morning DJs. In addition, he creates many ads that appear in the Sunday Hartford Courant.

When it comes to any free

time Jim plays golf, bike riding (mountains and race) and wanted to mention that his father introduced him to aerial photography. They would fly all over New England in his plane. Did Jim have a favorite TV show. Sure, it's "The Late Show with David Letterman." When it's vacation time, Jim

usually goes to Florida to visit his folks.

When asked who he most admired, he said, "My late sister, Terry Anderson...who faced an illness with dignity...it made me appreciate life at the end of hers."

Jim's personal philosophy is: "Try to make the best of everything, in what life gives you...think positive, and invest in yourself."

Epilog

James Eugene Anderson was greatly influenced by his parents, his sister and teachers who made him find his niche, when it came to a career.

He is a talented man, with the skill and expertise of a special kind of individual, called photo illustrator. His many projects in the computer age we now live in, he would probably agree with the famed words of Robert Kennedy:

"Some men see things as they are and say why...I dream things that never were and say why not."

Former Little Leaguer

"Have met a lot of good people."

— Steve's comment after coming to Windsor Locks.

When Steve Ambrose was growing up in his hometown of Wethersfield, he was an active Little Leaguer — from the Minors, Seniors up to Legion baseball.

Today, in his adopted town, he has carried that special activity to coaching in the Windsor Locks program, the past four years, which includes his son David, farm and minors, and other son, Matthew, who will be starting T-Ball in the spring.

The family — ("spend a lot of time with my boys" — sports and working, has been Steven Edward Ambrose's paramount concern in his life style.

Steve played football for Wethersfield High School (cClass of 1977), Little League before that, continued playing, but it was softball and today, plays basketball locally, in the league called "Stone Age." In addition, he's an avid golfer at Airways, in a Sunday morning League, and anxiously waiting for spring to come.

That's some background on Steve — now his family, he is the son of James and Evelyn (Croaso) Ambrose. James has his own "commercial artist" business in Hartford. Steve has a sister, Sandy, who lives in Enfield.

In addition to football, Steve worked during his high school years, at odd jobs, admitting, "it was to make



The Ambrose Family

some money." After graduation he went on to Manchester Community College, saying, "I wanted to be a chef," but "it just didn't work out." He tried several jobs, a lumber yard in Hartford, a supply house in West Springfield.

He then decided (hopefully) to find his niche in the working world, which he did, by attending the New England Technical school in New Britain, where he studied refrigeration. And he's been at it ever since — the past eight years with the Joseph Simons Company in Hartford, and now holds the title of General Manager in Commercial Refrigeration

Equipment.

Steve met his future wife, Anne Lagocki, while they were both working in West Springfield. They were married on March 26, 1983, lived in Hartford for a time, moving to Windsor Locks in 1988. Why did they pick Windsor Locks? — "We knew some people here — and since (our arrival) have met a lot of good people."

Anne is the daughter of Lou and Beverly (Carrier) Majowitz, who make their home in Manchester. Lou was from Wilson, a part of Windsor. Anne was originally from Hartford, the family moving to Vermont. On their return to Hartford, Ann

graduated from Buckley High School, Class of 1977. She is currently employed at First Federal Bank in Windsor Locks. She has two brothers, Steven of Columbia, CT., and Michael of Hartford, and two sisters, Peggy of Colchester and Laura of Vernon.

Now for the Little Leaguers in the family — David 8, in the third grade at South, favorite subject — Math, favorite TV show, "Simpsons." He started his Little League career with the farm team last year, and this spring, it will be the minors. He's also into soccer at Veteran's Park, and the Saturday morning basketball

Has Become the Coach

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league. Matthew, 5, kindergarten at the North Street School. He will be starting T-Ball when the season opens, and like David, is starting basketball in that Saturday morning program.

When it comes time to discuss spectator sports — David and Matthew are Atlanta Braves fans, while their father is sticking with the Red Sox. He follows the excitement of the UConn teams on the court, and the family are all Hartford Whaler rooters. When its time for vacation — the family takes off to the Connecticut beaches.

The local Little League is a family affair — it is probably Steve's biggest job when it comes to sports, with him saying — "I enjoy watching the kids develop (their skills) — and where they learn discipline — following the instructions of their coaches — and finding it rewarding when they succeed."

Steve's personal philosophy — it tends to

resemble his Little League involvement — and what the boys of summer must learn — "Have fun, which means a good time, and stay out of trouble."

When asked who he most admired, it didn't come from the game of baseball, but his enjoyment of basketball — "I would have to say Larry Bird, because of his competitiveness." And words from his wife, Anne, "There are two words to describe Steve — Caring and unselfish."

In looking over the 1994 Windsor Locks booklet — it states "there are 567 players in the league." In addition, Peter Preli, President of the league is quoted as saying — "Thanks to all those people who are willing to make a commitment." Steve Ambrose is one of those dedicated persons, with his sons a part of the over 500 kids, who make the town of Windsor Locks — truly champions — past and present.

"Don't take things too seriously"—Steve Booth's philosophy Steven Williams Booth knows what it is to lose a job (after 12 years) — but also knows how to bounce back to form his own independent dealership, in the business of Affordable Closets.

Steve and his wife, Jo-Anne, with their three children, Jessie, Meghann and Shawn, are an active clan, be it sports in their adopted town, PTO, the Lions Club, and with mom and dad concerned citizens when it comes to the town budget and education.

Steve is from West Hartford, Jo-Anne a native of East Longmeadow, Mass., who met at a Halloween party, were married on March 6, 1981, lived in Bristol and Chicopee, Mass., and then settling for their present home in Windsor Locks, the year being 1984. Why Windsor Locks? They said, it was between West Hartford and East Longmeadow.

You find out early (in the interview) they are all content in their selection, which makes for a busy schedule, that fills the calendar. They soon found in Windsor Locks, sports is the name of the game.

One has to make an appointment with this happy-go-lucky group, when practices and games are their first priority, with in-town soccer, basketball and Little League, all in its proper season and sequence.

For some background the West Hartford native is the son of Norman and Edith (Williams) Booth, with Norman coming from west of the capital city, and Edith from Enfield. Norman is retired from the state department of transportation with 40 years of service. They reside in West Hartford.

Steve has three brothers — Norman of Portland, Conn., Brian of West Hartford, and Patrick of Tolland, and a sister, Carolyn, a graduate of Keene State College in New Hampshire.

Steve is a graduate of Conard High School Class of 1976, where he excelled in football and track. On the gridiron, his position was end,

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playing both defensive and offensive. The track team found Steve the premier high hurdles star, with three school records and named "as one of the top (in his class) in the state." As a young boy, Steve played in the West Hartford Little League program, and continued his sports activity in college, playing softball. Steve entered Central Connecticut State University, with graduation in 1980, a degree in business administration.

You have met the father — now the mother, Jo-Anne (Kagan) Booth, daughter of Joseph Kagan Jr. and Dorothy (Drzyzga) Kagan. Joseph is retired from Hamilton-Standard with 30 years of service. Dorothy is currently the secretary to the superintendent of schools in East Longmeadow, where the Kagans reside. Jo-Anne has twin sisters, Lori Anne and Lynn Anne.

Jo-Anne grew up in East Longmeadow, where she graduated from the high school in 1978, she was active as a majorette, honor student and member of the French and Latin clubs. She went on to St. Joseph College in West Hartford, earning a degree in 1982, elementary education. She substituted as a part-time teacher in East Windsor and Suffield, and today, works for the Beneficial Finance Co. in East Hartford, what she calls "mother's hours."

Back to Steve — after leaving Central, he went to work for the Inside-Outlet, for 12 years at their various locations in this area. But, times changed, a recession was in the wind, and Steve was out of a job.

He decided to be his own man in the business world. He

took the big change — with a dealership, providing products and services, called Affordable Closets. To quote from their latest brochure — "a

need to get organized, be it the garage, family room, office, etc." And how is business? Steve, a man with a constant smile and positive attitude, "I'm busy (finally) after five years." Adding, "Business comes from newspaper advertisements, attendance at home shows and, of course, word of mouth."

Now for the sports-minded children (and other talents) of Steve and Jo-Anne — Jessie, 12, seventh grade at the Middle School, enjoys science classes, baby-sitting, drawing, playing basketball and soccer. Her favorite television show is "Home Improvement." (sort of like her father's business). She was proud to say, "I'm a member of the Power Company, a dance and choir group, with her dad's comment — Its the vocal motion of the middle school." Yes, Jessie is looking forward to the more advance high school, "Vocal Motion."

Meghann, 10, the quiet little girl in the family, is a fifth-grader at South, who plays the flute, enjoys her English class, also into basketball and soccer. Then, there is Shawn, 8, third grade at South, also a science buff, enjoys Sports Channel on television, plays drums, into soccer at the local indoor soccer facility, and Little League. He collects baseball cards, especially the Chicago White Sox and Frank Thomas cards, along with the basketball cards of the Seattle SuperSonics and Shawn

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The Booth Family's



The Booth Family

Kemp (I wonder why?) his favorite player on the pro court.

As for the family togetherness — they enjoy vacations at the Cape, are big fans of UConn basketball (boys and girls), with Steve still rooting for the Red Sox, and “Home Improvement” on the television screen. As for Jo-Anne, she does a lot of reading, needle-point, and never misses a session at a health club.

Steve, on the other hand, gets his exercise with two nights playing basketball, and when in season, plays golf at Airways on a Sunday morning league at the Suffield location. As for the family schedule —

Steve said, “Practices and games, three nights a week, Saturday and Sundays — 6 to 8 games, of basketball and soccer. Just to complete the family activities — they have a dog, rabbit, hamster and parakeet.

Back to sports — Steve, for the past three years, has been involved in coaching soccer at the recreation league and travel team of the girls. Membership in the Lions the past three years has added to Steve’s local involvement.

When asked, who she most admired — Jo-Anne said, “My parents, growing up, we were a close family, where good moral values were taught.” Steve had his own personal

philosophy — “Don’t take things too seriously.” You may get the feeling, he does, with Jo-Anne adding, “One word to describe Steve — energetic.”

Epilog

Steve Booth has found his niche — a business that’s good, “after five years.” The following words probably ring true: “People often say that this or that person has not yet found himself. But the self is not something that one finds. It is something one creates.”

Steve has created a business, and with Jo-Anne, has combined it with the family, where the word “energetic,” all applies.

Top Priority Is Sports

Nadeau Girls — Dance,

Rich and Rhonda Nadeau are raising three daughters who are keeping the family calendar and schedule at a busy pace ... at the dance studio, swimming meets, Girl Scouts and with the Little League Girls Softball program.

Before detailing the young girl's life away from school, that is, Krystin, Andrea and Elizabeth, their parents are natives of Windsor Locks, with Rhonda's comment: "Our families are here and we grew up here."

Rhonda is a former nurse, and Rich, a steady worker at Hamilton-Standard since 1978, after graduating from high school.

Richard Edward Nadeau is the son of Roger Nadeau and the late Katherine (Martocchio) Nadeau. Mrs. Nadeau was from Hartford, Roger was a native of the state of Maine. Rich has a brother, Roger Jr. of Windsor Locks, a brother David in Boston, and a sister Dorothy who is married to Tom Danner, and they reside in Windsor.

Rich was interested in art (drawing and painting), with no time for sports, as a kid growing up ... but did mention "picking corn at Richie's Farm" on North Street. After high school, he entered the Hamilton-Standard training program at Cheney Tech, to study the fine art of machinist. In September of 1978 he joined Hamilton, and today Rich is a machine operator in the "C130 Propeller Systems Program."

Rhonda (Monahan) Nadeau is the daughter of Bob and Josie (Furniatti) Monahan, who were featured in a C&K story in July of 1980. Bob is a

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former president of the Windsor Locks Little League ... with his granddaughters carrying on the family tradition.

Rhonda has a brother, Robert, married to Ann (Tobin) Monahan, they live in Enfield with their son Luke. Also a sister, Donna, married to David Renouf, residing in Enfield, with their three children, Paul, Michelle and Renee. Rhonda has another brother, Tom Monahan, who in October of 1992 was subject of a C&K story, for his involvement in the Little League program in town. Tom and his wife, Mandy (Doty) Monahan, have three children, Kevin, Ryan and Jessica.

Rhonda graduated from WLHS, Class of 1974, where she was in the cast of the first senior class musical, "Funny Girl." She then entered Western Connecticut College earning a degree in nursing from the Danbury school in 1978. For six years, Rhonda served as a nurse over all, she said, from Danbury Hospital to the Manchester Memorial Hospital. Adding, "Then I had my children."

She had met Rich by way of introduction by her brother Tom, "Rich's best friend." They were married on April 15, 1983, lived in South Windsor, Windsor, and in 1991 returned to their home



town and present residence.

Everyone knows about "our three sons" from TV, but in the Nadeau family it's our three daughters, Krystin 12, Andrea 11, and Elizabeth 9.

Krystin, seventh grade at the Middle School, Girl Scouts, plays the clarinet, very much into Little League softball, water jets, past eight years has attended dance class. Her favorite subject in school is science and when it comes to TV, "Full House" is her choice.

Andrea, sixth grade at the Middle School, also enjoys science in the classroom, softball, water jets and for seven years another dance student. Her favorite on TV, "Boy Meets World." And like her sister before her, a Girl Scout.

Elizabeth, the fourth grade at South, with her favorite in school ... math, she likes all the TV shows, softball, water jets, Scouts and taking dance the past five years.

As for their mother, she is a leader in Scouts, and admitted, "It was (more) fun when the girls were younger, but they still like the Scouts, especially the camping trips." What about Rhonda's hobbies? That's when she isn't chauffeuring the girls to Scouts, or whatever is next on their busy schedule, she is an avid soap opera fan and also

Swim, Scouts, Softball



The Nadeau family

the home shopping channel. For exercise, Rhonda and Rich are active in a mixed bowling league in Massachusetts.

As for dad, he is working on his computer, has taken courses at the Springfield Tech Community College, and has continued his art talents. When it comes to vacations the family has made trips to Disney World, Maine, and looking forward to a future trip to South Carolina. Rhonda's favorite TV show is "ER" (being a former nurse)—"Because it's more into the lives of nurses and doctors," she said. For Rich, "to get away from reality," he's been a faithful fan of "Star Trek."

Their involvement in the

town's Little League program includes being fund chairpersons the past season. They said, "The main fundraising has been the sale of candy bars, door-to-door, by the players." In addition, the parents are expected to work the food booths at Pesci and Reed parks.

On one of their trips to Old Orchard, Maine, the family met an author, Ben Garcia, who wrote a book, "A Man of Many Dimensions." Rich had a lot of admiration for Mr. Garcia, and also his claim to fame, as mentioned in the famed Guinness record book. For what? "A world record, from Old Orchard, Maine, to Los Angeles — on a

lawnmower!" Yes, a lawnmower.

Rhonda had admiration for her parents: "For their over 40 years of marriage ... their contribution to my college tuition, and continued support of the family." When asked for one word to describe Rich, she said, "Passive, nothing bothers him." Rich in turn said, "Rhonda is always generous."

And in the background, the family pet, "Taylor," a fine looking Dalmatian, named after the Giant football player.

That's the story of the Nadeau family, the three daughters who dance, swim, play softball and girls of many dimensions.

Dick O'Brien —

When it comes to St. Patrick's Day, an interview with a man named O'Brien seems fitting and proper for this holiday, when being Irish is everyone's wish.

We had already told the stories on three of the local O'Brien clans, Ed of the post office, Jim, the high school coach, and Robert, the police commissioner. Now it was time for Richard Thomas O'Brien to tell his story.

And what a great story. Dick served in the U.S. Merchant Marines for nine years, was a supernumerary police officer in town for 18 years, and for more than 30, an employee at Pratt & Whitney.

His experiences during World War II and beyond cover travels to the Far East and to Europe, and all the oceans in between.

The ironic part of Dick's story is that it took 45 years for this worthy seaman to be recognized for his service over nine years with the Merchant Marines, finally in 1988 receiving the status of veteran.

Last month, with his wife, Lorraine (Pelletier) O'Brien, at his side, we talked of their lives, and the 50 years of marriage that they celebrated on Jan. 27, 1995.

Dick's grandparents came from Ireland, his parents, the late John and Mary (Hawthorne) O'Brien, were from Fall River, Mass., as was Dick. There were four boys, Dick, William, still calls Fall River his home, and two sons who passed away ... John and Edward O'Brien.

Dick and his three brothers lost their parents at an early age. Dick said it best, "I was on my own at the age of 15." Today, looking back, he said, "I would be called a street kid." However, young Dick overcame this adversity; he joined the 1930s Civilian Conservation Corps.

He spent over a year (with a lot of growing up) in New Hampshire, recalling, "I never saw so much snow in my life." He was there during the 1938 hurricane. Their main job was



Dick and Lorraine O'Brien

cutting down trees, and Dick's first taste of carpentry work. It was "one of my best experiences (and he had many) in my life," he said. He still can talk about it.

This is probably why there are still many men who were in the CCCs, from this area, and meet on a monthly basis at Asnuntuck College in Enfield — and a museum detailing this depression government project in Stafford Springs.

Dick returned to Fall River in the late '30s, took work at a mill as carpenter, eventually at Camp Edwards on the Cape, and at Newport in Rhode Island, all in his newfound career of carpentry.

In September 1941, Dick made another important decision as to what was next knowing he would probably be called into the Army, he was waiting for an answer from the Merchant Marines as his next career move.

The Merchant Marines got their man; the Army would have to wait. (To be explained later as to the Army seeking the service of Dick.) Dick served for nine years, starting with duty at Hoffman Island in the harbor of New York City. After some training, Dick was off to California by train, and was assigned to the ship "American Sailor," located at the dock, in San Pedro.

Not to minimize Dick's many trips at sea, but some highlights. During the war years he served on 11 different ships, with five crossings of

True Veteran of World War II

Merchant Marines? Would you believe the Army was still looking for that additional soldier. But he was given proper papers to substantiate service for his country and still holds on to those papers and other valuable documents. Among those papers were his 1977 State High School Diploma (while at P&W), given him at ceremonies by an old friend, Ella Grasso. In addition, as mentioned, his service time qualifying Dick for the time spent in the Merchant Marines, as veteran, 45 years later.

the Atlantic Ocean, to the Far East and New Caledonia in the Pacific, the Indian Ocean, trips to Guam, Iwo Jima, the Normandy coast of France (after D-Day). He had joined on Sept. 23, 1941 and served until February of 1951.

The period (over 10 years) and after Dick served on Merchant tankers and freighters, attended classes at New London's Maritime Officers School, where he earned the rank of 3rd/Lt. jg, and at the end of his naval career, it was Lt. Dick O'Brien.

Dick received many awards and decorations for his service time: "Merchant Marine Combat Bar with Stars," ribbons for his participation in different theaters of operation and a "Commendation from President Harry S. Truman." Dick can also say he visited Ireland, even for a short time, with a stop in Europe, he saw the beauty of Paris, and on the way home, landed at Shannon Airport, Ireland's beauty, the land of his grandparents.

What was facing Dick when he was out of the

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Nancy, 1968 grad of the local school, married to John Paluso, they reside in Windsor with their two children. Patricia, 1972 grad of the Raider School, lives in town, with her husband, Steve Linde, and they have two children, featured in a C&K interview, May of 1991.

Home from the sea Dick found the "no jobs sign" in Fall River, it was the early '50s, so they came to Connecticut, lived in Rockville and then the next and final move to Windsor Locks in 1955.

In 1952, Dick took a job at Pratt & Whitney, that lasted until retirement in 1984. But, with Dick O'Brien, the word is not in his vocabulary. For 18 years, during his P&W years, he was a supernumerary policeman in town, recalling, "I have very good memories of my police career ... got to know everyone in town - serving under former Chief James H. Whitten."

Since his so-called retirement, he has kept himself busy, as he likes to be called, "a ranger at Kenny Park," keeping track of golfers, playing a little himself, in addition to play at Airways with the KofC League, he's a

former member of the Knights.

Saying, "Don't call it a dump," Dick has worked at the local "Leaf Compost Area" two days a week, for the past five years.

While Dick is about his business, Lorraine is into crafts, the past 12 years, she and a group of women have met on Wednesday nights to work on crafts and whatever women do talking around the kitchen table.

Vacations for this happy twosome have been to the Cape, Texas and Florida. As for television ... Dick enjoys the war stories, Lorraine the love stories are her viewing enjoyment.

Just to add to Dick's schedule he recently joined the United States Navy Armed Guard Veterans, Northeast Chapter in Chicopee, Mass.

Lorraine wanted to add how "we have a very close-knit family." As for a few choice words on Dick, she said, "Honest and good provider." When it came Dick's turn for admiration, he said, "John F. Kennedy, his war record and (short) time as president."

Epilog

Richard Thomas O'Brien, a man who served his country, in war and peace, his adopted town, and knows how to be busy, even in retirement.

Also appropriate to mention two toasts for St. Paddy's Day: "May the roof above us never fall in, and may we friends gathered below never fall out ... May you live as long as you want and never want as long as you live."

Dave Hartwig Is Planning

Little League coaches and players in town are looking forward to spring and baseball but not at the Dave Hartwig home, where the main

topic is the Windsor Locks Jets midget football. The first practice and first game are already in the planning stage for late summer and early fall.

Registration for the 1995 season was held in late February and early March. Dave, in his fourth year with the Jets, and this year's president, said, "There is (always) a need for more players."

Dave has been a resident of town since age 4, when his family moved from Massachusetts. He is the son of the late Alfred Hartwig, and Mrs. Joan (Fontana) Hartwig, who were subjects of C&K in march of 1985.

Joan has been active with the American Red Cross the past 11 years, with duties in connection with natural disasters from Maine to the state of California. In addition, on the local level, Joan is active with the seniors at their center and served as vice president for two years.

Dave began school in town, graduating from the high school in 1977. He played football under Coach Scelza and basketball for Coach Dan Sullivan and found both coaches "tough" as to their coaching styles.

Before high school, Dave played Little League from the minors to the senior division, when his coaches were Bob Creech and Billy O'Brien.

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In addition to his two high school sports, Dave was on the Student Council and member of the set construction crew for his class musical, "Fiddler On the Roof."

Dave admits, after high school, "I was looking forward to being a pilot ... my father was in the Air National Guard for 40 years." Things do not always work out the way you want them. Dave did the next best thing, he went to Central Connecticut for a year or so taking some business courses. Although he didn't finish at Central ... since then he has attended Asnuntuck Community College and will have his associate degree in business administration shortly.

After Central, Dave worked at Dexter for 10 years, however, with a rotating schedule, he figured his family came first. For the next five years, with his mother, wife Kathy, they operated a home-based business marketing "health and educational products."

Dave now works for VIP Valet Parking on Ella Grasso Turnpike, while the women in

the family still have their part-time home-based business.

Now for Kathy. Kathleen (Hayes) Hartwig, the daughter of Robert Hayes Sr.

and Shirley (Greene) Hayes. Bob grew up in Windsor, as did Shirley. Today, they make their home in Enfield. They have four sons, Dave, Robert Jr. who lives in Massachusetts, Richard in Broad Brook, John in Enfield and a daughter, Maureen, of Enfield.

Kathy graduated from Enfield High School Class of 1979, where she was active on the class year book and office aides after school.

After high school, Kathy was involved in working for "temporary services," and now, with two years at Friendly's (Dexter Plaza), she holds the title of shift manager. Dave and Kathy had met on summer jobs and were married on April 8, 1979. Since the wedding, the young couple had several moves but always came back to Windsor Locks.

Kathy and Dave have two active young sons. David Robert Hartwig, 15, is a freshman at the high school. He, like his dad, is thinking past the summer, and WLHS football, under his father's old coach, Pat Scelza. Off the football field Robert plays the bass guitar, is interested in art and weight-lifting. His brother, Jason Allan Hartwig, 13, is an eighth-grader at the middle school. He is also into weight-lifting, enjoys art, rec basketball and is a Little Leaguer. Dave has coached Little League for two years

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Football Jets for 1995

and this year has assisted in registration.

With two active boys, Dave decided, when it came to hobbies, playing backyard football and basketball was good for him and the boys. When it came time to mention spectator sports, Dave is a big Dallas Cowboy fan, Kathy roots for the San Francisco 49ers. Television is limited for Dave; its sports. Kathy likes movies but sometimes rather be reading or writing. This past Christmas, Kathy was given a complete set of Stephen King mysteries. When it comes time for the family vacation, camping is the name of the game, up and down the east coast and side trips to Cape Cod.

Now for the main topic at the family dinner table — Jets football. The past four years, Dave has been an active dad, first as a faithful parent, coach for two years and president of the team. The team is a member of the Northern Connecticut Football League of six teams.

The Jets have three classes of players, (A B C), based on the age and weight, the Jets roster comprised of children from Windsor Locks, Suffield and surrounding towns. In addition to the 80 or so players, and as Dave said, "There is always room for more players," the league has a large group of girls, from seven to 15, that forms the cheerleading section of the Jets. Dave said they play Sundays at the high school, with practice session at Veterans Park.

· First practice is Aug. 1;



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first game, Sept. 20. For more information call Dave at 623-4090.

To close on Dave, Kathy and the Hartwig boys, their dad has always admired John F. Kennedy — another dad who played family football in the backyard — "who was a powerful president and had a certain presence about him."

Kathy admired a cousin,

Sandra Hayes of New Britain. "We grew up together, she overcame medical problems, we have always been close." Did she have one word to describe Dave? "Sensitive."

When it comes to the Hartwig family, football and the Jets are the name of their game, and where football takes precedence over everything.

Lincoln: One of New Breed,

"My brother (Matthew) and I are what you might call, friendly rivals."

—Bruce on his brother, as to any rivalry

Bruce Carl Lincoln is a member of the Windsor Locks Fire Department, part-time Lions Ambulance Corps member in town, and his third hat is as a security guard at St. Francis Hospital.

The uniform has been part of Bruce's life, since he and his older brother, Matthew, were Boy Scouts. Bruce and Matthew are the sons of Charles and Joyce Lincoln.

Matthew, who lives in East Windsor, has been with the L&M Ambulance in Hartford for a year part time with Century Security, and previously, with the Suffield Ambulance, Suffield Fire Department and Shaker Pines. Another young man with plenty of hats.

To say the Lincoln boys

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are

out protecting the area, would be a safe statement. With Bruce emphasizing, "My brother and I are what you might say, friendly rivals,"

adding, "Although we are both in the same line of work, of fire, security and ambulance, we do not compete against each other."

Back in April 1983 Charles and Joyce were featured in a C&K column. Charles was from Stafford Springs; she was a Waltham, Mass. native. Today, Charles is still with Travelers, and Joyce is proud to take care of their sons' uniforms and jackets.

Growing up, both of their sons were 4-H enthusiasts.



They attended Suffield High School. The Lincoln family had come to Windsor Locks when Bruce was a few months over 2 years old.

Bruce graduated from Suffield High School in 1992 and then decided to attend Porter & Chester Institute and take up automotive classes. After a year at Porter & Chester, and one of his first jobs, "In and Out," a lube place, again an important decision. Bruce joined First Security as a guard at St. Francis Hospital in August of 1994.

Bruce had become interested in becoming a local fireman, it meant the "Junior

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Firemen Division." He was only 16, but in 1992, and now old enough, Bruce became a full firefighter for the local department.

This is the way Bruce feels about his varied career. "Basically, to help others ... being a fireman means a variety of different circumstances, as for the Lions Ambulance Corps (which he joined four years ago) is sometimes even more rewarding." Both memberships are volunteer and part time.

Speaking of rewarding, one of Bruce's highlights in his career, and certainly an accomplishment he will certainly never forget, the birth of a baby in the ambulance. To set the stage, Bruce (EMT), John Hibbard (paramedic) and the drive, "Spike" Daniel (EMT), were on the way to St. Francis Hospital with an anxious mother-to-be (Mrs. Fox). It was a "joint effort" by

Bruce and John, they delivered the baby (four and one-half months premature), the mother was calm, the baby was fine, now named Alyssa Fox, 3 years old, and Bruce has kept up with the child's progress and pictures to show what this normal little girl looks like today.

What does a young man (like Bruce) do with free time? With his medical background he realizes the best way to feel fit is to exercise, which he does, mostly weight-lifting. For a different form of relaxation, Bruce is into target shooting, camping up North and in the winter, skiing. One can easily surmise his life is a busy one with work and play an intricate part of his daily routine. He's not much of a television fan, but does keep up with pro football and UConn basketball.

Bruce was asked, to look ahead as to what were his future career plans. He was

ready with the answers, a young man who knows where he is going, Bruce is currently testing for the Hartford Police Department and in May will take an exam for the state police. So it seems law enforcement is in his future plans.

Epilog

Bruce Carl Lincoln, one of the new breed of volunteer, be it fire, ambulance or security. Likewise for his brother, Matthew.

Both sons of Charles and Joyce Lincoln began as 4-H enthusiasts, it soon became apparent they were off to different career paths. Both boys are worthy examples of young men doing their thing, because they like it and it's good for the community.

Oh yes, these boys are, according to their proud dad, "distant cousins of another man (who was quite worthy), the famous Mr. Lincoln."

A Look at Paul Devlin

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Hamilton Worker

Paul Warren Devlin grew up in Windsor Locks, went to work at Hamilton-Standard over two decades ago, a former Little Leaguer, avid Red Sox fan, softball and golfer, father of a son, Ryan, and daughter, Kerry. The kids, like their father before them, are now into Little League.

The Little League tradition started in the Devlin family, with Paul's cousin, Phil Devlin, now a teacher and resident of Higganum, who was a member of the 1965 Little League World Champs.

Paul remembers well that year of glory for the town and the boys of that summer, and his own connections, when he played in the Senior Division, along with a few members of the 1965 team.

This is the story of Paul, Ryan, Kerry; and their mother, Monica Devlin, who watches over the baseball and we mustn't forget the soccer in this activity-minded local family.

Paul is a native son — of Warren and Lee Pasternak Devlin. Warren is a local man, retired from the Air National Guard (35 years). Lee was originally from Holyoke. They still reside in town. They have two daughters, Karen of Suffield, and Kathleen of Windsor Locks.

Paul graduated from WLHS, Class of 1972, where during those years work was

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his game, after a successful run in the town's baseball program, from the minors to the senior division. Paul had several jobs, as a boy growing up—a paper route (Hartford Times), student janitor at the Middle school, worked at the (new) Ramada Inn in East Windsor, and fond memories of his Boy Scout days.

After high school, Paul, who was of draft age, did not enter the service, as the draft ended, and his father suggested he go to college. Which he did, to the Hartford State Technical College, where he earned an associate degree in mechanical engineering. The time spent during his college days, were a busy for Paul — daytime in class, nights working at the Ramada.

In June of 1974 Paul joined Hamilton-Standard and today is a technician in the company's Environmental Control Systems.

The following year, Paul met his future bride, Monica,

better known as just "Mo." They met by way of introduction at a local restaurant. However, Paul and Mo dated for six years, were engaged in 1981, and married on June 19, 1982. They lived in East Windsor for three years, and in 1986 moved to their current residence. Mo recalled affectionately, "On our first date, I was given a ride in Paul's prized possession, his Corvette."

Mo was from Enfield, a graduate of Fermi High School, Class of 1975, where she was active on the Yearbook staff, and Homecoming Committee. Mo is the daughter of the late Frank Kakluskas, and Margaret (Landry) Kakluskas, who makes her home in Enfield, where she was born. Mr. Kakluskas was retired from Bigelow and Cheney Brothers Mill. Mo has a sister, Bea, who lives in West Springfield, and a sister, Phyllis, who passed away in 1991. Mo said, "Growing up, I admired my mother most." Her mother retired from Hamilton in 1982.

Mo was employed at CIGNA, after high school, until 1986 when she left to raise their two children. However, Mo did some waitressing in the area, and has worked at Albert's Restaurant in town, the past four years.

The children of Paul and

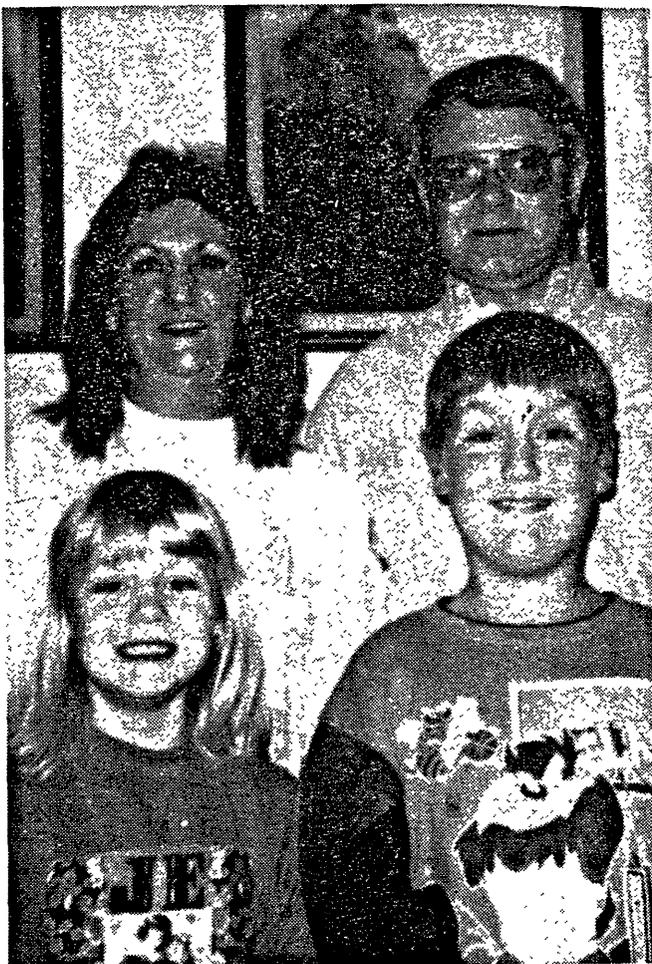
with Little League Connection

Mo are Ryan, 10, a fifth-grader at South, with his favorite subjects, math and spelling. Ryan has been a Little Leaguer for five years with the talent of pitching, like his favorite player, Nolan Ryan. He also plays soccer in the indoor/outdoor league. As for spectator sports, he's a big Shaq O'Neil fan in pro basketball, and when world wrestling is on the television, Ryan is all ears. Just to complete this active boy, he is an altar boy at St. Mary's.

Kerry, 7, a second-grader at North, likes art, into gymnastics, also in the soccer program and last year started her Little League with T-ball. When it comes to television, Kerry likes all the programs on "Nickelodeon." Both children are into roller-blading and collecting stuffed animals.

When it comes time for hobbies, or free time for Paul, one sport he has been very active in the past 20 years, with the Windsor Locks Men's Softball League. In addition, he plays golf at Airways, he and Mo are in a Mixed Bowling League at Bradley, with Mo adding, "Paul sports a great 205 average." Mo at home, a big soap opera fan and Court TV, with the current OJ trial. And would you believe, Mo saves baseball cards ... and does crossword puzzles.

Vacation time was to the Cape every year for the Devlin family, but they discovered



The Devlin family

an island off New Jersey, "Wildwood," and now that's their place for vacations. The family are all Red Sox and Patriot fans, and Mo also enjoys "ER," on the tube.

Speaking of the Red Sox, Paul and his old-time friend, Jim Hussey, have always made

the trip to Fenway on opening day — but not this year. Paul, Jim, and other friends, Brian Bagley and Mark Whitten, will be going south to Myrtle Beach, S.C., for sun and golf and forget baseball for this year.

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When it comes to coaching for Paul, he has done his share, as soccer and Little League coach the past four years. His comments on both sports: "I always wonder on the player's improvements over the seasons...enjoy being with their friends and they truly enjoy the competition."

When asked about the town of Windsor Locks, Mo and Paul agreed, "It's great, that's why we live here ... a small town, and good school system."

Not that the Devlins need protection, but when one comes to their front door they are warmly greeted by two little dogs, by the names of "Casey and Benji."

Paul was asked who he most admired. "My Dad... all-

around good guy, good-natured, goes out of his way to help others..." with Mo agreeing. As for Paul's personal philosophy..."Take one day at a time." When Mo was asked for one word to describe Paul, she said, "How about three ... Rock of Gibraltar."

Paul, Mo, Ryan and Kerry Devlin... truly a happy group... and the following, they might just agree on: "What seems to grow fairer as life goes by is the love and grace and tenderness of it; not its wit and cleverness and grandeur of knowledge, grand as knowledge is, but just the laughter of children and the friendship of friends and the cozy talk by the fireside and the sight of flowers and the sound of music."

Flag Football Is

In previous columns, local Little League, soccer and Midget Football teams, have been featured with coaches and players, in their important registration of boys and girls, for the coming 1995 season.

Therefore, it's only proper to include Flag Football, which starts in August — the name of the game for local resident Joe Butler. For the past four seasons, Joe has been player and coach, and he was ready, willing and able to discuss this brand of football, a sport he learned and developed at the local high school, under the direction and coaching of Pat Scelza.

More on Joseph James Butler, WLHS Class of 1990, where he excelled in football, and on the baseball diamond for Coach Dan Sullivan. He is the son of Charles W. Butler and Jo-Anne (Reveruzzi) Butler, who are residents of town for many years, after coming from Hartford.

Mr. Butler is employed at Roncari, while Mrs. Butler, for the past 10 years, has been a member of the Visiting Nurse and Home Care Inc.

Joe has two sisters: Michelle, 1985 WLHS

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graduate, and Dawn, now married to Jim Gaylord. The young couple is now in Germany, where Lieutenant Gaylord is stationed. Dawn was president of her 1987 class and featured in a C&K column. Jim's dad, James Gaylord, was also a subject of a C&K story in 1986. Young Jim was vice president of his class in 1987. Jim went on to West Point, after playing football, for Coach Scelza.

Soon after high school, Joe joined the United States Marine Corps. However, he only spent a few months at Parris Island, S.C., after being discharged due to a shoulder injury. In that short time, he found the Marines "great, a lot of hard work," but unfortunately, had to leave and start over again.

He returned home, worked at Graco Electrical in East Windsor for over two years. He left the lighting business for Aqua Pool & Patio in East Windsor, "setting up pools (in season) in this area." This type of work keeps Joe busy from April to November. It's his second season in the pool business, which also gives him time for other activities such as working out at Hardbodies in Enfield.

Joe is into gym work, skiing up North, playing volleyball and enjoying Cape Cod. When it comes to spectator sports, Joe is a big New York and Patriot pro football fan, and when relaxing at home, a viewer of the television shows "Melrose Place" and "Seinfeld." Since 1993, Joe has taken on a different hobby — motorcycles — where he rides in Rhode Island and nearby Barkhamsted.

When it comes to Flag Football Joe was eager to talk about his participation in the game as quarterback, coach and this year, a different position, as blocking back, saying, "Want to be where the action is." He further went on to say the league is made up of

the Name of Butler's Game



Joseph Butler

seven teams, with players from town, Windsor, East Windsor and Suffield. The season starts on the second week of August, and Joe Butler can't wait. His desire was put into the following words, "I'm an aggressive person, enjoy the competition and I (do) love football."

When asked who he most admired he said, "I'll have to go back to my high school coach, Pat Scelza, a great coach who was always willing to talk (about football and other things) with his players, just ask the boys who played for him."

Epilog

One worthwhile method to satisfy the appetite of the youth of today be it Windsor Locks or any town in America is to keep their minds and body active in sports. The kids in Windsor Locks are indeed fortunate, with the volunteer coaches and parents in the Little League, soccer, Midget Football and certainly Flag Football programs for a young fellow like Joe Butler and the hundreds of boys and girls, because it's their name of the game.

The Simoneaus –

“We are trained to pay attention to details”

This is a comment by Cathy Simoneau on driving a school bus.

Meet Morris and Cathy Simoneau, two school bus drivers ... with years of experience, where the safety of school children is their number one priority.

The Simoneau family of Morris, Cathy and their two children, Carla and Bradford, all natives of Windsor Locks, also concerned with the upgrading of local schools.

Some family information: Maurice James Simoneau, (he goes by Morris), the son of Maurice and Rolande (Thibeault) Simoneau. Mr. Simoneau was from Lewiston, Maine, retired now, after more than 30 years at Hamilton. Mrs. Simoneau was from Stockholm, Maine, she met her future husband in Hartford, and then made their home in town. They have another son, Robert, who lives at home, and three daughters, Rita and Donna of Enfield, and Ann of Broad Brook.

Cathy (Condon) Simoneau is the daughter of Dale and Joanne (Hoyt) Condon, who also lives in town. Both are natives of Maine, with Dale retiring from Pratt & Whitney, with more than 30 years of service at the aircraft company. They have another daughter, Cindy of Broad Brook.

Cathy is a graduate of Windsor Locks High School Class of 1980, where she was active in arts and crafts, and a member of the stage crew for her class musical, “Oklahoma.”

After high school, Cathy worked at Central Records in South Windsor, for five years. She then attended hairdressing

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school and applied her new found talent in Granby for a year. She still does some hairdressing for friends and neighbors. With the birth of her two children, she stayed at home, until five years ago, when she followed Morris driving a school bus.

More on Morris. His high school years were divided between I.A. Prince in Simsbury and the Raider school in town. He did graduate from WLHS, class of 1981, with the years of '79-80 and '80-81, at the two schools. At the high school, he took regular classes, however, at Prince, took up the art of auto mechanics.

He said, “I always wanted to mechanic,” and with this career in mind, after high school, he went to TCI in Windsor for a year, and then received real on-the-job training at the Shell Station on Kennedy Road. Sometimes, things do not always go the way a person wants them. He ended his auto mechanic career for a time when he went to work at Hamilton-Standard, for 12 years. When he was “laid off,” he then pursued his new career.

While at Hamilton on the second shift, he became a part-time bus driver, which eventually led to a full-time job after Hamilton. Today, Morris is the bus manager at

the Smyth Bus Co. in Mansfield. This September, will mark 10 years with Smyth, and also kept in the field of auto mechanic.

Back to Cathy (their bus experience to be detailed later), she worked at Central Records (as mentioned) and where she met Morris, who worked there during his high school days. They were married on Oct. 9, 1983, lived in Suffield for six months (“our only time out of town”) and then to their present home in town.

The two children of Morris and Cathy are Carla April Simoneau, just turned 11 this month, a fifth-grader at South, where her favorite subject is science, with, in her words, “An awesome science teacher, Mr. Wehrauch.” Carla has been in the scouting program since her kindergarten days. When it comes to sports, she has played softball the past two seasons.

Then we have Bradford Neal Simoneau, better known as just Brad, he's 8, a third-grader at South, “enjoys everything in school,” a Cub Scout, with soccer and Little League to this credit.

When it comes to hobbies of their parents, with Morris, its “anything automotive, working on cars.” He does enjoy just driving the family, “anywhere, packing up the family, be it camping or whatever,” he said. As for Cathy, still has that talent of hairdressing, has been an assistant leader in the Cub Scouts and still into arts and crafts. Morris is a big fan of TV's “Home Improvement” and “Cops.”

Now for the bus drivers. Morris has been driving a school bus for 10 years. The first seven, his schedule called

— Meet Two School Bus Drivers



The Simoneau Family

for driving students locally, then he went on the Enfield run, and today, is the manager, and sometimes, will drive in an emergency. One of his jobs is teaching new bus drivers how "to deal with students, and problems that may come up, and safety regulations."

The mother of this clan has been driving a school bus the past five years, and currently, takes three students (from town) to Manchester, and then makes runs to Enfield's JFK Middle School. They agreed: "There is so much to consider when it comes to the safety of the children ... during good and bad weather, safety is number one ... the bus handles well in snowy conditions and other bad weather." Adding, "We are trained to pay attention to details."

When asked, who they most admired Morris said, "My father, most levelheaded man I ever met, and very mechanical."

Cathy said, "Besides my parents ... my grandmother, Nada Rumrill, in her 80s, now on her own, lives in town, raised ten children, was from Maine."

As for one word to describe Morris: "I guess I would say ... caring (and concerned) about the kids and his job."

The decision of the town's voters last month to update the local schools, went the way of the Simoneau family, who had made the following comments in the local papers: "Businesses and families looking for a place to call home will not want to become part of our wonderful town because of the conditions of our schools ..."

Epilog

The Simoneau family is an active group, in sports, scouts, class work and keeping the safety of school children the number one priority when it comes to driving a bus.

I must add the following: When we met the family, their daughter Carla was most interested in where "Cabbages & Kings," came from ... Carla, it came from Chapter 4, The Walrus and the Carpenter. Stanza 11, C.L. Dodgson (Lewis Carroll), "Through the Looking Glass and What Alice Found There." ...now... "The time has come," the walrus said, "To talk of many things ... Of shoes, and ships, and sealing wax, of cabbages and kings, and why the sea is boiling hot and whether pigs have wings."

Jack Redmond:

By Eve Sullivan
Staff Reporter

"I've never missed a column in 20 years," said John P. "Jack" Redmond, writer of "Cabbages and Kings." Mr. Redmond wrote his first column for the Windsor Locks Journal on April 24, 1975 and says he will continue writing as long as the good Lord lets him.

Mr. Redmond served in World War II and later studied journalism at San Francisco City College. After deciding that there was not enough stability in writing, he returned to Connecticut and studied accounting at the University of New Haven.

After his job took him to Indiana, he returned to Connecticut for a position at Combustion Engineering in Windsor, working there for 21 years until his retirement in 1985.

"I combined my career between writing and accounting," said Mr. Redmond. He added that he has always considered the writing part as more of a

hobby.

This hobby now takes up a whole book shelf in his home office. Mr. Redmond has bound volumes containing each of the 925 columns he has written in the past 20 years which he said he'd like to donate to the town someday.

"I've kept all of the columns. It's the history of Windsor Locks," he said. Mr. Redmond said he likes to keep a month ahead on writing his articles.



Jack Redmond sits at his typewriter in his office where he writes his column 'Cabbages and Kings.'

"I consider myself a columnist," he added.

The topics of his column have ranged from the trips to Europe he and his wife have taken, to prominent figures in Windsor Locks, and a variety of others.

"I've met everyone from cabbages to kings," he said.

In his office he has a copy of "Alice in Wonderland" which he opened to cite the source of the title "Cabbages and Kings." He said through the years a few people knew where the phrase came from,

but many had to ask him the origin. He said a little girl he spoke with recently was so interested in the book he was thinking of giving her his treasured copy.

Mr. Redmond also spent time going to political conventions and golf tournaments. His basement walls are decorated with pictures of Jackie Gleason, Frank Sinatra and Angela Lansbury. On the wall of his office hangs a framed, autographed picture of Ella Grasso.

Some other famous people he has met include former Red Sox player Jim Rice; former Whaler Ron Francis; and Sammy Davis Jr.

"Sammy Davis was very nice," he said. He went right over to him at the Greater Hartford Open and struck up a conversation.

"You've got to have a little

'moxie,' " Mr. Redmond said.

His favorite column is an April Fool's Day column from 1988 in which he told readers he was giving up his column to live the easy life. He said he fooled many people.

He and his wife have volunteered at the information booth at Bradley International Airport through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program since 1987. Mr. Redmond also spends time with his grandchildren who range in age from 5 to 25.

He said he may see writing in the future for one of them. "I have a grandson who is quite a writer."

Mr. Redmond received "The Order of the Hat," and Oct. 28, 1993 was declared "Jack Redmond Day" by the Board of Selectman.

"I think it's a great little town. I think the people here are great," he added.

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20 Years of 'Cabbages and Kings'

Twenty Years

"Writing a column is like riding a tiger. You don't want to stay on, but you don't want to get off either."

*Per Jim Murray,
Sports Writer*

The date was April 24, 1975 — Windsor Locks Journal — "The time has come," the walrus said," to talk of many things — "Cabbages and Kings" with Jack Redmond. From Lewis Carroll: "Through the Looking Glass and What Alice Found There."

And I have been writing things since that date.

I still believe, as in my opening column — people make the best stories, events happen and mostly, in this day and age, sometimes for the worst, the best things are still people.

Yes, people make the best stories, for the past 20 years, the folks of Windsor Locks, and a few celebrities have been featured, along with my five grandchildren — all subjects of the column, in my favorite newspaper — the Journal, the oldest weekly newspaper in Connecticut.

On May 1, 1975, the first column on the life of a local person...the late and well respected, Fire Chief William G. Reilly.

A lot of columns have followed Bill Reilly, over the years, doctors, lawyers, several politicians, coaches, high school and Little League, educators, fathers and mothers, boys and girls, and a few cabbages and kings. But I am not the one to judge, that's up to the readers.

I would be remiss, if I

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didn't mention the editors and writers of the Journal, among them, Mrs. Evelyn Lee, Betty Gill, Keith Griffin, Steve Mauren, Nancy Steffens, Paul Angilly, Julie Cotnoir, Mark Jahne, Kelly Callaghan and the most recent edition to the staff — Linda Levinson — these are the people who had the patience and journalistic knowhow to run C&K its own way, the past 20 years.

And the most important lady in my life — my wife, Rita, my editor-in-chief of corrections.

I have been known to drop a few names — Sammy Davis Jr., Fuzzy Zoeller and Jim Rice, and use "Quotable Quotes," from the Reader's Digest, that I have used in my ending epilog.

The celebrity entries were mostly due to my writing and attendance at the Greater Hartford Open at Wethersfield and now Cromwell since 1978. It gave me an opportunity to meet many of the Hartford Jaycees (and locals like John Dowd), who do a great job for area communities, and also for me to play both courses.

From A to Z — people like Fran Aniello to Joe Zolciak. Meeting and writing the lives

of the folks in Windsor Locks has been to me and the town informational and a worthwhile venture for me. There have been over nine hundred interviews and I still feel a lot of good stories are out there.

The past stories have been about the hundreds of volunteers in town, a few political conventions, our travels to Europe, Rio and Australia.

I have come across many sage remarks of the famous and the unknown — when it comes to writing a column.

• "Writing a column is like

riding a tiger. You don't want to stay on, but you don't want to get off either."

• "There's nothing to writing. All you do is sit down at a typewriter and open a vein."

• "A column is more than a demanding mistress. It is a raging master. It consumes you. It is insatiable. It becomes more you than you. You are not a person, you are publicity owned facility. Available on demand."

• "The trouble with writing a column is, it's like running a railroad. You have to keep the stock rolling. You can never step back and admire or even take stock of what you've done. Because you're on to

the next one."

• Have you found work yet — or are you still just writing?"

• Journalism — an ability to meet the challenge of filling the space."

• "The true appeal of this job is that I can do it when I'm sitting."

• "I love my job, but I find one of the disadvantages is the several hours at the typewriter each day. That's how I pay for this nice job. And I pay dearly, I sweat. I bleed. I'm a slow writer."

Lowell Thomas, the renowned writer and explorer, once remarked — "We're on this planet, we don't know where we came from or where

we're going. So why shouldn't we have a positive outlook while we're here? People should be doing something which interests them."

And the best quote of all: "Reading a metropolitan newspaper is like eating a restaurant meal, you pick and choose from what's offered. But reading the hometown weekly is like eating a good home-cooked meal — a fellow doesn't want to miss a thing."

Thanks for the memories — Windsor Locks Journal.

The Fays: When South Boston

"Liked the open spaces...subways were not for me."

That Charlie Fay's first reaction to Windsor Locks and what he would not miss in the Boston area.

Charlie came from South Boston. Gale Ruggiero was a native of Windsor Locks, from a well-known family.

He had left the town, where the Irish are definitely in the majority. He came to her hometown, where the Irish and Italian, who settled there, were also prominent, for example on "Easy Street," better known as Whiton Street.

Charles Joseph Fay not only went to work for Dexter, but he met his future bride. They were married on April 28, 1979, lived in Windsor, Enfield and then back to Windsor Locks, to join the PTO, active in sports and other school activities.

Charlie is the son of Charles Fay Sr., a South Boston native, who is a retired electronic typist, now in his late 80s. Charlie's mother has passed away. Anna (Donovan) Fay also was a Southie all her life.

Charlie graduated from South Boston High School Class of 1964, excelled in football and basketball, as a young man, "who loved all sports."

When asked, if he knew, what he wanted after high school, with his Irish humor

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showing, "To make a million...and didn't have to work." So he began his quest for his first million by attending Franklin Institute, receiving a drafting certificate in 1965.

His new found talent of drafting did not prevent Charlie from being drafted into the U.S. Air Force in 1966, where he would serve four years. After basic training in Texas, Airman Charlie Fay was off to sunny California, but that did not last long. — next stop, Vietnam, where he served for a year. Charlie's comment on Vietnam, "My honest opinion, a waste."

On his return to the states, he was stationed at Langley Air Force Base until his discharge in 1970. Now out of the service, he went back to school, Holyoke Community College, where he earned an associate degree in environmental sciences. Then his life really changed. A friend called, there was an

opening at Dexter in Windsor Locks. He came south from South Boston in 1972, was laid off for a year, was rehired at Dexter and today, after 19 years, is a design technologist.

When Charlie was out of work that year (from Dexter) he went to Central Connecticut State College and, someday, hopes to obtain a full degree.

Now for the local girl, mother of their two sons, Steven and Thomas Fay. She is the daughter of Grace (Rossi) Ruggiero and the late Nick Ruggiero. Nick was a native of town, while Grace came from Springfield. He was a well-known photographer and was featured in a C&K article in July 1975. Gale's uncle Patsy was a subject in November 1979, and her brother, Gary, in January 1989. Gary is now assistant chief of the town's fire department.

Gale is a grad of the WLHS, class of 1973, where she was a member of the school chorus. After graduation, "I went straight to work," she recalled, to work with Steve Bruno's (part of Kaman) musical instruments for the next 11 years.

Gale, with her two boys in school, has managed to keep busy, as member of the PTO, in addition to being a teacher's aid at North Street School and chairperson at the North School library.



Steven C. Fay

Age • 11 ••• School and grade •

Grade 6, Windsor Locks Middle School •••

Claim to fame • I'm good at soccer. I won a trophy and a medal. ••• **Favorite**

object and why • My computer, because I learn history and math ••• **Worst gross-**

out • Ear wax ••• **Best friend and why** •

Chris Tabone, because he's funny, and he's always there for me ••• **What I want to**

do with my life • I want to be a scientist.

Met Windsor Locks



The Fay Family

And the boys: Steven Charles Fay, 11, is in the fifth grade at South, where his favorite subjects are science and social studies. When it comes to television, "Home Improvement," is number one. Steven has been a Little Leaguer since he was old enough to hold a bat.

His brother, Thomas Joseph Fay, 8, in the second grade at North, also has been in Little League since he was 5. He is also another "Home..." fan, and when it comes to school, he's a math enthusiast.

Their dad, a former member of the Lions Club, is musically inclined, plays the banjo and guitar, enjoys the computer, is a big Boston Red Sox fan — but do not ask him about the Yankees. He is definitely a Boston fan, still cheering for the Patriots and Celtics. He's been active in

the town's Little League program with Paul Devlin saying, "I enjoy watching the kids learn the fundamentals of the game, and best of all, gives me a special time with my sons."

When Charlie talks of South Boston — once a Southie, always a boy from that part of Boston — however, the city life was not for Charlie, now enjoys the so-called country life of Windsor Locks. He did mention he was an old friend of former mayor, Raymond Flynn, and, as a young boy, attended a basketball clinic, operated by the great Bob Cousy.

Gale also plays the guitar and will take her turn at the family computer. But best of all she's the family photographer, just like her father before her. The vacation

spot is Cape Cod. Yes, Charlie and Gale join the boys when you know what is on the television.

When asked, who they most admired, Charlie said, "My father, he was always there for me, when I played football and basketball."

With Gale, admiration was for her mother Grace, "for her courage...the rock of the family." How about a word for Charlie, "Caring and we all take one day at a time."

Epilog

Charlie and Gale Fay...when South Boston met Windsor Locks. Who said, the twain doesn't meet?

Charlie has adjusted to the ways of the "open spaces," and has become a part of the sports and educational scene in his adopted town, and an important role in the Dexter family.

Glen & Patti Boglisch:

"Let's go for a ride ..." — Glen's favorite saying when it's time for a motorcycle ride.

When the Windsor Locks Lions Club recently listed its slate of officers for 1995-1996, the "Tail Twister" was Glen Daryl Boglisch.

Well, when the time came to interview this busy "tree and bush" family garden entrepreneur ... we found he and his wife, Patti, have not only been involved with the Lions Ambulance, but motorcycles, travel, a karate black belt for Patti; and Glen, who "always wanted to build his own house," and did.

Variety being the spice ... Patti and Glen certainly live by it. They have a little girl by the name of Julie, only 2 years old, who has already won a trophy for the "youngest in a (motorcycle) sidecar" at a rally in Pennsylvania, which she won at the age of 5 months. Yes, Julie fits right into their busy lifestyle.

Glen's lifestyle began as he grew up on Roberts Street in town. He is the son of the late Arthur P. Boglisch, and Donna (Eagleson) Boglisch. Mr. Boglisch died in 1994, after a career in insurance and landscaping.

He was originally from Manchester. Mrs. Boglisch was from Poquonock, and lives in town.

Glen has a sister, Brenda in town, and three brothers ... Randy of Hartford, Jeff in town, and Dale who resides in Feeding Hills, Mass.

Glen went to the local schools in town, until it was time for high school, when he attended the Suffield Vocational School, graduating in 1979.

He had no problems concerning what he was going to do ... since the seventh grade he had helped in the family business, Arthur P. Boglisch & Sons Inc. (more on the business later).

He met his future bride in 1980 when he and Patti were both members of the Windsor Locks Ambulance Corps. They were married

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on August Patricia was from N.Y. area of the High She is of the late (Fleming) Karasiewski, who was from Watertown, N.Y.

8, 1990.

Karasiewski the Syracuse, ... a 1974 grad Liverpool School.

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Better known as just "Patti" ... her father, known as "Whitey," still lives in the Syracuse area, and is now retired after many years as a bartender.

Patti also comes from a large family: her brothers, Stan in Syracuse, Dan in New Jersey, Rick in Washington, D.C. and two sisters in Syracuse, Mary and Kelly.

After high school, Patti went on to State University of New York College at Potsdam, N.Y. She graduated in 1978, with a degree in computer sciences and mathematics. While at the New York school, she played field hockey and basketball; and she made friends with Linda O'Brien of East Granby, a former Hamilton Standard worker, where Patti went to work after college, moving to Connecticut. She is currently in the world of computers at the local company.

Two years ago, Glen and Patti became proud parents of little Julie, who has been watching "Lion King" many times, just before bed. At the tender age of 3 weeks Julie rode in the family (motorcycle) sidecar for the first time. As mentioned, Julie has attended motorcycle rallies with her parents, and was awarded a trophy at a rally in the Keystone state.

Patti, in addition to the black belt, has also enjoyed music by playing the guitar, and was

Loyal Lions Ambulance Members



The Boglich family enjoys its favorite pasttime.

a member of a church folk group. She has done her share of traveling. She went to Japan to visit a cousin whose husband was based in Okinawa, and toured Europe with a girlfriend.

With her wedding to Glen, her traveling increased. She and Glen went to Yellowstone National Park on their honeymoon. With Glen's main hobby, motorcycles, "I have a couple of them," he said. He is always quick to say, "Let's go for a ride," which may include lunch at Boston, the Cape or New York. Glen and Patti have also made trips to Florida, Nova Scotia and the Great Lakes, with Julie enjoying that trip.

His memberships among motorcycle riders include "Cross Road Riders" and "Moto Guzzi." As for the business, he's a member of the Connecticut Farm Bureau.

With energy, talent, necessary tools and a genuine desire, he said, "I always wanted to build my own house," and he did, with pictures of every phase of the development. He called

it a "fun project."

When Glen is not riding the family motorcycles (with Patti and Julie) he is a hard-working member of the business team. The business was started by their father, in 1968. Jeff and Brenda, along with Glen, run the "trees and bushes," which supplies landscaping businesses in the area. Glen said they started in the landscaping business, and gradually went into their current phase of business ... with growing trees, etc. on Old County Road, a farm on Route 159, and one in Feeding Hills. Their brother, Randy, operates his own florist shop business.

Glen's other hobby is the Lions Club. He was recently named "Tail Twister," with the following duties ... "keeping the meetings lively and leveling fines whether members need them or not."

His personal benefits, "providing community service and helping on other Lions projects." The past six years, Glen has been executive secretary of the Ambulance Committee.

Glen and Patti (both EMTs) joined the Lions Ambulance Corps. in 1980. That's where they met — and today they usually work together (when called) on alternate weekends.

Patti was asked for one word to describe Glen ... "persistent." Next question, who Glen most admired ... "Bob Barberi (veteran Lions Ambulance volunteer). He deserves a lot of credit for his 50 years of service to the corps."

Epilog

Glen, Patti and Julie Boglich ... not only busy in community services, but know when it's time for a ride ... and time to smell the roses.

And speaking of roses ... "It is said that God gave us memory so we could have roses in winter. But it is also true that without memory we would not have a self in any season. The more memories you have, the more 'you' you have."

Lions and Accounting

In Dave's 1974 Yearbook, for career, it says, "To be an accountant."

David Michael Renouf always wanted to be an accountant. The fascination for financial entries, numbers and balance sheets apparently began when he was in the seventh grade.

Today, Dave has achieved this goal and is a partner in the local CPA firm of Bardaglio, Hart and Shuman.

First, some entries on Dave and his family. He's native born, the son of Bernard and Rita (Cosineau) Renouf, resident of town. Mr. Renouf, now retired after 30 years at Stanadyne, was from Maine. Mrs. Renouf is a native of Windsor Locks. Dave has a brother, Stephen, of East Hartford.

Dave attended St. Mary's School and is a 1974 graduate of Windsor Locks High School where he was active on the (naturally) math team, and yearbook committee where he made sure his career intentions were stated correctly. However, he did admit, maybe, just maybe, "I may want a career in astronomy." But accounting won out. In addition, on a local level, his mother worked many years in the North Street School cafeteria.

In 1978, Dave received an accounting degree from Bentley College, in Waltham, Mass. His first position in the accounting world was with a CPA firm in Wethersfield,

where he gained the two years of experience needed to take the Connecticut Certified Public Accounting exam. In 1980, he passed and was ready to go to work as a CPA. That chance came, with an ad from a local CPA firm. He got the job, joining the North Street firm, and in 1988 became a partner.

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businesses to deal with, be it tax returns, payrolls, or audits. When we first tried to contact Dave, it was at the end of the tax season, and he was a busy CPA. When the final return was mailed, it was time for Dave to be interviewed.

Now for Dave's family. He met his future bride, Donna Monahan, at a dance, and would you believe, in two days they will be celebrating their 12th anniversary.

Donna, also a native, is the daughter of Bob and Josie Monahan, who were subjects of a Cabbages and Kings interview in July 1980. The Monahan family was also featured with Donna's brother, Tom, in October 1992. Her sister Rhonda Nadeau and her family (and those three active girls) were in the Journal as

part of Cabbages and Kings. Donna has a brother, Robert, who lives in Enfield and operates a food business in Meriden called "New Connecticut Foods."

Donna is a graduate of Windsor Locks High, Class of 1978. After graduation she worked at the (old) Northern Connecticut National Bank. Donna and Dave have lived in Enfield since their wedding in 1983.

They have three children: Michelle, six and a half; Rene, four and a half; and Paul, two and a half. Michelle is in the first grade at Parkman Elementary School in Enfield, "is very outgoing, into soccer, gymnastics and the Daisy Scout Program." Renee is pre-school and Paul is just waiting his turn to start school.

What does an accountant do in his spare time, after the tax season? In the Renouf family, the game for Dave is chess, saying, "It's a family tradition." Dave still plays once a week with his father. Dave joined the Springfield Chess Club at the age of 16. And then you have Dave's other hobby, so to speak, weight lifting, also with his father lifting the weights. And speaking of his father, Mr. Renouf plays the piano and has entertained seniors at nursing homes for years.

As for spectator sports, Dave's been a big fan of the Boston Celtics and the New York Giants. Vacation time for the family has included trips to Old Orchard Beach in Maine and the Carolinas. Donna enjoys movies, has played softball, and she and

Are a Good Mix for Dave Renouf

Dave are in a mixed bowling league.

Back to the accountant. Dave's a member of the American Institute of CPAs, Connecticut Society of CPAs, and two connections with the American Institute: Informational Technology and Personal Financial Planning.

At the Lions Club he is the finance chairman, a post he has held for the past five years. (Once a finance chairman ...) He joined the "We Serve" group of dedicated citizens in 1980, sponsored by his uncle, Robert Methot, then Lions president. Dave also serves on the district level, in finance. When it comes to the local club, he prepares annual budgets, monthly financial statements and approves expenditures. Dave said, "I contribute my talents to help others as a Lion member."

When asked for a name he admired, Dave chose a musical icon by the name of "Paul McCartney, of the famed Beatles, always like his music, a family man, who has been

married for many years, a rare thing in the world of music."

Any plans for the future? "Yes, enjoy the important things in life, and (especially) moments with the children."

Epilog

Dave Renouf, an

accountant with a busy and (at times) hectic time during the tax season. However, quality time is spent with family, chess with his father, and time for contribution to community affairs as a member of the Lions.



Dave Renouf and family.

Longtime Firefighter

"Climb the ladder ... if (and when) it presents itself," is Brian's response to questions about his future plans.

Brian Long's family connections may be over the river in East Windsor, or better still, Broad Brook, but he serves Windsor Locks in two very special ways.

Lt. Brian Kenneth Long is one of the young volunteers on the Windsor Locks Fire Department. He is also a member of the on-site fire department at Bradley International Airport.

He has served as volunteer in Windsor Locks since 1989 and was appointed lieutenant in 1994. Previously, Brian's career began in 1979 with the Broad Brook Junior Fire Division, with eight years as a regular fireman, before joining the local department.

Brian is from Broad Brook. He has two brothers, Steven of East Windsor, Douglas of Enfield, and two sisters, Denise of East Windsor and Amy, who lives in Florida.

As a young boy, Brian played Little League, and went on to the East Windsor High School where he graduated in 1983. Brian's years after high school saw more schooling and desire to seek a career. He attended ~ Asnuntuck

Community College, Howell-Cheney Vocational and went to the South Ohio College in Cincinnati for two years, studying computer machine tool technology.

On his return to Connecticut, Brian took his first job at a small machine shop in

East Windsor. After six months, he joined Hamilton-Standard for the next five years.

However, the fire department, as a career, seemed to be the goal of young Brian. In 1992, he joined the Bradley Fire Department. Today he is a volunteer in town and at the airport, in a role he certainly "cares a lot about," according to his proud wife, Wendy.

He met Wendy at a Simsbury carnival. They married June 9, 1990. She was born in England, coming here as a small child. Her father and mother, David and Mary (Maher) Terry, came to the United States when Mr. Terry took a job with Northeast Utilities. He was from England, and Mrs. Terry was

born in Ireland. Wendy has a brother, Andrew, who lives in Groton, and a sister, Gail, who makes her home in Somers.

Wendy is a Suffield High School graduate, Class of 1985, where she was active on the year book and ring

commitments. For the past seven years, she

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has been employed at the Jefferson X-Ray in Hartford.

When Brian is not on call at Bradley or with the local department, he may find time for fishing and hunting, or in winter, some skiing. He admits he takes time for yard work and has done a lot of work around the home. A real handyman. He follows University of Connecticut basketball and the Celtics.

Serves Two Departments in Town

Speaking of basketball, he was eager to show me a picture, prominently displayed on the refrigerator. It was taken on the day the woman's team came back to Connecticut from winning the national championship. It showed Brian and several firemen with Rebecca Lobo.

Brian and Wendy have had several vacation trips, to Ireland and England to visit her relatives, and two memorable cruises. Wendy is into arts and crafts and is an active member of Eastern Star/Rainbow Girls as an adult advisor.

Back to the world of fire fighting, in addition to Bradley and the local fire department, Brian has been a member the past two years in the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting working group. The group has a bimonthly publication, where members voice their views on improving airport

safety and other airport subjects. Brian is regional manager for New England, and now writes a report on items of interest in the area and exchanges information with other members.

He became active in firefighting because of Gerald Hoffman, now the retired fire chief of Broad Brook, but not retired from the business of fighting fires. Today Mr. Hoffman he is the fire chief of the Connecticut Air National Guard's fire department.

Future plans for the young lieutenant are to "climb the ladder, if and when (situations) presents itself." It's a family affair. Wendy is a member of the Windsor Locks Ladies Auxiliary. She said it best: "Brian cares a lot about (the fire departments) and it's a very big part of him."

Asked who he most admires, Brian said, "Chief Gerald Hoffman. I look up to



Lt. Brian Long is a member of the Windsor Locks Fire Department.

him, a father figure."

As for Brian's personal philosophy, it was simple and to the point: "You only come this way once." Lt. Brian Kenneth Long is serving his adopted town and the town's major attraction, Bradley International Airport, and keeping up with the latest in airport safety.

There is a line in the "Firemen's Prayer" that seems to fit Brian Long: "I want to fill my calling ... and to give the best in me, to guard my every neighbor ... and protect his property."

He Became Interested in

"The seniors were excited and thrilled about the program," said Jane Ratcliffe of Hartford's Center City Church.

Thomas James O'Brien, professional entertainer, and one of Windsor Locks native sons, showed an interest in the world of magic, at an early age, when first given his first set of tricks by his father.

For more than 20 years, Tom O'Brien has performed at corporate functions, and adult and children's events throughout Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York. His demeanor can be called warm, friendly, and very funny to the young and old after he has captivated any type of audience.

But before those audiences, he was a graduate of Windsor Locks High School, Class of 1971, where he played intramural baseball and basketball. As a senior, he had a desire to become an engineer.

Actually, Tom's career path went from engineering to accountant, with a mix of entertainment that was probably his first priority.

Tom admits that in high school, "I was funny (not a clown) at the right time." It was his first taste of entertainment. His first taste of work was at the popular Macaluso's Market, a short time at Hi-G, and as janitor at the North Street School.

However, at an early age, Tom knew the pains of tragedy. His father, Joseph O'Brien, a local policeman, was killed in 1968. His mother, Loretta (George) O'Brien had the task of raising Tom, his brother Jerry, and three sisters, Cindy, Linda and Nancy.

Tom has only fond memories of his father. "He did a lot with the family, we had fun together." Tom was only 15 at the time, and his

brother and sisters were younger.

After high school, Tom attended the University of Hartford for two years, moving from to accounting. He joined Aetna Life and Casualty in 1973. From that year to 1991,

park in Canada."

As for spectator sports, Tom is a Boston Celtic and Baltimore Orioles baseball fan going way back to the days of Brooks and Frank Robinson. Tom's favorite TV show?

"Seinfeld." With an added twist, Tom has received an autograph picture of Jerry due to the efforts of the star's

agent. In addition, Tom enjoys "the comedy shows on TV and all types of music."

Tom's interest in entertainment, and his interest in magic, developed when he received a set of tricks from his dad, with additional material from a Hartford Magic Shop. He first performed for the family. They were amazed. Then he tried his fellow workers, the neighbors, and then advanced to birthday parties (which he still does), and then large audiences.

Over the years, Tom has performed before corporations, clubs, and veteran and civic organizations, restaurants, and more than 300 children and adult parties each year.

Just to mention a few: Shell Oil, Fleet Bank, Aetna, Cigna, Southern New England Telephone, the Lions Club Special Education Christmas

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he was a full time accountant; entertainment was part-time. Then he chose entertainment as full time, and today is a part-time accountant and consultant at Aetna.

Commenting about his type of entertainment, magic, he said, "It requires constant practice every day." When asked what does he do in his spare time, Tom said, "Well, one so-called hobby is collecting Red Skelton memorabilia, paintings, old articles, and have received autographed pictures of Red. ...I have a writing relationship with his secretary." When asked about any special favorites in magic, he said, "Yes, Doug Henning, now retired from the magic shows, but pursuing a magic theme

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Entertaining As a Child

Party in Windsor Locks, Hartford Club, Volvo Tennis Tournament in New Haven, Kaman Women's Club, The Eatery in East Windsor, and the Admiral T.J. O'Briens Restaurant in Sturbridge, Mass. In addition, Tom has appeared on local television and recently on the cable network.

Tom has been a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians for 10 years. A trade magazine keeps Tom up on the latest in magic. Keeping up is one thing, but Tom emphasized, "I write my own material. It's fresh, and (I must say) my performances are unique."

"The seniors were excited and thrilled with his program," said Jane Ratcliffe of Hartford's Center City Church in Hartford. "It was great to see everyone laughing the whole evening," a letter following the SNET retirement banquet stated. "Their faces still beam with

delight when relaying highlights of your mystifying feats of magic," stated a letter from the state Receiving Home in Warehouse Point.

Tom will be performing Saturday, June 10, at the East Granby Allgrove School, at 1 and 3 p.m. as part of the East Granby Spring Fest.

Asked whom he most admired, Tom said, "My mother. She raised five children without their father. She is the most supportive person you will ever meet — someone to turn to, for honest advice."

Tom's said his personal philosophy is, "Live each day to the fullest and make people happy." Something he has been doing for years. Yes, he admitted he was nervous the first time before large audiences, but not now.

When the interview ended, Tom suggested we try one trick for the road. He held two red soft balls and gave me one. "Make a tight fist." I did and



Tom O'Brien

he did, too. "Now open your hand, Jack." I did. Both balls were in my hand.

"How did you do that," I asked.

"Can you keep a secret?"

"Sure," I said.

"Well, so can I."

That's why they call it entertainment. The mystery will always keep us mortals wondering, how does he do that?

About Sarah Chapple,

"Isaiah, 40:30-31 ... Even youths grow tired ... the Lord will renew their strength ... will soar on wings like eagles" — Sarah's favorite passage from the Bible

Sarah May Chapple is the Windsor Locks High School valedictorian, Class of 1995.

The day after Sarah and Anthony DeMichele were honored as the school's Scholar-Athletes, at the annual awards ceremonies, we met Sarah at her school to find out what makes this talented young lady ... "soar on wings like eagles ... " The interview was arranged, the track practice that day would have to wait.

When Sarah, a native of Windsor Locks, is not in the class room, she's an active member of the school's track team. Her sports agenda at the Raider school has been filled over her four years: indoor track, cross-country, basketball and soccer. Her specialty in track has been long distance running, the longest for 8 1/2 miles, with a creditable 5:35 time for the mile run.

But first, some personal information on Sarah, who is looking forward to college (Bible Institute) in Rhode Island this fall.

She is the daughter of Wayne and Lynda (von Dohrmann) Chapple. Sarah has two sisters, Emily, 14, Megan, 6; and a brother, Daniel, 2. Emily is in the eighth grade at the

middle school, a soccer and softball player, honor student, and according to Sarah, "way ahead of me when it comes to sports." Megan is in kindergarten at a Granby school, and has started T-Ball. For the record, Sarah was only 8, and Emily 4, when the Chapple family were featured in C&K, in August 1985.

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Sarah was asked, how about hobbies? ... "Playing with children (in her neighborhood) in the backyard, its a lot of fun ... listening to Christian music, old movies, and when it comes to my favorite food ... all sorts of bread." She does follow some baseball and is a fan of UConn basketball.

At the high school, Sarah has been involved with the Math Team, and their MVP, Girl's State, Brown Book Award, the Renaissance Program, and on the set crew of her class musical, "Once Upon a Mattress." She is the president of the school's National Honor Society, with four years of high honors.

In addition, Sarah has tutored students in biology, and sponsored a student from France at her home two years ago. She attended a church mission in Jamaica, as member of the Living Waters church in town, with students from East Hartford.

Sarah's favorite subject in school has been biology, because "it relates to real life, and you can use it every day," she said. When asked, any favorite teachers? she said, diplomatically, "I like all of my teachers, all have different good qualities."

Back to the recent Scholar-Athlete award:

Valedictorian, Class of 1995

Sarah and Tony were honored in Southington on May 7, as high school students with cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better, and played varsity sports for two years, and demonstrated outstanding school and community citizenship.

The highlight of the dinner was the appearance of UConn All-American basketball player Rebecca Lobo, who told the 318 athletes from 166 schools about setting goals. "It is important to set goals, and take steps to achieve them. ... Succeeding requires making sacrifices. ... I encourage you dream, to have goals.... Dreams do come true if you work at them."

Also for the record ... Tony's sister, Lisa DeMichele, was valedictorian of the Class of 1984, and featured in C&K that year.

Sarah has done her share of traveling. In addition to Jamaica, she has crossed country to California, to visit her grandparents, been to Florida, and was a member of East Granby Girl's soccer travel team that made the trip to Ireland, and even played some of the Irish girl's teams.

As to the honor of valedictorian, she had this to say, "I kept my mother posted, and was relieved when it was over and the pressure off." The class of 1995 has also honored Joshua Martineau as the salutatorian of their class.

When asked who she most admired, she said, "My mother. I admire her for the time she has spent with me (and Emily) ... her good advice, her wisdom, ability to counsel, her way with children and how she handles situations."

Her father, Wayne Chapple, has been active in the town's Lions, and for years the town's Little League program, and now in the Granby program. Sarah proudly said, "I have helped my dad in the Lions many worthy projects."



Sarah Chapple

Sarah plans to attend the Zion Bible Institute in Barrington, R.I. Her design is to earn a degree in Bible, with a minor in Christian education.

And what does Sarah say to herself, when running all those miles?

"Isaiah 40:30-31 ... Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall. But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Bob and Bobbie Methot

The story of Bob and Bobbie Methot is one of two families that were united, resulting in understanding, togetherness and a great deal of love.

The meeting of the man from Old Orchard Beach, Maine and a woman from a prominent Windsor Locks family, after the death of their spouses, combined the Methot and Grismala families.

When Barbara Cousineau Methot died in August of 1980, and after the death of Frank Grismala in November of 1975, who had married Barbara Fitzpatrick, Bob Methot married Barbara Grismala on September 18, 1981.

Holidays became are something special, especially with 11 children, 21 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

An ironic twist, was finding out that two young ladies - Barbara Ann Cousineau and Barbara Ann Fitzpatrick - grew up on Seymour Road in town.

Robert Henry Methot, the father for all seasons is a U.S. Navy veteran, golfer, airplane pilot, semi-retired plant manager and entrepreneur, philosopher, very proud father of all the kids, and president of the family business.

His parents, Napoleon and Analda (Dube) Methot, came from Maine. Mr. Methot was a tool maker by trade. They had five children: Robert, Raymond, Lauraine, and two children who passed away, Maurice and Theresa. Ray and Lauraine still reside in Maine.

Bob was born in Old Orchard Beach, graduated in 1951 from the town's high school where he played halfback on the football field and a catcher on the baseball diamond. He showed an early leadership quality as member of the student council.

In August of 1951, Bob entered the U.S. Navy, serving two years with state-side duty

mainly on a submarine tender in Virginia.

Before his naval time, Bob knew exactly what he wanted to be, a tool maker. After his discharge, he applied for a full apprenticeship which meant working in different state-sponsored shops. He had come to Connecticut from Maine, because of "no openings." His next course of action was attending Hartford Trade School, while living in East Hartford, for more training as a tool maker.

His first job was at Hamilton Standard, which lasted three years. Bob also worked in the nuclear division of Combustion Engineering Inc. He

returned to Maine when offered the position of plant manager of the Klik Industries in South Portland, Maine.

After a three-year stay, he returned to the Nutmeg State to take over as plant manager at Electron Standard, East Windsor, in 1963. After the plant closed, he then went to work for American Standard in Hartford as plant manager for the next four years.

It was time to go on his own. In 1970, Bob set up his own company at home, calling it Fernwood Machine Products. For the past 25 years, Bob, president of the company, has been a successful business man. Although semi-retired today, he is still active at the company's present location in the Montgomery building downtown. Bobbie is also busy as the family and business accountant.

Barbara Ann Fitzpatrick Grismala Methot, the mother for all seasons, is a local girl, the daughter of John F. Fitzpatrick and Mable (Sheehan) Fitzpatrick. Mr. Fitzpatrick, the "Honey Fitz of Windsor Locks," chairman of the town's school board and of the Democratic Town Committee, and vice president and treasurer of the Montgomery Company. He was a native son, and Mrs. Fitzpatrick was from

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- Parents For All Seasons

Warehouse Point.

They had six children: Barbara, better known as Bobbie, Joseph, June and Gale of Windsor Locks, and James who lives in Windsor.

Bobbie has had three careers, well, make it four: mother, hairdresser (attended Hartford Trade School), attending comptometer school, and working at Hamilton Standard for 15 years.

The pride and joy of Bob and Bobbie Methot is their children. On the Methot side of the family tree are Robert, Sharon, Laura, Michael and Carol. Carol is the tool maker in the family, and Laura, plant manager with Van Court. All are high school graduates and parents of seven children.

On the Grismala side are Gilbert, Ralph, Lee, Cindy, Roger and Mindy, who passed away at an early age. They are parents of 14 children and two grandchildren. All high school graduates. Ralph, a grad of MIT, was the valedictorian of the Windsor Locks High School Class of 1975. He received his diploma from his grandfather, then head of the school board, John F. Fitzpatrick. Roger went to Central Connecticut State University and Lee is now attending college in New York state, planning for a career in occupational therapy. Children on both sides of the family reside in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Back to parents Bob and Bobbie. When you mention hobbies to this active twosome, you get a long list. Bob, at the age of 50, decided he wanted to fly his own airplane. He took lessons, earned his pilot's license, purchased a piper cub. His plane is now sold. When he gets the urge, he rents a plane and he and Bobbie take a spin. Looking back at those first days of flying Bob said, "I always wanted to fly, but it was very demanding, a lot of study."

When it comes to vacations, Bob and Bobbie have traveled to Las Vegas, Aruba, most of the USA. And just for the fun of it, they have been line dancing in Enfield the past three years.

Bob's other hobby is golf, mostly at Copper Hill, where he sports a mid-40s average on the links. Television watching is very limited for them. "Wheel of Fortune" is their favorite show, which, incidentally, Bob knows something about.

Bob is a member of the local Lion's Club,



Bob and Bobbie Methot

with the distinction of perfect attendance for the past 24 years and counting. Over the years Bob has served in all the club's offices, with this comment, "with plenty of good people and memories."

When admiration was discussed, Bobbie said, "My father, and mother, proud of them, they did a lot for the town." With Bobbie adding, and Bob concurring, "We are proud of our children's accomplishments. They all found their own way in life."

Bob's admiration was for his mother. "There was no subjects you couldn't discuss with her." Bob tells the kids, "Life doesn't owe you anything. Go out there, make your own way."

He does have two favorite sayings. To his children, he is fond of saying, "What's real great is me," which has become the family joke. His other is, "I'm spending my kids inheritance."

Bobbie ended the interview with these words on Bob, "He's loving and generous."

I'll end the story of these parents for all seasons with a few choice words from Erma Bombeck, "Good kids are like sunsets. We take them for granted. Every evening they disappear. Most parents never imagine how hard they try to please us, and how miserable they feel when they think they have failed."

In Bob and Bobbie Methot's case, they haven't.

Teacher Bill Elrick

William Andrew Elrick has been a teacher in the Windsor Locks school system for the past 25 years.

The Wethersfield native and now Enfield resident first served as the social studies teacher at the high school (1970-90), the past five years he's been at South School teaching the art of reading.

Over the years, Bill has had several accomplishments, in addition to teaching, as volunteer for

14 years in high school musicals, and 15 years as drivers education teacher, and when it comes to school basketball and football, he's been called "The Voice of the Raiders."

When it comes to spectator sports, he's a bigger fan (if that's possible) than Dave Farr (also a teacher at South) who has been rooting for the Yankees, while Bill sticks with the Red Sox and Celtics. Another hobby of Bill's is watching pros at the Greater Hartford Open. He is probably in Cromwell, as this is the week of the GHO.

Bill is the son of the late Bob Elrick, veteran of the Pacific campaign during World War Two, and a lifetime salesman in his hometown of Hartford. Bill's mother, Elizabeth (Mazzotta) Elrick, is also a Hartford native, and makes her home in Wethersfield. Bill has a sister, Mary Pope; she and her husband, Fred, reside in Wethersfield.

Bill graduated with the Class of 1966 from Wethersfield High School, has always enjoyed sports. "I was too slow for track, and couldn't shoot on the basketball court, but made up for the lack of talent, with plenty of enthusiasm," he said. He was that kind of sports fan who knew the complete roster, be it the Red

also graduated from the Maine college, as well as South High School, Class of 1967, in her hometown of Worcester, Mass. Her degree at Bates was in French.

She is the daughter of the late Carl Stolpe of Worcester, and Myrtle Stolpe, of Worcester, where she still makes her home. Carlene has a sister, Carol, who resides in the Worcester area.

Bill and Carlene were remarried Nov. 21, 1970. They lived in Windsor Locks for the first two years, and then moved to their present location in Enfield. Carlene taught French in the Somers school system, until the first of their two sons were born.

They have two boys: Andrew William Elrick, 22, and Jeffrey Carlton Elrick, 17. Andrew (Enfield High School, Class of 1991) received his degree from Tulane University, located in New Orleans, LA, in Spanish, Latin American studies and international relations. Bill said Andrew "wants to work overseas, teach English, travel and see the world." Andrew spent a year in Spain, during his college days.

Jeffrey is a graduate of Enfield High School, and plans to attend Ithaca College in New York state, and study physical therapy. Jeff is the sportsman in the family. He played soccer at Enfield school and was co-captain of the golf team where he shoots in the high 30s.

With the boys in school, Carlene has been a child care provider; at home, the past eight years.

Bill has continued his interest

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Sox or Celtics.

Did Bill know what he wanted to do after high school? Sure, he said, "I attended

YMCA summer camp for years, and then as a worker at Colebrook camp, and it was that work effort, with the kids, that led me to be a teacher."

He attended Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, where he earned a degree in history and political sciences. Before graduating in 1970, he worked at the YMCA camp.

Bill's first teaching position was at Windsor Locks High School, as social studies instructor, hired by Tom Johnson, also a graduate of Bates. This month marks 25 years in the local school system.

Bates College was also the meeting place of Bill and his bride, Carlene Stolpe. Carlene

Is the Voice of the Raiders

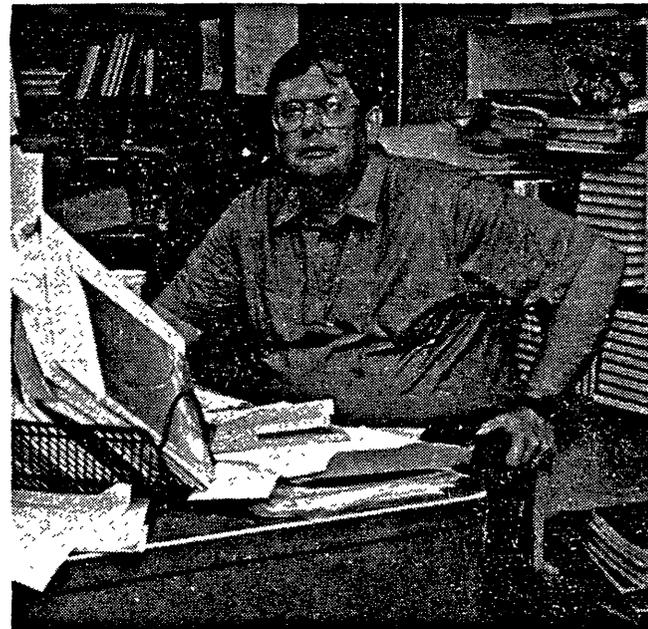
in the Y, serving on the board of directors at the YMCA Jewell Camp in Colebrook. Bill is also a member of the Tobacco Valley Teacher's Credit Union.

At the high school in town, Bill served as the chairman of the social studies department for eight years, and then went to the South School to teach reading. He said he had no regrets going from the high school to elementary school. He admitted, he had some nervousness and apprehension, but soon found it refreshing. Of the difference between the high school and South, Bill said, "The high school students may laugh at you (if something is said), but at the South School, the students laugh with you."

When asked, about his hobbies, Bill said, "Still interested in all sports, follow the Sox and Celtics." Any favorites over the years? "Sure," he said, "George Scott of the Sox and Bill Russell of the Celtics." Bill plays golf, "badly," he said, "but with great joy." At home, he's an avid mystery reader. Away from home, on vacations, Bill and Carlene have visited New Orleans, when Andrew was a student. In addition, they visited Carlene's ancestral home in Sweden, an eventful trip for both of them.

Here's something he is also proud of — Matt Buckler of the Manchester Journal Inquirer, coined the phrase "Bill Elrick, The Voice of the Raiders," after 20 years experience as announcer of the high school football and basketball games.

This week is the annual Canon Greater Hartford Open. Over the years, Bill has followed the action of his two favorites — Lee Trevino (a few years back) and Jeff Sluman, one of the current



William Elrick

best players. How did Bill get started? In the '50s, Bill's father was a member of the Hartford Jaycees, and volunteer at Wethersfield, with young Bill watching the action. Later, Bill, being from Wethersfield, worked the concession stands.

His memories include a terrific rain storm, so powerful it blew down the tent Bill was working at in Wethersfield. As for the golfers, he remembers Paul Azinger's two wins at Cromwell, especially the one he holed a shot on the famed 18th hole. When it comes to electrifying a crowd, last year's appearance of Greg Norman fills the requirement, with plenty of charisma to spare.

As mentioned, Bill is quite proud of his endeavors, driver's education instructor during the summer months and volunteer with the senior class when the class musicals are staged.

When asked, whom he most admired, Bill said, "My father. He was disabled, but it never let it get him down, nor let it stand in the way of supporting his family."

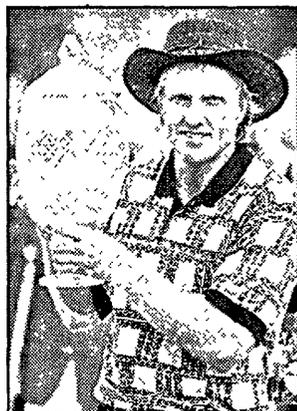
Bill's personal philosophy is: "Make the best of everyday ... and keep smiling." His favorite saying is, "Children are the most precious material in the world ... and we can't waste that resource."

Epilog

William Andrew Elrick — teacher, YMCA leader, sports fan extraordinary, be it baseball, basketball or football, certainly the GHO.

Bill found teaching as a career, something he wanted to do. He also found the following words to be true, "Youth can measure in only one direction, forward. They cannot measure backward because they have not lived long enough. Older people (teachers) must add these two measurements."

Shark Takes Big Bite –



By John Dunn, AP
NORMAN: With winner's trophy.

Augusta has azaleas, dogwood and the Masters.

Cromwell has the Canon Greater Hartford Open, in full bloom for a few summer days in June.

On Sunday, Greg Norman took home \$216,000 after winning the 44th GHO by two strokes over Grant Waite, Kirk Triplett and Brian Henninger.

The big plays were Norman's eagle on 15 and Fuzzy Zoeller's shot into the water on 17.

Along with Norman and Zoeller, the GHO had U.S. Open champ Corey Pavin, David Frost, 1994 winner Mark Calcavecchia, John Daly and a Cromwell favorite, Paul Azinger.

We had the pleasure of spending a week at Cromwell, covering golf for the Journal as we have since 1978.

Here's a day-by-day look:

June 19

Opening ceremonies on a

day fit for "mad dogs and Englishmen." The temperature: 95.

The ribbon-cutting was watched by Hartford's Mayor Mike Peters, U.S.

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Representative Barbara Kennelly, Canon officials and Cromwell politicians. A tournament players Pro-Am followed.

We see Windsor Locks resident Vinny Naegeli at the main gate taking tickets, but the rest of the week he will be a marshal on one of the holes.

June 20

Another hot day, but a special one.

First, the Celebrity Long Drive competition: The UConn athletic department

against media and the Whalers, with the media winning because it had the area's best long-ball hitter, Bruce Berlet of the Courant.

One of the highlights was the appearance of University of Connecticut coaches Geno Auriemma and Jim Calhoun.

This was followed by the junior golf clinic, with last year's winner, Frost, and long-hitter Daly showing the kids how it is done.

Because of a storm, the Jaycee shootout was limited to three holes.

Tuesday was complete with Windsor Locks South School teacher Bill Elrick, featured in last week's column, watching the action on the driving range.

June 21

Celebrity Pro-Am day, Pavin's arrival on the first tee at 6:58 a.m. proves there is no rest for the newly crowned U.S. Open champ.

"I've never seen that many people around that early in the morning. Usually there are maybe five or six," Pavin said.

Not at Cromwell; they come early.

Among the celebrities: ESPN's Chris Berman, the Whalers Sean Burke, Olympic gold medalist Bonnie Blair and Gov. John Rowland, who teamed with Hubert Green.

Carlton Fisk, former Red Sox great was there, looking like he could still catch at Fenway.

UConn women's basketball player Jamelle Elliott carried the clubs for Auriemma. Ray Allen of the men's team did the same for Calhoun.

Elliott and Allen got the biggest cheers.

Bob Rumbold of the 1965 Little League team, who now does sports for TV-22 in Springfield, was on the job.

June 22

The opening round is a good weather day.

Will Gould, along with his visiting sons, Brian of



By Bob Child, AP
ANOTHER CONQUEST: Greg Norman, left, is congratulated by Fuzzy Zoeller after his victory Sunday at Hartford.

PRO GOLF

PGA TOUR

Sunday's final scores from the \$1.2 million Greater Hartford Open on 6,820-yard, par-70 TPC at River Highlands, Cromwell, Conn.:

Greg Norman, \$216,000	..	67-64-65-71	—267
Kirk Triplett, \$89,600	.....	64-67-69-69	—269
Dave Stockton, \$89,600	..	65-68-68-68	—269
Grant Waite, \$89,600	.....	66-67-67-69	—269
Brian Henninger, \$43,800	.....	66-67-72-65	—270
Don Pooley, \$43,800	.....	67-72-66-65	—270
Fuzzy Zoeller, \$43,800	.....	70-63-66-71	—270
Bob Estes, \$34,800	.....	64-72-68-67	—271
Michael Bradley, \$34,800	.....	67-68-69-69	—271
Billy Andrade, \$34,800	.....	74-65-62-70	—271
Dave Barr, \$26,400	.....	68-71-68-65	—272
David Edwards, \$26,400	..	69-67-67-69	—272
Corey Pavin, \$26,400	.....	70-67-66-69	—272
Guy Boros, \$26,400	.....	68-70-64-70	—272
Dudley Hart, \$20,400	.....	72-67-68-66	—273
Paul Azinger, \$20,400	.....	67-70-66-70	—273
Vijay Singh, \$20,400	.....	68-66-68-71	—273

- Greg Norman Wins GHO By Two Strokes



Jack Redmond; David Frost, 1994 GHO Winner; Mike Ratté from Channel 40; Chris Berman from ESPN and Bill Bartiet from Connecticut Public Radio.

Wisconsin (WLHS 72) and Randy of Oregon (WLHS 71), are viewing on the first tee at 7:51 a.m. Their dad is a fan of Mark O'Meara and the threesome were set to follow him, Frost and Vijay Singh.

In the morning the biggest crowds followed Norman, Rocco Mediate and Kenny Perry. In the afternoon, it was Pavin, Neal Lancaster and Zoeller.

Another group from Windsor Locks, Rich Labbe and his dad, J. Labbe, and fellow K of C golfer Bob Reardon, watch play on the 11th hole. They followed Norman in the morning and Pavin in the afternoon.

At the end of the day with 45,000 in attendance, the leaders were Triplett and Bob Estes, each at 6-under 64.

June 23

A good day, weatherwise, and a great day for Zoeller, who tied the course record at River Highlands with a 63.

That was followed by Norman with a 64. Norman

and Triplett are tied at 131. Zoeller is at 133 with seven other golfers.

It was a day for fans to relish, watching their favorites make those low scores.

There were 60,000 fans on the course. Many name players missed the cut, including Daly and defending champion Frost.

June 24

Play began at 8:54 a.m. The leaders, Norman and Triplett, went off at 2:10 p.m. to catch the CBS coverage that started at 4.

The 75,000 were treated to a great day of golf.

Billy Andrade of Rhode Island shot a neat 62, breaking Zoeller's day-old record. Norman was still in first with a 65 for 196, followed Zoeller and Triplett at 199.

Still in the hunt were Grant Waite (200), Andrade and Dave Stockton Jr. (201).

Tomorrow should be a lollapalozza, and one for the record books, at Cromwell.

Among the early arrivals were John and Connie Dowd, he of the local Board of Ed. a few years back. very active with the Hartford Jaycees at the GHO.

June 25

As the final day started, with its rainy beginning, it was everyone's job to stop Norman, the Great White Shark. Zoeller had his chance, so did Waite and Triplett, but Norman was not to be denied.

On the first tee it was all Zoeller and Norman — and what seemed to be all 95,000 in attendance — on the first tee.

The day's big play was on the 15th, with Norman making a birdie chip for an eagle and it was over.

As is the 1995 GHO.

"If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play a game, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf," Norman said. "It feels good to win, I made myself come here and work hard on my game."

Family and Work Ethic

"Wayne has set high standards for everyone ... and himself (and) lives by it." —Linda's admiration for Wayne

Wayne and Linda Quagliaroli have a family tree service (Evergreen), and have passed down their dedicated work effort to their four children, Valerie, Amber, Jessica and Adam.

Their children, in addition to school activities, have different individual working jobs, and are looking forward to a busy summer.

But first, Wayne, he of the well-known Quagliaroli clan, son of Harold and Marge (Hancock) Quagliaroli, both local residents all their life. Wayne has a brother, Harold Jr. of Farmington; and two sisters, Lori of Windsor and Tamie of Windsor Locks. Among his family is Wayne's grandmother, Inez Quagliaroli, who lives in town.

Wayne is a grad of WLHS, Class of 1973, who worked tobacco and had a paper route as a young boy growing up, and "still works hard," according to Linda.

Linda (Rossignol) Quagliaroli, also comes from a large family, the daughter of the late Normand Rossignol. Linda's mother, Rita (Chasse) Rossignol was from Maine, and now makes her home in Windsor Locks. Mr. Rossignol had left his home state of Maine for work in New Britain, met Rita, and they were married.

Linda has two brothers, Mark of Windsor Locks and David of Enfield; and three sisters, Carol of Cheshire, Nancy of West Springfield and Elaine of Enfield.

Wayne and Linda have two important roles in their lives, the family business and their children ... first Valerie, 19, WLHS Class of 1994, where she was business editor of the yearbook, an honor student, on the prom committee, vice-president of the Student Council, secretary of her class, cheerleader in three sports, and took part in her class musical, "Li'l Abner."

Valerie will be in her sophomore year at Baypath this fall, and "going to school to learn how to run a hotel."

Valerie recently attained dean's list standing for academic excellence at Baypath, and was elected to the college's Maroon Key Honors Society.

Amber, 17, this year's grad at WLHS, was a cheerleader, on the Student Council, Prom Committee, Yearbook Committee, and in the fall

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will attend Westfield State to study accounting.

Jessica, just turned sweet 16, a junior at the Raider school come the fall, also earned

honors, is a cheerleader, a member of the Student Council, Hoby Ambassador, Youth Commission and in the Renaissance Program.

Adam, 14, begins high school this fall. He is "artistic and very mechanically inclined," and spends time with friends, playing basketball. (Later, the summer jobs of these active kids).

Back to their dad, Wayne, described by Linda as a "workaholic" — a way of life for him which started during his senior year of high school. He would attend school, and then work at the Montgomery Wire Factory in town from two to ten o'clock. After high school, Wayne continued to work at the factory, but it was also time to go into the tree service business, which he did in 1975, calling it "Evergreen Tree Service." Linda today does the bookkeeping for the business.

Linda, in referring to the term "workaholic," wanted to add, "This trait is necessary as it takes a great (deal) of time and energy commitment to be a successful business owner."

Linda, after high school (also the Class of 1973) worked at the St. Francis Hospital Intensive Care Unit, until the first of their four children were born.

Wayne and Linda had met in high school, were married on October 20, 1973, have lived in town, first on

Is the Name of Their Game

Center, then Dexter Road and in 1977 moved to their present home on Spring.

Before some information on Wayne and Linda's additional interests (in business, etc.) ... where are their children this summer? Valerie works full time at Homewood Suites hotel, at the desk; Amber has two jobs: Sales Construction Company and at Westside Park; Jessica will be dishing out ice cream at the local Dairy Cream; and Adam, in addition to his friends, delivers newspapers, a job he has year-round.

Their parents are members of the International Society of Arboriculture and the Connecticut Tree Protection Association. To further the study of trees (that's what arboriculture means, I looked it up) both attended classes at Quinnipiac College, Hamden in 1979. And speaking of college, Linda has attended classes at UConn in the "Master Garden Program," as a student, in addition to working at the university the past two years in connection with the program.

Linda holds two licenses for tree service, acquiring the arborist license 14 years ago after taking the courses at the Hamden school. They have attended lectures and workshops sponsored by the Connecticut Tree Protective Association. In 1992, Linda took more courses at the UConn Extension System in West Hartford and received a custom ground license that enables them to treat ornamentals for problems.

Linda's most recent undertaking was the plantings at Noden-Reed Park, which started as an Earth Day activity for the town Youth Commission, with her daughter Jessica. Linda said it started with the idea to plant a butterfly-attracting garden on one side of the house and then to landscape around the entire house. All in all, she said, "we planted four trees, five shrub roses, five azaleas, six hollies, four mountain laurels, 40 berry-producing shrubs, and 80 perennials and annuals. A job they are all proud of, with help from many organizations in town.

The Quagliaroli family is not all work, they have traveled to sunny Florida and up north to Maine. When it comes to personal hobbies, "Working seems to be our hobbies," Linda said with a smile. But there was one activity they never



Pictured are: (clockwise from top left) Adam, Jessica, Amber and Valerie Quagliaroli.

seem to miss, "Watching the TV program '90210,' and even Wayne is a fan."

Admiration for others came easy, actually for two ... "Wayne, he has set high standards for everyone in the family and himself, he lives by it." And her mother, Rita, "She became a widow with six children, when she was not much older than myself and managed to finish raising my younger brothers and sisters on her own and hold down a full time job ... she is the most warm, unselfish person I know."

Linda was asked for a few family favorite sayings ... "our kids will probably say its a tie between 'Did you

do your chores?' or 'Is your homework done?'" Linda then went on to say, keep setting personal goals for yourself, work, keep busy ... and that's what the Quagliaroli family is all about.

Epilog

The interview with Linda was the result of her community service project and it became an easy flow of information of this work oriented family.

This also came easy ... words by Susan Ellis, on workaholics ... "People who are considered workaholics may really just be having fun. The only thing that distinguishes work from pleasure is which activity you prefer doing."

A Bowling Entrepreneur

"It broke my heart, when the first bowling tournament was held at Bradley Bowl..." — Larry Lichstein could not compete, because of his (new) position as player service director.

If there is one indelible trait you can depend on from Larry Lichstein, it would be his vivid accounts of where he's been, who he has met, what he has accomplished; the events, bowling and as spectator over the past 27 years, first as a pro bowler, and then at his current job, player service director.

Lawrence Ira Lichstein is better known in town and bowling circles around the country as just Larry. Larry was born in Astoria, Long Island, New York, the son of Benjamin and Barbara (Menou) Lichstein.

At the early age of two years, Larry's family moved to the Farmington Avenue section of Hartford ... which was near the Mark Twain Museum — he was already

near a celebrity.

In 1954, he and his folks moved to Ash Drive in town, and he started school. Larry has fond memories of growing up in Windsor Locks, such as meeting Paul Miller, teacher, about whom he said, "I loved the man, he was an inspiration."

In addition, Larry was a Little Leaguer in town. He remembers the games at Pesci Park and Coach Bob O'Connor of the '65 World Champs. He later played in high school, with coaches Al Shapiro and Dan Sullivan. Both "fantastic coaches," he said.

Larry didn't graduate. He left in his senior year, but later in life, received his state high school diploma. He said, "At the age of 18, I was already bowling for money" ... duck

pins at the Villa Rose, a sport he took up at the age of 11.

When asked what he wanted to do for a career, he said "I wanted to be a

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professional bowler." But he also had to work. He took a job at the Hartford Times in 1968, which included bowling on his off hours, as the circulation manager for the towns of Windsor Locks, Suffield and Granby. It lasted only seven months.

In June of 1969 he became a pro bowler. His career lasted five years on the tour. An injury in 1971 curtailed his activity for a time, and led to his new position in the bowling world.

Larry had married Anne Cencak on July 27, 1968. Anne passed away in January of 1993. They lived in town, moved to Suffield, back to town, and in 1981 settled in West Suffield.

With all of Larry's memories ... none compare to his memory of Anne, "a

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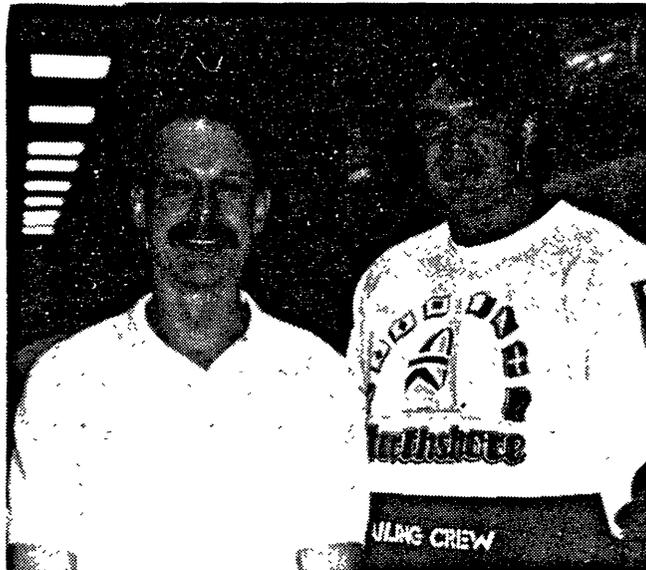
fantastic lady and a person who supported my career."

Larry and Anne had a son, Michael Lichstein, who follows in his dad's love for the game of bowling, but as an amateur.

Larry has four antique cars, has traveled "everywhere in the USA," and has witnessed the Super Bowls in football, the Kentucky Derby, the Indianapolis 500 and still is a fan of the Yankees and the Giants of New York. To Larry ... "Life has been one big vacation."

Larry's life on the tour ... his first and only win came in sunny San Jose, Calif., where he won \$10,000. Over his five years on the tour, Larry came in second six times. In 1968, he was named the New England Bowler of the Year. His tour years were from 1966 to 1971. What was his average in those years? "228," he said. One honor he is most proud of ... the first bowler from New England to win on the tour. Larry has five 300 games and the coveted "American Bowling Congress Eagle," alongside his name, the only Connecticut bowler with this honor.

Larry, when asked about local men and women (over the years), he had this to say ... "Pete Couture was the best bowler who ever lived in Connecticut." I had



Larry Lichstein with former A's and current Red Sox slugger Jose Canseco

interviewed Pete, Ted Kone and Sonja Macierowski and Larry was very familiar with their careers. Ted Kone had said "Larry was one of my mentors."

Larry said, "It broke my heart that I could not compete in the first tournament (at Bradley), because of my position as player service director." In that position, Larry said, "I supply everything the tour players need to do their job on the tour ... all sorts of equipment."

When Larry and I sat down to find what makes this man tick (he already knew), he opened our conversations with "I have been interviewed by the San Francisco Chronicle, Washington Post, New York Times, Chicago Tribune (to name a few), ... plus ESPN

and NBC." Well, it was time for the Windsor Locks Journal to tell the story of Mr. Lichstein.

Epilog

Larry Lichstein ... to meet him (as I did) for the first time is probably not the best way to know him. But I found an honest and frank person. He's been around, there's no doubt about that, traveled the country from Connecticut to sunny California, met a lot of celebrities (see picture) in the sports and entertainment world. Has bowled with the best.

I only stopped him for a short moment in time for his world is one of travel, be it Rhode Island for a senior tour or next week in Vegas, he's very involved in what he does, the world of bowling.

Gary LaPalme —

Gary LaPalme wanted to become involved in the process of government (budgets, taxes, etc.) in his adopted town, and what better vehicle then the maverick Concerned Taxpayers of Windsor Locks.

He was recently appointed chairman to serve with Raymond Marconi, who has been a watchdog, with others, on the town budget and taxes, for the past several years.

But first, some information on Gary, who said he was a most private person, but not reluctant to express his views at a recent interview.

Gary was originally from West Springfield, Mass., the son of the late Gerald LaPalme. Gary's mother, Barbara (Frey) LaPalme, resides in West Springfield, birthplace of Gary's parents.

He comes from a large family ... Michael of West Springfield, Bob of Enfield, and with Jackie, Gerry and Carl all living in the state of Georgia.

Gary attended Springfield Trade School, graduating in 1969, where he played soccer, while studying electronics (radio and television), a career

he felt was his future.

But soon after graduation, he entered the U.S. Coast Guard, and served until December of 1972, first at Camp May, N.J. for boot camp. Then on to Florida, up north to Governor's Island in New York, then stationed far

American Communication Network (ACN), as a full time independent representative. Gary's wife, Mary (Brown) LaPalme, also works for ACN.

Gary and Mary were married on July 9, 1977, lived in Suffield until 1989, then moved to Windsor Locks. Mary was from Troy, New York, and was a grad of Baldwin High School in 1965.

They have two daughters: Carolyn, 16, and Elizabeth, 14. Carolyn, after leaving high school, is attending hairdressing school, learning to be a beauty technician. Elizabeth is a sophomore at the Raider school (WLHS).

Gary admits, "With two jobs, not much time for hobbies," but did mention he

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from his home state: Marcus Island, out in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, south of Iwo Jima,

where his chief job was in telecommunications.

After his discharge from the service, Gary worked in Cambridge, Mass. for three years, but when the market went down, he said, "I went back into the service, the next three years on Cape Cod," all told with a slight smile on his face. I guess with time on Marcus Island, the Cape sure looked great.

Back into civilian clothes, Gary came to Connecticut, and went to work for Hi-G in town, until it closed in November of 1994. Today, he is busy working for two companies, Universal Staffing and

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is interested in rug hooking, and certainly computers, as time permits. Mary and Gary find the time to bowl at Bradley in a mixed league. As for travel, a cruise to the islands was their main travel outside the U.S.A. He also admits he's a fan of "Star Trek."

Gary has continued his education in the field of computers and electronics with two years at both Asnuntuck Community College and Springfield Tech. Community College.

As for politics, he said, "Yes, maybe in the future (as to elective office)." He does consider himself an independent voter, while Mary said she was a Republican.

And speaking of local

politics, Gary "feels people should voice their opinions, but not after the fact." That was his main reason for joining the taxpayer's group. Adding, "I have always been one to become involved ... it's a duty of every citizen and voter ... you can't get upset by results (if you do not vote) after the votes have been taken."

His personal philosophy: "Live life to the fullest, work hard," and that's what he does, he said. Any favorite saying? "Yes, as in the world of computers ... 'Garbage in Garbage out,' ... it's like life itself." When Mary was asked to describe Gary, she said in a complimentary fashion, "Oh, he's a computer nut."



Gary LaPalme

Cliff Gerbe —

“Cliff loves life ...” — Barbara’s assessment of her husband

Some people change careers involuntarily, others, not seeking complete retirement, start all over, maybe as consultants in their line of work, and I’m sure you have heard of some people with fantasies such as moving to Bora Bora to live the life of a beach bum.

Which brings us to the story and case of Clifford Edmund Gerbe. He chose early retirement from Hamilton Standard after 31 years as an executive to venture into the business of hanging wallpaper. At the local company, Clifford was manager of marketing administration.

For Cliff, his decision was to work for himself, and while at Hamilton (in his spare time), he had accomplished remodeling and renovations on several homes and apartments. In other words, he was a classy handyman. He knew what he wanted and it opened a brand new world for him.

He was a New Haven native. At the age of five, his family moved to nearby Hamden where he went to school.

He came to Hamilton in 1960, after college, and was successful as an executive for the local company, a division of United Technologies.

Cliff and I met recently, along with his biggest booster, his wife Barbara. She has had her own varied career — a graduate of Mount St. Joseph Academy, Class of 1957, worked for the State of Connecticut, at HELCO, and in the Windsor school system, special educational instructorial aide, and a decade at Emhart in Windsor.

Let’s go back a few years for background on Cliff. He

was the son of the late Clifford and Anna (Doyle)

Gerbe, who were from New Haven. Cliff’s dad was a semi-pro hockey player and worked at the High Standard Gun Co. in Hamden for years, as a draftsman. Cliff has a brother, Raymond, who lives in Wallingford. Cliff’s mother was the sister of the late Superior Court Judge in New Haven, Raymond Doyle.

Cliff at 6 feet 4 inches was an outstanding basketball player, first at Hamden High School, Class of 1953. He later graduated from Quinnipiac College where he received an associate degree in liberal arts and bachelor of science degree in business administration. He had gone to the Hamden college on a basketball

scholarship, which proved successful, as Cliff was co-captain of the team along with (now famed baseball coach at the University of New Haven) Porky Viera, who was the nation’s high scorer back in the ’50s when he and Cliff played together. After college, Cliff played semi-pro basketball for the Columbus Bears of New Haven.

From basketball to the uniform of the U.S. Army was

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Cliff’s next stop, when he took basic

training at Fort Dix, N.J., and then on to serve from 1959-60 at Fort Sill, Okla. as personnel specialist.

Once back in civilian clothes, it was time for Cliff to start a career ... which he did, coming to Windsor Locks in 1960 to Hamilton Standard. Cliff retired in February 1991. Looking back, he said, “I enjoyed working with the people of Hamilton ... and (especially) in 1983 and 1986, when I was part of the two air shows,” attended by many employees and local citizens of Windsor Locks. And more up to date, Cliff was “impressed” by the articles that appeared in the WLJ (July 7) regarding Hamilton’s

- Executive Turned Paperhanger

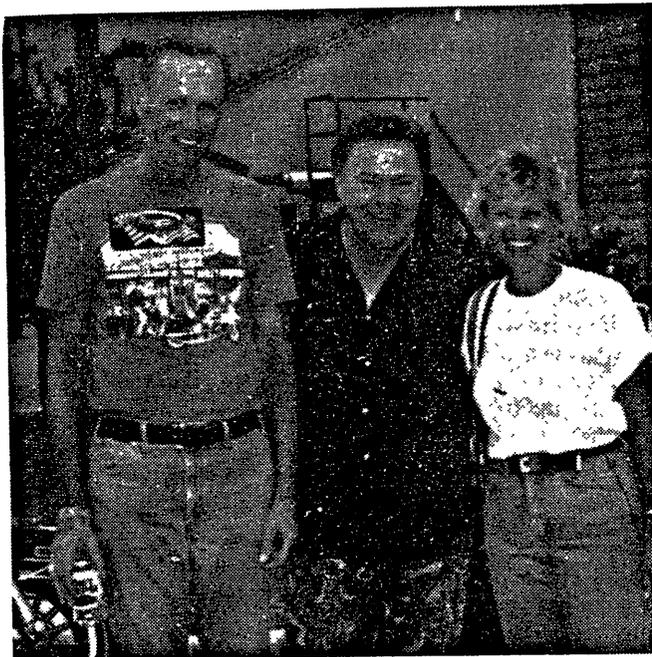
involvement in the Apollo 13 flight, depicted in the movie.

Now for more on Barbara (Pascarelli) Gerbe, who came from Hartford, the daughter of the late George Goodman, and Mildred (Sopelak) Goodman, who now makes her home in Windsor. Mr. Goodman was a well-known Hartford policeman for more than 27 years. Barbara has a sister, Phyllis, who lives in New Britain.

Barbara and Cliff met in Windsor, were married on Dec. 12, 1986, and have lived in town the past eight years. They have five children, Jimmy of Windsor Locks, Judy of Windsor, Jay and Lisa of Newington, and Denise who resides in California. Barbara and Cliff have four grandchildren: Michael, 13; Devin, 9; Alexis, 3 1/2; and Thomas who is 3.

More on this proud grandfather ... we interviewed Cliff after learning of his participation as a member of the town's Jury Committee, which also includes Marjorie Bowen and Ruth Goldfarb. Cliff has served the past two years, and said, "I feel it's a service to the town" of this committee that selects future jury members for this area. The committee, he said, meets six times a year.

Before highlighting Cliff's entry into his new-found career of paperhanging, and how it came about, some



Cliff and Barbara Gerbe pose with singer Roy Clark in Branson, Mo.

personal hobbies and interests of this active couple. They have traveled "all over the country" on their motorcycle. But wait a minute ... did I say motorcycle? ... yes, but I was soon corrected. Cliff politely said "You mean Harley-Davidson," that's what they ride. Their Harley-Davidson is a "Full Dresser Touring Bike, Model FLHTC."

Among the states they have traveled to are Wisconsin, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and one of their latest trips to the new Country and Western mecca for fans: Branson, Mo. Both are big fans of music, all kinds, and

when in Branson, met Roy Clark. Mr. Clark was made an "Honorary Member of the International Harley-Davidson Club."

The Gerbes are big Red Sox fans, UConn basketball rooters and when it comes to movies, Barbara had this to say ... "Cliff likes to go to a movie at least once a week." At home, he is into documentaries on television.

After retirement Cliff "wanted something different," as to his new found time away from the routine of office management. He did enter the "Employment and Training

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Institute," sponsored by local companies in seeking employment of workers retired or just laid off. Cliff apparently knew what he wanted.

After a time, Cliff entered the Paperhanging Institute in New Jersey for a two-month training period, on the finer points of hanging paper.

Today, Cliff Gerbe is a certified and licensed professional wallpaper hanger" and operates from his home, with advertising and personal contact.

Cliff was asked who he most admired. With some time to think, he said (in sports) "Ted Williams," then adding, from—personal observation, "My uncle, Raymond Doyle, the late judge from New Haven, he was an accomplished professional."

Barbara was asked for a few choice words in describing Cliff. She said, "Cliff loves life ... and is (basically) a private person, caring and sensitive."

Epilog

Clifford Edmund Gerbe actually has had three careers: high school and college basketball, executive at Hamilton and now hanging wallpaper, because he decided it was something he wanted and it was certainly different from the routine in the world of business.

I would like to paraphrase words by Henry David Thoreau ... "If a man does not (want to) keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away."

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Mary Glista –

Mary Szczebak Glista was recently elected to be Ladies Auxiliary president of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars, Smalley Brothers Post 6123.

She had joined the Ladies Auxiliary of the veteran's organization nine years ago. Mary's husband, Staff Sergeant Joseph Glista, a veteran of World War II, passed away in 1987.

Joe was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service while in Germany, during heavy fighting in March of 1945. Joe, who served four years in the army, was a member of Battery C, 400th Armored Field Artillery Battalion.

Mary has retained the official papers, from the government, with details of Joe's action after being awarded the Bronze Star.

Mary was from Ludlow, Mass. Joe was a local boy, who grew up on Spring Street. They were introduced by a friend at a dance in the city of Hartford. They were married in the late '60s.

Joe had worked at Dexter a short time, before becoming superintendent of the Windsor Locks Water Works, serving the town he was born in for 25 years. He retired in the early '80s.

The story of Mary and Joe is also one of family and raising four children: Priscilla Blotniski of Enfield, Mary Ann Dooley of Newington, Helen Glista of Windsor Locks (who graduated from the local high school) and Peter Dupka, who resides in Virginia. Peter, Mary Ann and Priscilla all

were grads of Enfield High School.

They have five grandchildren: Caroline Fortier of East Granby, Jean Marie Blotniski of Enfield, Jennifer Blotniski of Enfield, Karen Dooley of Newington, and Joey Dupka, who makes his home in Virginia.

Mary was one of nine children. Her parents, Stanley and Caroline (Puzio) Szczebak, were from Poland. They knew each other in their native country, came to the states, and were married in Indian Orchard, Mass.

Mary had attended parochial schools and graduated from Ludlow High School in the early '50s. Today, only five children in her family have survived. The others are: Alice of Springfield, Josephine, who lives in Ohio, Jennie in New York state, and Peter in Chicopee.

Mary, after high school, "helped her parents, who were old at the time."

She did have a singing talent which gave her some relief and pleasure, as singer for bands in the Springfield area, where Polish music was their specialty.

She did find outside employment eventually, "for a long time," at the Sickles Company in Chicopee. She moved to Connecticut, commuting back to her job in the bay state.

For the past 20 years or so, Mary has worked and made a hobby of the following endeavors: a day care in Windsor and Windsor Locks;

Fond Memories of Her Own GI Joe

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exercise; had a garden, where neighbors would marvel at the amount of fresh foods she had grown; she still enjoys Polish music; and when it comes to

television, she watches public television most of the time. She has two dogs, Janek and Stash.

Mary, in addition to her role as president of the VFW, has served six years as the post Chaplain, and a year as Service Vice.

One of her main projects, along with 50 other members of the Ladies Auxiliary, is collecting tabs (beer, soda), for delivery to the Shriner's Hospital in Springfield for recycling, with the funds going to children and medical causes.

The Auxiliary also holds tag sales and makes numerous visits to veteran's hospitals in Rocky Hill and Newington.

Mary had high praise for her late husband ... "A very

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man." A man she admired, saying, "Joe was not only my husband, my lover, my friend and confidant." Adding, "I miss him terribly."

Mary, a member of St. Mary's church, said her personal philosophy is "God helps those who help themselves." Adding, "I'm a strong believer in that philosophy."

Epilog

Mary Szczebak Glista ... keeping the memory alive of her late husband and decorated soldier, by her continued participation in the local veteran's organization.

Mary has two dogs, and I believe she will agree with the following ... "We give them the love we can spare, the time we can spare. In return dogs have given us their absolute all. It is without a doubt the best deal a person has ever made."



Staff Sergeant Joseph Glista was a veteran of World War II.

Charlie Simonelli -

Charles Simonelli joined the United States Navy to “see the world,” and certainly witnessed the world, ocean to ocean, from several ships during two wars — World War II and the Korean war.

Better known as just Charlie, this down-to-earth native of Windsor Locks served 17 years in the Navy, and then 25 years as custodian at the “old” high school on Center Street, and North Street School, after retirement from the service.

Looking back to his varied and exciting career, which he was quite proud of, he did not have to refer to many notes, he knew it all by heart. He said, “I received a medical discharge, otherwise I would have stayed in the Navy the rest of my life.” Carrying on the family tradition to the Navy and country, his son Mark Simonelli is a 15 year Navy veteran himself, now stationed in Bremeton, Wash.

Charlie is also proud of two events in his life: one, when he made Navy Chief, and second, as important, meeting his future bride in Italy, Angela Albortella.

Angela was from the northwestern part of Italy, in the town she was born in,

Castelletto d’Orba. In 1960, Charlie had traveled to visit relatives in his parents’ native country. A friend introduced Charlie to Angela. They were married on Oct. 15, 1960. Angela has two sisters still living in Italy, Josephine and Rosita.

Angela experienced war herself as a young girl, when her town was occupied by the Germans, and is aware of the destruction that war brings. After their wedding, Charlie and Angela came to the states by ship and her first impression of Windsor Locks was the cold winter of 1960-61. They first lived with Charlie’s parents and in 1963 moved to their present home.

After his ship’s return to the states, Charlie and the crew spent time at both the Brooklyn and Philadelphia naval yards, then experienced fleet maneuvers in the Caribbean for a three-month period. Later that year the ship docked at Norfolk, Va., followed by a trip to New York City to take part in the opening of the 1939 New York World’s Fair, with the Atlantic and Pacific fleets in attendance.

Next stop, south to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and after a

Navy Veteran of Two Wars

short time seeing the sights of the great city of Rio, plus the "girls from Ipanema," and the beach at Copacabana, Charlie's ship was off to California by way of the

the United States Naval Academy in 1948 for the next year and a half.

During the Korean war, Charlie served on a heavy cruiser, the USS Rochester,

flag ship of the 7th Fleet. It was his last ship and his final step before

retirement in April of 1955 as "a very proud man," who received many campaign ribbons and a commendation from the Navy department.

Now it was back to civilian status for this Navy man. He had retired in July of 1981, but not from life. He went to work for the local school system for a quarter of a century as custodian at the two schools.

Locally, he joined the VFW and the Fleet Reserve Association for retired naval personnel. Also on the local scene, Angela and Charlie are members of the Senior Citizens Club, with Angela active in arts and crafts. Charlie keeps busy with his garden, and being the steady patriotic person that Charlie is, he has a great flag outside the front of their home, and each day raises and lowers his country's colors.

Charlie walks four miles a day, and follows the football 49ers and Westerns on TV. This active couple have traveled back to Italy on four occasions, plus trips to Hawaii, California, Las Vegas and the state of Washington.

Their son, Mark, is a 1980 grad of WLHS, where

he played varsity football, joined the Navy in September of that year, and has served on the aircraft carrier "Nimitz," named after the commander of Naval forces in the Pacific during World War II. Mark has been "all over the Pacific area," after boot camp at Great Lakes. His rank is 1st Class Machinist's Mate, and according to his proud parents, he "hopes to make it a career." Mark and his wife, Nita, who he met in the Philippines, reside in the state of Washington, where Mark is stationed.

One of Charlie's main hobbies, something he started after retirement, is macrame. Samples of his handiwork are all around their comfortable home.

Epilog

Charlie Simonelli participated in two wars. He left his home town as a young boy ... returned, only to enlist again to serve his country. Charlie has fond memories of both his naval experiences and time working at the two schools, and the young students he



U.S. Navy Chief Charles Simonelli

met.

Truly, one can say Charlie is a down-to-earth gentleman whose story is now told, as the history of two wars.

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Panama Canal to join up with the Pacific fleet.

He went out to Pearl Harbor in March of 1940. Then

after a spell, in May of 1941, back to the Atlantic and a stop at Cuba's Guantanamo Bay. Again "seeing the world," he went on a convoy to Iceland in June of 1941, with war clouds showing, to Bermuda, "looking for German Sea Raiders," he said.

It was then time for Charlie to leave the "Nashville," and come on board the "USS LaFayette," formerly the cruise ship "Normandy," for conversion to a troop transport; but it never came to pass, it was burned in New York Harbor rather mysteriously!

At the start of World War II, Charlie took part in five Pacific invasions. He was made chief in January of 1944; previously he was ranked as First Class/Boatswain.

The end of World War II meant that Charlie would return to Windsor Locks, but not for long, he reenlisted in the Navy and was immediately sent back to the Pacific area, to the island of Guam for an 18-month period. Charlie returned to the states and served as an instructor at



A Story of a Happy Family and

"It's the birthday of a woman, a mother of ten and grandkids, more than I could count again,"

— Excerpt from "The Birthday," written by Gerald Hoyt

This is the story of Nada (Pamphrey) Hoyt Rumrill. And what a story, of a gentle woman who just turned 88 on Aug. 13.

Nada has 10 children, 26 grandchildren and yes, 35 great-grandchildren.

We met Nada at her comfortable home at the Southwest Terrace Apartments, not far from a grandchild and two of her great-grandchildren.

Nada came from Maine, way up in Aroostook County. She was born in East Plantation, but lived mostly in East Plaine, as she grew up and went to school until she was 16. "In those days (additional) schooling was not necessary for girls," she recalled.

Her folks were potato farmers, Edward and Melinea (Hafford) Pamphrey, and parents of 13 children. Nada is the last survivor of her family.

Nada was brought up by

an aunt, who she greatly admired, while back home, Nada's mother was busy with all her other children. Nada stayed on at her aunt's farm and called her "mother." Looking back to that time of her life, she surely feels her aunt was her surrogate mother.

After leaving school, Nada received her first taste of work

July 2, 1927.

For Nada and Roy, married life was "one big happy family," she recalled, and their children "all worked hard on the farm, and were brought up to share ... a very close-knit family, even to this day."

The family, 10 children, all born in Maine, and all graduates of Fort Fairfield

High School: Gerald in Florida, Navy for 27 years; Richard

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outside the farm when she accepted employment doing housework, all day, six days a week, from five in the morning to six in the evening. Her pay was \$3 a week, and maybe all the milk she could drink — it was on a dairy farm.

Then her life changed, certainly for the better. At 19, Nada married Roy Hoyt, a veteran of naval duty during World War I. Their wedding was in Farmington, Maine, on

in Enfield, Army for four years; Robert in South Windsor, Navy for four years; Ethelyn in Florida; Joanne in Windsor Locks; Harold in Wolcott, Army for four years; Floyd in Maine; Ronald in Windsor Locks, Navy for four years; Hollan in Greenwich, New York, Navy for four years; and Patricia in Enfield.

In 1964 the entire Hoyt family moved to Connecticut, with Nada saying, "The children came here to find jobs, so Roy and I came too."

Nada and Roy moved, first to Thompsonville, then to

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Windsor Locks and Warehouse Point, until Roy passed away in 1969. They were married for 44 years.

During the five years, before his death, Nada worked at Bickford Convalescent Home. Roy was the maintenance man at an apartment, where they lived and while in Warehouse Point, managed an apartment.

In 1971, Nada met and married Earle Rumrill, who was retired from Hamilton-Standard. They lived in Suffield, spending the winters in Florida over a 15-year period. Earle and Nada then moved to Windsor Locks, first on Grove Street, and then to Nada's current home at the Southwest Apartments, where she has resided for the past eight years. Earle passed away in 1994. They were married for 23 years. Looking back once again, Nada said, "I've had two lifetimes."

When asked about hobbies and interests, Nada said, "Just work, you had to work hard to bring up 10 children." When pinned down, she said she now has two main hobbies, one raising roses, a set right outside her door at the apartments; the

second, crocheting and hooking.

Of vacations she said, "Well, there were none, we usually worked." However, "Roy and I did spend time in Florida, and that was vacation time."

They were both Red Sox fans, and in Florida, took in the spring training games at St. Petersburg. Music is usually on the radio for Nada, but she is not too crazy about television, unless "Jeopardy," "Wheel of Fortune" or "Matlock," is on the tube. Locally, she is a member of the Senior Citizen Club.

Again reminiscing, her role as mother "Was nice, bringing up the children, guess I was rather strict at times, but the children did get away with a lot," she smiled. She has experienced living in their home in Maine, a mobile home in Florida, and apartments in Connecticut. I'm sure with Nada, "home is where the heart is."

Nada was asked who she most admired in her 80 plus years, and she did not hesitate. "My aunt, Melissa Bridges, the lady that brought me up as a child, a wonderful surrogate mother." Did she have a



Nada Rumrill

personal philosophy? "I have always believed, always let me help others, if I could."

Epilog

At times, all writers need a few strong words to share with readers. In this case, one of her sons, Gerald Hoyt, came up with words from the heart, and we will share excerpts from "The Birthday."

"It's the birthday of a woman, a mother of ten and grandkids, more than I could count again. So, Nada, the mother of this ten and to others, you're so dear, though sometimes some of us have a time making this clear. But to a fine lady who raised a bunch like this there is not much that gets by you or do you miss."

Bill Fargo –

William Eugene Fargo was recently elected president of the Windsor Locks/East Granby Rotary, an international service organization.

Better known as just Bill, he's been a resident of Windsor Locks since 1962. It is also Bill's second term as president. He served in that position as a member of the Suffield Rotary Club, 10 years ago.

Bill has two hobbies, one being his business, the Fargo Foto Service, and the other, "The promotion of Rotary," he said.

He was born in Schenectady, New York, the son of the late Merrill and Jeanett Fargo, who were from that area. Bill has four sisters: Myrtle of New York state, Jean in Pennsylvania, Carol and Charlotte in Florida. Their brother, Thomas, has passed away.

Bill knew at the age of nine what he wanted to be, a photographer. He had lost his father when he was only five, and discovered later his father also enjoyed photography. His father had been a watchmaker and jeweler by trade, and at their home he had set up a room for his hobby. When Bill discovered the room, he turned it into his own darkroom and a career was born.

Bill graduated from Schenectady's high school, Nott Terrace, where he played soccer and was a member of the Photo Club. In high school Bill entered the work program, with classes half the time, and the other half at a photo copying shop.

Bill had joined the New York State National Guard during his high school years. He was only 15 when he joined, not giving his correct age. He did serve for eight

years, the last three in Connecticut. He had come to Connecticut because his sister lived here at the time.

In Connecticut, Bill had several jobs over the years

including Brenda, married to Brian Quagliaroli. They live in town, with their three children. Tammy is married to David Walker, and they reside in Southwick with their

three children. Christine and Albert Habern and their two children

live in Enfield. That makes Marjorie and Bill proud grandparents of eight. Their three girls are all grads of WLHS.

We had mentioned Bill's main hobbies, but may add boating, swimming and a very interesting pastime — collecting shark teeth. The "only place," Bill said, to collect these specimens, is to walk "the beach at Venice, Florida."

Vacation time is surely in Florida, plus trips to the Bahamas and the island of Aruba. Television for Bill is

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before he set up his own photo service business. Bill worked at Finast in Middletown, a photo shop in West Hartford, and Hamilton-Standard for five years in its photo lab. Then he joined Connecticut Printers in Bloomfield; but 1970 was his turning point, setting up the Fargo Foto Service. He was first on Main Street in town, but due to redevelopment in that area, was forced to move to Suffield, where he was in business for 16 years. The past 10 years Bill has had his business at home, which includes the following: "commercial, legal work, passport pictures and offset printing."

Bill met and married Marjorie Nelson, who was from New York state, the daughter of Edgar and Beatrice Nelson, who still reside there. Mr. Nelson is retired from General Electric. Marjorie has three brothers and two sisters.

Marjorie and Bill were married on Aug. 15, 1959. After coming to Connecticut, she worked at Emhart for nine years, and recently went to work at Traveler's. Over the years, she has been the accountant and secretary for the family business.

They have three daughters,

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— President of the

limited to sports and movies.

Bill has been a member of the Rotary Clubs for more than 20 years. As president, Bill is very familiar with the accomplishments and achievements of the Rotarians.

Currently, Bill said, there are 17 members that meet every week: Mondays at noon, Skyline Restaurant, Ella Grasso Turnpike. Other officers include: Vice-President Jay Holley, Secretary Kathy Lloyd and the Treasurer, Fran Meyer. Bill stated, "The club is a business person service club, the club that does everything for charity, which includes fund raising for scouts, summer camps, Boy's and Girl's State, Little League and food donations, college scholarships ... and many other worthy causes."

In addition, Bill stated, "The Rotary International is the association of Rotary Clubs throughout the world ... with the object of encouragement and fostering

the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprises."

One event coming up for the club will be in October, when it will be part of the Pratt & Whitney Air Show that they were involved with four years ago.

More on a personal basis for Bill, he was asked who he most admired. "My late brother-in-law, Ron Preddice. We were very close, and I always admired the way he lived his life." Did Bill have a personal philosophy? "Be fair with everyone ... the Golden Rule."

Epilog

Bill Fargo is a man who knew what he wanted even at an early age. He has dedicated his life in the pursuit of service, be it on a local level or international, as member of the Rotary Club.



Bill and Marjorie Fargo

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Mike Bracken Sr. —

Michael Shelton Bracken Sr. is a former Navy veteran, former postal worker for more than 30 years, and today, retired and enjoying his two hobbies, golf and fishing.

Father of five, Mike has been a resident of Windsor Locks since 1962. He had been involved in the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) as president and other offices for the Hartford Union, "since day-one of my postal service," he said proudly.

Mike is the son of the late Charles and Anne (Brennan) Bracken, who were from Hartford. Mr. Bracken was a former car salesman and milkman for many years, and younger Mike recalled helping his dad deliver milk in the early hours, now a lost tradition.

Mike has two brothers, including William of Granby, a former Hartford police captain. Mike's other brother, Charles of New Britain, is in

the construction business.

Young Mike grew up in the north end of the capital city, played baseball and basketball, and quit high school (Weaver) just a few months from graduation,

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when he joined the Navy in August of 1955. While in the service, he received his equivalency diploma.

His four years in the Navy started with boot camp in Maryland, followed by trips overseas to the Mediterranean Sea, Caribbean and Bermuda. Mike's stateside duty was at his home port of Norfolk, duty in Florida, up and down the east coast, abroad, a destroyer escort, with main duty damage control.

Mike always wanted to be a fireman. However, due to an injury received in the Navy, he could not pass the test for the Hartford Fire Department, which he took soon after discharge from the service. Then he tried the Pratt & Whitney Fire Department, but its requirements were: had to be over 25 or married, which at the time, Mike did not qualify. Next test was for the United States Postal Service. He passed, and on Jan. 3, 1955, Mike retired with 35 years service, with four years in the Navy, part of his postal time.

Mike met his future bride at a restaurant. He and Shirley (Crosby) Bracken were married on Jan. 21, 1960, lived in Hartford for two years, then moved to Windsor Locks.

Shirley is the daughter of Joseph Crosby and Dorothy Amazeen. She is a grad of New Britain High School, the town she grew up in. She has a sister, Jean, who also resides in Windsor Locks. Shirley worked for the Ramada Inn for 20 years, and today, after joining a Nurse's Aide program, is employed in East Windsor at Kettle Brook Healthcare Center.

Shirley and Mike have five children: David, Mike Jr. and Janet, all live in town. Maureen is married to Tom Zavisza, they reside in Suffield with their son Jacob, 15. Dawn and David Bonetti live in town with their daughter Kristy, 9.

As mentioned, Mike

- Retired Letter Carrier President

now retired, enjoys fishing "all over," and the game of golf at Airways, with the K. of C. Golf League. Mike is a former member of the Knights. Vacation time is only one place, he said, "We love to go to Florida."

When it comes to spectator sports: Mike follows the Cleveland Indians in baseball, along with the Atlanta Braves. He has been a fan ever since the Braves left Boston. As for the Indians, he's been a fan since the days of Bob Feller, Al Rosen and Mike Garcia. For Mike, television is limited to sports and action movies about cops. Mike is a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans, in addition to the American Legion.

Mike's career was in the postal service and involvement with the union, as "steward, trustee, vice president and president of the Hartford Branch (86) of the NALC." Looking back to those years, he said, "I consider myself a good union man and always standing up for the members."

Mike is a man who believes "live life to the fullest." He admired two former presidents of the local NALC, Robert Jinks of Newington and Pat Dooley of Windsor Locks, saying "They always worked for the carriers."

Epilog

Mike Bracken served his country in two capacities, the Navy and postal service, for over three decades. He is a man of firm convictions — with this advice to his children: "If you want something in life, you have to work for it ... and speak up in what you believe."



Michael and Shirley Bracken

The Vancour Family —

Theodore Reginald Vancour III — a name you just might remember, certainly a classy moniker. However, better known as Ted, he's a down-to-earth young father with a supportive wife Janice (Seam) Vancour, a native of Windsor Locks; three kids; and 11 pets — three dogs, two cats, five fish and a hamster.

Ted is from Bloomfield, married Janice in 1981, and they have lived in town since — all with daily diversified jobs, that add something to a most happy family, be it delivery of papers, landscaping, or a family cleaning business.

The kids, Crystal, Nicole and young Teddy IV, deliver papers; Ted III runs his own landscaping business, and Janice and her sister, Carol, have a cleaning business. Yes, everyone does their share. Oh yes, something extra: Ted is a Little League coach, and Janice is involved with the Girl Scouts.

Ted Vancour grew up in Bloomfield and attended Bloomfield High, where he played football. As a young boy, Ted learned the fundamentals of baseball as a Little Leaguer. He is the son of T.R. Vancour Jr. of Wethersfield and Mary (Antinois) Vancour of Windsor. Ted's grandfather, a native of Canada, began the family tradition as T.R. Vancour Sr.; he has since passed away. Ted has a sister, Donna, of Granby and two brothers, Steven of Waterbury, and Randy of East Granby. They have all worked in their father's landscaping business, and Mr. T.R. Vancour Jr. is still going strong as the owner and operator of Ted's Landscaping in Bloomfield.

Ted grew up in the business and continued with it after high school for more than 18 years, until he decided to go on his own. For the past 11 years, he has been the owner of CNT Landscape (CNT—Crystal, Nicole and Teddy), which he operates out of his home. Ted gives a great deal of credit to his father for "teaching me the business" and to his wife Janice, the accountant in the family. He advertises in local papers.

Janice, the mother of this busy group, is the daughter of Robert and Evelyn (Nilson) Seam. Robert, now retired after many years with the Steven Paper Mill, is originally from Poquonock, and Evelyn, from New Hampshire. Today, they are residents of Windsor Locks.

Janice graduated from WLHS, Class of 1978, was a member of the DECA Club and took food classes ("always liked to cook"). After high school, she went to work at Emhart and, after five years, left to have her first child. Ted and Janice met at Emhart, while he was landscaping at the Windsor plant. They were married on Oct. 9, 1981, and have lived in Windsor Locks since that date. Janice and her sister Carol run "Family Cleaning Care," a business specializing in cleaning both homes and offices.

For the past two years, the

three busy Vancour kids have delivered the J.I. The oldest, Crystal Lynn, 11, is an honor student who will be going into the 6th grade at the middle

Videos."

Teddy, the fourth, is in second grade at North Street School and participates in the Boy Scouts, football with the

"C" Jets, baseball, and soccer. He's also a "Full House" fan, but his

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school and into soccer (travel team), basketball, and Girl Scouts. Her favorite subject is math, and she has taken the baby-sitting course offered at the town library. When it comes to television, "Full House" is her favorite.

Nicole, 10, a fifth grader at South School, is a former water jet, into scouting and soccer, and her favorite subject is spelling. On television, she enjoys "America's Funniest Home



best subjects are gym and recess!

When asked about their hobbies, Janice and Ted agreed that it's "the kids; no time for (special) hobbies." Ted admits, "I do enjoy woodworking and (being) the handyman around the house ... anything with a challenge." Ted is a Red Sox fan and is taken with the O.J. trial on Court TV. Vacation time with the family has been spent at Wildwood, New Jersey, New Hampshire, and Florida; Ted and Janice enjoyed a cruise to the Caribbean, St. Thomas and the Bahamas.

- Everyone Doing Their Share

Ted has been active in the town Little League program the past two years. Ted IV has been in T-ball and next year will advance to the farm team. Ted was asked the benefits to him and his son. "I enjoy watching the improvement of the players from the first game to the last of the season." Ted IV said, "I guess it's the fun of the game."

Janice has spent the past two years as a troop leader in the town Girl Scout program. One of the main events of the year was the Father/Daughter Dance held at the VFW, with Janice saying, "It was a beautiful event ... and we hope to make it an annual affair."

When asked who they most admired, Ted said, "My family, I have been fortunate." Janice's parents were given praise, "For putting up with me as a teenager." Janice was asked for one word to describe Ted: "Determined."



The Vancour Family

Inside...

Ready to Help Out

The Vancour family is well known for its hard work and volunteerism around town, including Little League and Girl Scouts.

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Barbara O'Brien Carlson

The best way to describe Barbara O'Brien Carlson is to say she has a perpetual happy face where laughter is her demeanor, and it's just nice being around a person with her personality.

The interview with Barbara, a near lifetime resident of Windsor Locks (she came here from Hartford at the age of 3, when her family moved), was one of scouting and more scouting.

Barbara is currently scout leader for two troops in town, 558 and 559. She began her own scouting career as a young girl with her sister, Suzanne. Eight years ago she returned to scouting when her daughter, Heather Baker, decided to follow in her mother's path of scouting.

Barbara is the daughter of Bob and Laura (Amero) O'Brien. Bob is well known in town affairs as a member of the Police Commission and Democratic Town Committee. Bob and Laura were featured in a C&K interview in January of 1986. He was from Hartford, and Laura a native of Maine. Bob worked at the Royal and retired from Stanadyne, with Laura retiring from the Aetna.

Barbara has three sisters — all reside in town, graduates of WLHS: Suzanne, Doreen LeBlanc and Lori Walter. Barbara graduated from the local high school, Class of 1976. She was active as member of the school chorus, and was part of her class musical, "Hello, Dolly!"

When asked about her home town, Barbara

remembers with fond memories of downtown and Main Street, and recalled seeing her first movie, "Sound of Music." Today, looking back, she said, "I love Windsor Locks, where everyone knows each other."

As a young girl, she lasted "only one year on tobacco, it was enough for me," she said. During Barbara and her sister's high school years, the O'Brien girls all worked in town — Suzanne at the redevelopment office, Doreen at the town hall, Lori at the police station and Barbara at the house on Main Street which served as the town's library.

Did Barbara know what she wanted to do after leaving high school? "Yes, but I was too short for the career of stewardness for an airline," she said, rather sadly, but with her familiar smile.

But she realized she had to work. Her first job was with the Cushman Industries, on to the Hartford Insurance Group and the Windsor Marketing Group. In July of this year she joined Connecticut Valley and Development in Granby.

However, in between those jobs she became the mother of Heather, now a second-year student at the Raider School. Heather attended all the local schools that her mother did and had some of the same teachers. She is a member of the school band, and plays the clarinet, which she started in the middle school. She recently took the trip to Disney World with the band to Florida. Heather played softball for the

Loves Being in Girl Scouts

town team; and when it comes to a career, her mother said, she would pursue the role of hairdresser.

Barbara and Glenn Carlson were married in May of 1992. Glenn is the son of Rita (Fontaine) Carlson. He was from Enfield and graduated from Enfield High School, Class of 1980.

He worked as a mechanic at Hamilton Standard for 17 years, and after a layoff, went to work the past year at Aero-Gear in Windsor. They met as members of a bowling league.

When it comes to hobbies (when Barbara is not busy with Girl Scout business), she continued her bowling, with Glenn, they have taken up roller-skating. They both enjoy baseball, would you believe she is a Yankee fan, and Glenn sticks with the Red Sox. Sorry, Barbara, things haven't been bright at the house that Ruth built. They still try to take in a game or two at Fenway each year. Now with the football season, Glenn will be cheering for the New York Giants. When it comes to TV, "Home Improvement" and "ER" are their favorites. Just for the record, Barbara was a member of the town's ladies softball team for five years.

Barbara has played an important role the past eight years in the Girl Scouts, when Heather first began in the town

program. Barbara said, "I love working and doing things with the girls ... as scout leader for the two troops, 558 and 559. The 559 troop is the only one in town with senior girls as members."

Barbara served three years

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as "Service Unit Manager," overseeing the scout leaders and other duties. Today,

she is secretary of the Windsor Locks Scout Foundation. Additional note: there are more than 30 Girl Scout troops in town.

Barbara said she most admired "My parents, they are always there for me." She admits having a "happy outlook, and maybe looks at life differently, then most people."

Epilog

Barbara O'Brien Carlson: the lady with that smile and genuine laughter that says a lot about her personality.

The old adage, "Laugh, and the world laughs with you" may not be her favorite saying, (probably is) but the most accurate description for this most happy lady.

She has given of herself for several years to the children and the local scout movement and "loves" her work. That's what it is all about.



Barbara and Suzanne O'Brien as Brownies.

Jim Holden —

“Taught me how to discipline myself...” — Jim’s admiration for Coach Pat Scelza

Many athletes learn valuable lessons from their coaches ... be it Little League, high school or college.

In James W. Holden’s case, it was Windsor Locks High School football coach Pat Scelza who “taught (him) how to discipline (himself).”

From August to December, the past eight years Jim has been an active player and now player/coach in the town’s Flag Football League. Football was Jim’s

sport at the Raider School, where he graduated from in 1987.

But first, some background on this young man who keeps

the past 12 years.

Jim has two brothers, John of East Windsor and Dave of Ellington, and a sister, Kim, who resides in Rocky Hill.

Jim started school in East Windsor, and then with the move to Windsor Locks, he was a fourth grader in town. As mentioned, football was his sport, under Coach Scelza. The team in 1986, Jim’s senior year, won the division championship. The co-captains that year were Dave Ellis and Jim Gaylord. In addition, two of Jim’s teammates included Bill Siemionko and Greg Frechette.

Jim was in the line and linebacker for four years, and said, “I learned a lot from coach, he was a great leader, had a lot of respect for him.”

After high school, Jim went on to Manchester Community College for two years, with classes in business administration, which he used

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in shape for the rugged game of football by “working out five days a week.”

Jim grew up in East Windsor, moving to Windsor Locks at the age of nine. He is the son of Herb and Judy Holden, who both came from the area across the river.

Herb has had his own trucking company, “Herb Holden Trucking, Inc.” the past 34 years, while Judy has a day care center at her home,

High School Football to Flag Football

to his advantage working at his dad's place of business in Broad Brook, during his college days. In 1989, he started full time as an employee, "doing everything," he said, "also as a dispatcher, and supervisor of the (15) drivers."

When it comes to hobbies, he said, "Working out for a number of years, five days a week." And where does he work out? At Hardbodies Super Fitness in Enfield. He has been at it for the past 12 years, since his freshman year in high school.

When he finds the time for vacation, it's usually at the Rhode Island beaches, his spot for relaxing.

Jim is a big football (Giants) and basketball (UConn) fan. The former Giant stars Lawrence Taylor and Phil Simms are his favorites, ever since the glory days of the Giants. In addition, Jim is into photography, as a second hobby.

Why does he exercise so much? "To stay in shape for football ... and it looks good, you have to start with the body," he said, rather profoundly.

Some background on the local Flag Football league: Jim has been active the past eight years, first as player and now as player/coach, a role he took on himself, and has found it a lot of hard work, but enjoyable, he said.

Jim and his former teammate, Greg Frechette, are

what he called "co-commissioners of the league." For the record, there are eight teams, with 20 to 30 players on each team. They play a 14-game schedule (on Sundays) from August to December at Veteran's Memorial Park on Southwest Avenue. Jim and Greg meet with the town's Park and Rec Department in order to keep the town informed on the condition of the field and other matters.

Jim did not have to be asked who he most admired, it

was Coach Pat Scelza, who was his mentor during the high school years, and his valuable technique certainly followed Jim into the flag football program and life itself.

Epilog

Jim Holden, even in his youthful years, realizes "You get out of life, what you put into it." In Jim's case, he has set his plans into motion: exercise, hard work and dedication to the sport, he knows best.



Jim Holden

Soccer Is the Name

When four children of the Parley family are busy learning and playing the game of soccer, scheduling an interview was not easy.

However, we did manage to get together with Jon Sr. and Gail (the busy and understanding parents), Jon Jr., James, Leanne, Lauren and the little guy, waiting in the wings for his start on the soccer field, Jordan Alexander Parley, 2, more interested in sleeping than being interviewed.

The father of this clan is Jon A. Parley Sr., engineer by profession, sports car enthusiast by choice; along with his wife, Gail (Miner) Parley, the mother that keeps the time of practices and games. Gail summed it all up when she said, "Jon is a family man," and surely all agreed.

The Parley family has lived in town for more than 12 years, with Jon and Gail growing up in Windsor. Jon and Gail attended local schools and both graduated from Windsor High School in the '70s.

Before high school, Jon was on the town swim team, and at the high school, a member of the track team (hurdles) that won two championships.

Jon and Gail met during their high school days, and were a couple at their senior prom. Jon went on to college (Central Connecticut) earning a bachelor of science degree in industrial technology. During his summers at Central, he was a lifeguard at Black Rock in Torrington. After Central, Jon took a few classes at the

University of Hartford. He did say, after leaving high school, he wanted to take up psychology, but later turned to engineering.

Jon is the son of Al and Mary (Flynn) Parley, who both came from Massachusetts. Jon has two sisters, Peggy of

manager, until their first child was born.

Jon and Gail were married after he finished college, lived in East Hartford for five years, then moved to Windsor Locks in 1983.

The five active children in the Parley family: at 15, the oldest is Jon Jr., second year at WLHS, played freshman basketball, into soccer and street hockey. Was on the varsity tennis team, and an honor student. Jon is a former member of the Water Jets, follows sports on TV, especially the Pittsburgh hockey team. When it comes to his favorite subjects in school, it's computers and math. Jon has a paper route. He was a "Scholar/Leader" in the eighth grade.

James Allan Parley, 13, in the eighth grade at the middle school, is also an honor student. He is into soccer, basketball, street hockey, a former Water Jet, enjoys math, and watching sports on MTV. He has received an athletic award. In addition, James enjoys his dirt bike, and keeps busy with a paper route.

Leanne Elizabeth Parley, 11, in the sixth grade at the Middle School, plays soccer, swims with the Jets, and her favorite subject is math. She has earned a First Place Physical Science Award. She has been in Girl Scouts (Troop 571) the past six years.

Lauren Mary Parley is five, in kindergarten at North Street School, and is just starting soccer, and the Daisy program, a part of the town's Girl Scouts program. Next in line for soccer is Jordan, an active two year old, who "loves trucks, riding his bike," and his mother said,

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Glastonbury and Jill of Berlin.

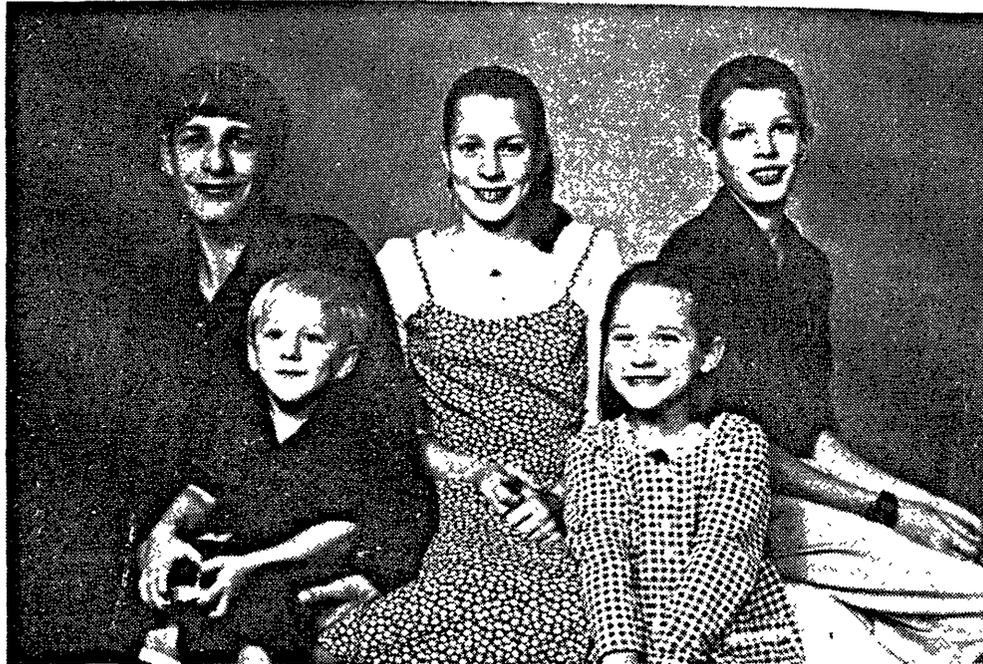
After college, Jon was employed at Hamilton

Standard for 12 years, then moving on to Colt Manufacturing to his current position (the past three years) in the Engineering Department.

Gail Parley is the daughter of Al and Jennie (Nolan) Miner. Al was from Massachusetts, retired from Veeder-Root, with Jennie, a Poquonock native. Gail has a brother, Steve, who resides in Bristol, and a sister, Donna, who lives in New Hampshire.

Gail was born in Hartford, and at the age of eight (third grade), her family moved to Windsor. During her high school years, she was on a work/experience program, and it was her first look at the world of insurance, working with Little Aetna. After leaving high school, she took on a full time position at Aetna for a five year period. Then for a year, Gail worked in a retail store in Wethersfield, as assistant

of the Game for the Parleys



The Parley children: Jon Jr., James, Leanne, Lauren and Jordan.

even helps his brothers on their paper routes. Their proud mother said, "All the children are bookworms."

Back to their parents. Gail and Jon follow town politics to a point, saying, "We are voters, and as concerned citizens, keep up with the budgets, when it comes to the schools."

When it comes to any free time, Jon Sr. is into "metal working, with a few machines at home, also into auto repairs, working on my Datsun 240Z." As to a fan of music, Jon enjoys the blues. He is probably best known as a boxing fan. Has followed the careers of local fighter Marlon Starling, and the bigger guys, Mike Tyson and his all-time favorite, Joe Frazier. Jon is a fan of public television and hockey, when it comes to

the Whalers and the Springfield Falcons. Television for Gail is limited to "Chicago Hope," and when really pinned down, admitted "Doing things with the kids, and I do like to cook."

Soccer may be the family game, but as one can see, the Parley family is also involved in other endeavors.

Jon Sr. was an assistant coach in the town soccer league, and said, "The best part of the game is when the kids play as a team ... it's good exercise, and it develops sportsmanship." Gail is a co-leader in the Girl Scouts, since Leanne began her career with Troop 571, and Gail

will be starting a Daisy troop with her daughter Lauren.

Gail's mother, Jennie Miner, has had Alzheimer's for the past 10 years. Gail had this to say: "The family made the decision to take care of my mother at our home ... with special daily care, and we are especially proud of the way the kids have helped out ... it's truly a family effort, and with plenty of love."

When asked who she most admired, she had these sage words: "We admire each other for our strengths, which are many and our commitment to our family."

Kick in the Grass

Soccer is the name of the game for the Parley family, with all four children in the family learning the sport.

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Kerick Family:

"Achieve as much as you can ... not at the expense of others" —John Kerick's personal philosophy

The Kerick family of Windsor Locks is very familiar with towns by the names of Minersville, Gap, Pottsville, Tunkhannock, all in their native state of Pennsylvania.

John and Lynne Kerick, their two sons, Ryan and Graham, all were born in the Keystone State; however, are now residents of their adopted town since 1989. A town, they said, "We love ... the people are friendly, and we live just across the street from Pesci P a r k , " and that means they are right in the mix of sports in town.

Just for the record, John was from Minersville, Lynne from Tunkhannock, met at the Mansfield State College, were "college sweethearts," graduated in 1974, and were married on May 24, 1975.

John was the son of the late John Sr., and Elizabeth (Doyle) Kerick, who were natives of Pennsylvania. John Sr. was a career soldier of more than 30 years of service, and took part in World War II and the Korean War. John Jr. has a brother, Charles, who resides in Centerville, Va.

John graduated from Nativity High School, located in Pottsville (1970), where he excelled in track (discus thrower) and played football for three years as a varsity player.

Lynne (Remley) Kerick is the daughter of Reginald and Pattie (Bowman) Remley, who today make their home in Gap, Pa. Reginald was from Bloomsburg, Pattie from

Orangeville. Mr. Remley is retired and was school superintendent for Lancaster County, Pa.

Lynne has two sisters, Gail of York, Pa., and Susan who lives in Federal Way, Wash., home of former UConn star Donny Marshall. They have a

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nearby Avon, Conn.

She was a grad of Pequea Valley High School (1970), played the French horn in the school band and was a member of the school's chorus. After college, a degree in home economics, went to work for Singer Sewing Machine Co. for five years, followed by five years with a designer in Lancaster, before their move to Connecticut.

Did John have any idea as to a career ... actually, he said "no," but went on to Mansfield, "maybe to become a teacher." After graduation with a degree in secondary education and history, found the market in a recession and took a job with a window manufacturing firm for a short time, and then was a management trainee for Woolworth's. Then his career took off, when he joined the Rutt Custom Kitchen Cabinets company in August of 1977.

Today, John is regional manager for the New England states, as liaison of the

company factory in Pennsylvania, to the independent kitchen dealers in the New England area.

John and Lynne were married in Gap, lived in Pottsville, Indiana (a town in Pennsylvania), back to Gap, until 1989, when they moved and took up residence in their adopted town.

The sons of John and Lynne ... with John saying, with a smile, "Our son Graham has had his 15 minutes of fame," referring to his picture in "In Your Face," an article published in the Hartford newspaper recently. (We therefore want to add to his fame and his family, too.)

But first, their oldest son, Ryan, 14, in the eighth grade at the Middle School. Ryan is very involved in the school's weather program, with daily reports generated at the school, and broadcast to the students over the speaker for the past year.

His favorite subject is pre-algebra, and at home he is a faithful "Trekker." In addition, Ryan is a member of the school computer club and in "tech ed" (we knew it as shop) he has built a clock and race car.

Graham, who will be 12 next month, is a sixth-grader at the middle school, where his favorite subject is science. He also plays basketball, in the Little League program, the past five seasons, and showing his Pennsylvania roots, is a fan of the Phillies in baseball and the Eagles in football. What does this sports-minded young man want to be when he grows up? "Play for the Philadelphia Eagles." His

Little League, Weather and PA Teams



The Kerick family



favorite TV program is "Home Improvement." Both he and Ryan are busy after school; they deliver the JJ.

When it comes to their dad's hobbies: riding his bike with his sons around town, following the high school football and basketball teams. As for Lynne, she is an avid gardener, and very much into the art of cross-stitch, which is sewing and embroidering a double stitch, forming an X... with numerous fine examples around their home. Oh yes, John has been involved the past Little League season as an umpire. Vacation time for the family is mostly back home in Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania may be where their roots were formed, but John made the following remark. "I have been all over New England, and (we) wouldn't want to live anywhere but in Windsor Locks."

When John was asked who he most admired, he said, "My mother, she was the force that

kept the family together, while my father was in the service." Lynne said, "My parents, with my father involved in education and active in the Lions, (both) giving persons, making for a strong marriage."

John's personal philosophy, "Achieve as much as you can, (but) not at the

expense of others."

Epilog

Lynne Kerick, the number one sewer in the family, might just agree with the following: "Chains do not hold a marriage together. It is threads, hundreds of tiny threads, which sew people together through the years."

In your face

Graham Kerick

Age • 11 ••• School and grade

- Grade 5, South School, Windsor Locks ••• **Claim to fame** • Future pro-football left guard ••• **Favorite object and why** • Sega, because I play all day ••• **Worst gross-out** • Dead chicken on the road ••• **Best friend and why** • Matt Lillis, because we have sleep-overs and talk for hours ••• **What I want to do with my life** • Play for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Grand Knight Charlie Franklin

When they write the history of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, better known as the A&P, for this area, the family name of Franklin should be more than a footnote.

The late Jim Franklin and his son Charlie spent most of their working life with the once popular grocery business.

I had the pleasure of interviewing Jim in September of 1976. He worked for the A&P for 48 years. Charlie was an employee for more than 40 years with the food chain, and is now in retirement. He recently took over the role of Grand Knight for the local Knights of Columbus. His dad was also a former Grand Knight.

Charlie has many fond memories of his father, the family friend, Ella Grasso and other residents of his home town. Charlie attended St. Mary's School, and then went on to the Hartford Trade School for three years to be an electrician.

But, as his father before him, he went to work in 1947, when no jobs were available around the area. Charlie worked for his dad a few years, before taking on the A&P store in Thompsonville for more than a decade.

Charlie, father of four with two grandchildren, was the son of Jim and Margaret Hayes Franklin. He is a native of Windsor Locks.

Working in one A&P store was not Charlie's idea of a good working relationship ... he was proud to say, I became a "trouble shooter and assistant manager for 32 stores, working six months to a year in each store in West Springfield, Westfield, Windsor, Simsbury, Avon, Manchester, Wethersfield ... and a few more." This way, he added, "I met a lot of people, and not like my father, who worked mostly in one store, right here on Main Street."

Charlie retired in 1989. His last store was the A&P in Suffield. During all those years, he also took on an additional duty, living in the old K. of C. building on Spring Street as caretaker (for six years), now the Spring Garden Apartments location. When the new K. of C. building on Elm Street was built, Charlie and his family moved to their current home on Circle Drive.

The family of Charlie Franklin: on April 30, 1949, Charles married Regina (L a G r a n g e) Franklin, who was from the Thompsonville section of Enfield.

She had attended St. Joseph's and Cathedral High in Massachusetts. Regina worked for the Montgomery Company for 20 years, and now part-time for Honda. Regina has two brothers, Albert of Poquonock and Gerald of Riverton, and a sister, Joan of Westfield, Mass.

The four children of Charlie and Regina: Lynn, Mary, Charles and the late James Franklin. Lynn lives in town, has a son, John Marard, and is employed at The Prudential. Mary and her husband, Michael Brooks, reside in Vermont. Charles lives in town, works at Honda, and he remembers playing Little League in his home town.

Their son, James was killed in an auto accident in 1985. James has a son, David Franklin, who attends college in New Haven. All the Franklin children were grads of WLHS.

When it comes to hobbies, Charlie is into "competitive shooting," with pistols as member of the following: Windsor Locks Gun Club, Metropolitan League of Hartford, State Rifle & Revolver Association and the National Rifle Association. Charlie also hunts and fishes as a member of the Perkinville Fish and Game in Vermont, the state where they go camping on vacations.

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Leads Knights of Columbus

As for spectator sports, Charlie roots for the Red Sox and Patriots, and is "not into much TV," probably with possible viewing of "Chicago Hope."

Charlie joined the K. of C. back in 1945, has "gone through the chairs," and this past May became the Grand Knight of Council 26, following "Duke" Marotta in this leadership position for the local organization. He is looking forward to his year in the office, and hopes more young men join the council. In addition, Charlie is Past Faithful Navigator of the 4th Degree.

Looking back over the years as a resident, Charlie has many fond memories of his father, who "was an outgoing person, and active in town affairs," he said. He recalled the family friendship for Ella Grasso.

When Charlie was asked who he most admired, he went back to his school days at St. Mary's, one of his teachers who advised young Charlie, "To do what he really wanted with his life."

In Charlie Franklin's life, he took her advice, worked the way he wanted for the A&P, and now is very content to serve as Grand Knight of the K. of C.



Charles and Regina Franklin

Vinson Naegeli Sr.

Vinson Dale Naegeli Sr., a quite and dedicated individual in many worldly pursuits, with a long record of duty to his country, active in several Masonic organizations, an avid golfer and GHO volunteer, retired Pratt & Whitney employee, with his equally busy wife, Edna, have lived, worked, and traveled all over the country.

Known as Vinnie to his golfing partners, but Dale, a family name, to Edna. This year this most happy couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The Naegelis have five children, and have lived in town since 1953.

Their story begins with Vinnie in Kentucky, Edna in Massachusetts, camp life in Louisiana, West Virginia — and Vinnie's tour of duty in the South Pacific during the height of World War II.

Let's begin with Vinnie and his entry into the world, the son of the late Henry and Mary (Morse) Naegeli, in Lynch, Kentucky, a small town located in the corner of Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee, in Appalachian mountain country.

Vinnie was one of seven children, he and two brothers, Alfred of Michigan and Bill of Tennessee, survived, two sisters and two brothers have passed away.

For the history of his family tree ... Vinnie's great-grandparents were relatives of President Abraham Lincoln and his mother was related to Samuel Morse, promoter of the famous Morse Code.

Young Vinnie left Lynch

High School with only a few months before graduation in 1942, to join the U.S. Marines. A few years later he received his high school diploma. His marine training began at the famed Parris Island, S.C., then for more training: three months in Virginia, before coming to New England, and Boston to attend "Fire School."

and two Presidential Citations.

On his return to the states, their wedding day, Vinnie was assigned to a camp in Louisiana to guard German POWs. The best part of this duty, Edna was with him. Next stop for Vinnie was Camp Lejeune, N.C., but Edna would stay in the southern state, waiting for word from her husband. Then Vinnie

received his discharge and he and Edna would be together again, this

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While in the Boston area (Somerville) he met his future bride, Edna May Roberts, who was born

in Malden, and grew up in Everett. (They met at a skating rink.) But it would be some time before the young couple would be skating again, only meeting through the U.S. mail, as Vinnie went off to war, while Edna would work in a defense factory. They would be reunited, on Feb. 14, 1945, after Vinnie came back from overseas.

Vinnie served most of his oversea duty on the Aircraft Carrier Bunker Hill ... leaving Boston for passage through the Panama Canal, on to California, and then to Pearl Harbor.

The young marine took part in nine major battles in the South Pacific Theater, earning several battle stars,

time in Everett.

Edna May Roberts Naegeli, the daughter of the late Albert and Hazel Roberts. Albert was from England, his wife was from New Jersey, they met in Everett. Edna had two brothers, Chester and Albert, who has both passed away. She graduated from the Everett High School, Class of 1947, and remembers her first singing, as a member of the chorus for the school's Gilbert & Sullivan Operettas.

Vinnie and Edna's married life has been one of different moves and different jobs. First the moves, to Reading, Mass., for two years, Kentucky for six weeks, West Virginia, then to Minnesota ("too cold for us"), back to Massachusetts, and then Vinnie's final career move to Connecticut and Pratt & Whitney in 1953. He retired in November of 1983. Before moving for the aircraft company, Vinnie worked for

One Busy, Quiet Man

Vinson Dale Naegeli Sr. is a dedicated individual in many worldly pursuits, with a long record of duty to his country.

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a lithograph company, in construction and Eastern Gas.

And would you believe, the government wanted Vinnie back to serve in the Korean War ... but he received a dependent deferment and life for them, was back to some normalcy.

The five children of Vinnie and Edna ... Dana May Garlick, Vinson Jr., David, Don and Mark. Dana and her husband Richard Garlick reside on Cape Cod, with their two children. Dana was a nurse in the Air Corps. and now a school teacher.

Vinson and his wife Patricia live in Coventry with their three children. Vinson served with the army in Vietnam. David, who lives in town, was in the army, and served in Germany. Don also resides in town. Mark and his wife, Brigita, live in Suffield. Mark attended Mitchell College and AIC. All the Naegeli children were in the local scouting program. Mark was an Eagle Scout. All are grads of the WLHS, with the exception of David, who attended the Suffield Agricultural School.

Their father is a man of many hobbies, with golf probably his number one pastime, with membership in the K. of C. Golf League at Airways. Vinnie has a wide collection of golf balls, and a big fan of pro Paul Azinger. Next for Vinnie, is fishing and bowling. He was an assistant scout master for over 13 years, under the town's number one scout, Mr. Howard White. As mentioned, Vinnie is a faithful volunteer every year at the GHO. And speaking of volunteers, Vinnie received a "Volunteer Service Award," from the Cedarcrest Regional Hospital in Newington.

He and Edna have been active members of the Wesley



Vinson and Edna Naegeli in Hawaii

United Methodist Church in Warehouse Point ... where she plays the organ, and both into choral singing at the church and in Windsor Locks choral groups. Both are members of the Rainbow Girls, with Vinnie a member of the "Order of Amaranth," and when it comes to veteran membership, he has been in the local American Legion for more than 39 years. One important note ... Edna holds the honor of "Worthy Matron," in the Eastern Star, also where Vinnie is a member.

In addition, Edna was a Den Mother in the girl scouts, for three years, and today, sewing and the family garden holds her attention, and her

main hobbies. When it comes time for vacations, in the past, they and the children toured the USA as campers. Among the many stops: St. Louis, Mo., Canada and Minnesota. They also saw the beauty of Hawaii and Bermuda.

Edna put it this way: "We keep busy." She also remarked: rather proudly, "Dale is a great husband." Adding, "We are strong in our religion."

There's an old adage, that fits Vinson Dale Naegeli Sr. to a T. "Still waters run deep ... a person calm of exterior often conceals great depths of character, just as the deepest streams can have the smoothest surfaces."

The Udas Family –

Welcome to the world of David Allen Udas, and his wife, Gail Pascoe Udas, a native of Windsor Locks; their daughter, Tracey Ann Udas, a busy young girl, in Girl Scouts, plays the clarinet, dancer and someday, has high hopes to be an author or journalist. The Udas family have been residents of Windsor Locks since 1977.

Dave grew up in Enfield, the son of the late Frank Udas, who worked at Bigelow's, as did Dave's mother, Rosalie Frangimore Firoe, who today resides in Enfield, and is retired from Lego Systems Inc.

Dave was into sports, as he is today, when he played high school baseball, basketball and track at Enrico Fermi (Class of 1973). Before high school, Dave was a Little Leaguer and then took up the role of umpire in the Enfield Senior League.

Dave has a twin brother, Donald, married to Erne (LeBreck) Udas, residents of Enfield, with their two children. An older brother, Mike, a Vietnam veteran, is married to Cathy (Sauer) Udas, they live in Cocoa, Fla., and they have one child.

The Udas brothers have a sister, Ann Marie Foisey, married to Allen Foisey, and they and their two children live in North Carolina. Dave's grandfather came from Poland, his grandmother was from Italy.

Gail Udas is a WLHS grad (Class of 1971), where she was active on the track team (broad jump and hurdles), and a member of the stage crew for that year's class play.

She is the daughter of the late Warren (known as Lindy) Pascoe and Estelle (Klauss)

company from 1973 to 1986.

Then he switched to construction work with a friend, to form their own business for the next two years. then he returned to truck driving with Martin Brower, delivering McDonald projects; but the return to difficult hours found him looking for a different line of work.

Since 1989, Dave has worked

for the J.P. food Service with delivery to local hospitals and various institutions. Dave has been a member of the Teamsters Union, Local 559, for the past 20 years.

Now to the women in "Dave's World"—Gail, after high school, attended Manchester Community College, earning an associate degree. Gail knew what she wanted to do, be a dietitian. During her high school years, she combined classes and work at Kimberly Hall in Windsor, and at Hartford Hospital. In addition to her degree, Gail received a "Food Service Manager" certificate. She continued her work at Kimberly for the next 17 years, and the past seven years she has worked at the Bickford Convalescent Home here in town.

Gail and Dave met at a "nightclub in Enfield" in 1974.

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Pascoe, both Windsor Locks natives. Mr. Pascoe worked for the Smalley Brothers. Gail is also proud of her grandparents' heritage ... her grandfather, John Klauss, came from Germany, and her grandmother, Mary Dursa Klauss, was from Poland.

Like a lot of young men, Dave during his high school years was undecided as to a career. Dave was in the work/school program, which meant time at a convalescent home in Manchester. "I really wasn't sure what I wanted to do," he said. But his eventual path to full employment was satisfied when he joined the Sweet Life Foods Co. in Suffield. He drove a tractor/trailer all over New England, New York and New Jersey for the food

Inside ...

'Dave's World'

Welcome to the world of David and Gail Udas, with their daughter, Tracey Ann Udas, residents of Windsor Locks since 1977.

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– Welcome to ‘Dave’s World’

They were married on Feb. 27, 1976, and lived in Enfield for a year before moving to her hometown. Dave’s comments on his adopted town: “A great place to live and we love it.”

Tracey is into a lot of girl and sports things, like a Girl Scout for six years (her mother is a Junior Scout leader); in the sixth grade at the Middle School. Best subject is science. Takes jazz and acrobatics in dancing classes. Plays soccer and softball (her father is a coach in both sports).

Since the fourth grade, Tracey has played the clarinet in the school band; she took lessons from Tom Savage, member of the singing group in town. She wants to write someday, as an author or journalist, and recently joined the school newspaper at the Middle School. At home she enjoys reading mystery stories and when it comes to TV, “Touched By An Angel” is her favorite. She has two other favorites around the house: two cats, named “Rascal” and “Sparkles,” and (would you believe?) two hermit crabs, named “Perkie” and “Goldie.” The cats came from town, the crabs all the way from Virginia Beach.

There were two very special occasions that Dave and his daughter shared, a Father & Daughter camping out and a formal dance, with fond memories and pictures for posterity.

When it came to hobbies, Dave is into cars, with a 1962 Chevrolet Bel Aire Wagon and a 1976 Corvette. He said, “My brother Mike got me interested in cars, and we all attend car shows all over New England.” Around the house Dave is the handyman, and his work can be seen around the house with a wooden porch, great for sitting out on a hot summer night. Dave admits to being a Red Sox fan (even after this year), and when it comes to TV, “Home Improvement” and (naturally) “Dave’s World” are his favorites.

Gail enjoys bowling, is into crafts and when vacation time



From left, Gail, Tracey and Dave Udas

comes around it’s Florida, Cape Cod and Maine as their favorites.

Dave was asked the obvious question, about having a twin brother. Donald was all work and school, Dave into sports and cars; but they agreed, Don and Dave were the “Odd Couple” with Don the “neat one” and Dave the “messy one.”

When asked, who they most admired, Gail said, “My mother, for her wisdom, pride and honesty.” Dave said, “My brother Mike, admired him when we were growing up, working on cars, and we were all proud where we came from.” Tracey, not to be outdone, said, “One word to describe my dad ... unique.” Welcome to Dave’s world.

Charles and Harriet Ryan:

Charlie and Harriet Ryan love to travel, and are devotees of the opera, ballet and Broadway shows. The travel came easy for Charlie, with Harriet's goal in life to be a singer.

This active couple were recently a part of the talent show presented by the Windsor Locks Senior Center, lending their voices to a successful evening of local entertainers.

Some background on Charles Delano Ryan, born and raised in Haverhill, Mass., the son of the late Earl Ryan, who was from Haverhill, and Vivian (Gray) Ryan, a native of Portsmouth, N.H., now living in Haverhill, a spry lady of 80 plus: Charlie has three brothers and three sisters.

Charlie's middle name is Delano, as in Franklin Delano Roosevelt, a cousin way back, he said, according to the family tree.

Young Mr. Ryan went to St. James High School (Class of 1950) in Haverhill. Did he know what career to pursue? Yes, "electrical, engineering and chemical," which covers just about everything interesting for Charlie, even as a high school student.

After high school, Charlie applied for an appointment to West Point Military Academy. After some tests

he was accepted and in 1954 received a degree in military engineering.

He did not receive a commission in the Army, due to some physical limitations.

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He did receive an honorable medical discharge and was ready to further his career.

Next stop was with the General Electric Engineering Training Program, that took Charlie to Illinois and New York state for a year. He then entered the field service (military electronics) at various military bases, for the next nine years. As mentioned, travel has come easy for Charlie, with stops in Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Denver, and Bahama Islands to Germany, to name only a few, with moves every six months.

He returned to the states, admitting "homesickness," and took a job with Electric Boat for two years, and

eventually to his present position. He started in Vermont, and this is the way

Charlie describes his work, "electrical design for building projects." Adding, "It's the nature of the business," with projects in churches, houses, schools, factories,

office buildings and just about everything involved in building projects. He has worked for several organizations over the years.

Now his wife, Harriet, is his musical partner and fellow enthusiast in many endeavors. Harriet (Aylor) Ryan, born in Kentucky, raised in Ohio, is the daughter of the late Howard and Christine (Jones) Aylor. Harriet has a twin brother, Harley, who lives in Illinois. In their young days, both were singers.

Harriet attended high school in Albany, Ohio, Class of 1947. Even as a young girl, she "wanted to be a singing star." She took part in glee clubs, church singing, Broadway productions, and then attended a boarding school in Indiana for a year in pursuit of a singing career. Additional schooling was at Ohio University, and the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

When Charlie was working in Vermont, he and Harriet met. This is the way Harriet tells her story. "Music brought us together," they seemed "to click right away, we both had an interest in

'Music Brought Us Together'

music." They were married on Aug. 29, 1992, and settled in Windsor Locks after the wedding day, with Charlie's work nearby in this area.

Harriet and Charlie agreed, "Windsor Locks is a very convenient town... near the shore (for boating), the mountains (for skiing) and near Boston and New York City."

Harriet has three sons and a daughter. Sandra, who lives in Georgia; son David in Seattle; Tony in California and Kevin in Nevada. Harriet has one grandchild.

When it comes to clubs, Charlie has been a longtime member of the American Legion in Vermont, a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, and a registered engineer in several states.

When it comes to their hobbies, they have a mixed enjoyable bag, from scuba diving (Charlie) to golf, to hiking. You name it, they have probably tried it. Charlie learned to fly his own airplane. He is into ice sailing, and a lot of sailing on Long Island Sound. They both ski in Vermont, and some bike riding. As for skiing, Charlie has been in that sport since he was a small boy, and has skied in this country and Europe.

They both love to travel, from Florida to Lake Tahoe, and have made several cruises. Television is limited, unless "Walker" or "Masterpiece Theater" is on the tube. And the sounds of music can be heard whenever Harriet decides to play the piano or organ, with Charlie, it's the piano and mandolin.

The Talent Show, staged by the local seniors, with a hearty welcome by



Charles and Harriet Ryan

Betty-Ann Reilly, WLSC director. The mistress of ceremony was Claire Howard. Harriet sang twice, "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Over the Rainbow." Charlie gave his own rendition of a folk ballad. There were other performers making for a very successful evening.

That evening was Harriet and Charlie's second show in town. Two years ago they performed a duet in a variety show put on by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Harriet and Charlie do

have their favorites when it comes to professional singers. Harriet mentioned Placido Domingo; with Charlie sticking with some old favorites: Doris Day, Jo Stafford and Bing Crosby. He took a liking to German songs when he was working in Europe.

When asked for a personal philosophy, Charlie believes in "The Golden Rule." How about admiration? Charlie said that famous star, John Wayne; with Harriet's choices, Eleanor Roosevelt and Jacqueline Kennedy.

Wayne Westerman —

"The kids were reachable and I could guide them" — Wayne's three years with East Windsor's students

Wayne H. Westerman joined the local Lions Club because "I wanted to give back something to the town ... my civic duty," the New Britain native said.

He and his wife, Susan, who recently joined the Lions, have lived in town since 1968. They have two daughters, Kelley and Jennifer, both active in sports, high school and college.

Wayne and Susan met in college when they were both pursuing teaching degrees. But first, some background on Wayne, the son of the late Bill and Doris (Mount) Westerman. Wayne's father came from England at an early age, first to Canada, then to Connecticut. Wayne's mother was a native of New Britain.

Wayne graduated from New Britain High School, class of 1960. He played football, basketball and softball on the intramural level. Outside of classroom activity, he was involved in the YMCA (Junior Leader Corps) and his church chorus.

Did Wayne know what he wanted to do for a career? "Sure," he said, "I wanted to be a teacher." The following facts are Wayne's career path from college to the present: a year at Central Connecticut, then he took a year off, admitting, "I wanted to get away from home." He then went north to Gorham State Teachers College, now the University of Southern Maine in Portland.

Gorham was "the only school we could afford at the time"; he graduated in 1965. He had vacationed in Maine, liked it, decided that was the

other reason for attending Gorham. During his four years, he worked in the kitchen and sang with a folk music group, and was active in a fraternity. He received a degree in industrial technology (Bachelor of Science in teaching).

Wayne's first teaching position was in East Hampton, at the high school (grades 8-12) in industrial arts. After a year, moved on to East Windsor at the middle school, same teaching role, with two local prominent names as members of the staff, Principal Leo Dennis and Leo Bravakis, teacher and coach.

Wayne moved on to UConn for three years as educational assistant, then in February of 1972, joined Central Connecticut where today, "I do a lot of different things as associate director of media services (television and



The Westerman family.

Lions Tamer and Long-Time Teacher

graphic productions) and part-time adjunct professor in the Department of

As mentioned, Sue and Wayne met at Gorham, and soon after graduation were married on June 12, 1965. Their first few months of married life, was, as they recalled,

Hampshire." Wayne is a Red Sox fan, the Giants and Patriots in pro football, while Sue sticks with the Washington Redskins. And we couldn't forget, they are big fans of the UConn Basketball team.

When it comes to television, Sue is a big fan of "Friends" and "Mad About You," while Wayne sticks with "SeaQuest" and "X-Files." Sue is into arts and crafts, the garden, and when time permits, Florida is their vacation spot.

Memberships for Wayne, besides the Lions, include the Connecticut Educational Media Association and the Association for Educational Communication & Technology, and the educational fraternity Phi Delta Kappa.

Wayne joined the Lions Club in May of 1993, and was recently appointed to the role of Lion Tamer, with the additional duty of raffle chairman (1994 and 1995). He wanted "to give back something to the town and the Lions, I feel it was my civic duty." Sue just became a member of the "We Serve" organization.

When asked who they most admired, Wayne said, "My father, for his strength and character." With Sue, "My mother, for her independence." Did Wayne have a personal philosophy? "Be true to your beliefs and ideas." When asked for one word to describe Wayne, that was easy, she said "loyal."

That's the story of two busy, friendly folks in town. Welcome to "Wayne's World."

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Looking back, his years in the lower grades stand out, especially the three

years at East Windsor. "The kids were reachable and you could guide them."

Now for the other side of the teaching family: Susan (Whitney) Westerman, the daughter of Robert and Clara (Marshall) Whitney. Robert came from Massachusetts, Clara was a native of Maine. Sue has a brother, Stephen in New Hampshire, and a sister, Judith in nearby Higganum.

Sue was born in New York state. At an early age, however, the family moved to New Hampshire. She graduated from Nashua High School in 1961. A little history lesson: Sue's family tree, the Whitneys, go back to Eli Whitney, American inventor, best known for his cotton gin and perfecting the manufacture of interchangeable parts.

Her choice for college was Gorham, where she graduated in 1965, earning a bachelor of science degree in primary education. Her first teaching job was at East Hampton as the kindergarten teacher for a year. She then moved to the John Fitch School in Windsor, again as teacher in the kindergarten class. In 1969, she left teaching to have their first daughter. When asked her comments on teaching the younger set, she said, "I loved their freshness and newness."



"wild," having two weeks of a honeymoon, then jobs as counselors at a camp in Maine. They lived in East Hampton, just for a year, a short time in Windsor, and in 1968 settled down in Windsor Locks.

Sue and Wayne have two daughters, Kelley and Jennifer. Kelley attended Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, graduating in 1987. She is the swimmer in the family, was a part of Junior Olympics in Florida, was nationally ranked, and a former swim coach at Central Connecticut. In 1991, Kelley received a degree from the University of Pennsylvania in pre-med, and currently in graduate school at Central, studying child and family care, to be a physical therapist aide.

Jennifer is a grad of WLHS, class of 1992, where she was a cheerleader and played softball on the town team. She is now attending Eastern Connecticut State University, taking classes in pre-school/early childhood education.

Back to their active parents, hobbies? "More than one," Wayne said, "we have a garden, numerous houseplants (beautiful around their home), into photography, and deep-sea fishing, follow auto racing in Connecticut, North Carolina, and New

Kim Manning –

Kimberly Marie Manning has experience in singing, which began at the middle school, when she was in the sixth grade.

The WindsorLocks native has also experienced the role of president. Better known to her classmates as just Kim,

she was president of her junior class and is now the president of the high school's Class of 1996.

Like most individuals interviewed over the years (presidents and valedictorians of their class), Kim provided her various activities, awards,

hobbies, and what she likes doing in her spare time, "Singing and time with my friends."

Now for some family connections. Kim is the daughter of Sid and Eileen (Mullen) Manning, he of Manning Realty Inc. and a



Kim Manning

Student Leader

Kimberly Marie Manning has experience singing, and also as a leader. She is the president of the Class of 1996.

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- Meet the 1996 Class President

native of Windsor Locks. Mrs. Manning came from Manchester.

Kim has a brother, Chris, and a sister, Renee. Chris is a 1991 grad of the Raiders school, went on to Dean Junior College, and now works with his father in the family real estate business. Renee, a 1989 WLHS grad, attended Stonehill College and is now in her last year as a law student at Whittier College in Whittier, California.

Back to the class president. Kim has had her share of the working world. As a sophomore she worked at the New England Preschool Academy; one summer, she was an office assistant at a bank; and now after class she is a cashier/waitress at a local pizzeria. Yes, she is familiar with working and school activities, and being an honor student.

Kim enjoys reading and singing, and is an active member of the well-known Vocal Motion, under the direction of Cindy Latournes. Kim also enjoys watching sports on television, high school soccer and basketball games, and in the winter is into skiing and personal fitness/running.

When it comes to music, "classic rock and jazz"; she also likes action movies and her favorite foods, "fruit and veggies." She has shared vacation time with her family

in Florida, the Bahama Islands and Long Island beaches.

More on being president: she said, "Being involved (as president) you get to know and understand the students." Her fellow officers include Vice-President Jessica O'Brien, Treasurer Mark Dowd, and Secretary Tracy

involvement.

In addition, Kim has received the WLHS Leadership Award, participated in Girls State, was a United States Senate Youth Program Nominee and a member of the St. Mary's CYO.

A few of Kim's favorite things: favorite subject in school, English; in sports, personal fitness; and when asked for a favorite teacher, being a politician, she said all of her teachers are her favorites.

Her future plan is to major in public relations/communications; with a choice of college in the planning stage, with nothing final, looking at Syracuse, Stonehill, Marist and Ithaca College.

Admiration was for her parents, "They have always given me a strong work ethic, and stressed being your own person, a great influence on me to be involved in community and school activities." Kim's personal philosophy: "Being a leader, and you can accomplish anything you want, if you work at it."

That is the chronicle of this young lady, who certainly has shown leadership tendencies, a strong work ethic and active in school.

Did Kimberly Marie Manning have a favorite saying? Yes, "If you rise above the storms, you will find the sunshine."

Kim has had her share of sunny accomplishments.

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As for projects of her class, the magazine drive was a big success,

and they are all looking forward to the Senior Ball in May. At this time, the class is undecided as to what musical to stage next year.

Now for some of Kim's activities: member of the Student Council, president this year; Prom Committee chairperson; assisted at school blood drive; Yearbook Committee; Concert Choir; NCCC Chorus and a former graduation marshall. Kim was picked by the director of the Honors Choir, along with Jay Bernard, as the two students from WLHS to represent the school during the holiday season at Westfarms Mall, along with other high schools around the state; which means a \$500 scholarship to Kim and Jay, to be used towards musical

Al Rizzuto -

Albert Anthony Rizzuto— it has a definite ring. Rizzuto, didn't he play for the Yankees?

Well, before we begin the story of Al Rizzuto and his new bride, Diane, yes, Al is related to the popular former player and announcer, Phil "Scooter" Rizzuto.

Just to add another famous member to the family tree, Diane Dempsey Rizzuto is related to the famous boxing champ, Jack Dempsey.

Al is a native of Windsor Locks, the son of Albert and Carol (Shuska) Rizzuto, who were from Windsor. Al has two sisters, Rhonda of Windsor and Donna, who resides in Wethersfield.

Al grew up on Reed Avenue, was a Little Leaguer, and three-sport star with the local high school under Coach Dan Sullivan, where he was a member of the Class of 1985.

However, during his younger playing days, Al was quick to point out, "I was greatly influenced in sports by two men ... Mike Heneghan and Pete Ploszay."

Al did have kind words for Coach Sullivan. "He was always pushing players to try

harder." He also mentioned another coach, Bob Creech, who was one of his coaches when Al made the Little League All-Stars. At the Raider school, Al played baseball for two years, one year in soccer and three years on the court as a forward.

Did Al have any idea what to do as he left high school? No, he said, but his next stop was to attend Manchester Community College for two years to study

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economics. He then took a job in Windsor, but decided to work for the State of Connecticut as transportation engineer at the Department of Transportation in Rocky Hill. Before working for the state, Al went nights to Central Connecticut (and still does) to study construction management.

While at Manchester College, Al met his future bride, Diane. She is the daughter of

Neil and Carol (Sullivan) Dempsey. Mr. Dempsey spent more than 15 years in the Army, with career stops all over the USA, in addition to serving in Vietnam as an officer and helicopter pilot.

Diane has four brothers: Steve of Sandy Hook, David of Bethany, Craig who lives in New York state, and Michael who resides in Stratford.

Diane was originally from New Jersey, moved to Trumbull, where she first attended high school; but after another family move to South Windsor, she graduated from that town's school in 1985. She played softball and was a member of the track team, and was manager of the boys ice hockey team.

She then attended Manchester College for two years, and after a transfer to Assumption College in Worcester, Mass., earned a degree in psychology. Diane and Al were married on Oct. 7, 1995, and have resided in town since their honeymoon in Aruba.

The past eight years Diane has been employed by Signature Flight Support in East Granby, in human resources.

Diane has two hobbies, hiking and reading. As for Al, sports are his hobbies — basketball in the town league, and he said, "softball is my biggest hobby," mostly as a member of the local K. of C. team, which has been successful the past few years, making tournaments in Texas, Virginia and Mississippi. He reported that in 1996, "our team will host a tournament in nearby Vernon, with 64 teams from all over the USA."

Speaking of the K. of C., Al joined in 1990, and is currently, "going through the chairs," with his current

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position as "Outside Guard." Why did he join the Knights? "It's a close-knit organization, with projects good for the town, and a way to serve with a lot of my friends."

The Rizzuto name aside, Al is a big Red Sox fan and his favorite is Jose Canseco. Al is not much of a TV fan, unless "Cheers" is on.

The relationship to Phil Rizzuto: Al has a letter, written by his uncle, Philip F. Rizzuto Sr. of Windsor, dated last year,

to the "Scooter." He detailed how the family came from Calabria, Italy. Al's great-grandfather and the "Scooter's" father were brothers. Al's uncle was "proud his cousin was a New York Yankee player."

Al has his own remembrance of meeting the former player, in 1992 in Enfield. Al and the family attended the ceremonies at Cooperstown, N.Y., when the "Scooter" was inducted into the

baseball Hall-of-Fame in July of 1994.

When it came to special admiration, Al said, "My mother, who always taught us to be honest, work hard and strive to make your life happy." Al's philosophy: "In life, find someone to share your special moments, and to help reach your goals."

Al has found that special someone to share those moments. Al and Diane are working with goals in mind.



Diane and Al Rizzuto

Conroy Children Anxiously

"Don't get too bogged down... have fun" — Conroy family philosophy

There's Heather, Christopher, Shannon and Ryan Conroy, all patiently and anxiously waiting for Santa Claus.

Their parents, Mark and Colleen Conroy (you get the feeling a few Irish names were chosen) are both busy with their own work, but find quality time for their kids, because as Colleen said so eloquently, "Mark is a devoted family man."

Mark Christopher Conroy was from Windsor; however, his family moved to Windsor Locks when he started high school. Colleen Walsh Conroy, a local girl, is a grad of the WLHS, Class of 1980, with Mark graduating in 1978.

Mark is the son of the late Joseph and Helen (Ceraso) Conroy. Mr. Conroy was a U.S. Marine during World War II. Both he and Mrs. Conroy were natives of New York City, but most of their life was spent in Windsor.

Colleen is the daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Cushing) Walsh, both natives of Boston. Mr. Walsh was an active midget football coach several years ago, now retired from Pratt & Whitney. They make their home in Windsor Locks.

Colleen was active in high school, played softball and was a part of the class musical,

"Oklahoma," in 1980. She comes from a large family — her brothers, Michael, "Beaver," Dennis, Joseph, Danny, and two sisters, Maureen Schultiss and Kathleen Mendola. A brother, Kevin, had passed away.

Now for Mark's activity at

in September of 1989. He served in Texas and Florida, recalling "It was great duty in the sunshine state."

During the six years in the service, Mark married Colleen, when on leave, Sept. 9, 1983. The year before, he met his future bride, by way of introduction by her brother, Dennis Walsh. They honeymooned in Florida, and lived off base for five years until Mark was discharged. They returned to Windsor Locks and in 1992 moved to their current home.

The children of Colleen and Mark: the oldest, Heather and Christopher, were born in Florida, with Shannon and Ryan Connecticut natives. Heather Marie is 11, in the sixth grade at the Middle School. Her favorite subject is math; she enjoys playing softball and basketball, is a Girl Scout, attends dance classes, and when it comes to TV, likes "Boy Meets World."

Christopher Joseph is 8, in the third grade at South, into soccer, Little League, enjoys working on computers, and is also a big fan of the Cleveland Indians. For TV, it's "Rug Rats."

Shannon Margaret is 5, in

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the Raider School: football for two seasons, under Coach Pat

Sczela, as a tackle/kicker. He had played football in Windsor, and when he came to WLHS played against his old team, when the Raiders played Windsor. His real love for sports, even today, is golf. Mark was team captain of the golfers under Coach Fran Beaudry. Mark has a brother, John, who lives in Dallas, Texas, and a sister, Paula Desjardins of Windsor Locks.

After high school, Mark was undecided what to do. He went to Ohio to live with his brother for the next four years, where he attended community college (business), and became a Cleveland Indian and football Brown fan.

He did return to Connecticut but immediately joined the U.S. Air Force in May of 1983, with discharge

Waiting for Santa Claus



The Conroy family

the first grade at North, enjoys reading and drawing, the artist in the family, and also a fan of "Rug Rats" (not sure I ever heard of that show). And waiting in the wings, Ryan Patrick Conroy, just 2, but one

who is already hitting the ball around the house, probably a future golfer like his dad.

Mark has been a United Parcel Service driver since returning from the service in 1989. Elaborating on his job, in the familiar truck we see so often, "I have a different route every week, it's a challenging job." Colleen is also a driver, but a different type of delivery. The mother of four drives a local school bus, a job she started this past September through the efforts of another C&K couple, Morris and Cathy Simoneau, who are veterans in driving school children to their schools. Colleen's reaction: "It's great, I love it."

When it comes to hobbies, Mark was only 8 years old when his dad took him to the Copper Hill Golf Course in East Granby to learn the fundamentals of the game. Today, golf is his main hobby, but due to his heavy work schedule he hasn't had much chance to play. But Mark did get a chance to see one of the greats of golf play at a GHO,

the one and only Sam Snead. Mark was in the group as a caddy, remembering Sam as being "helpful and great to the other golfers."

Colleen is also into sports — bowling at Bradley Bowl, just for fun, she said. Vacations for the family are usually day trips. TV for the parents: that's easy, "ER" and "Home Improvement."

The family philosophy is "Don't get too bogged down, have fun." Mark was a place kicker in high school, and said, "Most admired, George Blanda, Hall of Fame place kicker of the Oakland Raiders."

Then the big question of the interview, what the Conroy children want from Santa: Heather, a bike; Christopher, some baseball cards (he's a collector); Shannon, a Barbie doll that dances; and for young Ryan, "Duzy Beads."

When it comes time on Christmas Eve for the children to retire, their dad, I'm sure, most fatherly, will give his favorite saying: "Go to bed." No problem that night.

Staley Family — - Anxiously

Danielle and Bill Staley just celebrated their 11th and 10th birthdays, respectively, and are now ready and waiting for the holidays and the anticipated gifts from Santa.

Their parents, Tom and Seham "Sam" Staley, with their busy lifestyles, are both from large families and come from different backgrounds.

Tom is the native son; while Seham, better known to her family and friends as just Sam, grew up in Wethersfield. Her parents, as teenagers, migrated from Palestine and are well-known in this area as owners of their family restaurant, the Second Poquonock Giant Grinder Shop.

Thomas James Staley, the son of William and Patricia (Driscoll) Staley, is one of eight children. William Staley was a Southern New England Telephone employee, originally from Ohio, and an Air Force veteran. Patricia, a native of Windsor Locks, has traveled the USA in their trailer, and will be home for the holidays.

His brothers are Walter of Springfield, Michael of Windsor, and John of Windsor Locks. His four sisters are Theresa of Windsor, Gail and

Denise of Windsor Locks, and Cathy of Suffield.

Tom graduated from the local high school in 1981, where he played freshman soccer, and was a member of the golf team, under coach Fran Beaudry. After leaving school, Tom admitted, he was not quite sure what he wanted

Seham (Saleh) Staley is the daughter of Adnan and Wedad Saleh, who make their home in Windsor, met, married, and settled down in Wethersfield to raise a large family.

They have eight children: Sam, Nowal and Amel of Windsor, Suehala and Lilia of

New York State, and three sons, Fared and Kamel of Windsor and Jafar of

Wethersfield.

Sam graduated from Windsor High School, class of 1983, where she was active in basketball, softball and was a member of a special choral group.

Sam's father, Adnan, worked for many years at Pratt & Whitney, and was a part of the family restaurant business.

The business, she said, "was started by my grandfather, father and all my uncles; when they opened the (original) Poquonock Giant Grinder Shop on Route 75, just over the bridge."

The Second Shop is on Old County Road and is operated by her uncle, Fazza.

Sam has had her share of jobs, too. She worked at Arby's in town, at the CVS in Dexter Plaza, and is currently employed at the new Webster Bank in Suffield, formerly the First Federal Bank. Of course, as a young girl, she worked in the family grinder shops after school.

Sam and Tom's oldest child; Danielle Jean Staley, a growing 11-year-old young

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to do so, he spent the first summer taking it easy. But, he spent the s e c o n d

summer, in far-off beautiful Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, working at the Old Faithful Inn.

He returned to Connecticut, worked in Bloomfield for a time, went to work for a friend in the construction field, drove a truck, and then for the past seven years, worked at the Sales Construction Co. of Windsor Locks; the family business of Frank Sr., Frank Jr., and Sam Sales.

Waiting for the Holidays

girl who is in the sixth grade at the Middle School, enjoys her science classes. She also is active on the sports scene with soccer, softball and basketball. In addition, she is a Girl Scout for Troop 571 and a member of the Power Company, the singing and dancing group. In October, she was "Student of the Month." And, when the TV is on, her favorite how is The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air.

William Thomas Staley, known as Bill, just turned 10-years-old. He's into midget football, soccer and baseball. Bill's favorite subject, as a fifth-grader at the South School, is math.

For the past three years, Tom has been an enthusiastic Harley-Davidson rider, and has made the well-known Toy Run for two years, collecting toys for needy kids in the Hartford/East Hartford area. In local sports, Tom played for 11 years in the indoor hockey league.

He and Sam take a big interest in the children's activities. Sam said her hobby is "watching the kids," and when she gets the chance she might just singing in the shower or around the house, something she started when she was in high school. Sam has also been active in the Parent Teacher Organization at the South and Middle schools.

Trips to Florida and camping out have become the family vacation stops. The Staleys are Hartford Whaler fans, but Tom sticks with the Boston Bruins as his favorite. He has a favorite saying, "Retirement (is) too far away."



The Staley family

And to make up for this, Sam was gracious enough to say that her husband was "fun."

For Christmas, Bill would like a bike, a Diamondback Viper, and some street hockey equipment. As for Danielle, she also wants a bike, a mountain bike, and maybe, some jewelry. It's all up to

Santa.

Rudyard Kipling wrote, "East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet."

Tom and Sam met, married and are enjoying life to the fullest with their two children.

So much for Mr. Kipling.

DECEMBER 22, 1995

The Kids Are Coming Home

Get a bigger tree! Get a bigger turkey! Don't mail the gifts! Get more soda! Fix the beds upstairs!

Break out the champagne! Deck the banister with holly ... why?

Because the grandchildren are coming home to Windsor Locks from Tennessee for Christmas, to Grandma Rit's house. And she will be ready.

The Creech kids: Kevin, Lindsey and the youngest, Brittany, with her birthday on the 28th of December (she'll be six), just to complete their visit from the land of sweet talk, grits, biscuits with gravy, not far from Nashville, center of

country music and the famed Grand Old Opry.

The Creech family moved

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to the volunteer state at the beginning of summer and said, as we said our goodbyes, "We'll be home for Christmas!"

And what better Christmas present for Papa and Grandma Rit!

The children's parents, Bob and Patti Creech, WLHS 1971, left their home state and are

doing just fine, but sure wanted to come home for the holidays. Bob, you remember him, one of the 1965 Little League World Champs — this proud father-in-law never misses the chance to remind everyone.

Kevin is doing great at the Columbia Academy, that's where they live, Columbia, Tennessee. Lindsey is already with honors and president of the 4-H Club. Brittany loves kindergarten. Their dad works in Lawrenceburg at the Murray Company.

They will also visit their other grandma, Carol Creech, and great-grandmother, Helen Bethke, formerly of Killingworth, Conn. and now

to Grandma's for Christmas

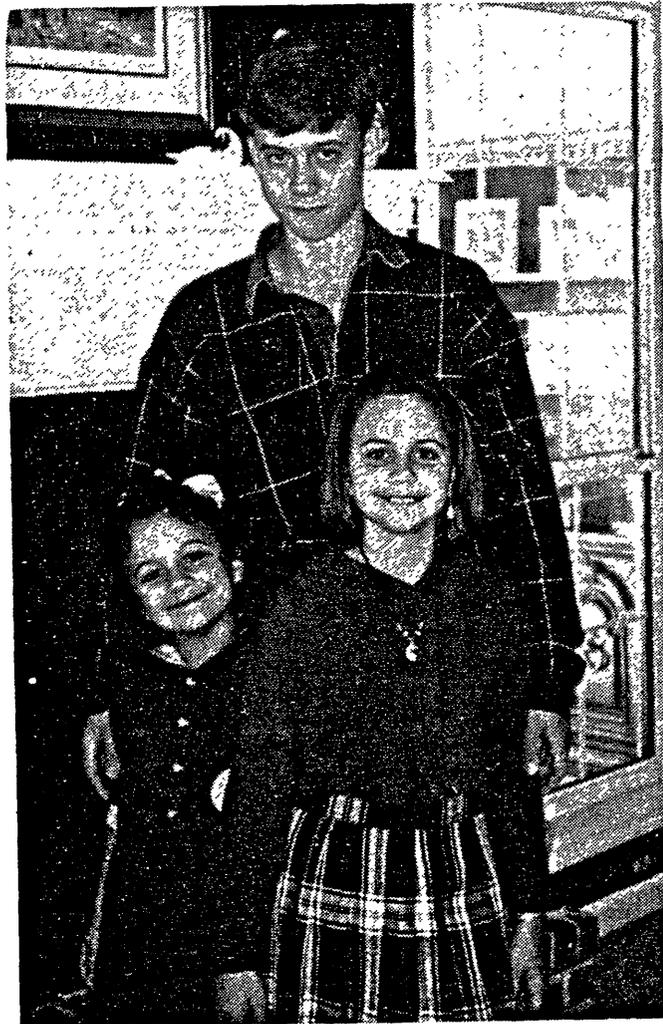
resident of Southwest Apartments.

Back to the kids — home for the holidays, what better way to spend this time of the season, with family sharing the Christmas spirit.

The Creech family may have to get used to some snow, in Tennessee, they may get some frost, but snow is for the north.

And Grandma Rit ...
"Never worry about the size of your Christmas tree, in the eyes of children, they are all 30 feet tall."

Just wanted to let everyone know the kids are coming home. Oh yes, before I forget — Merry Christmas to all!



Brittany, Kevin and Lindsey Creech

Jack Looks into His Crystal Ball for 1996

Repeating a few words of wisdom: "An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year—

a pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves."

The following is what some local folks may dream of or deserve in the new year, just around the corner; and if you are counting, just four years to the year 2000 and a new millennium!

Tom O'Brien — local maestro in the world of magic.

Bill Elrick — victories for the Raiders, from the "Voice of the Raiders."

Shirley Horan — always keep up the smiles at the Senior Center.

Ed Ferrari — still one of the best public relations guys for this town.

Claire Howard — keep entertainment alive in 1996.

Paul Mona — waiting for those Cuban cigars in 1996.

Alice and Bob Oliva — teachers of the year any year.

Mickey Danyluk — much success in your new career.

Steven Fay — a new year for this young man and hopes for a career as scientist.

Graham Kerick — another young man, with hopes for a career with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Steve Molinari — personifies the Lions motto, "We Serve."

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Russ Gabrielson — a man with many hats, still a "country boy" at heart, and just being himself.

Charlie and Harriet Ryan — continued good sailing in 1996.

Charlie Franklin — successful year for the Knights of Columbus.

Vancour Family — everyone keep up those daily chores.

Mary Glista — speaking of daily, keep up those four mile walks.

Simoneau Family — school bus drivers are a great group.

John Lee — always number one in the ballot box.

Donut Kettle — still the best blueberry pancakes in town.

Vic Puia — the town benefits from your good deeds.

Dave Farr/Ed Brazalovich — I feel just as bad, but the

Yankees may come back, you hope.

Will Gould/Mark Glantz — good neighbors for any year.

John Duffy — successful year for the new fire chief at Bradley.

Sue Barsanti — keep those smiling hellos at the town hall.

Duke Marotta — can you wait for the first day of golf?

Fran Cook — his singing group makes other folks happy.

Betty Ann Reilly — another good year at the Senior Center.

Paul Seaha — you should be proud, Seaha still a good name in local politics.

Carl and Carol Schiessl — to stay the number one fan for UConn basketball, men and women.

A few gems for the new year:

- "Man is a creature of hope and invention, both of which belie the idea that things cannot be changed."

- "Kindness is more important than wisdom, and the recognition of this is the beginning of wisdom."

- "We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."

Happy New Year!