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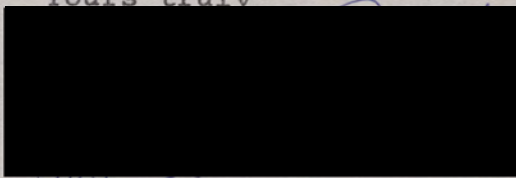
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Bear C-Span:

I enjoy watching your program  
also get an idea of the feelings of  
the people in our country.

I'm enclosing a letter to the  
editor of our paper, which expresses  
my feeling with our educational  
problems.

Yours truly



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procedures, saying they would unnecessarily impede authority members. He said the authority should be able to negotiate contracts for jobs as needs arose rather than advertise and await responses.

"I firmly believe that it is a mistake for the bureaucracy that it creates. A bureaucracy creates a burden. That costs money; it doesn't save money," Gengras said.

The procedures have been given to Richard Goldstein, the authority's legal counsel, for further refinements and then will be the subject of public comments within the next two months. The authority may then

## Jury deliberat in attorney's a

A Hartford Superior Court jury continued deliberations Thursday for the third day in the trial of Hartford attorney Joseph A. Moniz.

Moniz has been charged with driving while intoxicated, interfering with a police officer and assault on a police officer, stemming from his Dec. 17, 1988, arrest. If Moniz is convicted of the last charge, a felony, his law license could be threatened.

The defense is concerned because one juror told a clerk for Judge Thomas Parker that he wants to finish today because he planned to go on vacation Monday. Parker refused to replace the juror with an alternate, as Moniz's attorney, Hubert Santos, suggested.

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## Merchant acc out-of-state lo

A Milford lottery agent was charged Thursday with illegally selling Florida lottery tickets, marking the first time the state's gambling regulators have enforced a new law banning out-of-state ticket sales.

Although federal law has long banned the sale of out-of-state lottery tickets, there was no state law banning the practice until last Au

■ Declining U.S. industrial strength poses a clear danger to the nation's future. Causes are easy enough to identify; remedies are not yet in sight. And the nation's citizens and the political establishment are not fully awake to the peril.

Reveille was sounded by the "Help Wanted: Education Required" series in The Courant. In stark, clear terms, the project organizers and sponsors presented the troubling and contradictory issues, encouraging debate by a larger audience.

The focus of the series was on the formal public educational system and its relationship to the health of the nation's economy. An educated work force is essential to a flourishing economy. No one would argue with that idea. Also there is no argument that both are in distress.

Going after education as a major culprit is a valid starting point. But be aware that the average student is in class about 6½ hours a day, five days a week, 180 days a year — about one-fifth of his or her waking hours in a year. The remaining four-fifths of the time is spent in the informal educational system, where the "educators" have more time to teach, have more money to spend, have more persuasive techniques and who are not accountable.

Thus, to expect that our industrial-health problems will be solved by revamping public education is unrealistic. This is a societal problem of which formal education is an important part. Solutions will come after public perception of the problem, resolution of conflicts, commitment of money and time, and a willingness to change lifestyles, if necessary. We have a social cancer that is eating away at the American dream.

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