

Moon plays central role in the Ozark's life

By William H. Inman
United Press International

In deepest corners of the Ouachita and Ozark mountains, men who live off the soil dread the arrival of the Full Long Nights Moon when shadows lengthen, the air turns sodden and chill, and birds vanish.

Winter reaches its height with the coming of that moon. This year it appeared Dec. 8.

Across blood-red buttes and canyons of New Mexico, Indians watch for the Full Thunder Moon, a metallic brightness in the summer sky, for the advent of storms that crash like boulders but carry no rain.

With the July moon, the dry season begins. The moon has long played a special role in the mythology and workaday activities of Great Plains and Southwestern Indians.

The red men, in turn, transferred many of their fears, myths and science to immigrant waves of settlers, who to this day observe in many rural areas a preoccupation with the moon.

"There are many sections of Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma where people still plant by the moon cycles," said Archie Chavez, spokesman for the Central New Mexico tribe.

"In so many isolated pockets, particularly in the mountains, you find this taking place. These are residual cultures, many people clinging to the lunar traditions of their forebears."

The original American settlers, the Wichita, Osage and Quapaw tribes, among others.

"Not only planting, but calving season is still determined by watching the moon," he said. "These are little farmers who have a few hogs or pigs. They even use the moon to determine the best time for butchering."

THE FULL HARVEST MOON — generally late September — is when the air cools sufficiently to cure meat.

"This is a time of chill nights, the meat has to be properly prepared. If the meat were butchered in the hot summer months, it would spoil before it could be stored away. For some reason, the moon, not the calendar, dictates the best time to do this."

Many farmers in the Sandia Pueblo tribe track lunar movements to determine when to breed, brand and cull their livestock herds.

"The moon plays a central role, going back to the most ancient traditions," said Archie Chavez, spokesman for the Central New Mexico tribe.

Mexico tribe. One expression picked up by the Anglo settlers — a "blue moon" — is always the second full moon within the same month. It was a time of melancholy, of sadness for the Indians, Gibson said. The moon was named for its blue tinge, perhaps due to fire smoke or atmospheric dust. It was a rare occurrence, hence "once in a blue moon."

"The last actual 'blue moon' occurred on Sept. 28, 1859, when dust from a massive forest fire in western Canada drifted across the continent. It was visible from as far away as New England."

But special significance is attached to the moon's phases in the plains region, according to John Sunder, professor of North American history at the University of Texas.

"Part of its fascination has to do with the fact the moon is visible most of the year," he said. "That's not true in the Northwest or other parts of North America where you have clouds and fog. Here, likely as not, you're going to have a clear evening, every evening."

EXCAVATIONS IN THE CHACO Canyon of New Mexico have shown the Hopi culture had an intimate knowledge of lunar cycles and metaphysics.

"They utilized rocks and rock slabs to show the coming of the vernal equinox (beginning of spring) and the winter solstice (deep winter). They tied these things to planting and harvesting."

"The Pawnee tribes of eastern Kansas and Nebraska used the full moon to mark their calendar of ceremonies. The Sioux and Navajo still cling to lunar rites."

"The holy men of the Cheyenne and Sioux even today determine the time of their major celebrations, the Sun Dance of the Plains for instance, by the lunar position," said Gibson.

"Moonlight has all sorts of qualities, especially for people who live out of doors, away from urban and industrial pollution," he said. "It has a supernatural appearance. Sometimes it appears to have the imprint of a continental mass. It's obviously fascinating."

"Indians are nature people. They are alert and sensitive to these characteristics."

Fittingly, perhaps, it was the white man who introduced the meaning of "lunacy" to the Great Plains. The word comes from the Latin "luna" for moonlight, but the Indians held no such associations between moonlight and crazy people. That was an Anglo superstition, which persists.

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Maxwell thinks downtown has a chance

Marketing program is needed, says father of first Main Street plan

By Susan Vaughn
Herald Reporter

A comment the Manchester planning administrator made to officials and businessmen at a meeting on June 4, 1984, about a proposal to renovate downtown Main Street holds true to the present day.

"While the merchants present approved the plan, they argued that it requires a great deal of planning and is too far in the future," said Wilfred Maxwell, the planning administrator at the time.

That original renovation plan, prepared by Maxwell and the town Planning Department, was the first in a series of Main Street plans which have come and gone over the last 31 years.

None of them has been implemented. Once again, the town is proposing a major renovation of the downtown shopping area. And once again, the Main Street merchants — some of them the same ones mentioned in the 1984 article in the Manchester Herald about the meeting — are balking.

The article, which included a map of the 1984 plan, now hangs framed in Maxwell's Forest Street home. Although far more elaborate, that plan has many similarities to the current \$4.8 million state-town reconstruction proposal.

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WILFRED MAXWELL ... businessmen own enemy

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Downtown plan faces 4 changes

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The president of Manchester State Bank said this morning that the addition of two traffic signals on Main Street and the town's opposition to the proposed downtown reconstruction plan.

The addition of lights at Forest and Maple streets make the plan "workable" for the bank, which once threatened to sue over the lack of signals in front of its offices, said President Nathan G. Agostinelli.

Agostinelli said the addition of the lights will be announced Friday.

Public Works Director George A. Kandra said today the town will announce four major revisions to the \$4.8 million reconstruction plan at a news conference Friday morning. Kandra is recommending that the Board of Directors approve the preliminary design for the reconstruction when it meets Tuesday night.

Kandra would not elaborate today on the specific changes to the plan. But he said they will include four items which were the subject of the most opposition from downtown businesspeople and others who signed petitions and spoke at a recent public hearing.

Items that drew comment included the direction of the entrance to Farnell Place, the location of an additional parking lot on the north end of the street and the addition of on-street parking.

Agostinelli said that he does not have any objections to the proposed light changes or the overall plan. "Of course I would like to have it even better," he said, adding that he is satisfied with the compromises struck with the town.

The changes came about as the result of a meeting between bank officials and town officials recently.

The Maple and Forest street lights would be coordinated to make easier egress from the bank, Agostinelli said.

He said town officials also agreed verbally to make other accommodations to the bank, possibly including a courtesy light in front of the bank's parking lot.

"Of course, the bank would pay for the light," Agostinelli said.

A decorative barrier near the bank's drive-in exit will be installed as a result of the agreement, Agostinelli said.

Agostinelli also noted that the Maple Street light was added to make the town parking lot access from it more accessible.



Members of Congress plant crosses Wednesday in Lafayette Park across from the White House in a mock funeral to illustrate the plight of indebted farmers. From left, they are Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and Rep. Timothy Penny, D-Minn.

Reagan team renews threat to veto farm relief bills

By Sonja Hillgren
United Press International

WASHINGTON — The White House today renewed its threat of a veto if Congress, heeding pleas for help from the Farm Belt, sends President Reagan legislation that would provide millions of dollars in relief to heavily indebted farmers.

"The president has not changed his mind," said White House spokesman Larry Speakes, who indicated Wednesday that passage of a farmer relief bill would bring a unanimous veto recommendation from Reagan's top advisers.

"The House and Senate, ignoring the White House warnings, passed separate aid measures Wednesday."

Senate Republican leader Robert Dole, reiterating his support for the administration's farm program, wrote off the legislative defeat. "It's never going to become law anyway."

In the Senate, the relief for farmers was attached to an African famine aid bill that Speakes said might be vetoed even if stripped of its farm provisions because the relief is not provided in the form requested by the administration.

Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., speculated in an interview on ABC's "Good Morning America" that Reagan would "have a change of heart" and back away from his veto threat after giving careful consideration to the proposed aid to farmers.

The GOP-controlled Senate, with eight Republicans ignoring administration arm-twisting that the measure was "budget buster," joined Democrats in voting for new help for as many as 200,000 debt-strapped farmers.

The next action comes today as the House takes up its second debt relief measure of the week — \$1 billion in loan guarantees for farmers with the heaviest debt.

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DANIEL ORTEGA ... feels Reagan heat

Ortega willing to meet with Shultz

By Tim Golden
United Press International

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega said today he is willing to discuss his peace initiative with Secretary of State George Shultz when the two attend the presidential inauguration in Uruguay on Friday.

"We know Mr. Shultz will be in Uruguay. We are open to having a meeting with him at any moment," Ortega said.

Ortega said meetings before he and other Nicaraguan officials joined a Cuban delegation aboard a Cubana Airlines jet heading for Montevideo.

Shultz is scheduled to be in Uruguay Friday for the inauguration of Julio Maria Sanguinetti, the first constitutionally elected president in the South American nation since the military took power in 1973.

The State Department has denied reports that Shultz-Ortega meeting is planned.

Ortega, under pressure from the Reagan administration, unexpectedly declared Wednesday night he will halt Soviet arms imports and send 100 Cuban military advisers home by May "as a first step toward fulfilling the objectives proposed by the Contadora group."

Ortega said he is confident the new initiative will prompt other Central American countries to accept a regional peace treaty proposed by the Contadora group, made up of Mexico, Venezuela, Panama and Colombia.

"In the same context of Contadora, we decided to declare an indefinite moratorium on the acquisition of new arms systems and planes needed to complete our country's air force," the president said.

Ortega said today his new initiatives "are directed at seeking peace for the people of Nicaragua."

"The people of Nicaragua desire peace, demand peace," he said. "They don't want to shed more blood or make more sacrifice but they are ready to fight as long as peace does not come."

An estimated 12,000 U.S.-backed rebels are fighting the leftist Sandinistas, who toppled the regime of right-wing dictator Anastasio Somoza in 1979 and set up a pro-Soviet government in Managua.

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Wednesday's meeting was a last-ditch attempt to avoid arbitration.

Under the arbitration procedure, the town and the union each pick an arbitrator and the state mediation board picks a third. The arbitration panel has the final decision if the sides cannot reach agreement in negotiations conducted in the presence of the panel.

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Notables send sympathy letters

Free-lancer outfoxes the famous

By Richard M. Harnett
United Press International
SAN FRANCISCO — A prankster playing on the sympathies of famous people with names that would turn a 9-year-old boy red-faced has admitted his hoax but said it worked on hundreds of celebrities.

"Dear Mr. Weinberger:
'I'm 9 and my father named me Caspar. He died, so I didn't ask him why. You are the only other Caspar I ever heard of. I hate my name because the kids at school joke about it. Where did you get your name from? Will you be my friend? I sure need one.'
'Your friend,
'Caspar Fox.'
Raymond said he received responses from 70 percent of the celebrities he wrote to.

Erakine Caldwell sent a sympathetic letter signed "Skinny."
Occasionally, Raymond asked whether "you ever got so mad you felt like punching someone?"
Jimmy Carter wrote that he did. He said he was "teased because I was the smallest kid in my class, and I punched a few bigger guys in the nose."
Adm. Rickover advised: "Study as hard as you can and don't watch too much TV."

He got a three-page letter and a Bible engraved to "Oral Renard" from Oral Roberts.
Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., was the first one who sensed something was amiss when he received a letter from young "Alfonse Fox." He checked and found the return address was phony.
"Erakine wrote me a note anyway," said Raymond. It said, "Dear Alfonse. I got your nice letter and want you to know I sympathize with your problem. But it's not your biggest problem. Your biggest problem is that if I ever get a hold of you I'll break your neck."



DEFENSE CHIEF CASPAR WEINBERGER tells writer he likes name

Peopletalk

Is brevity beautiful?



Jeane Kirkpatrick

When it comes to news, brevity is not the soul of wit.
That's the word from Joseph T. Dembo, president, CBS News, Radio, who hopes to help remedy the situation with "Newsmark," a half-hour documentary series that has been rescheduled from monthly to weekly status on the CBS Radio Network as of March 1.
"Let's become the victims of a rather peculiar gallop toward brevity," Dembo said in an interview. "It's that swing toward brevity that I hope we can someday bring to a stop and reverse, and I think this new half-hour 'Newsmark' is a good first step in that direction. I have the feeling that if the tendency to be shorter and shorter continues, there will come a day when some people may feel that it's better to have no news than to have these snippets of news which are meaningless."

Musty old love story

"Romance on the Orient Express" is the kind of film that once would have been called a woman's film — but that was before Women's Lib was around to take offense.
The TV movie, to air on NBC March 4, 9-11 p.m., Eastern time, offers lovely Cheryl Ladd, the beauty of the French countryside, and some intriguing glimpses of the luxury available aboard what may be the world's most romantic train.
The story is as musty as an old railroad car. Ladd, a successful magazine editor, is going from Venice to Paris. The man who jilted her years earlier boards the train, determined to explain what has happened.
She says no, she weakens, she spends the night with him, but he never does tell his story. She wakes up in the morning with an emotional hangover and throws him out the secret she has been hiding from him (clue: she has an unexplained picture of a child on her nightgown).
He leaves the train late out to confront her. All ends well.

Cheryl Ladd

The filmmakers get around the confinement of the train setting by intercutting with flashbacks of love's young dream. John Gielgud makes a cameo appearance in one of them as the hero's father, but you could miss him if you take too long getting a beer from the refrigerator — or, in the case of this film, perhaps a glass of white wine would be more appropriate.

Trail leads to court

An attorney for the wife of Peter Sellers says producer Blake Edwards waited until Sellers died in 1980 to make "The Trail of the Pink Panther" because he knew the actor would never have agreed to such a bad movie.
Lynn Frederick, Sellers' wife, has gone to court to stop further showings of the last Inspector Clouseau film, which was made of material cut from the earlier movies. Her lawyer, Colin Ross-Murray, blamed Edwards and his associates for making an "appalling film, a well-deserved commercial flop. Their actions were somewhat shabby and motivated by greed."
The executors of Sellers' estate asked the judge to ban Edwards and an associated company, Lakeline, from using Sellers' name, voice, or likeness in "Trail" or any subsequent films. Edwards and Lakeline claim they hold full copyright of the "Pink Panther" series.

Now you know

Each winter, Americans buy an estimated 400,000 T-shirts or sweaters for their dogs.

Western decadence

While her husband held talks on affairs of state, a smiling Lidya Gromyko sampled Western life by attending a private fashion show in a medieval castle.
The wife of Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko did her sightseeing with the wife of the Soviet ambassador, a guide, embassy aides and Italian police. The party walked quietly through St. Peter's Basilica as Cardinal Jaime Sin of Manila celebrated a mass before visiting the castle home of Laura Biagiotti.
Gromyko presented the designer a big Russian shawl in a traditional pattern of red, roses, a book and a matruska, a series of brightly painted wooden dolls fitting one inside the other. Biagiotti gave the foreign minister's wife a silver copy of a third century medal mounted in gold from Bulgaria, Rome's most celebrated jeweler.

Quote of the day

Conservative pollster Terry Dolan, on the politics of sex:
"Conservatives do have sex. They just have the good taste not to talk about it as much as liberals do."

Almanac

Today is Thursday, Feb. 28, the 59th day of 1985 with 306 to follow.
The moon is in its first quarter.
The evening stars are Mercury, Venus and Mars.
There is no evening star.
Those born on this day are under the sign of Pisces. They include American journalist and screenplay writer Ben Hecht in 1894; chemist and physicist Linus Pauling, twice winner of the Nobel Prize, in 1901; and entertainer Bernadette Peters in 1944.
On this date in history:
In 1649, the first shipment of gold seekers arrived in San Francisco after a five-month journey from New York City.
In 1825, Japanese forces landed in Java, the last Allied bastion in the Dutch East Indies.
In 1926, President Gerald Ford, as a naturalization ceremony for Cuban refugees in Miami, denounced Fidel Castro as an "international outlaw" for his intervention in Angola.
In 1983, the concluding episode of the long-running series "M.A.S.H." drew the largest television audience in U.S. history.
In 1984, Gary Hart won an upset victory over Walter Mondale in the New Hampshire Democratic primary.
A thought for the day: American lawyer and essayist Robert Green Ingersoll said, "I am the inferior of any man whose rights I trample under foot."



UPI photo

Today in history
Among those celebrating birthdays today are chemist and physicist Linus Pauling, a two-time winner of the Nobel Prize, in 1901.

Weather

Today's forecast

Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Tonight, clear and chilly. Friday, sunny; high temperatures in the 30s and in the 40s Friday. Lows tonight in the teens and 20s.
Maine and New Hampshire: Fair tonight. Lows 10 to 20. Partly sunny south, variable cloudiness with chance flurries north Friday. Highs mid 30s lower 40s.
Vermont: Clear and cold tonight. Lows 5 to 15. Partly sunny in the north Friday. Fair in the south. Highs near 40.

Extended outlook

Extended outlook for New England Saturday through Monday:
Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Fair weather. Daytime highs in the 40s. Overnight lows in the 20s and 30s.
Maine and New Hampshire: Chance of flurries Saturday. Fair Sunday and Monday. Lows 5 to 15 and 10 to 25. Highs in the 30s north to lower 40s south.
Vermont: Fair Saturday. Chance of showers Sunday and Monday. Highs 45 to 55. Lows 25 to 35.

Long Island Sound

The National Weather Service forecast for Long Island Sound to Watch Hill, R.I. and Montauk Point:
Small craft advisory in effect. Winds northwest 15 knots to 25 knots with higher gusts becoming west 10 knots to 15 knots this afternoon. Southwest 10 knots or less tonight, increasing to 10 knots to 20 knots during Friday. Visibility 5 miles or more. Weather fair through Friday. Average wave heights 2 to 4 feet. Winds will be gusty across Montana, Wyoming and North Dakota. Highs will be in the 30s and 40s over the northern half of the Plateau and the Rockies, and from North Dakota across the Great Lakes and the Ohio Valley to the north coast of the Atlantic coast. Highs will reach the 60s and 70s over much of the South.

Across the nation

Thunderstorms will be widely scattered over southeast Arizona. Rain will be scattered from the southern half of Texas across southern Louisiana. Winds will be gusty across Montana, Wyoming and North Dakota. Highs will be in the 30s and 40s over the northern half of the Plateau and the Rockies, and from North Dakota across the Great Lakes and the Ohio Valley to the north coast of the Atlantic coast. Highs will reach the 60s and 70s over much of the South.

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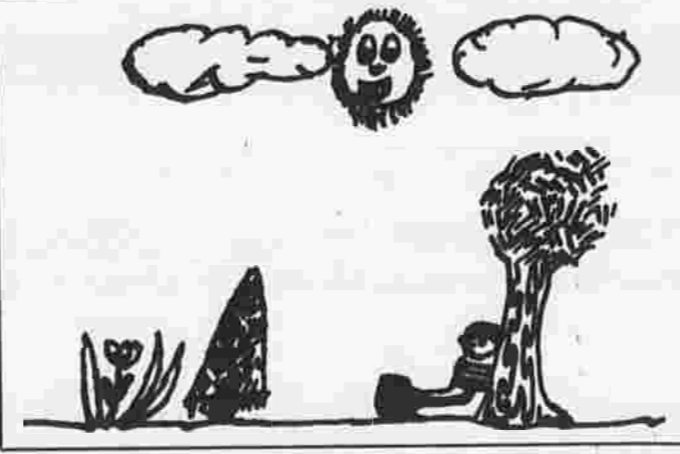
The state Department of Environmental Protection provides daily air pollution reports and seasonal pollen count information from the Department of Health Services. The recorded message is provided at 555-3449.

Weather radio

The National Weather Service broadcasts continuous, 24-hour weather information on 162.475 MHz in Hartford, 162.55 MHz in New London and 162.40 MHz in Meriden.

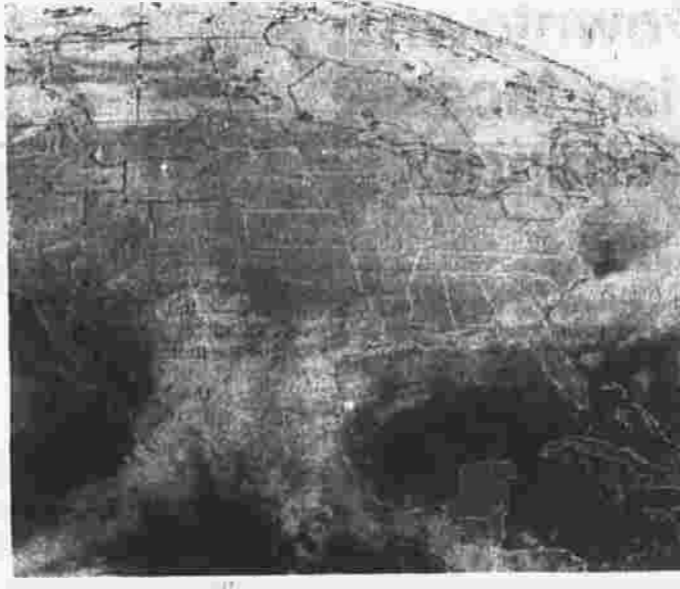
Lottery

Connecticut daily Wednesday: 841 Play Four: 2053
Other numbers drawn Wednesday in New England:
New Hampshire daily: 5022
Rhode Island daily: 8832
Massachusetts daily: 7421
Vermont daily: 784
Massachusetts daily: 7421
Weekly numbers: Yellow 903, Blue 75, and White 4
"Megabucks": 3-22-24-26-28-34



Too chilly? Wait a minute

Tonight, clear. Lows 15 to 25. Winds light southwest. Friday, sunny and milder. Highs in the middle and upper 40s. Outlook Saturday, partly sunny and mild. Today's weather picture was drawn by Jesse Puniello, 9 of 21 Westerly St., a fourth grader at Waddell School.



Satellite view

Commerce Department satellite photo taken at 3:30 a.m. EST shows scattered layered clouds over the Southeast and across the central and southern Rockies. Scattered cloudiness is also over the central Plains. Thick low clouds blanket the eastern Great Lakes.

Gromyko visit ends without Italian pledge

ROME (UPI) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko ended his first trip to Italy in six years today without persuading Italian officials to join Moscow's campaign against President Reagan's "Star Wars" program.
Gromyko, accompanied by his wife Lidya, left Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport for Madrid at 9:20 a.m. (8:30 a.m. EST) today on a special Aeroflot jet. He was seen off by Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti.
The veteran Soviet diplomat's three-day visit came two weeks before a new round of U.S.-Soviet arms control talks in Geneva and a week before Prime Minister Bettino Craxi was to meet with Reagan at the White House.
His meetings with Craxi, Andreotti and President Sandro Pertini were described as cordial. He also wound up an audience with Pope John Paul II Wednesday with an exchange of "good wishes."
A joint statement left Wednesday by Italian and Soviet officials underscored Gromyko's unsuccessful bid at trying to change the Italian position on Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative, also known as "Star Wars."
The statement stressed a need to prevent an arms race in space, but the Italians praised U.S. plans to go ahead with research into the space-based system as "an important step toward overcoming international tensions."
In his public declaration made at an official luncheon given by Andreotti Tuesday, Gromyko spoke about his bid to mobilize opposition to "Star Wars."
"I do not hide that we want to see Italy among those countries that raise their own voices against the takeover of the arms race toward the sphere of space," he said.
Andreotti and Craxi, however, both indicated Italy's position was unchanged, saying they backed Reagan's decision to go ahead with research on the project.

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Hospital volunteer Merle Lassow instructs 5-year-old Jennifer Zimmer on how to operate the controls on a hospital bed. The two took a pre-admission tour of Manchester Memorial Hospital on Wednesday.

Hospital tour helps get rid of anxiety

By Bill Yingling
Herald Reporter
Jennifer Zimmer and her mother wandered through the rooms and corridors of Manchester Memorial Hospital Wednesday catching every possible detail.
This time they were here for an hour-long tour. But next time, their visit will be more serious.
The 5-year-old will return to the hospital March 9 to have her adenoids removed and her ears drained. The operation is a relatively common one among children her age, hospital officials say.
But they point out that any operation can be stressful.
The tour she and her mother took Wednesday was specially designed to prepare her for that day, and to alleviate pre-admission tension.
But after the tour, as Jennifer patiently waited to leave the hospital, it was Jennifer's mother, Carrie Zimmer, who seemed to have benefited the most from the pre-operation visit.
"it makes me feel better," she remarked.
Ann Bonney, child life coordinator at MMH, said that although the tours are designed primarily to relieve children's stress before an operation, they are also designed to ease anxiety on the part of parents.
"Parents are as beneficial for the children," Bonney said.
She added that a parent's anxiety before an operation can have a pronounced effect upon the child. A child, she said, can sense that anxiety and then become even more nervous.
During the tours, hospital staff members try to ease the parental fears, as well as the child's, so the parent can be more supportive.
Jennifer said she was not worried about this particular operation because she had been in the hospital for a similar one two years ago.
The mother, however, said she was still a bit tense.
"You always get a little apprehensive," she said.
"It's not a major operation either. If it was overnight it would be worse because I would have to stay with her."
On the day of the operation, Jennifer Zimmer will only be in surgery for between 30 and 45 minutes, Bonney predicted.
But the recovery period could last as long as three hours.
During the tour, Bonney and MMH volunteer Merle Lassow escorted the mother and daughter through a private room similar to the one in which Jennifer will stay until she is released.
There she was able to fidget with all the gadgets, garments, buttons and buzzers that accompany a routine stay in the hospital.
"They love the electric beds," Lassow said. "They play with them all the time."
Afterward, they were taken through the nurses' station and the post-operative recovery room where Jennifer will stay until she wakes from anesthesia.
Before the tour departed, Bonney added Jennifer of the various kinds of foods she would be served while recovering, to which Jennifer abruptly suggested, "Start with the ice cream."

Democrats back school repair plan

By Alex Girelli
Herald Reporter
On a motion by Democratic Town Chairman Theodore Cummings, members of the Democratic Town Committee voted Wednesday to support in principle plans to renovate four elementary schools and to bring Manchester High School up to 1983 code requirements.
Cummings did not preside at the meeting. He turned the gavel over to Amy Burns, town committee vice-chairwoman.
His motion seeking a consensus of those present in favor of the projects drew no dissent in a voice vote.
The vote was taken after a presentation by Leonard Seader, chairman of the Board of Education, and Paul Phillips, chairman of the Building Committee.
Seader gave the following responses:

The four schools involved will continue to be used as elementary schools for the foreseeable future.
The Board of Education does make regular repairs and improvements in school buildings each year out of its annual budget, including some work that could be considered capital improvement.
State funds do pay for a substantial part of the work involved.
The four elementary schools the Board of Education wants to improve are Bowers, built in 1948; Nathan Hale, built in 1921; Verplanck, built in 1949; and Waddell, built in 1952.
Seader said the work contemplated includes updating classrooms by providing more electrical outlets and more shelving; closing excess windows as was done at Manchester High School; modernizing lighting, heating, and air conditioning. Seader said the work also included updating classrooms by providing more electrical outlets and more shelving; closing excess windows as was done at Manchester High School; modernizing lighting, heating, and air conditioning. Seader said the work also included updating classrooms by providing more electrical outlets and more shelving; closing excess windows as was done at Manchester High School; modernizing lighting, heating, and air conditioning.

Other work involved is replacing roofs, or sections of roofs, repairing worn floors, replacing stained and tiles in the corridors be anchored at each corner with arctow so that they will not fall down.
Another, Phillips said, is special handles for closet doors so that blind people cannot mistake them for classroom doors and walk into closets.
Both Seader and Phillips stressed that some of the MHS code violations can be eliminated by town workers and that Manchester officials should negotiate with the state over some others. Waiters should be sought from some of the requirements, they said.
Costs for the work will have to wait until it has been studied by two architects appointed for the purpose, they said. The Board of Directors has appropriated \$30,000 for the study.

Shakir is tried again in town court

By Sarah Possell
Herald Reporter
Tolland Turnpike resident Thomas Shakir, who was granted a new trial last year on charges that he abducted his aged mother from a Manchester convalescent home, won a few and lost a few at a hearing Wednesday in Manchester Superior Court.
Although Judge Michael Mack denied a motion to dismiss the case

against Shakir, he granted another motion to dismiss another charge of failure to appear at a March 1984 hearing.
Mack also denied a request made by Shakir's attorney to require the second trial to another court. Shakir is being represented by Hartford attorney Richard Brown.
The case has been continued to April 9.
Shakir was convicted last Oct. 23

of first-degree custodial interference. Authorities charged that he took his mother out of the Meadows Convalescent Center without permission on April 13, 1983, a few months before her death. Later that night, police in Westerly, R.I., notified Manchester police that two men who refused to identify themselves had left Bertha Shakir at the Westerly Hospital, according to trial testimony.
Judge Harry N. Jackaway, who presided at the first trial, allowed Shakir to represent himself in court, acting as co-counsel with his attorney at the time, David Gill Proctor of Waterford. But the two-day trial was purged by numerous questions from Jackaway about Shakir's behavior in court.

During testimony Shakir asked his mother's court-appointed conservator, East Hartford lawyer P. Peter Apter, whether Apter remembered Shakir's own having made a comment about Apter's "250-pound father." Shakir also asked Apter whether he had taken a trip to Jamaica while acting as conservator.
Jackaway ruled the questions out of order.
After the jury found him guilty, Shakir hired Brown, who convinced Jackaway to grant a new trial on the grounds that Shakir had received ineffective counsel from Proctor.
Judge Mack Wednesday dismissed the related failure to appear charge, on which the jury also convicted Shakir, saying that Shakir did not intentionally miss the March 1984 court hearing.
Shakir testified at the first trial that he thought the hearing was the following day and in fact came to court.
Shakir faces as much as five years in prison and up to \$5,000 in fines if he is again found guilty of the felony charge.

The word Eskimo means "eater of raw meat."

Character actor Sidney Greenstreet's first movie was made in 1941, when he was 61 years old. It was "The Maltese Falcon."

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Town hearing Friday concerns future of phone service

By Kathy Gormus
Herald Reporter

The General Assembly's Energy and Public Utilities Committee will hold a public hearing in Manchester Friday on a package of proposed legislation that would affect the types of telephone services offered to Connecticut consumers.

Among the 11 bills up for discussion is one that would prohibit long-distance phone competition within the state until 1987 to give the state Department of Public Utility Control time to determine whether intrastate competition would be beneficial to consumers.

The hearing begins at 10 a.m. in the Lincoln Center hearing room. The public is invited to attend and speak on the bills. Cox Cable will broadcast a tape of the hearing Saturday at 4 p.m. on channel 13. Under committee bill 7420, the DPUC would report its findings to the Legislature by Jan. 1, 1987, after holding at least three public hearings at various places in the state.

Among the questions the DPUC would be asked to address are

whether the absence of intrastate long-distance competition negatively affects economic development in the state and technological innovation in the telecommunications industry. The report would also address whether the absence of competition leads to increased bypassing of the telephone network now authorized to provide long-distance service within the state.

THE SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND Telephone Co., the New York Telephone Co. and the Woodbury Telephone Co. are the only phone companies who can legally provide that service now. If the DPUC concluded that the public interest would best be served by allowing long-distance competition within the state, it would be required to develop a plan for introducing competition. The plan would address the development of standards, regulations and access charges for phone companies providing long-distance service within the state.

The plan would take effect on July 1, 1987, unless modified or rejected by the Legislature. The bill would also require the DPUC to report to the Legislature

every two years on the desirability of intrastate long-distance competition. Competitors of SNET, including MCI and GTE SPRINT, have said intrastate competition would lead to lower phone rates and benefit consumers. Those companies now offer competitive interstate long-distance rates as a result of last year's court-ordered divestiture of American Telephone & Telegraph, which opened up the interstate market to competition.

SNET REPRESENTATIVES FAVOR a long moratorium on intrastate competition. They have said that in-state competition would deprive the company of long-distance revenues that help keep local phone rates low. Bill 7420 grew out of a report issued earlier this year by a legislative task force on telecommunications. The task force took two different approaches to intrastate competition—one viewing it as inevitable and the other viewing it more cautiously.

The task force recommended moratoriums on intrastate competition ranging from two to five years, depending on which of the two views was used.

The Legislature last year imposed a moratorium on intrastate competition until Feb. 15, and extended it until July 1 this year to give it time to study the task force recommendations. State Sen. Carl A. Zinsser, R-Manchester, the co-chairman of the Energy and Public Utilities Committee, said today that bill 7420 was a cautious approach to an issue that would have a long-lasting effect on the telecommunications industry in Connecticut.

"I THINK THE APPROACH we're taking is the right approach," he said. "I don't think we've got all the facts yet." Zinsser said most people would agree that long-distance revenues subsidize local phone rates, but no one knows exactly what impact allowing in-state competition would have on local rates.

"I don't think it's fair to raise local rates just to allow a few companies to come in and make a profit," he said. If local rates were to dramatically increase, the Federal Communications Commission's long-standing goal of universal phone service could be jeopardized. Hardest hit by increases would be

elderly and low-income residents. The Coalition on Aging and other groups have endorsed bill 7420, Zinsser said. Another bill included in the legislative package would limit the DPUC's authority to approve rate increases while intrastate competition is prohibited. Rate increases would be permitted only to cover inflationary costs or costs arising from orders issued by the FCC.

The bill, introduced by Sen. John B. Larson, D-East Hartford, and Rep. David Lavine, D-Durham, is intended to prevent phone companies that have a monopoly on intrastate long-distance service from unduly increasing their rates. Another bill in the package seeks to accomplish the same thing.

OTHER BILLS INCLUDED in the package would: Require phone companies to allow a few credit card-operated phones by October 1986. Another bill would require at least 25 percent of the new phones installed after Oct. 1 of this year to contain such devices. And provide for a bill of rights for telephone customers.

nonpayment of long-distance bills. Prohibit the DPUC from increasing the cost of residential phone service to reduce the percentage of costs of the local telephone network that are subsidized by long-distance revenues.

Give hardship customers the opportunity to work out payment agreements with the telephone company and prohibit the company from terminating service while such an agreement was in effect or being negotiated.

Require the DPUC to approve extending local calling in an area if 51 percent or more of the subscribers in the area are in favor of extending the local calling area. At least 50 percent of the subscribers in each exchange would be required to respond to the survey for approval to be granted.

Area won't die, ex-planner says

Continued from page 1

However, Maxwell's original plan did not include the traffic improvements which are the core of the current proposal and were incorporated into the plan of the '60s.

COMMENTING ON THE CURRENT PLAN, Maxwell said, "The town's taken some leadership in improvement of the street." But he said it needs a program for promotion. "Maybe that's where the chamber comes in," he said. Maxwell suggested that the plan should include more than physical improvements to the area. He said he would like to see it linked to a good marketing program, including economic and land-use studies.

The current plan is less elaborate than earlier ones but will end up costing much more if it is implemented. The 1966 plan could have been paid for mostly in "701" federal funds, Maxwell said. At that time he headed the program for the state Development Commission.

What the current plan needs is "an overall strategy to generate additional use," Maxwell said. Finding a constituency to promote Main Street has become harder, Maxwell observed, because the commercial interests and membership in the chamber of commerce has spread throughout town, whereas it used to be centered on Main Street.

"THE BUSINESSMEN are their own worst enemy," Maxwell said. He does not think downtown Main Street will ever be what it used to be, he feels. It could be a more attractive and pleasant place to work and shop.

"Main Street could become a haven for banks, offices and insurance companies," Maxwell said, adding that it could be a nice place for personal shops and restaurants as well. "If rehabbed it could be pleasant to the eye," he said.

If town planners would consider relaxing the zoning restrictions, Maxwell said, they could even allow some apartments "of height" in the downtown area.

He also sees the development of apartments in the former Cheney Mills as having the potential to add many new sleepers to Main Street. But he said they also will pose some problems. He cited inadequate access to Main Street, especially at the Forest Street intersection near his home.

"IT IS UNREALISTIC" to think Main Street could compete with a mall, Maxwell said. "I don't think anyone could stop what's happened," he said in reference to two proposed malls in Buckland and South Windsor.

He predicted the mall — whether it is



WILFRED MAXWELL ... 31 years of plans

Winchester or John Finguerria's — will become a regional center. But he added that "there is no reason to stop working on Main Street."

He also noted that many improvements to storefronts, offices and banks have been made in recent years. "It is unfair to say there hasn't been initiative. Substantial improvements have occurred," Maxwell said.

"There is still life on Main Street," Maxwell said. He has become more aware of Main Street life since he moved into the downtown area a year ago.

"I really enjoy walking up Main Street, but a lot of people don't like to do that. Main Street isn't for everyone."

Directors to get plan for housing

By Kathy Gormus
Herald Reporter

The Board of Directors will be asked Tuesday to approve a request for developers' proposals to build detached, single-family "starter" houses on town-owned land on Love Lane.

The directors will also be asked to authorize town General Manager Robert B. Weiss to seek a variance for 1.8 acres of town-owned land on North Elm Street so that elderly housing can be built.

Under the Love Lane proposal, Manchester residents would be given priority on the houses. The town would retain possession of the 7.5-acre site and would recover its cost through a deferred mortgage.

Under that arrangement, the homeowner would not have to pay for the land on which his or her house was built until 10 years after the purchase or until the home was sold.

Developers' proposals would be evaluated by a committee appointed by the directors. The committee should include the general manager, planning director, town engineer, the chief building inspector, a member of the Building Commission, the town manager and a resident of the neighborhood, according to the request for proposals, which was issued by the town Planning Department.

Factors in the selection of a developer will include the degree to which proposals meet site and housing design criteria, the sale price of the housing, estimated construction time schedule, the extent to which the developer's marketing plan meets the town's goals and the developer's track record, according to the request.

Director of Planning Mark Pellegrini said he thought the request was a reasonable one. "I think it's very clear what the town's goals are in the project," he said.

The project was proposed as a means of providing affordable housing to first-time homebuyers. The original plan called for 24 to 30 units of semi-detached housing on the land, but those plans were scaled down to 14 single-family houses after residents objected.

Before 14 houses could be built, most of the land at the site would have to be rezoned from Residence A to Residence B, Pellegrini said. The rezoning would accompany the request for proposals assumes the land will be rezoned.

Development of the North Elm Street site is being pursued at the recommendation of the Affordable Housing Task Force. A variance is required because zoning regulations call for a minimum lot size of 2 acres for elderly housing, while the site contains only 1.8 acres, Pellegrini said in a memo to the directors. A variance might also be needed concerning the site's proximity to shopping and public transportation, Pellegrini said.

Manchester In Brief

Tax assistance offered

Trained volunteers are now providing help three days a week to people in completing basic tax forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ at a site at owned land on Love Lane. The volunteers from Manchester Community College will also advise people on tax credits and deductions for which they may be eligible, said James E. Quinn, IRS District Director. Anyone planning to visit the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance site should bring their tax packages, last year's tax return, their W-2 forms and all other tax records concerning income and deductions. The site is open Monday, Thursday and Saturday. Hours on Mondays and Thursdays are from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturdays the center is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Town seeks landfill bids

The town will take bids March 12 on a computerized data management system for use with a scale at the town's landfill on Otcutt Street to convert the landfill from a tax-supported service to a fee-supported service. On the same day bids will be taken for construction of a 12-foot by 16-foot attendant's station at the landfill. The town has already awarded a contract for the scale to Fairbanks Weighing Division of Colt Industries but is awaiting word from the Weights and Measures Division of the state Department of Consumer Protection as to whether the scale is acceptable for the purpose. The contract for supplying and installing the scale was to cost \$35,233.

MHS postpones concert

Manchester High School has postponed a concert choir performance scheduled in recognition of black history month, which ends today. Lon Erving, director of the school's multicultural club, said today that the concert will be rescheduled sometime in March. Bennett Junior High School recognized the month with a jazz concert which about 400 students attended, Erving said. Illing Junior High School is celebrating the month in a variety of ways, said social studies teacher Robert Cooper, director of Illing's Connections Club. Illing students have arranged a bulletin board displaying famous people and moments in black history, he said.

Fire Calls

Manchester Wednesday, 1:45 p.m. — alarm, 1159 Main St., Coventry (South West Middle Turnpike (Town)).
Wednesday, 3:59 p.m. — smoke investigation, 144 Oakland St. (Eighth District).

Tolland County Tuesday, 5:22 p.m. — woods fire, 1159 Main St., Coventry (South Coventry, North Coventry).
Tuesday, 6:40 p.m. — chimney fire, Lakeview Drive, Coventry (South Coventry).

Meals program mulls weekend service

By Kathy Gormus
Herald Reporter

The Manchester agency that runs the local Meals on Wheels program might consider scheduling regular weekend deliveries if enough clients need it, the agency's director said today.

Bob Geoghegan, director of River East Home Care, said a recent survey by the agency showed that about nine to 10 of the 50 clients served by the meals program had difficulty fixing meals during the weekend.

Under the program, meals are delivered to eligible Manchester and Bolton residents Monday through Friday, with about 70 people receiving meals on any given day, he said.

The agency last week began delivering extra meals on Friday to one Manchester couple who was unable to prepare food on weekends, Geoghegan said. The agency is looking into the other cases that came to light during the survey, he said.

The program could someday be expanded to include regular weekend meal deliveries if demand becomes great enough to warrant

the added economic costs, he said. "The volunteer aspect of it was no problem and the meal preparation was no problem," Geoghegan said. But because so few people now need the weekend service, the travel costs do not justify regular deliveries, he said.

Most people now served by the Meals on Wheels program have relatives or friends who come in to

prepare meals on weekends, he said. The agency's survey also showed that a number of the program's clients saved enough food from earlier meals to last through the weekend, he said.

The Meals on Wheels program in Danbury is currently the only one in the state that regularly delivers meals on Saturday and Sunday, Geoghegan said.

Until the need justifies regular weekend deliveries, Geoghegan said agency volunteers will probably continue to deliver extra meals on Fridays to those who are unable to get meals on the weekend.

More such cases could be discovered as the result of a new health needs survey being prepared by the Manchester Health Department, he said.

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OPINION

Phone competition: AT&T breakup didn't solve it all

Establishing a policy on telephone competition is one of the trickiest problems facing the Legislature this year.



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James Sacks, City Editor

As things stand, the only companies that can legally sell in-state long-distance service are the Southern New England Telephone Co., which is dominant; New York Telephone, which serves a corner of the state; and the smaller Woodbury Telephone Co. This has prompted complaints from private phone companies that want the market opened and from users who want cheaper service.

The intrastate situation is just one reflection of the fact that the communications laws on Connecticut's books are obsolete. Its resolution must be part of a progressive overhaul of the system.

Current regulations are not sufficient to address either the fallout from the 1984 breakup of AT&T or the technological advances in the telecommunications industry.

Although competition should probably be allowed in the long run, it is essential that the Legislature approach the intrastate issue, and telecommunications as a whole, with extreme caution.

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But this can probably be best effected if the Legislature opens the market in a way that keeps things on an equal footing. Companies that want to compete should be allowed to do so, but only if they are willing to bear their share of the costs.

That legislation deserves to be enacted. It would give state officials enough time to formulate a plan under which telephone users would benefit from competition without facing a sudden hike in basic rates. The DPUC would gain enough time to develop intelligent restraints on what could be foisted on consumers.

THOUGH IT DOESN'T make the headlines every day, there remains substantial disagreement about whether competition should be allowed at all.

Advocates on many sides possess cogent arguments, all of which must be thoroughly aired before the Legislature acts.

Hearings are now in progress on the utilities committee proposal. One will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in Lincoln Center, giving Manchester residents the chance to get their views into the record before things go too far.

It is clear to anyone who has read the task force report that many complicated issues need to be resolved if Connecticut is to end up with a responsible telecommunications policy.

From what is on the table thus far, we think everyone would benefit from the careful introduction of competition over a period of time. In the unlikely event that the DPUC proves unable to develop a strategy to protect consumers, however, the market should stay closed.

But first things first: Go to Lincoln Center Friday morning, listen to the arguments, and tell the lawmakers what you think.

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Police question Syrian hijackers

VIENNA — Police questioned two Syrians today who hijacked a Lufthansa airliner carrying 43 people in a bid for asylum in Austria after West Germany rejected their request and ordered them deported.

The pair surrendered to police and were arrested at Vienna's Schwechat Airport Wednesday, seven hours after they hijacked the Lufthansa Boeing 727 en route from Frankfurt, West Germany, to Damascus, Syria.

Lufthansa flight LH 612 left Vienna for the Syrian capital just before midnight with a fresh crew and nearly all the original 35 passengers.

The hijackers, identified by police as Esmat Fakhir El Din Agha Bdwai and Gamal Khalaf, both 27, were being questioned by police today. The pair had been ordered to leave West Germany when their request for asylum in that country was rejected.

General Dynamics head to testify

WASHINGTON — Federal prosecutors investigating the General Dynamics Corp. are focusing on allegations its top executives conspired for years to defraud the government, sources say.

The Justice Department also has investigated evidence company Chairman David Lewis ordered in 1977 the issuance of an overly optimistic delivery forecast for the company's first Trident submarine to keep the stock price from sliding, the government sources said Wednesday.

Facing nine federal investigations, Lewis agreed to testify to a House subcommittee today about allegations the firm filed false cost overruns, misled stockholders and passed gifts to Pentagon officials.

The House Energy and Commerce panel chaired by Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., also is interested in Lewis' personal profits of more than \$20 million in trading in company stocks in the past decade.

Many of his stock purchases came during the firm's darkest days, in 1978 and 1979, when it faced massive losses on nuclear submarine contracts, Securities and Exchange Commission records show. The company later recovered most of the losses with a \$750 million federal bailout.

Mitchell attorney makes argument

WASHINGTON — Former Attorney General John Mitchell should not have to pay damages for authorizing wiretaps on private conversations during the Vietnam War protest days, his lawyer told the Supreme Court.

Mitchell, who was President Nixon's chief law enforcer, was sued for tapping private conversations in response to reports that war protesters planned to bomb Washington, D.C., utility tunnels and to kidnap Henry Kissinger.

Paul Bator, a Justice Department lawyer representing Mitchell, told the justices during oral arguments Wednesday that his client and other top government officials should be immune from facing trial or paying money damages when they wiretap citizens in the name of national security.

U.S./World In Brief

Pan Am mechanics strike

NEW YORK — Mechanics struck Pan American World Airways today after contract negotiations collapsed, with union officials declaring they would ground the airline and the carrier vowing not to give into workers' demands.

Within hours of the strike call, pickets were set up at Kennedy International Airport and in Honolulu, but only scattered pickets were reported at other airports around the nation.

Pan Am's other four unions have said they would honor the strike by the Transport Workers Union.

Exports don't help trade deficit

WASHINGTON — Despite record-breaking exports, U.S. merchandise trade with the rest of the world was in deficit by \$10.3 billion during January, the Commerce Department reported today.

That equaled the average monthly trade deficit during 1984 when the total red ink in trade reached an unprecedented \$123.3 billion, hurting many U.S. industries and raising protectionist pressures in Congress.

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Spirit of defiance lives on in Poland

WASHINGTON — The Polish authorities clearly didn't want me to meet Lech Walesa, the dynamizing leader of the outlawed Solidarity union.

The Polish government partially relented, however, and let my associate Lucette Lagarde travel freely through the country recently. Here is what she found:

Even before arrival in Poland, a visitor is surprised to hear outspoken criticism of the communist regime from Poles flying home from abroad. These are the most privileged and presumably trusted by the regime, having been allowed to leave the country — and they made their remarks with earshot of other passengers who must have included secret police. One man, who told of involvement in the printing of illegal newspapers, was a factory manager.

The returning Poles agreed that Solidarity is still alive and well, though forced underground by the authorities. The murder of the Rev. Jurek Popieluszko by police agents investigating the illegal movement, they said, the passengers denounced the economic system and urged visitors to see proof of their faith in shops that have little to offer.

The volunteered complaints continued whenever Poles heard my associate speaking English. A young father told of low wages and generally difficult economic conditions. A poet bemoaned official censorship. Even employees of Inter-press, the liaison office between visiting journalists and government officials, complained of difficulties with the Polish bureaucracy.

President Reagan is apparently as popular among Poles as he is among Americans. Several Poles said they had prayed for his re-election, and even while complaining about their economic hardships, they expressed hope that Reagan would keep up the embargoes that add to their misery. A surprising number of Poles still spoke of Yalta as if it had occurred yesterday instead of 40 years ago; they view it bitterly as the root of all their postwar troubles, a sellout of the Poles by their Western allies.

Confirming the scarcity of consumer goods was no problem. The only well-stocked stores are the Pevev outlets that accept only hard currency. They offer beautiful sheepskin coats, choice liquor and French perfume. The stores that accept Polish currency have little to sell but shoddy goods. Black market trading for American dollars is ubiquitous. Meet is

rationed and buying it requires standing in line for hours. Yet in the tourist hotels, fine cuts of meat are on the menu, along with such luxuries as butter, sugar and orange juice.

Intelligence sources blame Poland's economic crisis not just on mismanagement by the communist regime, but on the refusal of the labor force to work as a result of the harsh crackdown on their union. One Pole, who claimed to be a Communist Party member, confirmed at least the part about the workers' lack of motivation to produce. And he hinted that the inefficiency of Polish industry was partly the government's fault.

"Our factories cannot compete with yours," he said. "They are backward." Such heresy is not uncommon, apparently.

The police-state repression, though not as overbearing as that in other Soviet-bloc countries, is nevertheless in evidence where it counts. Even on internal flights in small, antiquated, propeller-driven planes, security is tight.

Passengers and their belongings are carefully checked, and there is a minimum of two "anti-terrorist" security officers, armed with rifles and knives, aboard the plane. One officer sits at the back of the passenger compartment, the other in the cockpit. Their purpose is to prevent hijackings to the West.

Despite the ever-present threat of official crackdown, Poles remain unregenerately candid in their criticism of the regime. As one man put it with a mixture of defiance and resignation: "I know I can be put in prison for what I say. But so what?"

Making a killing

The federal government gives indirect aid and comfort to the National Rifle Association, which spends considerable sums each year to lobby against gun-control legislation.

Because the NRA is the only "official" gun group in the country, most federal lawmen are dues-paying members. The government doesn't pay its employees' \$15-a-year dues, but it encourages gun-toting lawmen to join the organization.

For example, Customs Service officers who want to get on the agency's pistol team had to enter at least three NRA target-shooting matches last year. Final selection for the elite Customs Service pistol team depends in part on the scores the agents made in the NRA matches, as well as on their NRA membership status.

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U.S. warns Lebanon on U.N. veto

WASHINGTON — The United States warned Lebanon it will veto any U.N. Security Council resolution condemning Israel for "acts of aggression" in southern Lebanon, a Lebanese government source said today.

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Shooting spree leaves three dead

Police said there were six babies under 3 years old in the house, but they apparently were not harmed. But two children between 3 and 10 years old were not so lucky, police said. The gunman tried to strangle one of the boys and to drown the other by shoving his head in the toilet bowl, police said. Both were treated at the scene.

Two of the adult victims were taken to Brookdale Hospital, where both were listed in stable condition, a hospital spokesman said.

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Fingerra says he's talking with several major retailers

Developer John Fingerra said today he is continuing "serious negotiations" with several large department stores interested in locating in his proposed regional shopping mall.

His competitor in the development race announced commitments last week by two major retailers to locate in the Winchester Mall.

Fingerra's center would be located in the Buckland section of the town, north of the proposed 1.2-million-square-foot Winchester Mall. It would be located in the Buckland area, but the mall would be located mostly in South Windsor. It is being developed by Bronson & Hutensky of Bloomfield and Melvin Simon & Co. of Indianapolis.

In a press release issued today, Fingerra said that his real estate partnership will submit a general

plan of development on his proposed commercial/office/industrial complex to the town "within the next few weeks."

The plans will include more detail on the shopping center and the connector roads through the 285-acre site just north of Interstate 84, he said. They also will indicate future uses, including a hotel/conference center and housing.

Fingerra said the stores which announced their commitment to Winchester are Hartford-based G. Fox & Co. and Sage-Allen & Co. Fingerra again stressed that his mall has better access from the interstate than Winchester and other urban uses.

The spokesman said the plan will comply with all the requirements under the Comprehensive Urban Development zone in which the center would be located. Those requirements include a mixed development of 70 percent housing and 30 percent commercial and other urban uses.

Fingerra's plans so far have



HENRY CABOT LODGE ... Nixon running mate

Henry Cabot Lodge, ex-senator, envoy, 82

BEVERLY, Mass. (UPI) — Henry Cabot Lodge, a former senator and vice presidential candidate who served as ambassador to six presidents and became a symbol of anti-Communism during the Cold War and Vietnam, died at the age of 82.

Lodge died in his sleep at his Beverly home at 5:16 p.m. EST Wednesday. His son, George, said death was caused by congestive heart failure following a long illness.

The funeral service will be private, he said.

Lodge, who spent three terms in the Senate before losing to John F. Kennedy in 1932, was U.N. ambassador under President Dwight D. Eisenhower and envoy to Saigon under Presidents Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson during the early years of the Vietnam war.

Judge disallows data for Von Bulow retrial

By Michael J. Spaloro
United Press International

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The state has lost round one as it begins its second battle to try to convict Claus von Bulow on charges of twice attempting to kill his wife in their Newport mansion in 1979 and 1980.

Superior Court Judge Corinne Grande ruled Wednesday that a crucial defense admission about traces of insulin found on a needle which the state used to convict von Bulow the first time cannot be carried over to his re-trial in April.

Grande denied two state motions concerning the stipulation made by former von Bulow defense attorney Herald Price Fahringer during the first trial in 1982.

The ruling opens the door for the defense to introduce new evidence which it claims will clear von Bulow of charges that he tried to kill his wife, Martha "Sunny" von Bulow, with insulin shots in 1979 and 1980. She remains in an irreversible coma in a New York hospital.

Jury selection in the re-trial of Von Bulow, 58, is expected to begin April 8.

The first trial ended with a conviction in 1982, but the Rhode Island Supreme Court overturned the verdict last year because of trial errors.

During testimony in the first trial, Fahringer "stipulated" that the defense agreed that some traces of insulin were found on the needle in the black bag which the state claimed belonged to von Bulow and which he used during his attempts to try to murder his wife.

Assistant Attorney General Marie DeStato argued that Fahringer's "judicial admission" should be carried over to the second trial and the new jury be informed of the admission.

"The defense admitted in open

court during the first trial that there was insulin found on the needle," DeStato said. "We are asking that the jury be informed of that prior to (the second trial)."

Thomas Puccio, who has replaced Fahringer as von Bulow's defense attorney, disagreed, claiming that Judge Thomas Needham misunderstood Fahringer's admission during the first trial.

Puccio further argued against the motion, saying the defense has since developed new evidence which will prove that insulin may never have existed on the needle because of "defects" in the testing process used to identify insulin on the needle.

FOCUS / Family

Town Farm sheltered yesterday's needy



Margaret Hayden

"When we lived on the Town Farm..."

With these words my mother would start many tales of her life on the East Windsor Town Farm. The farm was run by her parents starting in April 1888, when my mother was 4 years and 8 months old.

Town farms were the era's way of providing for the poor, most of whom were elderly, handicapped, sickly or a combination of all three.

Thomas hired healthy couples, like my grandparents, Thomas and Catherine Coleman, to take care of the poor on a farm that was as nearly self-supporting as possible. Clients often stayed on the farm through their final illnesses.

During their year running the Town Farm, the Colemans lived the "old folks" they looked after, even when the woman went crazy whenever the moon was full.

"She was all right the rest of the time." Mother told me long ago. Mother and my grandparents often spoke of their life on that farm.

I still have a record of purchases for the farm in 1898, one of the "treasures" I kept when I emptied the farmhouse and buildings to sell the family homestead, a sad requirement of settling an estate.

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My memories of my childhood plus the record book of my grandfather's writing gives a glimpse of a welfare and economic system of the 1890s.

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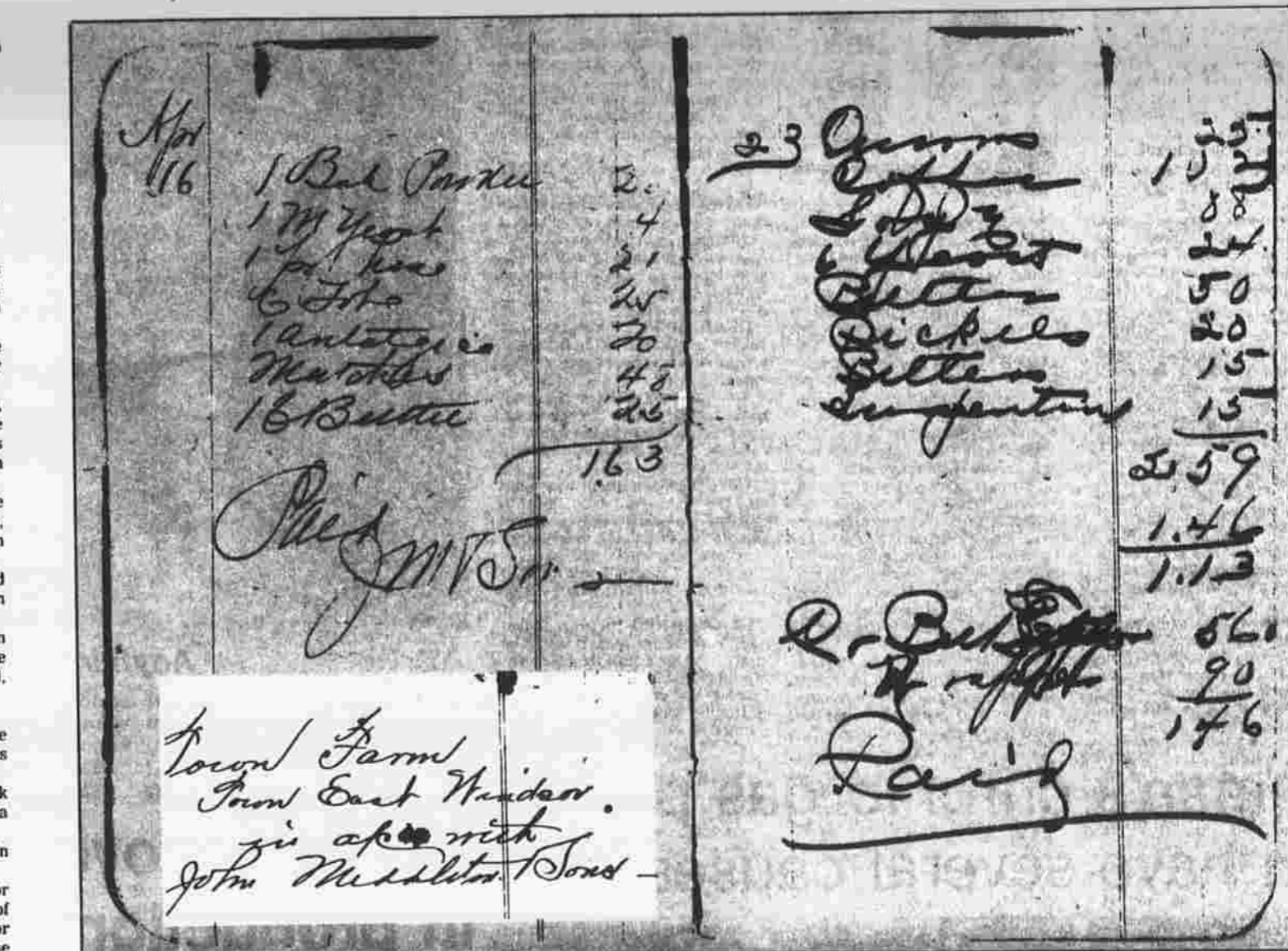
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Panel questions policy

Shultz has bad day on the hill

By Matthew C. Quinn
United Press International

WASHINGTON — It was not one of George Shultz's better days on Capitol Hill. The secretary of state found himself compared to Groucho Marx and Joseph McCarthy and accused of "red-baiting."

But the normally unflappable Shultz gave as good as he got.

Shultz testified before a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee Wednesday to discuss his department's \$2.8 billion 1986 budget request. But his appearance quickly turned into a shouting match over Nicaragua.

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replied: "I think it is the ultimate perversion to say that an attack on the tactics and strategy of Nicaragua is comparable to the tactics of Senator Joe McCarthy. I resent it deeply and I have no further comment to make."

When Weiss asked another question, Shultz replied, "I won't respond to a congressman on his question until he apologizes to me for comparing me to Senator Joseph McCarthy."

Weiss said he was "not attempting to compare you to Joe McCarthy" but if a reading of the transcript demonstrates he was, "then I apologize."

"Thank you," Shultz replied tersely.

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White House renews threat of aid veto

Continued from page 1

Senate and House votes come after a massive lobbying campaign this week by farm state governors and hundreds of state legislators, who told of farmers back home burdened by high interest rates who cannot be aided by Reagan's debt relief program.

Reagan first offered a \$650 million program to loan guarantees and lifted the spending ceiling but critics charged that program can help only one-fourth of 1,000 farmers in financial difficulty.

The congressional action also occurred as 15,000 people packed a stadium in Ames, Iowa, in what was touted as the largest farm protest since the Great Depression.

Senate Democrats said they were surprised by the number of Republicans who joined the winning side in the first key, suspenseful vote, approving \$100 million to subsidize farm debt interest rates.

But amidst excitement over the 54-45 victory, Sen. James Exon, D-Nebr., had to concede lack of sufficient votes to override a veto and that the measure "is anything but a panacea. What we've done is expand the bandage."

The first GOP defectors in the Senate, were Mark Andrews of

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North Dakota, Larry Pressler of South Dakota and Charles Grassley of Iowa, who joined Sens. Edward Zorinsky, D-Nebr., and John Melcher, D-Mont., in pushing the reform bill.

When the votes were counted, GOP Sens. David Durenberger of Minnesota, Robert Kasten of Wisconsin, James Abdnor of South Dakota and John Danforth of Missouri were joined by urbanite Lowell Weicker of Connecticut.

The Democrats lost only William Proxmire of Wisconsin.

Then, on a narrow 50-48 vote, the Senate adopted an amendment to an African aid bill that would provide quick cash for spring planting costs with advance payment of half of price support loans, with a ceiling of \$30,000 a farmer.

The Senate, by a vote of 62-35, gave final passage to the bill and sent it to a House-Senate conference committee.

The House, acting on separate legislation, also approved, the advance payments scheme, as well as assurances of \$3 billion for bank loan guarantees and establishment of a temporary, low-interest loan program for farmers hit by natural disasters.

The issue was never in doubt in the House, where the wide Democratic majority helped push the tally to 318-103.

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Type C personality

Some character traits may add to cancer risk

By Elle Grossman
Newspaper Enterprise Association

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Putting clothes on in the morning is no easy snap

Dressing in the morning isn't one of my favorite things to do. I don't mind the process of pulling clothes on my body but making the decision about what to wear is difficult. It isn't that I have a big choice because I buy so many new clothes. I never throw away any of the old ones.

There is a whole list of considerations you have to think about when you're dressing. It's work for a computer:

- What's the temperature going to be?
- Is it going to rain or snow?
- Are you going to be seeing anyone important for whom you'd like to look well-dressed or, at least, not poorly dressed?
- Do the clothes you'd like to wear still fit?
- Are there any holes, spots or missing buttons on the article of clothing you've chosen?

There are things to be taken into consideration when you're choosing what to wear that are hard to put in a list. For no reason that you can express in words, a coat, a pair of pants, a sweater or a pair of shoes is either comfortable or it's not. You have the definite feeling that you look better in some pieces of clothing

weight! and it's the end of that suit or dress. American closets are filled with once-worn clothes that got a bad review from a friend on their first appearance.

I'm often biased for or against a jacket or pair of pants for some very small reasons. For instance, while I believe that zippers are an amazing invention, I prefer buttons to zippers every time. Completing the process of turning a button into the buttonhole with your thumb and forefinger is a simple, satisfying process. Zipping something gives me angst. There's always the fear it will get snagged. I suppose they'll have battery-operated zippers in pants before long but I'm going to hold out against those, too. It would be just my luck to get caught with rundown zipper batteries.

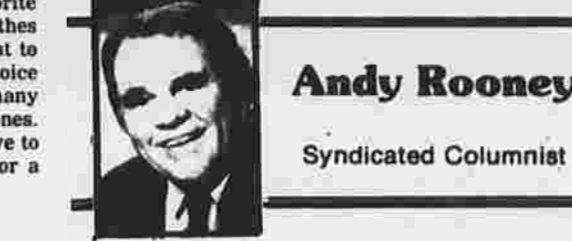
While I change my shirt, socks and underwear every day, I'm ashamed about wearing clothes that are ripped, torn or otherwise in a debilitated condition. Once I get a piece of clothing I like I keep it no matter what condition it's in. I don't throw away a glove if I've lost the mate, either. I know I'll never find the other one but I can't bring myself to discard a perfectly good glove. There ought to be an international one-glove exchange where people who have lost one could go to find a mate for it.

No one would guess from looking at me but I spend a minute or two choosing a necktie every day. I have a clear idea of which tie goes with which shirt and jacket. It's not a random process at all. That's true with most people. They think they have some kind of a matching ensemble on but most of the time no one else notices.

Shoes used to be easier to choose when I was younger because I owned fewer pairs. In choosing what shoes to wear, it's essential to balance comfort against appearance. A lot of shoes that look terrible feel good on your feet. You have to decide either that you don't care what you look like today or that you're going to wear shoes that hurt your feet.

I don't know what the rest of the world does about shoes but I don't think I've ever discarded a single pair.

Who knows, I might find the perfect day to wear them.



Andy Rooney
Syndicated Columnist

Proper diet essential for controlling PMS

By Nancy Pappas
Herald Reporter

When the woman first made an appointment with Irma Meridy, she was on the verge of divorcing her husband. She felt she could no longer cope with her children. She craved chocolate and salty foods in enormous quantities. And she was, she said, ready to run away from home.



IRMA MERIDY to speak on PMS

But about a week later, when she entered the office of Meridy, a Manchester nurse-practitioner in obstetrics and gynecology, she was a calm, rational woman who was able to quietly outline her problems.

The woman told Meridy an all-too-familiar story. For a portion of every month, she would become irritable and thin-skinned. She felt that her two small children became obnoxious and cranky during these times. She would also begin yelling at her husband for the smallest reason.

"This would go on, month after month," said Meridy. Although there would be some good times between the bad, the woman finally decided she didn't love her husband, and that divorce was best. She was then beset with guilt.

A few good weeks would follow, and she would change her plans. "But then the roller coaster swoops back down, and again she's ready to divorce her husband and kill the kids and run away from home," said Meridy. "It's complex, but it follows a recognizable pattern. It's an example of PMS—premenstrual syndrome."

THE WOMAN PATIENT ABOVE is one of several who have consulted Meridy, who sees patients at the office of doctors Summer Wheeler and John Ch. Manchester. Meridy has been studying PMS for three years.

She will speak about the syndrome on Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the Lutz Children's Museum at a seminar sponsored by the museum's Volunteer League. Tickets

are \$6, and may be purchased at the door.

PMS is not a disease. It is a collection of at least 20 physical and psychological symptoms — some experts say there are actually 150 of them — which occur cyclically in some women. In most cases, they begin 10 days before the end of a woman's cycle, and end with the onset of menstruation.

The most common physical symptoms are tenderness of the breast, bloating and excruciating headaches. Some women report having difficulty breathing, or being especially clumsy, or experiencing joint and lower back pain.

Emotional problems associated with PMS are most likely to be irritability, anxiety, tension and generalized anger.

THE MANCHESTER doctors with whom Meridy works prescribe almost no medication for their PMS patients. Instead, said Meridy, she works on nutritional counseling and vitamin therapy.

It is important, she said, to eat a high-fiber, low-fat diet, which is

also quite low in animal proteins. Whole grains, legumes and complex carbohydrates are eaten instead of much of the meat, and part of the cheese, the average person consumes.

Small meals, taken at frequent intervals, should be the pattern during the 10 days immediately before menstruation. Throughout the month, nutritious meals should be supplemented with a multi-vitamin, extra magnesium and extra B vitamins. "Among other things, the B vitamins will help the pituitary gland function better," said Meridy. This, in turn, helps regulate the estrogen and progesterone hormone levels.

Those who are tentatively diagnosed as PMS patients are asked to make changes in their diets. They are also asked to keep a two-month chart of temperature, weight, special symptoms and moods.

PATIENTS WITH cyclical patterns characteristic of PMS are asked to attend one of the three-hour PMS patient-education sessions conducted once each month by Meridy.

When a medical inventory fails to turn up problems besides those of PMS, the patients are usually able to re-establish a relatively normal life within a few months after one of these sessions.

"They have usually seen that this is a benign, self-limiting problem," said Meridy. "It's not a fatal illness. I wouldn't belittle it. But I also encourage my patients to turn around and take control."

"To cope with PMS, you chart what your bad days are, and you don't plan a birthday party for your 5-year-old on one of those days. You don't have a dinner party for 20 people. When you're out to dinner, you avoid alcohol."

And you understand that you're a person who's going to have high blood pressure. In other words, you understand the cyclical nature of your functioning might have been celebrated, instead of being denigrated or pitied."



Happy birthday, Sis

Norman LaRose of 53 Birch St. congratulates his wife, Gunilla "Sis" LaRose on her 60th birthday. LaRose and his family gave her a surprise birthday party on Friday.

Prenatal X-rays prove greater cancer risk

By Gino Del Guercio
United Press International

BOSTON — X-rays of unborn babies increase their risk of developing cancer during childhood by two and a half times, according to a study conducted by the National Cancer Institute.

"Basically, we found that twins who were X-rayed in utero may have a higher risk of cancer in childhood before the age of 15," said Elizabeth B. Harvey, the report's primary author. "Though the numbers are small, it adds further evidence that X-rays increase the risk of cancer."

The new study was conducted on the medical records of 22,000 twins born in Connecticut from 1950 to 1969. It found 31 cases of childhood cancer and that these children were more likely to have been X-rayed before birth.

Earlier studies were suspected of being flawed because fetuses were X-rayed more often if there was something wrong with their mothers, and the mother's illness could have increased their risk of cancer.

Because the mothers were sick they might also have been more likely to remember that they had been X-rayed, thus increasing the apparent number of X-rays in these children.

Twins were often X-rayed to determine whether they actually were twins.

The findings are not likely to have much impact on the practice of X-raying pregnant women.

Pittsburgh tops list of cities

NEW YORK (UPI) — The city of Pittsburgh, for years suffering an image as a smoky steel town, is the best place to live, according to a new study by Rand McNally. The worst places are Yuba City, Calif., and Pine Bluff, Ark.

Rand McNally announced its findings Wednesday in its new "Places Rated Almanac."

Factored into consideration for the study of 329 metropolitan areas were climate and terrain, housing, health care, transportation, education, the arts, recreation and economic outlook.

Pittsburgh officials were delighted with their No. 1 rating. "Why, I am really glad to hear it," said city Controller Thomas Flaherty. "They were not one moment away from changing the city's image that it's a smoky steel town. Pittsburgh is not utopia, but where is utopia?"

The rest of the top 10 were Boston; Raleigh-Durham, N.C.; San Francisco; Philadelphia; Nassau-Suffolk, New York's Long Island; St. Louis; Louisville, Ky.; Norfolk, Conn., and Seattle.

The 10 worst metropolitan areas included Yuba City and Pine Bluff were Modesto, Calif.; Dothan, Ala.; Albany, Ga.; Benton Harbor, Mich.; Casper, Wyo.; Rockford, Ill., and Anderson, Ind.

The aggregate scores took all factors into account, but the almanac also listed the best areas in individual categories.

New York, ranked 25th, is still the worst for tax bite, but far and away the winner in the arts.

Idaho led the list of millionaires per capita by state, while Wyoming came in last.

Of major cities, Atlanta ranked 11th; Dallas 12th; Washington, D.C. 15th; Chicago 28th; Denver 30th; Los Angeles-Long Beach 38th; Minneapolis-St. Paul 51st; New Orleans 53rd; Detroit 87th. Las Vegas came in 230th.

This is the second edition of the almanac, which was first published in 1981. Authors Richard Boyer and David Savageau said the book needed to be redone because of redefinition of metropolitan areas, which added 32 areas and combined or separated growth of new metros.

SPORTS

College basketball roundup

Hoyas take No. 1 St. John's to the cleaners

By Fred Lief
United Press International

NEW YORK — Should there be any doubts about the strength and depth of Georgetown, get rid of them immediately.

Put them in trash, along with Lou Carnesecca's sweater. St. John's was taken to the cleaners.

"I think you saw an unbelievable performance," said Carnesecca, the St. John's coach. "They were marvelous. It was their night. Give them the accolades."

The No. 2 Hoyas, with Reggie Williams scoring 25 points and Patrick Ewing 20, dismantled the No. 1 Redmen 85-69 Wednesday night before a sellout crowd of 19,591 at Madison Square Garden.

Williams, the slender 6-foot-7 sophomore, finished with a career-high on 9-of-13 shooting and repeatedly harried St. John's from the perimeter.

"I definitely feel that when Reggie is patient he is as good offensively as anyone," Georgetown coach John Thompson said. "It's very flexible. He can almost play any position. He just uses his patience he can shoot outside and penetrate inside."

Ewing, averaging an early-season 66-45 record, led St. John's, the Hoyas ended the Redmen's winning streak at 19 games and prevented them from becoming the first team to go undefeated through the Big East Conference.

The setback also unraveled some of the magic from Carnesecca's lucky sweater. The coach had worn it for 13 straight victories before this public flogging by Georgetown. He had promised to burn the garment with the first loss but now says he'll give it another chance.

Even Thompson, often perceived as a demanding and overly serious man, joined the sweater hoopla. Just before tipoff he opened his suit jacket, exposing a replica of the brown woolen pullover.

St. John's coach Lou Carnesecca (left) wore his now famous "lucky sweater" Wednesday night but Georgetown coach John Thompson (right) had some strategy up his sleeve, revealing a look-alike sweater much to the amusement of the sellout crowd at Madison Square Garden.

"I think sometimes you've got to laugh," he said. "It was all done to loosen the atmosphere."

None was looser than Williams, who helped send the Hoyas to a 44-33 lead at the half. St. John's has often returned from the dead after intermission, but this time the Redmen showed few signs of life.

Georgetown, which has won eight straight, raised its record to 26-2 overall and 13-2 in the Big East. Should St. John's lose to Providence Saturday and Georgetown beat Syracuse Sunday, the Hoyas and Redmen would tie for the league's regular-season title.

Ewing, held to 9 points in the first meeting, hit 10-of-13 shots, often going far outside. He also pulled down 9 rebounds and blocked 6 shots.

"I told him (Ewing) before the game that we needed to win," Thompson said. "It was the first time I said that to him because Pat plays hard every game. It is important psychologically for the confidence factor to know we can beat them."

David Wingate added 12 points and Michael Jackson 9 assists for Georgetown. For St. John's, 24-2 and 14-1, Mullin scored 21 points — but on defense was unable to contain Williams — while Walter Berry added 16. Georgetown played a box-and-one on Mullin with Wingate often hounding the All-American swingman.

"Box-and-one, triangle-and-two," said Carnesecca, dismissing the tactic. "They could have used four carpenters, six blacksmiths. It was their night. They were great."

The Redmen's only real run came midway through the first half, as 14-3 lead that put them ahead 24-22. A soaring stuff by Bill

Wenington and Mullin's 5-point play — a 3-point play plus two technical foul shots — highlighted the spree. But a 12-3 burst — 8 points by Williams — later in the half put Georgetown up by 13 and on its way.

"This game was more a question of pride," Thompson said. "They pretty much have the league wrapped up, especially if they beat Providence. The tournament is what is important to us. But it was also important to play well now."

Elsewhere, No. 5 Duke ripped Clemson 90-73. No. 6 Oklahoma downed Oklahoma State 89-84. No. 9 Southern Methodist was beaten by Texas Tech 59-54. No. 10 Nevada-Las Vegas edged California 82-85. No. 13 Georgia Tech dropped No. 11 North Carolina 67-62. No. 15 Georgia swamped Mississippi 84-66. No. 19 North Carolina State lost to Maryland 71-70 and No. 20 Louisiana State beat Auburn 78-73.

At Durham, N.C., Johnny Dawkins scored 19 points and Duke shot 68 percent in an Atlantic Coast Conference rout. The Blue Devils, 21-5, made 29-of-38 shots in the first half. Vincent Hamilton had 20 points for Clemson.

At Norman, Okla., Darryl Kennedy scored 21 points and Wayne Tisdale 20 to give Oklahoma, 25-5, a Big Eight title-clinching victory. Anthony Bowie added 19 points and 11 assists for the Sooners. Terry Faggins had 23 points for Oklahoma State.

At Dallas, Texas Tech held SMU scoreless the last five minutes to win at least a share of the Southwest Conference title — the Red Raiders' first such crown in 12 years. Tony Benford had 23 points for Texas Tech. Curt Wright of SMU was arrested earlier in the day for owing more than \$300 in late fees. He was released three hours before game time and scored 10 points.

At Las Vegas, Nev., Armon Gilliam scored 24 points and Freddie Banks hit four free throws



Georgetown's Patrick Ewing (33) firmly has control of rebound from St. John's Chris Mullin (20). Ewing had 20 points, 8 rebounds and 6 blocked shots in Hoyas convincing 85-69 victory in battle for No. 1.

in the closing seconds for UNLV. The Rebels, 23-3, won their third straight PCAA title. Johnny Rogers had 52 points and Todd Murphy 27 for Cal-Ivy.

At Atlanta, Mark Price hit for 18 points to lead Georgia Tech, 26-6, in an ACC game. Von Joseph of Georgia Tech made 2 free throws

with 18 seconds left to secure the victory. North Carolina, 21-7, was led by Kenny Smith's 16 points.

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Test planned on cancer treatment

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Tests on humans of a naturally occurring substance that kills cancer cells in laboratory animals without harming normal tissues will begin soon, and researchers say it could be a major advance in treating the disease.

The substance is known as tumor necrosis factor — or TNF — and has proved effective in killing or halting the growth of cancers in animals during a major research project conducted by the City of Hope in suburban Duarte and the Asahi Chemical Corp. in Tokyo.

Eight medical institutions in Japan will begin human tests of TNF next month, but similar tests in the United States require approval by the Food and Drug Administration and are not expected to start for several months.

"I am very cautious about saying this is the big hope we have been looking for," Dr. Charles Todd, chairman of the Division of Immunology at the City of Hope said Wednesday, "but we're encouraged by the laboratory tests."

Todd, reporting in the current issue of Nature magazine, said malignant tumors in mice showed signs of disintegration within 24 hours of a TNF injection.

He said the substance "holds promise as a major advance in the treatment of many forms of cancer." TNF, which occurs naturally in humans and other animals, shows a remarkable ability to destroy tumors, researchers said. Animals with cancer lost their ability to produce the substance in their bodies.

"Experiments by Asahi have shown that TNF selectively destroys malignant cells, and is effective against various types of solid tumors in laboratory animals," said Todd.

TNF, which is being produced artificially by genetic engineering techniques from a bacterium, has shown a wide range of anti-cancer activity when applied in the laboratory on cancer cells.

But the researchers said the substance leaves normal cells virtually intact.

"It has shown lethal or growth-suppressing effect on a broad range of cancer cells," Todd said. "That includes lung, breast, stomach and cervical carcinomas and monocytic leukemia."

Researchers also believe it will be most effective on patients for whom chemotherapy has failed.

Research into TNF began a decade ago when its anti-cancer properties were first seen in mice. Human tests will take at least two years before the effectiveness of TNF is known, Todd said.

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NBA roundup

Quiet time in Windy City as Bulls continue to slump

By United Press International

According to Chicago Bulls coach Kevin Loughery the NBA season has reached the point where teams had better put up or shut up. It may be quiet time in the Windy City the next two months.

"This is crunch time, the last 25 games in the NBA are a little bit different than the first 57," said Loughery after Chicago dropped a 108-99 decision to the Detroit Pistons Wednesday night in Pontiac, Mich.

Chicago, which fell to 26-31 and just its 12th straight on the road, is mired in third place in the Central Division, 14 games behind first-place Milwaukee and 4½ behind the Pistons.

Detroit was led by center Bill Laimbeer, who scored 29 of his 28 points in the second half as the Pistons notched only their third victory in 11 tries and snapped a three-game losing streak. Laimbeer also grabbed 14 rebounds.

Detroit, 32-25, had to overcome a sluggish first half. The Pistons trailed 53-49 at intermission.

"Our timing seemed to be off a little bit," said Detroit coach Chuck Daly. "We did not execute, we threw the ball away and we missed five free throws. But we were still in the game."

Detroit took the lead for good at the start of the fourth quarter as Dan Roundfield, playing in his only second game after missing 16 weeks due to knee surgery, scored 7 points in a 12-8 spurt, giving the Pistons a 92-87 advantage.

Goalies shine in NHL play

By Lisa Harris
United Press International

From Toronto to Calgary, the 4 x 6 area where playoff fortunes ultimately live and die is heating up. Padded and masked in their webbed domains, the goalies are sending ovations.

On any given pre-stretch drive night, the NHL would be lucky to receive one netminding performance that could rival any of four turned in Wednesday.

From Toronto, where little known Tim Bernhardt stopped Minnesota shots 44-of-45, to the 51:35 scoreless battle in Calgary between overlooked Rejean Lessard and the league-leading goalie Tom Barrasso, they kicked, swatted, covered and deflected.

At points in between, multiple standing ovations were bestowed on St. Louis' newly acquired Greg Millen, who debuted by upstaging Buffalo's league-leading goalie Tom Barrasso by stopping 35-of-34 shots in a 3-1 victory. And in Pittsburgh, Winnipeg's Brian Hayward won his 22nd game of the season and third of four straight road games in which his team has been outscored a combined 15-9.

Bernhardt and Millen both relinquished their game's first goal

within the opening six minutes and went on to play shutout hockey the rest of the way. A third-string rookie at the season's start for last-place Toronto, Bernhardt gave up just a power-play goal at 6:04 as the Maple Leafs beat Minnesota 6-1.

Millen, a veteran who has perennially performed for last-place teams, came to the Blues from Hartford in exchange for popular goalie Mike Liut.

Millen's final standing ovation from his new 12,103 home crowd came after the game as he skated solo around the rink with his stick raised high.

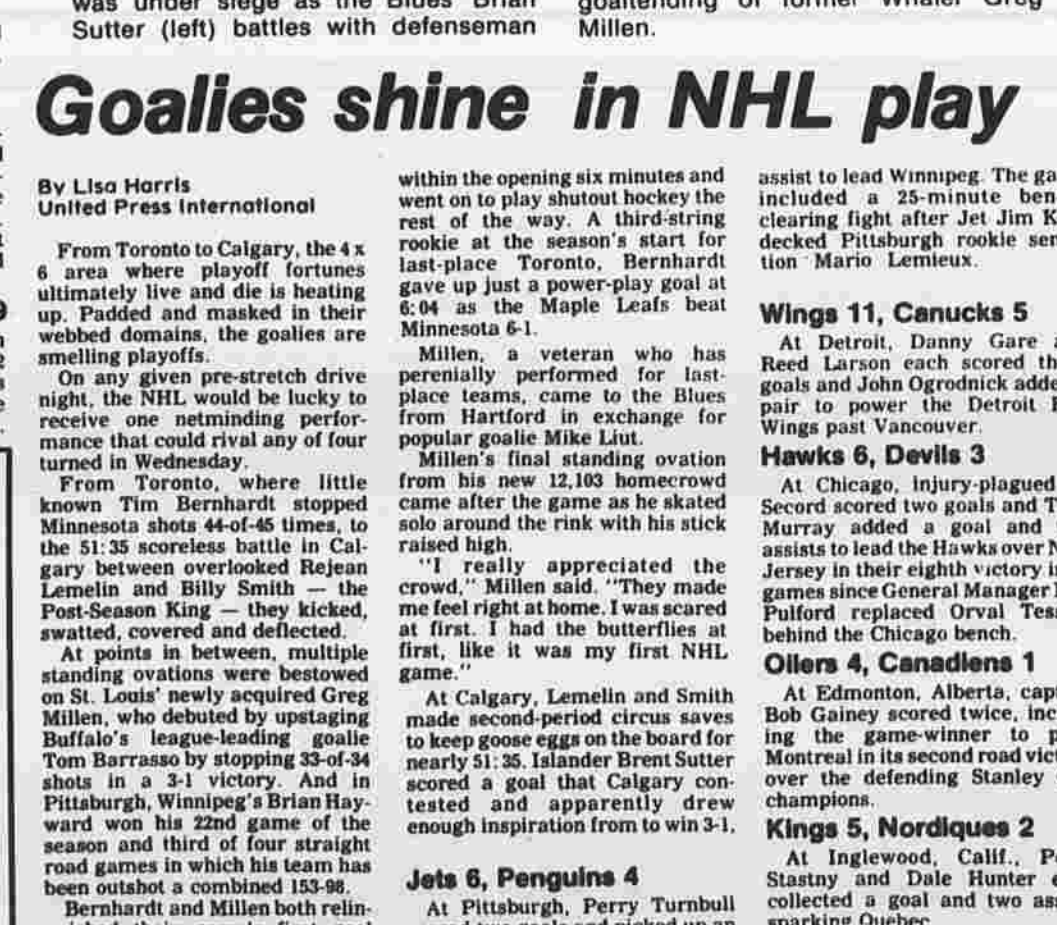
I really appreciated the crowd," Millen said. "They made me feel right at home. I was scared at first. I had the butterflies at first, like it was my first NHL game."

At Calgary, Lemelin and Smith made second-period circus saves to keep goose eggs on the board for nearly 31:35. Islander Brent Sutter scored a goal that Calgary contented and apparently drew enough inspiration from to win 3-1.

At Pittsburgh, Perry Turnbull scored two goals and picked up an

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Buffalo goalie Tom Barrasso (center) was under siege as the Blues' Brian Sutter (left) battles with defenseman Jerry Korab. Blues won, 3-1, behind the goaltending of former Whaler Greg Millen.



assist to lead Winnipeg. The game included a 25-minute bench-clearing fight after Jet Jim Kyte decked Pittsburgh rookie sensation Tom Barrasso.

At Detroit, Danny Gare and Reed Larson each scored three goals and John Ogridsnik added a pair to power the Detroit Red Wings past Vancouver.

At Chicago, injury-plagued Al Secord scored two goals and Troy Murray added a goal and two assists to lead the Hawks over New Jersey in their eighth victory in 11 games since General Manager Bob Pulford replaced Orval Tessier behind the Chicago bench.

At Edmonton, Alberta, captain Bob Gage scored twice, including the game-winner to pace Montreal in its second road victory over the defending Stanley Cup champions.

At Inglewood, Calif., Peter Stastny and Dale Hunter each collected a goal and two assists sparking Duquesne.

Forbes couple celebrates 50th

William and Margaret (Stevenson) Forbes of 231 McKee St. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday.

William and Margaret (Stevenson) Forbes of 231 McKee St., who were married Feb. 23, 1935, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party Friday at Willie's Steak House. More than 50 relatives and friends attended.

Ernest Ritchie, who served as best man at the wedding, attended the dinner given by the couple's two sons and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Forbes of Somers and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Forbes of Winter Park, Fla. The anniversary couple have five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Forbes was a salesman for Parker-Hartford of Windsor before he retired. He was a member of the Manchester Development Commission, and a founder and drum major of the Manchester Pipe Band. He is active in the Shriners and the Tall Cedars, and is a 32-degree Mason. She is a retired Manchester Memorial Hospital employee.

Mugger takes kiss, not purse

BALTIMORE (UPI) — A mugger who snatched the purse of a 72-year-old woman had second thoughts after he knocked her to the ground — perhaps because she told him she had been robbed the day before. He helped her up and gave her a kiss.

Police said Jewell Albert was mugged near her home Monday by a man who made off with \$104 of her money.

On Tuesday, Albert was approaching her home when she saw a man in his 20s knocking nearby. When she asked the man what he was doing, he started her down and tried to grab her purse containing \$7. Albert held onto the handbag.

Police said she told the man, "You are not getting anything. They got me yesterday."

By then, the man had the purse. But he helped Albert up, returned the purse, brushed off her coat — and gave her a kiss before he fled.

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It was a big night for the Hoyas, who looked as if they are on their way to their second straight national championship. They snapped the Redmen's 18-game winning string, longest in the nation, and also squeaked a bit for a 66-65 defeat by St. John's that ended their own 29-game streak earlier this season.

Many in the crowd were either St. John's students or supporters of the Redmen and some of them proudly exhibited signs saying "We're No. 1." That was before the game began.

With a 24 left in the contest, the Hoyas in front by 17 and the outcome already assured, Georgetown students in the Garden suddenly broke into a noisy chant of "We're No. 1." Nobody could argue with them.

St. John's rosters got their first shot when the Hoyas spurred to a 7-0 lead in the first three minutes. They

LaRussa working righting White Sox' minds

By Gerry Monaghan United Press International

Before he starts getting his players' bodies in shape, Chicago White Sox manager Tony LaRussa is working on getting their minds right.

The White Sox, American League Western Division champions in 1983, obviously did a poor job of coping with success last season, tumbling to a tie for fifth place. So this 18-game opening spring training with a lecture by sports psychologist Dr. Dan Smith at Sarasota, Fla. The topic: "How to handle stress, relax and concentrate."

At St. Petersburg, the Mets look steps to help Dwight Gooden look and concentrate, signing the 1984 National League Rookie of the Year to a year contract. The deal could allow the 20-year-old right-hander to earn as much as \$500,000.

"I'm glad it's all done now," Gooden said. "I can just concentrate on baseball from here on in."

Under terms of a complex contract signed in the presence of his parents, Dan and Ella Gooden, a prior to the Mets' first official team workout, the all-time highest-paid second-year player in baseball history, Fernando Valenzuela received \$350,000 from Los Angeles in 1982.

Gooden, who was 17-9 last season with 276 strikeouts in 218 innings, will be paid a base salary of \$275,000, plus a guaranteed \$60,000 for "promotional work."

Harrah, who appeared in only 88 games in his one season with the Yankees, hitting .215 takes with him a contract worth approximately \$700,000 a year through 1986 with an option for 1987.

The Rangers said they would be given the chance to win a starting job at either second base or shortstop. Team physician Dr. Arthur Pappas said Nipper's red count was "in the 65-75 percent range" of normal, about one-third under that of an average athlete.

Pappas said Nipper underwent blood tests, as well as stomach, bowel and bone marrow exams Wednesday. There will be more testing done Thursday morning.

"At that time we'll review the first generation of tests, then decide if he needs any other tests or more specific tests," Pappas said. Regardless of the results, it appears Nipper will be unable to work out for some time. His absence from camp opens a chance for Mike Brown, who only pitched six games last season, to be named to the roster.

Third baseman Bill Madlock, who had a bone spur removed from his right elbow last August, tested positive for a bone spur and was thrown from third to home. Pittsburgh also received good news as reported serious financial crisis facing the industry.

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Eagles out of tournament despite outplaying Darien

DARLEN — "This was typical of the way our year has gone," said Kevin Walsh.

The words of East Catholic hockey coach Vic Russo summed up the general mood of the Blue Wave's Kevin Turner knotted up with 54 seconds left in the game.

Darien notched a pair of penalty-aided tallies to win it. Brad Turner struck at 16:53 and Kevin Turner got his second marker at 18:05.

"The goals weren't technically on power plays but both came mere seconds after our man came back on the ice, with the puck still in our zone," Russo noted.

Brad Verkes added the empty-netter in the final seconds. Defending champion Westford scored the game-winning goal at 19:58.

"I told the boys that's about as bad as you could get," Russo summarized.

Model denies Browns for sale

CLEVELAND — Cleveland Browns owner Art Modell says he wants to "set the record straight" — the NFL team is not and has never been for sale.

Modell termed a report that he had offered the team to Minnesota banker Carl Pohlad as "getting the story the other way around."

A league source told United Press International that last February Modell discussed the sale of the Browns to Pohlad, who subsequently purchased the Minnesota Vikings.

Modell said Wednesday it was Pohlad who approached him about buying the Browns and added the discussions "never got as far as mentioning money."

"We met and Carl said he wanted to talk about buying the Browns," said Modell, who purchased the Browns in 1961. "I nipped that right in the bud — I told him the team was not for sale."

Race fixing under investigation

CINCINNATI — A federal grand jury investigating alleged race fixing at Midwestern tracks tried to quiz at least 10 jockeys, harness drivers and trainers Wednesday. Six of them, however, refused to testify.

The six declined to testify on the advice of attorneys. However, lawyers reported seven others did testify in the secret grand jury session.

At least three others appeared before the grand jury, but it could not be determined if they testified or took the Fifth Amendment, which protects a person from being a witness against himself.

Alcott withdraws from Classic

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Unlike last year, when Chris Johnson swept the Phoenix and Tucson LPGA tournaments, there will be no Arizona double this year.

Amey Alcott, who won the Tucson Open last week with an eagle on the final hole, has withdrawn from this week's \$150,000 Phoenix Turquoise Classic because of a previous commitment in her hometown of Los Angeles.

Wooden's wife seriously ill

LOS ANGELES — The wife of former UCLA basketball coach John Wooden remained seriously ill Wednesday and it was reported she has two weeks to live.

Neill Wooden, 73, has been battling a series of debilitating illnesses. Her husband has spent most of his time recently keeping vigil by her side.

Padres add four to fold

YUMA, Ariz. — The San Diego Padres Tuesday signed infielder Greg Booker and reserve outfielder Bobby Brown to one-year contracts, along with minor league outfielder Jerry Davis and minor league pitcher Gene Walter.



Yankee manager Yogi Berra (left) shows his son Dale around Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., facility as spring training camps have begun under way. Dale, an infielder for Pittsburgh a year ago, was acquired in the off season and will be playing for his dad for the first time.

Baseball owners cite serious financial woes

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Rivalry renewed at Florida Derby

HALLANDALE, Fla. — Proud Truth and Stephan's Odyssey renewed their rivalry Saturday in the \$300,000 Florida Derby, but a preliminary event may upstage the stepping stone to thoroughbred racing's Triple Crown.

Post positions were to be drawn today for the Florida Derby. In a surprise move, Trainer Roger Laurin entered Chief's Crown in the \$50,000 Swale Stakes — a seven-furlong preliminary to the Florida Derby's 14th running at 1 1/4 miles.

Chief's Crown, the 2004 Eclipse Award winner as a 2-year-old horse of the year, was the winter book favorite for the Kentucky Derby, Freakness and Belmont Stakes.

McEnroe, Fibak go at it after match

The noise started in the third set. McEnroe was warned about cursing on the court. Fibak complained the world's top-ranked player was talking him. Fibak had a 1-point tie penalty on the court when he paused to fix his racket.

Fibak complained afterward that McEnroe struggled to a 6-7 (7-5) first set in a match for the WCT Houston Shootout.

Fibak, who was the defending champion, said McEnroe was too commercially important to be penalized.

"Definitely, he can get away with more bad behavior than I can because he's important to the tournament," said Fibak. "He can't possibly be the best player in the world if he's not the best player in the world."

Usher trying to stir interest in troubled USFL

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Trying to stir interest in his troubled league, U.S. Football League commissioner Harry Usher has challenged the NFL's Los Angeles Rams — the Raiders and Rams — to play charity games against the Express.

The Raiders and Rams, through spokesmen, said they were not interested in the challenge.

Usher, appearing at a Wednesday news conference at the Coliseum, said he had lost several games have become dull because they lack new competition. He suggested the sport could be revitalized through several games between the NFL and the USFL.

"Competition breeds quality and fan interest and therefore more viewership," Usher said. "In my opinion, over the 15 years with which I served with the NFL, the New York Giants to a game with his team. The Giants never publicly responded.

Usher issued a similar challenge in Houston last week, but he said the NFL owners were not interested in the challenge.

Usher insisted NFL television ratings have declined because competition has waned, not because there is a glut of televised football games.

Usher, the new commissioner of the 3-year-old league, is making a nationwide tour of USFL cities in an effort to boost fan interest.

He challenged the Rams and the Raiders to play the Express this summer.

"The knee-jerk reaction to that kind of suggestion is 'no,' as the

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Deals total \$170 million

American Can expands financial markets

GREENWICH (UPI) - American Can Co. continues to seek lucrative financial markets with plans to acquire Berg Enterprises and Financial Institution Services in separate deals totaling \$170 million.

American Can said Wednesday that agreements in principle had been reached with both firms and the acquisitions were expected to be completed in the second quarter of this year.

Both deals required a merger agreement and approval of shareholders. Berg Enterprises, headquartered in Teaneck, N.J., deals mainly in mortgage banking and has interests in residential and commercial real estate.

Financial Institution Services is based in Nashville, Tenn., and develops and markets programs

used by banks and savings and loan depositories to attract and retain deposits. The two acquisitions would continue American Can's heavy investment in the financial services industry.

The Greenwiche-based corporation said it also has options to acquire Tigor, the largest title insurer and one of the largest mortgage insurers in the United States.

"With the acquisition of Berg Enterprises, we will have invested more than \$1 billion in the financial services area in the last three years," said Williams S. Woodside, chairman, American Can.

The transaction will give American Can, with total revenues of \$4.2 billion last year, "a strong foothold in an important new segment of the financial services industry," he

said. Under terms of the Berg proposal, holders of Berg common stock will receive \$24 per share in cash. The total price of the acquisition would be about \$125 million, including payments to holders of Berg stock options.

American Can has been granted an option to purchase 905,000 shares of Berg common stock at \$24 per share. American Can would own about 18.5 percent of outstanding Berg

common stock if the option is exercised. Management and directors of Berg owning and controlling about 18 percent of the common stock have agreed to vote their shares in favor of the merger, American Can said.

Berg reported revenues of \$57 million and earnings of \$7.8 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1984, up 35 percent and 45 percent from the previous year. In the 12-month period, Berg earned \$4 million on revenues

of \$31.7 million. Through its Margaretten & Co. subsidiary, Berg originates mortgage loans, primarily for single-family homes, at an annualized rate of more than 11 percent through 33 offices in 12 states.

Berg also services about \$1.6 billion in mortgage loans held by financial institutions and other investors. Berg's earnings have grown at an annual compounded rate of nearly 30 percent over the past five years, American Can said.

Under terms of the acquisition of Financial Institution Services, holders of common stock would receive \$9 per share in cash. The total price would be about \$45 million including payments to holders of FIS stock options.

American Can has an option to purchase more than 1.23 million

shares, or 20 percent of outstanding shares, of FIS common stock at \$37 per share. Management and directors of FIS controlling about 50 percent of the company's stock also have agreed to vote in favor of the acquisition by American Can.

FIS offers "enhancement packages" to customers of banks and other depository institutions, including accidental death insurance, nationwide check-cashing privileges and discounts on travel and lodging.

About 2,100 banks, or nearly 15 percent of the total banks in the United States, offer FIS services to more than 4 million customers. FIS reported revenues of \$24.3 million and earnings of \$3.4 million for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1984, up 6 percent and 37 percent from the year before.

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Insurance award at issue in lawsuit

BRIDGEPORT (UPI) — A \$140,000 insurance settlement for the wreck of a yacht must be forfeited because the vessel was used to smuggle tons of marijuana into Connecticut, federal prosecutors claim.

The settlement has not been paid to the owners of the yacht, but is held by a federal court in Delaware pending action on their civil suit, Assistant U.S. Attorney Holly B. Fitzsimmons said Wednesday.

The federal government also filed suit Monday in U.S. District Court in Bridgeport, claiming the yacht was purchased with illegal drug profits.

The government has claimed the insurance under laws that prevent financial gain through illegal activities, said Fitzsimmons, chief prosecutor of the field office of the New England Regional Drug Enforcement Task Force.

"The seizure of boats is common. The nature of what we are seeking is unusual. We hope to get a judicial decree that the money is property of the United States," she said.

The suit charged the yacht was used by William F. Zimmerli, 38, of Glastonbury as part of a continuing criminal enterprise to smuggle marijuana between 1976 and September 1983.

Zimmerli was the first person convicted after trial in Connecticut of operating a continuing criminal enterprise under the so-called federal drug kingpin law.

A total of 50 people were indicted in connection with the alleged pot ring, which federal authorities said was the largest in state

history. Thirty-eight were convicted, five acquitted and seven suspects remain fugitives.

Following his conviction in October 1984, Zimmerli forfeited most of his material possessions, including assets in the Taboma Yacht Charters Inc. of Delaware.

Zimmerli, convicted of 19 additional charges, has appealed an 18-year prison sentence and fines of \$535,000 imposed by Chief U.S. District Judge T.F. Gilroy Daly. He is being held at the federal prison in Danbury pending transfer to another prison.

In July 1984, the Insurance Co. of North America turned over \$140,000 to a federal judge in Delaware after Taboma Yacht Charters filed suit to seek payment on its claim.

"We are suing the money, not the insurance company," Fitzsimmons said. "The insurance company has basically thrown up its hands and said, 'Judge, you decide who this money belongs to.'"

Taboma owned the Awesome, a 46.7-foot diesel-powered sloop that sank in December 1983 while en route to St. Maarten in the West Indies, court papers said.

The suit claimed Zimmerli had an interest in the charter company and purchased the boat for \$125,000 in July 1980 with funds obtained by smuggling marijuana.

The money to purchase the insurance policy also came from illegal drug sales, the suit claimed.

The indictments against Zimmerli and the other suspects charged the Awesome was one of five vessels that carried 30,000 pounds of marijuana from Colombia to Connecticut in June 1981.



It's a living

A Los Angeles Department of Water and Power worker tries to shut off the water of a sheared off fire hydrant after an out-of-control car ran into it late Wednesday. The accident occurred near Venice Boulevard and McLaughlin Avenue. The driver was taken to a local hospital with unknown injuries.

Dodd makes plea for Amtrak funds

By John Keller
Scripps League Newspapers

WASHINGTON — President Reagan's plan to cut the flow of federal dollars that help finance Amtrak passenger trains "will be a severe blow to Connecticut," according to Sen. Christopher J. Dodd, D-Conn.

Amtrak trains that stop in nearby Hartford provide Manchester residents with a major transportation link to New York, Boston and other cities nationwide.

Dodd, during a Wednesday news conference, said Reagan's proposed wipeout of the federal Amtrak subsidy "is such a shallow notion I don't know of anyone who subscribes to it."

Amtrak, which depends heavily on federal financial help to keep its trains running, could be all but dismantled if Congress approves Reagan's cuts.

"To virtually wipe out the entire mass transportation system is unconscionable," said Dodd. "It would be devastating for us if the budget proposal of the president goes through."

The senator said that he supports a freeze in the Amtrak subsidy in the 1986 federal budget, which would leave the system as it is, with no improvements, but no cuts in service either.

Dodd will chair a public hearing in Stamford at 10 a.m. Friday in the Rippowam Center Auditorium, 381 High Ridge Road, to give citizens a chance to tell him how they feel about the proposed Amtrak cuts.

Those scheduled to testify at that

hearing include Gov. William A. O'Neill, Transportation Commissioner J. William Burns and Stamford Mayor Thom Serrani.

Dodd has scheduled two other hearings for next month: one March 11 in New Haven to address cities and housing, and the other March 15 in a city to be announced. That meeting will center on the overall effects in Connecticut of Reagan's proposed budget cuts.

Amtrak, the name for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, was begun by President Richard Nixon in 1970 to keep passenger trains running in the United States after major railroads turned exclusively to freight traffic.

Dodd lashed out during the conference at Reagan's notion that Amtrak trains receive an unfair share of federal subsidies.

Parents rip plan
WEST HAVEN (UPI) — A Board of Education busing plan to correct racial imbalance on the elementary school level has been condemned by parents at a public hearing.

Just two of 21 parents, white and minority, spoke Wednesday night in favor of the plan which would shift 147 white and 94 minority pupils among eight of the West Haven's nine elementary schools.

"I'm tired of sitting here listening to you talk about us as if we aren't part of this city," said one parent, Pat Turner.

The board was scheduled to vote on the plan at a 7 p.m. meeting tonight and submit the result to the state Department of Education.

Rapist gets 75 years for assault

BRIDGEPORT (UPI) — A convicted rapist challenged a presiding judge to impose sentence and was promptly ordered to serve 75 years in prison for the kidnapping, sexual assault and savage beating of a young woman.

"I have been a judge for nine years and this is the most horrendous trial — that I have presided over," Superior Court Judge Hugh Curran told Barry Whitaker, 22, in imposing sentence Wednesday.

Whitaker, who earlier issued a verbal challenge to the judge, turned to a bailiff and said, "OK, man, let's go."

Prosecutors said Whitaker was free on bond for two other sexual assaults when he attacked an 18-year-old woman in February 1983 beneath the bleachers of city-owned Kennedy Stadium.

Prosecutors urged Curran to impose an 85-year prison sentence on Whitaker, who faced a maximum 105 years in jail on rape, kidnap, robbery and assault charges. Assistant State's Attorney Henry Lyons asked the 75-year sentence be served consecutively with the five-year term Whitaker is serving for other crimes.

The victim, now 26, wept and hugged her husband when the sentence was read. She had demanded Curran impose a stiff prison term, saying, "He showed me no mercy when I was pleading for my life."

Her husband had to be retrained by family members when Curran failed to impose the maximum sentence.

A six-member jury earlier this month found Whitaker guilty of attempted murder and first-degree kidnapping, sexual assault, robbery and assault.

Whitaker's lawyer Wednesday continued to insist his client was innocent, prompting sarcastic laughter from the victim and her family.

Before sentencing, Whitaker pointed at Curran and said, "You did everything in your power to see I would be convicted. I came to court asking for a fair trial and I didn't get it. Now just sentence me," he added.

Curran said evidence against Whitaker was overwhelming and added the victim "is a courageous young woman and it was only because of her strength and desire to live that, Mr. Whitaker, you are (not) here on a charge of murder."

The victim underwent extensive facial surgery after the attack. Court testimony said every bone in her face had been broken and she has lost most of the vision in her right eye.

The woman said she was waiting for a bus on Madison Avenue near Central High School in Bridgeport about 2:30 p.m. when Whitaker approached her and displayed the butt of a handgun.

Whitaker told her he would "blow her guts out" if she did not go with him, the victim said. Whitaker then led her into the stadium where he raped her, beat her and choked her with wire until she passed out, the victim said.

The woman later crawled to the high school parking lot and collapsed in front of a car, where she was found and taken to a hospital. She identified Whitaker as her assailant through photographs and in the courtroom.

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