

BUSINESS

Loophole in pension law allows employers to drop plans

An utterly unanticipated pension issue has emerged and now threatens to explode over whether companies should continue to be allowed to terminate pension plans in order to strip off any cash surplus.

This involves all of us, employees and employers. Few, if any, employees realize that their employers can drop existing pension plans as long as employees meet certain criteria and leave enough funds in their plans to meet the plan's liabilities.

This option appeals to a mounting number of companies that see temporary fat surpluses in their pension funds that otherwise remain off-limits. Since 1980 alone, more than 200 pension fund terminations involving excess funds of more than \$1 million each have been approved, covering more than \$2.2 billion in total assets. Right now, more than 90 new applications are pending before the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp.

Hundreds of thousands of you, as employees, already have been affected. Hundreds of thousands more will be, as more plan terminations are approved. The appeal is clear: Overvalued plans have become extremely attractive to companies, which often view them as adjuncts to the corporate treasury—they could use these excess funds to pay off debts accrued in buying another company, to prevent a takeover or for another corporate goal.

The Employment Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), passed in 1978, prohibits companies from



Your Money's Worth
Sylvia Porter

When a company drops its plan, you, an employee, are unquestionably affected. Employees who terminate a plan must vest all employees—even those who in normal circumstances are still years away from vesting. In most cases, employees receive only the benefits they've earned to that date. Replacement might be another defined benefit plan that promises a fixed pension at retirement. Or replacement might be a defined contribution plan, such as stock ownership or profit-sharing, that does not guarantee a specific income later on. Or there might be no replacement at all.

And even if the company institutes an identical defined benefit plan the next day, you, an employee, might have to start accruing benefits all over again—depending on how the plan is written.

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"The guidelines affirm that pension surplus belongs to employers," says Lawrence Margel, chief actuary of Towers, Perrin, Forster & Crosby, a benefits consulting firm. Employers said, "If we can't do this, we'll simply terminate plans and not substitute anything."

Critics—including many in Congress—argue that employers are legally stealing pension funds that belong to employees and, as Gordon accuses, "are renegeing on an implied bargain."

Every aspect is ironic. This is inconsistent with the theory that pensions are deferred wages; it sneers at the recent comment of Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan that the private pension system is "the bedrock of retirement income and will exceed Social Security in importance."

Our nation is deliberately knocking down the social-welfare system it took us almost a full century to build. Are you aware of it?

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Business in Brief

Johnson elected to board
Savings Bank of Manchester President William R. Johnson has been elected to a two-year term on the board of directors of the National Council of Savings Institutions.

Johnson was also named to the asset and liability committee of the association. Charles L. Pike, SBA's vice president and commercial services officer, was appointed to the commercial loan committee.

The Washington, D.C.-based council is a national trade association for savings institutions.

Champion reports earnings
STAMFORD — Champion International Corp. reported an improvement of over 50 percent in second quarter earnings, attributed to strong results in its paper and packaging units.

Champion reported earnings of \$40.1 million, or 65 cents per share, up 57 percent from the \$25.6 million reported in the same quarter last year.

Thomas heads water group

Chester E. Thomas Jr. of Manchester has been named chief, Connecticut office, New England District, Water Resources Division, of the U.S. Geological Survey.

Thomas joined the Survey in 1961 in the water quality branch in the New York-New England District in Albany, N.Y. Since reassignment to Hartford, he has been responsible for a variety of interpretive and supervisory activities pertaining to hydrologic investigations in Connecticut.

In his tenure with the Survey, Thomas has authored or co-authored 14 hydrologic reports, had a two-month assignment in Brazil evaluating water-quality stations and has been on the advisory committee to the Institute of Water Resources, University of Connecticut, since 1970.

Thomas has a bachelor's degree in geology from Upsala College and a master's degree in geology from Washington University.

The Connecticut office of the Survey has a staff of 30.

Citizens' earnings increase

Citizens Bank of Glastonbury reported net income of \$433,282 for the six months ended June 30, an increase of 21 percent over the previous year's figures.

Per-share earnings for the period were \$2.30, compared with \$2.03 the previous year. Total assets have increased to \$84.5 million from \$66.8 million in 1983.

Citizens Bank has offices in Glastonbury, South Glastonbury, Marlborough, Hebron and Columbia.

Railbus carries the hope of railroad's resurgence

where you would want to cut down on travel between train and bus stations," said Michael Dinning of the U.S. Department of Transportation. "I don't think it's an exaggeration at all to say this could do wonders for the American railroad."

European and Asian countries are already running a handful of Railbuses, or bus bodies mounted on railway vehicle undercarriages. The vehicle has become popular in Denmark, Ireland and Thailand because it is inexpensive and efficient to run, officials said.

The Railbus is the product of a six-year development venture by British Rail Engineering, Ltd. and Leyland Bus, who set out to spread the word of the transportation method widely used in their country.

"We are convinced that this exciting concept will catch on throughout the world," James Urquhart, chairman of British Rail, told about 50 business, transportation and government officials at Newport Casino.

"We have taken a means of transport that was already there and the tracks, which were also already there, and simply built upon that," Urquhart said.

Global revenues boost Emhart earnings

FARMINGTON (UPI) — Emhart Corporation said Wednesday an increase in worldwide revenues pushed second quarter earnings up by 23 percent.

Record net earnings for the second quarter were \$22.2 million, equal to 88 cents per share, compared to net earnings of \$18 million, or 72 cents per share in 1983.

Worldwide revenues for the period were \$464.8, compared to \$428.5 million in the same period two years ago.

For the first six months net earnings were \$43.4 million, up 20 percent over 1983's \$36.2 million. Per share earnings rose to \$1.73 for the first six months, compared with \$1.45 a year ago.

Worldwide revenues were \$925.7 million, versus \$847.2 million, for the 1984 and 1983 first-half periods. The company said operating income rose 32 percent in the second quarter and orders for the second quarter were \$419 million, up 4 percent from the same period last year.

Fusscas gets GOP nod for bid in 55th District

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Clear tonight;
Cloudy Saturday
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Gloucester can provide a whale of a good time

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Slayer wanted to hunt humans

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Spending slowdown surprises economists

WASHINGTON — The nation's personal income grew by a moderate 0.8 percent in June but spending slowed down dramatically, increasing only 0.2 percent, the Commerce Department said today.

The increase in income was twice the revised 0.4 percent in May and the most since April's 1 percent gain, with June's increased factory employment a major contributing factor.

The month's increase was the same before income taxes were subtracted and after, a total known as disposable income.

But the spending figure, in today's report, prepared by the department's Bureau of Economic Analysis, was a surprise to analysts and directly contradicted another report a week ago on retail sales prepared by the department's Census Bureau.

May spending was up a strong 1.1 percent over April, when 1.5 percent more goods and services were purchased than in March.

Today's report said Americans spent less overall on automobiles, auto parts, large appliances and other durable goods in June but the retail sales report said there was a sharp 2.1 percent increase in that category for the month.

The spending figure is a key ingredient in the government's official measure of economic growth in the second quarter, the gross national product measure to be published Monday.

The discrepancy between the two reports raises new questions about whether the government's tentative estimate of GNP growth, a surprisingly strong rate of 5.7 percent, will turn out to be too low, as many economists have been predicting, or too high.

Personal income climbed, at annual rates, by \$23.5 billion in June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$304 trillion.

Personal spending went up by \$5.3 billion to \$241.7 trillion.

Overall wages and salaries jumped at an annual rate of \$12.6 billion in June, compared with \$1.1 billion in May, on the strength of the large surge in employment in June that gave the month the lowest unemployment rate, 7.1 percent, in over four years.

Farm income also increased by \$1.3 billion, after falling \$2 billion in May.

With spending much slower and income continuing to increase nearly 1 percent the nation's savings rate improved slightly to 6.1 percent of disposable income in June from 5.6 percent in May.



It was all handshakes, congratulations and smiles at the end of the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco Thursday night. Behind the podium, presidential nominee Walter Mondale and the Rev. Jesse Jackson (center) shake hands while Joan Mondale (right) applauds. In the foreground, vice presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro smiles at Gary Hart.

Soviet hints it won't attend Vienna arms talks this fall

WASHINGTON — The Soviet Union hints it will not come to Vienna in September to talk about anti-satellite warfare unless the United States comes up with specific proposals, a condition U.S. officials say will not be met.

The latest word came from a Soviet official, talking to United Press International on the basis of no further identification.

He expanded on a commentary that appeared in the Soviet newspaper Pravda Tuesday, which said the original Soviet proposal for the talks "presupposes an equally direct and constructive reply."

This meant, the official said Thursday, that the United States would be expected to come forward with specific proposals for a ban on anti-satellite weapons before the talks.

If there were no such ideas put forward, the official said, the Soviets would not attend.

A senior U.S. official said Tuesday at a White House briefing that the United States would be coming to Vienna with specific procedural ideas, which would not deal with the substance of an anti-satellite agreement.

The Soviet diplomat said he did not expect the talks would take place in Vienna as proposed for September.

The Soviets, in a June 29 letter to the United States, proposed meeting in Vienna Sept. 18 to discuss a ban on anti-satellite weapons.

The United States said it would send a delegation but wanted to discuss other issues as well, including the strategic and intermediate-range missile talks, which the Soviet Union broke off late last year.

The Soviets interpreted the U.S. counterproposal as a rejection of the Vienna invitation.

The Soviet diplomat said the Prava commentary was an authoritative statement of the Soviet position.

The comment, by an author identified as Yuri Orlov, said the American proposal to discuss weapons other than anti-satellite was "laying down of a precondition and a deliberately unacceptable condition at that."

The State Department has said the U.S. proposals to widen the agenda are not a precondition and the United States intends to be in Vienna — either in September or after the November election, if the Soviets prefer.

Mondale readies for battle

Both nominees make their triumphant returns home today, with Mondale going to Minnesota and Ms. Ferraro to New York.

The campaigns will begin soon, but for the time being, Mondale and Ferraro strategists will work out final battle plans.

"Four years ago, many of you voted for Mr. Reagan because he promised you'd be better off," Mondale said in an acceptance speech that referred to the 1980 Democratic race when he and Jimmy Carter were buried by history by including a pledge in their national ticket for the first time.

And today, the rich are better off. But working Americans are worse off, and the middle class is standing on a trap door," he said in his acceptance speech.

The Democratic presidential standard-bearer bluntly declared that federal taxes would have to be raised to close the massive federal deficit.

"Taxes will go up," he said. "And anyone who says they won't is not telling the truth."

Mondale and Ms. Ferraro both cut into Reagan — with the new vice presidential candidate proudly proclaiming, "Change is in the air."

With the bond playing a medley of Reagan.

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Fourth of July group looks ahead to 1985

For Manchester fireworks aficionados it will be some time, same place next Fourth of July.

The Independence Day Celebration Committee met Thursday night to begin looking at 1985, following this year's fireworks display and celebration — which drew an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 people to the grounds of Manchester Community College.

"We're moving on to year two with a very good taste in everyone's mouth," said committee Chairman Nathan G. Agostinelli.

Members reported few, if any, problems in their respective areas, and a representative from MCC said the college would be more than willing to host the event again next July 4.

The group hopes to start planning the event this year to draw an even bigger crowd at next year's celebration. The event is likely to closely resemble this year's, which featured a chicken barbecue, two band concerts and children's games.

Among the biggest complaints registered at this year's event were that the fireworks were launched in a location not visible to everyone and that the show was too short, committee members reported.

Agostinelli said that all displays are limited to 30 minutes, but that the committee could look into purchasing more fireworks. The display this year lasted 24 minutes and included \$5,000 worth of fireworks, he said.

Committee member and town Director James F. Fogarty drew laughter when he explained that the problem of long lines at the barbecue pits was not the result of poor planning or the fault of the caterer.

"He doesn't know Manchester — if you say 6 to 7:30, everybody's there at 6," Fogarty said.

The group also reported minor problems with concessions, traffic congestion, publicity and the method of collecting donations at the entrances to the college.

Talks continue to avert postal strike

WASHINGTON — Two of the nation's largest postal unions returned to the bargaining table today in the hopes of hammering out a labor contract for 500,000 postal workers.

The American Postal Workers Union and the National Association of Letter Carriers agreed to go back to the table after talks broke down earlier this week because their leaders maintained the Postal Service was unwilling to talk about economic issues.

"We have not been in contact with the Postal Service, but representatives of FMCS have assured us the Postal Service now is prepared to return to the bargaining table for the express purpose of discussing economic issues and wages," APWU spokesman Alan Madison said Thursday.

Today Madison called the resumption of negotiations "very, very significant."

Madison said union officials were hopeful they could reach an agreement in the 14 hours before the deadline.

A Postal Service spokesman had no information about today's planned return to the bargaining table.

Union leaders had said they would resume talks only when the Postal Service agreed to discuss money issues.

With a contract deadline of midnight today, APWU President Moe Biller said the Postal Service has not yet put a viable economic package on the bargaining table.

Letter Carriers President Vincent Sombrotto said, "They put a bag of garbage on the table."

Union leaders said the Postal Service is seeking a three-year wage freeze, a two-tier pay scale with new workers receiving one-third less and outlays in other benefits.

"We are interested in negotiating a contract, but not on our knees with no givebacks," Biller said. The two postal unions and two other smaller unions, which represent about 100,000 workers, are in negotiations with the Postal Service Monday.

The Postal Service maintains that union proposals for wage and benefit increases and cost-of-living adjustments would cost \$14.5 billion over three years and raise the cost of a first-class stamp to 28 cents.

The unions say these estimates are exaggerated and would cost Postmaster General William Bolger said, "The bottom line of all this is that we and union leaders simply cannot afford to just walk away from the bargaining table."

Federal workers are prohibited by law from striking. If no settlement is reached by the time the contract expires, the big unions plan to consider their next move at simultaneous conventions in Las Vegas next month.

A Postal Service strike has not occurred since 1970, when President Richard Nixon called in federal troops to move the mail.

Local postal union rejects contract

EAST HARTFORD — The union which represents over 1,200 letter carriers in the Hartford area — including about 55 in Manchester — voted Thursday to reject a three-year contract offered by the U.S. Postal Service that includes reductions in wages and benefits.

Members of Merged Branch 88 of the National Association of Letter Carriers also voted to begin informational picketing if an agreement is not reached by the expiration of the current contract at midnight tonight.

Robert A. Jinks, president of

Merged Branch 88, said the approximately 400 union members gathered at the International Association of Machinists Hall on Main Street Thursday were unanimous in their rejection of the contract, which includes a change in the way cost-of-living adjustments are paid, a new two-tier system that would force new employees to start at a lower level, 20 percent less than regular workers, reductions in sick and vacation leave, and a complete restructuring of the three-year duration of the contract.

Jinks said the terms of the

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Kennelly finds place in sun

Differences, but no infighting among state delegates



BARBARA KENNELLY makes the intro

By Joseph Milanoway United Press International

SAN FRANCISCO — The calm Connecticut delegation to the Democratic convention headed home today on a high note, having played at least a minor role in the historic presidential nomination of Rep. Geraldine Ferraro.

mental, this friend of working men and women as we in the United States Congress do. Mrs. Kennelly told the packed convention. "The people will perceive her innate goodness and they too will recognize her as a leader of vision," she said.

After calling the first four delegations in the rollcall, the vote was jumped to Mrs. Ferraro's home state of New York, which was given the honor of asking that her nomination be made by acclamation. The convention quickly agreed.

"I know Gerry Ferraro well," Mrs. Kennelly said in her speech. "As Americans get to know Gerry Ferraro equally well, they will know her to be a smart, decisive, independent leader."

"In El Salvador, Gerry went out to the villages and barrios to talk to the mothers and the fathers who prayed for peace for their children," she said. "She and I traveled in the Salvadoran countryside to talk to the people about how to bring democracy and peace to that ravaged country."

Peopletalk

Nabbing the deerslayers

Police said Thursday they arrested two 17-year-olds who killed actor Burt Reynolds' pet deer with a bow and arrow.

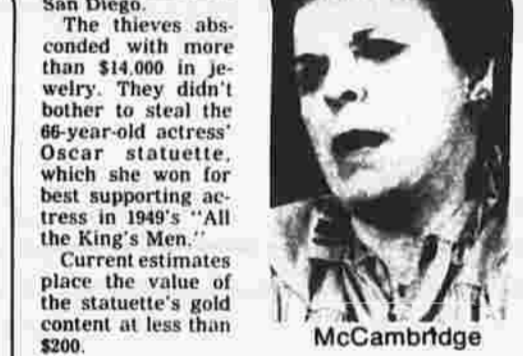


Burt Reynolds

where 12 deer are kept. Reynolds had offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the deer slayers.

No illegal taking of Oscar

What could be a new trend — celebrity larceny — continued Tuesday as burglars broke into the condominium of '50s character actress Mercedes McCambridge in suburban San Diego.



McCambridge

The thieves absconded with more than \$14,000 in jewelry. They didn't bother to steal the 66-year-old actress' Oscar statuette, which she won for best supporting actress in 1949's "All the King's Men."

Celebrity brawling

Eddie Murphy, whose comedy film "Best Defense" opens Friday, won't need even a mediocre defense attorney.

Beverly Hills police said Wednesday there was insufficient evidence to charge the comic after a brawl early Saturday morning at a private disco on the Sunset Strip.

Dial B for bomb

An amateur bomber, possibly upset over the recent increase in the price of a pay call from a dime to a quarter, deposited a pipebomb that destroyed a Brooklyn phone booth.

New York Telephone recently raised the price of a pay phone call from 10 cents to a quarter. Catoricci said the pipe bomb, which exploded at 3:29 a.m. Wednesday, was not powerful, but it demolished the phone booth at Dean Street and New York Avenue.

Almanac

Today is Friday, July 20th, the 202nd day of 1984 with 164 to follow. The moon is approaching its last quarter. There is no morning star.

The evening stars are Venus, Jupiter, Mars, Saturn and Mercury. Those born on this date are under the sign of Cancer.

Teacher gets a snowmobile

Wanted in Goose Wing, Wyoming: Teacher for one-pupil isolated school. Will provide snowmobile.

The teacher, however, will have to use that snowmobile to drive 35 miles to the school, 40 miles north of Jackson, every winter day in snow.

Teton County School District Assistant Superintendent Dave Dagley said Mary and Dan Joines moved to Goose Wing this summer to take ownership of the Goose Wing Guest Ranch and were stumped on how their son Jake, 10, could get to Jackson to go to school.

Dagley noted the district will provide Goose Wing's teacher with a snowmobile for transportation between Jackson and Goose Wing.

Mom gets in the act A new road show starring an Elvis Presley impersonator will include Elvis' real life stepmother and her son on the bill.

Dee Presley and her son Bill Stanley will answer questions about the late superstar on stage while Elvis Wade, who has been impersonating the King for 16 years, swivels the hips.

And now, celebrity polling

A celebrity psychic predicted Tuesday that Walter Mondale's choice of Geraldine Ferraro as his running mate will result in a "landslide loss" for the Democrats.

David Guardino of Las Vegas, who bills himself as the "psychic to the stars," said the only solid voting block behind Mondale will be gays.

Charlie McAllister, owner of McAllister Flying Service, asserted that someone had climbed the barbed-wire fence behind his field Wednesday night and had tried to start several of the Cessnas parked near the runway.

McAllister noted that not only will a Cessna start by itself but it will fly by itself too, if it has enough gas.

He estimated the plane flew a little over a half-mile south and then dropped straight to the ground early Thursday.

Now you know

The franc, used by 24 countries, is the most widely used monetary unit. Eighteen nations use the dollar, 10 use the peso, nine use the pound and eight use the dinar.

Today in history

On July 20, 1919, Sir Edmund Hillary, the first man to conquer Mt. Everest, was born. He is shown in this 1953 file photo after his famous climb.

Weather

Today's forecast

Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Today: sunny and pleasant. Highs from around 80 to the mid 80s. A little cooler over Cape Cod and portions of the North Shore. Tonight: mostly clear, lows in the 60s. Saturday: partly cloudy and becoming more humid with a chance of an afternoon or evening thunderstorm. Highs in low 80s except 70s Cape Cod and along the North Shore.

Maine: Mostly sunny today. Highs in mid 70s to mid 80s. Fair tonight. Lows 55 to 60. Partly sunny Saturday with a chance of a few afternoon showers. Highs in 70s and 80s.

New Hampshire: Some cloudiness north otherwise mostly sunny today. Highs in upper 70s to mid 80s. Fair tonight. Lows 55 to 60. Partly sunny Saturday with a chance of a few afternoon showers. Highs in 70s and 80s.

Extended outlook For New England Sunday through Tuesday: Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Fair weather Sunday. Chance of showers Monday. Fair Tuesday. High mainly in 80s. Overnight lows in 60s.

Vermont: Fair Sunday. Chance of showers Monday. Fair Tuesday. Highs Sunday and Monday in 80s and lows in 60s. Tuesday with high in 70s and lows in 50s.

Maine and New Hampshire: Partly sunny Sunday. Chance of showers Monday and fair Tuesday. Highs in 70s and 80s. Lows in mid 50s to low 60s.

Air quality

The state Department of Environmental Protection forecast moderate air quality levels statewide for today.

The department reported good air quality levels in Middletown and moderate conditions elsewhere Thursday.

Long Island Sound

The National Weather Service forecast for Long Island Sound to Watch Hill, R.I., and Montauk Point:

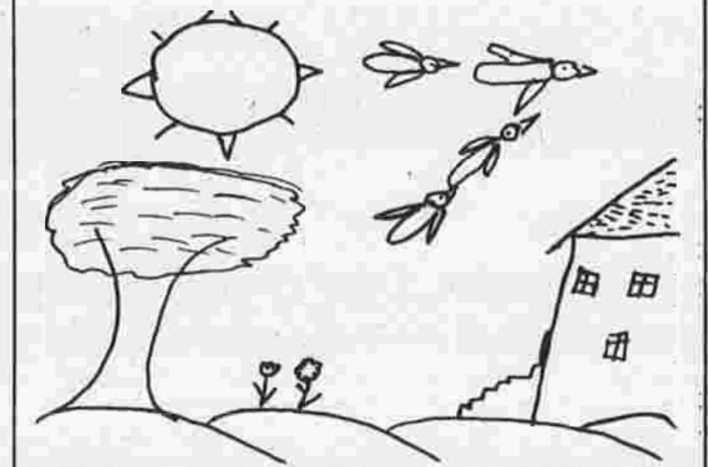
Winds southwest 10 to 15 knots today, becoming less than 10 knots tonight. Winds increasing Saturday to southerly about 10 knots. Visibility will be 5 miles or more. Weather will be fair today. Increasing clouds tonight. Chance of showers Saturday. Average wave heights — 1 to 3 feet through tonight.

Across the nation

Summer thunderstorms stretching across the South washed away a Saharan dust cloud that shrouded Miami for two days, spurted off tornadoes and triggered flash flooding that closed roads in California and Arizona.

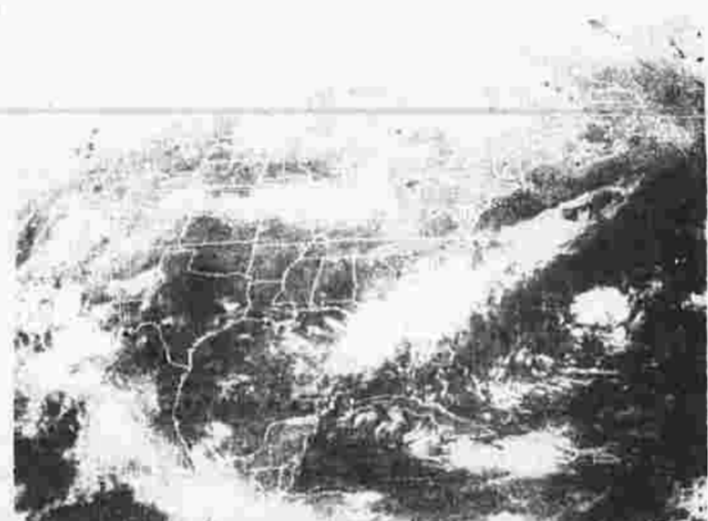
Early today thunderstorms pounded the southern Atlantic Coast. Another band of storms ranged from the central high Plains across Iowa into lower Michigan, and scattered storms were reported from Louisiana to the desert Southwest.

Coast Guard officials said they would resume the search today for two crew members missing from a towboat that collided Thursday with another towboat and sank in fog on the Mississippi River near Thebes, Ill.



Enjoy the sun while it lasts

Today: sunny and pleasant. High in mid 80s. Southerly winds around 10 mph. Tonight: mostly clear skies. Low 60 to 65. Light southerly winds. Saturday: partly cloudy becoming more humid with a 30 percent chance of an afternoon or evening thunderstorm. Highs in low 80s. Today's weather picture was drawn by Angela Bowen, 9, of 186 Birch St., and a student at Nathan Hale School.



Satellite view

Commerce Department satellite photo taken at 4 a.m. EDT shows clouds and showers across Florida and stretching across the Midwest and central Plains. Clouds also cover much of the southern Rockies and the Southwest.



National forecast For period ending 7 a.m. Saturday. During Friday night, thundershowers are expected in the Northern Rocky Mountains, the Plateau Region, the Ohio Valley and the South Atlantic Coast States.

Elsewhere weather will remain fair in general. Minimum temperatures include: (maximum readings in parentheses) Atlanta 68 (82), Boston 66 (83), Chicago 63 (83), Cleveland 63 (79), Dallas 75 (97), Denver 61 (83), Duluth 57 (83), Houston 71 (92), Jacksonville 71 (85), Kansas City 71 (83), Little Rock 67 (81), Los Angeles 70 (77), Miami 77 (86), Minneapolis 67 (87), New Orleans 72 (89), New York 69 (82), Phoenix 81 (108), San Francisco 56 (72), Seattle 53 (77), St. Louis 70 (82), and Washington 72 (86).

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Large advertisement for clothing featuring a man in a suit and text: 'FREE ALTER', 'ALL SIZES INCLUDING', 'DRESS SHIRTS', '\$10.00-\$12.00', 'AS LOW AS \$5.00', 'ROBERT BRUCE', 'Leverett, Mass.' and 'MA'.

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New MCC program center draws good reviews at first open house

By Sarah E. Hall
Herald Reporter

Manchester Community College officials showed off the school's new program center at an open house Thursday afternoon, seeking to attract performers, musicians and artists to balance the workshops and seminars already on the schedule.

"What I'm looking for is a well-rounded program, not a catch-all kind of thing," MCC spokesman Charles Pleske explained. The 500-seat center, with its bright blue and white decor, smelled of fresh paint as about a dozen people from area arts groups ate cookies and drank punch in the lobby just outside the door.

Though the turnout was low — 33 people had been invited — Pleske said he was not worried about filling the center's schedule. "What I'm really worried about is finding space and time for the cultural activities we want to sponsor," he said pointing out that a number of conference-givers

have already signed up. The Manchester Symphony Orchestra and Choral and the Encore playhouse have already agreed to be resident performers at the MCC program center, which in its current state — without chairs or stage — looks much like a gymnasium. But those who viewed it Thursday were enthusiastic. "This is huge," Mary Blish of the Little Theatre of Manchester said as she strolled about. "I like your color scheme."

When Joyce Karpel, executive producer of the Center Ballet Theatre, arrived, Pleske told her that the center lacks stage lights and a dressing room. But Ms. Karpel just smiled and said her company often ends up improvising anyway when it performs in local schools.

"There seems to be strong interest," said Diane Morrison, Manchester Arts Council president, as she surveyed the scene. She said attracting performers to the program center is a high priority. "We need to build an audience for the Capitol Region Performing Arts Center — a theater which a

consortium of arts groups, plans to build on the MCC campus within the next decade.

"The ultimate goal is to have the program center scheduled so full that we can take the overflow and put it in the performing arts center," Ms. Morrison explained.

Already, CRPAC, Inc. has collected nearly \$15,000 for the \$3 to \$4 million project. Formal fundraising will not begin until the fall of 1985.

Groups which appear at the MCC program center are expected to make voluntary contributions which will further inflate the arts center account. But Pleske doubted that any performers will want to use the center before its 500 cushioned, stackable chairs arrive, sometime in mid-August. They cost \$50,000.

A collapsible stage has not yet been ordered, although the MCC Student Senate has donated \$20,000 to buy the platform needed to build one. And though early estimates indicated that the \$20,000 would not be enough, Pleske said the cost picture has since brightened.

Obituaries

Norman T. Marshall

Norman T. Marshall, 74, a lifelong resident of New Britain, died Thursday at the Farmington Convalescent Home.

He was a former commissioner of the Water Department in New Britain and retired from the United Technologies Corp. in 1973. He is survived by his wife, Jennie LaMont Marshall, two daughters, Bonnie Norman of Manchester and Kathryn Ross of Plainville, and three grandsons.

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E. Leonard Ridyard

ANDOVER — E. Leonard Ridyard, 70, of Hickory Hill Drive, died Thursday at the Farmington Convalescent Home.

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The funeral will be Monday at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., at a time to be announced. Burial will be in the Townsend Cemetery in Andover. Friends may call at the funeral home on Sunday, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung and Emphysema Association, 45 Ash St., East Hartford.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of George S. McCollum, who passed away July 20th, 1984. This day do we remember. A loving thought we give. For one no longer with us. But in our hearts still lives.

Sadly missed. Wife and daughters.

Justice of the Peace steps down

Registrar choice kept secret

By Alex Girelli
Herald Reporter

A Republican candidate selection committee made a choice between incumbent Frederick Peck and challenger Mary Wilshire Thursday night, but its chairman, David Frost, will not say which one the committee picked.

Frost did say, however, that the committee is "enthusiastically" supporting one candidate. That suggests the choice is Mrs. Wilshire.

Most of the members of the Republican Town Committee have been openly critical of Peck's performance.

The town committee will decide July 25 which candidate it favors. Peck has declined to say whether he will force a primary if he does not win committee endorsement, but he did primary once before and defeated a challenger endorsed by the town committee.

The candidate who wins within the party will be automatically elected Nov. 6. Members of the selection com-

mittee who made the choice Thursday night are Frost, Walter Joyner, Nathan Agostinelli, Sen. Carl Zinsser, Donald Kuehl, and Vivian Ferguson.

GOP Town Committee Chairman Curtis Smith said the decision of the committee will not be made public until after it has been reported to the executive committee of the Republican Town Committee at 7:30 July 25.

IN OTHER ACTION, Mary Jane Crandall lost the draw Thursday night and will step down as a Republican justice of the peace.

The selection committee, faced with four incumbent justices of the peace who like their jobs and only three places on the ballot for them, decided to solve the question by chance, Frost said.

Frost said the four candidates themselves rejected the idea of using seniority as a guide and they did not want to embarrass the Republican Town Committee by forcing the committee to choose.

They preferred to trust to luck, Crandall said. Before 1980 the privilege of having the larger number of justices of the peace of the party of the governor in office.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who challenged Mondale and Carter for the nomination in 1980 introduced Mondale. Kennedy — who walked on stage to the music from the movie, "Eiders of the Lost Ark" — opened by saying, "Let me begin with this — by his choice of Geraldine Ferraro, Walter Mondale has already done more for this country in one short day than Ronald Reagan has done in four long years in office."

Mondale — the protégé of Hubert Humphrey, the giant of modern liberalism — quickly set a tone of moderation in his speech, which

marked the official start of his bid to upset Reagan in the Nov. 6 general election. Acknowledging that "Ronald Reagan beat the pants off us" when he ran as Jimmy Carter's vice president in 1980, Mondale said he spent the last four years touring the nation "asking you what our mistakes had been."

"Tonight we come to you with a new realism: ready for the future, and recapturing the best in our tradition," Mondale declared. "We know that America must have a strong defense, and a sober view of the Soviets. We know that government must be as well-managed as it is well-meaning."

City wants Walsh out

BRIDGEPORT (UPI) — The city has vowed to continue its drive to fire veteran Police Superintendent Joseph A. Walsh with an appeal of a retired judge's ruling there were no grounds for his dismissal.

The Board of Police Commissioners Thursday night directed city attorneys to seek a continuance of a temporary injunction preventing Walsh from returning to duty.

In a 96-page decision filed earlier Thursday in Superior Court, State Trial Referee Roman J. Letson ruled the city had no just cause to dismiss Walsh, 68, who faced dozens of charges of mismanagement and racial bias.

Lawyers for Walsh, police chief in the state's largest city for 22 years, had said he might reclaim his office as early as today.

Letson said his ruling in no way was a "vindication or exoneration" of Walsh's controversial management style and used an aircraft pilot as an analogy to describe the challenge facing the veteran officer.

"There may pilots who can still fly a plane by the seat of their pants, but — the fly-by-seat-of-the-pants' pilot can no longer be tolerated. He must either conform or be grounded," Letson said.

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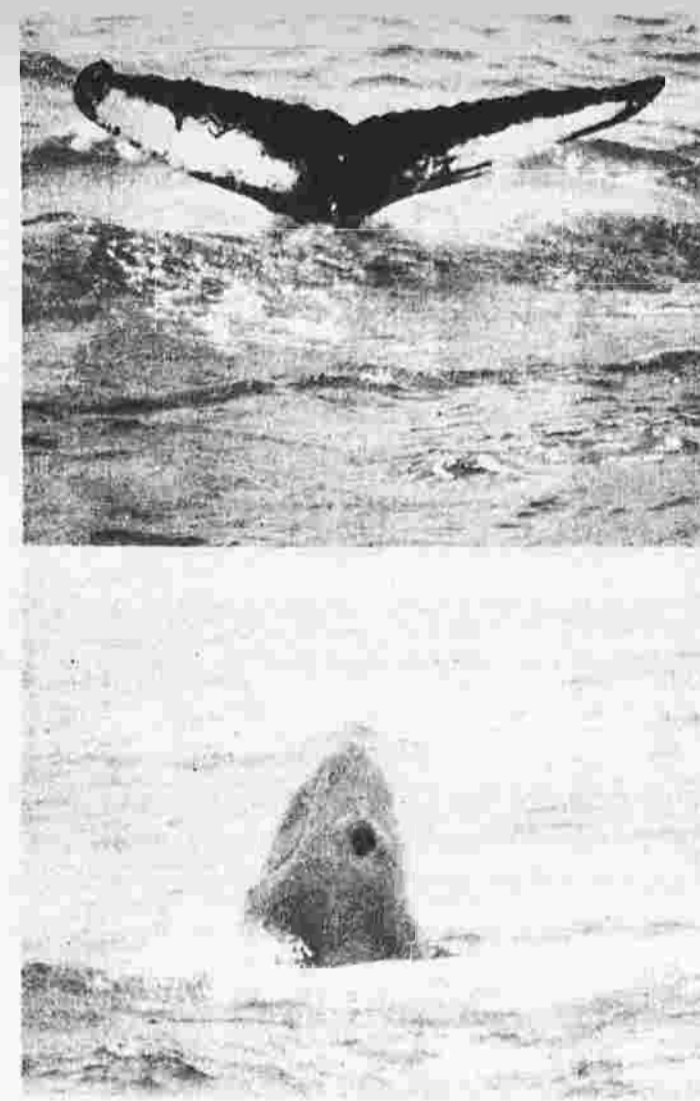
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Whale watcher's journal

Gloucester's coast is fertile country for the biggest beasts known to man



These scenes were captured during a whale watch trip this month conducted by the Gloucester Whale Watch, one of six firms in the Gloucester area which offer such trips.

By Mark F. Abrattis
Special to the Herald

It was cool for a Thursday morn in July: the steel gray sky and light mist over the bay stirred up visions of Melville's story of Capt'n Ahab and the great white whale.

But, let's remember where we are now! This is 1984, and modern day Gloucester, Mass. Still, I'll bet anything that the excitement I was experiencing paralleled Ahab's as we waited for the whale watch boat to begin its search for the behemoths of the sea.

The anticipation grew with a Canon to shoot and capture as many whales as time would allow. Not with harpoon or spear, mind you; I speak of shooting in the photographic sense. The Canon was my Canon F1 with a 70-210mm zoom lens. With it I could count the barbs on a whale's tail or look down its blow hole.

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As soon as they'd appeared, they sounded; dove deep for about 20 or

30 minutes. We'll try another area," spoke the guide. Whales do that quite often, you know. It wasn't because we were there; it's just something whales do.

Soon we came upon a group of four whales traveling together. They are sociable animals and have personalities of their own. One of the whales started thrashing about, raising its large flippers out of the water and slapping them on the water's surface. This was repeated a number of times before the other three whales tired of this behavior and left. We followed

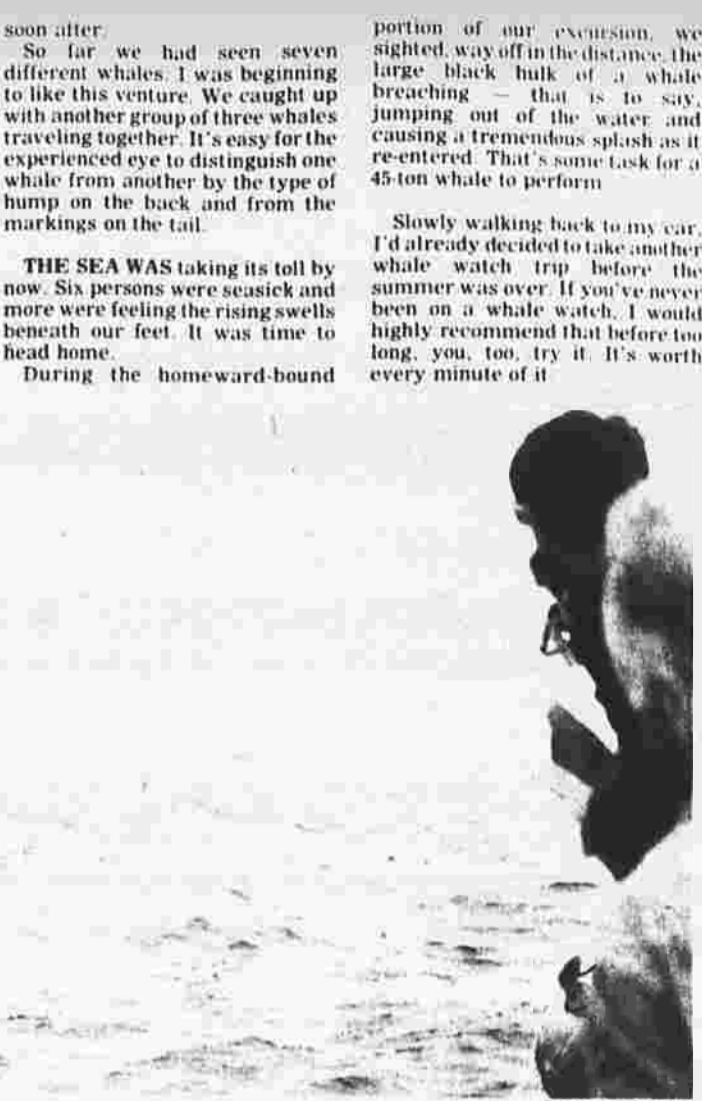
head home. During the homeward-bound

So far we had seen seven different whales. I was beginning to like this venture. We caught up with another group of three whales traveling together. It's easy for the experienced eye to distinguish one whale from another by the type of hump on the back and from the markings on the tail.

THE SEA WAS taking its toll by now. Six persons were seasick and more were feeling the rising swells beneath our feet. It was time to head home.

From the deck of the whale watch boat, a whale is easily sighted. The four-hour cruises take place early in the morning and in the afternoon. Most cost about

\$15 for adults. Bring a warm sweater — it gets cold out at sea. Most boats have snack bars.



Photos by Abrattis

Gloucester cruise for researchers

Humpbacks are still puzzling scientists

By Ruth Youngblood
United Press International

GLoucester, Mass. — The great whale surges skyward, partially spining its 46-ton body and crashing back into the sea while his colleagues playfully raise their huge tails and smack the water with their flippers.

Oblivious to the audience of scientists and students, the massive mammals propelled by their powerful muscles roar into the sunlight with grace and precision.

From a three-masted barkentine, educators and college age youngsters diligently photograph, record and take notes on the behavior of the humpback whales on their annual migrations from the northern Atlantic to the Caribbean and back.

"I don't think I'll ever get tired of watching them," said Oberlin College junior Emily Singer after spending six weeks in the tropical region of Atlantic shallows, called the Silver Bank where the whales mate and give birth to their calves.

FOR SEVEN YEARS, George Nichols, a retired professor of medicine from Harvard University, has been taking researchers and students on unforgettable adventures, following the rare whales once almost driven to extinction by iron harpoons.

"They're wonderful animals. Despite their size they're really quite gentle. There's a kind of innocence about them," Nichols said.

No other vessel is dedicated to whale research 100 percent of the time," Nichols said of the 76-year-old Regina Marie, operated by the Ocean Research and Education Society Inc.

Built in Denmark 75 years ago, it was obtained by the Ocean Research and Education Society, which Nichols directs from Gloucester when he's not at sea.

Through a precise system of photographing the markings on the bale, flukes, Nichols and other researchers have identified 3,000 whales.

"The identification is as reliable as fingerprints for human beings," Nichols said, explaining that the photographs are filed, catalogued and computerized at the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine.

Nichols estimates some 15,000 humpback whales romped through the Atlantic Ocean prior to the modern whaling period early in the century. Their numbers dwindled drastically before international agreements stopped the slaughter in 1966.

DESPITE DILIGENT TRACKING by Nichols and other scientists, much about the humpbacks — the roll of their backs in a dive — remains a mystery.

Particularly intriguing are the complex "songs" humpbacks can detect more than 25 miles underwater, the failure of anyone to watch a birth and the magnitude of their migrations.

Fascinated students from all over the country apply for the chance to help scientists unravel the secrets and tackle independent projects of their own.

After six weeks of on-shore classes, Miss Singer, of Lexington, Mass., and 22 other students joined the 144-foot-long research vessel off the northern coast of the Dominican Republic.

The first priority was mastering such basics as climbing up 90 feet of rigging on a "whale watch," mastering the engine controls and understanding the gauges.

"I really didn't know what to expect," Miss Singer said. "But when I saw all those whales and their young, it was incredible."

"They're shy, but after a while they started coming closer to the boat. Finally I put on a mask, snorkel and fins, and actually swam with them. That was beautiful."

Underwater, Miss Singer found the water alive with music, with the haunting sounds of the humpbacks made up of a complicated sequence of themes. There were moans, roars, grunts, hoots and blasts similar to the sounds of elephants or lions.

Mais oui, what a film!

The Muppets' latest isn't just for small fry



Kermit and Miss Piggy are only part of the fun in "The Muppets Take Manhattan," the latest full-length Muppets

What did Miss Piggy look like as a baby? Can Gonzo love and support an entire harem of clamorous chickens?

Could Fozzie Bear be happy hibernating with a brown brain named Beth in a midwinter hideaway? Will Janice and Dr. Teeth find inner peace and good karma on the Great White Way?

And is it true that Miss Piggy and Kermit are finally enjoying wedded bliss?

If you're an adult who not only recognizes those puppet-character names, but also cares deeply about them, then treat yourself to an afternoon of sheer escapism fantasy with the newest Muppets' film, "The Muppets Take Manhattan."

Don't be embarrassed to admit your Muppet mania, either. You're in good company. After all, Mayor Ed Koch of New York staged a press conference with Miss Piggy and Kermit in Central Park last Saturday, and much of the harried New York City press corps spent its time questioning the puppets on the legitimacy of their cinema nuptials.

This film, the third full-length Muppet production to be released by Jim Henson and company, tells the story of a group of close friends (the regulars from the Muppets' classic show) who believe their senior ski should be produced on Broadway.

From there, you have the classic story line: impoverished acting troupe tries to find producer, encounters many misadventures (including a bout with amnesia for Kermit) and finally succeeds in the big time.

At least, that's the alleged story line. But because this is the Muppets, what you have is more like a parody of the classic Broadway film — a relatively subtle parody which was lost on most of the children in the audience.

Want to go?

Six different firms in the Gloucester area offer whale watching tours. Be sure and make reservations. Boats are frequently filled to capacity. The four-hour trip is usually offered twice daily.

The firms are: Cape Ann Whale Watch, 617-283-5110. Adults, \$15; children up to age 12, \$10; seniors, \$12.

Captain Ted's Rockport Whale Watch, 617-546-2889. Adults, \$15; children up to age 12, \$12; no senior rates.

Captain Bill & Sons Whale Watch, 617-283-8995. Adults, \$15; up to age 16, \$10; seniors, \$13.

Seven Seas Whale Watch, 617-283-1776. Adults, \$15; up to age 12, \$10; seniors, \$10 weekdays only.

Whale Safaris, 617-281-4163. Adults, \$18. Up to 12, \$10; seniors, \$12.

All boats have snack bars. If the weather is inclement, trips are usually canceled. Dress warmly. Temperatures at sea are often 20 degrees colder than on land, especially if it's windy.

Most boats keep seasick remedies on hand.

FOR EXAMPLE, while suffering from his amnesia, Kermit becomes a briefcase-toting advertising copywriter named Phil. He works in an office with people whose names all rhyme with Jill. The scene gave writer Frank Oz an opportunity to poke savage fun at the New York advertising industry, and delighted quite a few chuckles from the adults in the audience.

Yes, this is supposed to be a kids' film. But as Celia Robbins, a musical comedy fan from Bolton, said, "I think I enjoyed it more than my daughters did."

The film works on several different levels. A chase scene in Central Park is a good example. It was the favorite of 4-year-old Kimberly Corner, as well as her mother, Darlene. In it, Miss Piggy gives new meaning to the term "femme fatale."

Wearing borrowed roller skates, she chases a purse snatcher across Central Park, skating like a bomber out of a roller derby. Her growing wrath and determination shows in her eyes, which are painted to look increasingly crossed.

In the culmination of this wonderful scene, Miss Piggy

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Advice

There's more give than take in the wide world of animals

DEAR ABBY: This is regarding the animal lover who wrote to me that whenever she went, animals — and even wild birds — seemed to sense her love for them and instinctively came to her.

I don't doubt her story, but how do you explain this? I would never abuse an animal, but I don't particularly care for them. However, wherever I go, they seem magnetically drawn to me.

For example, I went to a friend's home for a barbecue supper recently. There were about 50 people there, but my friend's dog, with no encouragement from me, followed me around all evening. I ignored him but couldn't get rid of him.

Another time I was a guest in the home of a man who had a cat. The cat kept rubbing against my ankle, so I picked it up and placed it on the lap of a woman I know is a great cat lover. No sooner had I set down, when the cat jumped off her lap and came running back to me.

I've also heard that animals "know" who likes them and who doesn't. How do you account for this?

CALIFORNIA MAGNET DEAR MAGNET: Animals, I'm told, are endowed with a "sixth sense" that enables them to distinguish between dangerous and life-threatening situations and safe and non-threatening ones. Apparently, you project an aura of love, kindness and security. Animals sensing this are drawn to you instinctively. Even though you don't particularly like animals, your magnetism is meant for people, these animals assumed that it included them.

DEAR DR. LAMB — I am a 66-year-old male. My blood test shows my sugar count is 234. I stay away from all sweets. My doctor told me to cut down carbohydrates. I would like to know what foods, vegetables and fruits have a low percentage of carbohydrates and low cholesterol levels.

DEAR READER — I do not know whether you mean your blood-glucose level is 234 while fasting or after eating or loading with glucose. In any case, your blood glucose level is too high and is in the range of diabetes. If that happened to be a fasting blood test, your diabetes is relatively severe.

If you are overweight, the most important thing you can do is lose your excess body fat. That will lower your blood-glucose level. Keep in mind that most of the calories in most of the fruits, vegetables and cereals are from carbohydrates. But that does not mean you should avoid them. Some are also low-calorie foods, like celery and lettuce. They also provide needed bulk in your diet.

If you are concerned about foods that cause a rise in your blood-glucose level, I would have to say that there is a lot yet to be learned about that. We do know from recent studies that many carbohydrate foods do not cause a sharp rise in blood glucose.

DEAR DR. LAMB — My husband is 72 years old. He is 6 feet 11 inches tall and weighs 204 pounds. He has been healthy all his life except for hypertension. He controls it by taking four Diuremen-R tablets a day. He hasn't smoked for 18 years and has only one drink a day except on special occasions. He is a very active man.

DEAR READER — Unusual exercise is apt to tire a man of my age. I would certainly like to see him on a regular activity program. If he would start a short walking program and gradually increase it so that he walks 30 minutes a day, that would help him eliminate any excess body fat he has. That will help control his hypertension and will probably make him feel better.

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Dear Abby Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Recently while eating at a restaurant I have always favored, about halfway through my dinner I found a long hair in my food.

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Fashions for fall

Silvan Schon of Milan shows coats and suits in tobacco and black wool in her high fashion collection for fall and winter 1984-85. Shoulders are wide and both pants and skirts are slim. At right is a coat in her new 9/10th length with a shirt-tail hemline. The show was held in Rome.

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Moon warned about recruiting

DANBURY (UPI) — The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, ordered to surrender today at a federal prison, will be free to practice his own faith but may not recruit new members into his Unification Church, prison officials said.

"This is a very relaxed atmosphere," said Warden Dennis Luther of Federal Correctional Institution at the picturesque hills of western Connecticut 65 miles north of New York City.

There are no cells in the camp. There is no fence. It's just a completely open-type situation," Luther said, adding Moon could even "hang pictures on the walls."

But Luther said Moon, 64, will not be allowed to try to convert prisoners at the minimum security prison where a string of luminaries have been incarcerated before him.

The spiritual leader of nearly 3 million members of the Unification Church, often referred to as "Moonies," was ordered to the prison to begin serving an 18-month sentence on failure to pay income taxes on \$162,000 in interest earned on nearly \$2 million kept in New York banks. The Supreme Court refused his appeal on May 14.

Moon charged in a statement read by Mose Durst, president of the church's American branch, "I am innocent of any wrongdoing, on the contrary, I am the victim of government abuse and persecution."

He said, "I myself suffered nearly to the point of death in a communist prison camp. I am willing to suffer in an American prison if it will serve God's purpose of awakening America from its spiritual slumber."

"I will now move the worldwide headquarters of my church to Danbury Prison where I will pray and work for this country," Moon said.

Takeru Kamiyama, an assistant to Moon, was also convicted in the case and ordered to surrender at a federal prison to begin a six-month sentence.

"They'll be bunkmates," said Luther, adding that the 8 foot by 10 foot room also contained lockers and a tile floor.

Prison officials declined to say when Moon was to arrive at the 44-year-old facility, which has been a repository for convicted politicians, mobsters, draft dodgers, spies and protesters against taxes, war and nuclear weapons.

The camp currently houses former Camden, N.J., Mayor Angelo Errichetti and former Rep. John Murphy, D-N.Y., two of the Abcam defendants. G. Gordon Liddy, among the principals in the Watergate scandal, arrived in 1976, and five of seven Watergate burglars in 1972.

Connecticut In Brief

Trial could be postponed NEW HAVEN — Defense lawyers plan to argue today for a temporary restraining order to head off the start of the third trial of Guillermo Aillon for the murder of his estranged wife and her wealthy parents.

The lawyers claim the scheduled start of the trial Monday should be postponed until another hearing is resolved which seeks the dismissal of the convicted killer's case on technical grounds.

U.S. District Judge Warren W. Eginton responded by scheduling a hearing for 2 p.m. today to hear the postponement request. Jury selection is scheduled to start Monday in the state's Superior Court.

The pending civil case concerns Aillon's claim a third trial would violate his constitutional rights concerning double jeopardy, effective assistance of counsel and due process. It seeks dismissal of the case.

A 45-year-old East Hartford custodian, was convicted in 1973. After serving five years of a 7 1/2 year sentence, his conviction was reversed because the trial judge had spoken with a juror during deliberations. A 1979 retrial ended in a hung jury.

Sargo pleads innocent NEW LONDON — Kenneth L. Sargo, accused of gunning down his estranged wife in a crowded Norwich courtroom in May, has pleaded innocent in New London Superior Court to a murder charge.

During his appearance Thursday, Sargo asked for a 12-person jury for the pending trial. He is being held in lieu of a \$30,000 bond.

Sargo, 53, was indicted two weeks ago on a first-degree murder charge following an emotional probable cause hearing. He went openly during the proceeding, while listening to testimony from several of about 30 people in the courtroom at the time of the shooting.

He and his wife, 44-year Priscilla Sargo, had come to court for a pre-trial hearing in their contested divorce case. Sargo approached his wife as she sat near the front of the courtroom.

Witnesses said Sargo, of East Lyme, came close to his wife and emptied the bullets from a semi-automatic handgun into her chest and abdomen.

WEST HARTFORD (UPI) — Coleco Industries, despite strong sales of toys like the Cabbage Patch Kids, has reported earnings for the second quarter to decline for a second quarter to less than half the total of the previous half year.

Arnold C. Greenberg, president of the company, said the decline in sales for the three months ending June 30 totaled \$168.6 million compared with sales of \$126.3 million for the same period a year ago.

Pop incident prompts suit

BROOKFIELD (UPI) — The parents of a 4-year-old boy say their youngster's voice is still hoarse and sore as the result of eating a frozen treat from a local department store.

Richard and Betty Raymond of Brookfield say they will seek unspecified monetary damages against the manufacturer, the Fox Co., of Brooklyn, N.Y., and the Caldors Department store chain which sold the treat, their attorney said.

Attorney Vincent Scorzafava said Wednesday the boy's voice is still hoarse as a result of the May 16 incident. Scorzafava said the boy's voice is low and gravelly.

He said doctor's believe Frank's larynx and vocal cords suffered permanent damage. He said the parents have tapes of his voice eating a frozen treat from a local department store.

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Pop guru Nick Lowe tours with Costello and new LP

NEW YORK — Pop musician Nick Lowe says the trick to producing records by top acts such as Elvis Costello, Graham Parker and the Pretenders is knowing how to lie as well as listen.

The British rocker leads a dual professional life — as a producer and performer. His "Cruel to Be Kind" single was a hit in 1979, but it is as a producer that Lowe has gained the most renown.

It is a role Lowe, 35, first adopted when he helped start the now legendary Sire Records label in England in 1976. He quickly learned good performance records must be extracted from musicians "about their own music."

"Some people, for instance, love to be cloistered and favored over and told how wonderful they are. Even if they know they're lying, they react to it," he said recently, sipping mineral water at a Manhattan motel.

"Other people like to be bullied, believe it or not. There's a lot of people like that," he said. "I always warn people when they come and ask me to produce their record," he said. "I say, 'Look, you realize it can be the kiss of death to have Nick Lowe. You'll probably get great reviews for it, and you'll love to play it in your lounge, but it's going to be a disaster for you.'"

Producing Costello's first five albums, Parker's first three and the Pretenders' version of "Stop Your Sobbing," Lowe said he has several times felt "the old tingle down the spine" that means a song is "just right."

"When that happens, you don't really care how well a song sells," he said. "I don't care what anyone else thinks, I know that this is cracking. I know it. I know it deep in my soul."

break a song into pop components. With Dave Edmunds and their band Rockpile, he virtually reinvented the phrase "pop" in the late 1970s songs such as "So It Goes."

They parted ways in 1981 and, for at least two years, were not on good terms. Lowe said the rift has now healed, although "it's very unlikely" he will work with Edmunds again.

HE RECENTLY opened for Bob Dylan and Carlos Santana during a few stops on their European tour. Lowe will tour the United States this summer with Costello, whose sound he helped shape.

Lowe earned the nickname "Basher" for his ability to

include the song "LAFS" on "Cowboy Outfit" and let him produce it. The album was a personal comeback for Lowe, who confessed he is not very fond of "The Abominable Snowman," the album that preceded it. "It was tiresome," he said. "I thought the jokes and things in it weren't funny."

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NL roundup

Pirates' Candelaria owns July

By Joel Sherman UPI Sports Writer

Some pitchers own teams, others own individual batters, and still others own ball parks. But John Candelaria owns a month.

The 30-year-old left-hander continued his outstanding pitching during July by tossing a three-hitter Thursday to help the Pittsburgh Pirates down the San Diego Padres 3-1. It was Candelaria's 13th straight win in July and raised his overall record for the month to 28-11. The last time he lost in the month was July 30, 1980 against Los Angeles.

"Candelaria's streak in July is just phenomenal," said San Diego manager Dick Williams. "We thought we had him when we were up 1-0. He pitched a hell of a game."

The Padres took a 1-0 lead in the third on Luis Salazar's first home run of the season. But Candelaria, who raised his season record to 9-6 and 4-0 this month, not only had his incredible July spell working for him on the mound, but at the plate as well. He hit his first career home run, a two-run shot to center in the seventh.

Candelaria walked two and struck out three to lift the Pirates to their ninth victory in 10 games. "That was vintage Candelaria," said Pittsburgh manager Chuck Tanner. "I can never say enough about his pitching."

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Sports in Brief

Field hockey coach needed

Manchester High is in need of a girls' field hockey coach, according to high school director of athletics Dick Cobb. Lisa Macarome coached the team a year ago but she has since taken fulltime employment in Massachusetts and cannot coach this upcoming season.

Soccer players needed

Manchester Soccer Club's Senior Division team in the Connecticut Soccer League, which plays in the third division, is looking for players 18 years and older. Players with either high school or college experience are wanted.

Those wishing to tryout should attend practice sessions which are held Wednesday nights at 8 o'clock at Mt. Nebo. For further information, contact Mario Addabbo 648-8399, or Nick Peters, 537-3529.

Soccer Club tryouts

Manchester Soccer Club will hold tryouts for the fall season as follows: boys born in 1973 will have tryouts Friday and Tuesday at Martin School from 6:30 p.m. Boys born in 1974 will have tryouts Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to noon and Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. at Martin School.

More pros commit to GHO

HARTFORD — Andy Bean, Rex Caldwell, Wayne Levi, David Graham, Willie Wood, Tommy Valentine, J.C. Snead, Joe Inman and Gary McCord have committed to playing in the 1984 Sammy Davis Jr. Greater Hartford Open at the Tournament Players Club of Connecticut in Cromwell. It has been announced.

Howard in celebrity pro-am

HARTFORD — Actor Ken Howard, best known for his role in the "White Shadow" TV show, will be among the celebrities taking part in the GHO Celebrity Pro-Am Wednesday at the Tournament Players Club of Connecticut in Cromwell. Daytime television personality John O'Hurley and Michael Dante will appear in the Inaugural Pro-Am Monday.

It's also been announced that Bob Hope will be unable to appear at this year's GHO due to a previous commitment. Hope, however, has committed to attend and appear at the 1985 GHO.

Loyds back together

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — After a trial separation of nearly six months, Chris Evert Loyd and John Lloyd have reunited. "We're back together and we're happy," Lloyd said Thursday from the home of his wife and parents. "We knew at Wimbledon we would be back with each other and this is it."

Heafner ties for lead

COAL VALLEY, Ill. — Vance Heafner is finding the most difficult part of playing in the Quad Cities Open to be keeping his pants on. Heafner shot a 6-under-par 64 Thursday to enter the second round of the \$200,000 tournament for first place with Dave Stockton. Griffler, who was two shots back at 66, and 1980 QCO champion Scott Hoch followed with a 67.

Patriots ink Holloway

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — The New England Patriots said Thursday fourth-year offensive tackle Brian Holloway has signed a five-year contract with a new contract with the team, and training camp one day early.

Ozzie out four weeks

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Cardinals said Thursday All-Star shortstop Ozzie Smith has a fracture in the ulna bone of his right wrist and will be out of action at least four weeks.

Randy White absent

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Dallas Cowboys defensive tackle Randy White, a nine-year veteran who has been to the Pro Bowl the past two seasons, failed to report to the team's spring training camp as scheduled Thursday. Coach Tom Landry said White would be fined \$5,000 per day until he appears.

Tourney time

The National Invitation Tournament is being held in 1984 in New York's Madison Square Garden, one year before the National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball tournament. City College of New York in 1950 was the only team ever to win both the NIT title and the NCAA tournament in the same year.

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In Little League tourney

National stars fall into loser's bracket

VERNON — Manchester National Little League All-Stars fell into the loser's bracket in the double elimination District Eight Tournament here Thursday night as it bowed to Vernon, 7-5, at Legion Field.

The Nationals, 1-1 in post-season play, are scheduled to face Windsor American Saturday night at 6 o'clock. Leber Field.

Also scheduled Saturday is a contest between Manchester International All-Stars, 2-1 in post-season play, and Stafford at 3 o'clock. Leber Field in the first half of a twilight. The loser in each contest is eliminated.

Pat Merritt relieving in the fourth inning. Ron Smith was 2-for-2 and Paul Gavarrino singled and doubled and knocked in a run for the locals. Merritt also contributed an RBI single for Manchester, 15-0 overall.

Manchester has an exhibition doubleheader Saturday at MCC against Windham's Colt League team.

Coming up with five runs in the bottom of the fifth inning, Moriarty Brothers downed the event in a 10-5 twilight Baseball League action Thursday night at Morarty Field.

The Gas Housers, 7-5-1, return to action tonight against league-leading Society for Savings at Morarty Field at 7:30.

Moriarty's opened the scoring with three runs in the first inning. Sean Risley opened the inning with a double and that was followed by RBI singles by newcomer Tom Fluery, Stan Lewis and Mike Johnson.

Duplicating, 1-11, scored four times in the second inning and once in the fifth for a 5-3 lead. That was before the MB's exploded for five runs in the fifth. The inning was highlighted by Bill Chapman's two-run double that put the locals in front to stay.

Moriarty's added two runs in the sixth on RBI singles by Fluery and Ray Gilba.

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In Little League tourney

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VERNON — Manchester National Little League All-Stars fell into the loser's bracket in the double elimination District Eight Tournament here Thursday night as it bowed to Vernon, 7-5, at Legion Field.

The Nationals, 1-1 in post-season play, are scheduled to face Windsor American Saturday night at 6 o'clock. Leber Field.

Also scheduled Saturday is a contest between Manchester International All-Stars, 2-1 in post-season play, and Stafford at 3 o'clock. Leber Field in the first half of a twilight. The loser in each contest is eliminated.

Pat Merritt relieving in the fourth inning. Ron Smith was 2-for-2 and Paul Gavarrino singled and doubled and knocked in a run for the locals. Merritt also contributed an RBI single for Manchester, 15-0 overall.

Manchester has an exhibition doubleheader Saturday at MCC against Windham's Colt League team.

Coming up with five runs in the bottom of the fifth inning, Moriarty Brothers downed the event in a 10-5 twilight Baseball League action Thursday night at Morarty Field.

The Gas Housers, 7-5-1, return to action tonight against league-leading Society for Savings at Morarty Field at 7:30.

Moriarty's opened the scoring with three runs in the first inning. Sean Risley opened the inning with a double and that was followed by RBI singles by newcomer Tom Fluery, Stan Lewis and Mike Johnson.

Duplicating, 1-11, scored four times in the second inning and once in the fifth for a 5-3 lead. That was before the MB's exploded for five runs in the fifth. The inning was highlighted by Bill Chapman's two-run double that put the locals in front to stay.

Moriarty's added two runs in the sixth on RBI singles by Fluery and Ray Gilba.

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Task force to study phone issues in wake of break up

By Mark A. Dupuis
United Press International

HARTFORD — Members of a state task force say they are studying the state's telephone industry to protect consumers in the wake of the break up of the giant AT&T system and other industry changes.

The task force, which began work Thursday, also will investi-

gate the possibility of repealing a current law prohibiting competition among telephone companies for in-state long-distance service.

"Our prime interest is to protect consumers," said Rep. David Lavine, D-Durham, a chairman of the task force and co-chairman of the Legislature's Energy and Public Utilities Committee.

Among the issues the task force will study is whether to end the

Southern New England Telephone Co. monopoly on long-distance calls made within the state.

A law enacted this year created the task force and also prohibited any other companies from offering in-state toll-call service until at least Feb. 15, 1985.

At least one company, MCI Communications, has applied to offer in-state long-distance service.

The state Department of Public Utility Control took no action on the application because the previous law didn't address the issue. The application is now on hold under the new law.

Anne Cullather, manager of state policy for Washington-based MCI, said Connecticut was one of only a few states that prohibit in-state competition.

"Connecticut is one of the only

states in the nation that do not allow competition," she said.

"We'd love to be in tomorrow if the law were changed."

Dan Miglio, senior vice president for finance and planning at Southern New England Telephone, said his company didn't oppose competition, but wanted other concerns taken into account before a decision was made.

SNET is the state's major

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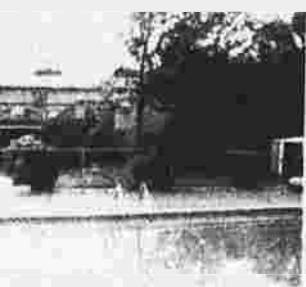
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Right tools make a world of difference

By Alex Girelli
Herald Reporter

The most important thing for a person to know if he expects to do any extensive home improvement for himself is that he needs the right tools in good condition. Amateurs have a hard time learning that lesson, but it was brought home forcefully to me recently.

I own two table saws, both small, underpowered, and in doubtful shape.

When I had to build a porch for a relative out of state, I took the more portable of the two saws, loaded it into my station wagon and brought it to the work site.

It kept giving me a bit of trouble.

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hesitating before it got up full speed and then stalling under load. My host kept threatening to go out and buy a new 10-inch saw that would do the job without being pampered.

I refused to let him do it, both as a matter of pride, and because I'm tight, even with money that belongs to someone else.

Steel pipe is solution to sagging closet rack

If the wooden clothes rods in your closets have begun to sag, replace them with steel pipes that won't ever sag.

You will need a screwdriver, pipe cut to length, paint thinner and a file.

1. Remove the clothes from the closet.
2. Look at your closet. Your clothes rod is probably supported by brackets.
3. If the brackets have both top and bottom pieces, remove the top piece from only one bracket.
4. Lift out the bent wooden clothes rod and take it to a hardware store or plumbing supply house. Ask them to cut a piece of pipe of the same dimensions.
5. When you get the pipe home, file the raw edges of the ends of the pipe to remove any burrs.

6. Now thoroughly clean the pipe with paint thinner or cleaning fluid, to remove the protective oil coating. The oil may stain your clothes.
7. Put the pipe into the brackets in the closet. Replace the bracket you removed.
8. Put the clothes back in the closet.

Oldest trees

The oldest living trees in the world are reputed to be the bristlecone pines, the majority of which are found growing on the dry crags of California's White Mountains. Some of them are estimated to be 4,600 years old. The largest known bristlecone pine is the "Patriarch," believed to be 1,500 years old. The oldest redwoods are about 3,500 years old.

major home renovation project. But Joe is a siding contractor. Nobody in the building trades ever really does his own work, except in his own trade.

Oh, he may clean up after a job or hold the other end of a board or something, but not much more.

Siding applicators always hire plumbers, electricians hire plumbers, and so forth and vice versa.

Partly it's because of mutual respect, but mostly it's because those tradesmen have a lot of skill and brains, but they don't have endless courage and fortitude like us do-it-ourselves. It's basically a matter of guts.

YOU CAN SEE my predicament. It wasn't just a matter of a neighbor borrowing a tool that would not work well. The tool was going to get into the hands of a professional carpenter. A real carpenter was going to try to use my miserably inadequate table saw.

I dashed across my yard to the yard next door.

"You can't use that saw," I blubbered. "It's broken."

The carpenter looked at me placidly.

"It's working fine," he said. He was ripping long pieces of pine.

"It doesn't get up to speed," I explained apologetically.

"You have to wait," he said.

HE TURNED the saw on and watched the blade whirl and wobble until the motor noise hit a higher pitch and the blade settled into a fast, straight rotation. Then he smoothly cut a 2-inch strip from a 10-foot piece of 1-inch number two pine.

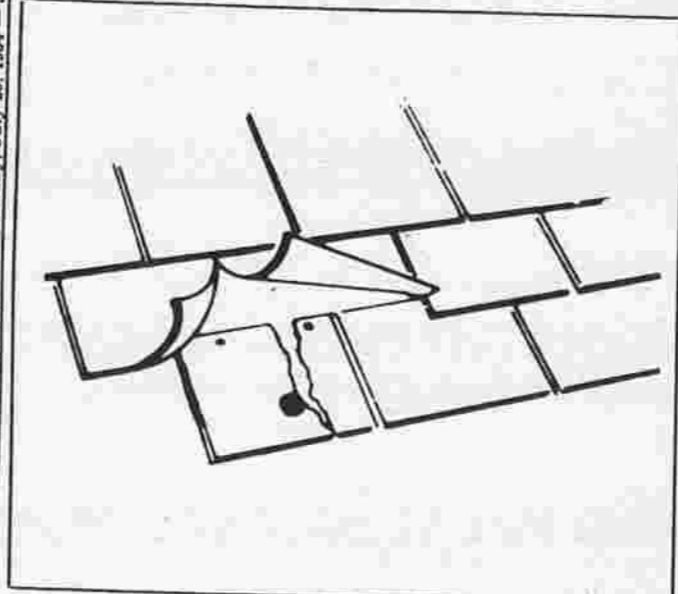
I will say in my own defense that the stock slowed for a split second on one of the knots.

But it was small consolation. I retreated to my home, beaten.

I went back the next day and the carpenter said to me, "This saw was a life saver."

I couldn't tell whether he was being gracious or giving me the needle.

But I do know now that if you are an amateur and you are going to undertake a serious home improvement job, you had better get adequate tools in good condition—or else hire a professional. Like the professionals do.



Homeowner can repair his damaged shingles

In some cases, wind damages shingles so badly that a repair isn't practical. If the remainder of the roof is in good shape, you may be able to avoid a complete reroofing by replacing the damaged shingles.

If you've never seen an asphalt roofing shingle, you should know that what looks like an individual shingle from the ground is actually one tab of the shingle. The entire shingle usually has two or three of these tabs and measures 12 inches from top to bottom and 36 inches in width. When replacing a shingle, you replace the entire piece.

The new shingle must match the shingles already on the roof.

You will need a hammer, pry bar with nail-lifting claws on one end, putty knife or trowel, asphalt roofing cement and galvanized roofing nails.

It will take about 90 minutes.

1. Use a roofing ladder to reach shingles on the sloping roof.
2. Work on a warm day, when shingles are pliable.
3. Lift tabs of the shingle just above the damaged shingle to expose the nails holding the damaged shingle.
4. Use the pry bar to remove the nails holding the damaged shingle in place.
5. With the nails out, the damaged shingle can be pulled from its position.
6. Insert the replacement shingle and nail in place with galvanized roofing nails.
7. Cover the heads of these nails with dabs of roofing cement.
8. Put dabs of roofing cement on the underside of the front edges of the shingle you had to lift to get at the nails.
9. Press this shingle down on the roof and hold a few minutes, until it lies flat.

Hardware options may help furniture problem

Replacing broken hardware on furniture can be a problem.

For one thing, the new hardware you have selected more often than not requires different screw holes.

For another, if the old hardware has been on for a long time, the dirt and wax built-up around it, along with the changing of the color of the furniture finish, has made a mark you can see. The new hardware may not cover it.

You will need a dowel rod, sandpaper, wood cleaner and No. 0000 steel wool. The amount of time it will take depends on the problem.

1. If the new hardware doesn't fit the old holes: Buy some hardwood doweling of the same diameter as that of the screw holes. Cut pieces of the doweling just long enough to fill the holes.
2. It is very difficult to completely hide these dowel plugs, but you can come close. Before inserting the plugs in the screw holes, stain them the same color as the furniture. When the stain has dried, insert the dowels so that they are level with the surface of the furniture.
3. Use an artist's brush to apply a coat of varnish to the exposed end of the dowel.
4. After the varnish dries, position the new hardware on the furniture and drill holes where necessary.
5. The new escutcheon plate may cover the dowels. If it doesn't, they are sufficiently disguised so as not to be noticeable.
6. If the furniture is marked by the old hardware: Use a soft cloth to apply wood cleaner to the area. Allow the cleaner to stay on the surface long enough to soften the old wax and dirt, then rub it clean. In stubborn cases, several applications may be necessary, and sometimes scrubbing with a soft-bristled brush helps.
7. Allow the area to dry and then re-wax it before putting the new hardware on.

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Try cutting dovetails with table saw technique

By Jack Warner
United Press International

Seeking a less expensive and more versatile method of machine-cutting dovetails than the Leigh router jig, I turned to the table saw and a technique pioneered by Wisconsin woodworker Mark Duginske.

The Leigh jig, with the workpieces properly backed up, cuts a lovely joint and allows variable spacing, but you can't cut a pin smaller than the dovetail bit you use, and the thickness of the workpieces is limited.

Additionally, the jig runs from \$150 to nearly \$300, depending on size.

Duginske's method offers almost complete freedom in terms of pin size, spacing and thickness, and is virtually free if you have a table saw. The drawback is a considerably greater margin for error.

BASICALLY, the method de-

pends on the use of spacer blocks to automate the process. The woodworker lays out the tails first and determines the distance from the center of each tail to the next; then, using a set of spacer blocks corresponding to those measurements, the tails are cut with the blade or table tilted to 80 degrees—or to whatever angle you prefer.

Then the pins are cut using the same blocks, but with the miter gauge adjusted to the same angle. Great care must be taken to ensure that all the workpieces are cut from the proper face; it is easy to get confused if you are in a hurry. Of course, this is true to one degree or another with any method of cutting dovetails. I once set out to make a box with handcut dovetailed joints and wound up with a strange construction that looked like one side of a simple maze—no opposing sides faced the same direction.

The table saw method of dovetail cutting is much more automated if you have a saw accurate enough to

depend on its markings, rather than having to set it with a protractor, and if you have a blade ground to the angle you prefer for your dovetails. Otherwise you'll have to do some paring with a chisel to clean the bottom of the pin slots.

This is the only expense you should encounter. I had a small steel blade reground—after convincing the folks at the sharpening service that I wasn't completely crazy—and it cost \$12.

DUGINSKE'S METHOD is set out pretty clearly in issue No. 43 of Fine Woodworking magazine, available for \$3.50 from The Taunton Press, Box 355, Newtown, Conn. 06470.

There's a helpful amplification of this in issue No. 11 of Wood News, published by Highland Hardware, 1045 N. Highland Ave. NE, Atlanta, Ga. 30306. If you send them a stamped, self-addressed envelope they'll mail a copy of the pertinent page back to you free of

charge. I've made three tests thus far of the table saw method, including one complete case of four joints. The first test I blew when I cut one of the workpieces backwards. The second test came out very nicely; not perfect, but better than I have ever done by hand. The complete casepiece was very acceptable. It would have been better had I not, for design reasons, had the short sides wider than the long sides. When the workpieces are not all of the same width, much of the automation in cutting the pins is lost.

A COUPLE OF things that are not emphasized in either of the articles on this method are backing up the workpiece and setting up joints with varied spacing.

The method implies a backup, since you use a piece of plywood or fiberboard screwed to the miter gauge. But you ought to shift this board every time you set up for a new set of joints or you will likely

lose the critical backup and wind up with some unsightly tearout.

While the articles point out that spacing can be varied, neither goes beyond that. Both demonstrate joints with equally-spaced tails. Neither gives a formula for setting up the blocks for varied spacing, and I can't give you one either. Just fool around with blocks until you can see that you have it right before you start cutting.

I think the tablesaw method is a viable alternative to the Leigh jig, especially if you're short of cash and, like me, rather sheepish about machine-cutting dovetails. While automated, it is in no sense automatic the way the Leigh jig is. It is still very much workmanship of risk—carelessness at any point in the process can ruin the joint.

Readers are invited to send comments, questions and suggestions to Jack Warner, United Press International, 1819 Peachtree Rd. NE, Suite 415, Atlanta, Ga. 30367.

How do I correct my roof insulation problems?

By the Editors
of Consumer Reports

DEAR CONSUMER REPORTS: I have a problem with the insulation in my ceiling. I'm losing a lot of heat through my roof during the winter months. I want to know how to correct it. Right now there are 2 inches of rolled insulation with paper backing between the joists. I was going to lay 6 inches or more of rolled insulation with a paper or foil backing, but I've been told that if I don't rip up the old insulation, it will cause a vapor lock and will collect moisture. However, others have told me that I can lay the new insulation on top of the old insulation. What would you recommend?

DEAR READER: Consumer Reports engineers say that the insulation under a roof should have a vapor barrier sheet (foil or asphalt-coated paper) next to the

"I've been told that if I don't rip up the old insulation, it will cause a vapor lock and will collect moisture. However, others have told me that I can lay the new insulation on top of the old insulation."

heated ceiling, with the insulating layers above the barrier. If your old insulation has no such vapor barrier, take it up and re-lay it on top of new foil-bottomed insulation. Otherwise, you may encounter condensation within the old insulation layer, which would cause a loss of insulating effectiveness and possibly structural damage to the house.

DEAR CONSUMER REPORTS: I have a one-quart silverstone pot

that had a wrinkled blister when I received it as a gift. The blister has peeled off and occasionally, more of the silverstone coating peels off. If bits of the coating get into food, is it harmful?

DEAR READER: Consumer Reports engineers say that there should be no hazard if bits of the silverstone are ingested.

DEAR READER: Consumer Reports engineers say the way to do it is to use a circular saw. Set the depth of the cut to about 1/4-inch or just a bit more than the thickness of the panel. Then run the saw over the seam where the panels meet. This will give a gap equal to the thickness of the blade. The engineers say that this gap should be

adequate.

DEAR CONSUMER REPORTS: I want to remove the stick-ons in my bathtub. They were put there to prevent slipping. Some are turning black and others came off and left adhesive on the tub. I tried bleach and cleanser but I still wasn't able to remove it. Can you help me?

DEAR READER: Consumer Reports chemists say that you can get the stick-ons off by wiping with a solvent. First try rubbing alcohol. If that doesn't do the trick, try mineral spirits (paint thinner) or nail polish remover. The chemists caution that you should use the solvent sparingly and make sure the bathroom is well ventilated. Be especially careful with the solvents because they are flammable.

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Asbestos cement shingles are brittle and tend to crack easily. When walking on a roof shingled with them, be careful to step where your weight is distributed over at least two shingles.

You will need a hammer, putty knife or trowel, hacksaw blade, pry bar with nail claws, electric drill, asphalt roofing cement and galvanized nails. It will take about 20 minutes.

1. Use the roofing ladder to climb a sloped roof and make repairs.

2. Asphalt shingles cannot be repaired, but must be replaced when damaged. There are two basic shapes of asphalt cement shingle—square and hexagonal. The replacement process is slightly different for each.

3. For square (Dutch lap) pattern: The shingle is held in place by two nails. Use the pry bar to remove these nails.

4. Use the hacksaw blade to cut through the storm anchor shank, located near the bottom right edge of the shingle.

5. Remove the damaged shingle, then slide the new shingle into its place.

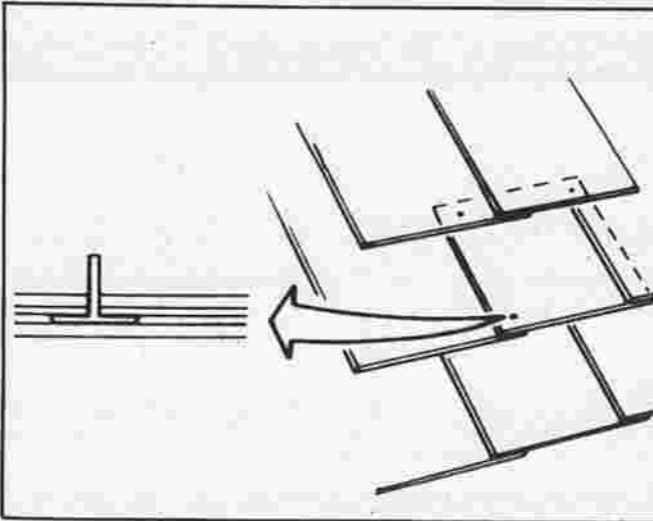
6. With a hammer and center punch, make two marks on the replacement shingle, each two inches from the top and two

inches in from the side. Drill nail holes through the shingle at these marks, using a drill bit slightly larger than the nail shanks.

7. Drive nails through them and cover heads with asphalt roofing cement.

8. For hexagonal shingles:

The steps for removing the damaged shingle and replacing it with a new one are the same except for the location of the nails. These are along the side of the shingle. The new nails through the new shingle should be driven through pre-drilled holes two inches from the side and at least eight inches apart.



Recycle window shades

You've just moved to a new house or apartment and you've brought your old window shades with you.

Now you discover that the shades don't fit the new windows. If the shades are too narrow for the new windows, about the only solution is to buy new shades. But if the shades are too wide, you can save some money by cutting them down to fit the new windows.

You will need pliers, sharp drywall knife, handsaw and a long, straight board. It will take about 25 minutes.

1. Begin by unrolling the shade from the roller.

2. The shade is attached to the roller with large staples. Pull these staples out with the pliers.

3. Look at the roller. There is a round pin on one end and a flat pin at the other. The flat pin is attached to the spring inside of the roller. Leave it alone. The round pin is attached to a collar which fits over the solid wood end of the roller. Use your pliers to pull the pin and the collar off.

4. Measure the window width to determine how wide the shade must be to fit. Make the measurement between the shade brackets and subtract 1/4-inch from the total measurement.

5. Compute the amount of wood which must be cut from the roller; measure the wooden end of the roller; and cut the required amount.

6. Refit the metal collar and pin over the end of the roller.

7. You now must cut the shade

If your shades are too wide, you can save some money by cutting them down to fit the new windows.

cloth to fit the new roller size. Lay the cloth out on a table or the floor, with an old piece of plywood or other surface under the place where you will cut.

8. Measure the amount you must cut off the edge of the cloth. Lay a long straight board down along the cut line to guide your knife, then draw the knife along the edge of the board as you cut the cloth. Cut the wood piece at the bottom with a saw. Restaple the cloth to the roller; roll the shade up; and mount it in the window.

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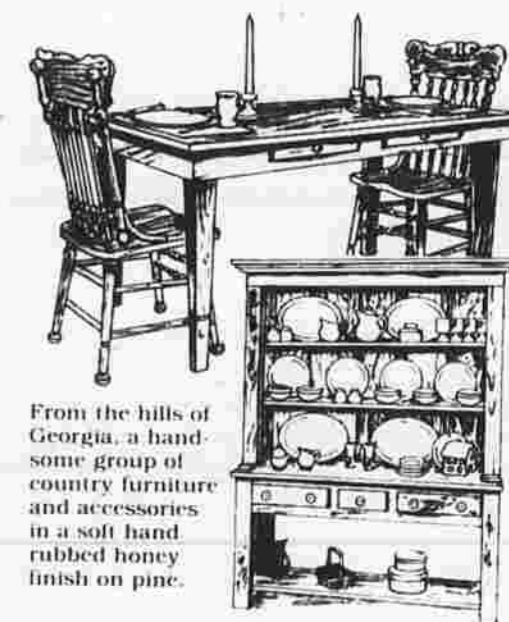
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Check old brackets

When placing gutters, you may want to use the old bracket hangers which are still in place on the fascia board.

However, the original slope line may be different from the one you have established. If so, remove the old brackets and install new ones.

To install new bracket hangers: Place the bracket on the fascia board, with the chalk line immediately behind the hook of the hanger.

To install spike-and-ferrule hangers: Do not drive the new spikes into old hole.

To install strap hangers: If the old installation used strap hangers nailed under the edges of the roof shingles, replace these with spike-and-ferrule or bracket hangers where possible. The only time you need a strap hanger is when there is a hanger. To attach a strap hanger, hook the strap to the gutter as it is held in position against the chalked slope line by a helper. Push the other end of the strap under the shingle at the edge of the roof. Then carefully lift the shingle and nail the strap to the wood of the roof. Care must be taken not to damage the shingle as you do this.

How many hangers? Attach a hanger every 30 inches along the run of the gutter.

You will need hangers, hammer, gutter mastic, two ladders, hacksaw or tin snips, metal priming paint, 2x6-inch wood block and a file. The time it takes will depend upon the gutter length.

1. It takes two persons, each with a ladder to put up a gutter. Cut the first length of straight gutter section to the needed length. Then, working together,

each of you should lift an end of the gutter and walk up your ladders.

2. Hold the gutter in position against the fascia, with the top of the back edge aligned with the chalked slope line.

3. Install the first hanger within 3 inches of the end of the gutter.

4. Install remaining hangers at 30-inch intervals, making sure the gutter is aligned with the chalk line.

5. To fit the end cap on the end of the gutter, coat the inside and outside of the last 1/2-inch of the gutter section with the gutter mastic. Then firmly push the end cap over the end of the gutter. The mastic should provide a watertight seal. Wipe away excess mastic.

6. Coat the last 1/2-inch of the other end of the gutter section with gutter mastic and press the preformed connector in place.

7. Now measure for the next length of gutter to be mounted. Have your aide hold the drop outlet in its proper position. Measure the distance between the already-mounted gutter and the drop outlet, taking into account that part of the gutter at each end which fits into the connector. (Remember that you will attach a preformed connector to the drop outlet, too.)

8. Cut the correct length of straight gutter and mount it as directed in Steps 3 and 4.

9. Use the same method whether the next part of the assembly is a straight length of gutter, a drop outlet or an inside or outside corner.

10. Always make connections with gutter mastic and always be sure mounted gutter follows the chalked slope line.

New anti-mosquito fungus may help control the pest

By Lisa Bellamy
United Press International

RALEIGH, N.C. — A North Carolina State University scientist says a fungus he is testing may be an effective means of destroying mosquitoes before they have a chance to develop.

R.C. Axtell, an entomologist, leads a federally-funded project to test the freshwater fungus *lagenidium giganteum*, which is native to North Carolina. He maintains the fungus could be a safe and economical way to control mosquitoes.

"This is a very specific fungus that affects only mosquito larvae," he said. "We're using a simplified production method and doing field tests to see how practical this can be."

Axtell said the parasitic fungus, which looks much like bread mold, produces spores that swim through mosquito breeding water and can kill mosquito larvae in 72 hours. He said the spores penetrate the larvae and draw out nutrients, producing more spores to attack other larvae.

The National Institutes of Health are providing about \$50,000 a year for the three-year program in which Axtell will introduce the fungus into mosquito breeding areas.

"We already know the fungus will not survive in saline waters or heavily polluted water," Axtell said.

"We're concentrating on upland areas, flood plains, ditches."

Axtell and his associates are just beginning to add the laboratory-grown fungus to test waters in Mecklenburg County and the Raleigh-Durham area.

"We will be adding more and more types of habitats and then seeing how much can be recovered; that is, how well the fungus will grow and continue to exist in an area once it has been introduced," Axtell said.

Axtell said the fungus offers a badly needed biological control against mosquitoes. Unlike chemical insecticides that must be factory-produced, the fungus recycles itself. But he said it is not intended as a replacement for present mosquito controls.

"Mosquito control is based on the multi-method approach," he said. "It involves insecticide treatment, where people put their livestock, a number of things. This is another tool in the multi-method approach."

Axtell, a past president of the American Mosquito Control Association, said his work is of international interest because of the link between mosquitoes and human disease.

He said malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases are serious problems in developing countries. In malaria-free nations, he said "the potential for disease is always behind the scenes."

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Tuckpointing tips

Tuckpointing is simply replacing mortar which has eroded from between bricks with fresh mortar. You can tuckpoint so long as the mortar which remains between the bricks is sound and the bricks aren't loose.

You will need a hammer, cold chisel, pointing tool, Type N mortar mix, garden hose, burlap or canvas cloth.

The time it takes will depend upon the number of bricks.

1. Examine wall to be tuckpointed. Use the cold chisel and hammer to clean away any loose or cracked mortar.

2. Spray the wall with the garden hose to wash away loose mortar and to moisten the brickwork.

3. Mix Type N mortar.

4. Use the pointing tool to lay mortar between courses of the brick, where old mortar has eroded. Note that pointing tools come in many sizes. Measure the joints in your brickwork before you buy the tool. The joints may vary from 1/4-inch to 1 1/2 inches. Buy a pointing tool the same size as the present mortar thickness.

5. In applying mortar, lay it in the space between the bricks

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with the pointing tool, then finish by smoothing the joint with the tool. The mortar should be recessed slightly from the surface of the brick and should be concave in shape (the shape of the pointing tool.)

6. Continue until all pointing is finished.

7. Mortar must cure but should not cure too fast. If you are working in direct sunlight, or if the day is above 80 degrees, cover the work with a canvas or burlap sheet. Spray the sheet with water occasionally to keep it moist. This will help slow down the curing process.

8. The mortar will be dry by the next day. Take down the cover after 24 hours.

9. Wash wall with water. Use cold chisel or wire brush to take off any excess mortar which clings to the bricks.

There's a failure-proof way to cut the essential dovetail

By Jack Warner
United Press International

I have come to the conclusion that the woodworker who enters the craft in midlife with minimal natural skill, and who finishes perhaps one project a month, cannot expect to cut dovetail joints as well as he would like.

In other words, I am copping out. I'm tired of mixing sawdust or sanding dust with thinned shellac and filling the gaps. So I have begun a search for a more failure-proof method of cutting this essential and most attractive joint.

There is no question that with skill and practice the woodworker can cut dovetails by hand better, and a lot faster, than by any mechanical method, assuming he doesn't have a whole stack of drawers. Skill and practice, however, are the key.

There are a lot of dovetail jigs on the market, most of which are useless per se to my taste. The common router jig for cutting dovetails is useful only for cutting blind dovetails, which are generally employed for drawer fronts and little else. These jigs won't cut through dovetails.

They produce a very solid, tight-fitting joint that was obviously made by machine. If the width of your workpieces don't happen to suit their pattern, then you won't get half-pins on the outside edges.

At a recent meeting of the Atlanta Woodworker's Guild, I saw a demonstration of the Leigh dovetail jig, a high-quality, very expensive jig from Canada that will cut through dovetails, and allows you to vary their spacing to your taste.

The jig was demonstrated by Ron Lathrop and Mark Palmquist, local woodworkers with no connection to the maker, so we got to see the warts as well as the beauty spots.

The jig is reasonably easy to set up. No marking out is required — the fingers that guide the router, which

must be fitted with a collar of the proper size, can be slid in their tracks and visually arranged for the pattern you want.

The tails are cut with a dovetail bit and the pins with a straight cutter. Adjustment for fit is made in cutting the pins — the jig comes with a stack of paper shims that can be added, or subtracted, from the setup to make an absolutely perfect fit.

If you have only one router, you would cut all the tails first, then cut the first set of pins with a stack of shims that would produce an overly tight fit. Then, adding one shim at a time, you would keep recutting until the proper fit is obtained; that setup would then be used to cut the rest of the pin pieces.

The jig is not all milk and honey, however. Its price is considerable — about \$150 for the 12-inch model and nearly twice that for the 24-inch version.

The screws that hold the spacer fingers in place tend to work loose with vibration from the router, and if that happens you've got a mess. On the other hand, excessive tightening will tend to strip the threads.

The worst problem, it seems to me, is tearout. No direct provision is made in the jig for backing up the workpieces to avoid this, but if you don't back them up then what you get is perfectly fitting dovetails with ugly chips and splinters that put you right back where you started — mixing sawdust and shellac to fill them.

This is not an insoluble problem; methods of backing up the workpieces can be worked out but that adds to the tedium of setting up.

Another difficulty can be finding dovetail cutters with shanks long enough to be used with the jig. Many commonly-found half-inch carbide dovetail cutters won't work. If you are using a half-inch cutter to join pieces half an inch thick, then the dovetail cutter must be set for a cut almost an inch deep in order to clear the spacing fingers; this will require an extra-long shank.

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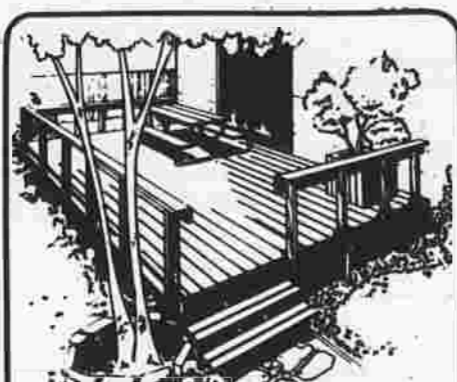
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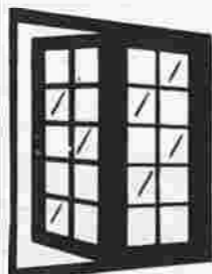
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British accord reached

By Mark Schacter
United Press International

LONDON — Union leaders agreed Friday to call an 11-day-old dock strike to a halt, down most British ports, stranding hundreds of trucks and ships in harbors on both sides of the English Channel.

Dockers at many of the bound British ports trickled to work after an agreement was reached in a 16-hour bargaining session between the Transport and General Workers Union and management.

Jubilant truckers began their rigs into ferries, easing bottlenecks that trapped more than 1,500 trucks for four days at ferry ports in France and the Netherlands.

In Dover, the tension had reached the point that truckers threatening to riot in the town, which is used by tourists crossing the Channel.

John Connolly, the docks secretary of the TGWU, said an agreement was worked out with employers after a 16-hour bargaining session ended after dawn Friday.

He said the union leadership would recommend that the strike be accepted at a TGWU conference on Saturday. British commerce and labor affairs said dockers likely to accept the settlement.

The strike began July 17, a protest against the use by the British Steel of contract dockers, a violation of the statutory labor scheme guaranteeing dockers to legally registered dockers.

No details of the settlement were released, but news reports said sources as saying the union failed in its main aim to guarantee against any breaches of the dock scheme.

A separate port dispute between the National Union of Seamen and the sale of state-run Sealiner service to American-owned Containers Ltd. also ended Friday when the NUS called off its cargo shipments.

Cargo handling returned to normal at Felixstowe and other busy ports which together handle 14 million tons of freight annually. The port of Poole in the south and Ipswich in the north also reported to have reopened.

But workers at some 70 labor scheme ports continue to strike until the union approves the settlement.

MMH's

By Sarah E. Hall
Herald Reporter

The State Commission on Taxation and Health Care ruled that Manchester Memorial Hospital's proposed \$40,179,550 for fiscal 1985 is excessive and financially feasible. The commission asked for multi-million dollar cuts in revenues and expenses.

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But workers at some 70 "dock labor scheme" ports continued the strike until the union conference approves the settlement.



And they're off!

Well, it isn't exactly the Indianapolis 500, but Bernie Trot, left, and Jayson Cordy don't mind. The occasion — Bowers School playground's first annual ant

race on Friday. The competition was fierce. So was the strain on the poor racer ants — many didn't make it alive to the finish line, one onlooker said.

Talks resume as deadline approaches

By Judi Hasson
United Press International

WASHINGTON — Facing a midnight deadline, the U.S. Postal Service and the nation's two largest mail carrier unions resumed contract talks Friday, which had been stalled for four days over money issues.

The American Postal Workers Union and the National Association of Letter Carriers agreed to return to the bargaining table following intervention by a federal mediator who has been in touch with both sides since the stalemate.

Union leaders walked out of negotiations, saying the postal service refused to talk about wages and other economic issues.

When asked if the postal service had now agreed to talk about money, Vincent Sombrotto, NALC president, said "if they don't, we'll be out very shortly."

The postal service is seeking a three-year wage freeze, a one-third pay cut for new employees and various other concessions, according to union officials.

Postmaster General William Bolger has called the union demands "exorbitant" and has said it would cause a rate hike in the cost of sending a first-class letter from 20 to 28 cents.

If no settlement is reached by 12:01 a.m. Saturday, the nation's largest labor contract could be sent to an arbitration panel. Strikes by postal employees are illegal, but union officials have said no decision would be made on a walkout if a contract is not signed until the nation's unions hold their convention next month in Las Vegas.

Two other smaller postal unions, which represent about 100,000 workers, have been negotiating independently. They also were expected to resume negotiations.

A postal strike has not occurred since 1970 when President Richard Nixon called out federal troops to move the mail. The postal unions are the only federal unions with the right to bargain for salaries.

On Thursday, union leaders called the postal service package "garbage."

The postal service said it was "astonished" by the union decision to walk out of talks. Bolger has said the union demands would cost the postal service an additional \$14.6 billion over the next three years.

The average postal workers salary is \$23,000 a year in base pay. The unions say that figure is inflated because it includes the salaries of 80,000 supervisors as well as the postmaster's \$82,900 yearly salary.

Search goes on

By Steven Donziger
United Press International

WASHINGTON — FBI agents swept an affluent area of the nation's capital Friday for clues in the gunpoint kidnap of the wife of a multimillionaire drug company magnate from an international bridge tournament.

Edith Rosenkranz, 60, of Mexico City, was abducted at 11:50 p.m. EDT Thursday from the parking garage at the Sheraton Washington Hotel, where she was participating in the 10-day Summer North American Championship of the American Contract Bridge League, the FBI said.

Authorities said Mrs. Rosenkranz was with an unidentified

woman at the time of the abduction, but the gunman let the second woman go.

"At the present time, we are focusing on the metropolitan area," said Norman Zigrossi, special agent in charge of the FBI's Washington field office. "We are considering all possibilities, as we always do."

Zigrossi, who described the suspect as a black male in his late 20s wearing tan clothes, would not comment on a motive or whether any ransom demands were made.

"We are dealing with a human life, that's what's driving the investigation," he said.

More than 100 FBI agents were involved in the investigation.

MMH's 1985 budget doesn't pass its preliminary review

By Sarah E. Hall
Herald Reporter

The State Commission on Hospitals and Health Care ruled Friday that Manchester Memorial Hospital's proposed \$40,179,550 budget for fiscal 1985 is excessive and "not financially feasible."

The commission asked for multi-million dollar cuts in revenues and expenses.

In addition, the watchdog commission — which regulates hospital finances statewide — charged that MMH violated regulations by

overspending \$668,000 in fiscal 1983. That amount will be carved out of the hospital's request for capital expenditures in the fiscal year starting Oct. 1, if the current ruling holds.

The commission reached its decision after submitting the MMH budget to an "Overall Reasonableness Test," a preliminary review which hospitals may choose to undergo, according to Sue Stanley, CHHC's chief of finance.

"They (MMH officials) did try to pass the test," Ms. Stanley said.

"They flunked." The hospital has the right to contest the ruling at a special hearing, she added, and may end up with a larger allocation than the one the commission has approved at this point.

The reasonableness test demands that general hospital expenses not increase more than inflation plus 2 percent of the previous year's budget. The proposed MMH budget represents an increase of nearly 10 percent in both income and spending.

Contacted late Friday afternoon, MMH officials declined comment. "Basically, we want to wait until we've had a chance to review the commission's findings," said spokeswoman Judy Mandel.

The ruling shouldn't be a surprise to MMH, Ms. Stanley said. She said the formulas on which the reasonableness test is based are available to all hospitals, and that MMH could have performed the same test on its own budget beforehand.

The ruling asks that the hospital's projected net-patient revenues of \$40,347,000 for the next fiscal year be reduced to \$35,404,000. If the ruling gets final approval, then a planned increase in MMH room rates will have to be cut short. Earlier this month, MMH officials predicted that the average charge for a semi-private room would jump from \$158 to \$181 per day when the fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

As it stands, MMH's budget "fails to demonstrate that the hospital has made sufficient efforts to contain the costs of health care and to improve productivity to ensure that care is delivered as efficiently as possible," the commission's report states.

The report also charges that the MMH budget is inconsistent with the State Health Plan, which states that high-quality inpatient care should be provided "within the context of cost-containment."

Consequently, the commission denied several hospital requests

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Ferraro raps Reagan on remark

By Paula Schwed
United Press International

SAN FRANCISCO — Geraldine Ferraro, hailed Friday as the "woman of the hour," said she plans to make President Reagan sorry for suggesting she is a token.

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"The president refers to me as a token," the triumphant congresswoman told the Democratic National Committee on the day after she was approved as the party's vice presidential nominee. "We'll get him for that, right?"

Again she challenged Vice President George Bush to a debate — "any way he wants."

"I think the American public is entitled to know whether I'm substantive," she told the DNC. "I want to meet George Bush."

"Give 'em hell, Gerry," a band of New Yorkers bellowed, stomping their feet. She called them "my people from Queens."

Delighted by Ms. Ferraro's spirited attack, party chairman Charles Manatt, wearing a purple lei around his neck, shouted, "Let the word go out to Ronnie baby — some kind of token."

After lunching with Democratic standard-bearer Walter Mondale, Ms. Ferraro arranged to fly home to New York Friday evening, where a mob of fans and neighbors were waiting to greet her.

She had not been back to Queens since Walter Mondale named her his running mate a whirlwind week ago. Aides said she hopes to rest in seclusion with her family for a few days.

The new candidate got a kick out of her introduction to party officials by Lynn Cutler, the DNC vice chair, who noted Ms. Ferraro had on the same tomato-red suit she wore to the Kentucky Derby they attended together.

"Ladies and gentlemen, this time the filly won," Ms. Cutler said. With a laugh, Ms. Ferraro said she had never "been called a horse before, but it's a lot of fun."

Tip leads to capture of Coleman

By Ginny Lee
United Press International

EVANSTON, Ill. — Local police acting on an anonymous tip Friday arrested fugitive Alton Coleman, one of the FBI's 10 most wanted criminals and a suspect in six slayings, and his accomplice, Debra Brown.

The tipster told Evanston Police: "I'm positive it's him because I went to school with him," said Sgt. Mance Walker, one of four officers who made the arrests.

Coleman, wearing a yellow shirt and blue jeans, appeared thinner than in his photographs and his hair was much shorter. The caller told police Coleman and Ms. Brown were sitting in the stands near a basketball

court in Mason Park. Coleman, 28, and Ms. Brown were both armed. Coleman was carrying a 3-inch folding knife in his pocket and a 5-inch knife in his sock. Ms. Brown had a .38-caliber revolver in her purse.

Evanston Deputy Police Chief Paul Schram said the pair offered no resistance.

Sgt. Kathy Hynds, who became the department's first female sergeant one week ago, and Sgt. George Schram seized Coleman on the bleachers. Ms. Brown had walked away from the bleachers as police approached, but was apprehended by another officer.

Schram said Coleman gave him a fake name, but Ms. Brown

admitted her identity. They were taken to the police station, where Coleman was identified through fingerprints.

Walker and Patrolman Ronald Grinnell participated in the arrest.

"It wasn't anymore unusual than any other arrest I've made in 20 years except that I'm happy that those two are in custody," Grinnell said.

Coleman is wanted for six slayings and other crimes in a seven-week spree from Wisconsin to Kentucky. He and Ms. Brown also face federal kidnapping charges in the abduction of a Kentucky man found in Dayton, Ohio, early Tuesday, and in the robbery and beating of another Ohio elderly couple.

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