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Bank participation needed in foreign debt crisis

By Mary Tobin
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NEW YORK — The heated anti-banker rhetoric in Congress over the \$2.4 billion increase in IMF commitments could result in legislation to "cure" banks of excessive lending that is worse than the ailment that prompted it.

The foreign debt crisis is, of course, the focus of opponents of the International Monetary Fund increase which they are calling a "bailout" for banks on imprudent loans made to foreign countries.

No one argues that banks were always prudent in pursuit of these loans.

But one firm that specializes in following banks believes conditions attached to both the Senate and House versions of the IMF increase are "untenable to frightening."

In the matter of lending to foreign countries, one can only conclude that Congress has an unerring ability to take a bad situation and make it worse," said

Donald Crowley, senior vice president Keefe Bruyette & Woods, in a study titled "Congress and the International Debt Problem."

"Just at a time when your typical banker wishes he'd never heard of foreign loans, let alone booked them, Congress wants to discourage foreign lending," Crowley said.

The banking system is a conduit for what is occurring, for better or worse, in the general economy. James McDermott, another Keefe senior vice president, said in a telephone interview.

"It is essential that the world economy emerge successfully from the current crisis and that requires continuing participation by the banks."

Banks have been lending roughly \$4 to developing countries for every \$1 supplied by the IMF. If anything, McDermott said, Congress should encourage private banks to continue this lending to distressed countries.

Since international finance and international trade are two sides of the same coin, it is clear that one

cannot exist without the other, he said. "It is within this context that Congressional opposition to IMF support appears so absurd and potentially damaging."

Too severe penalties for foreign lending could boomarang if reflected on banks' domestic growth and profit potential. A proposed increase in reserves that cuts into the bottom line also could dampen lending at home.

The new House version of the IMF bill seeks to restrict banks in their foreign lending and gives the government veto power over any IMF loans that are made primarily to pay off "imprudent" bank loans.

The Senate version already passed is a compromise developed by regulatory agencies largely to defuse Congressional hostility. It includes provisions for strengthening country risk examination and evaluation; increasing disclosure of bank exposure to countries; provision of special reserves against debt service problems; and the accounting treatment of fees on foreign loans.

Bankers have said they "can live with" the Senate version, but find the House bill untenable. The Keefe study says the House bill is "frightening," but wonders if both versions represent a "political trade-off that bankers, and indeed the nation, will live to regret."

To be sure, the problem of the Latin American debt load weighs heavily on the global financial markets," the study said. "But responsible parties seem to understand that it's in everyone's best interests to reach an accommodation that most satisfactorily solves the dilemma."

McDermott argues that regulatory authorities already have enough powers to monitor and control foreign bank lending.

"Bankers don't make loans they think will not be repaid," he said, but they do analyze risks and rewards. "Regulators look only at risks, therefore their judgments almost assuredly will be unbalanced and excessively restrictive."

Insurers, consumers seek tough standards for bumper control

By Myrlam Marquez
United Press International

WASHINGTON — Weaker bumpers on new Hondas, Volkswagens and most Chrysler and Volkswagen cars have spurred more than just an increase in fender benders.

The bumpers, built to withstand shocks at 2.5 mph, have outraged consumer groups, insurance companies and some members of Congress since the Department of Transportation approved the standard last year.

The new standard was part of the Reagan administration's relief package for the automobile industry.

"It will all end up with higher rates to motorists," said Jerry Parsons, a State Farm insurance spokesman.

Critics say the bumpers allow low-speed crashes to cause more damage to cars than the previous 5 mph federal standard.

Insurance companies say a dramatic rise has occurred in the number of claims filed by owners of cars with lighter bumpers.

"Congress has been struggling with the issue, some groups are using the Department of Transportation, including a consumer advocacy group, the Center For Automobile Safety and State Farm and Allstate insurance companies. The latter two claim the government studies used to change the standard were wrong."

"This is one time you'll find insurance companies and consumer groups on the same side," said Clarence Ditlow, the center's executive director.

BOTH THE CONSUMER group and the insurance company cases are expected to come before the court by September.

Some motorists have taken their cases directly to small claims courts around the country.

On Capitol Hill, Sen. John C. Danforth, R-Mo., is sponsoring an omnibus bill that reinstates the 5 mph standard. It is expected to be approved by the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee. Its chairman, Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., is sponsoring the measure, along with Sens. Clibborn Pell, D-R.I., and Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah.

"Consumers are not getting what they want from the weaker bumper now allowed on 1983 cars," Danforth said. "What they are getting is less for a more and higher repair bills, not a lower sticker price or higher gasoline mileage."

Collision claims for Honda Accord and Civic rose 13 percent and 14 percent respectively from last year's figures, according to a preliminary report released earlier this month by the Highway Loss Data Institute. Last year's models met the old federal requirement for bumpers that could withstand a 5 mph crash without

Instead of new cars, new parts

By Micheline Movnard
United Press International

DETROIT — Auto owners in the year 2000 won't be shopping for new cars — they'll just choose new parts for their old models which should last nearly twice as long as they do now.

That's the prediction of industrial consultant Marvin Cetron, whose presentation on the "Automotive of the Future" stirred up some controversy at the recent Automotive News World Congress.

Auto companies are building cars better than before the recent slump, Cetron said. In fact, they're building them so well that by the year 2000 autos will last an average 22 years instead of the current 12 years.

No longer will a car owner make a trip to a dealer for a new model when rust appears on the body and the motor starts to chug abnormally.

"All you'll do is take off the old bumper and put on a new one and drive away. You'll update your car about every three years. One year you'll change the interior, the next you'll change the engine and another year you'll take care of the rest of the car," Cetron said.

"That means the biggest sellers of cars

in the United States won't be the Big Three automakers — they'll be Hertz and Avis. You won't be buying cars from auto dealers — you'll be buying second-hand from the flets."

The cars that will be appearing on American roads by the year 2000 typically will be four passenger vehicles made of plastic compounds and will weigh less than 1,000 pounds.

Advances will be made in basic areas like batteries, which will be disposable and cost only about \$10 to \$15. As cars get lighter, Cetron warned, companies will have to concentrate more on safety measures.

"You're going to have to watch it because of trucks — they're getting bigger and heavier. And when you get hit with a great big truck in one of those little plastic cars, it's called Squish City," Cetron told his laughing audience.

The group of auto executives and researchers wrapped up a meeting, however, when the consultant criticized the industry's lack of emphasis on research and development.

Ford Motor Co. Chairman Philip Caldwell had opened the congress by praising what he said were the automak-

ers' huge investments in R&D.

Cetron, however, said the auto industry's commitment to R&D ranks far behind the money spent in areas such as aerospace, electronics, pharmaceuticals, chemicals and robotics.

Robotics is one area American industry is too concerned about, said Cetron. This country does not have the same situation with its future workforce that Japan will face.

"By 1990, one out of every five Japanese will be over age 60. That's why they need robotics — to keep up the productivity," Cetron said. "But if one country goes robotics, they all have to go robotics."

"You're going to have a major problem with business in America is that 'we have people in major positions who come from the Harvard Business School' and feel a firm's first priority is to make money."

Cetron urged companies to get away from worrying only about their bottom line and become concerned about the quality education in the United States. Cetron said firms do not fund R&D, do not fund training and do not fund education.

"We're moving to a high technology society and our kids can't even spell it," mourned the industry consultant.

White collar productivity vital to a business' profitability

By LeRoy Pope
UPI Business Writer

NEW YORK — Improved training of white collar workers is key to success in modern American business, says William Sandy of Southfield, Mich., who has built himself a big business doing just that.

"Money spent on training white collar workers is the best leveraged investment a company can make," Sandy said. "Since 70 to 80 percent of every company's expenditures are in payroll, improving the productivity of the workers through training pays off handsomely."

As a rule, he said, investment in training results in more leverage than investment in machinery. "There really are only three ways a company can expand its business: through new products and processes, by advertising and promotion and by improved productivity through training." He said the first two of these cost a fortune compared to the cost of training.

"White collar training is the new frontier," Sandy told United Press International. "Blue collar training in America always has been good. The unions' apprentice system and the discipline imposed by the assembly line assured that, but much white collar training has been neglected or hit-or-miss."

He said the video display terminal and other electronic office machines are imposing some of the discipline on office workers that the apprentice system and the assembly line imposed on blue collar workers.

"But there's still a lot to be done," he added. "Many of our businesses have no history of efficient white collar training. Industries that only recently have been subjected to severe competition are likely to have neglected training of white collar workers. Their managements tend to panic when they are first confronted with the problem. They look for shortcuts but finally have to face up to the need for intensive worker training."

Sandy organized his training firm, Sandy Corp., in 1971. He had spent 20 years earlier from Baltimore to join the Jam Handy Organization which makes commercial and industrial films, many of them training films.

When he left Handy he took \$8 people with him, but Jam Handy, founder of Jam Handy, was not dismayed. He even put some money into Sandy's business because he thought Sandy's ideas about better training methods would satisfy a great need.

"Our business is 98 percent professional skill, wide knowledge of the technological

needs of various businesses and of how to train workers to fulfill them," he said. "The other 2 percent is inspiration, perhaps you could call it magic."

Most of the activity of Sandy Corp. boils down to communication in one form or another — brochures, lectures, slides, film strips or what have you. But Sandy says he has discovered in the videotape the most comprehensive and flexible of all training tools.

He says his firm has produced about 150 videodisc programs in the last year. General Motors set up 3,000 videodisc training centers around the country.

"The videodisc is a videodisc player give you a two-way audio-visual training system with stop-and-go retrieval and dialogue between teacher and worker that no other medium can provide," he said. He also admires the videodisc because it is the sum of so many different engineering achievements in electronics and optics, including the laser.

But gadgets, no matter how sophisticated and efficient, don't mean nearly as much to Bill Sandy as people. One of his company's newest jobs is for a large restaurant chain. The assignment — teaching waitresses and other service employees how to deal with customers face to face. No gadgets needed for this.

In the computer age

Assembly lines need flexibility

By LeRoy Pope
UPI Business Writer

NEW YORK — Like Gutenberg's movable printing type, the revolutionary design of Henry Ford's single-purpose mass production assembly line has run its course, says a team of management consultants.

Both Gutenberg and Ford ushered in revolutions that changed the world drastically. Gutenberg's invention lasted for 500 years. It took the electronic computer to push movable type out of the world printing.

It is the computer also that has made Ford's one-purpose assembly line obsolete after only about 75 years, says Harry Thompson, Joseph Romano and Michael Farris of A. T. Kearney, Inc., a large national consulting firm.

They concede things will continue to be made in large quantities by assembly line methods but they say that from now on factories can't be run as they once were. The stark principles Ford forced on all manufacturers with his famous Model T car. Products turned out that way today simply can't compete, the Kearney people say.

Assembly lines and, more importantly, the management policies that control them, will have to be extremely flexible from now on. A plant that makes refrigerators may have to change overnight making bicycles if it is to stay in business.

THE KEARNEY TEAM believes not many American company managements yet realize what is happening nor comprehend the long range implications and opportunities of high technology and changing world markets.

They do not believe American technology is lagging significantly but that American management is lagging and often still is moving in the wrong direction.

For example, Thompson said he and his colleagues have grave doubts of the wisdom of Detroit's talk about a single car model for an international consortium for a global market. The thinking should be the other way, he said, about a single assembly line turning out cars with different gearing for different terrain, different finishes for different climates and sizes to suit varied needs and enormous variations in fuel costs around the world.

"The big thing that has not been grasped by many management people," he said, "is that you no longer have to trade off cost effectiveness for speed and flexibility. Using the computer properly avoids that."

HE SAID THE prime reasons why American business is being slow to take advantage of the new opportunities are: executives fail to take into account the risk of not making the required investments and bold management decisions.

rigidity and stagnation.

Too many administrative executives, look on actual manufacturing as just a nuisance even though that's where the money comes from.

Too many executives regard the new technology as just new ways to cut costs; they don't see it for what it is, the opening of the gates to vast new strategic opportunities.

Too many executives cling to short-term bottom-line thinking and refuse to face up to the long-term benefits of the new technology. Many good programs take 10 years or more to carry through properly.

Management fails to realize how quickly new competition can appear, either at home or abroad.

There is a tendency to believe a company can "let others plow the ground and make the mistakes" before it takes the plunge itself. Thompson says this attitude may wreck many companies.

Because the new technology involves big investments, those executives who believe strongly in the "discounted cash flow theory" fail to take into account the risk of not making the necessary investments. Lethargy or ignorance causes others executives to fail to take into account the risk of not making the required investments and bold management decisions.

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Firefighters were winners

Melissa Cox, right, and her mother, Mary Cox, root for uncle William Cox of the Manchester Police Department in Tuesday's softball game between the town fire and police departments. The firefighters took it in a 10-6 upset. Police officer Al Young, below left, helps teammate Gary Benson mark a base. Deputy Fire Chief Robert Bycholski, below right, relaxes between innings with his friend, Joy Sadrozinski.



Herald photos by Tarquinio



Zinsser disputes Democrats

No state OK yet for Union bridge

State Sen. Carl A. Zinsser, R-Manchester, said this morning he thinks it should be made clear that actual contracts for reconstructing the Union Street Bridge have not yet received state approval.

Zinsser said there is a good possibility that redesigning the bridge will be approved by the state and that he hopes it will be. But, he points out, recent statements by Democrats may have been interpreted to mean the bridge reconstruction is firmly in place.

He stressed again Tuesday that he thinks the bridge — reported to be in poor condition in 1978 — would have remained open if the Mianus Bridge in Greenwich had not collapsed earlier this spring.

Zinsser said he also thinks the

other bridges in Manchester that were mentioned in the 1978 report as being in disrepair should have necessary work performed.

According to a state Department of Transportation spokesman, the town recently received permission to advertise for a consultant to do preliminary design work for a new bridge.

The spokesman said that after Manchester receives proposals from consultants, which will take until about October, the town and the consultant will negotiate a contract, which must in turn be approved by the DOT for the town to be re-imposed.

Federal project approval is needed before work can begin, he said.

The spokesman said Manchester will not be reimbursed for any advertising and administrative

Thousands of Libyans attack Chad

By Charles Mitchell
United Press International

NDJAMENA, Chad — Thousands of Libyan troops, backed by tanks and warplanes, today attacked government troops holed up in the northern oasis town of Faya-Largeau, Chad's information minister said.

In Paris, rebel spokesmen said Faya-Largeau fell in the assault and the town was "100 percent" under control of ex-President Goukouni Weddeye and his rebel forces. The claim could not immediately be verified.

The assault came as 100 crack French paratroopers arrived in the central African country to bolster the government of Hissene Habre, but Information Minister Soumaila Mahamat said it was "too little, too late" to save Faya-Largeau.

"Two columns and mercenaries, totaling 3,000 men and backed by tanks and air cover, attacked Faya-Largeau from the West and has already shipped anti-aircraft weapons and other military material to add to \$45 million worth of equipment sent by France."

troops and tanks were massing inside Chad and that a column of some 2,000 Libyan troops was advancing on Faya-Largeau, which was bombed again Tuesday.

"The game is over in Faya-Largeau," one Western diplomat said, adding that the town had been almost completely leveled by saturation bombing.

Diplomatic sources said up to 2,000 government troops were trapped at Faya-Largeau, their escape route virtually cut off by rebel and Libyan forces.

Libya denies its troops or aircraft are actively operating in Chad. It instead called at the United Nations Tuesday for the Security Council to consider a "breakdown of international security" threatened by "American provocative actions against Libya and in Africa."

Outside Ndjamena, against Libyan military transport planes landed Tuesday at the military airport with the latest installment of a \$35 million package. The United States has already shipped anti-aircraft weapons and other military material to add to \$45 million worth of equipment sent by France.

Negotiators depending on phones

By Frank T. Conogno
United Press International

Negotiators for striking Bell System workers and the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. were depending on the telephone today for informal contacts aimed at ending the 4-day-old walkout of operators and service technicians.

Their reliance on the telephone company, Francine Zucker, a spokeswoman for the striking 675,000 Communications Workers of America, said Tuesday night. "We're still miles apart."

Top officials of the CWA and AT&T met in Washington Tuesday for the first time since the strike began Sunday. No progress was reported toward ending the dispute that slowed operator-assisted calls and delayed installations.

No formal negotiating sessions were scheduled, but informal contacts by telephone between the two sides continued.

"At least they're talking, that's the important thing," said AT&T spokesman Charles Dynes. "I just don't think this is going to last very long."

The 50,000-member Telecommunications International Union said its president, John Shaugnessy, was returning to Washington today from informal talks in Connecticut for union talks with AT&T officials.

"He is confident that formal negotiations will resume in the very near future," said union spokeswoman Victoria Lynn DeFrank.

The Lybian assault came as the first contingent of French paratroopers arrived in Ndjamena to advise the beleaguered army of President Hissene Habre.

Diplomats said France was expected to increase the number of troops to 250 and in Paris reports said the government was considering sending in a total of 400 troops to bail out Habre.

In a desperate bid to ship resources to the entrapped troops, an airlift of French and American military supplies was ordered from an American Starliner C-140 arrived with new loads of equipment.

Pentagon spokesmen said two AWACS reconnaissance planes sent to Sudan last week may also be sent in to Chad.

The French and U.S. aid and reported reinforcing of Zairean troops already in Chad would strengthen Habre's hand. Western diplomats in Ndjamena feared it was already too late to save Faya-Largeau from rebels led by former Chadian President Goukouni Weddeye.

Goukouni took the town 500 miles north of Ndjamena June 24 at the start of his offensive to topple Habre. Government forces recaptured the sprawling oasis 11 days ago but claimed they immediately were bombed by Libyan planes.

Western diplomats said Libyan



New branch to open

Kal London (L) president of Connecticut Travel Services, and Madeline Lichter, general manager of the new Bloomfield office, pose for a picture as CTS prepares to open its third location in early fall in Bloomfield in the Wintonbury Mall. CTS's Manchester Office is located in D & L Stores, Manchester Parkade.

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The Manchester Herald today contains a sampling program to bring copies of the newspaper to non-subscribers in Manchester.

UConn shark costly

STORRS (UPI) — The donation of a great white shark to the University of Connecticut may wind up costing the school thousands of dollars to reconstruct a life-size model for display.

"I can't predict the ultimate cost of the shark, but it certainly won't be a free gift," Carl Rettenmeier, director of UConn's new Museum of Natural History said Tuesday.

Rettenmeier said he doesn't know where the money will come from.

He estimated the total cost to prepare an exhibit of the 14½-foot shark harpooned and shot last weekend off Block Island, R.I. at \$6,000 to \$8,000.

"A lot of that (cost) is a very serious problem right now. We don't know where we're going to get the money," he said.

Ernie Celotto and Greg DuBrule, the two fishermen who killed the 2,775-pound shark, donated the shark to UConn for scientific research.

The carcass was placed in a refrigerated truck parked near the Mystic Maritime Aquarium, then moved Tuesday to Rhode Island for dissection and burial at the National Marine Fisheries Service in Rhode Island.

A fiberglass mold, which gave UConn officials a more precise measurement of the shark's size than the figures used earlier this week, was made Tuesday morning by a crew from Fish Unlimited, a taxidermy company.

The mold was then transported by truck to the firm's headquarters in Babylon, N.Y.

"Ultimately, we hope to have a model of the shark, life-size, of course," Rettenmeier said. "As far as we can determine, there is no great white shark on exhibit in any museum in the United States."

"It's sort of like building a boat in your basement," Rettenmeier said, "only we've got the reverse problem."



Coast Guardsmen in power raft move in to examine whale carcass that washed up on the rocks in Newport Harbor Tuesday. The carcass, which officials believe is responsible for the many sharks showing up in the area, was towed out to sea.

Rhode Island shark scare ends as dead whale towed

NEWPORT, R.I. (UPI) — Off-shore activities in Rhode Island Sound have returned to normal after the Coast Guard rid the area of a whale carcass that caused a weekend shark scare — fueled by the capture of a 2,800-pound great white.

Reports of sharks, including great whites, feeding on the carcass prompted the Coast Guard to warn off scuba divers all weekend and post a navigational hazard warning.

A 16½-foot great white was killed and at least two fishermen reported spotting a 25-foot one during the past two weeks — the latest sighting Sunday near the dead whale. There were also reports of great whites ramming two boats over the weekend.

The rank-smelling whale carcass was towed out to sea after it washed ashore early Tuesday on rocks off Fort Adams at the southern tip of Newport. It was floating past the Coast Guard station at Castle Hill shortly before it became snagged on the rocks of Fort Adams.

The carcass had been floating more than a week in the current that runs between Block Island and Buzzard Bay. Heavy fog Monday prevented the Coast Guard from charting the whale's position.

By the time it washed ashore, the carcass was badly decomposed and mostly devoured, said spokesman Thomas Priest of the Castle Hill Coast Guard.

"In one report we had from another unit, they smelled it 3½ miles away," Priest said. "The presence of the whale set off a food chain reaction that resulted in frenzied fishing activity, as sport and commercial fishermen angled for the sharks feeding off the carcass."

Fishing activity was bolstered by the catch Friday of the great white, said to be the largest ever caught in North Atlantic waters, and the sighting of the 25-footer Sunday.

It was the second time in two weeks a 25-foot great white was spotted by a Rhode Island fisherman.

Earlier, Charles Donlon, a charter boat fishing captain out of Galilee, reported a great white stayed with his boat for about 15 minutes while he was shark fishing about 25 miles south of Point Judith.

Despite the two sightings, a local shark expert said there is no cause for swimmers to be alarmed.

lack of trying. The luncheon with HISPANIC leaders Tuesday was his second in less than a week. And as Reagan kept up the pace of the administration overtures at the White House, Vice President George Bush was in Texas, telling organizers of a nationwide Hispanic voter registration drive that the GOP is the party of opportunity.

Friday, Reagan plunges into more than three weeks of campaign-style activity with an accent on Hispanic affairs.

Reagan first files to Tampa, Fla., to address the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, having recently courted Tampa Mayor Bob Martinez at the White House and named another prominent Hispanic mayor, Henry Cisneros of San Antonio, Texas, to his blue-ribbon commission on Central America.

It will be Reagan's fourth visit to Florida this year. From Tampa, he makes his fourth trip of the year to Texas to address the American GI Forum in El Paso.

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Ruling may mean savings on gas

By Barbara Rosewitz United Press International

WASHINGTON — Consumers may save hundreds of millions of dollars on their natural gas bills and receive close to \$1 billion in refunds under a court ruling throwing out a price-setting mechanism in use since 1974.

The 3-0 ruling Tuesday by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington could save natural gas users up to \$300 million a year, said Frederick Moring, a lawyer for a group of gas distribution companies.

In addition, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission said another \$500 million may have to be refunded to those who have been paying about 2 percent higher rates since the new pricing rule was imposed 4½ years ago.

The court threw out a new measurement approach by FERC that in December 1978 began changing the way gas volumes are measured at the wellhead for price-setting purposes.

The agency's new measurement system gives a more accurate — and generally higher — reading of the fuel's energy content as it flows through the pipeline, as measured in British thermal units, or Btu's.

But because gas prices are now based on Btu's, the new system also tended to inflate rates an average of 2 percent over rates under the old measurement system.

In rejecting the energy agency's method, the court said the appeals court found FERC changed gas pricing in a substantially different way than Congress had intended in a 1974 law.

"Although one of the purposes of the act was to increase the financial incentives for producing various types of new gas," Judge Abner Mikva wrote for the court, "Congress did not intend for the commission to raise the effective wellhead price of gas as much as possible."

"However more appealing the (new) dry rule may be to the commission's sense of scientific aesthetics and accuracy, it is not for the commission to 'improve' the statutory design chosen by Congress," Mikva said.

FERC has not yet decided whether it will appeal, said public affairs director Rachelle Patterson. The agency had no further comment.

FERC's 1978 rule took the place of a method widely accepted for measuring heat-producing potential of gas. Under the old measurement, called the "wet rule," a standard amount of water vapor was allowed in all test batches of gas, thus reducing the energy content of the fuel and its price.

The new rule, adopted by the energy agency after Congress passed the 1978 gas act, shifted to a more precise measurement of the energy content of gas by sampling it as it is actually delivered for sale. Under the new method, known as the "dry rule," gas generally showed a lower water vapor content and earned a higher energy content rating and a higher price.

The dry rule was challenged by natural gas pipeline and distribution companies. FERC, plus 23 energy producing companies that stood to collect higher prices under the dry rule, argued in defense of the measure.

Moring, who represents the Associated Gas Distributors, said not all gas producers have been collecting the higher rates since 1978 because of contracts that continued to call for the old method of measuring energy content and setting prices.

Driver had diapers and whip cream

BEL AIR, Md. (UPI) — A statewide police bulletin was issued for a man "wearing a diaper and driving a car with a large number of cans of whipped cream in the back seat."

The police said the man, dressed in a disposable diaper and T-shirt, startled a convenience store worker in York Township, Pa., Tuesday when he asked for a can of whipped cream. Police said the man filled a hose with the whipped cream and left.

He was seen driving into Maryland, where state police issued the bulletin.

York police said the incident marked the second or third time this year that diapered men had appeared.

"We got a lot of weirdos in this world," said York policeman Edward Sobotka.

He said the man may be charged with disorderly conduct and openness if apprehended.

U.S./World In Brief

U.S.-Egypt maneuvers set

CAIRO, Egypt — The "Bright Stars" military exercises involving U.S. and Egyptian forces, scheduled to begin today, are under a news blackout amid Cairo's increasing concern about the fighting in neighboring Chad.

Although the maneuvers were designed to run for one month, U.S. military officials said the actual war games involving forces from both nations will not begin until later this month and then run for only 10 days.

Unlike previous "Bright Star" maneuvers in 1980 and 1981, Egyptian officials, sensitive to criticism from other Arab states, imposed a news blackout on this year's exercises, which have been called one of the largest in the Middle East.

U.S. military officials said they were under strict orders not to release details of the maneuvers without approval from the Egyptian Defense Ministry.

Riots shake west Belfast

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — A second night of rioting shook west Belfast after a British soldier was charged with murder in the shooting death of a Catholic, police said today.

The accused soldier, who was not immediately identified, was to appear in a court later in the day.

The new violence broke out Tuesday night when gangs of youths barricaded streets in Belfast's Catholic ghettos and hurled gasoline bombs at British security forces.

The rioting came in reaction to the death of 22-year-old Thomas Reilly, shot during a scuffle near an army base Tuesday evening.

Kucinich makes comeback

CLEVELAND — Dennis Kucinich, whose political fortunes as the nation's youngest big-city mayor crashed along with Cleveland's budget in 1978, won a city council seat in a strong comeback Tuesday.

The 36-year-old maverick Democrat offered to "chart a new course" with his long-time political foes.

Solar system forming?

PASADENA, Calif. — Astronomers analyzing data from the recently launched infrared satellite telescope have uncovered direct evidence that an infant solar system may be forming around a nearby star in the Milky Way.

Don Name of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory said Tuesday the Infrared Astronomical Satellite (IRAS) found a shell or ring of large particles around Vega, one of the galaxy's five brightest stars.

"The material could be a solar system at a different stage of development from our own," Name said. "Because of Vega's relative youth (less than a billion years compared with our sun's 4.5 billion years) the material around it cannot have reached the same stage of evolution as our solar system."

Another blow to smoking

WASHINGTON — A new study, delivering another blow to cigarettes, says the only reason women live longer than men is they smoke less — and they've come a long way toward catching up.

The study, contained in the July-August edition of Public Health Reports, published by the Department of Health and Human Services, reports the reason women live an average of eight years longer than men is because they smoke fewer cigarettes over the course of their lives.

The report projects that as more women start smoking at an earlier age, the gap will close.

The National Center for Health Statistics says men today live to an average age of 70.3, while women achieve an average age of 77.3.

Electric bills to rise

WASHINGTON — An Energy Department report warns that a congressional plan to impose tough acid rain controls on 31-state region would raise the average consumer's electricity bill in those states 2.2 percent by 1985.

The study released Tuesday by the department's Energy Information Administration also said that a faster growth in demand for electricity could hike electric bills by as much as 6.4 percent in 12 years.

Environmentalists advocating strict air pollution controls immediately took issue with the study.

Bob Rose of the National Clean Air Coalition contended the report's projected cost increases "are about twice as high as other independent studies have shown."

Stock decline levels off

NEW YORK — The stock market's recent decline leveled off Tuesday with the Dow Jones average making a modest gain but Wall Street's concern about rising interest rates kept the overall market mixed. Analysts were uncertain where prices would head in today's session.

U.S. troops, supplies pour into Honduras

By John E. Newhogen United Press International

Transport planes poured American troops and supplies into Honduras for major military maneuvers demonstrating the U.S. presence in Central America and Nicaragua announced a sweeping new draft law to bolster its army.

In Washington, the 12-member commission on Central American headed by former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, was to begin work today seeking a bipartisan approach to U.S. policy toward finding peace in the region.

Officials in Honduras Tuesday reported a steady stream of American C-141 transport planes landing at the airport in San Pedro Sula to ferry in supplies and the first U.S. troops for the maneuvers, now in full swing.

The airstrip, located along the country's Caribbean coast near where a U.S. Navy task force headed by the aircraft carrier USS Ranger has been operating.

Although the U.S. embassy and the Honduran military refuse to say how many troops have landed, 4,000 are expected to join 6,000 Honduran troops in war games in the tense southern border between Nicaragua and El Salvador.

In Managua, Minister of Defense Humberto Ortega submitted a draft law Tuesday to the rubber-stamp Nicaraguan legislature that would make conscription mandatory for all males aged 17 to 30 years old — and include many women.

Ortega told the 52-member Council of State that if the law passes the army will begin to sign up young men between 17 and 21 in October. Those men would be subject to the draft beginning in January 1984.

He said the new plan is intended to meet the country's "self defense needs."

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By Michael W. Druce United Press International

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Their votes seen as pivotal

Reagan meets Hispanics: 'dialogue'; no action yet

By Norman D. Sandler United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Reagan is focusing his political attention on a constituency whose clout was ignored by Republicans until the last few months: the growing force of Hispanic voters.

With Hispanics eyed as a pivotal minority in such key states as Florida, Texas and California, Reagan has begun an all-out drive to win their support by showing concern for their unique problems and interests.

The intensity of this push, as well as its importance, were clear Tuesday as Reagan talked politics and issues over lunch with seven Hispanics, then met with his Cabinet to discuss economic help for the distressed communities along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The luncheon participants, Democrats as well as Republicans, were not as skeptical of Reagan's political motives as they were appreciative for the attention.

"This overture here was significant," said California businessman Edward Avila, a Democrat.

"We actually met with the president. It wasn't a speech, it was a dialogue."

Avila hastened to add that Reagan has yet to back up his gestures with concrete action: elevating more Hispanics to top administration posts, clearing the way for minority businesses to receive more federal contracts or creating the economic opportunity he has promised.

However, he said, "in terms of solid accomplishment, this is a first step."

Albert Garcia, the Democratic president of the United California Mexican-American Association, acknowledged Reagan may be showing interest in Hispanics in preparation for a re-election campaign. But he noted Reagan had received more federal contracts or creating the

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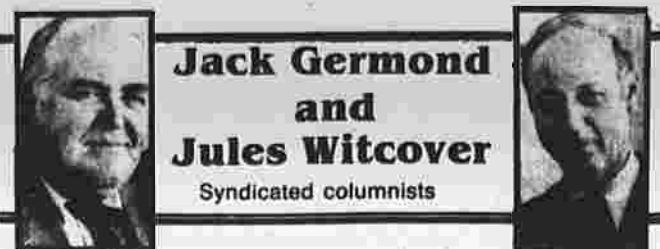
Our president has good intentions

WASHINGTON — Eating breakfast with a group of columnists the other day, President Reagan was asked if there was anything he thought he could do to improve his political position with black Americans.

"You've touched on something," he replied, "that is probably the thing that bleeds me the most — this idea that I am on the other side from those people." On the contrary, he added, he has always been "on the opposite side of bigotry."

Then he recounted the familiar story about bringing his black football teammates home when they were barred from the local hotel. And he related how his father had forbidden him and his brother from seeing the movie classic "Birth of a Nation" because it dealt with the Ku Klux Klan. In fact, he said, he has never seen it to this day.

The unfavorable perception of him, he suggested, has been one fostered by his political opponents and perhaps encouraged by the press in its failures to look at the record of his administration on minority appointments and the prosecution of civil rights cases.



Jack Germond and Jules Witcover
Syndicated columnists

IT WAS, in a sense, vintage Ronald Reagan. He is, as everyone keeps saying, a pleasant man who always has the best of intentions. But what is clear, on this question and others, is that the voters make a distinction between good intentions and good policy. The President clearly believes that if his goals are right, then his means of achieving them shouldn't be suspect.

On the race question, for example, no one who knows Reagan believes that he personally subscribes for a moment to discrimination against black Americans. But the record of the administration doesn't show the evidence of that commitment.

And this is true at both the practical and symbolic levels.

Blacks are the ones who have suffered most severely from the recession, and are still suffering most from it, and they are the ones who have suffered most directly from the reductions in domestic spending programs. And blacks are also the Americans who feel most directly such things as the President's decision to politicize and pack the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

The same dichotomy between intentions and policy is apparent on other issues. No one denies the decency of Reagan's intentions in Central America, for example. He wants to halt communist subversion in the region and stabilize the governments there. Everyone, in Washington or elsewhere, would like to see that goal achieved.

BUT ALTHOUGH his intentions may be beyond challenge, the fact is that the policies he is following seem far less benign. No one with an ounce of sophistication or knowledge of history would deny that there is serious risk involved in sending such a huge fleet and so many troops on these so-called "training exercises" in Honduras.

In Reagan's view, the criticism of him on questions as diverse as race and Central America has a common element — that he is the victim of mistaken perceptions because of both politics and the press. In the interview the other day, for instance, he remarked that he found it "strange" that a television news report will juxtapose film of the rebels in El Salvador depicting "a nice little country picnic" with film of the body of someone killed by government forces. "The others," he said of TV's version of the rebels, "were just Robin Hoods up there in the woods."

And he suggested at one point that this might be linked to the finding in surveys that more reporters are Democrats than Republicans.

THERE IS, of course, nothing

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Washington Merry-Go-Round

Behind Habib's downfall

WASHINGTON — Did a well-placed leak to the press help sink Philip Habib? The president's recently removed special envoy in the Middle East may think so.

In June, Habib had been trying without success to persuade Israel and Syria to pull their troops out of Lebanon. Neither side would agree to make the first move; indeed, there was serious doubt that Syrian President Hafez Assad would withdraw his troops under any circumstances.

In June, the administration was toying with a plan that Habib hoped would break the stalemate. Simply put, the idea was to pressure Israel into a unilateral withdrawal, counting on the fact that the Israelis would follow the Israeli example. But before the plan could be initiated, someone in Washington leaked it to the press. The reaction was swift and predictable: Israel and her friends in Congress denounced the idea. The Lebanese didn't think much of it, either.

A JULY 1 CABLE, classified "Secret — Alert," from Habib to Secretary of State George Shultz stated bluntly: "The leaks out of Washington have produced an immensely damaging setback to our efforts here." My associate Lucette Lagando has seen a copy of the cable.

Habib reported on a meeting he had held with morning with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Defense Minister Moshe Arens and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir. "Begin, Shamir and Arens made it clear... that there was no point in pursuing our alternative ideas for bringing about total withdrawal of all foreign forces. (They) urged that we limit the heavy damage already caused all of us, by making clear we continue to support the concept of simultaneous withdrawals."

Habib had this advice for Shultz: "Under present circumstances, we all believe there is no point in your visiting the area at this time." He added that Sam Lewis, the U.S. ambassador to Israel, "strongly concurs."

But Shultz disregarded Habib's advice, went to the Middle East anyway — and failed to get Syria to agree to a troop withdrawal. It was an embarrassing failure for the administration.

Oddly enough, Habib's cable made clear that he thought the plan to force a unilateral Israeli withdrawal was still valid in the long run. "There obviously is no present possibility of pursuing our approach," he told Shultz. "Nevertheless, we do not necessarily rule out a revival of this approach at a later stage, if we can recover from the damage done by this leak."

The Middle East Policy Survey, an investigative newsletter, reports that the administration revived the plan during a visit by Israel officials to Washington last month.

LET ME ADD to the vast Churchill collection one well-authenticated and thoroughly characteristic anecdote that, so far as I know, has not previously found its way into the canon. I was told this shortly after World War II by a staffer at Time magazine, who said it had been culled to New York by Time's man in Greece but who was killed here "for reasons you will understand when you hear it."

In December 1944, Churchill flew to Athens to try to promote a stable government for post-war Greece (which was regarded by the victorious allies as within Britain's sphere of influence). The communists were already making trouble, and the search was on for a dependably anti-communist agent for the monarchy. Greek Orthodox Archbishop Damaskinos was the leading candidate.

Churchill was met at the plane by Lt. Gen. Sir Ronald Scobie, the British commander in Greece, and as they walked away Churchill began questioning Scobie about the political situation.

"Who is this Damaskinos?" rumbled Churchill. "Is he some scheming pretlate more interested in the combinations of temporal power than in the life hereafter?"

"Yes, sir," Scobie replied, "I'm afraid so."

"Good!" Churchill beamed. "That's our man!"

Letters policy

The Manchester Herald welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should be brief and to the point. They should be typed or neatly hand-written, and, for ease in editing, should be double-spaced.

The Herald reserves the right to edit letters in the interests of brevity, clarity and taste.

In Manchester

Time to scrap an antique law

There's a state law on the books that at least one Manchester resident would like to get rid of.

It's a small point, perhaps, but it's something that would make life just a tiny bit more bearable for a determined 23-year-old by the name of Ray McLean.

McLean was featured on page one in Tuesday's Manchester Herald. Almost deaf, McLean is one of two people in the state to use a hearing dog. His dog, named Trish, acts as a substitute pair of ears by alerting him to the sound of the doorbell and the telephone, and by rousing him in case of fire.

McLean, who came to Manchester from Westfield, Mass., is a fiercely independent young man who is living on his own. He makes a good living at Dynamic Metal Products Co. as a tool designer.

If you see McLean with Trish, his dog will be wearing a harness. For the time being, until Trish passes the right tests and is officially certified, she'll wear a green harness. In a few months, if she's up to snuff, she'll wear a bright orange harness, the official colors of Red Acre Farms, the Stow, Mass., school where she was trained.

The harness is required on all guide dogs by the state of Connecticut. Connecticut is



"THAT REMINDS ME... WE HAVE TO HIRE A NEW ANCHORWOMAN FOR THE 6 O'CLOCK NEWS..."

Commentary

History of a genius

By William A. Rusher
Syndicated Columnist

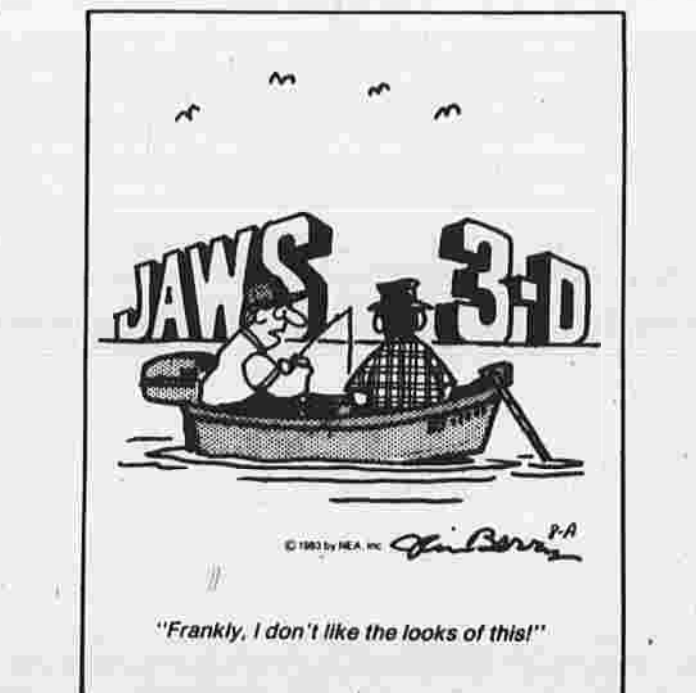
NEW YORK — There is a full month of high summer still ahead of us; how shall we spend these warm, lazy days and merrimentous evenings? If you are looking for a recommendation, I have one: Run, walk or crawl to your local bookstore and buy the first volume of "The Last Lion," William Manchester's superb biography of Winston Churchill.

Did you think there was nothing new to be said about Churchill? So did I. He had been my hero when I was a teenager, and I still have an entire shelf of books by and about him. I thought I knew the whole Churchillian canon by heart. Yet, Manchester manages to surprise me on almost every page.

THIS VOLUME takes the great man's story from his birth in 1874 (prematurely — or had his parents merely gotten impatient waiting for the wedding?) to 1922, a notorious low point in his career. Not yet 50, he had lost a most fortunate in the crash of '29, was denied a Cabinet post in the Conservative-dominated Parliament of 1931, and in December of that year was nearly killed by a cab in New York City while crossing Fifth Avenue against the light.

When he returned to England, his friends, to show their affection, took up a collection and presented him with a Daimler automobile worth 2,000 pounds. He bowed his head and wept.

We know now, of course, that he



"Frankly, I don't like the looks of this!"



Rainy, peaceful picketing

Despite afternoon rain showers, striking workers of the Southern New England Telephone Co. peacefully block the entrance to SNET's Hartford building the third day of the nationwide telephone strike.

Insurance firm in trouble

Policyholders get help

HARTFORD (UPI) — Insurance officials from Connecticut and six other states are taking steps to protect policyholders of the financially troubled University Life Insurance Co.

Connecticut State Insurance Commissioner Peter W. Gillies met Tuesday with his counterparts from six states to discuss the financial problems of University, a subsidiary of the Baldwin United Group which has been placed under court control by the insolvency commissioner of Indiana.

"It has substantial impact," Gillies said Tuesday of the situation. "It is a major corporation with products around the country."

Gillies met with insurance regulators from Vermont, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and New York.

He had no estimate of the number of residents affected in each of the states, but said their investment in various University insurance products was substantial, ranging from a low of \$6 million to a high of \$27 million.

"The policies are in existence, although somewhat in a state of limbo," Gillies said. "There is still a contract between the company and policyholders."

The problem of the corporation's general solvency is the court's to solve. But Gillies said the commis-

Royal plant to be apartments

HARTFORD (UPI) — The old Royal Typewriter plant in Hartford's west end will be converted into 420 luxury apartments.

Bronson & Hutensky, the Bloomfield development company that is putting up CityPlace, the tallest structure in Connecticut, Tuesday said the \$30 million conversion of the fortress-like complex of 27 connected buildings may start this fall.

Richard C. Bronson and Allen Hutensky said a Fortune 500 company will be an equal partner in the venture, and an agreement may be signed with the company this week.

Hutensky said he is confident financing for the project will be worked out shortly. "I'd be

shocked if this doesn't come off," he said.

The conversion would be done in stages, he said, with the first finished in eight to 10 months and the project completed in 30 months.

Bronson & Hutensky's plans mean the sites of the two former giants of the typewriter business in Hartford — Royal an Underwood building on the east side of the city — sponsored housing.

A 12-story tower for the elderly and apartments for large families are now going up on the 33-acre Underwood site, and the developers there have plans for three apartment towers, condominium units and an office building.

Bronson and Hutensky said they explored several uses for the 550,000-square-foot Royal complex since buying it two years ago for \$3 million.

They said they have no fears about competing with the Underwood project.

"We think there's a tremendous opportunity out there for quality apartments. You just can't find them," Hutensky said.

Bronson said, "We're going to create a self-contained community here."

Rents for the units in the old Royal plant would range from \$470 to \$750 per month, depending on the size of the unit and whether it is on one floor, on two floors or is a loft.

Travelers plans to build Hartford training center

HARTFORD (UPI) — The Travelers Cos. will build a five-story, employee training center at the eastern end of Constitution Plaza in downtown Hartford, across the street from its \$83 million office complex under construction on Columbus Boulevard.

The 125,000-square-foot training center, which will be adjacent to the company-owned Summit Hotel, will further centralize Travelers' dominant position on the eastern side of downtown Hartford.

The center will house about 30 classrooms, a library, computers, recreational and physical-exercise facilities and office space for the training center's staff of about 100 people. F. Peter Libassi, senior vice president of corporate communications, said Tuesday.

Travelers board Chairman Edward H. Budnik said, "The decision to build the training center is part of the company's commitment to providing continuing, comprehensive, skilled training and personnel development programs for the Travelers people."

The company's growth and expansion into new areas of the complex business demands the highest quality of training.

"The training center will provide a central focus for a comprehensive array of training experiences, which will enhance the opportunities for all Travelers people."

The training center will consolidate and expand training operations the company now runs in sites scattered throughout its buildings. Budnik said. Work is expected to be completed by early 1985, he said.

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Grand jury set to investigate Plainfield track

HARTFORD (UPI) — The state's chief court administrator has ordered a one-man grand jury investigation into possible race fixing, larceny and forgery at Plainfield Greyhound Park.

The investigation of the state's only dog track was requested by Chief State's Attorney Austin J. McGuigan and approved Tuesday by Judge Maurice J. Spozzo.

Spozzo ordered the application sealed until further notice and assigned Superior Court Judge Seymour L. Hendel to head up the special inquiry.

Hendel will determine whether probable cause existed to believe a crime or crimes were committed at the dog track, which opened in 1976.

An administrative hearing into dog ownership at Plainfield had been scheduled for later this week. However, the hearing — on an alleged three-year pattern of concealed ownership of dogs at Plainfield — was postponed by the department at the written request of McGuigan's office.

In Connecticut, it is illegal for any owner or kennel to have more than one dog in a race. Officials have explained that, if one owner or kennel owns two or more dogs in a race, that race could be fixed more easily.

In another gaming matter, state Auditor Leo V. Donohue has questioned the procedure being used to pay for McGuigan's ongoing investigation into possible "skimming" of betting funds at jai alai fronts at McGuigan's office.

To pay for the jai alai investigation, \$238,000 has been transferred to McGuigan's office during the last two years from the Division of Special Revenue, the state agency in charge of legalized gambling.

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Donohue, who works for the legislative branch of state government, said he had assigned an auditor to investigate the transfer arrangement.

Connecticut In Brief

Suit filed in oil fume deaths

DANBURY — The families of three oil company workers killed by toxic fumes in an underground storage vault have filed a suit has been filed charging the Danbury firm with negligence.

Attorney Michael P. Koskoff of Bridgeport said Tuesday the suit seeking unspecified damages may set a precedent that could change workers' compensation laws in Connecticut and perhaps improve safety conditions.

The suit alleged the Norberg E. Mitchell Fuel Co. of Danbury showed more than "just ordinary negligence" and was guilty of "reckless and wanton misconduct" in sending the three men into a fuel storage area without proper protection or warning devices.

Hazards to be removed

STERLING — The removal of 1,500 drums of toxic and hazardous substances from the former Revere Textile Print Co. will take about 30 days, according to the state Department of Environmental Protection.

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The property was purchased by Kenneth Lynch after fire destroyed the plant on March 1, 1980.

Field inspectors DEP's Hazardous Materials Removal of Waterbury is handling the removal, at an estimated cost of about \$75,000. It will end DEP's three-year effort to clean up the Sterling site.

Man cleared in murder

NEW LONDON — A jury has acquitted James Y. Hope, 31, of conspiracy in the 1980 murder for hire slaying of a Danbury as he lay sleeping in his Hartford home.

The New London Superior Court jury reached its decision Tuesday, two years to the day that Burke was slain in a plot the state said was hatched by the victim's wife.

The jury began deliberations Monday and went home after two hours without reaching a decision. The 12 jurors resumed deliberations Tuesday and returned the acquittal verdict at 5:20 p.m.

Judge Seymour Hendel, who described the trial as the most complex case he ever tried, allowed Hope to leave the court but not until he was ordered to sign a \$10,000 surety bond.

Plan aims to fix heat aid problems

HARTFORD (UPI) — A legislative committee has taken a series of actions it hopes will avoid the delays and confusion of last winter in providing state energy and weatherization assistance.

The Legislative Human Services Committee Tuesday amended the 1982-83 plan for the state's energy assistance program to make \$3 million more available for demonstration weatherization projects.

The administrative budget amendment approved by the committee also allocated \$150,000 to community action agencies to process applications for 1983-84 heating aid funds in August and September.

State officials hope the early start will avoid the backlog of applications and assistance delays that hindered the program last winter.

The projects chosen must show how better service can be provided to low-income households or demonstrate innovative approaches to weatherizing eligible buildings, such as multi-family houses and group homes.

The money was part of the \$3.8 million unspent from the \$41.3 million block grant for low-income, home energy assistance.

The amendment also transferred \$25,000 from the Office of Policy and Management to the Department of Human Resources to audit the 1982-83 winter energy assistance program by the community action agencies.

Morals charges lodged

ENFIELD — A reporter-photographer for The Enfield Press has been charged with molesting a 14-year-old newspaper carrier on seven occasions during the past 18 months, police said.

Ernest A. Mokus, 61, a reporter and photographer for the weekly newspaper for 15 years, was arrested Tuesday on a Windsor Superior Court warrant charging him with four counts of second-degree sexual assault, three counts of third-degree sexual assault and two counts of risk of injury to a child. Sgt. Leo Arnone said.

Mokus is accused of luring the Enfield boy, now 15, into performing sexual acts when the boy came to the newspaper's office about 1 1/2 years ago, Arnone said.

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CCAG urges state swap I-84 funds for other work

HARTFORD (UPI) — Leaders of the Connecticut Citizen Action Group want Gov. William O'Neill to swap federal Interstate 84 funds for other transportation projects the group considers more vital.

Clifford Noll, of Eastford, and Mary Walton of Griswold, outlined those projects Tuesday outside the closed door to O'Neill's Capitol office.

Their four-point plan called for restoration of passenger rail service between Hartford and Willimantic; improvements and rehabilitation of regional highways including Routes 6, 32, 44, 66, 74 and 101; transportation improvements to bring employment to urban areas and direct aid for capital improvements in regional transit districts.

The money would come from \$380 million in federal transportation funds earmarked to finish building I-84 to the Rhode Island border.

The proposed construction has been the subject of legal and environmental battles in both states for years and Connecticut needs congressional approval to finish the project alone.

"We're asking the governor and Department of Transportation to seriously consider these proposals," Noll said.

Mrs. Walton said there were only seven weeks left for the state to file an alternate project list with the federal transportation department for the trade-in funds.

"There is a need for the governor to make a decision and to make it quickly," Mrs. Walton said. "It would be a crying shame if we lost approximately \$60 million because of a dilatory approach to the problem."

Noll, Mrs. Walton and six other CCAG members outlined their program to a member of O'Neill's staff.

Larry deBear, O'Neill's press secretary, said O'Neill would wait to see DOT's advisory list before deciding what to do with the money.

"DOT is in the process of developing a whole range of alternatives for him to look at," he said.

Obituaries

Alfred M. Ritter
Funeral services will be held Saturday at 9:35 a.m. from the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St. for Alfred M. Ritter, 62, of 45 Chester Drive, who died Tuesday. He was the husband of Doris (Hagan) Ritter.

The service at the funeral home will be followed by a mass of Christian burial in Church of the Assumption at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Newton Children's Hospital or to the Tall Elks of the State of Washington.

Joseph O. St. Pierre
Joseph O. St. Pierre, 61, of 742 W. Middle Turnpike, died Tuesday at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Laura L. (Squires) St. Pierre.

He was born in Fall River, Mass., and had lived in Manchester for the past 28 years. At the time of his death he was employed in the Research Department of United Technologies. He was an Army veteran and a member of the Army and Navy Club.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Joyce Cassidy of Hartford, and Mrs. Susan Nessing of Manchester; five brothers, Roland, Raymond, Donald, Maurice and Roger St. Pierre, all of Fall River, Mass.; four sisters, Mrs. White, Pinelous, Mrs. Josephine, Mrs. Gertrude Dionne, Mrs. Pauline Boyer, and Jeanne, all of Fall River; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 8:15 a.m. from the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., with a mass of Christian burial in Church of the Assumption at 9 a.m. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday and Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

James F. King
James F. King, 36, of 76 Russell St., died Tuesday at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Marilyn (Croteau) King.

He was born in Bluefield, W. Va., on May 29, 1947 and had lived in East Hartford before moving to Manchester three years ago. At the time of his death he was department manager of the Wehrstorf K-Mart. He had worked for K-Mart Corporation for the past four years. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of Vietnam.

Besides his wife he leaves his mother, Janice (Kirk) Butt of Salem, Va.; a brother, Anthony Ingram and a sister, Mrs. Sybil Lambert, both of Roanoke, Va.; his maternal grandfather, Thomas Kirk of Bluefield; and several aunts, uncles and cousins, and a niece.

Funeral services and burial will be in Lewiston, Maine. Friends may call at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Neil F. Archer
Funeral services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. from the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St. for Neil F. Archer, 57, of 10 Bunce Drive, who died suddenly Tuesday. He was the husband of Rose M. (Michael) Archer.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Frederick Archer of Manchester; five daughters, Constance Czmyr, Gretchen, Mary Pinston, Fannans, Calif., Sandra Bidder, Acworth, Ga., Brenda Russ, Farmington, N.H., and Pamela Archer, Vermont, two granddaughters and one grandson.

Friends may call at the funeral home today from 7 to 9 p.m.

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Tudor, Armas give Houk Happy Birthday

BOSTON (UPI) — The Boston Red Sox gave manager Ralph Houk a 6-4 victory for his 64th birthday.

The team handed Houk the present Tuesday night, snapping a three-game losing streak with a win over the Texas Rangers. John Tudor, 10-7, gave up nine hits, struck out eight and pitched his sixth complete game of the season.

"John hung in there pretty good," Houk said. "He didn't have his best stuff. It's good we got a complete game because Doug Bird and Louis Aponso were the only guys out in the bullpen who were rested."

"In the first three innings he had great control," said catcher Gary Alenson, who watched Tudor retire the first nine batters. "He only threw one curveball the first three innings."

"He went with his best stuff, the fastball and the changeup. The big change with John this year is he has confidence in himself. Once he figured it out, he's a great fastballer. He's learned to rely on his Rangers outfielder Billy Sample, who hit his 12th homer in the ninth, said Tudor, "one of the premier pitchers in this league. I tell you he threw some good sinkers and changeups that had me baffled."

Tony Armas hit his 24th home run to tie Milwaukee's Cecil Cooper and the White Sox' Ron Kettle for the league lead, and No. 9 hitter Glenn Hoffman had three hits to drive in two runs.

"I like him in that ninth spot," Houk said of Hoffman. "It's almost like having a good leadoff hitter at the bottom of the lineup."

Hoffman said he is being more selective at the plate. "Last year was a struggle to get the ball around," he said. "I feel like I'm quicker this year. I'm not hitting as many home runs but I feel I've been a lot more consistent."

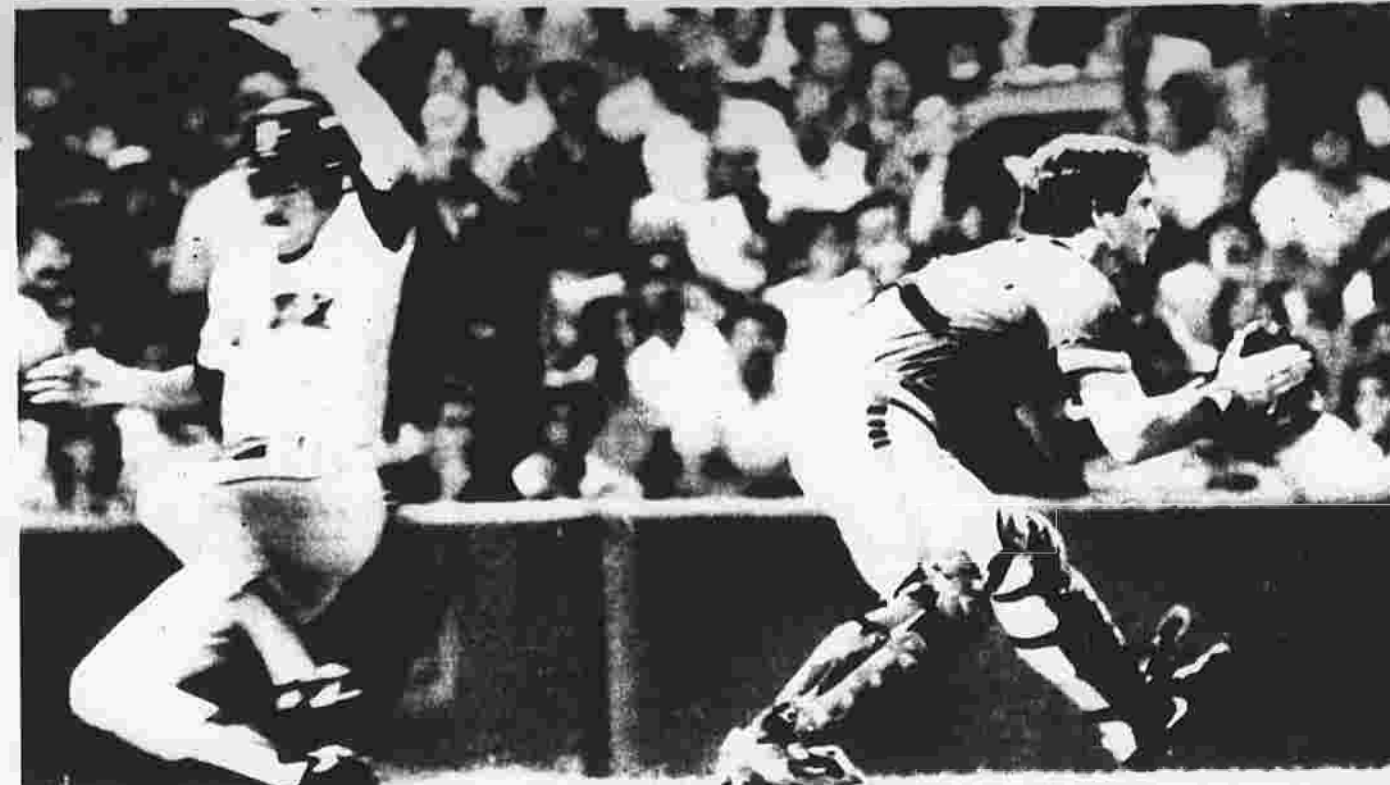
With none out in the Boston fifth and Jim Rice on first, Armas hit a 2-1 pitch from loser Rich Honeycutt, 14-7, over the left-field screen to give the Red Sox a 6-0 lead. Rice had walked to open the inning.

The Red Sox took a 2-0 lead in the second inning. With one out, Dave Stapleton doubled and came home on Reid Nichols' bloop single to left. Jeff Newman then walked and Glenn Hoffman doubled off the left field wall to score Nichols.

Nichols and Gary Alenson singled to open the fourth and Hoffman lined a single to center scoring Nichols. Alenson came home on Jerry Hoyer's grounder to second, increasing Boston's lead to 4-0.

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Dave Stapleton of the Boston Red Sox slides safely past Texas Ranger catcher Jim Sundberg in the second inning of Tuesday night's game. Stapleton scored on a Reid Nichols double to left.

Stieb tosses eggs at Yanks

NEW YORK (UPI) — On a night replete with the strange happenings that seem characteristic of the New York Yankees, it was the Toronto Blue Jays who felt they finally got the breaks.

"I haven't been getting any breaks," said Dave Stieb, 12-10, who won his first game in nearly a month Tuesday night and helped Toronto snap a six-game losing streak with an 8-0 victory over the New York Yankees.

Stieb allowed only three hits, two of them singles by Ken Griffey and walked just two to record his first victory since July 16. He had lost six of his last seven decisions after a 10-4 start.

One of the reasons was a blister on his right hand.

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"I think the guys were a little bit mad losing two games and not looking very good doing it," he said.

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Wilson's speed lifts KC anyway

By Ira Kaufman
UPI Sports Writer

Willie Wilson proved Tuesday night he can outrun the baseball if not the headlines.

Before Wilson got to Royals Stadium, the American League's defending batting champion found himself named in published reports claiming he and other Kansas City players are targets of an ongoing FBI investigation into the alleged sale and usage of cocaine in eastern Kansas.

The Royals fleet outfielder refused to comment on the newspaper reports and instead took his frustration out on the Milwaukee Brewers. Wilson knocked in two runs, scored twice and lashed four hits, including his 12th career inside-the-park homer, to help Bud Black tie an 8-2 romp.

Pat Sheridan also knocked in two runs and Onix Concepcion scored twice to give Kansas City its sixth victory in its last eight games and boost Black's record to 6-4.

"I don't even want to talk about the ballgame," said Wilson, who went into the trainer's room twice after the game to avoid reporters.

"While getting on all the time is the catalyst," said Kansas City Manager Dick Howser. "Everytime I looked up, he was on base. The one time I looked up and he wasn't on the bases, he was circling them."

Wilson led off the game with a double, took third on a fly and gave the Royals a 1-0 lead on a groundout by George Brett. Kansas City jumped on Don Sutton, 7-9, for three more runs in the second.

Indians 4, Orioles 2

At Baltimore, Ron Hassey capped a two-run sixth inning with a sacrifice fly to lift the Indians to their third straight triumph and hand the Orioles their fourth consecutive setback. Rookie Neal Heaton, 6-4, limited the Orioles to seven hits and struck out six to outpace Scott McGregor, 14-5.

White Sox 6, Tigers 5

At Detroit, Rudy Lu walked on four straight pitches with the bases loaded and two out in the top of the eighth inning to cap Chicago's comeback from an early 4-0 deficit. It was the fourth victory in the last five games for the White Sox while Detroit lost for the sixth time in its last nine games.

Angels 8, Twins 2

At Anaheim, Calif., Brian Downing, Bobby Grich and Bob Boone each slammed two-run homers to spark the Angels. Rookie Rickie Steier received credit for the win in just his second start and Bruce Kison pitched the last three innings for his second save.

A's 7, Mariners 6

At Oakland, Calif., Dwayne Murphy's two-run homer in the seventh rallied the A's for their fifth straight triumph. Murphy's 11th homer of the year came off Bob Stoddard, 6-11.

AL roundup

Baltimore third baseman Todd Cruz looks for the ball at his feet after Cleveland's Ron Hassey safely reached base in Tuesday night's Orioles-Indians game. Hassey reached third on a double as Oriole leftfielder Benny Ayala threw the ball away and was charged with an error.

FBI probe: KC Royals investigated for cocaine

TOPEKA, Kan. (UPI) — Information from a cocaine probe involving members of the Kansas City Royals, including recently released pitcher Vida Blue, will be presented to a grand jury within 60 days, a U.S. attorney said.

U.S. Attorney for Kansas James Marquez Tuesday said he would meet with federal agents within 48 hours to discuss the cocaine investigation, which stems from a June 20 raid on a Johnson County, Kan., home. He declined to say whether he believed any Royals players would be indicted.

Johnson County includes wealthy suburbs of Kansas City, Mo.

First baseman Willie Aikens, 28; right fielder Jerry Martin, 34; and Blue, 34, were named in documents related to the investigation, the Olathe (Kan.) Daily News reported Tuesday.

And the Kansas City (Mo.) Star said sources confirmed two other players in the FBI probe into the alleged sale and usage of cocaine in eastern Kansas were outfielder Willie Wilson, 28, and shortstop U.L. Washington, 28.

Blue was the only player whom Marquez confirmed as a subject of the probe.

"I will not deny what the Olathe News reported," Marquez said at a news conference in Topeka. "Mr. Blue is a property manager. The number of Royals is less than 10."

He also said the investigation involved suspects outside baseball.

"I think you could characterize this investigation up to this point as a large investigation," he said. "I suspect there may be other (Royals) ballplayers to talk to. When you investigate drug cases you never know where it's going to lead you."

The FBI, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Kansas attorney general's office and Johnson County district attorney's office have participated in the investigation, Marquez said.

Royals general manager John Schuerholz said team officials learned "some two weeks ago that the FBI was conducting an investigation and that several of our players would be interviewed with that on-going investigation."

"We were not given any names. We were told only that 'several' were being interviewed."

Schuerholz would not confirm any individual player's involvement in the investigation. He said Blue's release from the team Aug. 4 was not tied to the FBI investigation.

"We didn't feel Vida was performing up to his capabilities for whatever reason," Schuerholz said.

Blue reportedly was in San Francisco where he maintains a home.

Wilson, contacted at Royals Stadium before Tuesday night's game with the Milwaukee Brewers, told UPI, "I don't know what's going on, so I won't make any comment. But I'm not a drug addict."

Aikens was angry about the newspaper's linking him to the investigation.

"I don't care what any newspaper says about me. I don't know anything about it," he said by phone. "I'm trying to sleep man, you get me. I gotta play baseball tonight."

Martin said he had no comment and Royals manager Dick Howser said, "I can't say anything. The less I say, the better off I am."

The Olathe newspaper also said the names of Overland Park, Kan., businessman Mark Liebel and Johnson County attorney David Roselli surfaced in the investigation.



Four of the five Kansas City Royals reportedly being questioned about possible cocaine charges are (l to r) U.L. Washington, Willie Aikens, Willie Wilson and Jerry Martin. Pitcher Vida Blue, recently released, is the fifth player involved.

New England In Brief

AFL-CIO decides early
BOSTON — The AFL-CIO's Executive Council has decided to endorse a Democratic presidential candidate in October, months earlier than usual, a move seen as a boost for former Vice President Walter Mondale.

Endorsement will be made at the AFL-CIO's October convention. Union President Lane Kirkland said the endorsement is made, "the trade unions will work wholeheartedly after that for that candidate."

Problem drinkers remain
AUGUSTA, Maine — The state's problem drinkers seem unconcerned about the strict and harsh laws associated with Maine's drunk driving laws.

State officials say the latest figures show the drivers are ignoring law enforcement warnings.

Telephone cables cut
A few cables in two Massachusetts communities were cut and a rock thrown through a telephone company window in another and police had to separate picketers in Rhode Island Tuesday as New England telephone workers continued the third day of their walkout in a national strike.

But company officials said service had improved although strikers said they would continue picketing until they get higher wages and job security.

Lesbianism not an issue
BOSTON — The State Appeals Court ruled Tuesday that a lesbian relationship is not sufficient grounds to deny a woman shared legal custody of her child in a divorce proceeding.

The court, ruling on the husband's appeal, however, did overturn the lower court's awarding to \$90,000 in property division to the wife and ordered a further court consideration of that matter.

Fireworks factory fined
SEABROOK, N.H. — A fireworks factory that was rocked by a series of explosions a year ago Tuesday has been fined \$5,000 for violating a state law that restricts the type of work a minor can do.

Todd Thone, 17, of Esping, was one of four people killed on Aug. 10, 1982, when explosions ripped through Rockingham Fireworks Manufacturers and Displays Inc.

Tass sees Cambridge war
MOSCOW — The home of Harvard University — Cambridge, Mass. — is engaged in "veritable warfare" between proponents of nuclear weaponry and a local peace group, the Soviet news agency Tass said Tuesday.

"Veritable warfare has flared up in Cambridge, a small American university city, between opponents to the arms race and those who favor nuclear war from it," was the way a Tass correspondent reported the efforts to have Cambridge declared "nuclear free."

About half pass in latest testing

Of the 107 candidates who took the recently-given written examination for three positions open on the Manchester police force, 56 passed the test, according to a report released today by town General Manager Robert B. Weiss.

Those who took the written examination had already passed an aptitude test.

The 20 candidates who passed the written examination with the highest scores are now eligible to take an oral examination, the report says. "In case any of the top 20 do not appear or fail the oral examination or subsequent background investigation," it adds.

The field of candidates for the jobs originally numbered 35.

The report does not provide the racial background on those 56 candidates who passed the written examination.

Weiss says in the report that a detailed report on the recruiting process, in accordance with the town's affirmative action plan, will be provided to the Board of Directors and the Human Relations Commission at the end of the testing.

He refused to provide further details.

Cash is stolen from apartment

The superintendent of an apartment complex on Olcott Street found her apartment ransacked and \$2,000 missing Monday when she returned from a one-day excursion to New Hampshire, police said today.

No one has been charged in the incident, but police suspect a tenant, who might have known that the superintendent, Patricia Graham, kept large amounts of cash, may be responsible.

A Manchester man was stopped by police early Monday after he saw him drive down Center Street straddling the center line and then stop suddenly in the middle of the road for no apparent reason, police said today.

William J. Starkey, Jr., 29, of 40 Olcott St., was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol when he was unable to stand up or remember his own name, police said.

Starkey was taken to police headquarters, where he submitted to a test on the department's Intoximeter 3000. The machine recorded a blood-alcohol level in excess of .10 percent. By state law, a blood-alcohol level of .10 percent is considered prima facie evidence of impaired driving ability.

Starkey was released and ordered to appear in court Aug. 23.

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NL roundup

Sub Watson settles game, Torre's stomach

By Fred McMane UPI Sports Writer

The loss of a player of Chris Chambliss' stature for any length of time can play havoc with a manager's stomach.

But Joe Torre can even eat plenty of his favorite Italian food and never feel so much as a twinge. That's because the manager of the Atlanta Braves is fortunate to have a player like Bob Watson on the bench. Watson is capable of filling in for an extended period of time and, in the Braves' case, they hardly lose anything, especially at the plate.

The 37-year-old Watson, a veteran of 18 major league seasons, has always been one of the game's best hitters and this year is no exception. In 87 at-bats this season, Watson is hitting a lustrous .391 and has driven in 29 runs.

Phil Niekro benefited from Watson's hitting to notch his eighth victory in 14 decisions. Niekro allowed only four hits, including David Evans' 22nd homer, over seven innings before giving way to the left-handed Steve Carlton.

With Chambliss on the 15-day disabled list with a pulled muscle in his side, Watson was one of the stars of the Braves' 7-2 triumph over the San Francisco Giants Tuesday night. He hit a home run, following a solo homer by Bob Horner, in the second inning and singled home Dale Murphy in the fourth inning with the run that put the Braves ahead to stay.

Having Bob Watson was part of our decision to put Chris on the list," said Torre. "When you have a player of his caliber in reserve there's no sense on taking any chances. Chris seemed to feel he could play if he absolutely had to, but why take the risk. This way, he can rest his side for five or six days before starting light workouts and by time he is reactivated he should be fit and ready to help us with the stretch drive."

Watson had been keeping his batting eye sharp by serving as a hitting instructor when not playing. "The key for me is that I'm more involved," Watson said. "If I wasn't in a teaching role, I might not be as sharp. It's because of that role that I was more pleased about that single than I was the home run."

"The home run was just one of those things. But the single was right out of the book. It's like I've been telling the younger fellows I keep pitched in. When you have runners on first and second, try to hit behind them and move them around."

Watson benefited from Watson's hitting to notch his eighth victory in 14 decisions. Niekro allowed only four hits, including David Evans' 22nd homer, over seven innings before giving way to the left-handed Steve Carlton.

Elswhere in the NL, Pittsburgh defeated Philadelphia 3-1. Montreal beat New York 7-3. San Diego defeated Houston 3-2. Cincinnati defeated Los Angeles 5-4, and Chicago beat St. Louis 5-3.

Pirates 3, Phillies 1. Philadelphia, Dave Parker cracked a two-run homer with one out in the eighth inning to lift the Pirates to victory. The triumph snapped Pittsburgh's five-game losing streak and also broke the Phillies' five-game winning streak. Kent Tekulve, the third Pittsburgh pitcher, worked the final 2-3 innings to pick up the victory while Al Holland, 6-1, lost a game in relief for the first time since Sept. 17, 1981 — covering 95 appearances.

At Montreal, Gary Carter and Tim Lincecum knocked in two runs apiece and Charlie Lea went the distance for the fifth time this season to help the Expos snap the Mets' four-game winning streak. Lea allowed 11 hits, walked two and struck out seven to raise his record to 8-4.

At Houston, Tim Lollar and Sid Monte combined on a six-hit and Tony Gwynn drove in the winning run with a single to lead the Padres to victory. Lollar, 5-0, pitched 5 1/3 innings, allowing just two runs and five hits while walking two and striking out six. Gwynn batted the final 1 1/2 to record his sixth save. Kevin Bass homered for Houston.

"Woody is much further along this year," says Coach Don Shula of the youngest quarterback ever to start a Super Bowl game, Woody Woodberry.

Woody's performance in the 27-17 loss to Washington in the Super Bowl on Jan. 30 was disappointing as he completed only 4-of-14 passes, but there is no doubt the Louisiana State product is the Dolphins' No. 1 quarterback in his fourth year as a pro despite the selection of Pittsburgh's Dan Marino as the No. 1 draft choice.

Whether veteran backup Don Cefalo and Nat Moore are back and Mark Duper is expected to provide a boost in firepower. Duper has run the 40-yard-dash in under 4.4 consistently and Shula hopes he will provide more long-ball potential than Moore. "Duper's been looking real good. He may be the speed receiver we've been looking for," Shula said.

Duper was drafted in the second round out of Northwestern State (La.) last year and is listed at 188 pounds, although the truth may put the figure at closer to 165.

Second-year receiver Vince Heflin of Central State in Ohio and rookie Mark Clayton, an eighth-round draft choice from Louisville, may make it rough for Nat Moore to hang on for his 10th year as a Dolphin.

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World Championships

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NFL preview

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By Les Kios UPI Sports Writer

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Because of the tragic death of outside linebacker Larry Gordon and injuries to others, the Dolphins are now looking to youngsters for defensive help. And an offense fueled with some new talent may have to provide more power than it had in last year's drive to the AFC championship.

The offense again will be anchored by a deep, experienced offensive line headed by guards David Oister and Ed Newman, a solid receiver corps led by Duriel Harris and Jimmy Cefalo, the running of fullback Andre Franklin, and the quarterbacking of Frank Woodley.

"Woody is much further along this year," says Coach Don Shula of the youngest quarterback ever to start a Super Bowl game, Woody Woodberry.

Woody's performance in the 27-17 loss to Washington in the Super Bowl on Jan. 30 was disappointing as he completed only 4-of-14 passes, but there is no doubt the Louisiana State product is the Dolphins' No. 1 quarterback in his fourth year as a pro despite the selection of Pittsburgh's Dan Marino as the No. 1 draft choice.

Whether veteran backup Don Cefalo and Nat Moore are back and Mark Duper is expected to provide a boost in firepower. Duper has run the 40-yard-dash in under 4.4 consistently and Shula hopes he will provide more long-ball potential than Moore.

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Celtics finally sold

BOSTON — The Boston Celtics have been sold to a group of investors headed by former Gulf and Western executive Donald Gaston for a reported \$15 to \$18 million.

Oakland still trying

SAN FRANCISCO — The city of Oakland has asked the California Supreme Court to accede to time to step in and order the Los Angeles Raiders to play their 1983 National Football League season in Oakland.

Whalers open at Buffalo

HARTFORD — The Hartford Whalers open their 1983-84 NHL season on the road Wednesday, Oct. 5, when they take on the Buffalo Sabres, the club said Tuesday.

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BRIDGETON, N.J. — Former Buffalo Bills head coach Harvey Johnson has died of a heart attack. He was 64.

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By United Press International The prodigal son has returned home, while one of his siblings has gone astray.

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Charcoal cooking brings summer fun and sensible eating

Living in New York has hampered my style a bit when it comes to charcoal cooking, but I am blessed with a small garden and have finally mastered the problem of working on a small grill by the simple expedient of buying two more and cooking on all three at once! Of course, I'm not quite sure what the neighbors think about all those billows of nicely perfumed smoke, but on the other hand I'm very patient about the school next door that seems to teach recess, live and let live, I say.

There is quite an art to controlling charcoal and briquette fires. It's difficult to believe that a small number of charcoal bits in your firebox will give you a completely smooth, well-adjusted temperature for your grilling or spit-roasting. They do, though; you're not grilling an ox, after all.

The main thing that one has to battle is the drip, drip, drip of fat into the fire. This causes flare-ups, so have a sprinkler handy to douse them. Most important, sink a tin foil pan into the coals, which are piled around it, to alleviate smoking out the cook. This is especially important if one is cooking something fairly fatty that drips a lot. Also, don't forget that you can cook directly in the coals if things are wrapped properly in foil. Vegetables, especially, are delicious when cooked this way. If you have room, these foil-wrapped packages can also cook on top of the grill.

Supermarket Shopper

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Beard on Food

Syndicated Columnist

I gave a charcoal cookery class to 12 students recently, and broiled mushroom caps were voted a great success. We chose large ones, added butter, a little garlic puree, salt and pepper, and wrapped them in foil. The resulting mushrooms were not overdone. They were delicious to the tooth and to the palate. We had them with chicken cakes.

For chicken cakes, one needs 3 whole chicken breasts, boned. Put breasts on a chopping board. Using two heavy French knives, one in each hand, chop the meat in small bits. When it is well hashed, add as much heavy cream as it will absorb and stir till firm enough to mold. Add salt and pepper, and form the meat into 1 large or 6 individual cakes. Brush well with butter and broil over charcoal, turning once.

The chicken cakes may be served on a bun, as you would a hamburger, but I feel that they're better served separately, with a salad and some grilled mushrooms. They've become one of my favorite outdoor dishes, and for someone who doesn't care for white meat, that's quite an admission!

If you feel like being luxurious, do as we did and charbroil 2-inch loin lamb chops. Allow 1 lamb chop per person and cut a pocket in them. Our lamb chops had the long tail, with almost all the fat removed. We made a stuffing with about 1/4 cup of bread crumbs, 8 mushrooms caps, about a teaspoon of garlic puree, salt, freshly ground pepper and about 1 tablespoon of finely chopped fresh tarragon. This was put in the food processor and made into a paste with the addition of a little olive oil to enrich it. The mixture was stuffed into the pockets of the 12 chops and along the "underside,"

— perhaps fresh watermelon, fresh berries, nectarines, or maybe some home-made sorbet or ice cream. Charcoal cooking makes for great summer fun and, I think, for sensible eating.

The partners and four employees then hit the road. In five months, they covered about 110,000 miles, visiting fire stations in the United States, Canada, Mexico, England, France, West Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Greece, Japan and Australia.

THEY COLLECTED about 1,500 recipes, including main dishes, casseroles, desserts, breads, soups, salads and drinks. Most are not for diners that can be cooked quickly and eaten on the run, but are great for home cooks. Super-Fast, Last Minute, Day Before Payday Casserole and Hank's Quickie Gimmecks were everywhere.

"You would think there would be a lot of recipes for burgers and spaghetti, but there's not," Dennis said. "They are things you can turn off and come back to." It's a great food. Some of them (firefighters) have their own restaurants.

Foreign recipes include tortillas de maiz (corn) from Mexico, potato salad from West Germany and Roman shrimp and cheese spaghetti.

Recipes with off-beat names include Sewer-Lid Amlets, made with sausage, green peppers, onion, cheddar cheese, and tomatoes; Hockey Pucks, made with hamburgers, onions and flour; and B.B.'s — Bad Breakfast, containing toast, peanut butter, dill pickles, onions and tomatoes.

HUNDREDS of photographs were taken for the book. They feature firefighters hammering it up or working, plus some sight-seeing views from cities such as Paris and Tokyo.

One of the biggest problems in collecting recipes was unexpected emergencies, Dennis said. "We'd be in the middle of getting a recipe, and they would get called out."

The main purpose of the book, to be published in five languages by McCormack Armstrong of Wichita, Kan., is raising funds for fire fighting around the world, Dennis said. Charity groups will be able to underprice retail outlets and mail orders.

"We expect tremendous sales," he said. "We have

Ratatouille In Foil

In a large mixing bowl, combine 1 or 2 large onions, sliced; 4 large cloves of fresh garlic, finely chopped; 1/4 cup olive oil; 2 green peppers, peeled and sliced; 1 large eggplant, diced; 4 or 5 small zucchini, cut into 1/4-inch slices; 8 to 10 very ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped; 1 tablespoon shredded fresh basil; 1 1/2 teaspoons salt and freshly ground black pepper. Toss well. Place on a sheet of heavy-duty aluminum foil and wrap well to seal in the juices. Grill over medium coals for 15 to 20 minutes. Serves 4 to 6.

I find that outdoor cooking is much more simple than it used to be. We don't go into a huddle over elaborate marinades and sauces. Sparrinba, for instance, are SO much better if you just rub coarse salt and black pepper into them and wave them onto a spit or put them into a basket grill and cook them over medium coals for 40 to 50 minutes.

Projects were accompanied by a ratatouille cooked in foil over the coals.

Restaurant show food for thought

CHICAGO (UPI) — Dedicated food fans might either rejoice or despair of the future of restaurant meals in the United States after visiting the National Restaurant Association's annual show.

The vast exposition covered three levels of McCormick Place with everything from smooth bourbon to greasy hushpuppies; from Hawaiian papayas to Dutch beer; from super-giant mixing bowls to waitresses' skinny waists.

As usual, appeal seemed to decline as the products got more complex and more artificial. The papayas were great but a processed, whipped orange drink was vile. The basic, restaurant-size gas ranges looked super but the airport-style, automated bartending systems looked as impersonal as could be.

A major chemical firm had an automated puppet band that lip-synched (well, at least mouth-synched) records, then took the band back to visitors.

Another exhibitor stuck little furry animals on the shoulders of visitors who were willing to wait in line for the privilege.

Coca-Cola had a remote-control robot that asked women for hugs, kisses and a few things they won't mention.

Lots of people had samples of their wares and an unwary visitor might stagger off after tasting Old Grand Dad bourbon, Grouches, Miller, Coors and Stroh's beers, and drinks ranging from a coconut-based rum drink to one combining cognac, coffee and cream and another combining liqueurs with fruit juice slush.

Some random notes: A firm peddling deep-freezers, apparently for fast-food purveyors, offered samples of jalapeno hushpuppies that tasted more of chemical than peppers. They also were soggy with grease.

The coffee and tea firms all seemed to have good products. One both made a hit by offering iced tea with or without sugar. Why is it that the coffee never tastes that good when you make it at home?

An accessories firm that produces swizzle sticks and picks for sandwiches was selling truly outrageous swizzle sticks for \$1 a pair. They had fuzzy little animals on the end and it looked like the hair would droop into the drink. Ick.

Restaurant show food for thought

Want a dessert that looks as though you spent hours creating it? Select packaged items, such as a ready crust, instant pudding, canned peaches and ice cream and, for an added fluff, stir Grand Marnier into the pudding.

A pear dessert: elegant but easy

For added color, tint the custard sauce topping with food coloring.

Pears Maxim

1 package French vanilla instant pudding (3 ounces) 1/2 cup Grand Marnier or 2 tablespoons orange extract 1 large can pear halves, well drained (6 to 8 halves) 1 quart French vanilla ice cream

Prepare pudding according to package directions, adding an additional 2 tablespoons milk. Stir well. Add Grand Marnier or orange extract. Chill. Place pear halves in pie-plate fashion, in pie-plate, cavity-side up. Freeze. Just before serving, add a scoop of ice cream to each pear half. Spoon custard sauce over each serving. For a hint of color, tint the custard sauce a delicate shade of orange.

Lemons in short supply

VAN NUYS, Calif. (UPI) — Top quality California lemons are expected to be shorter in supply and higher in cost this season because of weather problems earlier this year.

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Authors say firefighter's cookbook will be a hot one

Dewaine Dennis and Bob Brundage of Vienna, Va., expect their "Firefighter's International Cookbook" to be a three-alarm success.

The recently published book includes about 500 recipes collected from fire stations in the United States and 11 other countries.

Dennis said he cooked up the idea when he became familiar with the culinary habits of firefighters while working as a city police officer in Parkersburg, W. Va.

"It was interesting to me they cooked right there (in the fire station) and at night there," he said.

To finance research, publishing and marketing, Dennis and Brundage formed Dennis & Brundage Enterprises Inc. and sold 100,000 shares in the company at \$2 each.

The partners and four employees then hit the road. In five months, they covered about 110,000 miles, visiting fire stations in the United States, Canada, Mexico, England, France, West Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Greece, Japan and Australia.

THEY COLLECTED about 1,500 recipes, including main dishes, casseroles, desserts, breads, soups, salads and drinks. Most are not for diners that can be cooked quickly and eaten on the run, but are great for home cooks. Super-Fast, Last Minute, Day Before Payday Casserole and Hank's Quickie Gimmecks were everywhere.

"You would think there would be a lot of recipes for burgers and spaghetti, but there's not," Dennis said. "They are things you can turn off and come back to." It's a great food. Some of them (firefighters) have their own restaurants.

Foreign recipes include tortillas de maiz (corn) from Mexico, potato salad from West Germany and Roman shrimp and cheese spaghetti.

Recipes with off-beat names include Sewer-Lid Amlets, made with sausage, green peppers, onion, cheddar cheese, and tomatoes; Hockey Pucks, made with hamburgers, onions and flour; and B.B.'s — Bad Breakfast, containing toast, peanut butter, dill pickles, onions and tomatoes.

HUNDREDS of photographs were taken for the book. They feature firefighters hammering it up or working, plus some sight-seeing views from cities such as Paris and Tokyo.

One of the biggest problems in collecting recipes was unexpected emergencies, Dennis said. "We'd be in the middle of getting a recipe, and they would get called out."

The main purpose of the book, to be published in five languages by McCormack Armstrong of Wichita, Kan., is raising funds for fire fighting around the world, Dennis said. Charity groups will be able to underprice retail outlets and mail orders.

"We expect tremendous sales," he said. "We have

about 35,000 (fire) departments nationwide, and we're putting them in a computer. We've already called all the state fire marshal offices."

"It's a heart attack last year after suffering a smoke inhalation in battling a blaze. Single copies of "Firefighter's International Cookbook" are available by mail order from D&B Enterprises Inc., P.O. Box 1122, Parkersburg, W. Va. 26102 for \$15.95 plus \$3 for shipping and handling for prepaid orders of \$5 for CODs. A special wholesale price is available to charity groups raising funds for fire fighting. The book will not

appear in bookstores until next year because of a television sales contract for commercials on West Virginia and Ohio stations and Atlanta-based WTBS.

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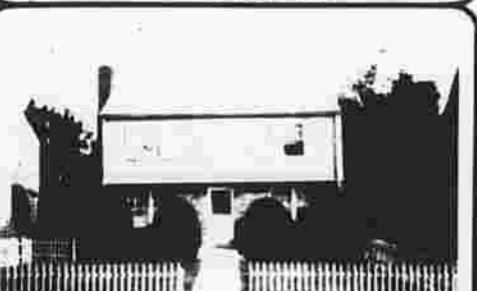
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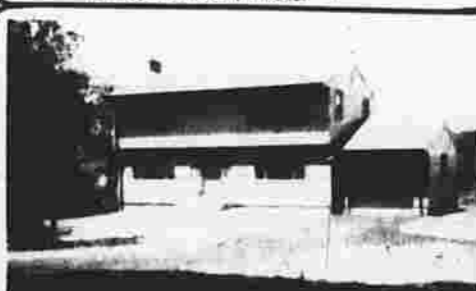


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Civil war threatened in Lebanon



Off the road. Wade McFate, center of photo, hands on hips, suffered minor scrapes and bruises when his empty flatbed trailer jacked during light rain late this morning on Interstate 84 near Spencer Street. McFate told police the trailer jacked when he braked suddenly to avoid hitting a car that pulled in front of him from the left lane near the Spencer Street exit where the highway narrows. McFate was returning from a lumber delivery in Rhode Island. The truck belongs to his employer, Senn Trucking Company of Newbury, S. C. McFate also lives in Newbury. Manchester police and fire departments and state police investigated.

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Druze Muslims, demanding the resignation of President Amin Gemayel and his government, shelled Beirut airport today and attacked besieged Lebanese army units in a second day of fighting that threatened to plunge Lebanon into civil war. The Druze militia released three captive Cabinet ministers held for 22 hours, giving them an ultimatum demanding that the government of President Amin Gemayel resign or face continued shelling of the international airport, state-run Beirut radio said. The three ministers reached Damour — 11 miles southeast of Beirut — and are now on their way to the Baalbek presidential palace," the radio said quoting police sources. A Lebanese police source said besides the resignation of the government, the militiamen also demanded: "The removal of the Lebanese army's heavy guns which are pointed toward the mountains, a pledge that the army will not be dispatched to the (Druze) mountains unless national interests are achieved and that the chief of general security and the military prosecutor resign their posts." Christian Pahallange radio said the three abducted Wednesday on a mediation mission in the Shouf mountains were released after the intervention of Brig. Gen. Amnon Lipkin, the commander of the Israeli forces in the occupied Aley and Shouf mountain regions east of Beirut. Government officials had no official comment on the Druze demands, but Prime Minister Chafic Wazzan said his Cabinet will hold a second meeting today to evaluate the crisis. The release of Health Minister Adnan Mroueh, Finance Minister Adel Hamiyeh, and Public Works Minister Pierre Khoury came just hours after Druze gunners pounded the international airport with two separate barrages.

Manchester landmark may disappear. W.G. Glenney property for sale. The W. G. Glenney Co. a Manchester landmark since 1920, may disappear from the local scene. The lumber company's building and land at 206 North Main St. is for sale or lease and Glenney plans to move out of it. William Glenney, company vice president, said today it has become too expensive to operate at the site, which has become too valuable a location for the lumber yard. Glenney has branches in Willington and Ellington branch, William Glenney said. He said there are alternatives to moving out of Manchester, but there is no specific plan. Warren E. Howland, the Manchester Realtor, who is offering the parcel for sale or lease, pointed out that it is in a Business Zone 3 and abuts a shopping center, a location that makes it suitable for some kind of high traffic retail operation. He also mentioned an automobile dealership as one type of operation for which the parcel would be suitable. Its space was cut down by the redevelopment of Depot Square and some of the land on which the shopping center now stands was part of its property.

Star gazers have a feast. BOSTON (UPI) — New England star watchers can feast their eyes on meteor showers tonight and Friday — as long as rain or clouds don't obscure the view. Gazers may be able to see 50 to 250 shooting stars an hour as the annual Perseid meteor shower reaches its height. "It could be quite spectacular," said Jim Cornell of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory at Harvard. The show could be rained out, however, since weather forecasts predict clouds and rain for the next two days. "If there are any clouds or rain, we won't see anything," he said. Cornell said the best viewing time is early in the morning just before dawn. Watchers also should get as far away from city lights as possible.

Cash registers slow down in July. WASHINGTON (UPI) — Deprived of a Social Security cost-of-living increase, Americans slowed down their buying in July despite the latest income tax cut, the Commerce Department says. Economists said the scaled-down buying indicated the recovery is progressing slowly. Retail sales showed a 0.63 percent decline after four months of improvement. The trend was set by a 1.0 percent drop. Despite the decline in July, the level of auto sales, helped somewhat by inflation, was the second highest on record and 30.4 percent above July of a year ago. Sales for July totaled \$98.66 billion after seasonal adjustment, the department said, down slightly from June's \$98.69 billion sales level. "Consumer spending has already slowed," economist Sandra Shaber of the Chase Econometrics analysis firm said. "It certainly does not mean the recovery is unwinding," she added. "We are still in recovery. But it is going to progress at a much slower rate." The latest report also took some of the strength out of June's sales, revising the increase to 0.3 percent — down from the first report of 0.7 percent. The latest 10 percent cut in federal income tax rates showed up as tax savings when withholding rates dropped July 1. The savings from the tax cut, however, were largely canceled by this year's absence of an annual cost of living increase for Social Security recipients. Congress postponed it from July until January as part of the system's financial rescue plan. Economists agree the pace of the recovery at this stage depends mostly on increases in consumer spending. Not all such spending, however, is necessarily reflected in the retail sales report. One government economist said many consumers apparently had to pay larger electricity bills during the summer. Some may have spent their return money long before it came.



LABOR BOARD REQUIRES UNION VOTE AT NURSING HOME. HARTFORD — In spite of a hard fight against an organizing drive by management, the National Labor Relations Board has decided that a union election is required at the Crestfield-Fenwood nursing home of Manchester. In an apparent victory for the health care employees' union, the NLRB ruled that licensed practical nurses and other categories of employees can participate in a collective bargaining unit if the union is voted in, an NLRB spokesman said this morning. If a variety of employees at the nursing home elect to bring the union in, they will be represented by the National Health Care Employees Union, District 1199. The union petition that led to the hearing said District 1199 sought to represent 130 employees. No date has yet been set for the election, said John Sauter, deputy officer in charge of the Hartford NLRB office. THE NLRB regional director decided to require the election based on testimony by employees and management at a two-day fact-finding hearing in Hartford late in July. Following the hearing, attorneys for the management of the nursing home and District 1199 filed briefs based on the testimony after which the ruling was handed down. The NLRB determined as a result of the hearing that an appropriate bargaining unit for the union consists of full- or regular part-time licensed practical nurses, service and maintenance employees including cooks, bed-makers, kitchen porters, and a variety of aides. The decision essentially accepted the arguments presented at the hearing by District 1199. THE NURSING HOME'S management testified at the hearing that LPNs and cooks should be considered supervisors, and therefore ineligible to be part of the bargaining unit, because they evaluate and discipline other employees, including aides. The union contended that the employees act primarily in the patient-care area and should not be considered management.

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