







# OPINION

## Coney Island exploits sinking tide

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — Comedian Jimmy Durante is said to have gotten his start, partly, playing in the cabarets of Coney Island. But he didn't much like the whole place. He used to say that when people were buried in the sand at the famous playland they sometimes weren't dug up for years.

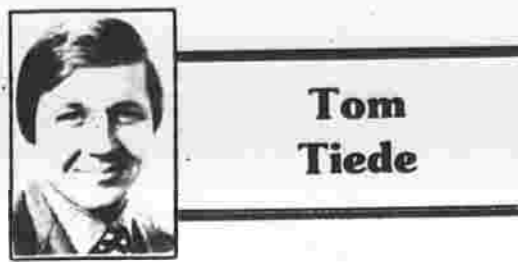
"Hot cha, cha" Well, Durante may be long gone, but his thoughts on Coney Island are still alive and most have given way to the progress in public discretion, which is to say they have cleaned up their acts, the island has avoided the trend. It is, "inn-dubitably," as vulgar as ever.

The rides that swing teenagers along a half mile of the Atlantic Ocean are trusted and sometimes unreliable. The showgirls that promise brills and chills are steeped in awful exaggeration. As for the beach, the scavengers still find old bones now and then, sometimes treated with aerosol graffiti. Ah, the graffiti. Every man's expressionism.

Calligraphy for the creative. Thousands of people have written their names on the walls of Coney Island, and one of them, in a nice reflection of coincidence, has noted in three colors that "The Marquis de Sade, hey, he really knew how to hurt a guy."

THE MARQUIS was an unfortunate French psychopath who tortured people in the early 19th century. And that wasn't long before Coney Island became a summer spot. New York entrepreneurs built a carnival on the peninsula that hangs under Brooklyn, and they called it "The World's Playground."

And maybe it was for some time. Even Durante admitted it could be exciting. He said he had trouble playing his piano during his routine, because people kept pushing it into the sea, it was the only place he ever knew, he went on, and he



Tom Tiede

dinka, do, where the police had an unlisted phone. It was the only place where weekenders could see the Cyclone Roller Coaster. And drop from a 271-foot parachute. The world's largest ferris wheel was erected at Coney Island, and it was the first to feature a wheel within a wheel, enabling people to ride in different directions.

ISLAND RESIDENTS say the park started to go bad during the Great Depression. They say Jimmy Durante, sigh, has a nose for the truth on the matter. They say the place was revised somewhat following the second world war, but then everything seemed to fall completely apart during the 1950s.

The residents think it was because times and tastes changed. And Coney Island stayed the same. Walt Disney introduced wholesome order into the recreation park industry, luring the middle class, thus the island was left to the fates of being, for the most part, a poor people's paradise. Those people flock to the park by the millions. But they still can't support the Disney standards.



Washington Window

## Reagan and South Africa

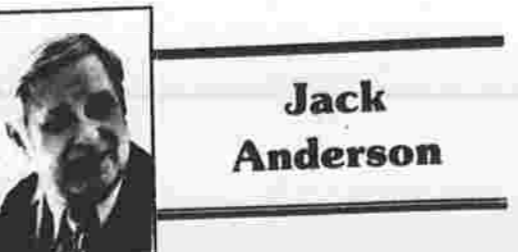
By Iro R. Allen

In a curious twist in the twines of domestic and foreign policy, the administration is calling for "justice and equality" for blacks in South Africa but trying to roll back one of the main methods for achieving justice and equality for blacks in America.

While President Reagan vacates in California, his aides are preoccupied with putting the United States on the correct moral plane in South Africa without abandoning the anti-communist, pro-business government that has budgeted little on apartheid.

For the first time last week, the administration came as close as it will to urging majority rule, calling for "political rights, justice and equality for the country's black majority."

Richard M. Diamond, Publisher  
Douglas A. Bevins, Managing Editor  
James P. Sacks, City Editor



Jack Anderson

## Federal rules on hearing loss need updating

WASHINGTON — Federal employees should be entitled to collect compensation for legitimate injuries incurred on the job. But the government is waging millions of dollars each year on excessive claims, and those with real disabilities have every right to be outraged.

The Department of Labor's Office of Workers Compensation — which doled out \$1 billion in claims for all federal employees last year — has apparently been pouring money into a bureaucratic sinkhole for more than 10 years. The reasons are incredible: The agency's hearing-loss claims, despite numerous government and independent studies criticizing Labor's antiquated guidelines.

Physicians groups, including the American Medical Association, recommended factoring in noise levels associated with normal speech while testing for hearing loss; without that factor, the tests tend to show hearing impairment more often. But the Labor Department has ignored the recommendations.

AS EARLY AS 1972, a Navy doctor blasted the Labor Department in a memo. "We disagree very strongly with the office's bastardization of the AMA's guide for hearing loss computation," he wrote. In fact, he identified a "misuse of government funds" after reviewing compensation awards.

The researchers supported the AMA guidelines and suggested that the Labor Department adjust its formula accordingly. That suggestion was not what the agency wanted to hear. According to one of the researchers, "They just accepted (the report), and I haven't heard anything since."

The DRAFT NAVY REPORT and an Air Force audit listed these examples of wasted payroll for hearing loss claims: One shipyard worker was awarded \$11,000 for job-related injuries to his hearing, despite a previous history of ear infections and related problems.

Let me count the ways When an American says turns trator, more often than not it's for money. But some of the most damaging traitors in Europe have sold out not for Gold-Royces, but for romance. Here are a few examples from a recent study by the Defense Intelligence Agency:

Beginning in 1960, a secretary in the West German Foreign Office gave the Soviets more than 3,000 documents and tipped off the KGB when they spies came under suspicion. She had been "wooed and wed" by "an agent of the KGB."

Latin American countries — which owe the West \$350 billion — probably were bluffing when they spoke of forming a "debtors cartel" to defy strict austerity and repayment measures imposed by Western banks.

# WEEKEND TELEVISION



## Saturday TV

- 7:00 AM (CNN) Health Week
7:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
8:00 AM (ABC) Super Friends
8:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
9:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
9:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
10:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
10:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
11:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
11:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
12:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
12:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
1:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
1:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
2:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
2:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
3:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
3:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
4:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
4:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
5:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
5:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
6:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
6:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
7:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
7:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
8:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
8:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
9:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
9:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
10:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
10:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
11:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
11:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
12:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show

- 7:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
7:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
8:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
8:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
9:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
9:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
10:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
10:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
11:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
11:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
12:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
12:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
1:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
1:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
2:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
2:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
3:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
3:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
4:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
4:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
5:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
5:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
6:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
6:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
7:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
7:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
8:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
8:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
9:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
9:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
10:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
10:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
11:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
11:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
12:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show

# Weekday TV

- 5:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
5:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
6:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
6:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
7:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
7:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
8:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
8:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
9:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
9:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
10:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
10:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
11:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
11:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
12:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
12:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
1:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
1:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
2:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
2:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
3:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
3:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
4:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
4:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
5:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
5:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
6:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
6:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
7:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
7:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
8:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
8:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
9:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
9:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
10:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
10:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
11:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
11:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
12:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show

- 5:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
5:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
6:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
6:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
7:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
7:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
8:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
8:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
9:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
9:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
10:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
10:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
11:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
11:30 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show
12:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
12:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
1:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
1:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
2:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
2:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
3:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
3:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
4:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
4:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
5:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
5:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
6:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
6:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
7:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
7:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
8:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
8:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
9:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
9:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
10:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
10:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
11:00 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
11:30 PM (ABC) The Muppet Show
12:00 AM (ABC) The Muppet Show

## WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN

WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN — George Clooney will be the first male regular on "The Facts of Life," which is going into its seventh season. Can teen abstinence be far behind? "The Facts of Life" airs Wednesdays on NBC.

WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN — George Clooney will be the first male regular on "The Facts of Life," which is going into its seventh season. Can teen abstinence be far behind? "The Facts of Life" airs Wednesdays on NBC.

## WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN

WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN — George Clooney will be the first male regular on "The Facts of Life," which is going into its seventh season. Can teen abstinence be far behind? "The Facts of Life" airs Wednesdays on NBC.

WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN — George Clooney will be the first male regular on "The Facts of Life," which is going into its seventh season. Can teen abstinence be far behind? "The Facts of Life" airs Wednesdays on NBC.

## WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN

WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN — George Clooney will be the first male regular on "The Facts of Life," which is going into its seventh season. Can teen abstinence be far behind? "The Facts of Life" airs Wednesdays on NBC.

WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN — George Clooney will be the first male regular on "The Facts of Life," which is going into its seventh season. Can teen abstinence be far behind? "The Facts of Life" airs Wednesdays on NBC.

## WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN

WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN — George Clooney will be the first male regular on "The Facts of Life," which is going into its seventh season. Can teen abstinence be far behind? "The Facts of Life" airs Wednesdays on NBC.

WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN — George Clooney will be the first male regular on "The Facts of Life," which is going into its seventh season. Can teen abstinence be far behind? "The Facts of Life" airs Wednesdays on NBC.

## WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN

WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN — George Clooney will be the first male regular on "The Facts of Life," which is going into its seventh season. Can teen abstinence be far behind? "The Facts of Life" airs Wednesdays on NBC.

WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN — George Clooney will be the first male regular on "The Facts of Life," which is going into its seventh season. Can teen abstinence be far behind? "The Facts of Life" airs Wednesdays on NBC.

## WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN

WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN — George Clooney will be the first male regular on "The Facts of Life," which is going into its seventh season. Can teen abstinence be far behind? "The Facts of Life" airs Wednesdays on NBC.

WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN — George Clooney will be the first male regular on "The Facts of Life," which is going into its seventh season. Can teen abstinence be far behind? "The Facts of Life" airs Wednesdays on NBC.

## WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN

WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN — George Clooney will be the first male regular on "The Facts of Life," which is going into its seventh season. Can teen abstinence be far behind? "The Facts of Life" airs Wednesdays on NBC.

WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN — George Clooney will be the first male regular on "The Facts of Life," which is going into its seventh season. Can teen abstinence be far behind? "The Facts of Life" airs Wednesdays on NBC.

## WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN

WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN — George Clooney will be the first male regular on "The Facts of Life," which is going into its seventh season. Can teen abstinence be far behind? "The Facts of Life" airs Wednesdays on NBC.

WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN — George Clooney will be the first male regular on "The Facts of Life," which is going into its seventh season. Can teen abstinence be far behind? "The Facts of Life" airs Wednesdays on NBC.

## WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN

WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN — George Clooney will be the first male regular on "The Facts of Life," which is going into its seventh season. Can teen abstinence be far behind? "The Facts of Life" airs Wednesdays on NBC.

WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN — George Clooney will be the first male regular on "The Facts of Life," which is going into its seventh season. Can teen abstinence be far behind? "The Facts of Life" airs Wednesdays on NBC.

















BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

61 SERVICES OFFERED: Odd jobs, Trucking, Home repairs... 62 PAINTING/PAPERING: Name your own price... 63 BUILDING/CONTRACTING: Robert E. Jarvis, Remodeling Specialist...

31 HOMES FOR SALE: New Cape - Hebron, Gorgeous customized 7 room... 31 HOMES FOR SALE: Manchester - \$109,900, Nice Area! Nice Price!

41 ROOMS FOR RENT: Ladies Only - Nice, quiet room for senior citizen... 42 APARTMENTS FOR RENT: One Bedroom - Appliances, central storage...

43 HOMES FOR RENT: Bolton - Four room Bolton, trend hot, near lake... 44 STORE AND OFFICE SPACE: Free Rent in Manchester - Prime space and location...

65 PETS: Riding Lessons - Saddle and hunt, beginners welcome... 66 MISCELLANEOUS FOR RENT: Manchester - 5 room office suite, first floor...

65 PETS: Riding Lessons - Saddle and hunt, beginners welcome... 66 MISCELLANEOUS FOR RENT: Manchester - 5 room office suite, first floor...

66 MISCELLANEOUS FOR RENT: Manchester - 5 room office suite, first floor... 67 HEATING/PLUMBING: Fogarty Brothers - Bathroom remodeling...

67 HEATING/PLUMBING: Fogarty Brothers - Bathroom remodeling... 68 ANTIQUES: Hammond Spinet Organ - Hardly used, includes bench...

68 ANTIQUES: Hammond Spinet Organ - Hardly used, includes bench... 69 TAG SALES: Saturday & Sunday, 9am-5pm...

69 TAG SALES: Saturday & Sunday, 9am-5pm... 70 MOTORCYCLES/BICYCLES: 1982 Honda - Silver Wing, Interstate 500, 7,000 miles...

70 MOTORCYCLES/BICYCLES: 1982 Honda - Silver Wing... 71 CARS/TRUCKS FOR SALE: 1979 Toyota Corolla - Good condition...

71 CARS/TRUCKS FOR SALE: 1979 Toyota Corolla... 72 MISCELLANEOUS AUTOMOTIVE: Parts for 73 Buick Apollo and 71 Nova...

72 MISCELLANEOUS AUTOMOTIVE: Parts for 73 Buick Apollo... 73 HOME AND GARDEN: Chrysanthemums - Many varieties...

73 HOME AND GARDEN: Chrysanthemums... 74 REAL ESTATE WANTED: 24 hour cash offer on your property...

74 REAL ESTATE WANTED: 24 hour cash offer... 75 PETS: A.K.C. West Highland White Terrier - Male with shots...

75 PETS: A.K.C. West Highland White Terrier... 76 CHEVY VAN: 76 Chevy Van - 80,000 miles, 3 speed...

76 CHEVY VAN: 76 Chevy Van... 77 VOLVO 240GL: Sunroof, 3 speed overdrive, 1979 Volvo 240GL - Sunroof, 3 speed overdrive...

77 VOLVO 240GL: Sunroof, 3 speed overdrive... 78 MERCURY MONTEGO: One owner, good running condition...

78 MERCURY MONTEGO: One owner, good running condition... 79 VOLKSWAGEN: 1971 Volkswagen - New engine, needs transmission...

79 VOLKSWAGEN: 1971 Volkswagen... 80 CHEVY CHEVETTE: 76 Chevy Chevette - 76, 2 door hatchback...

Facelift, new classes set at MCC this fall... page 3

Falwell says media distorts South Africa... page 7

Gooden is youngest 20-gamer in history... page 11

Cloudy, warm tonight hazy, humid Tuesday... page 2

Manchester Herald

Manchester, Conn. - A City of Village Charm Monday, Aug. 26, 1985 - Single copy: 25¢

Samantha Smith dies in air crash



MANINE'S SAMANTHA SMITH dies along with father

By Arthur Frederick United Press International AUBURN, Maine - Samantha Smith, the schoolgirl who wrote Soviet President Yuri Andropov about her fear of nuclear war...

Smith, 13, her father, four other passengers and two crewmembers were killed Sunday night when the Bar Harbor Airlines plane crashed while trying to land at the Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport Sunday night...

BAR HARBOR FLIGHT 1008, originating in Boston with scheduled stops in Auburn, Augusta and Waterville on its way to Bangor, was trying to land at Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport when it crashed and burned Sunday night.

Investigators returned to the scene at daybreak today to begin the task of removing the bodies and determining the cause of the crash.

Police initially received a report of a fire and found the wreckage in a field about a half-mile from the airport, Auburn Police Lt. Norman Garrettsaid.

The Auburn Fire Department doused the burning wreckage.

Guirette said the Beechcraft 99 twin-engine turboprop crashed at about 6 p.m. EDT.

"We have eight fatalities," Guirette said. "We have a report that anyone is alive. The report we have is that there were eight fatalities."

The state medical examiner, Dr. Henry Ryan, said early today that Samantha and her father, Arthur Smith, were among the six passengers and two crew members killed in the crash.

He said many of the bodies were buried beyond recognition. "I think we're going to have to work in the light and I think we're going to need a dentist - that's what we're dealing with."

Gary Linscott, director of airline market planning for Bar Harbor Airlines, said Federal Aviation Administration investigators and an airline operation team were sent to the scene.

Minutes after the crash, Janet Mills, the Androscoggin County district attorney, broke the news to relatives and friends waiting at the airport.

Smith was among those waiting for the plane to arrive. Mills took the family members into a lounge and told them there were no survivors.

Ryan said relatives of all the victims have been notified.

SMITH OF MANCHESTER, MAINE, gained celebrity status in 1983 when she wrote Soviet leader Yuri Andropov about her concerns about the possibility of nuclear war between the two countries.

Andropov replied by inviting her to meet with him in Moscow. The Kremlin footed the bill for the trip for Smith and her parents, including \$10,000 for the family's first-class plane tickets. But the 11-year-old never got to meet Andropov on the two-week visit in July 1983.

The space agency skipped a blastoff opportunity today to give engineers time to inspect engine problems for possible damage from the alternate cold-war cycles created by supercold liquid hydrogen being loaded aboard and then drained after the launch delays Saturday and Sunday.

Launch director Robert Sieck said the hydrogen pipes between two fuel pumps on each engine would have to be checked again if the shuttle misses two more launch attempts.

Space shuttle attempts third takeoff Tuesday

By William Harwood United Press International (The countdown tonight. The weather is the only issue.) An Air Force weather officer said early today "at this time it looks like we'll go for launch" but he cautioned that an upper-level low pressure zone expected off the coast at launch time would mean thunderstorms in the area.

Discovery cannot fly in rain or near clouds with lightning potential and another delay would threaten NASA's plan to conduct the satellite repair part of the mission.

A launch "scrub" Tuesday would leave only one more chance for astronauts Joe Engle, Richard Covey, William Fisher, James van Holten and John Lounge to get off in time to fix the disabled Syncom 3 communications satellite. It will be out of reach for several weeks after Thursday.

Engle, the shuttle commander celebrating his 53rd birthday today, seemed undaunted by the two delays. He had had disappointments before, including losing a flight to the moon in 1972 when he was replaced by geologist Harrison Schmitt to increase the scientific output of the Apollo 17 mission.

Engineers were forced to inspect Discovery's three main engines for potential damage after their exposure to the extreme cold of liquid hydrogen rocket fuel Saturday and Sunday.

"The inspections were completed with no problems at all," said NASA spokesman Jim Ball. "They're on target for picking up the shuttle to the moon in 1972 when he was replaced by geologist Harrison Schmitt to increase the scientific output of the Apollo 17 mission."

Discovery was replaced with a fresh unit that was successfully checked out Saturday.

Engineers were forced to inspect Discovery's three main engines for potential damage after their exposure to the extreme cold of liquid hydrogen rocket fuel Saturday and Sunday.

The inspections were completed with no problems at all," said NASA spokesman Jim Ball. "They're on target for picking up the shuttle to the moon in 1972 when he was replaced by geologist Harrison Schmitt to increase the scientific output of the Apollo 17 mission."

Discovery was replaced with a fresh unit that was successfully checked out Saturday.

Engineers were forced to inspect Discovery's three main engines for potential damage after their exposure to the extreme cold of liquid hydrogen rocket fuel Saturday and Sunday.

The inspections were completed with no problems at all," said NASA spokesman Jim Ball. "They're on target for picking up the shuttle to the moon in 1972 when he was replaced by geologist Harrison Schmitt to increase the scientific output of the Apollo 17 mission."

Discovery was replaced with a fresh unit that was successfully checked out Saturday.

Farmland program needs boost

By Mark A. Dupuis United Press International \$9.6 million to the state since the first acquisition was made in 1980. The program's concept is simple: the state buys development rights to land and the owner - and any subsequent owners - are legally bound to maintain the land for agricultural use.

The latest acquisition was approved last week when the State Bond Commission authorized \$25.5 million to purchase development rights to a 189-acre farm in Putnam at a price of \$1.39 per acre.

The Resnik Farm was the 28th approved for preservation under the program and the fourth approved for preservation this summer, says Mary E. Goodhouse, director of the preservation program in the state Department of Agriculture.

Goodhouse said the state still has a long way to go and must continue the farmland preservation program and take other steps if it is to preserve the agricultural base in Connecticut.

Hard times for fishermen

The Rev. Harlie Bemis of Galilee, R.I., is spiritual counselor to chronic alcohol and drug abusers in the fishing industry. The men who work at sea have plenty of headaches to lead them astray. America's oldest industry faces troubles across the nation from competition with Canada, an adverse international boundary decision, and a marine insurance crisis. For a comprehensive report on these problems, see pages 4 and 5.

Please turn to page 10

NEED HELP? FAST?

Advertise with The Herald and get FAST RESULTS! Manchester Herald 643-2711

20 pages, 2 sections

Adv. 17, Business 10, Classified 20, Opinion 6, Sports 11, Entertainment 11, News 11, Weather 2, Lottery 2