

Names in the News

Laughing it up

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) — President Reagan laughed it up with Bob Hope at a party to mark the opening of a \$20 million entertainment center named for the comedian.

"Bob Hope has given generously of his valuable time and valuable talent in support of worthwhile causes, perhaps more than any human being alive today," Reagan said Saturday as the Bob Hope Cultural Center opened.

Accepting the first "America's Hope Award" from Reagan, the comedian said, "I appreciate the nice things he said about me, even if I'm not Russian."

"Naming a cultural center for me is like naming a monastery for Gary Hart," quipped Hope, who had just returned from entertaining U.S. armed forces in the Persian Gulf.

More than 1,000 people paid up to \$10,000 a couple to attend the gala, which featured a five-course dinner and a laser-light show.

The dedication of the 1,166-seat McCallum Theatre, crown jewel of the cultural center, featured pianist Van Cliburn, newlywed singers Vic Damone and Diabhan Carroll and the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

A new frontier

NEW YORK (AP) — Actor-turned-businessman Fess Parker, remembered best as television's conkin-clad woodsman Davy Crockett, has considered entering a new frontier: politics.

Family obligations, however, kept Parker from challenging Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., last year, the 63-year-old actor shared in several music videos before getting the good news from the

"I thought I could win," said Parker, a conservative. "But I didn't want to be away from my family more than I was."

Wait Disney chose Parker for a 1988 special on Crockett, the woodsman and hero of the Alamo. Parker re-created the role in a subsequent TV series.

Parker, who made his last film in 1972, cashed in on his fame, earning millions on profits from merchandising of conkin caps and Old Davy toys.

With that money he turned to full-time real-estate development in California and Kentucky.

Last July, he opened his \$50 million Fess Parker Red Lion Resort Hotel in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Return to fiction

NEW YORK (AP) — Chaim Potok says he is eager to return to writing fiction after spending nearly two years turning his best-selling novel "The Chosen" into an off-Broadway musical.

"What I want to do now, as soon as this enterprise is on the boards, is go back to my work," Potok said in an interview published Sunday in The New York Times.

The musical opens Wednesday at the Second Avenue Theater.

Potok's story of two teen-age Jewish boys embroiled in a 1940s Brooklyn has sold millions of copies since it was published in 1967.

"The Chosen," which previously was made into a motion picture, deals with the Holocaust and the creation of the state of Israel.

"There's some very serious material here ... but the novel itself is not heavy-handed," Potok said. "And I thought it might be interesting to try, at least to try" making the musical.

Potok's other novels include "The Promise," "My Name is Asher Lev" and "In the Beginning."

Photo opportunity

SANDRINGHAM, England (AP) — Dozens of photographers flocked to the country home of Queen Elizabeth II for a photo session after the royal family attended church services.

About 40 photographers assembled at the old Sandringham fire station to take pictures of the queen, her husband, Prince Philip, son Prince Charles and his wife, Princess Diana and their children.

Shutters snapped for eight minutes while the sons of the Prince and Princess — William, 5, and Harry, 3 — clambered on a vintage fire engine. The boys were joined by Peter Phillips, 16, and Zara Phillips, 6, the children of Anne, the Princess Royal, and her husband Mark Phillips.

Earlier Sunday, a crowd of 5,000 watched the family go to church.

Black Rockette

NEW YORK (AP) — The first-ever black Rockette, who will join the famed high-kicking chorus line this month, says she's



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from Africa. Men from Zaire and Italy who sat flanking the pope filled his glass with wine and water. He served himself the menu of ravioli and tortellini, roast veal with peas and fresh fruit.

The institute began aiding the poor in 1869. Its San Paolo Center serves 600 meals daily and gives free lodging to 50 homeless people each night.

Bald and boastful

WAUKESHA, Wis. (AP) — David Lee Dix is not only happy about being bald, he's downright boastful.

Dix, a 51-year-old Waukesha real estate agent who says he shaves his remaining fringe of hair to achieve full baldness, publishes a quarterly newsletter designed expressly for the hairless.

The publication, which had a 400-copy first run, is called "YIBAWAN" — for "Yes, I'm Bald and What Else?" — and is "devoted to the promotion of Bald Happiness and Bald Truth." Dix wrote in the first issue, dated this autumn.

The second issue, for winter of 1987-88, featured a front-page "YIBAWAN Code" outlining Dix's basic philosophy.

While others may choose to wear wigs, have hair transplants, try hair-growing treatments or seek to cover baldness with fancy combing methods, "I will go bald forever," the code states.

"As a YIBAWAN, I pledge to help my fellows who have not arisen to Bald Consciousness, showing by example that every human is beautiful in his/her own way," the code states.

Besides the newsletter, offered to subscribers for \$10 a year, Dix sells bumper stickers with various bald-oriented messages.



Sons of Britain's Prince and Princess of Wales, William, 5, left, and Harry, 3, right, board a vintage fire engine at the royal family's Sandringham House in Norfolk, England, Sunday. In the driver's seat is Peter Phillips, 16, the son of Princess Anne.

Betty goes home

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — Former first lady Betty Ford has left the hospital where she spent the New Year's holiday undergoing treatment for complications of earlier heart bypass surgery, a hospital spokesman said today.

The wife of former President Gerald Ford was released from Eisenhower Medical Center on Sunday, five days after being admitted for emergency surgery to stop bleeding from stitches made during November's bypass

surgery. "Mrs. Ford was discharged from the medical center at 10:15 a.m. and she will be recuperating at home," hospital spokesman Michael McPadden said in a statement.

Mrs. Ford, 69, entered the hospital Tuesday after telling her husband she felt weak after dinner. Dr. Jack Steinlieb, who performed the quadruple bypass surgery, said she was discharged to stop bleeding from stitches closing the incision, hospital officials said.

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Homeless jam shelters while mercury falls

By Mitchell Hirsch The Associated Press

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David Kool/Manchester Herald

Brophy 'rethinks' mill plan

By Nancy Conclinn Manchester Herald

The developer of the Yarn Mill at 216 Pine St. said Monday he'll have to "rethink" plans for the building and may change the use completely because of conditions the Planning and Zoning Commission put on approval of the conversion plans.

Lawrence Brophy, president of Brophy Ahern of West Haven, also said that the company will appeal the PZC's decision that the developer must pay for various utility improvements on and off the site, including work on curbs and sidewalks and improvements to the sewer and water systems. The PZC Monday approved a special exception permit and the overall site plans for the conversion of the mill into 105 residences and eight stores at a meeting in the Lincoln Center hearing room.

"We're going to rethink the uses for the building," Brophy said after the meeting. "The Planning and Zoning board has made it impossible for us to go forward. No matter what standard we meet, it's never adequate."

Brophy Ahern's attorney, Robert C. Letze of West Haven, said he'll appeal the PZC's decision to Superior Court. Warning of that lawsuit came in a letter dated Dec. 23 to Planning Director Mark Pellegrini from Letze, who said that Brophy Ahern was "prejudiced" by the PZC because of requirements the commission had placed on approval of the plans. In the letter, Letze threatened to sue Pellegrini and the PZC.

But commission members and Pellegrini said that those conditions, outlined for Brophy Ahern at the Dec. 7 PZC meeting, are necessary according to town regulations and town staff.

One of those requirements was to eliminate a shortage of 10 parking spaces. Brophy Ahern reduced the amount of proposed retail space from 15,750 square feet to about 13,250 square feet and showed the required 208 spaces.

But at Monday's meeting, Letze contested other conditions, including the recommendation from the Public Works Department that Brophy Ahern replace 1,100 feet of sidewalks and curbing along Cooper Hill and Pine streets and Hartford Road. Brophy Ahern said it would replace only 750 feet of sidewalk and that resetting the curbs was the town's responsibility.

In a letter to Pellegrini dated Dec. 11, Letze said the town didn't require the developers of the Clocktower Mill and other mill properties to pay for work on curbs and sidewalks along Elm and Forest streets, and waived the requirement for resetting the curbing along Pine Street for the Ribbon Mill project. Letze said the replacement of curbing and walks "makes no sense" because of the town plans to rebuild Hartford Road in the future. But James Weber, a town engineer, said that those plans aren't on the drawing boards yet.

Commission members agreed with the Public Works Department that sidewalks and curbs should be replaced according to town standards, but Letze disagreed with the commission's definition of town

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McDonald's advertisement: WE'RE SERVING YOU BREAKFAST TOGETHER and the Manchester Herald. Includes image of a woman holding a newspaper and McDonald's logo.

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LATE BUS — Kim Pound and her 22-month-old son, Gerald, try to keep warm this morning as they wait near the Heartland supermarket on Tolland

Turnpike for the bus to Rockville. Temperatures tonight are expected to reach a low of zero to 5 above.

Look out for wind chill tonight

A cold front is on its way to central Connecticut just as area residents have finished cleaning up after Sunday and Monday's snow storm.

It was only 16 degrees late this morning, and temperatures are expected to drop further, to as low as zero tonight with a wind chill factor of 23 to 35 below.

However, this morning's brisk

temperatures caused no rush at AAA-Hartford, spokesman Mike Klein reported. Between 7 and 11:30 a.m., 120 calls had been received for assistance, an average number for this time of year, Klein said.

He said the number of calls can be expected roughly to double Wednesday morning as temperatures dip to the single digits.

The National Weather Service at

State office seeks space in Manchester

By Andrew J. Davis Manchester Herald

The Region 3 office of the state Department of Mental Retardation is planning to move out of its Vernon office into two offices, one in Manchester and the other in Willimantic, said Thomas J. Sullivan, regional director of the department.

The department plans to move its main regional office from Vernon to Willimantic within the next few months, Sullivan said. It also hopes to open a regional office in Manchester in the future, he added.

Though the department is close to signing a lease in Willimantic, advertising for office space in Manchester has only just begun, he

said. "We are looking to relocate our main office in Willimantic ... and to find space for a satellite office (in Manchester)," Sullivan said.

"We're looking for smaller space in Manchester," Sullivan said. More than 830 mentally retarded children and adults are served by the department in Region 3, of which about 175 live in Manchester, he said. The department provides family support, day-care financing and group home management, among other services.

Between 4,500 and 5,000 square feet of office space is needed for the Manchester office, he said. Along with the leased office space, an on-site, reserved, paved and lighted parking lot for 33 automobiles is

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The department is negotiating to open an 11,000-square-foot office in Willimantic, Sullivan said. Negotiations involve space in the United Bank building on Main Street in Willimantic, Sullivan said. The department, hopefully, will be able to move to its new main offices by spring, he added. That office will be the workplace for 85 of the department's employees, he said.

W. Lee Palmer, director of leasing and property transfers for the Department of Public Works, said leasing prices for Manchester and Willimantic have not yet been set.

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Night fire kills three in Newington duplex

NEWINGTON (AP) — Three members of a family died early today in a fire that swept through a two-story duplex, according to a Newington police department spokesman.

The fire was reported at about 11:30 a.m. at the duplex on Pebble Drive, according to Officer Richard Adamek.

"There were five occupants, all related. A brother and sister

escaped with minor injuries, but both parents and a brother remained trapped inside," Adamek said.

Names of those who died have been withheld until relatives are notified, Adamek said.

He said a police officer and a firefighter sustained minor injuries. No cause of the fire had been determined and the investigation was continuing, Adamek said.

TODAY

Temporary rebound

Direct intervention in currency markets by the Federal Reserve and other central banks appears to be a factor in the dollar's rebound from post-World War II lows, but analysts suggest the respite might be temporary. Story on page 20.

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Oil spill shuts off water

WEST ELIZABETH, Pa. (AP) — Dry spigots forced thousands of residents to buy bottled water or lug buckets from tank trucks in the aftermath of a million-gallon oil spill that shut off water in Pittsburgh's suburbs.

"I was shocked when I got home," said Judy Schramm, pouring water into a plastic container from an emergency tank. "Not a drop came out of the spigot. Nothing. I just don't think people prepared enough."

Ma. Schramm

It 'gets real' when they cut hair

Coventry youths reflect on West Point experience

By Jacqueline Bennett
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — For two local youths enrolled at West Point Academy, every day is a test of physical and mental stamina. Kim Hodge, daughter of Haywood and former Town Manager Harold Hodge Jr. of Wrights Mill Road, and Kevin Banks, son of Margaret and Robert Banks of Alice Drive, were accepted to the U.S. Military Academy in May. They began basic training as freshmen 4th class plebes in July.



KEVIN BANKS
"It's been tough"

KIM HODGE
"I love the challenge"

Hodge and Banks, both graduates of Coventry High School, reflected on their experiences during visits home during the holidays. Both said they are proud to be cadets. "It's been tough, but I thought I expected it. It's changed a lot since the 'old' days — but it has been tough," said Banks.

Up by five, plebes must have their rooms clean by 6 a.m. They fall in for formation and inspection by upperclassmen before breakfast. That time, daily knowledge quizzes are given. Upperclassmen have a free hand questioning plebes on information they are expected to know.

"You have to memorize the front page of the New York Times, or the front page of the sports section," said Hodge. "Basically that originated because it's easy to become involved in the place itself, especially for plebes. They want to be sure you're aware of what's going on in the world."

Plebes are also expected to know facts about other branches of the military, such as the location of academies. They must also know the history of the United States, as well as West Point itself. There are physical drills daily and duties to perform. "The physical part is the hardest," said Banks.

Everyday there are mandatory athletics such as push-ups, sit-ups, running, or rifle drills. "It's not as tough as it used to be though. You always hear stories about the 'old' days when they were involved in the place itself, especially for plebes. They want to be sure you're aware of what's going on in the world."

The first trip to the barber was another emotional moment for both Banks and Hodge. "I get real when they shave your head," said Banks. Hodge, whose rich silky-looking black hair at one time fell below her shoulders, agreed.

"All the girls talk about it," said Hodge. "I've had to get mine cut shorter and shorter. At first it didn't bother me, but now I look in the mirror and 'ooh,' she sighed. Other things about the girls talk about are more important, however. Females have only been accepted at the academy for the last 10 years. "Some of the girls complain that they try to femininize you," said Hodge.

Academy founded in 1802

The U.S. Military Academy, often referred to as "West Point," is located on the banks of the Hudson River in West Point, N.Y. The nation's school was established as a military post during the Revolutionary War. The academy was founded by an act of Congress in 1802.

Requirements for admission are stiff. Candidates need to score in the range of 1,200 to 1,300 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, have at least a B average in school, and receive a Congressional nomination, as well as pass medical and physical tests. There are an average of 14,000 applicants per year. The academy has only accepted females for about 10 years.

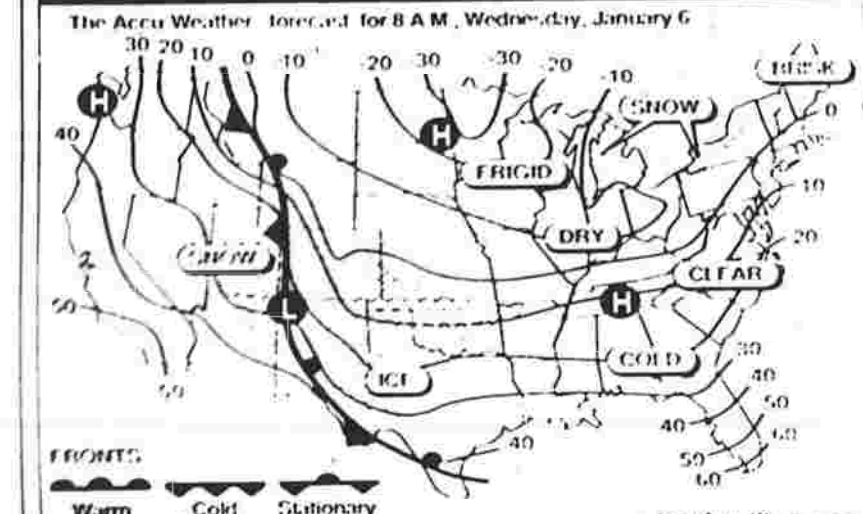
Upon graduation, a cadet receives a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission as second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower is among the notable graduates from the prestigious institution.

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — Liver transplantation has proliferated during the past four years from an experimental procedure performed at only a few centers in the world to an expected 1,000 in the United States in 1987, says Internal Medicine News.

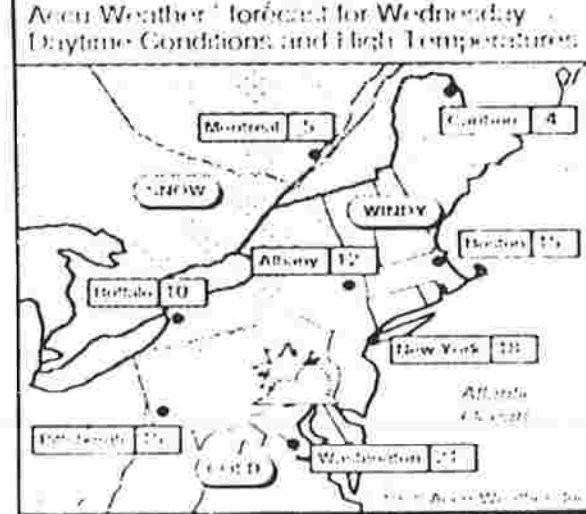
The medical journal, noting the first liver transplant in humans was performed in 1963, reports that before 1981 not more than 25 were performed in the U.S. Now there are more than 40 transplant centers in the nation expected to perform the 1,000 operations.

The publication lists reasons for the rapid change in status as including the introduction of new drugs, improvements in surgical techniques and medical management, and acceptance of patients earlier in the course of their disease.

THE WEATHER



REGIONAL WEATHER



Nation's midsection is frigid and windy

High winds and frigid temperatures made it feel as cold as 60 below zero today in the Great Lakes region, while snow whited the central and northern Rockies and the Pacific Northwest. Gale winds and snow flurries swept across parts of Michigan this morning, while sub-zero temperatures gripped much of the state.

Weather Almanac

With winds gusting to 30 mph, the lowest wind chill values overnight were in the upper Mississippi Valley, where it felt like 64 below zero at Rochester, Minn., and 59 below at Mason City, Iowa.

About Town

D of I to meet

The Daughters of Isabella will meet at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., tonight at 7 p.m. for the wake of Irene Bergin.

Adult classes begin

Manchester Adult Evening School will begin the week of Feb. 1. Brochures are available at local banks and libraries. Registration is \$15 per course for Manchester residents and \$20 per course for non-residents. Manchester senior citizens may take one course free, except word processing. In addition to those offered at the Senior Center, Mail registrations will be accepted until Jan. 21. In-person registration will be held in the Manchester High School cafeteria on Monday, Jan. 25 from 8:30 to 8 p.m. snowdate, Jan. 26.

Friends meet

ANDOVER — Friends of the Andover Public Library will meet on Thursday, Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the library at 742-7428.

Diabetes club meets

The East-of-the-River Diabetes Club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Manchester Memorial Hospital auditorium, Gordon Brode, M.D. will speak on hypertension. Meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, call 633-2419.

Stress classes slated

Stress management skills will be offered at Manchester Memorial Hospital on Tuesday evenings from Jan. 12 to Feb. 16 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The fee is \$75 with a \$10 discount offered to senior citizens and Connecticure members. To register, call 647-6600 by Jan. 8.

Open house planned

BOLTON — The Hans Christian Andersen Montessori School on Bolton Center Road is holding an open house on Feb. 1 at 8 p.m. Parent interested in registering their children for the 1988-89 school year will see a slide show presentation. The school is for children ages two and nine months through six. For more information, call 646-9727.

Photographer honored

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Polka classes held

ROCKVILLE — The Johnny Prytko Dance Team is offering free polka lessons at the T. Kosciuszko Club on Vernon Ave. Lessons run 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning tonight from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Lessons are open to the first 200 people who register before the class tonight.

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Manchester In Brief

Subdivision plans require review

The Planning and Zoning Commission Monday approved part of the plans for the second and third phases of the 222-lot Boxwood Estates Subdivision off Vernon Street and the...

Older Adults meet

Manchester Community College Older Adults Association will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the Low Program Center. Colin McCreary of the Hartford Courant will be guest speaker. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call 647-4155.

Club meets

The Cosmopolitan Club will meet on Friday at 1:30 p.m. in Center Church, John Green, of Lux, Bond, Green and Stevens will discuss genes.

YWCA exercise

The Nutmeg Branch YWCA is offering Body Design, an exercise program, beginning Tuesday, Jan. 25 from 8:30 to 9 p.m. snowdate, Jan. 26, and runs for six weeks. Preregistration is required and may be done by calling the Center at 647-1457.

Crafts classes set

The Nutmeg Branch of the YWCA has openings in its Monday, Tuesday and Thursday classes which begin Monday. Classes offer crafts, games, music and other activities. To register, call 647-1457.

Handicapped stretch

Manchester Recreation Department is offering exercise classes for the handicapped and retarded citizens at the Sheltered Workshop, Bentley School, on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. beginning this Thursday. Registration is not necessary.

Support offered

The Alzheimer Support Group Program will meet tomorrow and Wednesday, Jan. 20 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the mental health conference room of Manchester Memorial Hospital. The support group is a program of the Visiting Nurse and Home Care of Manchester. For more information, call 647-1481.

State won't get involved in dispute over sewers

Officials for the state Department of Environmental Protection say they likely will stay out of the dispute between the town and the Eight Utilities District over how a sewer to serve proposed developments in Buckland will be installed.

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Library repairs before directors

A proposal for exterior repairs to the Mary Cheney Library and the appropriation of funds for emergency housing cleanup are among items on the agenda for the meeting of the town Board of Directors tonight.

The board will meet at 7:30 in the hearing room at Lincoln Center. A workshop on the town's property revaluation, also open to the public, is scheduled for 7 p.m.

It's full steam ahead with state grant

"We're going to steam right ahead," said Edgerton, an East Windsor resident and art teacher at the State Receiving and Study Home in Warehouse Point.

Second suspect hunted in reporter slaying

HARTFORD (AP) — Police acknowledge they are searching for a second suspect in connection with the October strangulation of a newspaper reporter.

Longo plans race as an independent

HARTFORD (AP) — Former Bristol Mayor Frank Longo, who made an unsuccessful third-party bid for governor in 1986, says he has taken out petitions to get on the ballot for an independent for the U.S. Senate this year.

Welfare hotel' stays cut by new program

NEW HAVEN (AP) — A pilot program apparently has helped reduce by more than half the number of New Haven-area homeless families staying in hotels and is being expanded into eastern Connecticut, state officials say.

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ing proposals are included under public hearings in the directors' agenda. The board, however, is not to act on the proposals until its second meeting this month, next Tuesday.

At next week's meeting, the Board of Directors is to consider a proposal made last month by the Manchester Country Club to increase fees for residents by 10 percent. The board is also to consider the hiring of a technician for the town's water and sewer division to handle marking out the position of underground utilities on roadways. The new position would carry a yearly salary of \$25,940.

Court date in burglary

A Manchester teen-ager charged last year in connection with the theft of equipment from the former Highland Park School building will face burglary charges again when he appears in Manchester Superior Court tomorrow.

Matthew J. Irwin, 18, of 130 Birch St., was arrested Wednesday and charged with fourth-degree burglary and possession of burglary tools, police said. Police said Irwin was involved in the theft of \$675 worth of audio equipment from nine vehicles at the Anderson Brothers garage, 770 Main St., on or about Dec. 1.

According to police, Irwin was charged in December 1986 in connection with the theft of a computer and telephone equipment from the Highland Park School. Wednesday's arrest was Irwin's second in the last month, according to police. On Dec. 2, he was charged with third-degree burglary and third-degree larceny in connection with the attempted theft of a computer from Manchester High School, police said.

Irwin was released on a \$500 non-surety bond.

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State's budget surplus drops to \$1.3 million

By Judd Everhart
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Millions of dollars in unexpected spending on medical programs for the elderly is partly responsible for the state's dwindling budget surplus, according to the governor's budget office.

Anthony V. Milano, secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, said the estimated budget surplus, which was \$5.1 million a month ago, was down to \$1.3 million. The drop, he said, eliminates the possibility of tax cuts in this legislative session.

He said the decrease was not a result of flagging tax receipts, but due to higher-than-anticipated costs for Medicaid, which pays medical bills for the elderly, and a new program known as ConnPace, which covers prescription costs for the low-income elderly.

In all, the departments of aging and income maintenance, which administer the programs, will need \$29 million more than was budgeted, Milano said Monday. The state will be reimbursed by the federal government for part of the total, he added.

He declined to speculate on whether the state would face a deficit by the time the current budget year ends on June 30. The state does, however, appear well protected against any foreseeable deficit because it has more than \$313 million in the budget reserve, or "rainy day" fund.

Milano noted that tax receipts from the Christmas buying season won't be totaled for several more weeks. At that time, he said, his office will have a much better handle on outlook for the final six months of this budget year.

Milano's office is now working

with Gov. William A. O'Neill on the 1988-89 budget, which will be presented to the General Assembly on Feb. 3.

The unanticipated increases for Medicaid and ConnPace will mean the budgets for those programs will have to be re-evaluated for 1988-89, Milano said.

O'Neill and Milano have been saying for weeks that the chance of tax cuts in this legislative session are slim and Milano reiterated that on Monday. "In view of these increased expenditure requirements, I would say the chances of a tax cut are remote."

"We're looking at a break-even budget, down from the previous surplus we have enjoyed over the past several years," he said.

The first report for the 1987-88 budget year, which began July 1, estimated the surplus at \$24.2 million. It got as high as \$28.6 million, but has been dropping since October.

The last time the state ended a budget year with a deficit was in 1982-83, when the shortfall was \$48 million. Last year's surplus was a near-record \$365.2 million.

A report issued by the legislature's Office of Fiscal Analysis in November stated that Connecticut would face dramatic deficits in 1988-89 and 1989-90 based on current revenue projections and existing commitments.

To avoid that, the state could use some of the money from the rainy-day fund, or it could raise taxes, cut programs or come up with a combination of both.

IN THE AIR — James Cirelli, 14, of Norwich, becomes airborne after he and his plastic sled went over a hill Monday.

Like most Connecticut youngsters, he was enjoying a day off from school due to the snowstorm.



AP photo

Hearing delay is granted

HARTFORD (AP) — A probable cause hearing in the case of a Glastonbury girl charged in her mother's death has been put on hold while defense lawyers try to ban news reporters.

Defense lawyer Hubert Santos has filed a motion claiming that news coverage prejudices the case against Karen Aparo and could invade her privacy because of possible reference to her activities when she was 15 years old.

The motion asks the court to dismiss charges that Aparo, 16, was an accessory in the slaying of Joyce Aparo, 47, of Glastonbury on Aug. 5, 1987.

Mrs. Aparo was strangled in her home and her body dumped in Massachusetts. Her daughter's former boyfriend, Dennis Coleman, 18, of Glastonbury, has been charged with murder and two other people face lesser charges in connection with the crime.

Superior Court Judge Paul Vasington granted a continuance until today after Santos stated that The Hartford Courant and the Journal Inquirer of Manchester had ignored his request to present copies of news stories based on court documents describing evidence against the defendants.

Santos's motion claims that the documents' should have been sealed.

The Courant's lawyer, Ralph G. Elliot, said later that no subpoenas were received prior to Monday's hearing but that a subpoena served subsequently for copies of articles was received and copies were provided.

The defense request to dismiss charges against Aparo claims she should not be subject to adult court jurisdiction because she is a juvenile, and that no probable cause can be found outside of juvenile court to try her.

Santos also claims in his motion that law enforcement authorities went back on a promise not to prosecute Aparo if she revealed certain alleged admissions of Coleman's.

Authorities believe Aparo and Coleman had planned for more than a year to kill Mrs. Aparo. Aparo's arrest affidavit states that Coleman told a friend of his that his girlfriend "begged me" to kill her mother.

Christopher Wheatley, 20, of Glastonbury, a close friend of Coleman's, has been charged with accessory and conspiracy, and Wheatley's girlfriend, Kira Lintner, 17, of Glastonbury, has been charged with conspiracy to commit murder.

Police believe Wheatley and Lintner knew Mrs. Aparo would be slain and drove Coleman back from Massachusetts after disposal of the victim's body and car.

Get a polo shot before traveling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans planning to travel to developing nations should be vaccinated against polio, officials of the U.S. State Department said Monday.

The medical journal reports that although there is a worldwide downturn in the incidence of the disease, the trend toward more frequent international travel by U.S. citizens may lead to an overall increase in exposure to wild polio virus.

Board moves against tough school leader

PATERSON, N.J. (AP) — Protest chants and the singing of "We Shall Overcome" greeted school board members who voted to draw up insubordination charges against an inner-city principal renowned for get-tough policies.

The board voted Monday night to direct its attorney to draw up the charges against Joe Clark, a principal cited by the Reagan administration for improving his high school.

About 500 singing and jeering parents, students and other residents joined Clark at the meeting to back his methods, which include roaming the halls of Eastside High School in this aging industrial northern New Jersey city with a bullhorn and baseball bat.

He recently came under fire for expelling 60 students without notifying the board and for locking fire doors in violation of fire codes. He later readmitted the students under board orders.

Clark said the expelled students were chronically falling and that he told them to get an education at alternative schools because they did not belong at Eastside. He said the doors were locked to keep out drug dealers.

Later Monday, on ABC-TV's "Nightline," Clark said some of the expelled students were as old as 21.

"At some point you have to go to work and become a contributor rather than become a leech on the building, taking away from the educational process of other, younger people," Clark said.

The dispute surrounding Clark, who is black, once again focused national attention on Eastside High, a school of 3,000 students, mostly black or Hispanic.

U.S. Education Secretary William J. Bennett visited the school in 1986 and praised Clark's no-nonsense approach to educating



AP photo

PRINCIPAL CONTROVERSY — Eastside High School Principal Joe Clark sits with his attorney, Vickie Donaldson, Monday night in Paterson, N.J., where the school board voted to discipline Clark for expelling students without board permission.

minority students. Clark's methods also have the backing of many community leaders and the city's law-and-order-minded mayor, Frank Graves.

The school board, comprised of six white, one black and two Hispanic members, voted 7-1 with one abstention to order its attorney to draw up charges of insubordination and unbecoming conduct against Clark.

The board announced its vote after going into a private session to discuss the matter, a move that caused the audience to boo and yell "chicken." The crowd chanted "We want Joe!" when Clark entered the auditorium.

After the decision was announced, the Rev. Fred LaGarde, of the Community Baptist Church of Love, ran to a microphone and led the audience in singing "We Shall Overcome." Board members pounded gavels, adjourned the meeting and walked out to boos and yelling.

If the board later votes to formally file the charges, it could suspend Clark for 120 days while the matter goes before state Education Commissioner Saul Cooperman. Clark would be entitled to a hearing before an administrative law judge, who would recommend to Cooperman whether to fine, suspend or dismiss Clark, or drop the charges.

Educator denies city has failed

NEW YORK (AP) — The educator who will run the nation's largest school system says he's not discouraged by horror stories about deteriorated buildings, overcrowded classes, inadequate supplies and demoralized teachers.

"I have been told since Saturday that the New York public schools are failed institutions," Richard B. Green, the newly designated chancellor of the city's school system, said Monday. "I reject that as a reality."

Instead, the Minnesota educator said he saw a different vision in New York's troubled schools: The future of public education in the United States.

"It's a bigger question than New York City," he said. "What is at stake today in America and in this city, and why this voice must be heard, is whether or not we will educate other people's children."

"And so in some respects public education is on trial," he said. "What we do collectively here in New York City will determine what happens in other aspects of the society."

Green, 51, comes to New York from Minneapolis, where he worked in the schools for 25 years and was superintendent since 1983. He was selected unofficially by the Board of Education on Saturday and is to be hired officially when the board meets in a public session Wednesday.

At news conferences here, Green noted that a tone of despair often accompanies analyses of the school system, which has nearly 1 million students, and he asked for 100 days to study the problems.

"Now is the time to give time," Green said. Meanwhile, he said, he would not prejudge the schools' much-maligned bureaucracy.

Green, the city's first black chancellor, likewise asked that he not be prejudged. Opponents including black activists are contesting his selection partly because of his lack of New York experience.

"I know the argument for the insider," he said, noting his rise within the ranks in Minneapolis. "I now will stand your test here in New York City."

Appearing at City Hall with Mayor Edward I. Koch, Green dismissed the charge of some opponents that he was Koch's candidate and would be beholden to the mayor. He said he would embrace Koch for pragmatic reasons, because the mayor has control of some of the school system's \$4.8 billion annual budget.

"We will be good partners in the New York public schools," Green said. It offers a challenge to critics of that posture: "But who would avoid that kind of relationship? And I'm waiting to hear the answer from the other side."

Koch, for his part, said of Green: "I am a soldier in his army."

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Minority report says school financing proposal flawed

HARTFORD (AP) — A minority report from a committee proposing a new school finance formula says the plan fails to close a wide gap in spending between rich and poor communities.

The State Board of Education is scheduled to vote on the proposed formula Wednesday, when the five dissenting members of the study committee plan to present their report.

They said Monday that they would argue that, as proposed: —The increases in state aid are not large enough, and indeed scale back the growth rate established by the state legislature in 1986.

—The state would finance considerably less than the approved target of 50 percent of regular program spending by local schools; —Too much spending burden would fall on local governments; —The plan does not account for local tax effort (unlike the Guaranteed Tax Base formula, adopted in 1979 to close the gap between

wealthier and poorer towns by distributing state aid based on local need, wealth and effort); and —The plan would wrongly reduce the 50 percent weighting given to welfare children under the existing GTB formula.

As approved on a 12-5 vote of the Educational Equity Study Committee last year, the state would spend about \$550 million for education in the 1989-90 school year, compared to about \$670 million in the formula; were not changed.

By the fourth year of the program, the total would be \$1.1 billion, and minimum spending on each student would be \$4,800.

The new plan would replace not only the GTB but funding from the state to improve teacher salaries, a three-year program that began with the 1985-87 school year. The GTB and so-called educational enhancement is \$635 million.

In 1977, the state Supreme Court struck down Connecticut's reliance on local property taxes to pay for education, ruling that such a system resulted in richer towns being able to offer better educational opportunities than smaller towns.

The five dissenting members of the committee said the committee's proposal does not address many of the educational needs that the committee identified in October 1987.

"Two key issues identified by the committee are that significant spending disparities among Connecticut towns still exist and that those spending disparities are largely due to wealth disparities," the minority report states.

"Therefore, the committee should have recommended an aid program with enough funding to get the job done, rather than one whose total cost fits a bottom line based on an assumption about what the state can afford."

The five minority members are Joel Gogan, executive director of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities; John Mannix, a member of the State Board of Education; Willis Mills, a public member of the study committee; Norwalk school Superintendent Ralph Sloan, representing the Connecticut Association of School Administrators; and George Springer, president of the Connecticut State Federation of Teachers.

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Fault stalls shuttle another 10 weeks

WASHINGTON (AP) — NASA officials say it may be as late as mid-August before America's astronauts again fly into space.

Officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said Monday that the puzzling breakup of a rocket nozzle part during a test may add six weeks to 10 weeks to the delay in getting the shuttle Discovery off the ground.

The boot ring, 2 inches thick and 7 inches wide, was used for the first time in the December test. The ring attaches a flexible boot that allows the rocket nozzle to swivel in flight.

"At this point, we know we are not going to use the component," said Sara Keegan, a NASA spokeswoman. She said it wasn't certain whether a version of the ring that had withstood an earlier full-scale firing will be used instead.

NASA at first hoped to be able to fly again in the summer of 1987, but the complexity of redesigning the shuttle booster rocket caused the shuttle launch date to slip steadily — to February this year and then to June 2.

The new failure has further delayed a possible liftoff. A full-scale test firing of the redesigned booster on Dec. 23 was considered a success until engineers found a piece of an 8-foot-diameter "boot ring" inside the nozzle and on the ground outside.

The industry magazine Aviation Week and Space Technology said in its Jan. 4 edition that the most optimistic launch date is September and that shipment of the aft rocket segments to the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Fla., has been delayed until March 24 at the earliest.

Five months is required to prepare a shuttle for flight after the booster rocket segments arrive by rail at Canaveral.

Morton Thiokol Inc., which builds the rockets in Utah, was to have shipped aft sections for the first flight by rail last Saturday, but the shipment was delayed. David Drachlin, a NASA spokesman at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., said that if everything goes well, the shipment might take place in the latter half of February.

Of the delay caused by the latest problem, Ms. Keegan said, "Our best guess is somewhere in the area of six to 10 weeks. That's our best assessment of what the problem is going to entail."

John Thomas, an official at the Marshall Space Flight Center, said through a spokesman that the delay will be held to the six-week to 10-week range if the earlier design of the boot ring is used and everything else remains on schedule.

Thomas was in charge of redesigning the shuttle booster rocket after the January 1986 Challenger explosion.

Morton Thiokol officials said close examination of the test-fired booster rocket showed no failures other than that in the rocket's nozzle.

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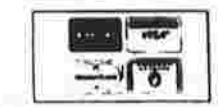
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'Community' for school is broader

School Superintendent James P. Kennedy and Manchester High School Principal Jacob Ludes III are highly critical of Secretary of Education William J. Bennett's idea of what an ideal high school curriculum should be. Their criticism is well taken in general, but it does raise some questions.

At the core of their disagreement is the conflict between the "back to basics" advocates in education and those who contend that the modern high school must offer a comprehensive education suited to the differing needs of a wide variety of students.

What Bennett envisions as a complete high school education, Kennedy and Ludes see as merely the core curriculum of such education. The local administrators point out that at Manchester High School almost everything that Bennett feels should be required is, indeed, required and a good deal more is offered as well.

But the assertion by Ludes that "every high school has to meet the needs of the community it serves" is incomplete. If Ludes means the community of Manchester or of Connecticut, the goal is not broad enough. Not everyone who graduates from a high school remains a part of the geographic community in which that school is located. There is a much broader community to be served.

And if a high school gears itself to the needs of its immediate geographic area, it runs the danger of becoming a place where future workers are trained and not a place for educating people.

Kennedy argues that not every student can benefit by studying a foreign language, one of the courses Bennett feels should be required. That is true, but international political and economic events and the role of the United States plays in those events have made it obvious that more of the students who graduate from high school should study foreign languages. Nationally, the trend is for more students to study foreign languages. For some reason that has not been the case at Manchester High School.

At Manchester Community College, an institution that is very community-oriented, most offerings in foreign languages are being filled to capacity despite the fact that foreign language is not a requirement of graduation.

Kennedy and Ludes are right when they contend that basics alone are not enough to provide the kind of education that modern society requires. But an emphasis on these broad academic basics has to be maintained if the students who come out of high school are to have the adaptability they need to function in that society.

Letters to the editor

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A shiny answer for graduates at risk

WASHINGTON — What's the best New Year's news you can imagine for the disadvantaged youth of your community?

How about a program that reduces the high school dropout rates of low-achievers, raises the odds minority kids will get a permanent job and an astonishing five-fold — and increases their earnings by \$2,250!

That's the record of Jobs for America's Graduates in 60,000 high school kids whose grades are in the bottom quarter of their class in nine diverse states such as Virginia, Arizona, Massachusetts and Ohio.

I first saw it five years ago as a job for Delaware Graduates in Dover, Del. and am proud that I targeted it would become an national model.

An initiative of then-Gov. Pete Du Pont, it was targeted at those least likely to succeed, the people many now call "the underclass." But the kids I interviewed were as articulate and enthusiastic as any of the high school seniors I interview as a alumni volunteer for Duke University.

Brilliantly designed by Ken Smith, who still directs the national program, JAG works at the three toughest programs of an underachiever: low self-confidence, lack of understanding of career options and job contacts.

Smith and Du Pont got the biggest businessmen in the state, who always have a trouble hiring good entry-level people, to serve on a board indicating a willingness to hire competent high school graduates.

That made it possible for "job specialists" hired by Smith to talk to any local employer to line up entry-level jobs for students in the program. It is significant that the job specialists were not hired by the school bureaucracy, which knows nothing about business — but from people in the commercial community who wanted to work with kids.

This "real world" credential have them



Washington Wire

Lifting Senate footsteps

By Lawrence L. Knutson

WASHINGTON — The footsteps of presidents, senators and millions of ordinary citizens are being erased this week as workers replace thousands of decorative tiles that have weathered traffic in the Capitol's Senate wing since it opened in 1859.

The tile, most of it at least 130 years old, labeling jackhammered out of Senate corridors in a four-phase project. Eventually, at least 20,000 of the ceramic squares — 20 percent or more of the total — will be replaced with replicas.

The worn tiles bear the imprint of history. "Many millions of people have trod on them," said Elliott Carroll, executive assistant to the Architect of the Capitol who is in charge of the replacement project.

Those millions include every American president since Abraham Lincoln, hundreds of senators, thousands of lobbyists, thousands of foreign dignitaries, uncounted scores of millions of American and foreign tourists.

The old tile, an intricate, multi-colored carpet of sinuous mid-Victorian floral and geometric design, labeling broken into bits and hauled away by contractors

as debris. The reason: Many of tiles, which for the most part measure inches by 6 inches by 1 1/4 inches deep, have been badly worn by all of those footsteps.

In high-traffic areas some of the design have been all but obliterated. Others show little or no apparent wear. But to keep a uniform appearance, all of the tile in each separate area is being replaced.

According to the architect's office, the grout that holds the individual antique tiles in place is so strong that the only feasible way to remove them is to break them up.

The replicas, paid for by a \$1.5 million appropriation, are being quickly cemented into place. "The work is the culmination of a long process that involved photographing all of the Senate's historic tile floors and the reconstruction of a moribund English pottery."

The new tiles, as the old, were made in Stoke-Upon-Trent, Staffordshire, England. The original firm: Minton, Hollings & Co. The new manufacturer: H. & R. Johnson Co.

"It has taken some time," Carroll said. "The company had lost the technology of making these epaulettes tiles. It took some years before they could do the research to redevelop it."

The original tile installation began in 1856 and took four years to complete. Replacing the old with the new, may take several years in four separate phases of which the first has now begun.

Virtually every visitor to the Senate since the Capitol's expansion in the middle of the last century has walked on the tile, conducting conversations weighty and casual over its surface.

Some Capitol regulars are less than pleased by the development. "Destruction," one was heard to mutter. "It's like replacing the Parthenon with a new building because the original marble is in bad shape," said another.

The House of Representatives replaced much of its similar tile flooring decades ago. "But it made no attempt to find replicas because of the difficulty of the manufacturing process."

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An investigation by Rep. Sam Gejdenson, D-Conn., concludes that the NRC has all but stopped its conscientious inspectors from ordering safety improvements at the plants. The reason? The improvements may cost more than the bosses at the NRC think they are worth.

In industry jargon, changing a nuclear plant to make it safer is called "backfitting," and the NRC's record on backfits has been less than aggressive.

In August, a federal court tried to put an end to one NRC policy on backfitting. That policy required the regulators to prove a backfit was needed, and that the increase in safety was worth the price. If you are deciding whether to remodel your kitchen, the cost/benefit analysis makes sense. If you are deciding whether to make a nuclear power plant safer, cost/benefit calculation may get in the way of preventing a disaster.

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U.S./World In Brief

Kidnapping suspect denies crime

DUESSELDORF, West Germany — A Lebanese on trial for kidnapping two West Germans in Beirut today denied any role in the crime, but issued a statement in court calling for the release of the one hostage still held.

The statement by defendant Abbas Ali Hamadi was read to the packed courtroom by defense attorney Eckhard Hill. It called for the release of Rudolf Cordes, a West German businessman held hostage in Lebanon since Jan. 17, 1987.

"While the defense rejects any direct or indirect participation of (Abbas) Hamadi in the abduction of Cordes, the defense calls on the kidnappers to set him free immediately," Hill said. Court officials, speaking to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity, confirmed the statement was Abbas Hamadi's.

Two die as police storm prison

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — Two inmates were killed and six people wounded in a gun battle when police stormed a maximum-security prison in a failed attempt to free more than two dozen hostages, authorities said.

The battle Monday night at Jacu prison came after about 10 inmates brandishing revolvers and homemade bombs seized the hostages earlier in the day and threatened to kill them unless set free.

Today, negotiations with prison officials continued at the run-down 1950s prison in Porto Alegre, about 1,000 miles south of Rio de Janeiro.

"It's like a war zone in here. Police keep pushing the prisoners and their hostages from one section to another, but they're negotiating," said Sergi Motta, spokesman for the Rio Grande Do Sul State Security Department.

Colonel linked to Aquino's slaying

MANILA, Philippines — Defense lawyers today urged that a former Manila intelligence chief be added to the 40 defendants charged with killing President Corason Aquino's husband four years ago.

Defense lawyer Rodolfo Jimenez noted a witness had testified Monday that the former chief, Col. Rolando Abadilla, was at Manila airport when former Sen. Benigno Aquino was slain on Aug. 21, 1983.

"All those who appear to have committed a crime must be prosecuted. If you choose only a few without going against the rest, you have a case of selective prosecution. That would violate that constitutional injunction," Jimenez said.

Jimenez did not explain why he, a defense attorney, would recommend that more people be prosecuted in the trial.

INS approves release of Cubans

WASHINGTON — The Immigration and Naturalization Service said the balance of 1,149 Cubans approved for release from federal prisons will be freed as soon as space opens up in halfway houses or relatives' homes.

The INS said Monday that only about 100 of the Cuban detainees approved for release so far had actually been freed.

"We expect to release more to close relatives or to halfway houses as space becomes available," said INS spokesman Vern Jervis.

Cuban detainees turned down by the INS for release can take their cases to three Justice Department panels set up for the purpose.

Reagan misses first budget deadline

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration has missed the first deadline of 1988 for preparing the next federal budget, saying it was being asked to delay the submission.

By law, President Reagan was required to submit to Congress on Monday his blueprint for anticipated federal spending of more than \$1 trillion during the next fiscal year.

That, said White House budget director James C. Miller III, was impossible. And with Congress in accord, the first deadline of the new year was broken.

"I do not see any way to prepare a responsible budget proposal for transmission before mid-February," Miller said in a letter sent Monday to congressional leaders.

The administration was supposed to submit a spending outline for fiscal 1989, which will begin on Oct. 1.

FCC to reinstate preference rules

WASHINGTON — Policies designed to increase minority and female ownership of radio and television stations will soon be back in place at the Federal Communications Commission.

The FCC may reinstate the policies as early as next week, in response to orders from Congress cutting short efforts by the commission to dismantle the preference programs, FCC spokesman John Kamp said.

The agency put the policies on hold in December 1986 while it conducted an inquiry, saying it wanted to determine whether the policies are constitutional.

But members of Congress who support the policies inserted language in the conference report passed before the holiday recess giving the FCC no choice in the matter.

Hart will stay without early wins
Gary Hart, saying early campaign contests won't test his true strength, is indicating he would stay in the Democratic presidential race even without wins in Iowa, New Hampshire and Super Tuesday states.

"I did best in the West and those states tend to come late in the process," the former Colorado senator said Monday night in a broadcast interview. "I think to really see where my strength is, we've got to go through all 50 states."

When Hart rejoined the race last month, seven months after he quit amid reports of his relationship with model Donna Rice, he said he would soon know whether his fledgling candidacy could fly.

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One dead in Gaza Strip violence

Palestinians plan protest campaign

By Nicolas B. Tatro
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli soldiers today shot and killed one Palestinian and wounded seven others during a clash with stone-throwing protesters in the Gaza Strip, the army said.

"There were severe disturbances of order in Khan Younis during which one local man was killed and seven wounded," said an army official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The military said five Israeli soldiers were injured in stone-throwing incidents in the towns of Khan Younis and Rafah, about 50 miles south of Tel Aviv.

The death brought to 24 the number of Arabs shot to death by Israeli soldiers since a wave of increased unrest began Dec. 8 in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The Arab-run Palestine Press Service identified the dead man as Ali Mohammed Daham, 25, of Khan Younis. The news agency said his 16-year-old cousin, Basil Daham, was wounded.

Also today, police said a firebomb was thrown at an Israeli bus carrying tourists through an Arab neighborhood in east Jerusalem. It exploded but there were no injuries.

Palestinian moderates threatened to block the main shopping thoroughfare, Omar Al Mukhtar Street, where shops were closed in a commercial strike.

Maher Nasser, a spokesman for the United Nations agency that administers refugee camps, said about 60,000 Palestinians from the Gaza Strip and 55,000 from the West Bank go to Israel each day to work in factories or on assembly lines, and Israel has become dependent on the cheap source of labor they provide.

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FOCUS

It's time to take inventory of your possessions

As the New Year beckons and you automatically take a mental inventory of 1987's events, this is an ideal time to have your property inventory and belongings appraised. It's probably an idea you have considered in the past, but never quite got around to doing. Now is the time to act.

Experts who specialize in appraising belongings from an antique clock that has been in the attic for years to property with intangible worth (such as a business' good name) — can put a dollar value on just about anything that you own.

But why would you ever need an appraisal? There are many reasons.



Sylvia Porter

IT CAN HELP you determine the total value of your small business, including real estate and equipment as well as such intangibles as patents, copyrights and goodwill. If you are contemplating buying that charming colonial home you love, first have an appraiser thoroughly investigate the structure and condition to make sure you are getting a fair deal. If your heirloom gold and ruby pendant is lost or stolen, would you know how much it was worth for insurance purposes? Or maybe

you decide to sell this unique piece of jewelry. First you must know what it is worth.

There are just a few of the possible situations in which you would want the help of an appraiser.

"All of us have things in our home that, if lost or stolen, would have trouble proving what they were worth," notes Roy E. Morris II, president of the American Society of Appraisers.

BUT BEFORE YOU get carried away, particularly when you hear wild stories of ordinary folks finding valuable antiques and artwork in the basement, be warned! There are no federal testing or certification requirements to become an appraiser.

"In more than 40 states, anyone can call himself an appraiser," reports a staff member of the Commerce, Consumer and Monetary Affairs Subcommittee of the

House Government Operations Committee. "There is no license or certification to be an appraiser as you would need to become a barber or accountant."

Accounts of fraudulent appraisal operations are as shocking as they are common. Real estate appraisal schemes — when a phony appraiser, for instance, sets the value of a \$1 million property at \$5 million — have been a major contributor to the failure of so many savings and loan institutions across the country.

By overvaluing a property, the borrower gets a bigger loan and the financial institution gets higher upfront fees.

THE PRICE TAG for this swindle: An estimated \$5 billion was lost over the last five years in the U.S. as a result of bad real estate loans that were based on faulty appraisals.

(Note: The blame not only lies with the appraisers. Few would deny that such extravagant claims could possibly be pulled off without the cooperation of a reckless loan officer.)

Rep. Doug Barnard, Jr. (D-Ga.), has introduced legislation requiring state-level real estate appraiser certification for certain specific instances.

But no matter what type of appraisal you are interested in, your bottom line is that it will take some extra probing for you to appraise your appraiser.

Some basics:

- Make sure the appraiser is a member of one of the eight national appraisal associations that certify its members.
- Interview potential appraisers to determine whether their qualifications match your needs. Find out where the appraiser's expertise lies.
- Discuss fees in advance! Avoid appraisers who base their fees on a

percentage of the value or estimated cost of the property being appraised. The American Society of Appraisers explains that such a practice is unethical because it means the appraiser will have a vested interest in the amount of the appraisal value. Most appraisers charge an hourly fee, flat daily fee or per item.

Ask the appraiser for a sample of a report he has prepared. An appraisal report not only tells you the value of the item, but also should include the following information: the objective of the appraisal, for example, was it to determine fair market value or the cost to replace the item?; the description of the item (for identification purposes); and a description of the methods used to estimate the item's value.

Take the time to evaluate the appraiser's credentials. It will be worth it.

Questions probe her personal life

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are both employed by the same large company. Recently we were required to take physical examinations for health insurance.

We were each given a questionnaire to fill out. On the form was a section "for women only." The women were asked: "At what age did you have your first sexual encounter?" (The men were not asked this.)

I refused to answer it, and told the examining nurse that I thought it was nobody's business. She insisted it was "scientific and important to complete the report." As a matter of principle, I left that question unanswered, but I suspect that nurse filled it in for me so the questionnaire would be complete.

Abby, would you have answered that question? And of what possible use could that information be in a routine health examination?



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am so disgusted I don't know what to do, but I have to tell somebody. So I'm telling you.

We had a telephone with a clear-ringing bell for as long as I can remember — and I am not young. The phone gave out and had to be replaced, so I just went to AT&T and bought a new one. Well, this phone does not ring. It sounds like a sick turkey.

It cannot be heard if the TV is on, and worse yet, it came in a box marked "Manufactured in China." That did it! I will not have anything in my house that is not made in this country. I am taking this phone back — I don't care if I have to resort to smoke signals. And another thing, why did they change the bell? I was so accustomed to the old ringing sound.

Lord knows we pay enough for telephone service without having to put up with an instrument that not only is made in China but sounds like a sick turkey.



SNOW MUCH FUN — Keith Pang, 4, of Hackmatack Street, can't resist having some fun while helping his father shovel snow after the first snowstorm of the new year dumped about 5 inches on Manchester Monday.

Fungus infection may run its course

DEAR DR. GOTT: My son has just developed histoplasmosis of the eyes. How is this cured?

DEAR READER: Histoplasmosis is a fungus infection that rarely needs treatment. It runs its course and, after healing, leaves scars in the retina, lymph glands and the eyes. Ordinarily, the scars themselves do not affect health.

A more serious form, called progressive histoplasmosis, can sometimes be fatal and can infect large areas of the body. The problem faced by doctors is to determine whether the histoplasmosis is "burned out" (leaving scars) or whether it is active and requires treatment. Special blood tests can help differentiate between active and inactive forms of the disease.

If your son lives in an area — such as the Mississippi and Ohio River valleys — where histoplasmosis is endemic (very common), he may simply be showing the innocuous consequences of the infection. Nevertheless, his ophthalmologist will wish to test him in the event that the eye lesions reflect active disease and, hence, should be treated.



Dr. Gott
Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm female, 60 and play senior tennis tournaments. During matches, my heart beats rapidly, becomes lightheaded and tired, and my arms seem to be made of lead. I'm 115 feet and weigh 100 pounds. Your natural advice would be "give up tennis," but it gives me pleasure. Should I worry?

DEAR READER: As a tennis player, my "natural advice" is: Don't give up the sport! However, I

Homeless in paradise

Not everyone eats well in the Borscht Belt

**By Nancy Shulls
The Associated Press**

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y. — After dark in the Catskills, fleets of white-coated waiters glide through a 3,500-seat dining room for the elaborate ritual that is dinner at the Concord Hotel.

Tonight's trays hold prime rib, roast chicken, Boston bluefish, and three other entrees, in keeping with a formula touted in hotel brochures: "no fewer than 120 varieties and selections of food per three meals."

There's no choice of entree at the Redwood Motel in nearby Monticello, where Wendy Pegram is delivering her family's supper.

"There's no dining room, either. By the time the food arrives, it's no longer hot. For a plain meal of chicken and macaroni and cheese, Wendy walks to the Shop Rite, then to a friend's to use the oven, and finally back to the motel, more than two miles in all. The Pegrams, who have lived here two months, have no car.

"I'm really getting very crazy," Wendy says. "I'm upset and I'm taking it out on my family." But after giving them Pop-Tarts for breakfast and peanut butter sandwiches for lunch, "They really ought to get some hot food," she says.

"Even if it is only warm."

This past holiday season, the Pegrams were among the homeless in a land of plenty: the Borscht Belt, famous for serving up gargantuan meals and nightly shik to generations of vacationers.

The first wave came from New York's Garment District, fleeing tubercular conditions at the turn of the century. In the Catskills, they found clean air and farm-fresh food at boarding houses that evolved into year-round resorts, launching careers for Jackie Mason, Henry Youngman, Sid Caesar and others.

Vacationers who can't pay Grossingers prices set up housekeeping in the bungalow colonies that litter a landscape affectionately nicknamed the Jewish Alps.

Nowadays, there are soup kitchens and welfare motels amid the eight-course dinners

and luxury resorts.

The contrast is even sharper at Christmas, when hotel meals are more lavish, entertainment more elaborate. The Concord's Christmas menu expanded to eight entrees, instead of the usual six. Meanwhile, United Way volunteers scramble for last-minute donations.

The ranks of the needy are growing throughout the gentle range of low, rounded mountains, a place better known for trout streams and waterfalls than for hunger and homelessness.

Parts of the Catskills are an hour's drive from New York City, and the path to affordable housing was quickly discovered. In Orange and Sullivan counties, soaring costs and severe shortages of housing began showing up two years ago.

In Orange County, the Catskills' southernmost point, anti-poverty agencies estimate the number of homeless at between 2,000 and 3,000. The county spent more than \$4 million sheltering them this year, nearly twice as much as last year.

Among the newcomers are 35-year-old Robert Conklin, an unemployed boat painter, and his wife Susan. Their home is a rusting blue Subaru trailer turned out to have sagging floors, rotting walls, roaches and rats.

Moreover, it was too small for three.

The Conklins parked amid the old tires, rusting springs and other debris that village officials in legal proceedings say constitute an illegal dump.

At night, they curled up in the Subaru, whose back seat held their provisions: corn flakes and a quart of milk, to be supplemented from the garbage can in front of the bakery.

The day of the first big snowstorm, county officials gave them a motel room.

The cost of four years of motel life: "More than enough to buy the Mallin's nice-sized house of their own," Angell says.

"The Pegrams" two rooms at the Redwood cost \$2,500 a month. The statewide average, according to the Department of Social Services in Albany, is \$1,400 per family, a cost shared by the county, state and federal governments.

The big Borscht Belt hotels number less than a dozen, but bungalow colonies are everywhere.

These people are really being abused," says Tom Angell, a lawyer with Mid-Hudson Legal Services. Angell's clients allege that some motel owners harass female residents, and that others throw husbands out as a condition under which their wives and children are allowed to stay.

"Clearly, the motel phenomenon is a scandal that's spreading from urban to rural areas," says Robert Hayes, counsel to the National Coalition for the Homeless. He notes that lack of transportation keeps many motel families from connecting with jobs, housing or services.

"There's no cooking facilities and no place to shop for food. Your kids may have to travel 50 miles a day to go to school."

Others may not go at all.

Three cases are pending in U.S. District Court in White Plains involving homeless children being denied the right to attend school where they're being sheltered.

Fowler says the motel industry is supposed to be used only as emergency housing. For John Malik, his wife Ruth and two of their children — the other seven were placed in foster homes on grounds of neglect — the emergency has lasted four years. That's how long the Malik family has been living in motels.

The latest is 27 miles from their children's foster homes: given that they're no car, it might as well be a hundred. It also is typical of rooms they've been given in the past, says Malik, who said the emergency hospitalization of mental patients posing a danger to themselves and to others.

Tass said the statute provides for mandatory confinement of citizens who commit dangerous offenses, but it did not say what crimes that covered.

The report made no mention of complaints that citizens arrested for political dissent and human rights activities have been delivered by government agents to mental hospitals.

The U.S. lunar probe Pioneer One was launched Oct. 11, 1958.

Balloons deadly to sea life

BRIGANTINE, N.J. (AP) — An environmentalist is appealing to a national group of science educators to cancel a launch of 300,000 balloons as a way to save marine mammals that could fatally swallow balloons that drift ashore.

Members of the Triangle Coalition for Science and Technology Education, based in College Park, Md., say their annual April balloon launch is an educational endeavor meant to attract students to science. The balloons are used as part of a national meteorological experiment.

"We're an organization of scientists and we've talked about this at considerable length," said the coalition's executive director, John M. Fowler. "The good we're doing by encouraging kids to look into science far outweighs the hypothetical risk among marine mammals."

"For one hour, half a million kids in the country are excited about science."

The coalition sends schools a list of "prelaunch activities," he said, "to learn why balloons go up, how high they go, why they pop and how to make weather predictions."

The coalition has heard of only one marine fatality in which a sperm whale swallowed a toy Mylar balloon, which differs from the latex balloons used in the launch, Fowler said.

But Robert Schoelkopf, director of the Marine Mammal Stranding Center in Brigantine, said he has documentation to prove that various kinds of turtles and whales indeed swallow latex balloons that drift out over the sea and fall into the ocean. Marine mammals mistake the balloons for jellyfish and swallow them.

"I had a leatherback turtle here that had five latex balloons in its stomach, with the strings still attached," he said. "And right now, I have four loggerhead turtles in my holding tank, and last week one passed two latex balloons."

"We're feeding them high concentrations of mackerel, which is an oily fish, and I guess that's helping get the balloons through their system."

Fowler, however, said his organization's research found that balloons floating into the atmosphere pop into harmless tiny fragments before falling. He also said turtles feed by smell, not by sight.

"In the prelaunch material we distribute to schools, we do put in a caution that if people live along the coast, they may want to check winds and wait until they are not blowing offshore," Fowler said.

"One thing you've got to do is take the number of balloons we're launching and look at the size of the ocean," he said. "We're probably endangering only one or two turtles, if that many."

Schoelkopf also argued that fallen balloons constitute litter.

"Yes, that is litter," Fowler said, "but I wouldn't litter without having a very good reason behind it."



KEEPING WARM — Harold Thomas and his friend, Tommy Ray, right, warm themselves in front of a trash-can fire outside their shack along the Chicago River in Chicago Monday. The shack is built of rotted wood, discarded sheet metal and grimy canvas.

Open shack is their home, warm bed is their dream

By Ed White
The Associated Press

Each has a scraggly beard and wears layers of garments. Thomas' boots have holes while Ray's are chilled in vinyl sneakers.

For meals, they often chew doughnuts washed down with water stored in a plastic jug.

"I've lived in shelters, abandoned buildings, abandoned cars, abandoned trucks. You name it, I've lived in it. I complain a lot. I made my bed hard, so I've got to sleep in it, but it shouldn't be this hard."

Their misery is contrasted by the area's prosperity.

Just north of the shack is the sparkling headquarters of Montgomery Ward and Co., and the printing plant of the city's largest newspaper, the Chicago Tribune. To the east is the East Bank Club where wealthy members pay thousands of dollars to stay in shape.

Above the shack are tracks used by trains carrying commuters between Chicago and the suburbs.

"They seem friendly," Ray said of the passengers who often return waves. "But I can't say they're concerned."

The men don't know how long they plan to live outdoors. They don't have a permanent address, so they can't receive public aid.

They want full-time jobs.

"The thing that we have is determination and courage," Ray said. "Because if we lost that, we might as well go lay in the snow and die."

"Only God can determine how long we can hold out. I have never lost the faith that it might get better."

As the sun fell, Thomas stoked the fire that provided the evening's only light. Hours later, at 11 p.m. Monday, the temperature dipped to minus 9 degrees.

CHICAGO — When frigid wind rattles the home of Harold Thomas and Tommy Ray, they pull their coat zippers a little higher, push their hands in their pockets a little deeper and pray for warmth a little longer.

"I can't throw a rag to stifle the draft. There are no windows to slam shut."

Thomas, 35, and Ray, 37, live in an open shack along the Chicago River. It's built with rotted wood, discarded sheet metal, grimy canvas — and the hope that some day they'll have money to put a real roof over their heads.

"It's not much, but it's our home," said Ray as he invited a visitor to sit in a rusty chair.

"It's the only home we have," he said Monday.

The men are among Chicago's estimated 25,000 homeless. But unlike those who crowd city "warming centers" and overnight shelters to escape single-digit temperatures, Thomas and Ray choose to survive outdoors just west of the downtown Loop.

"They're tired of roaming the streets, and they distrust strangers found in the shelters. So for nine months, they've lived in a shack in a small lot filled with trash and rats."

A friend lives a few yards away — in a cardboard box.

"This is the second time I've been homeless," said Thomas, a carpenter who hasn't had full-time work in more than a year.

"Some people say 'get a job,'" he added, tossing more wood on a roaring fire that sends ashes and sparks around the filthy shack. "I'm willing to work. I just need a place to clean up. Look at me — I'm a mess."

More money sought to fight AIDS

NEW YORK (AP) — The secretary of Health and Human Services is seeking more than \$1 billion for the battle against AIDS, an increase of more than 20 percent over this year's appropriation, according to a report published today.

Dr. Otis R. Bowen has requested more than \$1 billion for research and education for the fiscal year 1989, which begins Oct. 1. The New York Times reported the request in a confidential budget document.

That is an increase of 45 percent above President Reagan's last budget request and 20.5 percent more than Congress appropriated for the current year. Reagan had requested \$791 million and Congress appropriated \$910 million before adjourning in December.

Budget officials have urged the president to approve most of the request, saying any significant cuts "would embarrass the administration," the newspaper said.

The budget office told the administration it would be futile to try to make major cuts in Bowen's 1989 request, even though his department appeared to have "abandoned critical areas of AIDS proposals" drafted by federal health agencies, the newspaper said.

New diet habits lower egg intake

By Don Kendall
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The traditional ham and eggs breakfast is gradually giving way to lighter fare among many health-conscious Americans, and Agriculture Department experts say the trend is hurting poultry producers.

"Americans are reducing their consumption of eggs, pulling down egg prices," economist Jack S. Ross says. "A recent report by government-sponsored panel of health specialists recommends that doctors monitor their adult patients' cholesterol level and prescribe corrective diets for risk cases."

Ross continued: "If doctors heed this report, there is no doubt it will hurt demand for high-cholesterol foods, and further catchery hens in 1987 long-run decline in egg consumption."

Older Americans in the 50-plus age group are the greatest consumers of eggs, he said. They were brought up by parents who often ate eggs for breakfast.

But younger people, the baby-boomers, consume fewer eggs. Ross says that the egg industry is expected to decline in the future.

The U.S. per capita consumption of eggs was around 293 eggs last year and could dip to 246 eggs, on the average, in 1988. Since 1975, when the average dropped to 276, per capita egg consumption has been at the lowest levels since USDA began keeping records in 1959.

Before that, the low mark was 278 eggs per person in 1935 during the Depression. Egg consumption climbed to 400 eggs in 1945, the final year of World War II. The rate has been below 300 annually since then.

Ross said wholesale egg prices this year may average 59 cents to 65 cents a dozen for Grade A large eggs in cartons on the New York City market, compared with a nationwide 62 cents last year.

"Production costs likely will be a little higher than 1987's 62-cent-per-dozen average," he said.

"Hence, the outlook for the industry is not bright."

Ross noted that the egg industry can expand output fairly quickly when prices go up. Producers operating below capacity can increase production rapidly by keeping older hens longer through forced molting.

Since 1980, annual production of table-type eggs has been around 5.2 billion dozen, and little change is expected in 1988, he said.

"Even though egg prices have been weak since last spring, the industry shows no inclination to curtail production," he said.

"Overall, the flock size and replacement pullets have changed little, forced molting is high, and slaughter of hatchery hens in 1987 was below 1986."

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Meanwhile, another USDA official is emphasizing the bargains now available.

It Conner Kennett, director of poultry in the department's Agricultural Marketing Service, said egg production this winter is up about 10 percent from a year ago and that prices are down about 20 cents a dozen from the year-ago New York wholesale price.

"Fall and winter egg prices normally rise owing to a normal drop in a hen's production cycle, but this year the case is different," Kennett said. "In light of the supply-demand situation of eggs in December, retail food shops and wholesale buyers like bakeries — probably will continue to enjoy bargains into early 1988."

Nutritious milk product fights harmful bacteria

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Sales of a new cultured milk that aids digestion and may combat other intestinal disorders have more than doubled since the product was introduced last fall, the makers say.

The milk, called Nu-tri-a-B, contains acidophilus and bifidum, two beneficial bacteria found naturally in the human digestive system but that become depleted with time.

"It's not any miraculous cure-all or anything. It's just sound, basic nutrition," said Scottie Mayfield, marketing director at Mayfield Dairy Farms of Athens.

The "friendly" bacteria in the milk aids digestion by fighting harmful bacteria that build up in the intestines, according to officials at Ch. Hansen's Laboratories in Milwaukee, where the culture was developed.

The acidophilus helps in the small intestine and bifidum helps in the large intestine, said Susan Taylor, product manager at Hansen's.

The product has not been tested in the United States, but research in Europe and Japan appears to support the makers' claims, industry officials say.

"It's a general claim that it would have a positive influence... to aid digestion is a very valid claim," the newspaper said.

Although milk with acidophilus already has been introduced into the market, the mixture of the two bacteria adds a new dimension to the product, Mayfield said.

Consumers in the test-market area apparently believe the claim. Last October, the dairy sold about 10,000 half-gallon jugs of the milk a week in the Knoxville, Chattanooga and Cookeville areas, Mayfield said. Now, sales are about 25,000 half-gallons, Mayfield said.

"I think this is a product of substantial importance and we know there are a lot of dairies that are just going to watch us and see what we do," he said.

Gallon cartons of the Nu-tri-a-B may be added soon, and Mayfield said that could boost sales because that size is traditionally more popular than half-gallons.

Barry Cart of Tellico Plains said his family has been drinking the Nu-tri-a-B since it came on the market.

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DEP checks should avert similar spills

HARTFORD (AP) — Inspections of major oil terminals are now under way in Connecticut and should prevent the type of massive spill that has contaminated the Ohio and Monongahela rivers in Pennsylvania, officials say.

The state Department of Environmental Protection began inspecting the terminals in the fall to follow up a first round of safety checks made in the mid-1970s.

The program 10 years ago uncovered and led to corrections of widespread safety problems, said Donald Burton, chief inspector of the DEP's oil and chemical spill emergency unit.

Among the problems the inspections uncovered were the absence of tank overflow warning devices and inadequate or non-existent dikes to contain major spills.

The inspection program focuses on terminals along Connecticut's major waterways.

Burton and other officials acknowledged, however, that Connecticut, like Pennsylvania, does not require terminal owners to empty their tanks periodically and conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the structures. State inspectors will not include such evaluations, either.

"We don't keep track of how often they draw a tank and when they inspect them. There probably would be some benefit to the state and to the operators themselves to do it on a regular schedule," Burton said.

Connecticut has more than 75 terminals along the coast and major rivers. Some of these terminals have tanks as large as the 3.5-million gallon tank that spilled Saturday in West Elizabeth, Pa., threatening the drinking water supply of 750,000 residents of suburban Pittsburgh.

In that incident, one-third of the tank's contents spilled over the protective dike designed to contain the oil and contaminated the Monongahela and Ohio rivers. Waterfowl and fish were also threatened.

Burton said the chances of a similar spill in Connecticut are "nil" because of an inspection program the state undertook between 1974 and 1976. The DEP hopes to have reinspected all of the state's marine terminals by May, officials said.

Until last fall, terminal inspections, maintenance and repairs were left largely to tank owners.

Various agencies regulate terminal safety, including the DEP, state and local fire marshals, the Coast Guard, and the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

But none of the agencies require terminal owners to perform periodic inspections of tanks, dikes and equipment, or to file reports. The DEP does not impose such requirements, although it renews the terminals' licenses annually.



LIGHT CLEANING — Workers drag a boom Monday into the Monongahela River as part of the cleanup of the million-gallon spill of diesel fuel in Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh oil spill leaves suburbs dry

W.Va., 53 miles downstream. "Most of our tanks are depleted. They're empty," said Robert Ross, vice president of Western Pennsylvania Water Co., which serves 750,000 people and had to close one of its two Monongahela River intakes.

About 10,000 West Penn customers in North Fayette Township were without water late Monday, as were 13,000 customers of the Municipal Authority of Robinson Township.

Ross estimated it would be "at minimum three to four days, more than likely five to six days," before the pump was turned back on.

Another company, West Virginia Water, was down to its last reserves and had urged conservation to make it through this morning.

"Conservation is the pass word for the time. This is a regional disaster," said Joseph Dinkel, a West Virginia spokesman.

Gov. Robert Casey declared a disaster in Allegheny, Washington and Beaver counties around Pittsburgh as the National Guard could haul water. More than 70 tankers, each holding 400 gallons, were available along with eight larger tankers.

The Red Cross set up a shelter at Pittsburgh's convention center for those forced to rely on steam heat. Pittsburgh's water comes from the Allegheny River and was unaffected.

The state ordered mandatory water conservation in affected areas. Businesses were told to curtail non-essential use, and residents were asked to significantly reduce usage for at least the next two to three days.

Communities downriver in Ohio and West Virginia also were alerted. About 30,000 gallons was siphoned off the river by late Monday, and 1.4 million gallons sopped up from the tank site.

Accumulations in the waters of Long Island Sound adjacent to the club pose a hazard to ducks and muskies in the area.

The study said: "Elevated blood lead levels were found in a number of black ducks that reside in the water in the area over the winter months. Data suggested that elevated blood lead levels result from the ducks ingesting lead shot at Lordship Gun Club."

"Blue muskies near the club have tissue lead levels significantly greater than those in nearby areas; and

"The majority of lead is still in pellet form. Pellets, lying on the surface of the sediment, are believed to be the major source of lead in the water."

Shooting activities at the club were suspended on Dec. 31, 1986. "Conservation is the pass word for the time. This is a regional disaster," said Joseph Dinkel, a West Virginia spokesman.

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Brophy 'rethinks' Yarn Mill, will appeal decision by PZC

Continued from page 1 standards. "You've got to be careful about what your town standards are. From a legal standpoint, the town standard is what you've imposed in this district upon others," Letz said.

Letz also said the PZC couldn't require the developer to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Pine Street and Hartford Road. A traffic study done for the developer by a private firm said that a signal was needed at the intersection now, and Brophy Aern felt the town should pay for it because of the existing traffic problem. Gary Wood, traffic officer with the

Manchester Police Department, felt no signal was needed. Because the decision on the signal would ultimately be made by the state Department of Transportation, the developer said the PZC overstepped its authority in requiring it.

"I would be delighted to litigate that because you're way beyond your authority on that issue," Letz said.

Brophy Aern also argued that it shouldn't have to replace a 12-inch storm drain with an 18-inch storm drain located off the site. The town Water Department said that although runoff from the Yarn Mill development would decrease, improvements made to the sewer

systems on the mill site would channel drainage that now collects on Hartford Road into the 12-inch pipe. This increased flow would require an 18-inch pipe, and is the developer's responsibility, Weber said.

The PZC and Brophy Aern also disagreed on who should make certain water main connections required by the water and fire departments to provide domestic water and fire protection to the site. The town agreed to make one of the disputed connections, but Richard Stave, a utility engineer with the water department, said it may be years before funds are available and the PZC required Brophy Aern to make the connection.

Obituaries

Irene U. Bergin

The funeral for Irene U. Bergin of 368 Hilliard St., who died Saturday, will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., with a Mass of Christian burial at 11:15 a.m. at St. Bridget Church. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Unionville. Calling hours are today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Isabelle M. Gallagher

Isabelle M. Gallagher, 54, of East Hartford died Monday at Hartford Hospital. She was the wife of William B. Gallagher, and the mother of William B. Gallagher Jr. of Manchester.

Her husband and son, she is survived by five other sons, Daniel W. Gallagher, James F. Gallagher, Laurence J. Gallagher and Bruce P. Gallagher, all of East Hartford, and Robert A. Stack of Leonia, N.J.; two daughters, Mary Ellen O'Donnell and Lisa M. Gallagher, both of East Hartford; four brothers, Laurence J. Gallagher Jr. and Raymond E. Gallagher, both in Canada; George E. Gallagher and Theodore Gallagher; two sisters, Marjorie MacGillivray and Florence Allison, both in Canada; and six grandchildren.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. from the Dillon-Baxter Funeral Home, 1278 Berlin Turnpike, West Hartford, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. in St. Isaac Jogues Church, East Hartford. Burial will be in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 670 Prospect St., Hartford 06105.

Jeffrey P. Shrider

Jeffrey P. Shrider, 25, of 60 Tonics Spring Trail, died Sunday from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He was born in Rochester, N.Y., July 23, 1961, and had been in Manchester resident for 24 years.

He was employed as a sales engineer for Shrider Fluid Power of Manchester. He was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church of Manchester. He was a graduate of Manchester High School, class of 1979, and attended Florida Southern College.

He is survived by his parents, Phillip and Julia (Hayes) Shrider of Manchester; a sister, Julie A. Shrider, at home; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Stephen and Denise Shrider of Enfield and Gregory Shrider of Beacon, N.Y.; his maternal grandmother, Roxie Hayes, and his paternal grandmother, Dorothy Shrider, both of Zanesville, Ohio.

The funeral will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Concordia Lutheran

Church, 40 Pitkin St. Burial will be in East Cemetery. Calling hours at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., are Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Concordia Lutheran Church.

Lily Laskin

PARIS (AP) — Lily Laskin, a musician who helped make the harp a featured solo instrument in major concerts, died Monday. She was 94.

Miss Laskin studied at the Paris Conservatory and gave her first public concert at age 12. Four years later, Miss Laskin became the first female harpist at the Paris Opera.

She was known for her interpretations of Mozart and in 1937 she gave a landmark performance of his concertos for flute and harp at the Salzburg Music Festival. Miss Laskin taught the harp at the Paris Conservatory from 1948-55. She revived many scores written for the harp by such composers as Handel and Camille Saint-Saens.

John Dopyera

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — John Dopyera, whose Dobro guitar became a standard instrument in bluegrass bands, died Sunday. He was 94.

Dopyera began as a violin maker for National String Instrument Co., but in 1925 came up with the idea of using a spun aluminum cone to alter and amplify the sound of the guitar. He left National in 1928 to form Dobro with his four brothers.

He merged with National in 1932 and opened a music shop, The Dobro Brothers. He left Dobro when it merged with National in 1932 and opened a music shop, The Dobro Brothers. He left Dobro when it merged with National in 1932 and opened a music shop, The Dobro Brothers.

He is survived by his parents, Norman DeCampos of Farmington and Gabriel DeCampos of Manchester; three daughters, Helen Kinney of South Windsor, Sandra Brooks of Manchester and Norma Barganier of Westbury, N.Y.; and a brother, Raymond DeCampos.

A memorial service will be held Thursday at 8:30 p.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St. Burial will be private. Calling hours are Thursday from 7 p.m. until the service.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 670 Prospect St., Hartford 06105.

SPORTS



DRAWING THE FOUL — Boston's Robert Parish (10) is fouled by Utah's Mark Eaton in Monday night's game in Salt Lake City. The Celtics prevailed, 107-99.

Ainge's three-pointers shoot down the Jazz

By The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Boston's Danny Ainge is a tremendous shooter who keeps you incredibly honest, said Utah point guard John Stockton.

"He'll keep you incredibly honest because he'll shoot it anytime, anywhere," Stockton said. "If you even think about helping down on (Larry) Bird, he'll shoot it."

Ainge shot six times from 3-point range and connected six times as the Celtics downed Utah 107-99 Monday night. Ainge finished with 20 points and Bird, who hit three of six from 3-point range, scored 23 points.

Carey Scurry spent most of his 33 minutes hounding Bird, and "I thought I played pretty good defense. But he made some incredible shots. There isn't much you can do when he makes those."

"Their outside shooting was brilliant," Utah Coach Frank Layden said. "And when they shoot like that, they're going to be tough

the buzzer to make it 82-79 for Utah going into the final period. The Jazz scored the first three points of the fourth quarter to gain their biggest margin, but Boston dominated from then on.

It was the 12th consecutive game that Ainge has sunk a 3-pointer, tying an NBA record he shares with Bird and Celtic assistant coach Chris Ford.

"I hit my first two 3-pointers and it felt good, so I felt I had the range," he said. "I feel just as comfortable shooting the 3-pointer as I do from 20 feet."

But he doesn't want to be known just as a 3-point shooter. "I can do a lot more than just a 3-pointer," the former Brigham Young University player said.

"Everyone recognizes his 3-point shooting," Jones said. "What's not noticed is he's diving after loose balls, he's going after rebounds against the big guys."

Boston's Fred Roberts scored at

Russians will face United States in '88 Summer Olympics

By The Associated Press

FRANKFURT, West Germany — For the first time in 12 years, the Soviet Union and the United States will face each other in the Summer Olympic Games.

"We do not intend to boycott the 1988 Seoul Olympics," Marat Gramov, chairman of the Soviet Sports Committee and chief of the National Olympic Committee, said Monday.

The final decision on Soviet participation will be made at an NOC meeting next week, Gramov said.

The United States and the Soviet Union last competed in the summer games in 1976 at Montreal. The United States boycotted the 1980 Games at Moscow in a protest of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. The Soviets responded with a boycott of the 1984 Games at Los Angeles, citing security concerns.

Gramov, whose committee oversees the Soviet Olympic preparations, was the official who announced the Soviet boycott in 1984.

Gramov said the Soviet NOC has discussed the question of participation in the Seoul Games.

"We find the Olympic movement positive, as it unites the youth of the world," he said.

He said that the Soviet athletes were "seriously preparing" for

Injury-riddled Oilers gain tie with Bruins

By Ken Rappoport The Associated Press

With two of their big shots out, the Edmonton Oilers got a long shift from Charlie Huddy to stave off defeat.

"The way our two teams played, it deserved to end up in a tie," Edmonton Coach Glen Sather said following Monday night's 2-2 NHL tie with the Boston Bruins. "There weren't many mistakes made. It was a pretty good hockey game."

The injury-riddled Oilers played without two of their star players, Wayne Gretzky and Mark Messier, yet managed to hang in. The Oilers finally earned the tie on a fluke 60-foot goal by Huddy with 2:17 left in the third period.

"The first six or seven minutes we played like we knew Gretzky and Messier weren't in the lineup," Boston Coach Terry O'Reilly said. "Then we realized how well these guys were playing. We picked it up and played a strong game for the rest of the night. It was a heck of a hockey game and it ended the way it should have."

Elsewhere, it was the New York Rangers 6, St. Louis 2, Los Angeles 6, New Jersey 3, and Vancouver 7, Toronto 7.

Huddy's shot apparently hit Boston's Ken Linseman and spun past goalie Reggie Lemelin, enabling the Oilers to salvage the tie. Ray Bourque had given Boston a 2-1 lead early in the second period with a power-play goal. The Oilers and the Bruins appeared en route to victory as Lemelin frustrated the Oilers repeatedly.

Lemelin was outed with 27 saves, while Edmonton's Grant Fuhr made 28. "Both goaltenders were the stars

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in this game," O'Reilly said.

Rangers 6, Blues 2

Newly-acquired right wing Paul Cyr broke a first-period tie with a power-play goal as the Rangers extended their unbeaten streak to six games.

Cyr, acquired in a trade with the Buffalo Sabres last week, broke a 1-1 tie at 11:22 of the first period. Millan left the net unattended when he went behind the goal line to clear the puck.

The Rangers got second-period goals by Walt Poddubny, Jean Erixon and Ulf Dahlen, his first of two, as they extended their unbeaten streak to six games.

"After Cyr's goal, we just took control," said Rangers goaltender John Vanbiesbrouck, who sparked in a 28-save performance. "We're a confident team. We've tightened up our defense, and everyone is pitching in."

Kings 6, Devils 3

Bryan Erickson, Bernie Nicholls and Mike Allison turned New Jersey giveaways into unassisted goals as Los Angeles beat the Devils to win three consecutive games for the first time this season.

The Kings, who had two previous two-game winning streaks this season, took control with four goals in a light-marred second period that featured 124 minutes in penalties, including a club-record 62 by

the Devils. Erickson gave the Kings the lead just 4:57 into the game when he stole the puck from Pat Verbeek at center ice, skated into the Devils' zone and beat goalie Bob Sauve with a 45-foot slapshot.

"We've come a long way (since earlier in the season)," Erickson said. "Everybody is really pulling their weight now and we are actually getting to be a pretty good team. It seems like everyone is more committed, picking up their man and everyone is more conscious of not allowing goals, and that has really made a difference for us."

Canucks 7, Maple Leafs 7

Russ Courtnall's goal with 2:18 remaining in the third period gave Toronto a tie as the teams combined for eight goals in the third period.

Courtnall beat Vancouver goalie Kirk McLean with a slapshot from the right faceoff circle for his 19th goal of the season.

Petri Skirko put the Canucks up 4-1 at 11:22 of the first period. Todd Gill tipped the puck carrier, who fell and slid into the crease, carrying the puck and goaltender Al Bester over the goal line with him for his 12th goal.

"I was one of those games where I'm sure the fans got their money's worth," said Toronto forward Al Smith, who scored two goals and assisted on two others. "Both teams opened it up and it became a shootout."

"The goaltenders had to come up with good saves at each end. I thought Bester kept us in the game, especially in the last three or four minutes. It's a point — we'll take it. But, still, we need much better hockey from everybody."

Huskies visit Seton Hall

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Riding a five-game winning streak, the University of Connecticut Huskies will visit Seton Hall at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Big East Conference schedule tonight at Seton Hall.

The Huskies are 0-1 in conference play, 7-2 overall. They're on a five-game winning streak that includes Saturday's 68-60 win over host Pepperdine in Malibu, Calif. This is Seton Hall's first game in the East.

The Pirates are 11-3 overall. Connecticut's lone conference game was a 68-61 loss at Villanova on Dec. 4 on a shot at the buzzer by Mark Plinsky.

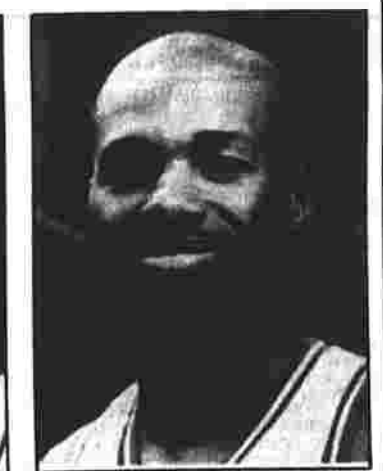
While UConn is riding its winning streak, Seton Hall will be looking for revenge. Connecticut swept the series a year ago, 77-68 at Brendan Byrne Arena and 66-54 in Hartford.

Six-foot-9 senior Mark Bryant leads Seton Hall averaging 21.2 points and 4.8 rebounds per game. Guards James Majors (15.2) and John Morton (11.4) are also averaging in twin figures.

Junior forward Cliff Robinson



WILLIE McCLOUD Husky starter



LYMAN DePRIEST Averaging 5.0 points

leads the Huskies averaging 17.7 points and 4.8 rebounds per game. Phil Gamble is averaging 16.2 points per game and is shooting 55 percent from the field. Tate George, Willie McCLOUD, Lyman DePriest and

Steve Pikelski should fill out UConn's starting lineup. The Huskies return to Hartford Saturday at 1 p.m. against Providence. It's only one of two home games for Connecticut in the month of January.

Manchester boasts several leading sportscasters

of Connecticut, was the Syracuse defensive coordinator.

Dick Carter has replaced Nate Agostinelli as treasurer of the Manchester Sports Hall of Fame. Both men are bank officers. Carter at the Savings Bank of Manchester and Agostinelli the president of the Manchester State Bank.

This year's annual induction dinner will be on Sept. 23 at the Manchester Army and Navy Club, the honorees to be announced at a later date.

Plaques of Manchester Sports Fame members may be moved soon to a permanent home in the Manchester Historical Society building on Cedar Street. The Lutz Children's Museum has displayed to date the plaques as part of its exhibit.

One Man's Opinion: The Harlem Globetrotters would be fortunate to have a game in the city against the worst team in the National Basketball Association. The Trotters engage only their stooges, the Washington Capitols, in their worldwide tour. The original New York Renaissance were a better club than the Trotters and won against the best teams in the country.

Also, One Man's Opinion: The biggest single news event in Manchester during 1987 was the 51st Road Race which attracted over 8,000 runners and a crowd estimated at 40,000. The race helped keep this City of Village Charm on the national map.

Traveling man

Peter Kasavage, Manchester's roving official with the United States Lawn Tennis Association, has firming up his 1988 schedule as a tennis umpire on the Grand Prix circuit which will take him throughout Europe, Mexico, South America and



Local connection

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Herald Angle

Earl Yost Sports Editor Emeritus

Starting off the new year, Manchester can boast a major contribution to the Hartford area's leading sportscasters on radio and television.

Mike Crispino, who first attracted attention as a glue-fingered end and a hard-hitting outfielder at East Catholic High, holds down the position as Channel 30's sports director.

Scott Gray, a multi-talented radio sportscaster during his tenure at WHP in Manchester, became capable handles the latter station's early morning sports updates six days a week. In addition, Gray proves to be well versed in the world of sports when filling in on the Arnold Dean call-in show.

Rick Peckham has a heavy schedule, working the television play-by-play of all Hartford Whaler hockey games on SportsChannel and on Channel 18. He also fills the same capacity for University of Hartford basketball offerings on Channel 18.

Mike Adams, who first gained the spotlight chasing talented teammate Steve Gates around cross country courses while a student at Manchester High, has moved into the video picture

as a weekend or spot replacement handling the day's sports results.

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Pollution to close gun club

STRATFORD (AP) — Trap and skeet shooters are going to have to give up a 60-year tradition with the closing of the Lordship Gun Club, but the club's owners are hoping to find a new spot for shooters to enjoy their sport.

Remington Arms Co. announced Monday that it will permanently close the gun club because of lead pollution in the area.

"This was a difficult decision to reach," said John E. Preiser, Remington's executive vice president. "As a company and as hunters and shooters, we have a special interest in protecting and maintaining the environment, but only because of our moral obligation, not because environment is a key element in the enjoyment of these sports."

"Nevertheless it personally saddens me to close this club," he said. "Lordship is one of the nation's oldest trap and skeet shooting facilities and has been the home of the oldest skeet shooting tournament in America, the Great Eastern."

An environmental study, commissioned by Remington at the request of the state Department of Environmental Protection, concluded that lead accumulation in

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Woman convicted in to's kidnaping

NEW HAVEN (AP) — A Branford woman has been convicted of second-degree kidnaping for abducting an infant from Yale-New Haven Hospital in 1986.

Maureen Mead, 29, pleaded no contest and was found guilty Monday as a result of a plea bargain that may result in a sentence of no more than 15 months in prison.

Mead remains free on a \$50,000 bond while awaiting sentencing on Feb. 19 in Superior Court.

Mead was caught on Oct. 29, 1986 with a 14-day-old boy who was reported missing from Yale-New Haven's maternity ward, where Mead had worked as a volunteer.

The baby was returned to his parents within four hours of the abduction.

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Game doesn't spoil memories of fine season for the Saints

By Austin Wilson
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — One bad game shouldn't be allowed to overshadow the brilliant season, even if it was the most important game in the franchise's history, says New Orleans Saints Coach Jim Mora.

Minnesota routed the Saints 44-10 in the NFC wild-card game on Sunday, the most lopsided wild-card result ever. The previous high was the 31-7 Seattle romp over Denver in 1983.

"Although yesterday was a bad experience and leaves somewhat of a bad taste in everybody's mouth, I think it's important to look at the big picture," Mora said Monday.

"This team won the second most games in the league, 12, and it's difficult to get 12. They were in a row, which is extremely difficult.

"They accomplished things nobody expected them to accomplish. I think that if you asked the players before the season, even they, deep down inside, they wouldn't have thought they could."

Tom Benson did. He picked up to win 12.

Benson, team owner, did predict in August that the Saints would win 12, but everybody chalked that up to his perpetual optimism and self-

professed innocence of football knowledge.

Mora said that the loss to Minnesota should not be interpreted as a reversal to the form that sent the Saints through 20 non-winning seasons.

Kicker Morten Andersen said the question was offensive.

"It's an insult to us, because we're not. That era is over. I firmly believe that," he said.

"Whoever says it's the same old Saints has not been paying too much attention."

Tight end Hoby Brenner said it's the sort of thing a disappointed fan might say without meaning it.

"I think you can say that anytime we lose, but I don't think it's true," he said. "We had nine good games and, unfortunately, we had a bad one on the tenth."

"We're not as bad as that score indicates. I hope not, because we have to play them next season in the regular season," he said. The Saints will play Minnesota, but wouldn't have thought they could.

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DAY AFTER LOSS—New Orleans Saints' Coach Jim Mora looks down while listening to a question at a news conference in New Orleans Monday. Mora took the Saints to the playoffs for the first time in the club's history only to lose to Minnesota, 44-10.

W. German film industry is in trouble

By Kevin Costelloe
The Associated Press

FRANKFURT, West Germany — After enjoying great success in the 1960s and '70s, West Germany's film industry has hit troubled times.

Critics talk about an artistic crisis compounded by the growing trend toward mammoth, international co-productions aimed primarily at making money. Cinema attendance also is down, and last year only seven West German movies drew more than a half-million viewers.

To many, 42-year-old director Wim Wenders, whose latest success here and in the United States, and Volker Schlöndorff, president of Exhibitor Relations Co., which on Monday released the tentative final box-office figures for 1987, are the industry's bright spots.

Wenders' "The American Friend" (1977) and Schlöndorff's "The Tin Drum" (1979), Schöndorff has found an American audience. But Werner Herzog, known for such films as "Aguirre, the Wrath of God" (1972), wasn't able to finish his "Cobra Verde" in time for the important Hof Film Festival in the fall.

Germany's film industry has a long and illustrious history.

In the '20s and '30s, such moviemakers as Fritz Lang ("Metropolis," 1926), F.W. Murnau ("The Last Laugh," 1924) and G.W. Pabst ("The Three Penny Opera," 1931) made Germany a leader in the embryonic industry. Then Adolf Hitler's Third Reich stifled artistic creativity. In the '50s a long string of sentimental movies based on simple boy-meets-girl plots dominated a nation still smarting from the war.

The new German film began its rise in the mid-1960s, suddenly rocketing Fassbinder and Schlöndorff to fame, along with Herzog, Wenders and Alexander Kluge ("Absent Without Staying," 1966).

Prestigious film schools were established in West Berlin and Munich to groom new talent for the government-subsidized film industry.

"German film began bouncing back," says Heinz Badewitz, head of the 21-year-old Hof Film Festival. "Just when you think it's all over, then they come fighting back and the critics fall into a frenzy. German movies find much of their success abroad. That's a fact."

Some of the best-known recent German films have been international co-productions such as "The Name of the Rose" (1985), Wolfgang Petersen's 1981 submarine war adventure, "Das Boot" ("The Boat," 1981), also strongly aimed at an international market.

"International film spells the end of national cinema," says Hans Joachim Neumann, the author of a 1986 book, "Der Deutsche Film Heute" ("German Film Today").

Neumann said that while Wenders' 1984 film, "Paris, Texas," won great critical acclaim, it was more an American film for the German public than a German one.

"The heroic, experimental age of the movies is over," he said. "The genre on the horizon is the type of cinema of the 1960s have made way for the gold diggers of the new film boom."

"Things are going badly for German movies, and it didn't just start yesterday. Fewer and fewer spectators both here and abroad still want to see German movies."

Last November, only two West German movies were on Stern magazine's list of most-watched motion pictures. One was "The Joker" ("The Joker"), a crime thriller featuring German rock star Peter Maffay and starring Tahnee Welch and Elliott Gould. The other was "Zerziewitz's Chavoten" ("Tender Anarchist"), a romantic comedy starring TV superstar Thomas Gottschalk.

Last year's most successful West German movie was a slapstick farce featuring popular TV entertainer Otto, beloved for his hangdog look and baggy clothes. More than 6 million people saw "Otto" from the middle of July to the beginning of September.

Still, many in the industry say the future is still bright for West German movies, even though overall movie theater attendance plunged from 141.3 million in 1981 to about 105.2 million last year.



MACBETH ON BROADWAY — Starring as Macbeth and Lady Macbeth in a new production of the Shakespeare play, Christopher Plummer and Glenda Jackson appear together during the first rehearsal in New York Monday. The production will begin an 11-week pre-Broadway tour in two-and-a-half weeks before its Broadway opening on April 21.

Names in the News

Sleepless nights

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Joe Elliott, lead singer for the heavy-metal band Def Leppard, says he will suffer "sleepless nights" because of his insult to El Paso residents five years ago, but his apologies have fallen on deaf ears.

Mary Gibson, spokeswoman, urged a boycott of Def Leppard since 1983, when Elliott told a concert crowd in Tucson, Ariz., that the band had played the light house in El Paso, "that place with all the greasy Mexicans."

Elliott later broadcast an apology to El Paso residents and Def Leppard offered to donate \$10,000 to needy children here and to play in the border city Feb. 15, but Gibson has refused to be placated, despite Elliott's offer to donate \$10,000 to the League of United Latin American Citizens, who says "we can't continue to hold a grudge."

"What I said then was not meant the way it came out, and it was a ridiculously stupid thing to do, but I'm not going to apologize," he said. "I've spent many a sleepless night over that incident, and I did my best to right a wrong. There's a good reason for forgiveness."



MARGAUX HEMINGWAY ... never felt better

Bankrupt surgeon

HOUSTON (AP) — Dr. Denton Cooley, who in 1969 performed the world's first artificial heart implant, has filed for protection under federal bankruptcy laws.

Cooley, 67, claims to owe about \$100 million through his local real estate businesses and Cardiovascular Associates, his medical partnership. He sought protection from his creditors Monday under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

Real estate developers in Houston and other Texas cities have filed suits, partly because of the depressed oil industry.

A year before the artificial heart implant, he Houston native performed the nation's first heart transplant. He also founded and operated Rancho Mirage on Dec. 4 in the Texas Medical Center in Houston.



TIMOTHY DALTON ... teams with Redgrave

Wonderful stay

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Margaux Hemingway "has never felt better" since her stay at the Betty Ford Center during the Christmas holiday to overcome an alcohol problem, her agent says.

"We are very proud of her," said Bill Barnes, a longtime friend and agent of the model and actress, who is the granddaughter of author Ernest Hemingway. "She had a very wonderful stay there."

Mrs. Hemingway, 32, entered the center in Rancho Mirage on Dec. 4 and was released during the weekend, said Barnes. She went directly to her family home in rural Idaho, he said.

Her sisters — actress Mariel Hemingway, 25, and Muffet, 36, were with her at the time in rural Ketchum and are proud of Margaux's decision to face her drinking problem, said Barnes.

"She has never felt better. It is all extremely positive," he said.



DR. DENTON COOLEY ... files for bankruptcy

No stage secret

LONDON (AP) — Timothy Dalton, the latest actor to star as James Bond, will get secret agent antics to learn with actress Vanessa Redgrave on the British stage.

Dalton, 41, first appeared as Agent 007 in last year's "The Living Daylights." His new role is as tavern owner, Francis Foley in the new play, "A Touch of the Poet," opening Jan. 28 at the Young Vic Theatre.

Dalton's stage work and romance following the American Revolution will run three weeks at the Young Vic before moving to Brighton and later to London's West End.

Exploratory work on a new Bond film is under way, Dalton has said, and his involvement is "highly probable."

Gift returned

DENVER (AP) — Democratic Gov. Roy Romer says he got his blue cashmere overcoat back as a holiday gift from a person who took it by mistake at a party given by Republicans.

Romer said at a news conference Monday that the person who took the coat at the party in Denver several weeks ago "was on his back in Hawaii while I was shivering here. But I got it back this morning."

The governor refused to identify the person, but said the man apologized profusely for mistaking the coat for his own.

Romer said that if he learned anything from the experience, it is: "Don't wear your good coat to a Republican party."

Censors clear motherly kiss

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — Brazil's censored soap opera turned the heat up a notch when government censors allowed one program to show a modern-day Oedipus kiss his mother in a passionate embrace on prime-time television.

It happened Monday night in the long-awaited chapter 74 of the popular soap opera "Mandala," a modern-day version of the Greek tragedy. Oedipus and his mother, Jocasta, looked longingly at each other and kissed.

Earlier, Raimundo Estuquio de Mesquita, the head of the government's television censorship department, had said the scene would not be broadcast.

"No way. Over my dead body," the censor said.

Censor Mesquita saw the matter differently.

"I don't think incest is an appropriate subject to be aired at 8 p.m. when children are watching," he said of the show which is being run by Globo TV Brazil's largest commercial network.

"Are we to censor Greek mythology, which is part of every child's basic education?" asked Gomes.

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"Neither the kiss scene was too suggestive of incest, since at the time Oedipus is unaware that the

Sports In Brief

Robinson co-player of the week

STORRS — University of Connecticut forward Cliff Robinson and Pittsburgh center Charles Smith were named Big East basketball players of the week. It was announced Monday.

Robinson played in three of four games last week when he scored 90 points and added 25 rebounds.

Hartford rallies to top Canisius

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Anthony Moye scored 20 points and Keith Jones netted 13 more to lead a well-balanced scoring attack as Hartford rallied in the second half to beat Canisius 64-60 in the ECAC North Atlantic conference opener for both schools Monday night.

Hartford trailed 31-19 at halftime, but Moye scored 14 points to help lead the Hawks' comeback and snap a four-game losing streak. Jones' long jumper with 4:41 left led Hartford, now 3-8. Its first lead at 56-55 and the visitors stayed in front the rest of the game.

Marvin Powell had 11 points and Wilbert Frazier added 10 more and hauled in 10 rebounds for Hartford, which shot 66.7 percent in the second half.

Brian Smith topped Canisius with 18 points and 10 rebounds, while Greg Smith scored 14 points and Mike Brown finished with 13 for the Griffins, now winless in eight games.

North Arizona nips Central

TUBA CITY, Ariz. — Kevin Tucker sank a 15-foot baseline jumper at the buzzer to give Northern Arizona a 72-70 victory over Central Connecticut State University in a non-conference basketball game Monday night.

Tucker, who led all scorers with 20 points, hit his game-winner six seconds after Central Connecticut State's Bryan Heron had tied the game for the 11th time on a tip-in.

Tucker then took the ball the length of the court and put up the fallaway jumper, falling to the floor as the shot went in.

Wayne Campbell paced Central, 3-7, with 19 points. Tyrone Canino added 17 points and Reuben, who for the Blue Devils while Brian Devlin added 12 and Andre Alexander 10.

Yale gets by New Hampshire

DURHAM, N.H. — Peter White hit a three-pointer, his only points of the game, with 54 seconds remaining to lead Yale to a 71-69 win over New Hampshire Monday.

White gave Yale a 70-69 lead and Eric Mitchell added a free throw with three seconds left.

Dean Campbell led Yale, 2-6, with 16 points, while Paul Maley added 15. Jon Rice chipped in 10 points and seven rebounds. Derek Counts led New Hampshire, 0-6, with 25 points, while Keith Carpenter and Dave Murray added 14 points each.

Malarchuk NHL player of week

MONTREAL — Goalie Clint Malarchuk, who helped the Washington Capitals to three victories and a tie in four NHL games, was named Player of the Week Monday for the period ending Jan. 4.

Malarchuk posted a 2.45 goals-against average in the four games. The highlight of his week came Jan. 2 when he led the Capitals to a 2-0 triumph over the Stanley Cup champion Edmonton Oilers. It was the sixth career shutout for the 26-year-old Malarchuk, but his first this season.

Jackson NBA rookie of the month

NEW YORK — Guard Mark Jackson, who averaged 11.6 points and 10.3 assists for the New York Knicks in December, was named NBA Rookie of the Month on Monday.

Jackson, a first-round draft choice from St. John's, is averaging 8.4 assists per game this season. The highest assist average by a rookie was Oscar Robertson's 9.7 in 1961.

Canada captures junior hockey title

MOSCOW — Canada captured its third World Junior Hockey Championship Monday, finishing the eight-team tournament undefeated following a 9-1 victory over Poland.

The Soviet Union captured the silver medal by trouncing West Germany 12-1 in the final game of the 12th annual competition. Finland, the only team to take a point from the Canadians with a 4-4 tie earlier in the event, beat Czechoslovakia 2-1 for the bronze medal.

Athletics sign Glenn Hubbard

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics have signed free-agent veteran second baseman Glenn Hubbard to a contract for the 1988 baseball season, plus an option year, the club announced on Monday.

Hubbard, 39, hit a career-high .264 for the Atlanta Braves last season, including 33 doubles and 77 walks. The Athletics did not reveal other terms of the pact.

"Glenn will add to our defense up the middle and give us an experienced double-play man to team with Walt Weiss," said Athletics Vice President of Baseball Operations Sandy Alderson in a press release. "Offensively, he had an excellent on-base percentage and can handle the bat well. He is ideal for our situation."

Clark may not re-sign with St. Louis

By Ronald Blum
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Will Jack Clark stay in St. Louis or will he go? The Cardinals say he'll stay. Clark's agent says no.

"Jack Clark has indicated to me that he will not re-sign with the Cardinals," Tom Reich said Monday.

"Negotiations are continuing," Cardinals General Manager Dal Maxvill said. "I'm hopeful that we can get it done by Friday night."

Clark is the most prominent of the 11 free agents who must re-sign with their former clubs by Friday or be barred from re-signing with them until March 1.

"I'm not talking, we're past that," Reich said. "I think it's academic with respect to the Cardinals at this point. I expected a St. Louis deal, but it's not happened."

Maxvill, who said the Cardinals are offering a two-year contract, said he spoke Monday with Bill Landman, Clark's agent. Clark called Bill at 7:30 this morning but it didn't change anything," Reich said. "The situation with St. Louis appears to have expired. Re-signing with St. Louis is not our direction from Clark."

Reich said that negotiations with the Cardinals reached an impasse in December and that is when Clark began to think about going elsewhere.

Clark made \$1.3 million last season in the final year of a multi-year contract with St. Louis. Reich said that Clark was not opposed to signing a significant part of the money in a new contract

to longevity clauses. But Reich said the Cardinals were unwilling to pay Clark as a superstar if he remained in St. Louis.

Maxvill said that one of the items under discussion was the number of games Clark would have to play to reach certain monetary levels, but Reich indicated that Clark had stopped thinking about such matters.

"It's just not a question of the money or the terms anymore," Reich said. "There are just times when you have to move on and find a new ballclub."

Clark, in addition to missing the final month of the season, was hurt in the playoffs and World Series, also was hurt the final three months of 1986 and missed two weeks in 1985.

"This is not what we expected," Reich said.

Gregory undeterred by disc injury

By Borrv Wilner
The Associated Press

DENVER — A ruptured disc may have had Scott Gregory on his back, but it wasn't going to keep him away from the U.S. Figure Skating Championships and they didn't want to jeopardize their Olympic qualification.

Wynne said, "The international exposure this fall and doing our program before people really helps you get better."

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"This was the most relaxed I've felt out there tonight," Yorkie said. "That's because we are so well prepared. That's a fact."

Gregory never was prepared to miss the nationals. He and Semanick were anxious to defend their titles before people really help you get better."

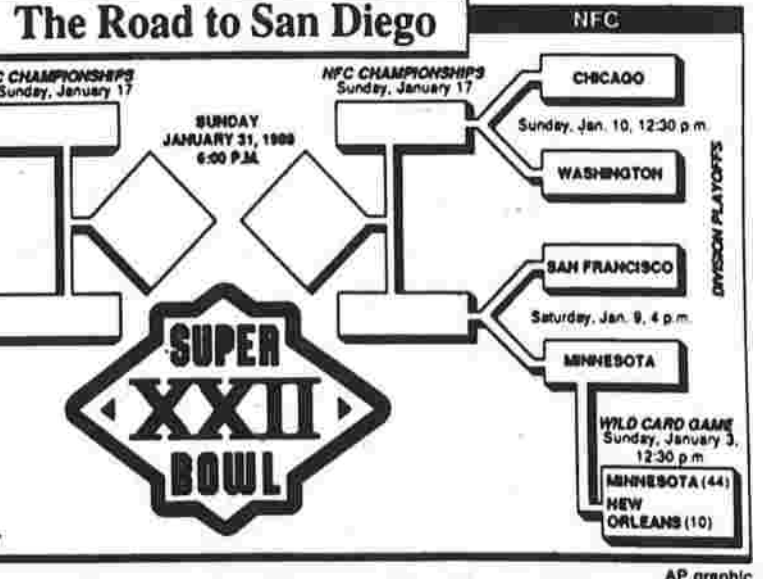
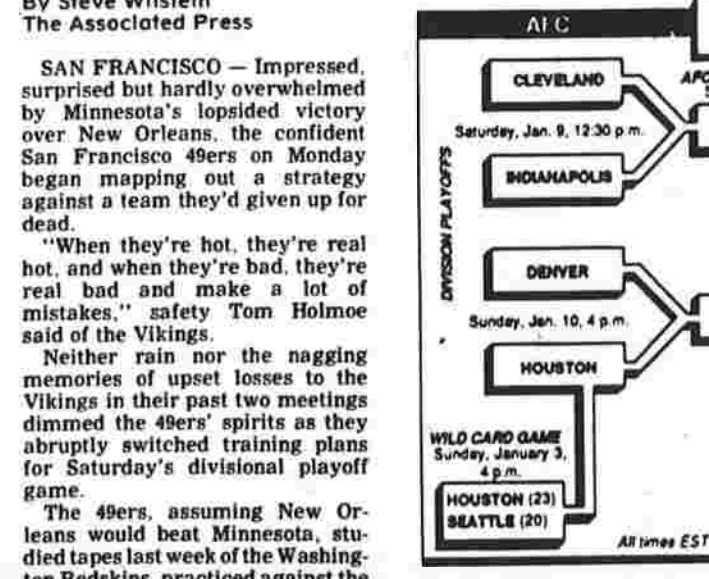
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49ers confident about meeting Vikes



what the playoffs are all about: concentration and playing together as a team," Craig said.

"Safety Carlton Williamson said he turned off the Vikings-Saints game early because he grew bored watching it, but he was impressed with quarterback Wade Wilson.

"He was really in control of himself and confident," Williamson said. "I hadn't seen that before in him."

Quarterback Joe Montana said he feels "close to 100 percent" and ready to start after missing one game because of a strained hamstring muscle and playing only the second half last week against the Rams.

"I don't think I will be rusty at all," he said.

Montana is one of the few 49ers who wasn't surprised by the Vikings victory.

There shouldn't be any major problems or any major difference in our blocking schemes," Craig said.

Asked about the 49ers' previous two losses against the Vikings, Montana just shrugged.

"I missed last year's game (with a back injury) and I can't remember two years ago," he said.

Waish and all the 49ers are impressed though, with Minnesota's two big offensive forces — running back Darrin Nelson and wide receiver Anthony Carter.

"They have some real offensive weapons and they were able to keep their defense well-rested by keeping it off the field (against the Saints)," said Craig.

Waish said Carter beat the game open with an 84-yard punt return for a touchdown. Carter also caught six passes for 79 yards, including a 10-yard touchdown.

Literary legend celebrates her 100th birthday

NEW YORK (AP) — Frances Stoeffel, the founder of the Gotham Book Mart, celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by a litany of celebrities in excellent health as her friends dropped by to celebrate her birthday.

All around her were signed books and photographs by some of the authors she has befriended and encouraged: William Faulkner, Henry Miller, Marianne Moore, Alice B. Toklas, Thornton Wilder, Eudora Welty and John Steinbeck.

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Dollar's rebound might only be temporary

By Tom Roum
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Direct intervention in currency markets by the Federal Reserve and other central banks appeared to be a factor as the dollar rebounded further today from post-World War II lows. But analysts suggested the respite might be temporary.

The dollar rose sharply against the Japanese yen and other currencies today after strengthening Monday amid reports of heavy buying of dollars by the Fed, the Bank of Japan, the German Bundesbank and other central banks.

The intervention appeared to be in line with an agreement by the seven major industrial nations late last month to coordinate exchange rate policy in an effort to stem the dollar's sharp fall.

Intervention is the direct buying of a currency — in this case dollars

— by an official bank. The impact on currency prices can be significant.

However, even with their vast resources, central banks are limited in what they can do.

The amounts of money that central banks can pump into the system are tiny compared with transactions on foreign exchange markets that can reach \$200 billion a day.

"Even though central banks can coordinate intervention day-to-day, they do not have enough ammunition to fully counter the negative psychology of private investors toward the dollar," said David Jones, a senior economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co., a New York based government securities dealer.

Economists also say the Fed's flexibility is severely limited given its apparent reluctance to prop up the dollar with higher interest

rates.

The dollar has fallen more than 50 percent since early 1985 against the Japanese yen and the West German mark.

A weaker dollar makes U.S. exports more competitive and can help ease the nation's trade deficit. But too sharp a decline can rekindle inflation, first by driving up import prices and then by giving U.S. manufacturers more leeway to raise prices.

The usual way for a government to keep its currency from tumbling is to raise interest rates. But Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan apparently has rejected such a course, fearing that a tightening of U.S. monetary policy at this point could harm economic growth, possibly even triggering a recession, analysts say.

"The Fed's in an unfortunate position," said John Wilson, chief economist for the Bank of America

in San Francisco. "They just don't have any options. If they try to raise interest rates, that will jeopardize what is shaping up to be a weak first half" of 1988.

The dollar, which had fallen to record lows against other major currencies in the final week of 1987, rose decisively on Monday after the reports of intervention by central banks.

In Paris, Finance Minister Edouard Balladur said there was a "secret clause" in a Dec. 23 currency stabilization agreement calling for intervention in currency markets when the dollar fell below a certain level.

"The dollar should not fall further; the seven major nations have agreed to cooperate in the foreign exchange market to that end," Balladur said in a statement that appeared in a French business publication.

U.S. Treasury officials refused to

comment on Balladur's statement, but his comments made public what traders already had surmised.

The official December statement by the "Group of Seven" industrial nations declared further declines in the dollar would be "counterproductive" to world economic growth.

That statement hinted, but did not specifically state, that the seven nations — the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy — would intervene in currency markets to support the dollar.

At the time of the statement, the dollar was worth about 1.673 German marks and 126 Japanese yen.

On Monday, the dollar rose to 1.58 marks and 122.6 yen in New York trading, up from 1.57 marks and 121 yen last Thursday. It also was up in

Asian and European trading and its rebound was cited as a factor in Monday's 76.4 point rally in the Dow Jones industrial average.

Central banks including the Fed reportedly bought over \$1.5 billion in the week between Christmas and New Year's Day in an effort to prop up the dollar.

There were even unconfirmed reports that the Fed had intervened in Asian markets to support the dollar, an unusual move.

"The Fed is able to prop up the dollar in part because traders knew it was overvalued," said Michael K. Evans, president of a Washington-based forecasting service. "It was too low (last week). But in the longer term, it will still go down further."

A Fed spokesman, Joseph Coyne, said it would not comment on the subject of intervention — as is customary.

Lockheed picks GE turboprop

By Christopher Colahan
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lockheed Corp. has picked an engine by General Electric Co. for its entry in the competition to build the next line of anti-submarine patrol planes for the Navy.

The company announced Monday that the GE38 turboprop engine was selected over a version of the T406 engine offered by a partnership of Pratt & Whitney Aircraft and the Allison Gas Turbine Division of General Motors Corp.

The Navy has projected ordering 125 new planes, according to Jim Ragsdale, a spokesman for Lockheed Aeronautical Systems Co. in Burbank, Calif., a division of Lockheed Corp.

With four engines per craft plus spares, the Navy would likely buy more than 500 engines, said GE spokesman William A. Shumann.

Shumann said if the Lockheed-GE team wins the Navy contract later this year, the engines would be built mainly at GE's plant in Lynn, Mass. But he said it would have no impact on a series of previously announced layoffs at the Massachusetts plant.

"We don't expect this will have any impact on employment by itself," Shumann said. "If the Navy were to select Lockheed, it probably would stabilize employment rather than add to employment."

The proposed long-range maritime patrol plane would replace the Lockheed P-3C Orion as the Navy's land-based anti-submarine craft.

Boeing and McDonnell-Douglas Corp. also are preparing proposals to build the new craft.

The Boeing entry is expected to be based on the company's commercial 757, and probably would use a Pratt & Whitney engine, Shumann said.

The McDonnell-Douglas proposal would likely have another GE engine, he said.

The P-3C Orion, which would be replaced by the new plane, is powered by an Allison engine.

Lockheed's decision to go with a GE engine over the Pratt-Allison proposal is the latest in a series of setbacks for Pratt & Whitney, the East Hartford, Conn.-based division of United Technologies Corp. Pratt & Whitney, once the nation's No. 1 engine maker, has taken a back seat GE in recent years.

Between 1982 and 1987, Pratt & Whitney's share of the military jet-engine market dipped by 28 percent.

Pratt spokesman Chuck Suites declined comment on Lockheed's decision, saying he had not heard the announcement.

Pratt & Whitney has engine-building plants in East Hartford and West Palm Beach, Fla. GE's main plants are in Lynn and Evendale, Ohio.

Bids are due Feb. 16. A Navy announcement on the award is expected this summer, Ragsdale said.



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STEELY STRENGTH — An inspector at a steel service center in Franklin Park, Ill., examines 1 1/2-inch electric-resistance welding steel tubes that will be used in the manufacture of diesel engines. America's steel service centers

shipped about 23 million tons of steel in 1987, the \$24 billion industry's fourth consecutive record shipping year, according to the Steel Service Center Institute.

Feds find no price manipulation in unusual Chicago index boost

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Commodity Futures Trading Commission has found no evidence of orchestrated price manipulation in a Chicago stock-index futures contract the day after the Oct. 19 stock market crash.

The half-hour, 30 percent price jump in the Chicago Board of Trade's Major Market Index contracts occurred even though the biggest traders were selling rather than buying, the commission's Division of Trading and Markets said in a 37-page report Monday.

But it said the price runup could be explained primarily by an infusion of cash from the Federal Reserve, renewed trading in several stocks and announcements by several companies that they would repurchase their own stocks.

The rapid price escalation in MMI contracts occurred during a brief interval when all the nation's other exchanges had closed trading

in their stock-index futures in response to still-falling prices on the morning of the 20th.

Many analysts have credited the half hour of trading in MMI contracts for the partial recovery of stock prices that afternoon, following the previous day's 508-point plunge in the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

From 12:18 p.m. EST until 12:50 p.m. the MMI — an index futures of 20 blue chip stocks, 16 of them also components of the Dow — rose from \$285 to \$375 per contract after falling by more than \$100 the two previous hours.

"During the time when the market advanced dramatically ... the trading tended to be dispersed among numerous traders, with no evidence of concentrated trading by any trader or group of traders," the commission said.

"Trading activity in the MMI during the focus period does not support a finding of price manipulation."

It said two of the largest buyers' purchases occurred prior to the major price advance. The third largest buyer's transactions occurred almost entirely after the high of the rally, later to be offset at a substantial loss, the report said.

The commission also said its analysis showed no evidence any trader had entered several incremental orders to be filled at progressively higher prices — which would have suggested that a move was afoot to raise the price artificially.

"The single price executions indicate an intention to obtain the lowest price possible — the normal intention of a buyer — rather than to bid the market up," it said.

Air fares slashed for limited period

By The Associated Press

At least four major airlines have moved to stimulate air travel with promotions that include fare cuts and eased restrictions on discounts, although most of the bargains are good only until mid-May.

The most ambitious promotion was announced Monday by Continental Airlines, one of the largest carriers, which reduced prices by up to 20 percent, lowered advance purchase requirements for the cheapest fares and enabled members of its frequent-flier program to fly first class at coach fares on most routes.

Eastern Airlines and Northwest Airlines also announced limited fare reductions, but it was not immediately clear whether they would match the scope of Continental's.

United Airlines spokesman Matthew Goring said United would match Continental's advance-purchase requirement rollback but would have to study other elements of the promotion before reducing any fares. American Airlines spokesman Stephen McGregor said American also needed time to study the moves.



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Continental cuts fares

The industry historically has lowered fares during winter, when travel slows considerably. Most of the fare cuts announced Monday are good only until May 20.

Of particular interest is Continental's reductions in that members of its frequent-flier program will be able to fly first-class on most routes by paying regular coach fares. Since membership in the program is available upon application, the change in effect eliminates most of Continental's first-class price structure, airline executives said.

"This new fare allows people previously forced by their company's policy to fly coach to now enjoy reserved first-class seating and service with a coach fare," said Lewis Jordan, airline vice president and chief operating officer.

James O'Donnell, vice president of marketing, said the change was partly the result of corporate unwillingness to pay for first-class travel in an era of increased business-expense austerity.

Continental also reintroduced its original two-day advance purchase requirement for the deepest discount fares. Continental officials said the move reversed a broad trend in the airline industry to tighten advance purchase requirements for the lowest fares to 14 days or 30 days.

In addition, Continental introduced a new fare of \$39 each on midday shuttle flights between Newark, N.J., and Boston and Washington. The regular fare on the heavily traveled route is \$89.

Examples of the lowest fares available under its winter discounts include New York-Denver at \$99, compared with \$124 previously; New York-Seattle at \$119, compared with \$139 previously; and New York-Miami at \$79, compared with \$114 previously.

Maximum discount fares require roundtrip travel, a Saturday night stay and purchase within 24 hours of making reservations. Seats are limited and tickets are nonrefundable. On Florida routes, the maximum stay is two weeks.

Continental, a unit of Houston-based Texas Air Corp., has expanded aggressively during the past year and now serves 103 U.S. airports and 34 abroad with a fleet of more than 350 aircraft.

Eastern, another Texas Air unit, announced reductions on its deepest discount fares effective Wednesday. As part of the cuts, travelers can fly between Florida and many Northeast points for as low as \$79 each way.

Northwest also announced a winter promotion that cuts fares from some Midwest points to the West Coast by up to \$120 roundtrip through mid-May, reduces advance-purchase restrictions and sweetens rewards for frequent fliers.

Joint venture formed

SEATTLE (AP) — Lone Star Industries and Onoda Cement Co. of Japan have formed a \$120 million joint venture to produce and sell concrete in the Northwest, Lone Star said.

The partnership will be one of the three largest producers of concrete in the region, Lone Star said Monday.

Lone Star, based in Connecticut, will contribute \$60 million of its property to the venture, to be called Lone Star Northwest. Onoda is paying Lone Star \$60 million for additional trucks, rock quarries and cement import terminals to be owned by the partnership.

Plot purchases of Treasury bills to stagger your income

QUESTION: I have purchased U.S. Treasury bills on different dates to have staggered income. As time went on, each T bill has been rolled over on its maturity date. Now, two mature on the same date and another is due to mature almost on that date.

What has happened to bring these maturity dates together? Did I lose money while these dates came closer and closer?

ANSWER: Treasury bills are



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issued with maturities of 13, 26 and 52 weeks. The only way the maturity dates of two T bills purchased at different times can coincide is if each bill has a different maturity span.

Let's say you bought a 26-week T

bill issued July 16, 1987, and a 13-week T bill issued Oct. 15, 1987. Both will mature Jan. 14, 1988. Voilà! Coincidental maturity dates.

If you had purchased two 26-week T bills, the one issued July 16 would mature Jan. 14 and the one issued Oct. 15 would mature April 14.

Since you want staggered income, you'll have to plot your purchases more carefully. You could accomplish what you have in mind by buying a 13-week T bill every month for three consecutive months, or a 26-week T bill every month for six months, or a 52-week T bill every month for a year.

Then, when you rollover each T bill as it matures, the face amount of each automatically will be used

to purchase a new T bill. At the time of each rollover, you'll receive the "discount" — the difference between the face amount of the new T bill and the lower price at which it is sold to the investing public.

Under the previous system, a check for the amount of the discount was sent to investors or to their brokerage firms or banks. Under the new "Treasury Direct" system, that money goes by wire to investors' bank accounts or to their brokerage firms or banks.

You did not lose any money as the maturity dates of your T bills came closer and closer. Because you rolled over your mature T bills to buy new ones, your money has been working for you all the time.

QUESTION: I have purchased U.S. Treasury notes and bills through our district Federal Reserve Bank under the Treasury Direct system. The "tender" purchase application must be filled out in duplicate, one copy of which I keep.

Is it necessary to retain that duplicate copy, after I receive the statement showing all pertinent information correctly? Space is scarce in my apartment and I rent only a small safe deposit box.

ANSWER: Once you have checked your Treasury Direct statement of account to be sure it is correct, there is no need to keep the duplicate of the tender form. The

statement is your proof of Treasury security ownership and a complete record of your account.

You receive a Treasury Direct statement of account every time there is a change in your account, such as the purchase of new Treasury bonds, notes and bills; the redemption of matured securities; the payment of interest and/or discounts.

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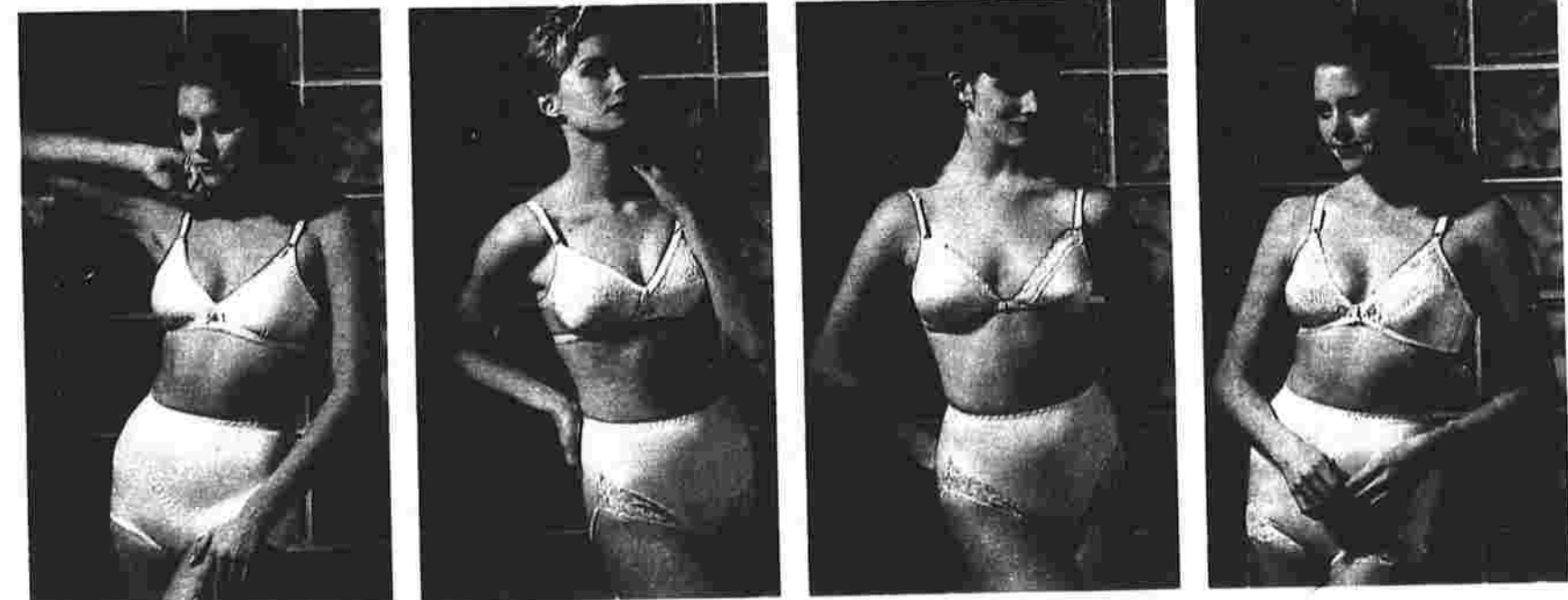
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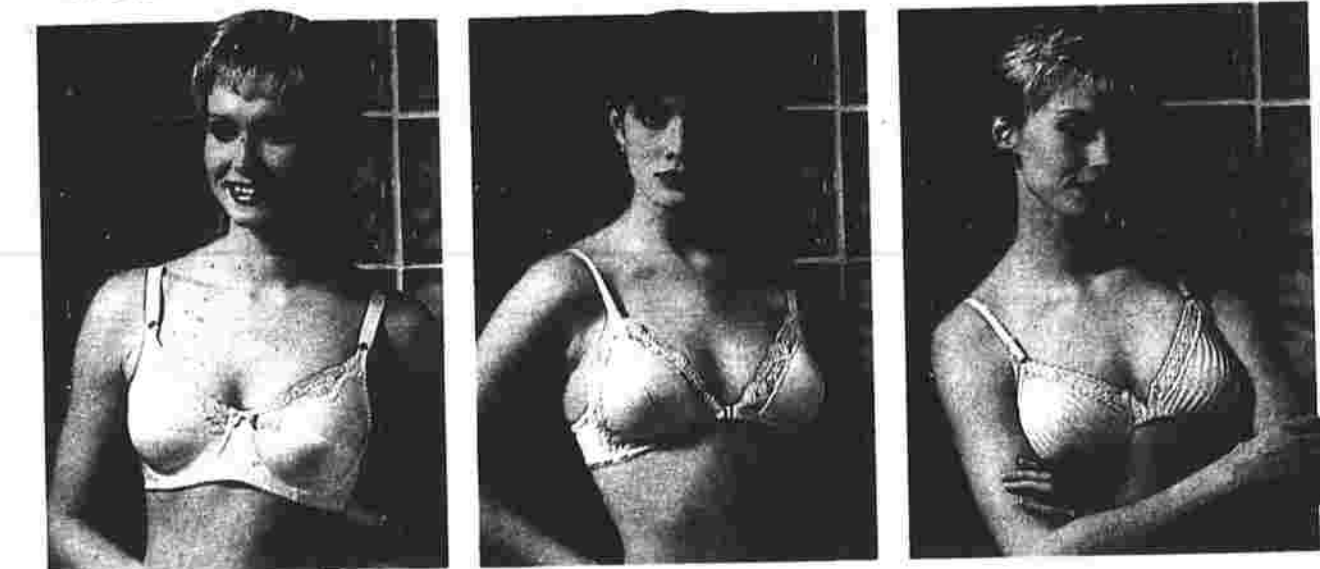
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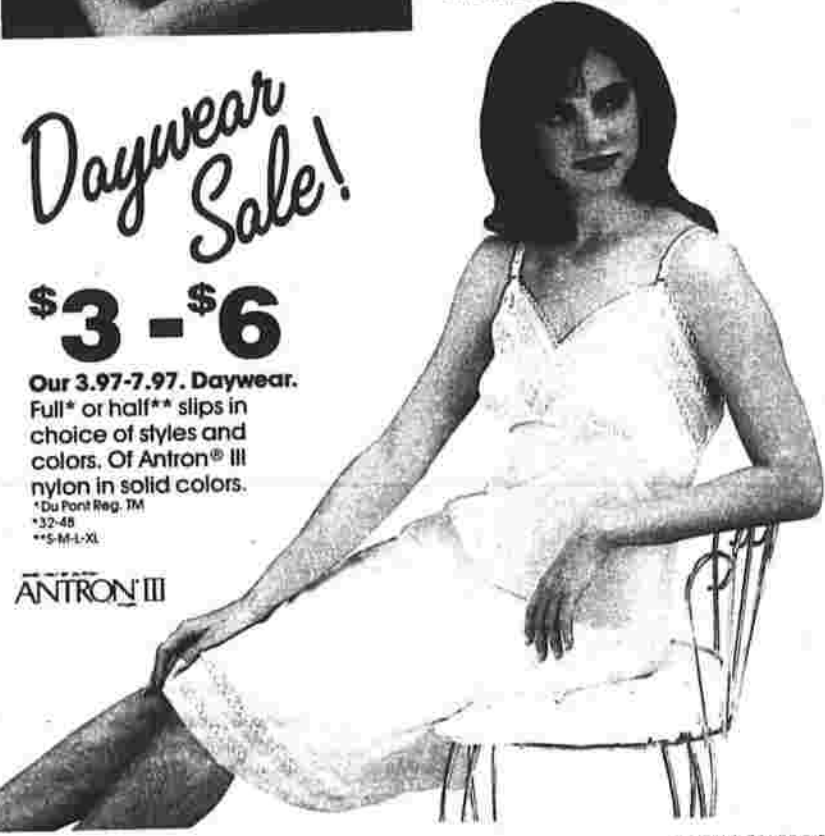


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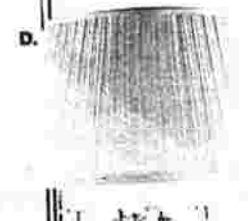
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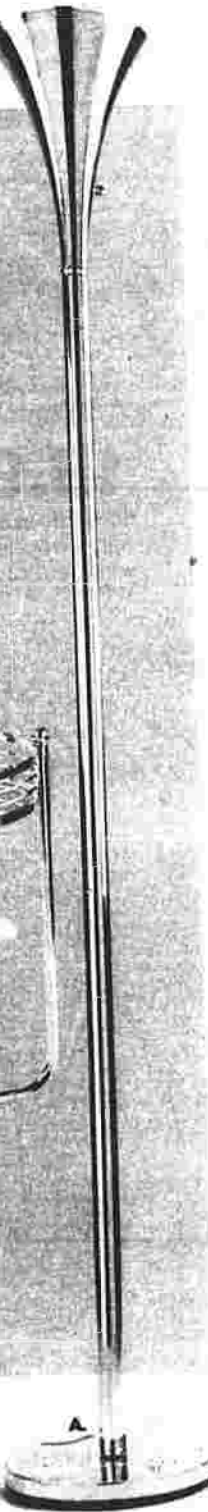
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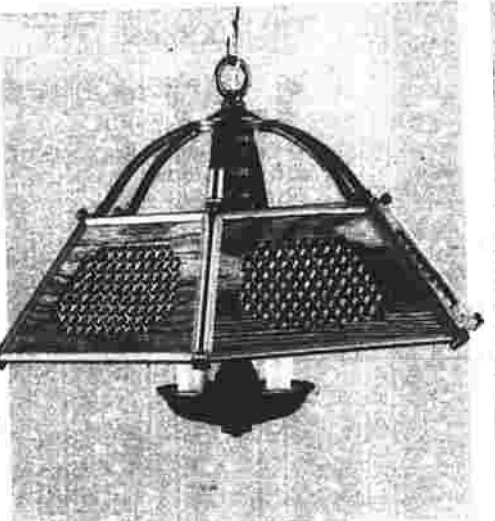
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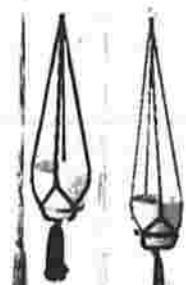


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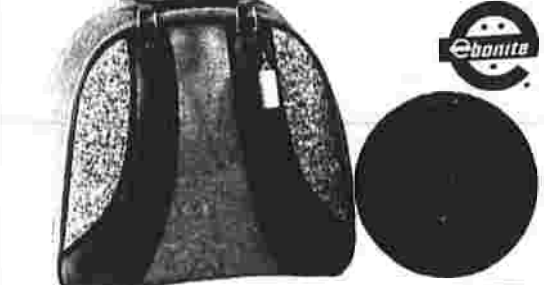
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