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Manchester Herald

Tuesday, March 8, 1988, Manchester, Conn. - A City of Village Charm, 30 Cents



Bush, Dukakis say they're feeling super

By Donald M. Rothberg, The Associated Press. It was the biggest day in the history of presidential primaries...

8th tells Homart it won't cut taxes

By Alex Girelli, Manchester Herald. A letter informing the Homart Development Co. that the Eighth Utilities District will charge the full tax on Homart's proposed Mall at Buckland Hills was to be sent to Homart today.

United foes seek removal of Noriega

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) - A newly united opposition called for the removal of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega and the formation of a transitional government, while pro-Noriega diplomats seized Panama's London consulate from rivals.

LPNs get meeting on wage demands

By Andrew J. Davis, Manchester Herald. Manchester Memorial Hospital officials were scheduled to meet with licensed practical nurses' representatives today to discuss their demands for pay increases.

No postage hike until after Easter

WASHINGTON (AP) - Higher postage rates will not take effect before Easter, Chairman John Griesemer of the board of governors of the Postal Service said today.

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RECORD

About Town

Health care available

COVENTRY — Community Health Care Services Inc. will hold office hours at the Town Office Building on Wednesday and March 16 from 2 to 3 p.m., the Coventry Pharmacy on Thursday from 11 to 2 p.m., the agency office on Route 6, Columbia, on Tuesday, March 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the Village Pharmacy in Coventry on Thursday, March 24 from 1 to 2 p.m. Blood pressure checks, line tests, throat cultures and health guidance will be given. For more information, call 228-9428.

Buying a car

A mini-course on how to buy a car will be offered at Whiton Memorial Library on North Main Street on Monday, March 21, Wednesday, March 23, and Thursday, March 24 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Glen P. Kawan, former lease consultant and automotive salesman, will conduct the mini-course. He will focus on financing, leasing, negotiating, warranties and other information about buying a car. To register, call 643-6822.

Koffee Klatch

COVENTRY — The Koffee Klatch will meet on Wednesday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church on Route 31. Admission is \$2.50, chowder or salad is 50 cents extra. The event is sponsored by the Friendly Circle of First Congregational Church.

OA plans meeting

Overeaters Anonymous will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Manchester Memorial Hospital cafeteria meeting room. New members welcome. OA follows the 12 steps of Alcohol Anonymous in helping people with eating disorders. For more information, call 524-4544.

Temple breakfast

The Charter Oak Lodge of B'nai B'rith will host Sidney Laibson at the Community Breakfast on Sunday, 9 a.m. at Temple Beth Shalom on West Middle Turnpike. Laibson will speak about the areas of unrest in Israel. Laibson is a member of the executive committee of the National Jewish Community Relations Council for the Greater Manchester area. He also serves on the Israel Task Force. For more information, call 649-9563.

Support group meets

BOLTON — The Tourette Syndrome support group will meet on Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the lounge of St. George's Episcopal Church, Route 44, Tourette Syndrome is a genetically transmitted neurological disorder whose symptoms include involuntary movements. For information, call 875-8929, evenings.

Public Meetings

Manchester

Parks and Recreation study committee workshop, Lincoln Center hearing room, 7 p.m.
Board of Directors, Lincoln Center hearing room, 7:30 p.m.

Bolton

Republican Town Committee, Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Coventry

Town Hall Space Committee, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.
Democratic Town Committee, Town Office Building, 8 p.m.

Andover

Board of Education, Andover Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Fire Commissioners, Firehouse, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Finance, Andover Elementary School, 8 p.m.

Dr. Crane's Quiz

- Which one of these wears spiked shoes?
SHORTSTOP ANCHORMAN FULLBACK BOXER
- Which tree usually retains its leaves latest in autumn?
WHITE OAK ASH WILLOW MAPLE
- Which nicknamed creature has no upper front teeth?
ELSI DOBBIN TABBY ROVER
- Which type of water is the best conductor of electricity?
OCEAN WATER DISTILLED RAINWATER WELL WATER
- A housewife usually employs pectin in which task?
BAKING SEWING LAUNDRING MAKING JELLY
- Match the females at the left with the typical sounds their romantic males would make, as at the right.
(a) Gilt (v) Bellow
(b) Vixen (w) "Hi!"
(c) Coed (x) Oink
(d) Heifer (y) Neigh
(e) Filly (z) Art

Answers in Classified section

Lottery

Connecticut daily Monday: 216. Play Four: 3056.



RAISING FUNDS — Gert Sutcliffe, executive director of the American Cancer Society, Manchester unit, and Karen Chorchos, Daffodil Festival chairwoman, arrange daffodils Friday for the festival on Thursday and Friday, March 17-18. The daffodils will be delivered to companies in the area that have purchased the flowers to help benefit the American Cancer Society.

Obituaries

Walter Deveran

Walter James Deveran, 42, formerly of Manchester, died Sunday at Hartford Hospital. Born in Manchester, he had lived in East Windsor most of his life. He leaves his wife, Ethel (Moore) Deveran, his father, Walter L. Deveran of East Windsor; a brother, Lawrence E. Deveran of Uncasville; several grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. The funeral will be Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. from the J.M. Bassinger Funeral Home, 37 Gardner St., East Windsor, with a Mass of Christian burial at 10:30 a.m. in St. Catherine's Church. Burial will be in St. Catherine's Cemetery. Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m.

John Havanc

John P. Havanc Sr., 67, of East Hartford, died Monday at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was the father of Darrin J. Havanc of Manchester and Janine Haugh of Bolton. He also is survived by his wife, Beatrice (Gamer) Havanc of East Hartford, another son, John P. Havanc Jr. of South Windsor; three other daughters, Charlene Havanc of Newington, Darlene Sweeney of Shelburne Vt., and Barri A. Fries of East Hartford; four brothers, Anthony Havanc of Florida, Stanley Havanc of Waterbury, Martin Havanc and Edward Havanc both of East Hartford, four sisters, Betty

Deaths Elsewhere

Bill Britt
BOSTON (AP) — Bill Britt, a homeless man who gained national recognition for his refusal to abandon his makeshift camp on state-owned land, was found dead in his hut Monday by his children, police said. He was 52. Britt, born Britton William Boughner in the affluent Chestnut Hill neighborhood nearby, had lived at the reservoir near Boston College since 1969. Britt, known as the "hermit of Chestnut Hill," was legally blind and lived on money he earned redeeming cans and bottle deposits. He refused welfare and several well-publicized attempts to relocate him.

Harris Miltstead

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Harris Glenn Miltstead, known to moviegoers as Divine, a campy, 300-pound transvestite, died of asphyxiation Monday. He was 42. Miltstead, star of the latest John Waters-directed movie, "Hairspray," was in Los Angeles to appear in an episode of the Fox television series "Married ... With Children." He was to have appeared in that role dressed as a man, but he was best known to movie fans as the bizarre female-impersonating star of such cult films as "Pink Flamingos," "Last In The Dust," "Polyester" and "Female Trouble."

Robert Livingston

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Robert Livingston, who rode the range in dozens of movies and was the only Lone Ranger and Jesus' feet; stand in Him, in Him alone, gloriously complete." You might be familiar with the hymn "Rock of Ages." The second stanza of the gospel song emphasizes what the Bible teaches about salvation: "Could my ears forever flow, could my zeal no longer know, These for sin could not atone — Thou must save, and Thou alone, in my hand no price I bring, simply Thy cross I cling." Are you simply clinging to the cross for your salvation?

Martin L. Longstreth Jr.

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Martin L. Longstreth Jr., who worked his way up from clerk to chairman of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, died Sunday of cancer. He was 42.

Weather

Manchester and vicinity: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low around 30. Wednesday, becoming cloudy and breezy with showers likely. High 50 to 55. Chance of showers 70 percent.

West Coastal, East Coastal: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the mid 30s. Wednesday, becoming cloudy and breezy with showers likely. High around 50. Chance of showers 70 percent.

Northwest Hills: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low around 30. Wednesday, cloudy and becoming breezy with occasional showers. High 50 to 55. Chance of showers 80 percent.

College Notes

Majors in physical therapy

Renee Logan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Logan Jr. of Manchester has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of New England, Biddeford, Maine. She is a junior, majoring in physical therapy.

Yarvis on scholar list

Katherine M. Yarvis, daughter of John C. and Helen M. Yarvis of Manchester and Cathy M. Furst, daughter of David A. and Barbara N. Furst of Manchester have been named to the Commendable Scholar list for the fall semester at Mitchell College, New London. Yarvis is a first-year business major and Furst a first-year secretarial major.

On college dean's list

Kate Lundberg, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George A. F. Lundberg Jr. of Manchester has been named to the dean's list at Colby-Sawyer College, New London, N.H. She is a senior majoring in American studies and is a graduate of Kingswood-Oxford School.

Two on dean's list

Chae Hyok Yi of 24 Thompson Road and Karen Benjamin of 765 Lydall St., have been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. Yi is a freshman majoring in biology and Benjamin is a senior majoring in physics.

Mangano makes dean's list

James V. Mangano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew V. Mangano of 26 Lodge Drive has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Embury Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla. He is a graduate of East Catholic High School.

Four on dean's list

Four Manchester residents have been named to the dean's list at the University of Hartford for the fall semester. They are: William George Cole III, Andrew K. Gifford, Michael R. Ode and Robert W. Roy.

Kennelly announces names

Congresswoman Barbara Kennelly has announced the names of five Manchester students. Nomination is the first step of the selective process of admission to the service academies.

Allan Levy

Allan L. Levy, 60, formerly of Manchester, died March 6 in Miami, Fla. He was the husband of Edwina Levy. Levy was a longtime resident of the Manchester area before moving to Florida a year ago. Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons, Harlan B. Levy, David W. Levy, and Eric S. Levy; three daughters, Deborah J. Barbeite, Melissa A. Levalle, and Lisa A. Levy; three grandchildren, Bernard Jesus, Christopher Michael and Barbara Jean Barbeite; a brother, Melvin J. Levy; numerous aunts, cousins, uncles and nephews.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Martin L. Frederickson who passed away three years today March 8.

Thoughts

Yesterday we talked about this matter of salvation. We are saved by placing our faith and trust in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. Check out those verses of Scripture we gave to you in Monday's meditation.

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UConn to sell condoms

STORRS — Vending machines to dispense condoms will be installed this summer in most of the 96 dormitories at the University of Connecticut, a school official says.

Several companies are competing for a contract to install 100 condom machines in men's and women's bathrooms and throughout the dormitory system, Dennis P. Compone, UConn's facilities development manager said Monday.

Carmen L. Vance, director of residential life, said she and other administrators decided to provide condom machines throughout the dormitory system to complement education on AIDS being done by student health services.

Hearing set in murder case

NEW LONDON — A Superior Court judge has set March 21 for a hearing to determine whether there is enough evidence to charge a 28-year-old Ledyard man with the murder of his former girlfriend.

Lawrence Johnson was arrested Feb. 27 and charged with the Feb. 17 killing of 25-year-old Christoula Kontogouris. The arrest came after Johnson was being arraigned on a separate charge involving a January assault on Kontogouris.

Probable cause in murder

MIDDLETOWN — A Superior Court judge ruled Monday there is sufficient evidence to charge a 28-year-old Clinton man in the stabbing death of his wife, who died just days after receiving a restraining order to prevent her husband from attacking her.

Michael J. Tuccito pleaded not guilty to murder immediately after the judge entered his ruling and the case was continued to March 21. Judge Lawrence C. Ruzczak based his ruling on testimony and a statement state police said Tuccito gave to them after his arrest in the slaying.

In his statement, Tuccito said he and his wife, Kimberly, 25, argued frequently during the past year about money and his drinking. He said he stabbed her Jan. 29 with a kitchen knife in their Middletown apartment after an argument.

Leaders to keep one chair

HARTFORD — A bill allowing legislative leaders to keep their \$750 leather desk chairs when they leave office has been approved by one committee and sent to another.

The General Assembly's Finance Committee ranked the bill to make it clear that the leader could get to keep one chair, even if he held more than one leadership office during his years in the General Assembly.

The majority and minority leaders in both chambers, as well as the House speaker and Senate president pro tem now get chairs with their titles and names embossed on them in gold letters.

Wesleyan tuition increases

MIDDLETOWN — The costs of attending Wesleyan University will rise 7.5 percent next year to \$17,870, university officials said.

The Financial Planning Committee of the university's Board of Trustees approved the increases Saturday. The increases, announced Monday, include hikes in tuition, room, board, required fees and miscellaneous expenses. The university says the increases are necessary to maintain Wesleyan's "commitment to quality as expressed in people and programs and to the resources that support them." President Colin G. Campbell said in a statement.



AP photo

\$17 MILLION GRANDMA — Helen Guelli, 73, is surrounded by family members Monday at the Massachusetts State Lottery office in Braintree, where she went to pick up a check for \$639,151, the first monthly payment in lottery winnings of more than \$17 million. The prize, to be paid over 20 years, is the largest individual jackpot in the Massachusetts game.

Razing irks residents

WETHERSFIELD — Local officials are charging that ignoring an "total disregard for the environment" were involved in the razing of as much as 23 acres of forest near Hartford's Brainerd Airport.

The state Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration that the trees were an obstruction to navigation ear the airport, cut down the trees over a three month period.

The DOT got permission from the city of Hartford, which owns the land called Folly Brook, although much of the land is in Wethersfield.

The cutting was done "in total ignorance and total disregard for the environment" and without getting necessary permits from his town or the state Department of Environmental Protection, said Wethersfield Town Engineer Jack Petkus.

Lower speed limit for boats

HARTFORD — The state Department of Environmental Protection has scrapped its proposal for a 50-mph boating speed limit on the Connecticut River after pleasure boaters cried that it was too high.

Dennis P. DeCarli, the DEP's deputy commissioner for conservation and preservation, told a legislative committee Monday that his department soon will recommend one speed for weekday marine traffic and a lower one for weekends.

Car crashes into eatery

NORWALK — Repair work is under way at a Burger King restaurant where a car crashed through a brick wall and struck a boy in a family of four was eating.

Robert D'Aquila of Stamford, his wife Mary, and two children were taken to a local hospital after the accident Saturday afternoon, authorities said. The two adults and their son, John, were treated and released, a hospital spokeswoman said. The daughter, Kathleen, was uninjured.

Wells Fargo defendant free after 31-month wait for bail

By Brent Laymon
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — A defense attorney in the \$7 million Wells Fargo robbery case says Juan Segarra Palmer's release after a record 31 months in jail awaiting trial can't compensate for the injustice of a co-defendant's continued incarceration.

Segarra Palmer was freed Monday after a federal judge approved arrangements for his \$1 million bail, which was set last month after he spent 2 1/2 years jailed under so-called preventive detention.

"I'm just glad this nightmare is over," attorney Leonard Weinglass said. "But I'm also very cognizant of the fact that one more defendant, Filiberto Ojeda Rios, remains unjustly in custody."

The Harvard-educated Segarra Palmer and Ojeda Rios had been held without bond since their arrest Aug. 30, 1985, longer than any other defendants in federal judicial history.

Fourteen other defendants, including Luz Berrios Berrios, Segarra Palmer's wife, were freed earlier.

"I'm happy, but I have to say the issue is not my freedom," Segarra Palmer, 38, said as he walked out of U.S. District Court carrying his 8-year-old son, Ramon, and surrounded by a throng of cheering relatives and supporters.

The real issue is the freedom of Puerto Rico and preventive detention," he said.

The Federal Preventive Detention Act allows authorities to hold defendants in the Wells Fargo case if they are considered dangerous or likely to flee.

The government contends the 1983 robbery of the Wells Fargo depot in West Hartford was masterminded by Los Mochetes, a radical, sometimes violent, group advocating Puerto Rican independence, to finance its activities.

"I would at least hope that we recognize the fact that we have an extreme problem," Trozzi said. If officials in the state cannot resolve the problem, he warned, it could end up in the courts.

Sen. John Daniels D-New Haven, told the audience that the state's education system is a form of apartheid.

"Segregation is educationally, morally and legally wrong," Daniels said.

Hugging, hand holding OK again after Bloomfield High tete-a-tete

BLOOMFIELD (AP) — Students and school officials are embracing the tete-a-tete hugging and holding hands in public — but not without a high-level tete-a-tete to clear the air about whether such behavior was banned.

"There is no such policy," said Superintendent Paul Copes said Monday after a meeting sought by a group of Bloomfield High School students to straighten out what both sides agreed had been a misunderstanding.

According to senior Gregory Hunter, school administrators decided last week to issue a memorandum to teachers instructing them to stop students



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THUMBS UP FOR FREEDOM — Juan Segarra Palmer gives thumbs up as he leaves U.S. District Court in Hartford Monday. He was freed on \$1 million bond in connection with the 1984 theft of \$7 million from Wells Fargo. From left are his wife, Luz Berrios, another defendant in the case; their son, Ramon, 8; Segarra Palmer; and their daughter, Luriza, 12.

defendant remained upbeat and wished him well as he left the Federal Detention Center in Hartford Monday morning.

"He's a very strong man," Segarra Palmer said. "He's a very committed patriot. He can handle this and anything else they can throw at him. But that doesn't make it fair and he should be let out."

Segarra Palmer's bond is secured by \$500,000 in property owned by 11 friends and relatives in Naranjito, Puerto Rico, the hometown of his wife. The other \$500,000 is unsecured, but his parents and three siblings signed agreements to pay the money should he not appear for trial.

from engaging in promiscuous behavior on school property.

"It wasn't meant to stop hand holding, but the teachers and the students sort of blew it up and gave their own interpretation. It got blown out of proportion," Hunter said.

Copes said that in terms of student decorum, "I view our responsibility as educators to not only teach youngsters the academics but also teach youngsters how to treat themselves.

"Parents were concerned, too, about the need to make students aware of what is appropriate and behavior," he said. "What is appropriate at a school dance is not appropriate at school, and we need to make students aware of the difference."

BETHANY (AP) — A Waterbury man, convicted in the stabbing and sexual assault of a 12-year-old boy who had been stabbed 13 times and sexually assaulted, authorities said.

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Segregation fight gains supporters

HAMDEN (AP) — State Education Commissioner Trozzi has found some support in his bid for cooperation among suburban, urban centers, legislators and parents in cutting racial imbalance in the state's schools.

During a forum at Dunbar Hill School Monday afternoon sponsored by the Connecticut Parent Teacher Association, about 300 people watched as educators and legislators aired their views on desegregation.

Audience members appeared to agree with Trozzi and other officials who favored a racially balanced enrollment. The audience participated only through their applause and through questions submitted on cards.

The forum remained calm except when busing was brought up and the issue drew fire from state Rep. Alan Schlesinger, R-Derby, who said it defeated the whole purpose of neighborhood schools as a concept he supports.

"I don't think most of the parents (in this district) are willing to send their children into urban core centers," Schlesinger said. He favors sending children to their neighborhood schools, for local officials to look for solutions in their own towns and for the state to set stricter guidelines for teachers.

Trozzi and others stressed that the key to achieving balance in the schools was not through busing, but through cooperation.

"We are not advocating forced busing. We are proposing a commitment to a voluntary approach," Trozzi said.

He called for improved housing and transportation throughout the state and a commitment from the suburbs to help the urban centers fight segregation. Both issues were addressed in a report released in December by the Committee on Racial Equity. The report also called for state aid to school districts to send or receive students from other districts and for establishing regional schools.

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Daniels agreed with Trozzi in saying that society needs to balance the races in its schools. According to Daniels, three of the 165 school districts in the state — Hartford, New Haven and Bridgeport — house 60 percent of the state's minority students.

James A. Connelly, superintendent of the 83 percent minority Bridgeport school system, said the issue of desegregation is more than just an education issue.

Man held in assault of 12-year-old

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LOOKING FOR TROUBLE — Elvira and Donald Hart of Cornwall are two of the 1,000 reservists who work for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. They're called to work whenever a natural disaster occurs and federal assistance is needed. The Harts say the work keeps the adrenalin flowing.

Cornwall couple go to work when there's a catastrophe

By Dean Golembeski
The Associated Press

CORNWALL — When disaster strikes, Elvira and Donald F. Hart Jr. soon follow.

The Cornwall residents are among the 1,000 reservists, or part-time employees, the Federal Emergency Management Agency calls upon whenever a catastrophe, such as a flood, earthquake or hurricane, leads the president to declare a disaster.

Elvira, 69, and Donald, 70, both retired, have been reservists since 1983 and are assigned to FEMA's Region II, which has headquarters in New York City. It is one of 10 FEMA regional offices and serves New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

There's no telling when a disaster will occur and when the Harts will be put to work. They are paid only when on the job.

They earned about \$11,000 together last year when they spent Christmas in Puerto Rico helping people file claims for damages sustained in a mud slide and responded to a flood in New York state.

Elvira, who was a travel agent before retirement, worked eight weeks in Puerto Rico as a public information specialist, while Donald, a former travel writer, spent six weeks managing the center where people applied for disaster relief. Each spent about

three weeks in Kingston, N.Y. "Sometimes you look at the news and say, 'We hope it's not the big one,'" said Elvira Hart. They can refuse an assignment but usually they don't. Their family and friends have become accustomed to them coming home in the last minute.

"We've broken so many dates and changed so many plans to go on with this," Donald Hart said.

The Harts first heard of the FEMA reservist program in 1982 while attending a language seminar in the Soviet Union, where they met a retired Air Force officer.

Elvira said her agency is always looking for workers. The Harts are among the best, she said.

"The kids are grown. They can travel at the drop of a hat. I find them both to be very, very good company," Jackson said.

Other reservists are free-lance writers, professors and others who can leave their full-time jobs quickly and for weeks at a time. They have to be willing to work 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. six days a week, with little free time to relax or see the sights.

"I lived one month in a lovely seaside resort in Puerto Rico but I went swimming for only 10 minutes," Donald Hart said of his most recent assignment. He said after a day's work, most reservists want a good meal and sleep.

"There's a lot of pressures. Every morning is a different crisis. After six weeks, there's a lot of itching to go home," he said.

There are about 150 volunteers in the FEMA Region II and the Harts are among the few married couples.

The Harts received their first assignment in April 1984, when they were sent to northern New Jersey following a flood. They have tried to convince friends and neighbors to join the FEMA corps.

Lynch is scheduled to appear in Litchfield Superior Court March 22, a court clerk said.

Murder unsolved after 10-year hunt

MILFORD (AP) — Law enforcement authorities are still in the trail of a 10-year-old murder case that may have grown cold, but they're not about to stop looking for a prime suspect.

"I still have a deep-seated interest in this," said Milford Police Chief Thomas Flaherty. "We've put a phenomenal amount of work into this investigation."

Dorothy Florzak apparently was forced out of her apartment and was stabbed repeatedly with a sharp object, police said. By early November, then-Gov. Ella T. Grasso offered a \$20,000 reward for information leading to the killer, while police traveled to San Diego to search for and question Joseph Florzak.

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residents of the complex heard Dorothy Florzak cry for help and saw a car race through the parking lot, and one resident called police.

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Youth labor bill clears committee

By Judd Everhart
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — A bill allowing 15-year-olds to work in restaurants has cleared one legislative committee and heads to the next, over the objection of those who said it could inhibit studies.

Those who voted for the bill Monday in the Education Committee noted that it allows work only on weekends and during school vacations.

Lawmakers like Sen. M. Adela Eads, R-Kent, said a little work, especially on weekends, couldn't hurt today's students. "The work ethic has gone down the drain," said Sen. M. Adela Eads, R-Kent, who favored the measure. "Let's start to build it up again."

Sen. Kevin B. Sullivan, D-West Hartford, committee co-chairman, argued against the bill, saying a 15-year-old's "primary focus ought to be on school."

The 22-9 vote in the Education Committee was only one hurdle. It must also clear the General Law and Appropriations committees before going to the House of Representatives.

Sen. Michael P. Meotti, D-Glastonbury, acknowledged that restaurants face a labor shortage, but said it was wrong for them to try to solve their problems "on the backs of the high school freshmen and sophomores of this state."

"What's next? Will they say, what's the difference between a 14- and a 15-year-old?" Meotti said.

Sen. Marie A. Herbst, D-Vernon, told her committee colleagues that "nothing in the bill mandates that 15-year-olds go to work," and said the experience would be positive for those who want or need to work.

Rep. Geri Langlois, D-Thompson, likened the bill to returning to the days of child sweatshops, saying "now we'll be tying (children) to fast-food counters."

The bill had been opposed by teacher unions and boards of education, a law passed last year allows 15-year-olds to work in such jobs as baggers and cashiers in grocery stores.

By extending it to restaurants, Sullivan said Connecticut was "starting slowly but surely to step back in time. We as a legislature do have a responsibility to say 'No.'"

Citizen group fights zoning-landfill bill

HARTFORD (AP) — Citizen activists are rallying against a bill that would allow the state to go too far in overriding local zoning when deciding where to put landfills for incinerator ash and bulky wastes.

John Freedman, co-chairman of the Connecticut Citizen Action Group, told the General Assembly's Environment Committee Monday that allowing the state to override local zoning decisions was "a drastic and irresponsible measure."

"A bill that tramples on home rule for no good reason would sabotage Connecticut's efforts to responsibly address our state's solid-waste crisis," Freedman said.

State Transportation Commissioner J. William Burns, testifying in favor of the bill, said the policy of Connecticut limits the number of potential landfill sites for disposing of incinerator ash.

That means that the state needs the final word, after negotiations with a town, he said. "Until more effective disposal methods are found, a few of us will have to sacrifice for the many," Burns said.

Assistant Deputy Environmental Protection Commissioner Robert E. Moore said only six towns, all of them small, have a landfill capacity of 10 years or more.

Local opposition from within the towns has prevented municipalities or private developers from pursuing needed landfill development even where sites could meet environmental standards. Moore said.

He said that after the state designated a site in one town for use as a disposal site for ash and bulky waste, such as refrigerators, the town responded by zoning against landfill use.

Testimony submitted by Gloria Dibble Pond, chairwoman of the Connecticut Siting Council, noted the bill would permit some negotiation between a town and the state and was "consistent with Connecticut's tradition of self government and home rule."

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OPINION

Reporting nuisance pays off

Considering the many well-established federal and state regulations that businesses and industries have to conform to, it is probably not a surprise that many Manchester businesses have overlooked the new and little-known requirement for reporting hazardous substances they use and store.

Hazardous materials are posing greater and greater problems. Or, more accurately, society is becoming more and more aware of the problems they have been creating. Manchester's effort to develop regulations to protect the water course that runs underneath much of the town illustrates this awareness. The problems the town is having in working out the details of the regulations illustrate the innate difficulties involved.

Although it may be a nuisance and an expense for business and industry to keep the government informed and up to date on inventories of hazardous materials, it is vital that they do so.

Towns and the state must develop emergency plans to handle spills and leaks. Without the information from industries, those plans cannot be developed.

One of the most urgent needs is for firefighters to be aware of what combinations of dangerous substances are located in what sections of buildings. They also need to know when new technologies come along that change the kinds of chemicals, and they need to know when chemicals are moved from one place to another within a building.

With this knowledge, firefighters can adjust their tactics to the situation. They can avoid being exposed through ignorance to toxic fumes and, obviously, they can do a more effective job of protecting the property and the lives of other people.

Telling public officials about hazardous substances in a plant may be a costly nuisance for some small businesses. It could also pay off for those businesses in an emergency.



"Instead of going ahead with the health bomber, why don't we use the money to buy Nicaragua?"



Jack Anderson

OMB plans loan blacklist

WASHINGTON — No one who wants a government loan, from students to farmers, may be safe from a sweeping federal blacklist that the Reagan administration is pushing into law.

Unless Congress stops the proposed regulations, people will be barred from receiving government grants and loans if their records show they lack "business integrity" or have broken a "public agreement." Those vague qualifications come from the Office of Management and Budget, which supervises the way the federal government spends its money.

OMB wrote the proposed regulations with the laudable pretense of fighting fraud and abuse by keeping taxpayers' money out of the hands of the unscrupulous. But some members of Congress fear the regulations will result in a blacklist that unfairly disqualifies people who need federal assistance.

The regulations are vague, leaving weighty decisions about a person's integrity in the hands of the bureaucracy. The rules finger for punishment even those who unwittingly do business with people on the blacklist. Opponents of the rules fear that OMB has created a tool that can be used by people in power to manipulate the fortunes of others.

"Every citizen of this nation is at serious risk of being officially labeled a deadbeat and banned from access to virtually every type of federal assistance," Rep. Jack Brooks, D-Texas, told our associate Jim Lynch. Brooks has written to the OMB to ask that enforcement of the regulations be postponed until the Government Operations Committee, which he chairs, has time to review them.

The proposed regulations were born in 1986 as a presidential directive. The public and most lawmakers did not examine them too closely, probably because the idea of weeding out abusers makes sense.

The OMB unveiled the fine print behind the noble idea last May — 10 pages of suspension guidelines that go far beyond punishing chronic abusers of federal aid. The 28 agencies overseen by OMB are prepared to implement the regulations, beginning in May of this year.

The rules would exile offenders from federal assistance for as much as three years. Only personal entitlements such as Social Security and welfare payments would be protected.

The blacklist could be as secretive as a public spanking. OMB has suggested that the list be accessible via a toll-free number.

Even those who "do business" with someone on the list would be subject to blacklisting themselves, whether or not they knew the offending party was on the list.

When members of Congress began reacting to the 10-page sets of regulations, OMB officials seemed surprised about the fuss. In a letter to Brooks, one OMB official explained that the rules for suspending private citizens from federal aid were simply modeled after existing rules imposed on contractors who regularly do business with the federal government.

But a side-by-side analysis of the two sets of rules shows that contractors dealing with huge sums of money get less scrutiny than that proposed for the farmer or the student seeking a federal loan. A contractor has to willfully fail to perform his job to be barred from future government work. But a citizen can be blacklisted for something that could be out of his hands. Contractors can be punished only for their dealings with the federal government, individuals could be scrutinized for their dealings with state and local agencies.

There is still time to make changes before the regulations take effect, according to Joseph Wright, deputy director of the OMB. He thinks only "the most serious violators" will end up on the list — a number he estimates at about 3,500.

But consumer groups are not so sure. Gary Bass, director of OMB Watch, a non-profit group critical of the agency, says OMB "wants to play God," and he fears the list will be used by the powerful for political leverage.

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homes, condos and apartments on the smallest amount of land, and then charge whatever the market will bear, unless municipalities intervene and require a mix of variously priced units. To me, 60 affordable condos and 150 moderately priced apartments at Buckland Hills would make a bigger dent in Manchester's affordable housing problem than the seven Love Lane "affordable houses" did.

Open Forum

LPNs waiting for raises, too

The Associated Press

To the Editor:
The licensed practical nurse is an inseparable part of the hospital nursing staff. If you or a family member have been in the hospital recently, do you know whether a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse assisted you with your daily care, saw to your needs, or gave you a medication?

We are happy to see that Manchester Memorial Hospital had the foresight to work diligently with RNs, union representatives for well-deserved increase in pay for RNs.

We are anxious to see if Manchester Memorial Hospital will recognize its LPNs (non-unionized) as part of the nursing staff by also upgrading their pay scales to a comparable if not competitive rate with area hospitals.

Michelle Nolte, LPN
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Affordable units can be required

Editor's note: The zone change referred to in the following letter was approved by the Manchester Planning and Zoning Commission Monday night. The letter was written Friday.

To the Editor:

On this Monday evening, the Planning and Zoning Commission in Manchester will be considering a request for a change in zoning from Industrial to Comprehensive Urban Development from Robert Weinberg to allow construction of several hundred condominiums at the Buckland Hills mall site.

The 386-acre site has been designated as a Special Mixed Use district and any development in this district is still required to undergo special design review and meet specific performance standards set by the PZC.

Mr. Weinberg's proposal may be an excellent opportunity to create more affordable housing, to provide as many as 60 "affordable housing" units to moderate and median income families.

I believe that one of those specific performance standards applicable to the site should be for the PZC to require a percentage of the units be designed to be 25 percent smaller in square-foot living space and made available to moderate- and median-income families at a lower selling price.

This concept is just emerging in other Connecticut communities experiencing an urgent need for affordable housing. Developers of these apartments, just recently our neighbor, Glastonbury, would not permit developers to build a condominium complex unless they agreed to set aside 10 to 15 percent of their units at a lower selling price.

In my opinion, the Manchester PZC should follow Glastonbury's approach prior to approving the zone change and require that Mr. Weinberg agree to set aside at least 60 units at a moderate price range.

Lower priced units can be constructed by designing them with 25 percent less square footage, still using the same quality interior construction and external architectural treatment, on basically the same amount of land. A 25 percent reduction in floor space equates to a 25 percent savings in labor and materials. Land cost per unit also goes down proportionally on the affordably priced units.

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"Affordable housing" doesn't mean "low-income housing" anymore. The "affordability" gap between median home costs and median family income has now widened to the point where even a family with normal income doesn't have as good shot anymore at a first home.

The affordable housing problem is no doubt to go away with a few token houses on town-owned land. We must investigate a wide variety of opportunities for more affordable housing, including more senior citizen housing on town-owned land first, but for the PZC has Mr. Weinberg's proposal before it.

I hope our PZC will seriously consider this proposal as they deliberate over Mr. Weinberg's request for a zone change.

Arrest of absentees creates fury

By Lawrence L. Knutson
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fuming and spattering, the Senate is writing a new chapter in the long and tumultuous history of the legislative filibuster.

The other side needs to vent itself from time to time, and this is one of those occasions," said Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., the Senate's acting minority leader, as Senate Republicans engaged in four hours of complaint about it last week.

"Crybaby stuff!" exclaimed Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., who initiated the order to the Senate sergeant-at-large to compel the attendance of absent senators.

The facts:
On Feb. 23, after midnight, as the Senate was deep into an old-fashioned, all-night, Republican-led filibuster against a congressional campaign financing bill sought by Democrats, an arrest warrant was issued for GOP senators whose right from the Senate chamber prevented the quorum needed to do business.

Such a warrant was issued on Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., who had locked himself in

Washington Wire

his Senate office. Packwood was carried out the Senate floor, feet first, and the quorum was established.
"Keystone cops," Republican senators cried.

"A low comedy about a legislature in a banana republic," steamed New York GOP Sen. Alfonse D'Amato.
"I am afraid we are playing a giant game of 'gotcha,' to see who can get the other side," said Sen. Daniel Evans, R-Wash.

"Under this arrest warrant for senators does the sergeant-at-arms have the right to enter my home?" Evans asked. "Does he have the right to seize me from my bed, for heavens' sake, in order to return me to the Senate floor?"

"The rules permit us to delay things for endless periods of time and to stay here all night and to arrest each other, and if all we do is to exhaust what is permitted under the rules, then we create real havoc," said Sen. John C. Danforth, R-Mo.

"Why should a U.S. senator be arrested for less cause than a common criminal?" asked Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa.
Hold on, said Sen. George Mitchell.

D-Maine, a former federal judge. The warrant was issued only to compel Packwood's attendance on the Senate floor, "that is, do that which the senator was elected to do."

There was nothing criminal about it, Mitchell said.

The rule in question is based on the provision in the Constitution establishing a simple majority of the House and the Senate as the number needed to establish a quorum to do business and authorizing a smaller number "to compel the presence of absent members, in such manner, and under such penalties as each House may provide."

Each house has so provided, and when virtually all Republican senators disappeared, the sergeant-at-arms was authorized to compel their presence. Hence the Packwood arrest.

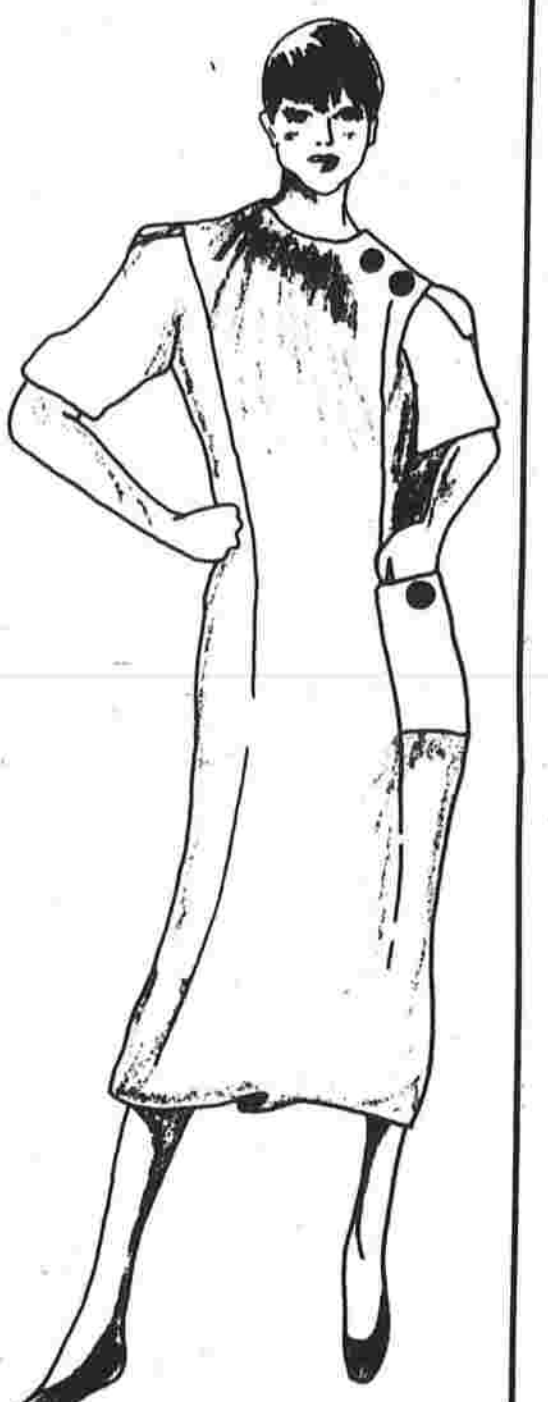
Led by Specter, several Republican senators demanded the rules be changed to bar the arrest of senators between the hours of 11 p.m. and 8 a.m., among other things.

Byrd said that would "cement in stone the ability of senators to stop any action quorum by hiding in their offices."

"The Senate arrest was not a game," Byrd said. "It was not a laughing matter."

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Worst campaign idea: an oil import fee

WASHINGTON — The worst idea of the electoral campaign is gathering momentum, and it is backed by key presidential candidates, ranging from Simon and Jackson on the left, and Gephardt at the center, to Dole on the right.

To some politicians, an oil import fee has almost magical qualities. "An oil import fee has the dual benefit of enhancing our energy security and helping to reduce our budget and trade deficits," said Dick Gephardt. "In 1988 we imported more than \$30 billion of foreign oil, an amount which contributed substantially to our \$156 billion trade deficit."

"Estimates on the revenues that can be derived from an oil import fee range up to \$12 billion per year. The trade deficit would also be diminished by the reduction in our imports of oil."

Paul Simon says he would consider a \$5 a barrel oil import fee "to lower the deficit." Why? "Along with raising revenue, an oil import fee would help stabilize domestic oil prices at a level that would encourage exploration and development. It would also encourage better long range energy conservation and planning."

Robert Dole and Jesse Jackson are less enthusiastic, but supportive. Dole said, "I could support an oil import fee under the right circumstances. However, it would be very difficult to enact."

Jackson argues, "While others are seeking security through military adventurism, I have advocated a policy for energy independence which includes a greater cooperation among energy producers within this hemisphere — the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Venezuela."

"My national policy rests on three points: the development of our energy resources in a way that alleviates the economic situation of the Southwest, and, as a last resort, a temporary oil import fee." However, the fee is courageously opposed by

Northern Perspective
Michael J. McManus

George Bush of Texas. Instead, he calls for freeing "the energy market from burdensome regulations. For example, it is high time we decontrolled natural gas prices, abolished the windfall profits tax, and proceeded with our plan for outer continental shelf leasing with environmental safeguards.

"We must not increase the taxes on oil. I oppose an oil import fee. At the same time I would encourage alternative sources of energy, including ethanol from corn and methanol made from natural gas to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and to help reduce air pollution."

Pat Robertson makes the same recommendations, and also supports added tax incentives such as "increasing the depletion allowance" and a "moratorium on taxation on income derived from new domestic discoveries."

(There's a way to fight the deficit!)
Mike Dukakis' stand is tougher: "I disagree with those who propose and oil import tax on American factories, workers, farmers, and consumers as a means of discouraging the purchase of foreign oil because it would 'reduce America's competitiveness' and 'pit us against each other,' with all producing states benefitting, while New England would suffer disproportionately because a third of the homes are heated by oil.
He adds, "At \$10 per barrel, this tax would put a

\$50 billion burden on the American economy. It would impose heavy costs on all Americans — particularly older Americans living on fixed incomes.

"And it would seriously cutback our efforts to improve our international competitiveness at a time when our trade deficit is at a record level. It would also pose tremendous economy problems for friendly democracies such as Mexico and Venezuela."

Dukakis is absolutely correct, according to Data Resources Inc., which constructed economic models to compare the impact of an oil import fee with a tax on gasoline raising the same tax revenue.

"Each of these taxes are designed to generate \$10 billion of revenue in the first year," says DRI's Joyce Vanchar. "With an oil import fee of \$4 per barrel, the domestic price would also rise \$4. So it is very inflationary. The consumer price index would be driven up from a percent to 10 percent — a 25 percent increase in the inflation rate."

"High oil prices would also drive up prices in competitive fuels such as natural gas, and the price of electricity to the extent oil or gas is used in the generation of electricity. This would lower the purchasing power of the consumer. Having less to spend, would result in cutbacks in consumption and in exports because the price of our goods would be more expensive in relation to foreign prices," she said.

"It would result in the loss of 500,000 jobs per year."

By contrast, a 9-cent tax on gasoline would raise the same \$10 billion in tax revenue, but "would have half of the inflationary impact and half of the impact on the GNP, because the tax is put on at the end of the distribution chain. It would not bid up the price of natural gas."

On this issue, only Bush and Dukakis deserve support.

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'Saturday Night' star is branching out

By Michael Collins
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dana Carvey, the Church Lady of "Saturday Night Live," is taking another stab at the movies. But this time will be different. "It's the first time I've ever been in a film and gotten to be funny," said Carvey, who co-stars in "Moving" with Richard Pryor.



DANA CARVEY OF "SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE" ... co-stars in "Moving" with Richard Pryor

Carvey plays "a very upstanding young man" named Brad Sanders. Pryor is moving his family from New Jersey to Idaho; Sanders is hired to drive Pryor's prize Saab Turbo to the new home.

"And it's not until later that he finds I'm a world renowned, 10-person schizophrenic," Carvey says. "For a long time as a straight person, we see him as a sort of Norman Bates-type character — kind of weird. And we see him in a character like Dennis Hopper in 'Apocalypse Now.' No one can get close to him. Sort of a burned-out character."

Carvey describes the movie as "a fun, free-flowing comedy. It was allowed to improvise, allowed to flesh out his characters." "Pryor was incredibly generous to me, and just a gentle, sweet person to work with, just generous. There was none of this 'Get out of the way, kid.' It was totally, 'What do you want to do?' and 'Go ahead.' It was nice."

For a long time, Carvey was pegged with "Saturday Night Live," introducing audiences to the Church Lady, probation officer of aged convicts Burt Lancaster and Kirk Douglas. He also was pigeonholed in a series of TV shows, including Mickey Rooney's straight man in a short-lived NBC sitcom, "One of the Boys."

Then, in October 1986, he finally got his chance to do comedy on television with "Saturday Night Live," introducing audiences to the Church Lady, burned-out rock singer Derek Stevens, Lord Christie and a host of other characters, personalities and voices. Newsweek magazine credited him with "almost singlehandedly rejuvenating" the show.

Now in his second season on the show, Carvey is changing his repertoire. The self-righteous, judgmental Church Lady will only be doing two or three more appearances this year. Carvey says many of the weekly guest hosts want to do the skit, but he is concerned about burning out the character.

This season his characters have included Hans, who with Franz ("SNL" regular Kevin Nealon) offer physical fitness instruction on TV. "They have some of the same elements as the Church Lady, with a superior attitude, but totally the other way. Instead of being a 54-year-old spinster, I'm a 25-year-old Austrian weight lifter."

Hans and Franz epitomize "vanity obsession with being fit" — characters who say, "I'm superior to you, because I have these muscles," Carvey says. "That's what the real fun of playing these characters is. It's making fun of those people who really feel they have the truth and the answers for everybody. Self-righteous arrogant. I'm superior to you 'people drive me nuts.'"

Mostly, they were kind of glib ... and I just feel that's not my style," he says. "I want to find a different style, someone who's a little more vulnerable than funny, and then evolves. My whole thing is that everybody's sort of pretending, just a little bit, that they're a little bit stronger than they are. Everybody."

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Iraq hits Iranian tanker

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Iraq said its warplanes hit a "very big naval target" in the Persian Gulf today, breaking a three-week lull in attacks on Iran's oil shipping.

The two nations also kept up their brutal barrage of missile attacks, firing surface-to-surface rockets into each other's capital cities. Iran accused the United States and France of helping Iraq refit Soviet-designed missiles to give them enough range to reach Tehran.

The official Iraqi News Agency said Iraqi jets struck "accurately and effectively" at the naval target off the Iran coast and returned safely to base.

BEIRUT, Lebanon — A British relief worker and his Syrian aide were freed today, five days after being taken captive in south Lebanon, a Sunni Moslem leader said.

They have been delivered to me. They are in my house now and they're in good health," said Mustafa Sand, the Sunni leader whose Messerite militia controls the southern port city of Sidon.

He referred to Briton Peter Coleridge, 44, Middle East coordinator of the British Oxfam relief agency, and Omar Traboulsi, a 31-year-old Syrian who is the agency's representative in Lebanon. They were abducted Thursday at Sidon's Ein el-Hilweh Palestinian refugee camp.

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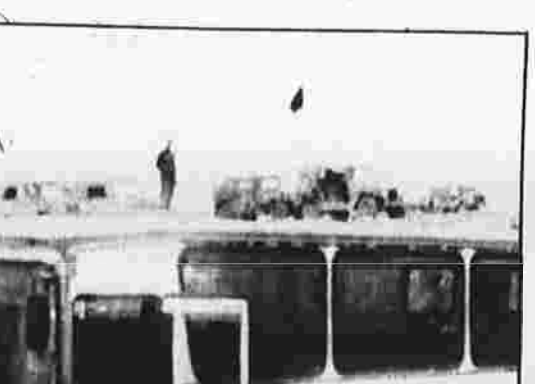
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Palestinians kill Arab cop; settlers kill another Arab

JERICHO, Occupied West Bank (AP) — Palestinians stabbed to death an Arab policeman suspected of aiding Israel and wrapped his body in a Palestinian flag, and another Arab was killed today by Israeli gunfire, hospital officials and witnesses said.



HIJACKED BUS — Israeli troops, police and medics surround a hijacked bus after it was stormed by anti-terror squads Monday. At least six people died in the hijacking incident.

The suspected collaborator was slain in a refugee camp near Jericho, wire reports said, the second killing of a suspected collaborator in the occupied territories since Palestinian unrest began Dec. 8.

The army confirmed that the body of Nabil Juma Farah, 30, had been found in the Aqbat Jabir refugee camp, but said it was investigating the cause of his death.

According to U.N. figures, 83 Arabs have been killed by Israelis since the riots began in the lands Israel captured during the 1967 Middle East war.

Elsewhere in the West Bank, doctors said three male protesters were wounded today by Israeli gunfire and Arab women heeded underground calls to demonstrate.

Also today, the military said four Israeli officers were unharmed when three PLO guerrillas commandeered their car and went on to hijack a bus Monday evening sentenced to 25 days in jail for not carrying weapons.

A man who identified himself as Hamideh's nephew and sportsman went on their way to a sporting event and were in track suits. The four fled when the bus was spotted by Israeli soldiers.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said the bus hijacking in which a Palestinian was killed was initiated by the same element that is behind three months of Arab rioting in the occupied lands.

"These are the same people who incite violence" in the territories, Shamir said in the territories after the attack in southern Israel. "We shall not tire fighting them until they stop."

Local residents, who demanded a shaming, said Farah's body was wrapped in the outlawed Palestinian flag and dropped at his mother's doorstep inside the refugee camp, where 2,600 Palestinians live.

They said the army detained seven camp residents in connection with the slaying. An Associated Press reporter saw five Israeli soldiers at the entrance of the camp and dozens of soldiers questioning residents.

In the West Bank city of Nablus, officials at Al Ittihad Hospital said they treated three Palestinians shot today by Israeli troops, including a 19-year-old from the Balata refugee camp who was in serious condition after being shot in the groin.

Each one had a gun, a Kalashnikov, ready to shoot." "Some of the Israelis aboard the bus spoke some Arabic, even offering one captor some milk, but finally became convinced 'I'm not getting out of this alive.'"

One wrote a final note to her three children. Another laid down a thought: "That's it, goodbye." "Three Israelis — two women and a man — were killed Monday during the rioting in southern Israel along with the three PLO guerrillas."

The bus' other eight passengers, workers on the way to their jobs at the Dimona nuclear plant, were all injured during the ordeal. "At one point he (one of the guerrillas) got a megaphone and became very, very agitated. He said, over and over in Arabic, 'every half-hour, one.' Mrs. Sorek said.

The leader of the gang then called one passenger, Victor Ram, and ordered him to stand at the front of the bus. Sorek told the Post. "Then they shot him in the chest and he just fell, immediately. And then he knew: 'I'm not getting out of this alive.'"

"Only with a peace agreement are we going to get anywhere,"

Find a good reconstructive surgeon to correct problem

DEAR DR. REINISCH: I am 42 and have asymmetric breasts (my left breast is larger than my right breast). It has been this way since my breasts developed. I got the older I became. It's now to the point that it is difficult to find clothing that doesn't make me look lopsided. Is there any solution other than breast augmentation?

Kinsey Report
June M. Reinisch, Ph.D.

Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

Going abroad? Better watch what you buy

DEAR ABBY: As secretary of the interior, I am aware of your longstanding concern for animals. So I'm seeking your help in persuading American tourists to refrain from buying products made from the world's endangered wildlife.

Bound for Broadway

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Producer Joseph Papp, founder and president of the New York Shakespeare Festival, says a musical opening on the campus of Florida State University in Jacksonville will be Broadway bound.

Soul Train leaders

LOS ANGELES — Michael Jackson and recent Grammy winner Judy Watley led the nominations for the Second Annual Soul Train Music Awards.

Shuttle kin 'shortchanged'

WASHINGTON — An attorney for five relatives of Challenger astronauts says that other families who settled with the government and with rocket maker Morton Thiokol for \$7.7 million were shortchanged.

Three quints home

ROYAL OAK, Mich. — Three of the "test-tube" quintuplets of Raymond and Michele L'Esperance left the hospital in a white limousine decorated with silver balloons to join the couple's three other children at home.

Retiring at Yale

NEW HAVEN — Nobel laureate James Tobin says he plans to retire from teaching this spring after 38 years as an economics professor at Yale University.

Skin disease can be treated

DEAR DR. GOTT: No one seems to know how to treat my sister's erythema nodosum. What is this disease?

Dr. Gott
Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR SECRETARY HODEL: You can count on me to spread the word. Readers, write to: "Buyer Beware," c/o World Wildlife Fund — U.S., 1250 24th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. And don't forget to enclose a long, self-addressed stamped (22 cents) envelope.

Now a word to my Canadian readers: Canada, too, is concerned about animals and plants now facing extinction, so before you set off on trips to regions of the globe that support a flourishing trade in exotic birds and animals, fashionable jewelry, furs and unique tropical plants, write to: Administrator, CITES, Canadian Wildlife Service, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, KIA 0R5. Ask for the free pamphlet titled "Noah Didn't Need a Permit. What About You?" No self-addressed envelope is necessary.

DEAR ABBY: After reading the article about the churched-up woman, the minister asked her (loudly) every Sunday morning, "Where is your husband today?" It was reminded of the following: My mother-in-law was also a churchgoing woman, but my father-in-law seldom accompanied her. One day the minister visited their home, and "Pop" couldn't hide fast enough. Sure enough, the minister cornered him and asked, "Why don't you ever come to church?"

DEAR LILLIAN: Pop was a righteous man. "He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness." Proverbs 12:17. Your father-in-law rates an "A" for honesty, but he flunked diplomacy.

AIDS experts criticize sex experts

NEW YORK — AIDS experts have sharply criticized a book by the sex experts Dr. William Masters and Virginia Johnson that claims to find wide spread of AIDS among heterosexuals.

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Bush and Dukakis likely big winners

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the next president," Bush told reporters in Tulsa on Monday. Dole also was in Oklahoma and while conceding Bush was likely to carry most Super Tuesday states, said, "We don't want to lose the White House by nominating the wrong person."

An ABC News poll of voters in Super Tuesday states said Bush was leading in 16 of the 17 states holding Republican contests. Dole was ahead only in Missouri. ABC News said it interviewed a total of 8,859 voters across the region between March 3 and 7 for the survey, but cautioned that its samples in the non-Southern states were too small to produce specific numbers for the candidates. It said the margin of error for the Southern results was 3 percentage points either way.

The survey indicated that not only that Bush was leading throughout the South, but that his strongest leads were in the two biggest states — Texas with 11 delegates and Florida with 82. Among the Democrats, Dukakis had a lock on his home state of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and was leading in Florida, Maryland and by a narrow margin in Texas.

Jesse Jackson was the leader in Deep South states such as Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana, as well as Arkansas, North Carolina and Virginia, where blacks comprise up to 30 percent of the Democratic electorate.

"Hands that once picked cotton tomorrow morning will pick a president," Jackson told an exuberant crowd at a rally in Birmingham, Ala., on Monday night. Sen. Albert Gore Jr. of Tennessee, banking on his Southern heritage and longest time spent campaigning the region, was leading in Kentucky, Oklahoma and Tennessee, according to the survey.

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Center Springs review is tonight

By Andrew Yurkovsky
Manchester Herald

Proposals for improvements to Center Springs Park and other recreation facilities will be reviewed by the town Board of Directors during a workshop tonight in the Lincoln Center hearing room.

The workshop on the recreation proposals is scheduled for 7 p.m. The directors' regular meeting begins at 7:30.

Two committees were appointed by the Board of Directors last year to look into long-range and short-range recreation needs. In February, the long-range committee came up with a \$1 million plan for improvements to Center Springs Park, which would include construction of a new lodge to house offices of the town Recreation Department.

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I-84 submits new plan for mall development

Manchester I-84 Associates submitted preliminary site plans Monday for development on a 150-acre site around the proposed Mall at Buckland Hills.

The developer withdrew earlier plans last year after the defeat of a tax-increment bond issue to pay for public improvements for the mall.

West of the mall, the plans call for low-rise office or motel development and a restaurant in a 6.3-acre parcel in the northwest corner, just east of Buckland Street, and retail office and high-rise motel or hotel development on a 39.2-acre parcel in the southwest corner.

East of the mall, the plans call for high-rise apartments with 1,000 units in a 55.10-acre parcel as well as 15,222 acres of open space and two acres for retail development.

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MHS easily gets past Fermi

By Jim Tierney
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Fermi High basketball Coach John Mayo has seen enough of Manchester High this season. The 18th-seeded visiting Falcons of Enfield, a CCC East foe, came to Clarke Arena Monday night to challenge the top-ranked Indians in a first-round Class LL East Region tournament game.

Having lost to Manchester twice during the regular season, Fermi and Mayo knew their undermanned, under-sized squad would have to experience a great amount of good fortune to knock off the Indians.

Taking advantage of its superior height and quickness advantage right from the start, Manchester was never threatened en route to a 67-49 victory snapping the Indians' two-game losing streak before a sparse crowd.

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Zone change for parking lot approved

By Nancy Concelman
Manchester Herald

The Planning and Zoning Commission Monday approved a zone change for land at 67 and 81 Oakland St. that will allow Chorches Motors Inc. of 80 Oakland St. to submit plans for a parking lot across the street from its existing dealership.

The zone change for the 1.3-acre parcel, from Residence A to Business II, was approved despite concerns from one commission member and the town police chief about increased traffic on Oakland Street.

The change was approved by a 4-1 vote. Commission member Ronald Gates cast the no vote because he said he felt the change would have taken a closer look at the volume and pattern of traffic on Oakland Street. Gates said he was concerned about a letter from Police Chief Robert Lannan that expressed the chief's concern that traffic would increase at peak hours.

But traffic engineer Jack Petkus said the dealership would generate traffic at off hours, in the evenings and on weekends. "The generators with a dealership is at a different time," Petkus said that even with the proposed parking lot, traffic at the intersection of Oakland and North Main streets would remain at level C, on a scale of levels A to F. A is the lightest level for traffic flow, while F is the level the state Department of Transportation designs all intersections for.

But resident Al Lutz of 9 Stephen St. said that the commission should look beyond the proposal and consider the impact of Oakland Street development on traffic.

"My concern is traffic and road capacity," Lutz said. "This board is charged with looking beyond the boundaries of this particular change."

The commission approved the zone change because a business zone is more compatible in the area, which is surrounded by industrial, commercial and business zones, Pellegrini said.

Lepak, a graphic artist. The festival will also feature strolling minstrels, a barbershop quartet, and performances by a drama group. The Police Department will have a safety booth where children can be fingerprinted in addition, Hoffman is hopeful artists will exhibit 45 booths. The fee to exhibit is \$25 and the deadline for application is May 1.

Hoffman also noted there is a vacancy on the commission which she would like to see filled by a senior citizen. There are also vacancies for two alternates. "I'd like to get the seniors more involved," said Hoffman.

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LOOKING FOR ROOM — Fermi's Neil Roeder has the basketball and looks for a place to pass it as he's defended by Manchester High's Troy Peters in their

Class LL tournament game Monday night at Clarke Arena. The Indians won, 67-49.

Clemens getting ready for year at own pace

By Dave O'Hara
The Associated Press

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Roger Clemens of the Boston Red Sox is listening to advisers, especially pitching coach Bill Fischer. But make no mistake, Clemens is his own man. A pitcher gets to be that way after winning consecutive Cy

Young awards. Clemens announced Monday that he's using the early days of the Grapefruit League exers and 17 points for the Nordiques in those six games.

Mike Lutz (22-23, 3.85 goals) against average is expected to be in goal for the Whalers while Mario Brunetta (5-7, 3.61) is expected to start for the Nordiques.

Hartford comes into the game with a modest two-game winning streak including Saturday's 2-1 win over the New York Rangers. Quebec has dropped its last two outings.

The little guy was all smiles when he stepped onto the ice for the first time. He said he was ready to go. He said he was ready to go. He said he was ready to go.

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WHERE TO GO — Manchester's Eric Widmer holds the basketball high over his head and looks for someone to pass it to during Monday's game. Cory Goldston (32) is in the background waiting for possible pass.

Sullivan Award to serve as note for Abbott

By Honk Lowenkron
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Michigan pitcher Jim Abbott probably won't need that to explain his absence from his public speaking 100 class.

Abbott called his teacher Sunday night to say he wouldn't be in class on Monday because he would be in Indianapolis.

"She asked me if I had to do with baseball and I said, 'Yes.' Then she told me to be sure and bring a note from my coach to bring the absence was legitimate," Abbott said.

"I would like to think that pure athletic ability (was the reason he won't) although I know the other thing (his handicap) had a lot to do with it," Abbott said. "But I think that's good too. If it helps other people out somewhere else in the United States to move out and do things, then I'll accept it and keep going on."

The left-hander had an 8-1 record, a 1.70 earned-run average and 51 strikeouts in 47.3 innings in helping Team USA to a silver medal in the Pan Am Games tournament last summer.

As a sophomore at Michigan last season, he started 15 games and finished the season with a 11-1 record.

"This is going to be a busy week for me," said the communications major, who was uncertain Monday night what topic he'd discuss in his speech class.

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Three held in sledgehammer protest

HARTFORD (AP) — Three disabled people were awaiting court appearances today on charges that they tried to use sledgehammers to break a curb so that wheelchairs could roll up to the front entrance of the Hartford train station.

Police on Monday arrested the three disabled men and a fourth man on charges of third-degree mischief. The four refused to sign written promises to appear in Superior Court today and so were held by police overnight, authorities said.

Those arrested included Clayton Jones, 39, of East Hartford, who led a protest earlier this year in his wheelchair to make the City-Place skyscraper with the Hartford Civic Center accessible to the disabled.

"We're equal citizens and we're tired of waiting," said Lynda Hanscom of Manchester, chairman of the Connecticut chapter of the American Disabled for Accessible Public Transportation. She and several others also participated in Monday's protest.

"People don't have to come at us with sledgehammers," he said.

Jackson points the way to Knicks' home victory

By The Associated Press

When the New York Knicks picked Mark Jackson in the NBA's first round, they were looking for a point guard.

Monday night, the rookie pointed the way to the Knicks' 13th consecutive home victory with a season-high 33 points as New York defeated the Chicago Bulls 116-98. The Knicks now have their longest home winning streak since they won 20 straight in 1972-73.

"My job on offense is to make things happen," Jackson said. "I'll shoot or pass depending on what the defense gives me."

It wasn't just the defense that created the chances for Jackson and 12-of-12 from the field line. Jackson said he knew he had to respond when the Knicks made only eight of 25 shots in the first period.

"When we started slow, I didn't consciously try to score, but I was aware that I had to try to get the offense moving," Jackson said. "I have a lot of confidence in my shooting."

He was brilliant," Knicks Coach Rick Pitino said of Jackson, who is fourth in the NBA in assists with 9.9 per game. "It's great being on the sidelines knowing he has the ball."

Even Michael Jordan, who led Chicago with 38 points, was impressed.

"He is turning into a good

NBA Roundup

player," Jordan said. "The Knicks gave him the opportunity to step in, and he's done that. He's going to get better and better. He's already looking like a veteran."

Jackson, whose previous scoring high was 22 points, scored 13 in the second second period as New York outscored the Bulls 33-19 to turn a seven-point deficit into a 54-47 halftime lead. He scored all of his 12 fourth-quarter points in the final 8:32 as the Knicks held on after the Bulls cut an 86-66 deficit to 85-81.

Jordan, the NBA's leading scorer with an average of 33.9 per game, was held to seven points in the fourth quarter.

Lakers 110, 76ers 104

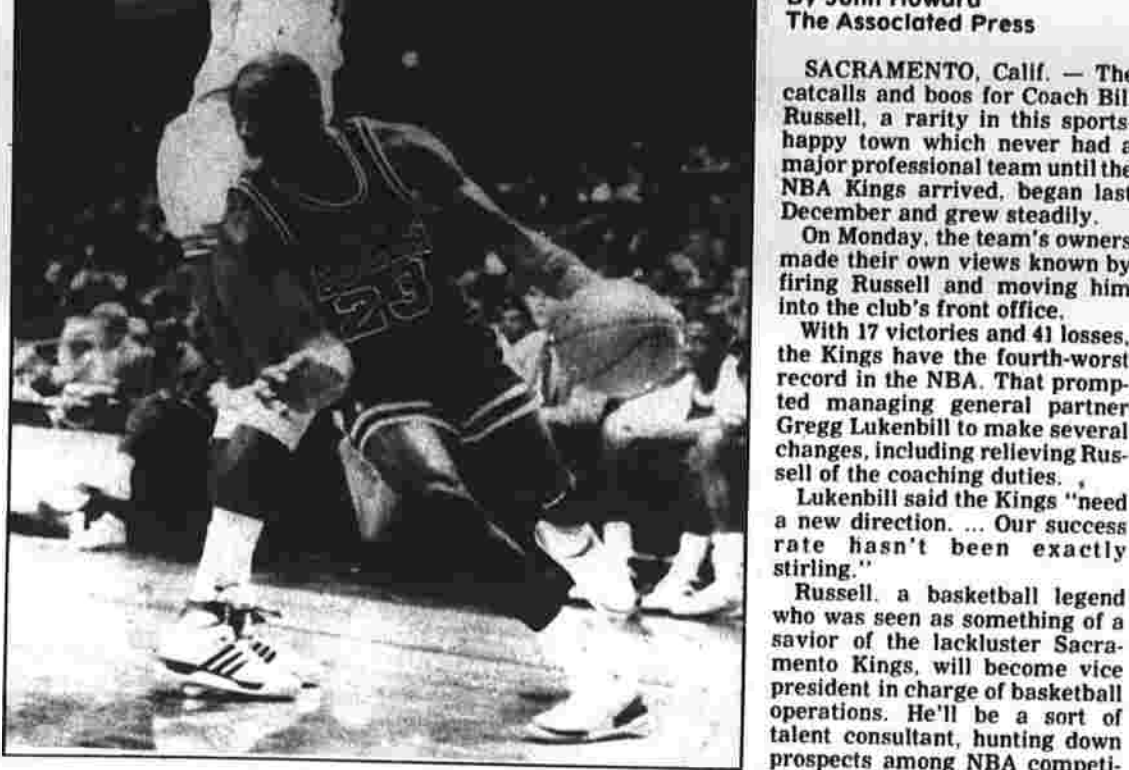
Magic Johnson had 22 points, 17 assists and 11 rebounds to pace the Los Angeles Lakers past Philadelphia.

Philadelphia went on an 11-1 run at the start of the fourth quarter to close within one point on a jumper by Cliff Robinson with 7:45 to play. But six straight points by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar gave the Lakers a 103-96 lead with 4:08 remaining.

Robinson's jumper made it 105-102 with 1:40 to go, but Scott made a technical foul charged to Charles Barkley and Johnson sank two free shots to

Russell moved upstairs

By John Howard



SQUEEZING BY — Chicago's Michael Jordan (23) gets by New York's Patrick Ewing (2) at Madison Square Garden. The Knicks won, 110-98.

Hough already in form as umps call nine balks

By The Associated Press

Charlie Hough was in full-season form in his first spring outing.

The Texas knuckleballer commanded nine batters in four innings, including seven in one inning, as the Rangers defeated the Toronto Blue Jays 6-5 in exhibition play Monday.

"Apparently there is a different rule," said Hough, who last year set an American League season record with nine balks. "I don't quite understand it."

A new balk rule clarification says a pitcher must come to a full set position with both feet planted on the ground during his windup.

"The pitchers are not stopping with their hands or feet," umpire Rich Garcia said. "We're in the process of explaining it to everyone."

There were 12 balks called in the game, including two against Mark Eichinger and one by Mike Flanagan of Toronto.

The major-league record for balks in a game is seven for both teams and six for the team, the Chicago Cubs on May 4, 1963. The Braves' Bob Shaw had five balks.

Twenty balks were called in 13 exhibition games Monday. There were 356 balks called in 2,105 games last season.

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Gooden said he had a poor curveball and erratic fastball against the Dodgers. "I wasn't happy with my breaking ball, but it's still early," he said. "I thought I had a good fastball early. The main thing is

to get the work in and get ready for the season."

After yielding a run on three singles in the first inning, Gooden retired the Dodgers in order in the second. Then he gave up five straight hits in the third, including a two-run single to Mike Davis and RBI doubles to Kirk Gibson and Mike Marshall.

A's 3, Angels 2: American League rookie-of-the-year Mark McGwire hit his first home run of the spring, a two-run shot in the seventh inning, to lead Oakland over California.

The homer, off losing right-hander Stu Cliburn, and the Athletics' first homer of the spring. It also gave Oakland its first victory in four games.

Red Sox 2, Reds 1: John Marzano singled home Brandy Anderson with two outs in the bottom of the ninth to give Boston O'Brien's 196-run shot.

Dodgers 5, Mets 1: The Los Angeles Dodgers battered Dwight Gooden in his first start since August of last year. They won 5-1 in three innings. Yet, Gooden seemed unimpaired.

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Forgotten Christine Meier skies to win in World Cup giant slalom

By John Mossman

ASPEN, Colo. — The big guns were all poised to strike.

Yugoslavia's 19-year-old sensation, Mateja Svet, led the way, while such prominent skiers as Catherine Quiller, France, Blanca Fernandez Ochoa of Spain, Christa Kinoshofer-Gueltin of West Germany, Anita Wachter of Austria and American Tamara McKinley were in the hunt.

Everyone forgot about a 22-year-old West German named Christine Meier. Although she stood just 5'0, she had a reputation as a skier who never won a race, or even came close. Some said she would never ski effectively again after a serious knee injury two years ago.

Meier, so nervous before the start of the second run that she chattered uncontrollably with her trainer, composed herself for the most important run of her life and emerged the winner by 28-hundredths of second over Fer-

nanader Ochoa.

"I made some small mistakes, but no big ones," Meier said. "I had two very good runs. I was fast, my turns were good and I let my skis run."

Meier has been on something of a roll. Prior to this season, her best World Cup finishes were a pair of sevenths. But in the last World Cup giant slalom before the Olympics — at Kranjska Gora, Yugoslavia, on Jan. 30 — she placed sixth. Then she was fifth in the Olympic giant slalom at Calgary.

"I feel strong," she conceded. "I feel strong. It's a great relief to get that first victory."

"At the start of the second run I was so nervous. I knew I had a chance to win. To try to calm down, I talked a lot. I talked all the time to my trainer — about the weather, the course, my skis — just trying to relax."

Meier and Svet, separated by such a small margin after the first run, held a comfortable advantage over the rest of the field. Quiller, who ranked third, was nearly a full second back. Meier posted the fourth-fastest second run, 1 minute, 10.81

Loyola now looks to run over NCAA opponents

By Barry Wilner

NCAA Hoop

Now that Loyola Marymount has run through the West Coast Athletic Conference, the Lions expect to run over some more prestigious opponents in the NCAA tournament.

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Sullivans survive latest takeover threat

By Howard Uimon

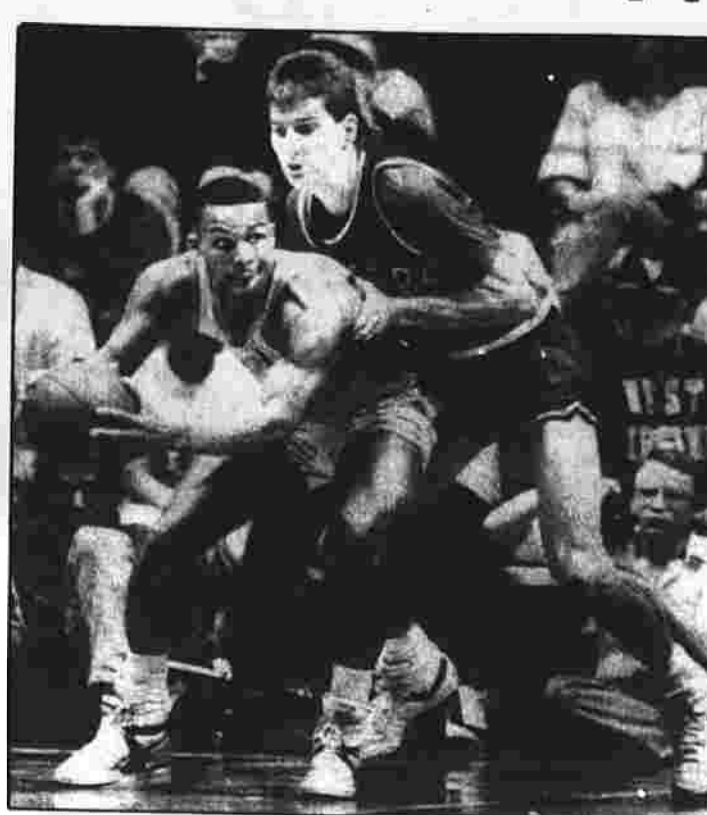
Monday in Norfolk Superior Court, team attorney Joel Kozol said the money had been obtained from a London bank. He asked Judge Harold Flannery to continue the case until 2 p.m. Tuesday to give the parties time to arrange to repay \$5 million to a group that sought control of the NFL team if it didn't get paid.

Robert Pope, representing NEF Partners, said that once the \$5 million is paid to the group, he would drop the suit seeking a preliminary injunction.

Flannery continued the case until 2 p.m. Tuesday and said he would be willing to give the lawyers more time if they needed it.

Kozol, Popeo and the Sullivans refused to say specifically how the money had been obtained.

In December 1986, NEF Partners received an option to buy the Patriots. The group, headed by Philadelphia businessman Fran Murray and John Charlton, reportedly provided the Patriots with about \$21 million last year, the NFL said in a Dec. 18 letter that it was exercising its option.



RECORD MOVES — Rhode Island's Tom Garrick turns to the basket as he's guarded by Rutgers' Tom Everson in their Atlantic 10 tournament quarterfinal Monday night in Morgantown, W. Va. Garrick netted a record 50 points in the Rams' 104-73 win.

"Rich usually looks for the assists," Simmons said. "Tonight he did a good job on (Tim) Legler, so we really need his scoring. He is a very underrated player."

Greg Pedro led the Rams with 32 points, including a Byrne Arena record eight 3-point goals.

UNC-Charlotte won its first Sun Belt crown since 1977 as conference player of the year Byron Dinkins scored 26 points. The 49ers, 22-8, beat Virginia Commonwealth for the first time in 11 years at Richmond College. VCU's Phil Stinnie, who finished second in the top player voting, has 25 points for the Rams, 21-11.

UNC-Charlotte was leading 80-79 and running the clock in the final minute when the Rams' Martin Henton forced a jump ball with 30 seconds to play. The possession arrow was pointing in Virginia Commonwealth's favor, but they couldn't hit the winning shot.

At Hampton, Va., the Richmond Spiders improved their record to 24-6. But they had to overcome a streak of poor foul shooting to clinch the NCAA invitation.

Benly Taylor came off the bench to hit for straight free throws after his teammates had missed five in a row.

"It's a tribute to him that he hit those final four free throws because he was not in the flow of the game," Coach Dick Tarrant said. "His won games at the end with free throws at least three or four times."

The lead changed hands 12

Quinn's outburst plus for Penguins

By Dan Quinn

Quinn's three-goal outburst plus for the Pittsburgh Penguins aren't a one-man team after all.

Quinn's third three-goal outing of the season and his career came in a 5-4 NHL victory over the Calgary Flames Monday night.

"That's the kind of game we need to win," Coach Pierre Cramer said. "If we're going to make the playoffs, we're going to need that kind of effort."

"We're not a one-man team," said Cramer, referring to league scoring leader Mario Lemieux, who combined with Paul Coffey to round out the scoring for the Penguins.

Ironically, Quinn's performance came against his former team and he admits he still misses being part of the Flames, who are battling for first place in the NHL.

"I wasn't the first time I missed being a Flame because they're doing so well. We feel that we have a team that's up and coming," the 23-year-old center said.

"I was having fun out there. I really wouldn't call it revenge, but it's always nice when you come back to the team that gets rid of you."

Quinn was sent to Pittsburgh early in the 1986-87 season in a deal that brought Mike Bullard to Calgary.

With the win, Pittsburgh is now tied with New Jersey for fourth place in the Patrick Division with 65 points, one point ahead of the sixth-place New York Rangers.

Calgary has all but locked up a playoff spot, but continues to fight for first place in the Smythe and behind 4-0 before Bullard's 4th goal. Calgary later got goals from Hakan Loob, Gary Suter and Colin Cunniff.

Calgary Coach Terry Crisp was the first one to admit his team didn't play up to its potential.

"We didn't play well and we let Pittsburgh jump all over us, which they did quickly," Crisp said. "They caught us at a low ebb. What more can I say?"

Sports In Brief

Irish Sports Night set March 14

The 35th annual Joe McCarthy/Irish Sports Night will be held Monday night with the traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Main Street. Dinner will be at 6 p.m.

Monsignor Edward J. Reardon will be the honored guest. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the three parish elementary schools in Manchester and the Catholic scholarship funds. For tickets, call the KofC Council at (603-864-9040 or Ed Moriarty (603-864-0419), Charlie O'Brien (603-864-0006), Ed Boland (603-2947), Fran Maloney (603-419-1823) or Joe McCoone (603-213-18).

Hartford begins NAC playoffs

HARTFORD — The University of Hartford will take on Maine tonight at 8 at the Civic Center in the opening round of the ECAC North Atlantic Conference playoffs.

Hartford enters tournament play at 12-6, 14-15, while Maine is 10-8, 13-14.

The tournament began today at noon with Niagara (12-6, 13-14) against Northeastern (11-7, 15-12). Boston University (14-4, 20-7) met Canisius (7-11, 7-19) at 2 p.m. while Siena (16-2, 23-4) was to meet New Hampshire (9-15, 3-24) at 6 p.m.

Bruins get Moog from Edmonton

BOSTON — Free agent goaltender Andy Moog, a holdout with the Edmonton Oilers this season, has been acquired by the Bruins in exchange for left wing Geoff Courtnall, goalie Bill Ranford and future considerations.

Harry Sinden, general manager of the Bruins, said Monday that Moog signed a multi-year contract and was expected to be uniform Tuesday night in Detroit where the Bruins play the Red Wings.

Moog, 28, played five full seasons and parts of two others with the Oilers. He was a member of this year's Canadian Olympic team.

Courtnall, 25, played five seasons with the Bruins. Ranford, 21, has spent this season with the Bruins' American Hockey League club in Portland, Maine.

Coffey NHL player of the week

MONTREAL — Defenseman Paul Coffey of the Pittsburgh Penguins, who scored one goal and added seven assists in two games, was named the NHL Player of the Week Monday for the period ending March 6.

Coffey's only goal was the game-winner in the Penguins' 6-3 triumph over the Minnesota North Stars on March 1, a game in which Coffey also collected three assists.

Hansen NBA player of the week

NEW YORK — Utah guard Bob Hansen, who averaged 21.3 points while shooting .821 from the field last week, was named NBA Player of the Week on Monday.

Hansen, who had been averaging only 7.8 points a game, hit 32-of-39 field goal attempts as the Jazz won all four of their games last week. He also averaged four assists, three rebounds and 2.5 steals per game.

Hansen, a reserve most of the season, has been starting recently because of injuries to Kelly Tripucka and Darrell Griffith.

Craig Injury to require surgery

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — San Francisco Giants Manager Roger Craig will undergo arthroscopic surgery to repair a knee injury aggravated while demonstrating a pick-off move, the team announced Monday.

The surgery, scheduled for Thursday, will remove torn cartilage from Craig's left knee.

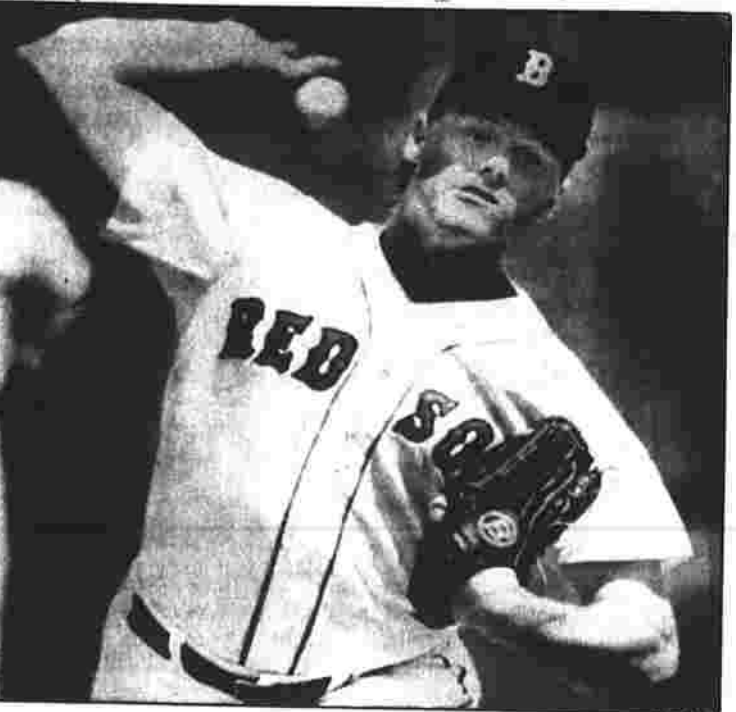
Craig, The Associated Press Manager of the Year in 1987 and a former pitcher, came to spring training with the injury and was re-injured in the first week of camp.

"I thought I could make it through the season, but it really bothered me Sunday," Craig said. "After talking with the doctors, I just figured I'd get it over with."

Becker, Connors among entrants

LONDON — Defending champion Boris Becker of West Germany and Americans Jimmy Connors and Tim Mayotte are among five of the world's top eight men's tennis players entered in this year's Wimbledon warm-up tournament at Queens Club.

Also in the field for the \$38,000 grass-court event, announced Monday, are defending Wimbledon champion Pat Cash of Australia, ranked fourth, and third-ranked Stefan Edberg of Sweden.



THE PITCH — Boston's Roger Clemens fires a pitch against the Cincinnati Reds in his spring training debut Monday in Winter Haven, Fla. Clemens allowed three hits and no runs in three innings.

Top Bosox hurlers make spring debuts

Continued from page 11

learning that what he thought was fatigue was actually mononucleosis. Followed with three perfect innings. He struck out four and got 20 strikes in 43 pitches.

"I felt pretty good," Hurst said. "I hit spots well and threw a lot of breaking balls."

"The first time out there without a (protective) screen is a little scary. Any pitcher will tell you that. It's a lot different pitching batting practice. That screen gives you a lot of confidence."

Hurst said he underwent his weekly blood test on Friday.

"I got the results today and they gave me a clean bill of health," he said. "The doctors are going to keep a close watch on my condition, but we'll go a little longer between tests now."

Dennis Lamp, a free agent trying to win a job with the Red Sox, replaced Hurst in the seventh and was touched for a run on two hits.

Lamp retired four batters after allowing the run, then turned the mound over to Smith, who made his first Boston appearance since being acquired from the Chicago Cubs last December.

Given a big hand by the fans, Smith responded by retiring the Red Sox in order in the ninth. Then, with two out in the bottom of the inning, he got the victory as highly touted rookie Brady Anderson used his speed to turn a bloop fly to shallow right-center into a double and John Marzano lined a single to left for the game-winning RBI.

"I have to be encouraged by all our pitching," Boston Manager John McNamara said. "Roger strikes and Hurst strikes the ball well. I was pleased just to see him out there."

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TV Topics

Special profiles Soviet circus

By Jerry Buck
The Associated Press
LOS ANGELES — When Miriam Birch left home to join the circus, she went all the way to the Soviet Union.
For a National Geographic special, Birch and her camera crew spent nine weeks following circuses across the Soviet Union, which has more such extravaganzas than any other country.

TV Tonight

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Take them and run

By James Jacoby
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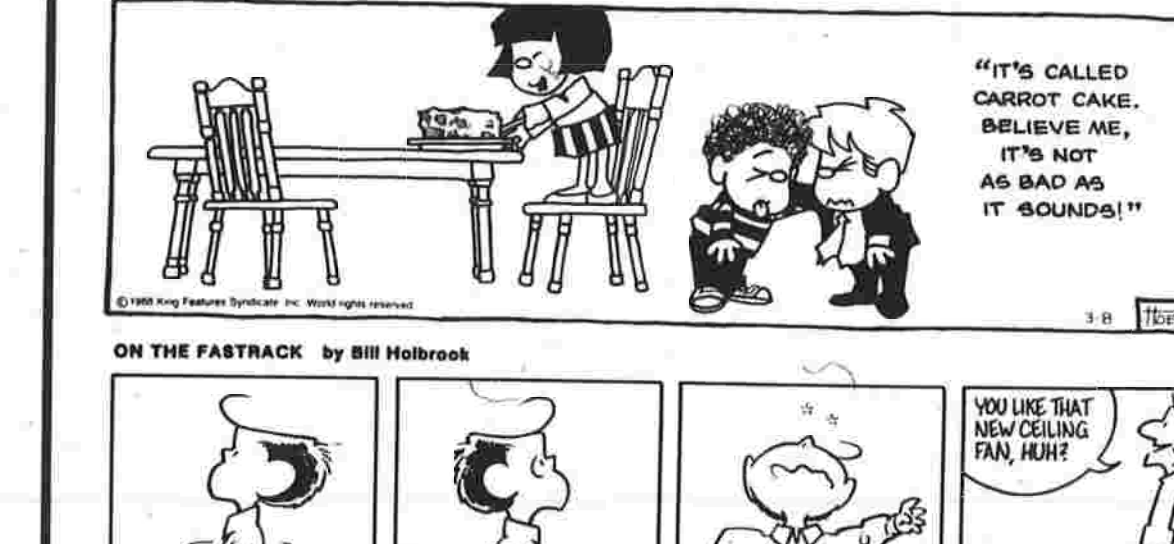
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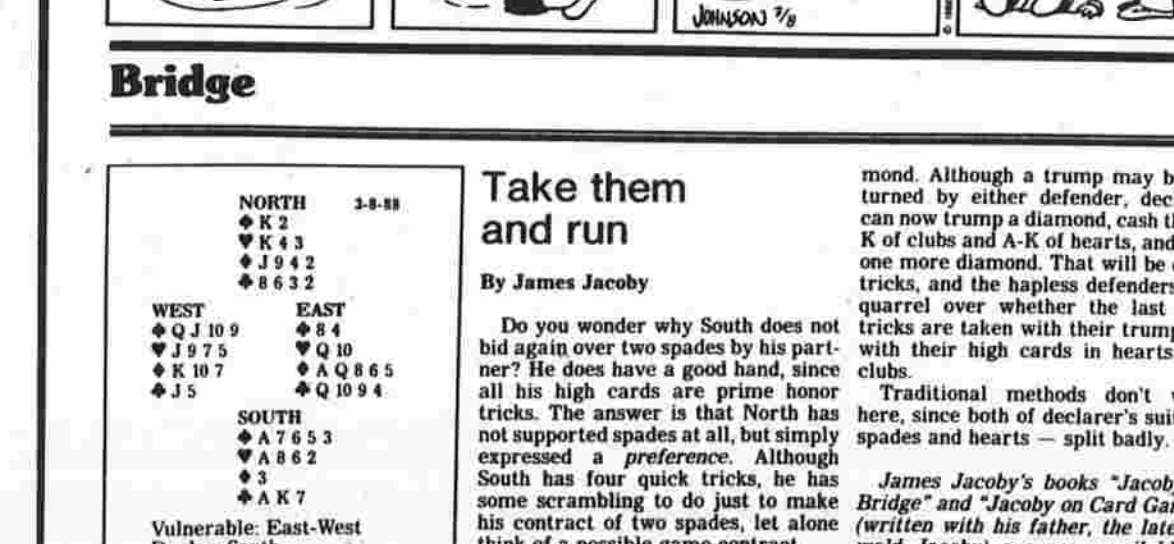
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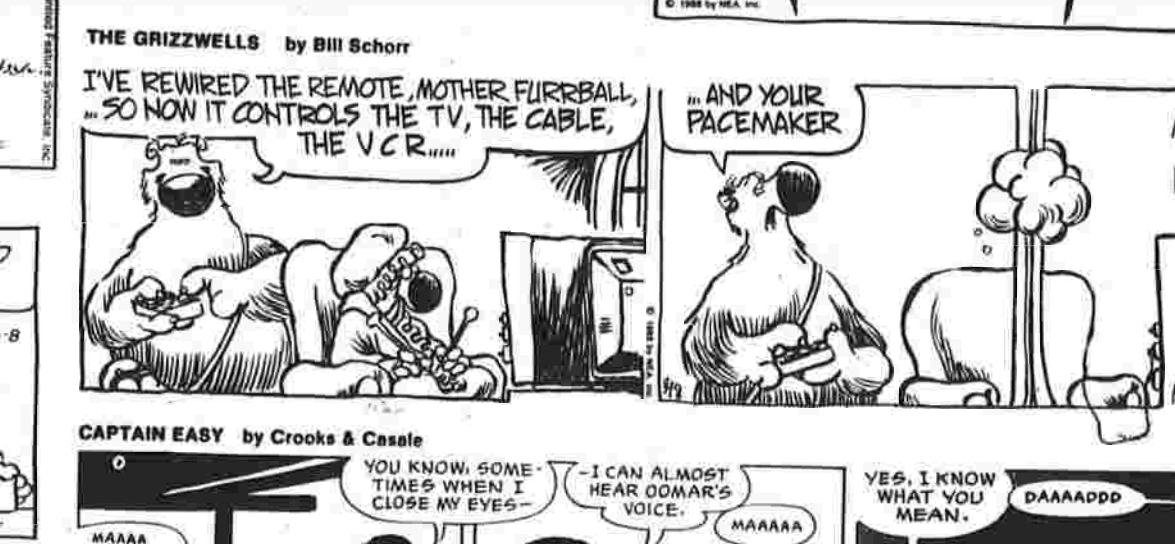


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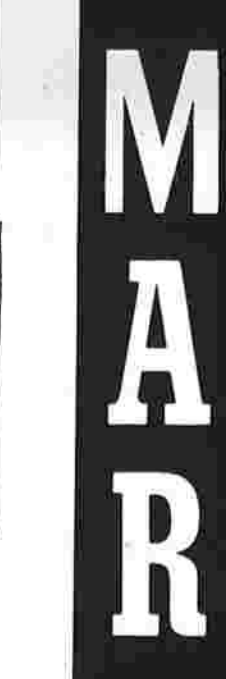


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Stanadyne deal concluded

WINDSOR — The \$760 million leveraged buyout of Stanadyne Inc. to make it a private company has been concluded.

More than 90 percent of all shares were tendered by Monday, meaning that the merger can proceed quickly, Stanadyne's general counsel said.

Windsor-based Stanadyne, which makes a variety of precision metal products for industrial and commercial uses, was "put into play" when another Connecticut company, Farmington-based Emhart Corp., launched a \$46-a-share tender offer for Stanadyne.

Before the offer expired in early February, a \$55-a-share bid was launched by Forstmann Little & Co. of New York, a private investment company specializing in leveraged buyouts.



KETCHUP IN A CAN — Amy Searles of Stamford demonstrates a new aerosol can for ketchup, one of hundreds of new packages introduced last week at EastPack '88. The Eastern Packaging Exposition in New York. The can uses carbon dioxide as the propellant.

Colchester paper sold
COLCHESTER — Capital Cities-ABC Inc., owner of the Regional Shopper & Reporter, has purchased the Region's major competitor, the weekly Standard newspaper, from Colchester Publications Inc.

Terms of the deal weren't disclosed in the Monday announcement.

Capital Cities-ABC, which owns the Regional Shopper & Reporter through its Guilford-based Shore Line Newspapers subsidiary, will continue to publish both newspapers, said Shore Line Publisher John C. Peterson.

Six employees of the Standard left the paper within the past two weeks after learning about the Standard's negotiations to buy the Standard. They have started their own free weekly, the Towne Crier.

Bells get service OK
WASHINGTON — A federal judge's ruling will allow the regional Bell telephone companies to offer consumers new computerized services that do the work telephone answering machines now do.

In his decision, U.S. District Judge Harold Greene said the risks that the local phone companies would monopolize the market were outweighed by the benefits of this new service and others like it would provide consumers.

"What has until now been a relatively quiet market is likely to become a broad, vigorous and competitive one" that will make the service available to a broad base of consumers, he said in a 66-page decision Monday.

Newspaper sale complete
NEW YORK — The New York Post has officially become the property of real estate developer Peter Kalikow, who paid \$37.6 million for the tabloid that has been losing money and circulation for years.

"It is my intention to stop the financial losses of the New York Post," Kalikow said Monday in a statement after the papers transferring ownership were signed. "The paper will be a winner financially and editorially."

Kalikow acquired the Post after the paper's 10 unions agreed to a \$22-million in concessions, which included a 12-minute \$3 million gift from then-owner Rupert Murdoch.

Greed isn't limited to big cities, official says of insider trading

NEW HAVEN (AP) — A federal official says greed generated by insider trading isn't limited to big financial centers, as evidenced by recent indictments connected with the merger of two small New England banks.

"Temptation and greed operate in small towns as well as in federal offices," Douglas Scarff, Boston regional administrator of the Securities and Exchange Commission, said Monday.

Responding to reports that people other than those already indicted coming from Suffield may be under investigation, Scarff said it would be logical to look there.

"(Suffield) is one of the places where it would be natural to look at, as opposed to Portland. The price of Coastal stock went up after the merger announcement, while Suffield was pre-arranged to pay \$40 a share for Coastal in Suffield stock when Coastal had been trading at around \$30. The merger was completed.

The investigation is looking at some bank-related investors, a source who did not want to be named said.

"There are certainly others involved from the bank who had knowledge involving what was going on," he said. Scarff would not comment on whether the SEC was continuing an investigation. U.S. Attorney for Connecticut, Stanley A. Twardy Jr., said the federal Justice Department investigation is continuing.

Analysts say General Electric may end Whirlpool's Roper bid
HARTFORD (AP) — The heated competition by two companies to acquire Roper Corp. may end quickly, analysts say, because the latest price offered by General Electric Co. is high and may knock Whirlpool Corp. out of the bidding.

Analysts on Monday also applauded GE's attempt to oust its competitor in the major appliance field and acquire Roper. Last month, Roper signed a merger agreement with Whirlpool.

"It makes sense and the numbers look real good," said Nicholas Heymann, a vice president of Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. in New York. "In terms of what they're getting, they're trying to make a statement with the price."

"It would appear that the ball is back in Whirlpool's court and the price," he added. "Either they will step it up or not."

The GE offer is \$45 a share, or \$42 million common shares outstanding. GE topped Whirlpool's bid of \$37.50 a share, or \$35.2 million.

The offer marks the first time GE, a major manufacturer with interests in finance and broadcasting, has made an unsolicited offer for a company.

Heymann said GE has carved out a niche in the gas range market within the past three years, and is No. 3 in that business with 15 percent of the market.

"This year they are revamping the range line and I think they would like to be vertically integrated in the gas line," Heymann said. "If they expand, they could vertically integrate and could move up to 20 or 25 percent of the market."

Ruling may affect company behavior, shareholder suits

By Rick Gladstone
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A U.S. Supreme Court ruling about a company's legal responsibilities regarding disclosure of information that could affect its stock price, including preliminary merger negotiations with another company.

The case was significant because of the wave of mergers that have reshaped corporate America in recent years. The ability of a company's management to negotiate quickly and discreetly before disclosing a merger proposal has played a key role in that trend.

"From a company's point of view, the Supreme Court's ruling certainly is going to make life more difficult," said John F. Olson, a Washington securities lawyer at the firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. "It will make companies a lot more cautious about what they say publicly, but you're going to see a lot more 'no comments.'"

The Securities and Exchange Commission and other advocates of disclosing merger talks argue that such information is vital to the efficiency and integrity of the financial markets, as reflected by a company's stock price.

Opponents, including many corporate executives, argue that premature disclosure of merger talks can artificially inflate stock prices, cause a deal to collapse and alert potentially hostile acquirers to a hitherto unknown buyout opportunity.

The ruling concerned Basic Inc., a Cleveland-based concern that merged with another company in 1978 after its executives denied for months that merger talks were under way.

Some shareholders who had sold their stock before the merger sued the company for fraud, contending its denial of talks had deflated the price. Had they known about the talks, the shareholders argued, they wouldn't have sold.

Basic executives contended they weren't obligated to disclose the talks until they had reached a fundamental agreement.

The Supreme Court rejected both sides' arguments and ordered a separate test for when a company must disclose merger talks. That test measures the probability of whether a merger will occur and must be considered on a case-by-case basis, the court said.

Attorneys said it was difficult to predict the ultimate consequences of the ruling but agreed it could pose serious problems, particularly in defining the probability of a merger.

"It's vague in the sense it makes life very difficult," said attorney William Golub, whose New York firm represented Basic.

"At what point does someone decide a merger is probable? The consequence is you either have to say everything, or else you can say 'no comments,'" he said.

If the chief executives of two companies talk about a merger on the golf course, that doesn't necessarily mean it's probable. But if the issue has to be resolved 10 years later by a jury, it may decide yes, that golf-course meeting was the point of probability," Golub said.

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