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Leaders wait as top aides talk missiles

By Barry Schwid The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev postponed the final session of their three-day summit today while senior aides grappled over a new arms control pact to reduce both countries' arsenals of long-range nuclear missiles.

Secretary of State George Shultz held an unexpected meeting with top Soviet officials, then went to the White House to tell Reagan what he had learned.

Vice President George Bush told reporters that "you can't predict" the outcome until Reagan and Gorbachev get together later in the day. "I'm trying to keep expectations under control," he said at a caviar breakfast with Gorbachev at the Soviet Embassy.

Gorbachev's scheduled mid-morning arrival at the White House was delayed more than an hour. "It was mutually agreed to delay to give the two leaders a chance to be briefed. There had been no chance to do that," said one U.S. official, speaking only on condition that he not be identified.

In addition to arms control, there had been hopes that Reagan and Gorbachev might agree on a details of a Soviet troops withdrawal from Afghanistan, perhaps in exchange for an end to U.S. aid to the anti-communist Afghan rebels.

A senior member of the Soviet delegation, Marshal Sergey Fedorovich Akhromeyev, visited the Pentagon for the second time to meet with top U.S. military officials. Asked whether any progress was being made on a new strategic arms accord, the chief of the Soviet general staff said.

"The negotiations have been going on, they are not yet completed. Myself and Adm. Howe are absent from the talks... so, they are going on with difficulties, not easily."

Vice Adm. Jonathan T. Howe is a senior U.S. adviser on strategic weapon systems. Gorbachev, who met with Bush and other American guests at the Soviet Embassy, was asked whether he would end the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

"I think it's possible, but you need two people," he said. A Soviet aide broke in to say, "It takes two to tango."

'Murder' Interviews continue

By Andrew Yurkovsky
Manchester Herald

Manchester police are continuing to interview people in connection with the alleged murder of a child said to have been buried some 35 years ago on Pine Hill Street. While police had hoped to conclude the investigation by now, the holiday season has made it difficult for detectives to get in touch with people who may have knowledge about the alleged crime. Capt. Joseph H. Brooks said today, "I had hoped that we would be done at this point, but the holidays have been interfering," he said. Police began three days of digging on Nov. 24 at 24 Pine Hill St. in search of the remains of the murder victim after receiving a tip from a person who claimed to have witnessed the burial. Nothing was discovered except for some animal bones. Brooks said that a sealed affidavit for the Pine Hill Street search warrant that includes details of the allegations and the identity of the person who tipped off police may be released if the police decide to close the case for lack of evidence. The affidavit would be released subject to the discretion of Hartford Superior Court Judge J. Morgan Kline. Brooks said.

It was Kline who signed the search warrant. A source has said that the person who gave police the tip was a woman who saw someone carrying a body in the area 35 or 40 years ago. Brooks would not identify the person the police planned to interview, nor would he say what connection they might have to the alleged crime. He said he could not predict when the investigation would be concluded because he could not predict what information the people might offer. "We don't know what these people are going to say to us," he said. Brooks said that so far police have not received any information to contradict the murder allegation. He said that police would not be able to continue their digging unless they can get another search warrant for the Pine Hill Street property.

In order to get a search warrant, police would have to show probable cause that a crime was committed. He said it was unlikely police would be able to get another search warrant based on the information it has at the present time.



Reginald Pinto/Manchester Herald

Meeting Santa
Kelly Torkomian, 2, of Bolton, meets Santa Claus during the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony outside Manchester Manor on West Center Street Wednesday night. Santa is Paul Llietro, owner of Manchester Manor.

Holiday festival urged

By Alex Girelli
Manchester Herald

A decision to cancel a planned carol sing has prompted at least one member of the Cheney Hall Foundation to propose that a grand Victorian Christmas Festival be held next year in compensation.

The Cheney Hall Foundation decided Wednesday to drop plans for a carol sing Dec. 20 at the century-old hall, partly because the Manchester Conference of Churches is holding one on that date. The decision prompted one foundation member, Fred Bligh, to speculate on the possibility of having a Victorian Christmas festival at the hall next year.

Bligh is a member of the Little Theater of Manchester, which will operate the hall when a \$1.5 million renovation project is completed. The renovation, funded by private donations and federal grants, was delayed when bids for the work came in too high. New bids will be opened Dec. 15.

Bligh said that a more elaborate and inventive Christmas celebration should be planned by LTM and approved by the foundation for the hall next year. Planning for such an event would have to begin in August or September. While he received support from some foundation members, no formal vote was taken on the proposal.

One possible obstacle the foundation may face is the possibility that renovation will be ongoing at the hall during the 1988 Christmas season. The bids to be opened Tuesday are for preliminary renovation work only.

Bligh and two other LTM members at Wednesday's meeting, Mary Bligh and David Newirth, agreed that there will be many possibilities for activities when the hall is open to the public.

Almost in unison, they talked of the great things we can do when the hall is open.

Member Jay Giles suggested that the price of admission to a Christ-

mas festival might be the donation of a toy or gift that could be turned over to the Manchester Conference of Churches.

In other business, the foundation members voted to pay an \$8,000 deposit before the end of the year to guarantee a contract price of \$20,000 for renovation of the organ that has been removed from the hall. The Andover Organ Co. of Methuen, Mass., is restoring the organ and will begin restoration work in 1991.

The members also voted to spend \$3,000 to start a post card printing project. The cards will show eight or nine scenes of Manchester. Profits from their sale will go toward renovation of the historic hall.

So far, \$754,083 has been pledged for renovation and \$478,572 of it has been received. The total estimated budget for renovation is \$1.5 million, with about \$25,000 left for interior work. The exterior work is done.

GOP to elect new Town Committee

By Alex Girelli
Manchester Herald

Manchester Republicans will elect a new Republican Town Committee Jan. 11 at separate caucuses in the town's 12 voting districts.

Donald Kuehl, Republican town chairman, told about 25 members of the town committee who attended a meeting Wednesday night that the new town committee will have 99 members and that the present committee has 21 vacancies. All committee members elected in January will serve two-year terms.

He urged those present to seek out Republicans who will be willing to run for positions on the town committee and to serve once they have been elected.

Kuehl also announced the resignation of Harvey Steves from the town committee and his replacement as leader of that district by Ellen Burns, an attorney who is a director of the Eighth Utilities District.

Steves has filled out a form to transfer to the Democratic Party and will become a Democrat after the six-month waiting period.

Steves could not be contacted for comment on his decision to switch parties, but another Republican source said Steves was angered by the stand taken by Geoffrey Naab in favor of an agreement between the town and the Eighth Utilities District over fire and sewer jurisdiction.

Naab, who was re-elected as a town director in the Nov. 3 election, was an outspoken advocate of the agreement. Voters defeated it in the election.

The new Republican Town Committee will be authorized to have eight members in District 1, nine in District 2, nine in District 3, 11 in District 4, 11 in District 5, eight in District 6, nine in District 8, eight in District 10, six in District 11, and six in District 12.

Kuehl also stressed that under a new rule of the local party, people cannot be elected to the committee unless they are present at the caucus or have given written notice of their willingness to serve.

Kuehl introduced two new members of the committee, both in District 4. They are Raymond Buckton, of Timard Road, and Charles A. Sabla Jr., of 111 Sunny Brook Drive.

Kuehl urged anyone who is interested in serving on the new

established Fair Rent Commission to notify him. The Board of Directors has voted to establish a commission but has not yet passed an ordinance determining how it will be made up and what its duties will be.

Kuehl said that since Republican candidates for the Board of Directors advocated forming a fair rent commission, he wants to see Republicans elected to serve on it.

There is a provision for minority party representation on almost all town boards and agencies.

Tucci predicts salary hikes for teachers

By Alex Girelli
Manchester Herald

John Tucci, a newly-elected Republican member of the Board of Education, told fellow Republicans Wednesday night there is no way that salaries in the school system can be kept down in light of the wage scales in the Hartford area.

Tucci, who also is a fiscal conservative, said at a meeting of the Republican Town Committee that "being a Republican, you are supposed to say that you are going to keep taxes down."

But Tucci said that people should not be looking to school salaries as a place where tax savings can be made.

"It's just not going to happen," he said. "On Monday, the Board of Education approved a salary raise for secretaries of 10 percent each year over the next three years."

Tucci said that it is difficult to get secretaries when they can get good salaries elsewhere in the Hartford market. Betty Sadowski, a member of the Board of Tax Review, admonished her Republican colleagues to be aware that a tax revaluation is going into effect and that the tax review board exists to make sure no one is unfairly treated in the revaluation.

She said the best way to support a claim before the board is to properly assess value is too high to present evidence that comparable properties are assessed less.

Theris Werkhoven, a newly-elected town director, said the Republican minority has spoken up at the four meetings of the Board of Directors held so far and in doing so has forced the Democratic majority to defend its positions.



The Dixie 4 Plus 1 band plays for Gov. William O'Neill during Wednesday's ceremonies marking the opening of the west-bound I-384 connector to I-84. At right, O'Neill delivers his speech. Among those listening are state Rep. James R. McCavanagh, left, and Mayor Peter P. DiRosa.



David Kool/Manchester Herald

Coventry votes today

COVENTRY — Voters decide today in a referendum if the town will purchase a new rescue truck for the North Coventry Fire Department at a cost of \$180,000.

If approved a 1987 International with a 16 foot walk-in body will be bought by bonds in short-term borrowing. It would replace a 12-year-old truck.

"That old truck is useless for fire equipment now. It's an eight-cylinder, you turn it on, it runs on seven and all power is lost," Fire Marshal Richard Cooper said recently.

There are ongoing problems with the current truck's electrical system used to provide lighting and operate rescue tools, Cooper said. Space limitations on the 10-foot truck means it cannot carry some equipment, he added.

According to Cooper, the rescue truck goes on every call. That includes structure fires, bush fires, house calls and all first aid. Its primary use is to carry rescue equipment.

Polis, which opened at noon, will remain open until 8 p.m. Voting is by paper ballot.

District 1 residents vote at the Town Office Building.

District 2 residents vote at the Presbyterian Church on Trowbridge Road.

At last, the missing link is open

By Nancy Concelmon
Manchester Herald

The long-awaited opening of the Interstate 84 and Interstate 94 westbound connector Wednesday will bring relief to Manchester residents and roads, some town officials said.

The link will benefit commuters to Hartford from the south end of Manchester and surrounding towns such as Bolton and Coventry and is expected to help alleviate traffic on Silver Lane in East Hartford because commuters will no longer have to take Silver Lane, Forbes Street and Roberts Street to get to I-84 westbound and Hartford.

"It's about time, in a sense, because people have been waiting a long time for it," Town Manager Robert B. Weiss said Wednesday. "Everybody's enthusiastic."

He added, "It's an obvious relief to commuters. But I think it's going to have a significant impact on our roads."

Weiss felt the link, which also connects with I-84 east-bound, would help relieve traffic on Center Street and north-south roads such as Adams Street. Mayor Peter P. DiRosa agreed with Weiss.

"It'll relieve a lot of streets of a great deal of traffic," he said. "You can literally circle Manchester without going through the town."

DiRosa felt that the link would especially help alleviate traffic on Spencer Street.

Gary Wood, spokesman for the Manchester Police Department, agreed that the link would help in some areas.

"I can see it (traffic) all shifting down to the Highland Street entrance and the Hartford Road entrance," he said.

Despite this shift, Wood said he didn't think the link would have a significant impact on town traffic generally.

Wood said the link itself was congested this morning and may be that way for awhile.

Planning for the link has been going on for more than 30 years, beginning with plans to relocate Route 6, said John Bentley, assistant director of systems planning with the state Department of Transportation. Gov. William A. O'Neill referred to the long wait in his brief speech yesterday before cutting the ribbon.

The link is part of a nearly \$60 million project that also involved the opening of a connecting road way between I-84 and I-84 east-bound last month.

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School renovations approved

By Nancy Concelmon
Manchester Herald

The multimillion dollar renovation of Verplanck and Nathan Hale elementary schools could begin early next year.

The town School Building Committee accepted contracts for the work on Wednesday.

The Building Committee voted to accept the two lowest base bids for renovations at the two schools and approved two alternate renovations for Nathan Hale. Contracts will be awarded to the DMC Construction Co. of Manchester, which submitted a base bid of \$788,000 for Nathan Hale renovations, and Charles Jewett Corp. of Glastonbury, which submitted a base bid of \$1,588,000 for Verplanck.

Chairman Paul Phillips said he'll review the contracts with Town Attorney John W. Cooney and Town Manager Robert B. Weiss before they are signed by Weiss in about two weeks. Construction will begin in 60 to 90 days and will go on while children are in class, Phillips said.

He didn't predict any disruption of classes based on his experience with past renovation projects.

Of the seven alternate renovations proposed for both schools, for smokers and non-smokers, fence and black top paving at Nathan Hale were approved last night. The other renovations will be done when funds become available, Phillips said. DMC estimated paving costs at \$40,112 and the cost of the fence at \$22,770.

Phillips was confident that other alternates for Nathan Hale, including work on a teachers' room and the installation and insulation of water mains, could eventually be done.

"I only have a major concern about ... the wooden gymnasium floor. It's quite a highly used gym by the taxpayers of the town."

— Francis A. Maffe Jr.

The committee also has the option of getting separate bids on the alternates, a practice which, in the past, has saved between 15 and 20 percent, Phillips said.

The two schools will be renovated under an \$8.8 million bond issue that will also cover Waddell and Bowers elementary schools and Manchester High School.

DMC estimated that work on Nathan Hale should take about eight months and Jewett expects to complete Verplanck renovations in about nine months. Bids for renovations to Waddell and Bowers will be accepted until Dec. 16. Officials plan to advertise for bids for renovations to the high school starting Jan. 16, Phillips said.

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"We have very good rapport with general contractors," Phillips said. "We have never had problems when a contractor says, 'no, we won't do it.'"

The committee also has the option of getting separate bids on the alternates, a practice which, in the past, has saved between 15 and 20 percent, Phillips said.

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Connecticut In Brief

Gutted mill was longtime polluter

PUTNAM — Chemical waste from a fabric finishing mill fouled the Quinnipiac River at least seven times since 1981, according to state records on the company that was destroyed by fire last week.

Chemicals flowing through the mill's floor drains also caused damage to the city's sewer treatment plant, under both present and previous ownership, records show.

"Common sense would tell you that the (Putnam case) is a common situation for a plant like this," said Attorney General Joseph Lieberman, whose office filed a complaint in September against Priority Finishing Co., the present owners.

The complaint, filed on behalf of the Department of Environmental Protection, charges the company with illegally discharging wastes into Putnam sewers.

Lieberman said there are not enough state fire or environmental inspectors to discover and monitor factory floor drains being used illegally to dispose of wastes.

Schmidt still upbeat on union talks

NEW HAVEN — Despite dissatisfaction with the latest wage proposals from the school's two unions, Yale President Benno C. Schmidt Jr. says he remains optimistic that a settlement can be reached.

"We feel we've been making modest progress at the table and that it's much too early for any pessimistic assumption about the bargaining," Schmidt said Wednesday.

"I remain optimistic... I think if reason prevails at the table as I think it will, we'll have successful negotiations."

But Schmidt indicated at a news conference that the most recent wage and benefit proposals made by the unions would not form the basis of a settlement.

The proposals from Locals 34 and 35 of the Federation of University Employees represent a 90 percent increase in labor costs, down from a 108 percent increase represented in their offer, Schmidt said.

Elderly man held in sniping attacks

WATERBURY — A 71-year-old Southington man, who police say was upset over the breakup of a relationship, has been arrested in two sniping incidents involving rifle attacks on a Waterbury apartment building.

John St. John was charged Wednesday with reckless endangerment in the Nov. 27 and Dec. 7 rifle attacks on the apartment building on Meriden Road.

Chief Inspector John Griffin said detectives believe the shootings stemmed from the breakup of St. John and a woman who lived in the building.

The most recent incident occurred Monday at about 10:45 p.m., police said. A woman walking out of the bedroom of her second-floor apartment was startled by three shots that shattered the bedroom window.

Police said one bullet landed on the side of a dresser, another became embedded in a closet wall and a third passed through the bedroom wall, sailed over the bed and pierced a closet door.

Hartford super eyes New York job

NEW YORK — Almost half of the 15 finalists for the post of city schools chancellor are not really in the running, but are on the list according to a report published today.

The Board of Education's search committee still plans to interview all 15 candidates, but unidentified sources quoted by New York Newsday said some of the interviews would be for reasons of courtesy.

Most of the 15 have acknowledged that they are being interviewed for the position and education sources have confirmed that some of the interviews would be for reasons of courtesy.

Among the eight serious finalists is Herman La Fontaine, 52, superintendent of the Hartford, Conn., public schools system since 1979.

State to release tapes of Kasmer

HARTFORD — The state today will turn over copies of videotapes that allegedly show ousted Liquor Control Commission Director Charles J. Kasmer accepting bribes, Kasmer's attorney says.

Attorney Martin J. Minnella said his office had given the state's attorney's office some blank videotapes to be used to make copies of the tapes from the state police.

State's Attorney John M. Bailey said last month that the state had agreed to give Kasmer copies because "once he sees the tapes, he will have a much better understanding of our case."

Kasmer was arrested Nov. 4 and charged with one count of bribe receiving and one count of conspiracy to commit bribe receiving. He has pleaded innocent and is free on \$25,000 bond.

FBI agent admits lying about taps

HARTFORD — An FBI agent has testified that he signed a false affidavit denying that he illegally wiretapped defendants in the \$7 million West Hartford Wells Fargo case.

FBI agent Tyler Morgan testified Wednesday before U.S. District Judge T. Emmet Clarke that when he was involved in court-authorized wiretaps of the defendants before their arrests two years ago, he and his supervisor, agent Abelardo Abila, listened to some conversations without recording what was said.

Morgan said he did not consider his actions illegal, but said he knew he was violating federal wiretap regulations and the federal judge's order that authorized the electronic surveillance.

Federal wiretap laws require agents to record all conversations they hear so that a judge can later listen to the tapes to ensure that only discussions involving criminal acts were being monitored.

Yale group sings for Gorbachev

NEW HAVEN — The Yale Russian Chorus performed at a State Department lunch in honor of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and his wife, Raisa.

The Yale Russian Chorus is a 34-year-old extracurricular capella men's singing group that performs choral music and folk songs from Russia, Georgia and other Soviet republics.

The group sang four pieces at Wednesday's luncheon, including "Many Years," a traditional Georgian piece, in honor of Gorbachev.

Afterward, Gorbachev and Secretary of State George P. Shultz shook hands with each member of the chorus, a Yale spokesman said.

The chorus has made 12 trips to the Soviet Union since 1962, singing in concert halls and city squares. Only about seven of its 40 members can speak Russian — the lyrics are learned phonetically by most of its members.

Cocaine-cash suspect makes a deal

NEW HAVEN — A figure in a multimillion-dollar money-laundering operation has pleaded guilty to a charge of cocaine conspiracy, U.S. Attorney Stanley A. Twardy Jr. said.

In a plea bargain Wednesday, the government moved to dismiss 51 other charges lodged against Juan Guillermo Restrepo of Colombia, Twardy said.

Twardy said Restrepo has agreed to cooperate with the government and may testify at the trials of other defendants in the case or give further information.

Restrepo could be sentenced to a maximum of 20 years in prison, Twardy said. U.S. District Judge Jose A. Cabranes did not set a sentencing date.

Restrepo, along with two of his brothers and 38 others, were indicted on June 17.

Enfield prosecutor fights transfer

ENFIELD (AP) — The president of the union representing state prosecutors says Assistant State's Attorney Warren A. Gower has decided to fight his transfer to a post with less responsibility.

However, Fred Fawcett, president of the 140-member union, said Tuesday that he wouldn't reveal the union's strategy until he has reviewed its contract with the state.

"From the people who have called me, there is strong support in our organization for Mr. Gower," Fawcett said. "I know Warren, and I know he has a good reputation."

Chief State's Attorney John J. Kelly abruptly transferred Gower from Enfield Superior Court to Manchester last week after Gower wrote a private memo to Hartford State's Attorney John M. Bailey asking to be excused from a Nov. 17 workshop that he called a "colossal

waste of time, energy and taxpayer's money."

Gower asked to be excused from the workshop so he could attend to a special series of meetings set up to dispose of some of the older cases on the Enfield court's crowded docket.

Kelly called Gower's criticism an affront to his own authority. In his notice of transfer, Kelly told Gower that such criticism couldn't be permitted, especially in light of Gower's "failure in dealing with personnel assigned to your office."

Gower, who was head prosecutor at Enfield, will have to report to another state's attorney in Manchester. But Kelly staunchly defended the transfer, arguing Tuesday that the move was not a demotion.

"He still has the same title and the same pay," said Kelly, adding that he could not comment on the situation. But Fawcett, who is an assistant state's attorney in Bridgeport, said he and the American Federation of County and

Municipal Employees, the parent union of the prosecutors' bargaining unit, would represent Gower.

Gower, who has been a prosecutor for 15 years and was former Chief State's Attorney Austin J. McGuigan's executive aide, has spoken out on several occasions about backlogged cases and a chronic staffing shortage.

"The phone has not stopped ringing," Tony Griffin, co-director of the New Covenant House of Hospitality, said Wednesday. "When I came here this morning, a man was waiting with \$30 in cash to replace what was taken."

Griffin said one woman called offering a \$2,000 check. High school students called and gifts heard they were stolen and went back out to replace the gifts Wednesday and a waitress in a nearby town dropped off \$158 in cash that she had collected at her restaurant on Tuesday night. A dentist called to say his office would donate toothpaste and toothbrushes.

About \$400 worth of donated gifts, toys and food baskets that were collected since September for the soup kitchen's first party since it opened in 1978 were stolen last week. But city shelter officials said Tuesday they were determined the party would go on.

The financial support has been so overwhelming that a portion of it will be set aside to keep the soup kitchen operating during the winter, said Judy Moriarty, program director of shelter support for the Gateway Community Center, a non-profit mental health agency.

"We have so many needs," Moriarty said. "We can save some of this and establish a fund so we can use it later."

"We need to spread this out over the winter," Griffin said. "People get all choked up at Christmas and Easter and sometimes forget people eat and live here day after day, year after year."

Moriarty said she received telephone calls from Macy's offering to donate toys, an antique shop giving teddy bears and a couple walked in who had traveled the world and donated some unusual items they had collected.

"We're hearing from banks, corporations and just little people," Moriarty said as she opened a check for \$500 from a bank. "An elderly widow called and said she had gone through her husband's things and found some shaving cream and razors."

On Tuesday, Moriarty and Griffin were disappointed that the poor in this corporate center had been robbed.

Claims mounting against probate judge

DANBURY (AP) — Two attorneys planned to meet today to discuss how much of the at least \$1.8 million allegedly misappropriated by a probate judge who committed suicide is still available and can be paid to those who have filed claims against his property.

Meanwhile, a lawyer assigned by the Danbury Bar Association to handle the affairs of the late Richard L. Nahley, said claims stemming from his private law practice, may be almost double the \$1.8 million officially filed against him in 1985.

"I still get phone calls every day from people with claims," said the lawyer, Jackie Chan, who is also representing a couple with a claim against Nahley.

Nahley committed suicide in a Washington, D.C., hotel room Nov. 20, four days after he disappeared from Connecticut. Officials have said Nahley apparently misused money he held in escrow for law clients.

Albert H. Hornig, a lawyer who has been asked by the Danbury Bar Association to handle the affairs of Nahley, said he has been filed in Superior Court against him.

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Gifts pour in for homeless

STAMFORD (AP) — A soup kitchen's first Christmas party for the homeless will go on today despite a Grinch's attempt to ruin it by stealing the gifts has been followed by community angels who donated gifts ranging from toothbrushes to a \$2,000 check.

"The phone has not stopped ringing," Tony Griffin, co-director of the New Covenant House of Hospitality, said Wednesday. "When I came here this morning, a man was waiting with \$30 in cash to replace what was taken."

Griffin said one woman called offering a \$2,000 check. High school students called and gifts heard they were stolen and went back out to replace the gifts Wednesday and a waitress in a nearby town dropped off \$158 in cash that she had collected at her restaurant on Tuesday night. A dentist called to say his office would donate toothpaste and toothbrushes.

About \$400 worth of donated gifts, toys and food baskets that were collected since September for the soup kitchen's first party since it opened in 1978 were stolen last week. But city shelter officials said Tuesday they were determined the party would go on.

The financial support has been so overwhelming that a portion of it will be set aside to keep the soup kitchen operating during the winter, said Judy Moriarty, program director of shelter support for the Gateway Community Center, a non-profit mental health agency.

"We have so many needs," Moriarty said. "We can save some of this and establish a fund so we can use it later."

"We need to spread this out over the winter," Griffin said. "People get all choked up at Christmas and Easter and sometimes forget people eat and live here day after day, year after year."

Moriarty said she received telephone calls from Macy's offering to donate toys, an antique shop giving teddy bears and a couple walked in who had traveled the world and donated some unusual items they had collected.

"We're hearing from banks, corporations and just little people," Moriarty said as she opened a check for \$500 from a bank. "An elderly widow called and said she had gone through her husband's things and found some shaving cream and razors."

On Tuesday, Moriarty and Griffin were disappointed that the poor in this corporate center had been robbed.



AP photo

Donations ranging from a \$2,000 check to toothbrushes are pouring in for homeless people in Stamford whose chances for a Christmas party dimmed when all the gifts were stolen. Judy Moriarty, a shelter worker, looks through donations.

State library officials say college situation is 'terrible'

DANBURY (AP) — The dwindling state surplus is threatening higher education in Connecticut and could force public universities and colleges to shelve plans to upgrade their libraries, officials say.

"The condition of the libraries is really terrible. They have let them go too long," says James Benn of Groton, chairman of the Connecticut Library Association.

"This is something the state needs to address right now. You need good libraries to attract good faculty. The first question they ask is what is the condition of the library. In this publisher-perish world, it is critical for faculty to have a good library," he said.

The state Board of Governors for Higher Education has given Gov. William A. O'Neill a budget proposal that requests an additional \$5 million for its university libraries in the 1988-89 academic year. The proposal represents a 33 percent spending increase over the current \$15.2 million budget for the state's 25 public colleges and university libraries.

After O'Neill reviews the budget, he will make a spending recommendation to the General Assembly early next year.

Most of the proposed increase, \$4.7 million, would be used to purchase books and periodicals. The balance would be used to create 57 new positions for the 1988-89 academic year.

The money would be spent on libraries at the University of Connecticut, the four members of the Connecticut State University system, 16 community colleges and five public vocational-technical colleges.

Benn said he doesn't believe the funds increase should be treated now that the state budget surplus has shrunk to an estimated \$5 million.

He said inadequate libraries on campus can trigger a domino effect that can adversely affect the entire state. Universities with good libraries attract quality faculty and students and graduate well-educated students to fill Connecticut jobs, he said.

Norman Stevens, UConn library director, said he is grateful the Connecticut Library Association had made lobbying for more funds for college libraries its top priority. The association's 1,000 members represent town and city libraries.

"The Office of Policy and Management has already talked to state university officials to notify them they will take a dim view of sizeable increases of any kind," Stevens said.

"Not getting this money will mean serious trouble for our acquisitions. We will have to make substantial subscription cancellations and we are not now providing the level of collection there is demand for."

UConn needs the extra money to respond to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, which criticized the university last December for not having enough books and periodicals in its library. The association rescinded UConn in January.

UConn also is trying to become one of the top 20 research libraries out of 100 private and public research universities in the country, Stevens said. Currently, it

ranked around 45th. Stevens said UConn's library budget is \$7 million this year and it is seeking \$9.9 million next year, according to Connie Zalk, spokeswoman for the state Board of Governors for Higher Education.

The college and university libraries found themselves short of funds and books under a formula developed by the Board of Governors, Stevens said. But the criticism of UConn's library in the accreditation report prompted a change in formulas.

Now, the board has developed three formulas — one for UConn, one for the Connecticut State University system and one for the two-year institutions. The new formulas generated the \$5 million increase sought for 1988-89.

Under a new formula, UConn's library is being compared to its peer institutions and the goal under the 10-year funding plan is to make UConn competitive.

None of the schools in the Connecticut State University system meets the standards set by the Association of College and Research Libraries, a sub-group of the American Library Association, said Katherine Sholtz, Western Connecticut State University's library director. They would use the additional funds provided under the new formula to try to meet national standards.

Western Connecticut State University in Danbury has 180,000 volumes compared to 250,000 recommended by the national association. It has 1,500 periodicals compared to 3,000 and

OPINION

Contractor frank about fallen wall

The comment of the vice president of the construction company that was fined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration was frank and to the point. For that reason, it was gratifying.

"Obviously, if the wall fell down, it was improperly braced," said Peter Lidstone of Royleton Construction Co.

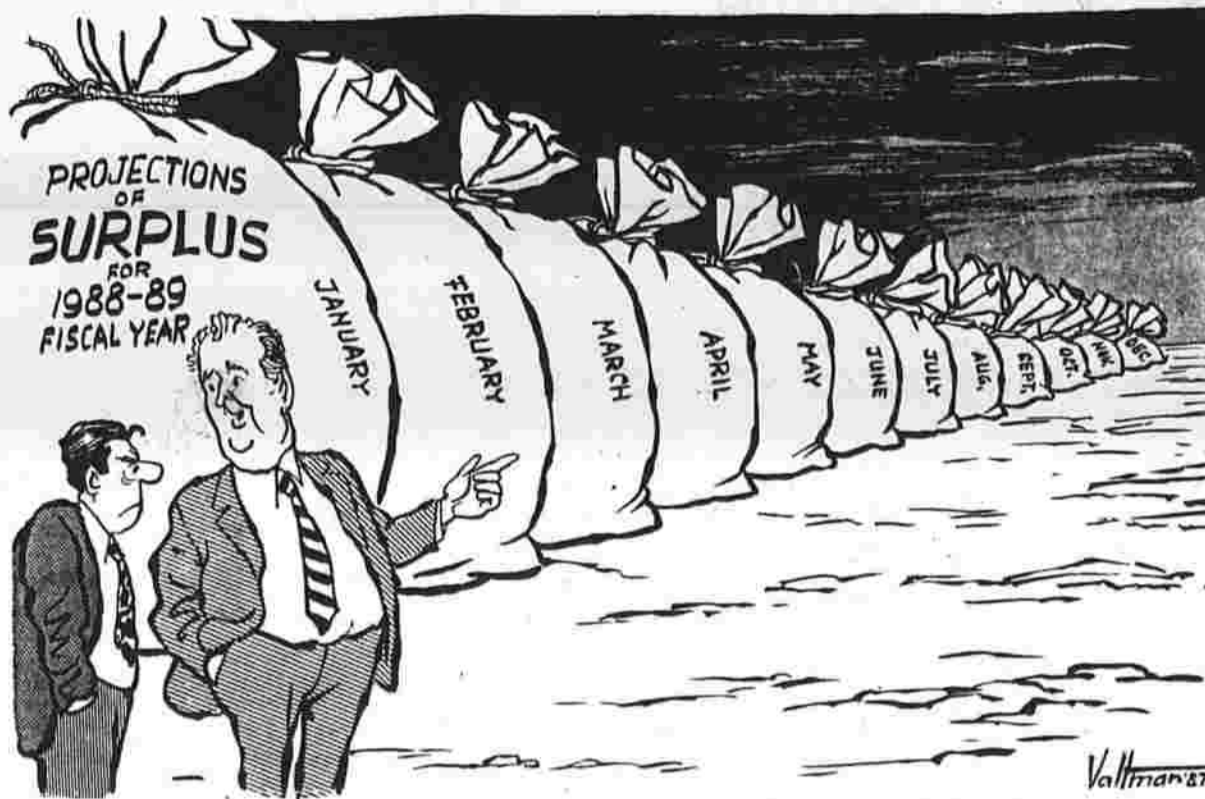
He was referring to the reason a \$1,200 fine was levied against the company in connection with the collapse of a wall at a building under construction on Spencer Street.

A sudden high wind blew the wall over after temporary supports had been removed and before permanent steel supports had been put in place. The steel did not arrive when it was supposed to have arrived.

The incident illustrated the danger of relying on delivery schedules or on the weather. Lidstone's concise assessment of the situation confirms that.

While the fine is not high, it will probably help keep other contractors from taking too much for granted.

An even stronger incentive, however, lies in the knowledge that the next time a wall falls, someone may be under it. Fortunately no one was this time.



"IF YOU LOOK AT IT IN PERSPECTIVE YOU CAN SEE THERE ISN'T MUCH LEFT FOR A TAX CUT"

\$105,000 high for governor

Whenever pay raises are proposed for elected political officials, there is an automatic reaction against them despite the fact that they do not go into effect during the incumbency of the officials involved.

Often the reaction is unjustified. Salaries of public officials tend to fall behind those of people with comparable jobs in the private sector.

But the current proposal to raise the salary of the governor to \$105,000 in 1991 does seem to be excessive, and the General Assembly should lop a substantial amount from that figure.

The present salary of \$78,000 is a respectable amount for the position in light of traditional belief that there are many non-monetary satisfactions in government service that do not exist in private employment.

Gov. William O'Neill points out that the \$105,000 figure seems high today but that it is scheduled for three years down the road.

It seems high even three years down the road. A lower figure should be set.

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Pushing an anti-consumer law

WASHINGTON — If an observer knew all the players, the scene that unfolded recently in a House subcommittee hearing was unsettling.

Bill Richardson, D-N.M., needed an answer to a tough question about the bill he sponsored to standardize the way state courts decide product liability lawsuits.

In those dreaded moments, a lawmaker often turns to those who authored the bill for an explanation. Richardson turned to Victor Schwartz, the attorney for an alliance of industry groups that would be sitting pretty if Richardson's bill is passed. A congressional aide shuffled Schwartz's answer back to Richardson.

To the representatives of consumer groups sitting in the Commerce, Consumer Protection and Competitiveness Subcommittee hearing, the scenario was just one more bit of evidence that leaves them feeling like the odd man out in the debate over a bill that could make it tougher for victims to sue the makers of dangerously defective products.

Michigan Democrat John Dingell, chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, where the bill got its start, has held the door to negotiations wide for big business, while slamming it shut in the faces of committee members who want to temper it. That is uncharacteristic for

Dingell, who has a reputation for cutting big business down to size.

Every consumer group our associate Stewart Harris contacted told us they were excluded from negotiations over the Uniform Product Liability Act of 1987. Congressional sources confess privately that a deal was cut with industry behind closed doors, and that Dingell may be serving his constituency, the automakers, who would like to reduce their risk of lawsuits.

That makes particularly sensitive the question of who might have helped ghostwrite the bill.

Schwartz is a respected law professor at Georgetown University — his students refer to him as "Schwartz on torts" — and another of five books. He says that Richardson's bill is a version of the Model Uniform Product Liability Act he drafted in 1977 while working for the Commerce Department. But he says lawmakers have made significant changes since then.

As he is a scholar on the subject, he says it is only natural that lawmakers seek advice from him.



Jack Schwartz

On politics, people and AIDS

Ronald Reagan gets blamed for a lot of things and now, in a book on the best-seller lists, he's getting blamed for AIDS. And the Band Played On: Politics, People, and the AIDS Epidemic, by Randy Shilts, St. Martin's Press Inc., New York, 1987.

By broadest implication it is suggested that 21,000 people, the majority of whom were young, gay, and white, died because Ronald Reagan and the government he controlled didn't come through with enough money. It isn't so.

That this charge is so widely bandied around and is so often accepted as fact is evidence of how thoroughly the disease has been politicized by gay groups. Paraphrasing Dr. Marc Conant, an early AIDS researcher, Shilts writes, "Ultimately, this epidemic could overshadow all the ambitions the president had articulated for America's future. In history, he (Conant) warned, Ronald Reagan could go down as the president who did nothing while thousands died. And thousands and tens of thousands, and perhaps hundreds of thousands would die, he wrote. Most of them needlessly."

It can be said that all deaths are needless, so that the final accusatory flourish is not based on reason. The letter of Dr. Conant paraphrased by Shilts was written in 1983, only four years ago, just at the time that medical researchers had first given the disease a name and had begun the still-incomplete work of describing its symptoms. Elsewhere Shilts writes with heavy-handed irony that "When claiming victory on election night

your friends and lovers were being knocked down by such a plague you might be hysterically marching in the street, too, but pain and fright may not combine to make smart politics or even good journalism."

One of the political side effects of the way gays have gone about this campaign is to weaken bi-partisan support for research and care. The Democrats, with their background of sympathy for civil rights and women's issues, have been open to taking up gay causes. The only two openly declared gay members of Congress are Democrats; Democrats are to be seen giving speeches of support at various gay rallies. Republicans never are.

The names of gay Republicans are only revealed when they've been arrested on a vice charge or they're dead or dying and then, if the fact is not hushed up, it is passed over as quickly as possible. Not surprisingly it is from Republican groups that we get most of the suggestions that AIDS sufferers be quarantined in what sound like medical gauges or that they have the fact that they carry the dread antibodies tattooed on the wrist if not on the forehead.

Coming from Hollywood where a great many gay people work in the film industry, it's not surprising that more known gays should be seen running in and out of the White House under Reagan than any of his predecessors. Nevertheless, his party has become the party of homophobia and the Democrats the party of the gay symposium. Perhaps it's time for high-ranking Republican gays to be pulled out of the closet, perhaps not; but the burden the Democrats are now shouldering is too heavy for them to bear. AIDS, like cancer or cystic fibrosis or any other disease, must be a bipartisan responsibility.



Nicholas Von Hoffman

Meeting in 'evil empire?'

By W. Dale Nelson

WASHINGTON — It looks increasingly as if President Reagan will soon get a chance to make his first visit to the Soviet Union and see for himself the country he described four years ago as "an evil empire."

As Reagan winds up his three-day, stay-at-home summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, both sides are expressing optimism that the two will meet again next spring in Moscow. They also say they hope to sign a treaty curbing intercontinental nuclear missiles at such a summit. But White House officials add that the president is ready to make the trip in any event.

"We have made it clear that a finished START agreement is not a prerequisite," said spokesman Roman Popaduk, using the acronym for strategic arms reduction talks.

There is, of course, no assurance that the meeting will take place just because the leaders say it will. Climbers have been known to falter and fall back on the way to the summit.

When Reagan and Gorbachev first met in Geneva in 1985, for instance, they agreed to meet again in the United States in 1986 and in the Soviet Union in 1987.

Then the United States launched an air strike on Libya in retaliation for terrorist attacks, and the summit was shelved in the resulting cooling of U.S.-Soviet relations.

When the meeting was finally held in October, 1986, it was not in the United States but in Reykjavik, Iceland. And it was not initially called a summit, although it turned out to be one by almost any definition.

Attempts to reach a nuclear arms agreement at that meeting fell apart over Reagan's plan for the Star Wars missile defense system, and the idea of a summit in the United States was again put on the back burner.

From there, prospects were not again, off again, on again. The outlook for the meeting was not bright, yet sometimes joking and light-hearted, she represents the new Soviet woman, paralleling the image exuded by her husband, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

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Going up

The hemline on a black dress worn Wednesday by Raisa Gorbachev, in right picture, was several inches shorter than the hemline on a suit she donned Tuesday, left picture, for her first meeting with Nancy Reagan. Mrs. Reagan's hem was just below her knees. The fashionable length this season.



Raisa's style appeals to Americans

By Susanne M. Schofer
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Raisa Gorbachev is projecting a confident, take-charge style that appeals to Americans.

She is putting it into play one final time in America with a meeting today with six of this nation's most high-profile women.

Rejecting suggestions that she's competing with first lady Nancy Reagan, Mrs. Gorbachev has tried to make it clear she's far more interested in American art, literature, history and the improvement of U.S.-Soviet relations.

"I'm a university graduate and a philosopher by profession," she said Wednesday, explaining her interest in seeing the National Gallery of Art.

But she claimed no special expertise, saying: "Just like art."

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Gorbachev takes full advantage of his talks in public

By Michael Putzel
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev is using the extraordinary exposure of the superpower summit to rebuke Americans who try to tell him how to run his country, to shed his human rights policies and campaign for improved U.S.-Soviet relations outside the formal summit setting.

Carrying out a separate agenda between his meetings with President Reagan, the Communist Party chief has spoken to a group of editors, publishers and broadcasters; to another group billed as representatives of the American intellectual community; and to congressional leaders. He sees a group of business people today.

"He's nobody's dummy, let's face it," said House Minority Leader Robert Michel, R-Ill., who was among those invited to the Soviet embassy for a discussion of issues. "He's shrewd and smart and knows how to manipulate or, at least, to use to the fullest extent our media to his advantage. And he plays that role to the fullest."

The congressional leaders, Gorbachev said, "want to go on record once a day to castigate the Soviet Union on its human rights record."

As for withdrawal from Afghanistan, Sen. Alan K. Simpson, R-Wyo., the minority whip, quipped Gorbachev as saying, "I'll share that with you soon. But you've got to remember that we don't want to just leave a vacuum (there) ... and a government that's not somebody known to us. We're not trying to Communize them or socialize them or do land reform."

At the meeting with editors, publishers and broadcasters, Gorbachev lectured the media for emphasizing what he regarded as the wrong subjects, and repeated his call for a new turn in relations between the Soviet Union and the United States.

He said that he has refused more than 100 requests for interviews because journalists keep returning to the same questions about Jewish emigration, a split in the Politburo, Afghanistan.

"I just don't find it interesting," he said.

The Soviet leader has made clear in each of his meetings that what he came to discuss was the need to replace traditional and dangerous rivalries with what he calls "the new thinking."

"As the 20th century draws to a close," he said at one point, "civilization has approached a dividing line, not so much between different systems and ideologies, but between common sense and mankind's feelings of self preservation on the one hand and irresponsibility, national selfishness, prejudice — to put it briefly, old thinking — on the other."

Michael Putzel, the AP's chief bureau in Moscow, is a former chief White House correspondent and has covered all three Reagan-Gorbachev summits.

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U.S./World In Brief

Explosion rips Athens building

ATHENS, Greece — A bomb exploded in the Athens Chamber of Commerce building in downtown Athens today, injuring five people and damaging a conference room, police said.

Early police radio reports said there were "hears that there are dead and injured." Later, police said no one was killed and that glass shards injured five people, two seriously. The injured were taken to a hospital, where two underwent surgery.

Police said the bomb went off under a chair on the 6th-floor conference hall where about 20 people were having lunch at about 2:30 p.m.

The explosion blew out the windows and damaged most of the furniture in the room. As smoke cleared from the area, police entered the building to search for victims.

"Obviously the explosion was politically motivated since we are having elections for new members in the Chamber of Commerce," Dionysios Sotiropoulos, vice president of the Athens Chamber of Commerce, said in an interview.

Iraq claims attack on another ship

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Iraq said its fighter-bombers attacked a ship off the Iranian coast today after a nighttime Iraqi air strike reportedly set an Iranian tanker on fire.

Earlier, Iraq said it had attacked around the southern Iraqi city of Basra for two consecutive days.

Iraq's official news agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted a military communiqué as saying the "big naval target," which usually means a tanker, was hit at 10:30 a.m.

It said the warplanes scored "an accurate and effective hit" on the unidentified vessel.

The reported air strike was the second Iraqi raid on ships off Iran's Gulf coast in 12 hours. There was no immediate independent confirmation of the latest Iraqi claim.

Enrle's firm defends coup suspect

MANILA, Philippines — Opposition Sen. Juan Ponce Enrle today said his law firm would defend his protégé Col. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, leader of the August coup attempt which was arrested in a Manila suburb.

Enrle, a former Defense Minister, said in an interview with radio station DZXL that Honasan's wife, Jane, had asked him for legal help.

President Corason Aquino dismissed Enrle from his defense post Nov. 23, 1986 after the government claimed it had thwarted a coup plot by his followers. Before the dismissal, Honasan served as Enrle's chief of security.

In the coup attempt that Honasan led, at least 53 were killed and hundreds wounded, including Mrs. Aquino's only son, Benigno III. When loyal soldiers crushed the coup, she demanded that Honasan and other ring leaders face charges.

Candidates boycott Haiti election

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Leading candidates from last month's aborted election said they would not participate in the junta's plans to appoint a new Electoral Council on Friday and hold a new election next month.

The presidential candidates from the canceled election vowed Wednesday to boycott a new election. A fourth presidential candidate was expected to join the others in calling the junta's actions illegal.

The boycott plan was the strongest show of political unity by the opposition in the aftermath of election violence.

Candidate Louis Dede II said he and the other three presidential hopefuls have the support of a vast majority of Haitians and would "produce a 95 percent boycott of the election."

"No government that considers itself a friend of Haiti can recognize the junta's elections. Democrats cannot take part in such elections," he said.

LaRouche aide guilty of conspiracy

BOSTON — A former consultant to Lyndon LaRouche was found guilty today of charges he conspired to cover up millions of dollars in alleged credit card and loan fraud by the political extremist's 1984 presidential campaign.

A federal jury deliberated for about three hours over two days before returning the verdict in the case against Roy Frankhauser.

The 12-member jury began its deliberations Wednesday afternoon after hearing closing arguments from the prosecutor and defense attorney and instructions from U.S. District Judge Robert E. Keeton.

Frankhauser, 48, of Reading, Pa., faces up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for conspiring to obstruct justice. He is a former member of the Ku Klux Klan and American Nazi Party, but those memberships were not discussed in the presence of the jury.

Court rules out alcoholism defense

WASHINGTON — The defense in Michael K. Deaver's perjury trial won't be allowed to tell jurors in closing arguments that the former presidential aide suffered a memory lapse as a result of alcoholism.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson told Deaver's defense lawyers they couldn't raise the alcoholism issue during closing arguments because they had not proven he suffered from the disease.

"The issue of alcoholism is not going to be injected into the arguments," the judge said Wednesday.

Closing arguments were set today on whether the former presidential aide lied under oath about the lobbying business he formed after leaving the White House in May 1985. The jury is expected to get the case on Friday following legal instructions from the judge.

Heart defect may be SIDS cause

BOSTON (AP) — Doctors may someday be able to spot potential victims of crib death and save them from the mysterious killer by looking for a newly discovered defect in their hearts, researchers report today.

Their evidence suggests that perhaps half of these deaths are caused by an error in the electrical stimulation of the heart. The malfunction apparently causes hearts to stop when they begin to speed up.

"It is not something that will save lives next year, but it's a clue that there is something defective in the way the nervous system controls the heart," said Dr. Daniel C. Shannon, a co-author of the study at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Sudden infant death syndrome, also known as crib death or SIDS, strikes about one in every 500 babies in the United States. It is the most common cause of death among infants 5 weeks to a year old.

Shannon speculated that the defect could result from immaturity or from damage triggered by an infection or some toxin encountered by the fetus.

The researchers found a defect in the cycle of electrical stimulation that the heart experiences each time it beats.

When the cycle starts, the heart is polarized. Its cells are more negative inside than outside. It becomes depolarized when sodium ions move into the cells. This triggers the heart's rhythmic contraction. Before it can beat again, potassium ions must move into the cells, repolarizing them.

The researchers studied electrocardiograms of 10 babies who later died of sudden death and 29 who were normal. They found that 1/2 of the crib-death victims, the hearts were sometimes abnormally slow to repolarize.

When their hearts tried to speed up, they depolarized more quickly, but didn't match this response by repolarizing faster. Shannon said that when the two processes get out of rhythm this way, the heart may simply skip a beat, or it may cease all organized pumping, leading quickly to death.

Shannon said he does not know whether the process Sadeh developed to look at the heart's electrical workings is accurate enough to be used to screen large numbers of newborns.

The new research was directed by Dr. Dror Sadeh, an astrophysicist at Tel Aviv University in Israel, while working temporarily at Massachusetts General.

"I suspect part of sudden infant death syndrome is due to immaturity of the nervous system," Moss said. "There are many causes of SIDS, and it would be inappropriate to group them all under this category. But they probably all are caused by some immaturity."

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Genes may have role in lung cancer

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists today reported evidence that a single genetic defect appears in all major types of lung cancer, and said it appears to play a key role in the nation's biggest cancer killer.

The study shows the defect is "widespread if not universal in lung cancer, which gives us a clue of what may be going on," said Ben Carrill, the Medical Research Council's Human Biochemical Genetics Unit at University College in London.

The nature of the abnormality suggests that lung cancer may appear after a protective gene is lost, he said.

The defect appeared so consistently in the study that it must be important in development of the disease, but scientists will have to isolate the gene before they can determine its role, Carrill said in a telephone interview.

He co-wrote the study with

Charles H.C.M. Buys of the State University of Groningen in The Netherlands and other researchers. The work appears in the British journal Nature.

While the work has no immediate application in prevention or therapy, any insights into how cancers arise may pay off for devising treatments in the future, Carrill said.

Lung cancer will kill 136,000 Americans this year. Scientists had previously found evidence of the gene loss in small-cell lung cancer, which accounts for about 25 percent of the nation's annual 150,000 lung-cancer cases.

The study and another published recently also found evidence of the abnormality in other major kinds of lung cancer.

Carrill's work is "great, it confirms all our stuff," said John Minna of the National Cancer Institute, who published similar

findings Oct. 29 in the New England Journal of Medicine with cancer institute colleague Berton Zbor and others.

Loss of the gene has "got to be very important" in development of lung cancer, said Minna, chief of the NCI-Navy Medical Oncology Branch of the cancer institute and professor of medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md.

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Hostage for 1,000 days

Terry Anderson, the longest-held foreign hostage in Lebanon, will have his 1,000th day in captivity marked by friends, relatives and supported in a Capitol Hill ceremony today. Anderson is shown before his capture,

at left, and in pictures released in 1985, 1986, 1988 and 1987. The Washington event coincides with the United Nations international human rights day today.

Howard Beach case headed for jury

NEW YORK (AP) — A black man killed by a car had been chased and "helplessly propelled" through "a chain of death," a prosecutor charged in calling for the conviction of four white youths.

In closing arguments Wednesday, prosecutor Charles J. Hynes urged the jury to convict the defendants for "wanton, callous and brutal" actions that led to 23-year-old Michael Griffith's death in the predominantly white Howard Beach section of Queens.

The case was expected to go to the jury today following instructions from the judge, state Supreme Court Justice Thomas Denakos.

Griffith, one of three blacks who walked into the neighborhood the night of Dec. 19-20, 1986, died when he was struck by a car.

Hynes charged that the three were attacked by a dozen white "rough and tough riders" outside a pizzeria, and that Griffith was chased onto the highway to his death. He said another black, Cedric Sandiford, was then brutally beaten.

The defense maintains that Griffith ran onto the highway without being chased.

Defense attorneys also focused on the character and background of the three black men, saying they were violent lawbreakers who were up to no good in Howard Beach.

In his summation that drew together evidence from eight weeks

of trial, Hynes dismissed that argument as a smokescreen.

The defense lawyers, said Hynes, "want you to answer the most irrelevant question that has pervaded this trial: What were they?" — Michael Griffith, Timothy Grimes and Cedric Sandiford — doing in Howard Beach? As if they needed a passport to enter Queens from Brooklyn?"

Quoting Thomas Jefferson, John Donne and the book of Ecclesiastes, Hynes urged jurors to focus on the "fundamental principles of life and human dignity."

The white youths, Hynes said, knew nothing of the criminal records of the black men. In fact, he said, they knew nothing about them at all, "except that they were black."

"Picture the scene in your

mind," Hynes told the jury. "Running, chasing. Some on foot. Some in the car. Pursuing Michael Griffith and Cedric Sandiford with a bat, sticks, a metal object and fists. Fear, terror and hatred."

"And then Michael Griffith turned onto 80th Street and was helplessly propelled down a tunnel, a chain of death. The force, the power, the fury that propelled him ever closer to the Bell Parkway was Lester, Ladone, Kern and Pirone."

Jon Lester and Scott Kern, both 18, are charged with murder in Griffith's death; Jason Ladone, 17, and Michael Pirone, 18, are charged with manslaughter. The four also are charged with a variety of other crimes including attempted murder and riot.

None of the defendants showed emotion during Hynes' speech,

which came at the close of a long and sometimes tumultuous day of closing arguments. Among the spectators was Sandiford, who sat with his arm around his fiancée, Jean Griffith, the victim's mother.

Earlier Wednesday, Ladone's attorney, Ronald Rubinstein, charged that politicians exploiting racism shaped the case.

He noted that Mayor Edward Koch and Police Commissioner Benjamin Ward were at the police precinct the day of the arrests.

"They came up, these politicians who don't educate people, don't get them jobs, they came up with the greatest issue a politician could come up with," Rubinstein said.

"It doesn't cost you five cents. They said, 'There's racism there and I'm against them.' ... And they looked good."

Cockpit recording shows 'commotion'

CAVUOS, Calif. (AP) — Investigators have found a gun in the wreckage of a Pacific Southwest jetliner, and a cockpit recording reportedly revealed "a terrible commotion" shortly before the crash.

Sources in Washington who spoke on condition of anonymity said Wednesday investigators believe the pilot and co-pilot may have been shot by a former airline employee who had been fired.

One source said gunfire could be heard on the tape of the flight voice recorder recovered from the wreckage of Pacific Southwest Airlines Flight 1771, which crashed Monday and killed all 43 aboard.

Investigators have not ruled out the possibility the crew was prevented from flying the four-engine BAe-146 jet because of a struggle or by sudden decompression of the cockpit from bullets shattering sections of the windshield, the source said.

Today's editions of the Los Angeles Times, meanwhile, quoted sources familiar with the cockpit recording as saying sounds of "a terrible commotion" could be heard on the flight deck. That was followed by a mechanical screeching rapidly, likely the beginning of the plane's rapid descent.

About 40 searchers going through jet debris and body parts strewn over the 15-acre site found the gun Wednesday in 2 or 3 inches of mud, said FBI special agent Richard Bretzing.

Papers will be filed in court today showing that David A. Burke, the fired airline employee under investigation in the crash, owned a

"legal handgun," said Assistant United States Attorney Steve Casinger in Los Angeles.

"We know where the gun came from," he said, declining to elaborate.

News reports have said that Burke, fired last month by USAir, which owns PSA, may have carried a .44-caliber Magnum handgun aboard the plane seeking revenge against former boss Ray Thomson. Both were among the victims.

Bretzing said the flight voice recordings showed someone entered the cockpit without authorization just before the disaster. He wouldn't say if gunfire could be heard on the tape.

He also refused to discuss Burke or give details about the weapon found. He said the weapon was being examined for fingerprints, although it wasn't immediately clear if prints could be obtained.

One source told the Times that the pilot had been traced to a person who gave it to Burke. The source said shots had been fired from the weapon but would not say whether all six rounds were used.

On Friday, Burke had pulled a gun on his former girlfriend and demanded that she drive him around for five hours so they could talk, Hawthorne police Lt. Jan Korn said Wednesday.

Police took a report on the incident, but the woman, Jacqueline Camacho, 33, declined to file charges, Korn said.

Patricia Goldman, who is heading the National Transportation Safety Board investigation, said no other weapons had been found in the wreckage.

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BUSINESS

Trade deficit soars in October

By Morfin Crutinger
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. foreign trade deficit soared to a record \$17.6 billion in October, a giant 25.3 percent larger than the September imbalance, the government said today.

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The deficit was sharply above what most economists had been predicting and had the immediate impact of driving the dollar down in foreign trading. The dollar fell to 130.25 yen, down almost 2 yen in trading in New York.

The consensus forecast had been predicting a deficit of around \$14.6 billion, only marginally higher than September, with no recaster calling for the deficit to top \$17 billion.

OPEC struggles to reach consensus

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — All OPEC members except Iran agreed today to maintain the cartel's oil price of \$18 a barrel next year, officials said.

Friday, the officials were expected to hold private talks in small groups at their hotels later today.

agreement on prices and production levels for 1988 "within three or four days." He added, however, that "many technical aspects" need to be studied first.

A developing glut of oil on world markets and dim prospects for higher oil demand in 1988 meant a price increase would not work.

Two indicted in bond fraud

AGANA, Guam (AP) — A Wall Street investment banker and a Canadian businessman have been indicted in a \$2 billion bond fraud scheme, a U.S. attorney announced here today.

Mariana Islands north of Guam. U.S. Attorney K. William O'Connor, who announced the indictment jointly with the FBI, said U.S. authorities had "a commitment to stop those who would try to hustle and defraud the people of small jurisdictions like Guam."

bogus checks and bank accounts and worldwide wire transactions to promote a nationwide fraud involving over \$2 billion in municipal bonds," said the indictment returned by a federal grand jury here.

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Business In Brief

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Donwell breaks ground for addition

The Donwell Co. Inc. of 130 Sheldon Road has broken ground for the 8,400-square-foot addition to its facility.

Primerica selling off timberlands

GREENWICH — Primerica Corp. says it has signed agreements in principle to sell virtually all its remaining timberlands in three separate transactions totalling \$28 million in cash and notes.

McCall agrees to pay \$400,000 fine

WASHINGTON — The Federal Trade Commission says McCall Publishing Co. has agreed to pay a \$400,000 civil penalty to settle charges that it billed people for magazine subscriptions they did not order.

Commission studies stock crash

WASHINGTON — The presidential commission studying the October stock market collapse is considering limits on the daily fluctuation of stock prices, according to a published report today.



Workers at General Motors' body plant in Flint, Mich., weld in their final week of production last Friday. The plant, which closes its doors today, is one of the last U.S. auto plants to still use human welders. Modern plants use robots.

Bank calls in utility bond issue

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Public Service Company of New Hampshire, the lead owner of the stalled Seabrook nuclear project, says it will not file for voluntary bankruptcy relief even though it cannot pay off a \$455 million loan.

Midland National Bank of Edison, N.J., on Wednesday called in the 17 1/2 percent bond issue due in 2004 after Public Service skipped its Oct. 15 interest payment of \$7 million. The bank is the loan's sole trustee.

"I don't think it necessarily forecloses a Chapter 11 (bankruptcy) filing, but it sets in motion a process that is increasingly difficult to stop," said utility analyst Paul Parshley of Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette of New York.

Public Service says it would have run out of cash by year's end unless suspended payments on unsecured debt. A spokesman, Nicholas Ahsbah, said the company won't meet Midland's new demand to pay the full \$425 million.

Squirrel halts market trading

NEW YORK (AP) — A stray squirrel that electrocuted itself at a Connecticut power station triggered an outage that disrupted over-the-counter stock trading here for three hours and left brokers nationwide in the dark, officials said.

Early withdrawals from IRAs can be made without penalties

QUESTION: You wrote that a provision of the new federal tax law permits a person with an individual retirement account to start taking IRA withdrawals before age 59 1/2, without incurring a penalty.



Investors' Guide
William A. Doyle

ANSWER: As a self-employed attorney, I have a Keogh plan. I read with great interest your column about how withdrawals can be made from an IRA before age 59 1/2, without paying a penalty tax. Can the same thing be done with a Keogh plan?

ANSWER: Probably not, but you'll have to look at the details of your particular plan to be sure. Because of changes in the law in 1984, the tax rules on Keogh retirement plans for self-employed now are virtually the same as those covering corporate retirement plans.

ANSWER: My IRA is in certificates of deposit at a savings and loan association. I am 52. After reading your column about making penalty-free IRA withdrawals before reaching 59 1/2, I told my S&L I want to do that by taking money out on a steady basis until I become 59 1/2.

ANSWER: Tell those bankers and renevoers to study the text of Tax Reform Act of 1986. For handy reference, the new rule on penalty-free IRA withdrawals before age 59 1/2 is added to in IRS publications 553 and 520 — although not in readily understandable words.

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Obituaries

Julius 'Garvey' Fox

Julius 'Garvey' Fox, 72, of 275 Woodland St., died Wednesday at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Patricia (Comins) Fox.

James McBrerty

James McBrerty, 80, of Bowie, Md., formerly of Coolidge Street, died Wednesday at the U.S. Army Medical Center.

He was an active sportsman in the Hartford Industrial League and also in the bowling and softball leagues.

He was survived by six sons, Colin Fox of Harwinton, Garvey Fox of Louisville, Ky., William Fox of Falls Village, James Fox and Daniel Fox, both in San Rafael, Calif., and a foster son, Harry Fox of Canaan.

Memorial donations may be made to the Children's Athletic Fund, Unitarian Universalist Society, East, 153 W. Vernon St.

Margaret Gatzdicki

Margaret (Simmons) Gatzdicki, 81, of Manchester, died today at Manchester Memorial Hospital. She was the wife of Stanley J. Gatzdicki, who died in 1972.

Helen Rhodes

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - Helen Rhodes, wife of former Republican Gov. James A. Rhodes, died Wednesday of cardiac arrest.

Thoughts

Awe and majesty are conveyed in the opening words of two great books. In Genesis the curtain rises: "In the beginning God... John's Gospel starts off with "In the beginning was the Word..."

Mildred F. Truax

Mildred F. Truax, 45, of Cheney Lane, Coventry, died Tuesday at Windham Community Memorial Hospital, Willimantic.

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James Dobson

LOS ANGELES (AP) - James Dobson, who appeared with President Reagan in "Hellcats of the Navy" and did the radio voice of "Archie Andrews," died Sunday of a heart attack. He was 67.

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Talks a mystery as summit nears end

Continued from page 1. The closing moments of Reagan's presidency. "We see a little progress here and there, but they are tough issues," said Shultz.

Man charged in November accident

An Enfield man, who was involved in a November car accident in which he and the driver of another car were injured, has been charged with driving while intoxicated and second-degree assault.

Recruits help army efforts

Continued from page 1. The local chapter so far has collected 61 percent more than \$7,259 it raised last year. Devoid said this year's goal for the kettle collection is \$10,000.

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SPORTS Fortunes turning around for Whalers

By Jim Tierney, Manchester Herald

HARTFORD -- Maybe the fortunes of the Hartford Whalers have taken a turn for the better. After being a stagnant last-place club in the Adams Division for most of the season, the Whalers have risen from the cold clutches of the divisional cellar and, after Wednesday night's 5-4 win over Washington, are now tied for third place with Buffalo.

The game-winning goal was, pure and simple, a hockey-clinic performance by Hartford's Kevin Dineen.

With the score tied 4-4 in the third period, Dineen took a pass from Ron Francis on the right boards and raced toward the Capital net. First, Dineen outmaneuvered Paul Cavallini then slipped by Larry Murphy while being dragged down to the ice.

"How about that goal by Kevin Dineen?" Whaler Coach Jack Evans marveled. "That's what you call a game-breaker. It was a great effort by him. It's good to see him and (Byvaldo) Turgeon scoring again."

Adams, Nuggets cut through Celtics' invincibility

By Dove O'Horo, The Associated Press

BOSTON -- The sun still will rise in the East. The ocean tide will come in and go out. And Santa Claus is on his way.

Things are changing in the National Basketball Association. The mighty Boston Celtics no longer are invincible on their parquet floor in Boston Garden.

Led by Michael Adams, at 8:40 in the second quarter, the Denver Nuggets rode a big lead to a 124-119 victory Wednesday night, snapping the Celtics' string of 24 consecutive regular season victories at the Garden.

"This is a big thrill. We might not win here again for eight years," Denver Coach Doug Moe said.

"How many teams win here? I hope they don't lose here again this season. We don't play them again (here). Let them kill the other guys."

Adams, a third-year pro from Boston College acquired from Washington just before the start of the season, had a career-high 31 points and 11 assists. He also led a ball-hawking defense with five turnovers.

"We are the best aggressive defensive team in the league," Moe said. "We're not the best defensive team, other teams are bigger and stronger. But for our style we're the best. We came ready. The Celtics came out good. We had to take the game from them."

NHL roundup

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"He (Dineen) scored two big goals tonight," Washington Coach Bryan Murray said. "Heck of a goal at the end. We just had no luck."

Dineen, who Evans compared to the legendary Maurice 'Rocket' Richard concerning his game-winning goal, had pushed Hartford ahead, 4-3, with his first goal of the season.

As has been the Whalers' shortcoming as of late, they blew the two-goal advantage in the second period. A power-play goal by Greg Adams and an unassisted Kevin Dineen scored tied the affair at 3-3 with 14 minutes left in the second.

For Hartford (11-12-4), it was their third victory in a row which matches its longest win streak of the season. The Whalers will continue their four-game home-and-away Saturday night when they entertain Los Angeles. Washington is now 12-14-2.

Lut's left side and back-handed his shot from the left post into the right corner.

After three penalties were assessed in the opening period, a total of 16 were called in the endless second stanza.

"In the second period, our game was disrupted with the penalties," Evans said. Dineen was concerned with the club's leaddown at home.

"There's no way Hatcher should get his own rebound and come behind the net and score," Dineen and Hatcher (his second) traded goals at the end of the second and headed into the final period tied at 4-4.

WHALER NOTES -- Stewart Gagne suffered torn ligaments in his right ankle during Tuesday night's game in Quebec and will be lost for four to six weeks. Ulf Samuelsson was presented with the Emery Edge Plus/Minus Award prior to last night's game.



Sylvain Turgeon (16) of the Whalers fires the puck into the goal past Washington Capitals' goalie Clint Malarchuk in the first period of their game Wednesday night at the Civic Center. The Whalers won their third straight, 5-4.

Raymond was pulled from the net with 49 seconds remaining in the game. The attendance was 13,338.

Hartford's Brent Peterson and Washington's Dale Hunter incited a mini-brawl at the end of the game. Peterson, you'll recall, suffered fractured ribs on Nov. 21 after Hunter speared him.

NBA Roundup

Bullets 120, Lakers 112

Defending champion Los Angeles continued to slide, losing to Washington for its sixth loss in nine games following an 8-0 start.

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Suns 117, Hawks 105

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Golden State won for the third time in 16 games when Sleepy Floyd, who missed two free throws with 19 seconds left, made a 18-foot jumper with one second remaining to beat Cleveland.

Mavericks 125, Kings 98

Dallas scored the first 17 points of the game, but still needed a 28-run in the third period to beat Sacramento.

Rollando Blackman had eight of his 25 points during the game-opening blitz in which Dallas hit eight of its first 11 shots, while Sacramento, which has lost six consecutive games, missed its first eight attempts and went scoreless in the first 4:03.

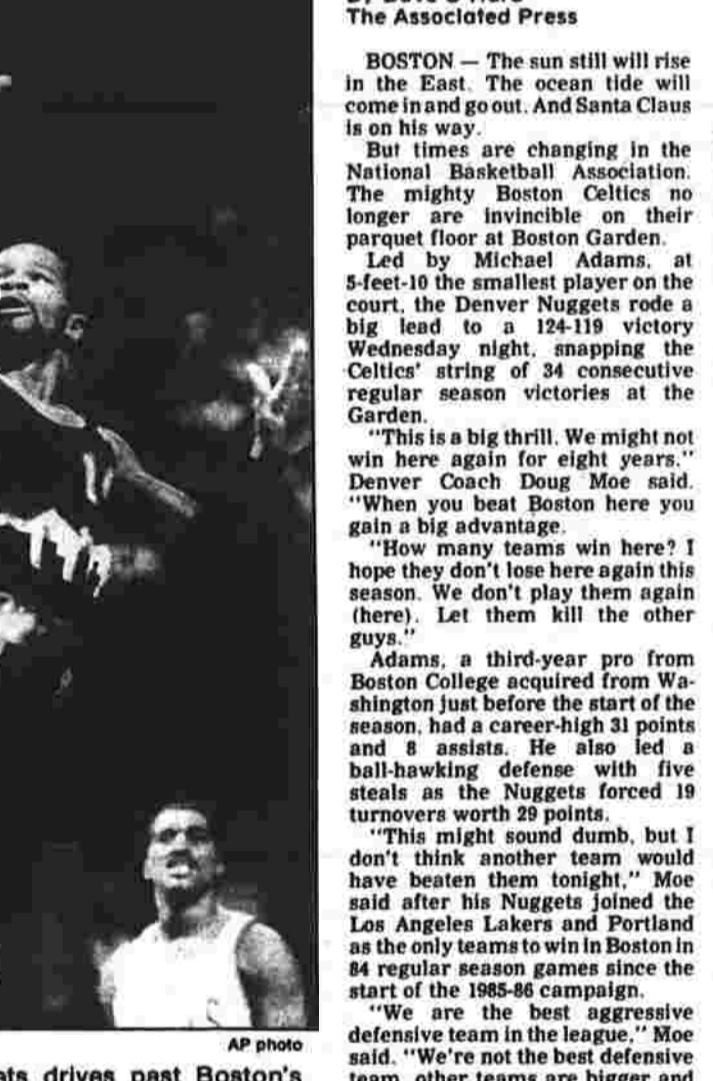
Sacramento clipped a 59-49 half-time deficit to six early in the third quarter before Dallas put the game out of reach with its 28-4 run, stretching its lead to 89-61.

Mark Aguirre scored nine of his 28 points during the rout.

Larry Nance had 21 points for Phoenix, while Kevin Willis and Doc Rivers both had 22 for the Hawks.

Floyd then took a pass from Larry Nance and shot a 17-foot jumper to give the Mavericks a 117-105 victory for UConn's Big deal.

Another 'moral' victory for UConn's Big deal. The fans and, assuredly, the team are fed up of these 'moral' victories and are becoming allergic to such as 'encouraging, respectable, promising,' etc. It's high time that the Huskies do some winning or else they'll be known as the 'moral minority.'



Michael Adams of the Nuggets drives past Boston's Kevin McHale (32) for two of his career-high 31 points in leading Denver to a 124-119 win Wednesday night at Boston Garden. The loss snapped the Celtics' 34-game home winning streak.

UConn hoop fans fed up with 'moral' victories

By Jim Tierney, Herald Sports Writer

Given the nightmarish University of Connecticut basketball season last year which tormented the restless souls of UConn hoop aficionados, many thought the worst was over.

After suffering the anguish of his fifth consecutive losing season (9-19) during the 1986-87 campaign, UConn felt it could transform its tarnished image beginning this season under second-year Coach Jim Calhoun.

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against Yale, Virginia, and Villanova. To label anyone, especially someone unproven, a 'star' is not healthy for him or the team.

George, the Husky point guard, had one assist against Virginia and UConn's starters totaled four field goals in the first half last Sunday. UConn opened its Big East schedule Tuesday night at DePriest, the 1985 national champion. After only winning three conference games last year, UConn dearly hoped for an auspicious commencement to its arduous Big East slate.

The visiting Huskies gave the Wildcats all they could handle and it took a last-second shot by Mark Foy for Villanova to take out a 63-61 win.

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Calhoun is right. This team seems to possess the competitive edge lacking in last year's team. How competitive that is will be the key to the rest of the Husky season. The talent is certainly there and, if Robinson wakes up and finds his game and UConn starts to rebound, the wins aren't too far around the corner. These signs, for lack of a better word, are 'encouraging.'

Let's just hope Calhoun refrains from mentioning 'moral' victories anymore.

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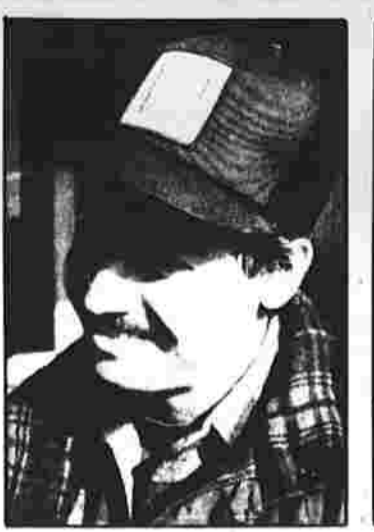
What is the funniest thing that has ever happened to you?



Pam Cooper: "We went on a (mother and son) Boy Scout camping trip and they lost us in the woods — for 48 hours we were with a bunch of Boy Scouts."



Debbie Burba: "We took the Boy Scouts to a fast-food restaurant. When the special order they gave seemed to take a long time to prepare, I asked the waiters where it was. It was right there."



Steve Martin: "Nothing I can think of off hand. Just the name gets a lot of comments."



Gales Charpentier: "I just had my 40th birthday."



Pat Jasinski: "We were teaching my youngest daughter about nationalities. When we went to dinner, we let her pay with our credit card. The waiter commented on how smart the girl was. But then she started to cry and said 'I'm not smart, my mommy said I was Polish.'"



Marissa Stevens: "I mailed a bill once with the address of the company inside, so it came back."

Moms try to curb teen-age appetites

DEAR ABBY: When I read about "Ma in Melrose," whose kids always ate up all the leftovers intended for another meal, I had to laugh. One of my most traumatic memories of raising teen-agers was the day our son ate half a standing rib roast for an afternoon snack. His comment (while we were having scrambled eggs for supper): "But, Mom, you didn't have a note on it!"



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

A special shelf — as you suggest, Abby — is fine, but not everything fits on some shelves. Notes are better. Just put a note "Do Not Eat" — on anything you want to keep for later, and never assume, as I did, that any fool would know better than to eat half a standing rib roast!

KATE REEVES,
FULLERTON, CALIF.

fridge of a whole week's groceries in one day! Nothing could be left alone for another meal: cheese, lunch meats, poultry — always gone. Solution: A good old-fashioned padlock was placed on the icebox door. And he held the key!

My aunt had four teen-age boys and they all ate like horses. She said it was years before she realized that refrigerators didn't come with behinds sticking out of the door.

Now I have a 13-year-old son, and when I can't find him, I always know where to look — in the fridge. The "reserve shelf for off-limit stuff" per your suggestion was a good idea. I forgot, "come along, excuse." **MA EISENHAUER,**
MORRISDALE, PA.

Reducing the risk of getting hepatitis

DEAR DR. GOTT: My boyfriend travels frequently in rural areas of Third World countries, putting us at high risk for hepatitis. Is it better to get a permanent vaccine for hepatitis B or to go with gamma globulin? Do either of these protect against hepatitis A?



Dr. Gott
Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR READER: You and your boyfriend should have blood tests to determine whether you are already immune to hepatitis B, a serious liver infection that is common in underdeveloped parts of the world. If neither of you is immune, you should be given the hepatitis B vaccine.

Don't rely on gamma-globulin injections to protect you against hepatitis B; this serum is useful primarily in protecting against hepatitis A, a far less serious liver ailment. Hepatitis B is caused by a virus that is distinct from the one causing hepatitis A; therefore, the B vaccine will not prevent you from acquiring hepatitis A if you deviate from strict hygiene measures, such as being careful of drinking water and uncooked food.

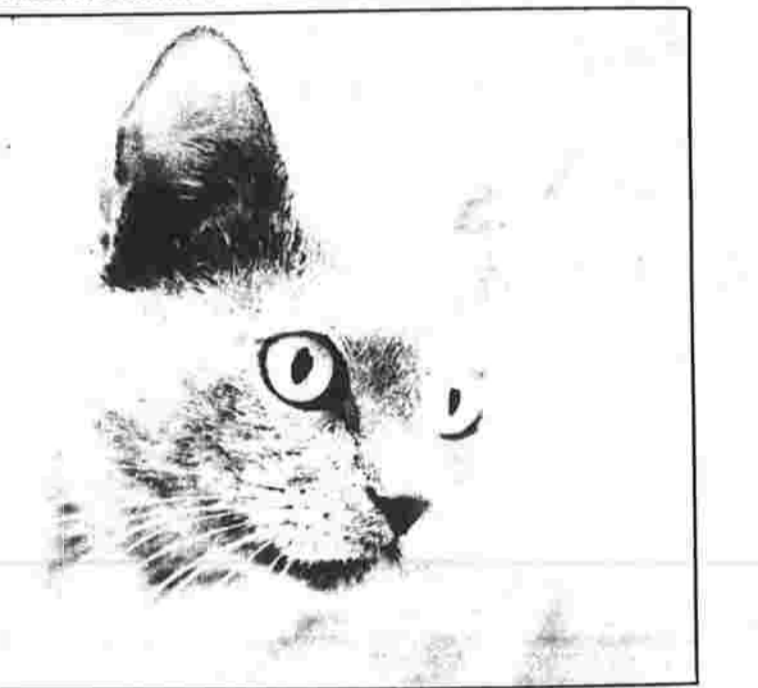
For information on health problems in a specific country, the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C., can be of great assistance.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 73 and in fine shape, but when I sit in the sun with my bare feet exposed, my feet begin to itch within a few minutes and I must cover them up. What could cause this?

DEAR READER: You seem to have an allergy to sunlight, affecting a relatively unexposed portion of your body. In some sun-sensitive people, ultraviolet light triggers the



Minnie, held by Dog Warden Richard Rand, is in need of a home, as is Taffy, a buff-colored female cat.



Judy Lazorki/Special to the Herald

Adopt a pet

Minnie could fill a holiday stocking

By Barbara Richmond/Manchester Herald

She's been named Minnie and she is this week's featured pet — a little mixed breed dog that would nicely fill a Christmas stocking.

Dog Warden Richard Rand said Minnie is about 9 weeks old and is probably a terrier cross. When picked up she was wearing a little red collar with blue trim on it. She was found roaming on Center Street a few days ago.

Besides Minnie, the only other

new pup at the pound, as of Tuesday, was a male beagle. He's about 2 years old, is tan and white and was picked up Dec. 7 on North Street.

Ebony, last week's featured pet, is still waiting to be adopted. He's an all-black setter cross and was picked up Dec. 1 in the vicinity of Porter Street and Ferguson Road.

Harley, the grey and black Husky, mentioned in last week's column, was picked up by his owner, Samantha, the female shepherd found on Orchard Street has been adopted by a Bolton family.

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Winter is a time to guard your pets

Although standard time has only recently returned, the signs are there for pet owners to get ready for Old Man Winter and the coming holidays.

When checking your car's antifreeze, take care not to spill any and if you do clean it up immediately. Both cats and dogs like the sweet taste and as little as a teaspoon can be lethal. If your pet licks any or you think he/she has, call your veterinarian immediately.

During cold weather cats like to nap near or on a warm car engine. Honk your horn, slam the car door or bang the hood to make sure a snoring feline isn't about to be chomped up by the car's fan.

Holiday time means goodies and sweets, especially chocolate. Theobromine in chocolate can be extremely toxic to companion

mistletoe and poinsettias. Electric cords may cause shock or burns if chewed by puppies.

Have happy holiday and winter activities by observing these common sense cautions for pets.

QUESTION: My cat is a lovely 14 year old calico. She is brushed, combed, fed, patted and loved every day. Lately her fur, especially toward the rear, seems to be all clumped together. It is impossible to brush or comb through. When she sheds, her hair sometimes comes out in small bunches but she has never before had these lightly knit clumps. Can you tell me if this is due to age, diet or what? She is fed mostly a variety of canned cat food.

As for the tongue tugging, that is just a cute (I think) habit of some cats, and has nothing to do with temperature or humidity. Enjoy your kitty — she sounds like fun.

ANSWER: First let me congratulate you on taking good care of your cat. Sometimes in spite of such care, problems such as clumping of

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Holiday ballet in its eighth year

"Twas the night before the ballet, and down by the stage, ballerinas were stretching, warming up for the big day.

After two months of weekend rehearsals, Pricilla Gibson's Manchester Ballet was at Manchester High School on Friday for its dress rehearsal. On Saturday the dancers would offer "Twas the Night Before Christmas" at two performances, which were almost sold out.

Some 50 dancers from ages 8 to 17 had auditioned to participate in this Christmas pageant. In addition to these members of Gibson's company, this year's production featured Sergio Neglia as a guest dancer. Neglia, originally from Argentina, was trained at the School of American Ballet.

Backstage, Gibson, a petite blonde, was dwarfed by her army of cherubs. She marshalled her forces with a low-key but efficient approach as she gave line-up and costuming instructions.

Gibson then went through an initial dry run to set dancers in the wings, and space out their positions onstage. Polite but rigorous, she gave specific instructions, calling out the steps and action of scenes.

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Center Stage
M. Renee Taylor

Ekhardt was cast as the father. Young Rebekah Venezia of Manchester was intent and disciplined as the daughter. Among guests and children were Rachel and Richard Soranzo of Andover, and Paul Benoit, Alison Larkin and David Grzyb, all of Manchester.

IN THE NEXT SCENE, Elizabeth Swan, 16, of Manchester was the Christmas Fairy. In gold lame and white brocade, she and premier dancer Neglia provided the first pas de deux. Also on hand in this scene was Jennifer Barberi, 16, of Manchester, in white from head and ears to tall. In her feline feature, she playfully teased mice, including Manchester's Kathryn Roche.

Probably the best dancer in the company was Monique Pitz, 17, of Coventry. Her first sparkling appearance in this show was as the Sugar Plum Fairy. In lilac satin and tulle tutu, in a solo of pointwork and jets.

She was assisted by Heidi Schuster of Manchester. A happy, personable dancer with precise arm portage, Schuster floated through her adagio in burgundy satin and tulle.

Among the corps with their sweeping bows and poses were some Manchester sugar plums, including Melissa Ross, Brook Griffin, Andrea Murray and Erin Martin.

Both of the ribbon candy dancers were from Manchester. Twirling streamers and wearing pink barrettes and berets were Chere

Torsello and Nicole Rankin.

A WINDY OUTDOOR backdrop was the set for Manchester's Alison Larkin, 16, as the moon. Heidi Schuster returned as the snowflake solist with Nicole Archambault of Coventry. Monique Pitz returned as the Snow Queen, glittering about under a dusting of snow.

Erica Moreland was a calm and collected Frost Princess in this scene. Perhaps the most memorable feature of this scene was Elizabeth Swan's portrayal of Jack Frost.

The brief leaves scene included Sarah Olson of Manchester and other town dancers, returning to the stage.

The big finale consisted of Santa bringing toys to life. Returning Manchester dancers perform as a sock-in-the-box and several types of dolls. Monique Pitz was at her most charming as one of two taramella dancers.

After the finale, Gibson assembled her cast for a final session of recommendations on positioning, makeup and attitude. Other than a brief stint with the Metropolitan Ballet of New York, she has spent most of her time in ballet as a teacher.

It is obviously her forte. Still recovering after recent surgery, she seemed tired but content at Friday evening's rehearsal, as she recreated her labor of love for the enjoyment of her dancers and the public.



Elizabeth Swan as the Christmas fairy is partnered by Sergio Neglia, the cavalier, in "Twas the Night Before Christmas," performed Saturday by the Manchester Ballet.

Monks can sling heavenly hash, microwave style

DEAR MR. ROSS: This is a request for you to send a microwave oven to a group of 50 priests and monks.

I am neither Catholic nor religious. However, last spring I was honored to be invited to dinner at Father Bill's monastery. Although the Sunday menu was good food, the "hot" food was as cold as the cold food.

It turned out they have no way of keeping the food hot because the meal hours last at least 2 hours. The priests and monks go to dinner at different times due to their work schedule.

Even though these priests have "chosen" their way of life and do not complain, I feel they would appreciate a hot meal that is hot. A microwave would be just right for them, especially since they wander in alone at scattered times to have their meals.

This has been on my mind ever since my visit, but there is no way I could afford to buy them one. However, I feel they are most deserving. After all, this is a modern age. And so, this letter to you.

MR. P., BRIDGEWATER, N.J.

DEAR MR. P.: I agree. Just because one takes a

vow of poverty, chastity and obedience doesn't mean they have to eat their food cold. These men will soon be slingng some heavenly hash. My forthcoming check will purchase a suitable microwave oven.

DEAR MR. ROSS: I'm writing for my daughter who's had polio since she was 11.

She's now 40. The polio left her feet two different shoe sizes. To date, she has never been able to afford to buy two pairs of shoes at the same time. I'm asking for enough to buy her low-heeled shoes, size 6 and 8, any color.

Maybe I'm wrong to ask your help. There are a lot more people who need help with more important things.

MRS. L.W., ERIE, PA.

DEAR MRS. W.: I'm sending your daughter \$100 to foot her shoe needs. I'm also including information about the National Odd Shoe Exchange. They handle new donated footwear from shoe stores, manufacturing companies and their members. It operates as an address exchange but its members in contact with others having the reciprocal shoe size. You can write them at P.O. Box 56945, Phoenix, AZ 85079.

DEAR MR. ROSS: We're having some problems that we could use help with. First, my father broke both his legs when he fell off a hang glider. Needless to say, we lost the glider.

Then grandma tried to hang herself in the barn. She was unsuccessful, so now we hide all rope from her. She requires extensive chiropractic treatment for her neck.

I offer as much support as I can, but I'm being held on suspicion of cat burglary, just because I

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Calming influence

DALLAS (AP) - Volatile baseball manager Billy Martin says he has a new, calming influence in his life, a woman he plans to marry next month.

"People will be waiting to see when Billy will explode again and I understand that. I hope you have a long wait," Martin, who was re-hired by New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner after being fired four times, said Wednesday.

"I'll be married and I'll be staying at home more," Martin said at major league baseball's winter business meetings here.

Martin, 59, said he is marrying Jill Guiver, in her early 30s, in Blackhawk, Calif., on Jan. 25. The manager, who has been married three times, described his fiancée as a baseball fan, a photographer and "a great girl" he has known for seven years.

"Tip" marks 75th

BOSTON (AP) - Former House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, recovering from bowel and prostate surgery, celebrated his 75th birthday with family members in a hospital room, but Washington was only a phone call away.

O'Neill received a conference call Wednesday from members of the Massachusetts congressional delegation, including Democrats Edward Boland, Joseph Moakley and Brian Donnelly.

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