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ANDOVER INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION. Steven Fish, Chairman

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MANCHESTER. Second floor, 2 bedroom, heat and appliances. No pets. \$475 per month.

MANCHESTER. Available immediately. Five room newer duplex. \$675 plus security deposit and references.

MANCHESTER. New 3 bedroom duplex. Carpeted, fully appointed, 1 1/2 baths, full basement.

MANCHESTER. Two bedroom Townhouse. Nice location, oil appliances. Hot, hot water, carpeting, air conditioning.

MANCHESTER. Mod. 2 bedroom, second floor, carpet, appliances, no utilities. Prefer couple with one or two children.

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Manchester, Conn. - A City of Village Charm

30 Cents

Flight tapes conclude with a faint noise

By Maureen Johnson The Associated Press

LOCKERBIE, Scotland - The cockpit recording of Pan Am Flight 103's final minutes ended abruptly after a faint noise was heard, the Department of Transport said today.



PREMIER INSPECTION - British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, accompanied by aides and Malcolm Rifkin, right, secretary of state for Scotland, walk away Thursday after inspecting the nose section of the Pan American airliner that crashed in Lockerbie, Scotland.

New plan at hospital for garage

By Andrew J. Davis Manchester Herald

Manchester Memorial Hospital will build a 330-car parking garage next year in an effort to relieve the hospital's "critical parking shortage," Andrew A. Beck, hospital spokesman, said today.

Town to meet with road's opponents

By Nancy Conzelmann Manchester Herald

The town manager has scheduled an "informational meeting" with opponents of the access road to be used during the Main Street reconstruction project.

Industrial sites bring \$13 million

By Nancy Conzelmann Manchester Herald

Land and buildings in the Manchester Industrial Park off Sheldon Road were sold Tuesday by a Boston insurance company to a Darien-based company for \$13.3 million, town records show.

It's not a happy holiday in Nicaragua

By Nancy Pappas Manchester Herald

This is a holiday of contrasts for David and Angela Mercado, who fled with their children from the repression of war-torn Nicaragua last summer to start a new life in Manchester.



HOLIDAY OF CONTRASTS - The Mercado family looks forward to celebrating their first Christmas in the United States. They remember vividly the holidays in Nicaragua. From left: Angela, Jessica, David and Isaias Mercado.

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Her generosity left her in need

Editor's note: This is the last in a series of vignettes on people in the Manchester area who need assistance during the holiday season. The vignettes were provided by the Manchester Area Conference of Churches.

"Carrie," one of our older working neighbors, took time off this fall to care for her elderly mother after surgery. Several months ago, Carrie opened her home to a homeless, pregnant young woman whose baby is due in January.

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RECORD

About Town

Real estate class approved

Real Estate Appraisal I, a course in residential appraisal offered by Manchester Community College has been pre-approved for three hours of education credit by the American Association of Certified Appraisers. Students who enroll in this class may take the AACA Residential First Level (R-1) examination. Those who earn a grade of 70 percent or above will receive a certificate of completion from the Association. This certificate confers eligibility to apply for membership at the R-1 level. In addition, the AACA has agreed to waive the standard \$30 application fee for MCC students who apply for membership within 60 days after receiving a certificate of completion. For more information, contact MCC Professor Alfred P. Wetmore, 647-6107.

Register for swimming

The Manchester Recreation Department will hold registration for the third session of swim lessons at East Side Recreation Center, 22 School St., Monday through Friday starting Dec. 26 through Dec. 30, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The lessons will start Jan. 3 and run through Feb. 4. Children must be at least 52 inches tall in order to participate in this program. The lessons are \$4 per session and you must have a valid recreation membership card which costs \$4. Registration for the swim classes for children under 12 inches tall will also be taken at this time. These classes are held at the I.O.H. Pool at Manchester High School.

Lessons at the East Side Rec Pool are: Beginner C, Monday and Wednesday, 6:30 to 7 p.m.; Beginner B, Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 to 7 p.m.; Beginner A, Monday and Wednesday, 7 to 7:30 p.m.; Advanced Beginner, Tuesday and Thursday, 7 to 7:30 p.m.; Intermediate, Monday and Wednesday, 7:30 to 8 p.m.; Swimmers, Monday and Wednesday, 8 to 8:30 p.m.; Adult Beginners, Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 to 8 p.m.; and Adult Advanced Beginners, Tuesday and Thursday, 8 to 8:30 p.m. Lessons at the I.O.H. Pool for children under 12 inches tall are: Tuesday and Thursday, 6 to 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 to 7 p.m.

United Way meeting set

The United Way of Manchester will hold its regularly scheduled meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the United Way Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the lobby of Manchester State Bank at its main office located at 1014 Main St.

Pinochle Club posts scores

The following are Thursday's results for the Manchester Senior Pinochle Club which played at the Army and Navy Club. Winners were: Arline Paquin, 585; Betty Turner, 573; Ann Fisher, 566; John Plader, 560; and Ada Rojas, 559. Also: Ann Fortier, 558; Edith Albert, 558; John O'Neill, 557; Sue Dailey, 554; and Hazel McGary, 551.

Play is open to all Senior Members and time starts at 9:30 a.m. every Thursday.

Support group to meet

The Alliance for the Mentally III of Manchester will meet Monday, Jan. 9, at Genesis Center, 105 Mt. St., at 7 p.m. The support group, affiliated with the Connecticut Alliance for the Mentally III, is open to families and friends of those individuals with prolonged mental illnesses. For information, call Edna E. Jacobs, 645-8697.

Adult Ed books ready

The Manchester Adult Evening School brochures will be distributed to all the local banks and the town libraries by Jan. 1. Mail registration will be accepted until Jan. 19. An in-person registration will be held at the Manchester High School Cafeteria Monday, Jan. 23 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (Snowday, Tuesday, Jan. 24, same place and time). Winter classes will begin the week of Jan. 30 and end the week of April 12. The cost is \$15 per course for Manchester residents and \$20 for non-residents. Manchester Senior Citizens may take one course free (except word processing) each semester in addition to those offered at the Senior Citizens' Center. Individuals interested in taking adult evening courses are advised to register early by mail to guarantee getting in courses of their choice and also to avoid the long lines of in-person registration.

Lottery

Winning numbers drawn Thursday in lotteries around New England: Connecticut daily: 225. Play Four: 3445. Massachusetts daily: 6337. Tri-state daily: 800, 1862. Rhode Island daily: 2668. Lot-O-Bucks: 3-6-27-37-40.

Weather

REGIONAL WEATHER Accu-Weather® forecast for Saturday Daytime Conditions and High Temperatures. Includes a map of the Northeast region with weather icons and temperature forecasts for various cities like Boston, New York, and Philadelphia.



SHADY OFFICE — Bob Turcotte of 80 Essex St. sets up his hot dog stand on the corner of Main and Williams streets. Turcotte has been called by his customers as the "hot dog vendor extraordinaire."

Obituaries

Phyllis Scapanik

Phyllis Scapanik, formerly of the Vernon-Manchester area, died Friday (Dec. 17, 1988) at Hartford Hospital.

Born in the United Kingdom on Feb. 28, 1918, she was the daughter of the late Mary (Comford) and Edward Spence. She moved to this area from Rhode Island. A graveside funeral was held today in St. James Cemetery, The Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, at 10 a.m.

Timothy Strong

Timothy B. Strong, 13, of Willimantic, died Thursday (Dec. 22, 1988) at the Yale-New Haven Hospital.

He was born on Sept. 18, 1975 in Manchester, the son of Robert and Diane (Conklin) Strong of Willimantic. Besides his parents, he is survived by his twin brothers, Eric Strong and Stephen Strong, both at home, his paternal grandparents, Louis and Mary Jane Strong of Columbia; his maternal grandfather, Frederick E. Conklin of Columbia; maternal grandmother, Betty A. Conklin of Coventry; his maternal great-grandmother, Lucy Conklin in Rhode Island; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Valley Street, Willimantic. Burial will be in New Willimantic Cemetery. Calling hours are Saturday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Potter Funeral Home, 456 Jackson St., Willimantic.

Frank A. Burnett

Frank A. Burnett Jr., 51, of Wheeling Road, Andover, husband of Agnes (Ratale) Burnett, died Thursday (Dec. 22, 1988) at

Joseph H. Dodd

Joseph H. Dodd, 73, of 482 W. Middle Turnpike, husband of Marjorie W. (Smith) Dodd, died today (Dec. 23, 1988) at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Providence, R.I., on July 31, 1915. He had lived in North Providence before moving to Manchester 2 1/2 years ago. Before retiring, he was employed by the First National Stores. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in World War II. He was a former member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Providence, R.I., and a charter member of the former Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers' Workmen's Union, AF-CIO local 228 of Providence.

Emergency numbers: In Manchester, for water and sewer: 647-3111; for highway: 647-3233; for refuse: 647-3111. Manchester Herald: The Herald will not publish a Monday edition. Offices are closed Monday.

Thoughts

William Stidger recounts the story of a terrible storm off the Pacific coast. A crowd gathered, and watched with fascination and horror as a ship was relentlessly pounded to pieces on the rocks not far from shore.

In Memoriam

In memory of Ernest M. Pohl passed to eternal life December 23, 1987.

Love bears all things Believes all things Hopes all things Endures all things Love never ends Your love will always be a power in my life. With love, Your Godson, Michael

Bob Steele

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Bob Steele, a television and movie actor who rounded out his career with his portrayal of the pint-sized Trooper Duffy on the old "Troop" TV series, died Thursday of heart failure at age 82.

Police Roundup

Sgt. Beau Thurnauer promoted to lieutenant

Manchester Police Sgt. Beau Thurnauer has been promoted to lieutenant and will assume the title of Patrol Division Commander, Administrative Assistant, announced Police Chief Robert D. Lannan. The promotion is effective Jan. 8.

Union Street narrowed

Next week, Union Street, at the bridge construction site, will be regulated to one lane, said Police Chief Robert Lannan. A traffic signal will control traffic. The street is being narrowed as part of the construction process.

Current Quotations

"I'm grateful for the American judicial system and I thank the jury for exonerating me." — Former Miss America Bess Myerson, after being acquitted of conspiracy, mail fraud and bribe-related charges in New York City.

Holiday closings

Monday, Dec. 26, is a legal holiday. Municipal, state and federal offices: All are closed Monday. Post offices: Are closed Monday. There will express mail delivery only.

Helping Haitians get presents thanks to St. Bridget School

Students at St. Bridget Catholic School were earlier this month when they set out to stuff 25 stockings for abandoned children in Haiti. But, thanks to holiday spirit and understanding for the poverty-stricken Haitians, the pupils ended up filling eight cartons chock full of everyday needs like soap, underwear, toothpaste, and luxuries like hair barrettes, paper, pencils and sneakers. The students are involved in an ongoing effort to support Haitians called "Hope For Haiti."

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Today's weather picture was drawn by Courtney Eagle, 9, a fourth-grader at the Cornerstone Christian School.

LOCAL & STATE

FOI appeal on caucuses sparks differing opinions

Democratic Town Chairman Theodore B. Cummings said this morning he thinks the chairman of both town political parties should continue to attend caucuses of their respective party's members of the town Board of Directors until the Freedom of Information Commission rules on whether the sessions are legal.

His comments followed an opinion by Town Attorney William Shea Thursday, saying that in light of Shea's opinion, he feels at the sessions does not make them "meetings" under the law.

Democratic Mayor Peter F. DiRosa Jr. asked for the opinion after an official with the FOI Commission said he believed the presence of Cummings and others at the Democratic caucuses made them meetings.

Republican Director Ronald Osella meanwhile said that in light of Shea's opinion, he feels Republican Town Chairman John Garside should be at Republican caucuses. But he said that decision should be made by Garside, who could not be reached for comment this morning.

In his opinion, Shea said the decisions and opinions of the FOI commission on the subject have been inconsistent and that there are no Appellate Court decisions on the question.

Osella has filed a complaint with the commission seeking a ruling. Cummings has said that if the commission rules the chairman cannot attend caucuses of directors who are a majority on the board, the Manchester Democratic Party will consider appealing the decision to the courts or seeking a change in the law.

In his complaint to the commission, Osella said that the practice of having the party chairman at caucuses is traditional in Manchester and has never been at issue, but the attendance of others is.

The complaint cites instances in which attorneys Kevin O'Brien and Stephen Penny, both Democrats and both consultants to the town, have been at caucuses of the six Democratic directors. The Democrats are a quorum of the town's Board of Directors.

Shea's opinion did not deal with that question, however. The FOI Commission rules against them. DiRosa said today that the caucuses with Cummings present will continue until some higher authority such as the FOI Commission rules against them.

But later this morning, Cummings said he had not made a firm public agency converts Osella said that until he read Shea's decision this morning, he had felt Garside should not attend.

The issue arose after Attorney Mitchell Pearlman, executive director of the FOI Commission, said that a caucus of Republican aldermen violated the Freedom of Information statute.

School feted for 'integration'

RHAM was honored at an awards dinner held Dec. 18. The award is co-sponsored by the Connecticut Developmental Disabilities Council.

RHAM was recognized for the individual treatment the students received once coming back to the school. Gravel said she said handicapped students are able to progress on their own level, which helps them adapt back to regular school life.

RHAM School Psychologist Dr. V. Curtis Hunter said handicapped students and others benefit from having handicapped students at the school. It is too easy to forget about the problems of handicapped students when they are not in the mainstream, he said.

"The community as a whole is not complete if we segregate our children," he said. "We profit because we're not suffering under the illusion they don't exist."

Poor Haitians get presents thanks to St. Bridget School

HELPING HAITIANS — Angela Kohl, left, a seventh-grader at St. Bridget School, helps eighth-grader Betsy Ryan prepare a shipment of Christmas presents for Haitians. The students collected the items to help make the holiday special for the impoverished Haitians.

Students at St. Bridget Catholic School were earlier this month when they set out to stuff 25 stockings for abandoned children in Haiti. But, thanks to holiday spirit and understanding for the poverty-stricken Haitians, the pupils ended up filling eight cartons chock full of everyday needs like soap, underwear, toothpaste, and luxuries like hair barrettes, paper, pencils and sneakers.

The students are involved in an ongoing effort to support Haitians called "Hope For Haiti." It's apparent the project left a positive impression on most St. Bridget students.

"I think that they deserve it, because their parents throw some of them out so they need some new things. They don't have much money," said Shannon Girourd, 9, a fourth-grader at St. Bridget.

Kohl visited Haiti in September to see the situation first hand. It was then she met Paula Thybelle, the director of a detention center in Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti.

The country utilizes detention centers as holding tanks for children abandoned on the streets of Haiti because their parents cannot afford to feed them. The conditions of the detention centers are extremely poor, like the general conditions of the country. There is no plumbing, and sewage flows in open trenches along the ground, Kohl said.

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Chance of rain

Manchester and vicinity: Tonight, foggy. A 30 percent chance of rain. Steady or slowly rising temperatures. Saturday, mostly cloudy with rain likely late in the day. High in the mid 40s. Outlook for the rest of the Christmas weekend, cloudy with a chance of rain Sunday. High in the 40s. Low Sunday night near 30. Mostly Sunny Monday. High 35 to 40.

West Coastal, East Coastal: Tonight, foggy. A 30 percent chance of rain. Steady or slowly rising temperatures. Saturday, mostly cloudy with rain likely late in the day. High 45 to 50. Outlook for the rest of the Christmas weekend, cloudy with a chance of rain Sunday. High in the 40s. Low Sunday night near 30. Mostly Sunny Monday.

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Volleyball for charity slated

The Easter Seal Society of Connecticut will hold its fifth annual Century 21 volleyball marathon on March 11 and 12 at East Catholic High School.

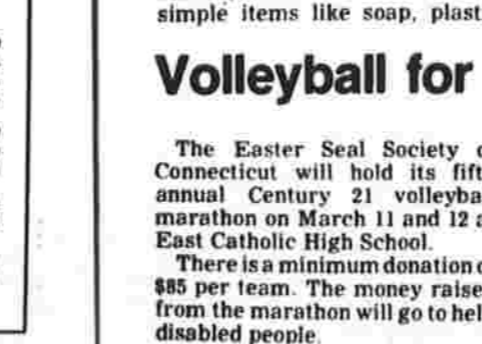
There is a minimum donation of \$85 per team. The money raised from the marathon will go to help disabled people.

"A NIGHT OF WONDER"

December 24, 1988 CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION at "THE CHURCH IN THE CENTER" 5:30 P.M. - Children's Service 7:30 P.M. - Candlelight Communion 8:45 P.M. - Wassail Hour 10:00 P.M. - Candlelight Communion

"A DAY OF WONDER"

December 25, 1988 CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 A.M. - Worship Service Center Congregational Church United Church of Christ Corner of Center & Main Streets Manchester, Connecticut 647-9941



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Housing program is under fire at Coventry meeting

Jacqueline Bennett
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — A Special Town Meeting Thursday to discuss overruling the Town Council's vote to join the State Housing Partnership Program was marked by some heated exchanges among 40 residents. The meeting at Coventry High School was held because residents petitioned for to challenge the decision made by the Town Council Nov. 7 to join the program. Townspeople will now vote on the matter in a Jan. 3 referendum.

"I oppose this because it infringes on the rights of the individual citizen to determine which way this town is going," said William Miller of Brewster Street. Miller also said the town does not have an adequate business tax base to support the needs that would be generated by such additional housing. The Deputy Commissioner of the State Department of Housing, Yasho Escalera, who was invited to the meeting by Town Manager John Elieser, replied that the very point of the housing program is to keep the control local. Escalera added that to attract an economic base, the town needs a housing supply for its work force. State Rep. Edith Prague, D-Columbia, said she voted for the program in the Legislature. "I voted for this legislation because I felt it gave local communities power to control what happens in their own communities," said Prague. "Every human being has a right to have a place they call home. I also feel the local communities should have a say in the chance to help their own people."

The partnership would examine and identify housing needs and explore the availability of municipal land suitable for the development of affordable housing. It would assess if current zoning regulations restrict such development and identify needed

changes in those regulations. A long-range plan to meet housing needs of the community would be drawn up by the partnership. The partnership would be made up of 11 local members, including representatives of the town, town commissions, as well as business and industry. Members are to be appointed by the town's chief elected official.

Resident John Lacey's comment that the towns east of the Connecticut River are prime targets for low to moderate income housing developments because of their open space agitated another member of the audience, who called for a point of order from the moderator.

For the Republicans, Town Council Chairman Robert Olmstead was later interrupted in his remarks by an outburst from Planning and Zoning Commission member Robert Walsh, a Democrat. Olmstead had said Escalera's point that the state, "Would not tolerate discrimination in the affordable housing program," confirmed his suspicion that ultimately power and control over the program was in the hands of the state.

From across the auditorium, a red-faced Walsh shouted, "Discrimination hasn't been allowed since 1964, no matter who's in control."

Woodbridge Road resident Dorothy Wilnot questioned the legality of the town joining the program when it does not have a chief elected official. She said an ordinance proposed by the Town Council to designate the council chairman as the chief elected official violates the Town Charter.

"The chief elected official is not put into place by an ordinance or a vote of the other council members. It is elected by the People," said Wilnot.

Escalera said he has contacted the state Attorney General's office for an opinion on the matter.

Roof work, renovation change school events

Jacqueline Bennett
and Andrew J. Davis
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — Renovation work at the George Hersey Robertson School and roof damage at Capt. Nathan Hale School changed some of the schools' holiday plans, officials said. "Well, the recent flooding damage to the roof has put a damper on some of our plans," Edmond Mahoney, principal at Capt. Nathan Hale School said Wednesday.

Mahoney said the tradition of decorating the halls had to be cancelled. Even though there is no longer any flooding, damage had been done, he said.

The water damage began on Dec. 15 after snow melting on the school roof produced cracks down the front and back of the building, Mahoney said. The school opened that day, but students went home at 12:45 because there was water in the halls, he said.

Custodial crews patched the crack on Dec. 15 and 16, and everything is back to normal at the school, he said. The hall decorating was cancelled because "we just got into other things. There just wasn't

time to decorate," said Mahoney. However, on Tuesday the school chorus did entertain fifth and sixth grades as well as some parents at a holiday concert, he said.

At George Hersey Robertson School, the annual Christmas Caroling Assembly for the whole school will not be held this year because of building renovations work affecting the gymnasium, the secretary in the principal's office said.

But today, students at the school were to be treated to a surprise, she said. Today was to be the time for school-wide Christmas caroling at Coventry Grammar School, principal Mary Flaxia said. Students at Coventry High School were to attend a holiday party in the gymnasium today complete with refreshments and entertainment from the school dance band, Dennis Joy, principal at the school said.

The band performed its annual Christmas Concert last week. "Individual classes will be doing different things later in the week," said Joy Wednesday. For example, Joy said foreign language classes will be learning carols in other languages.

Pirate radio off the air

STAMFORD (AP) — A pirate radio network that broadcast religious programming in Southern Connecticut has been shut down and fined \$2,000, federal authorities said.

The Federal Communications Commission shut down the three station network which operated as WGBS on Dec. 12. FCC officials said. The stations did not have FCC licenses as required by federal law, officials said.

The stations broadcast on 1610 AM and 105.5 FM, authorities said.

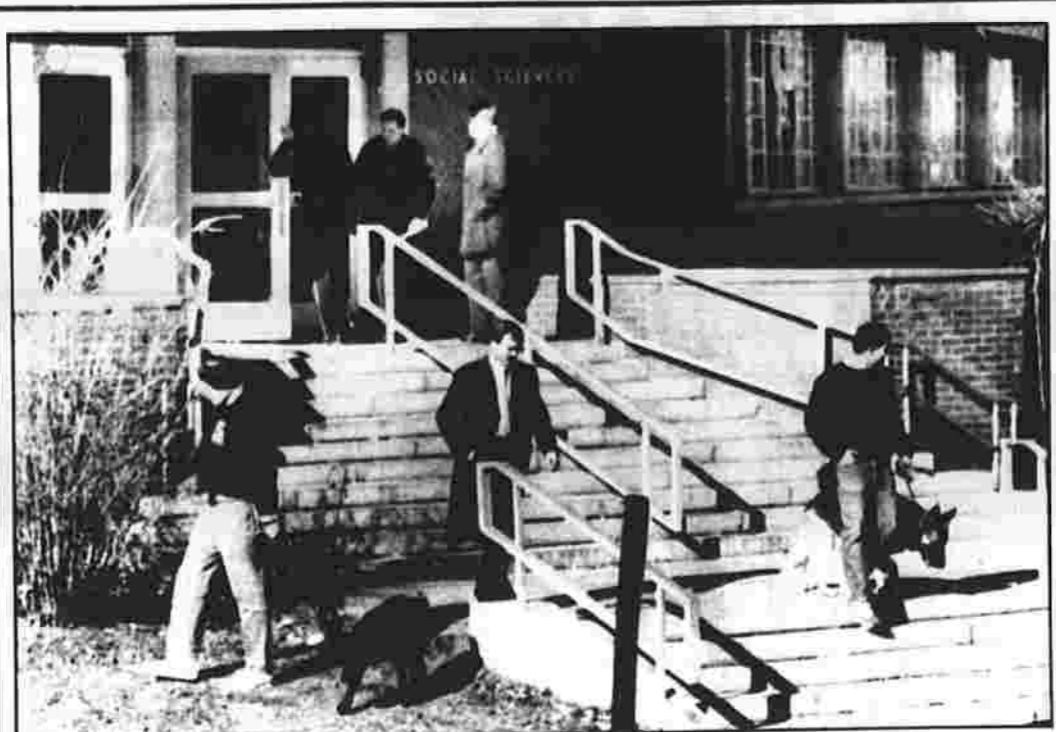
The stations were operated by Bishop Willie Hardy of the Greater Emmanuel Apostolic Church in Stamford. A person answering the telephone at the church, who declined to give his name, said Hardy was too upset to discuss the case.

Unauthorized radio operators can be fined up to \$100,000 and sentenced up to one year in prison.



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BOMB SCARE — Members of the state police bomb squad leave the Monteth social sciences building at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, Thursday, after a bomb scare.

Bogus bomb found at UConn

STORRS (AP) — What appeared to be an explosive device found in a classroom building at the University of Connecticut turned out to be a realistic fake, authorities said. The discovery forced postponement until Thursday evening of several final exams at the Monteth social sciences building. "We do get bomb threats during exam period, but whether or not this is related to the fact we are in the period of final exams, no one knows," said Karen Grava Williams, a university spokeswoman. "There is no way to know the motive until we solve the crime," she said. "The investigation continues, but there are no suspects and no known motive."

A janitor discovered the 4-inch by 4-inch block, wrapped in duct tape with wires leading to a 6-volt battery, in a standing ashtray on the building's third floor about 6 a.m., university officials said.

The janitor, who was not identified, took it outside and summoned campus police, who cordoned off the area until the state police bomb squad arrived.

The bomb squad took the device to a dump about a mile away, where they tried to detonate it before discovering it was a fake, said UConn Police Chief Robert Hudd. "It looked real," Hudd said.

Police have received two other bomb threats this week, Hudd said. No one called about the device found Thursday, he said.

Hudd said the device was being kept as evidence and police planned to get fingerprints from anyone known to have been in the building. "We'll be looking hard for the person who caused this trouble to the community," he said.

Trinity might pick Weicker

HARTFORD (AP) — U.S. Sen. Lowell P. Weicker Jr., who narrowly lost a reelection bid in November, is in the running for president of Trinity College, a school official said.

Edward A. Montgomery, chairman of Trinity's board of trustees, said Weicker, who lost to Democrat Joseph I. Lieberman in a bid for a fourth term, is a candidate for the post.

Trinity President James F. English is retiring July 1 after eight years in office. The new president is expected to be named in May.

Montgomery said Weicker, a Greenwich resident, has been recommended to the 14-member search committee charged with selecting a new president.

Montgomery declined to comment on who recommended Weicker and how many other candidates are under consideration.

A person answering the telephone at Weicker's Greenwich home said the senator would not be available for comment until Friday. There was no answer at his Washington office. A spokesman for Weicker has said the senator has declined to disclose his future plans.

Weicker, a graduate of Yale University who received a law degree from the University of Virginia, has served 18 years in the Senate.

He rose to national prominence in 1975 when, as a member of the select Senate Committee investigating the Watergate scandal, his administration tagged him with a maverick's reputation.

The senator has been known for his liberal stances on such issues as organized prayer, civil rights, organized prayer in schools and spending for social programs.

UConn officials have praised the guidelines saying they are consistent with the university's goals. The auditors said the recommendations fell short of the required reforms.

Donohue and Becker rejected the board's contention that "foundations are essential to the operations of institutions of higher education."

Man tries to restore Cubs' spirit

By Nancy Poppo
Manchester Herald

BOLTON — A Manchester man whose Christmas lights have been stolen tried to restore the holiday spirit to a group of Cub Scouts whose tree was hacked up over the weekend by a vandal.

Lloyd Roy, a Manchester tax consultant, offered to replace the Scouts' tree on Tuesday, But the Scouts' leader, Debby Muro, decided that her troop, Cub Scout Pack 157, Den 4, might not have time to erect and decorate the replacement tree before Christmas, so she turned down Roy's offer.

In addition, she expressed concern that the second tree might also be a target for vandals.

Roy offered the Christmas tree, stand and all the trimmings to the Scouts after reading in Tuesday's Manchester Herald that their tree had been ruined. The six second-grade Scouts had put up the tree at the corner of Volpi and Birch Mountain roads, intending to decorate it with popcorn garlands and other foods birds enjoy. But early Sunday morning, someone sawed off all the branches and left them on the ground nearby.

After reading about the vandalism, Roy called Helen Kemp, the Board of Selectmen's administrative assistant, and offered a replacement tree. "I hate to see something like that done to anyone, but especially not to a group of kids," Roy said Thursday.

His home, at 35 Scott Drive, has been vandalized several times, Roy said. On one occasion, 2,000 of his 5,000 exterior lights were stolen, he said. "So I'm pretty sure about the business of ruining Christmas trees. And besides, I was once a kid myself."

Muro, however, decided to turn down the offer. "We certainly appreciate the kindness, but it's getting very near to Christmas; there wouldn't be much point in putting up another tree," she said Wednesday. "Beside that, how would the boys feel if the tree were sawed again? You don't want to put boys through that twice."

For a few hours on Wednesday, it seemed that the boys' original tree had, indeed, been vandalized a second time. On Monday afternoon, when the Scouts met to assess the damage done by the vandals, they decided to hang ornaments on the stumps which remained on the trunk of their Christmas tree.

By Wednesday morning, that trunk was laying on the ground at the intersection, with peanut butter-stuffed pine cones and strips of gold ribbon scattered about.

Neighbors wondered whether this had, again, been the work of vandals. But Muro said she believed that the remains of the tree were probably so poorly balanced that the tree toppled over on its own, or with just a nudge from the wind or a passing motorist who was cutting the corner too closely.

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Desegregation strategy set

NEW LONDON (AP) — Schools officials have launched plans to re-distribute students in the city's five elementary schools in anticipation of a notice from the state that the school system is racially imbalanced under Connecticut law.

The state Department of Education is expected to notify the city in early January that the 82-percent minority enrollment at one of the elementary school constitutes a violation of the state's racial balance law.

Local officials will have three months to submit a comprehensive plan for shifting students to integrate the schools. "The onus is now on New London," said Robert Margolin, who heads the education department's support services division. "The state gives you three to five years to completely balance the schools. But the requirements for the corrective plan are set in stone through regulations. They're quite prescriptive."

Lawyer not liable for stress

NEW LONDON (AP) — A jury has found that a Norwich attorney did not cause the emotional stress a woman experienced during a bitter custody battle three years ago.

The jury reached the verdict on Thursday in the first lawsuit in the state to be based on emotional distress caused by legal malpractice, officials said.

Susan Langford filed the lawsuit claiming that attorney Bart A. Sayet was responsible for the emotional stress she experienced when he lost custody of her 9-year-old son in 1985.

Sanford Plepler, Langford's attorney, argued during the trial that Sayet was responsible for the court decision awarding custody of the child to her ex-husband because he failed to attend an April 1, 1985 custody hearing.

Afghan rebel fined

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — A Superior Court judge says a stiff fine imposed on an Afghan refugee will deter others from defrauding the state welfare department.

Investigators have said Gul Ahmadi Salehzadeh arrived in the United States carrying a suitcase stuffed with cash and that he defrauded the welfare department of thousands of dollars.

Superior Court Judge Richard Damiani fined Salehzadeh \$35,000 and placed him on probation. Damiani said the best way to punish Salehzadeh would be to force him to reimburse the state for the nearly \$30,000 in benefits he received.

"I'm not going to inebriate him, that is not going to do the state any good. Instead I'm going to impose a stiff fine and that should deter other individuals who attempt to bamboozle the state," Damiani said.

O'Neill still backing state police chief

HARTFORD (AP) — Public Safety Commissioner Lester J. Forst has been publicly assured by Gov. William O'Neill that he won't be removed from office, despite criticisms from a legislative investigative panel.

The General Assembly's Program Review and Investigations Committee voted 8-1 last week to send a letter to O'Neill expressing no confidence in Forst, who is commander of state police.

The vote came after the committee spent a year investigating in-fighting within the state's criminal justice system.

But O'Neill said during a news conference Thursday that he wasn't ready to remove Forst as head of the public safety department and commander of state police.

"Of course I am reviewing the response and the suggestions of no confidence in Commissioner Forst. I may say that letters of support are coming in on his behalf," the governor said. "Unless there are more specifics, I would not close the door on Commissioner Forst at this time."

The committee said Forst has an inability to accept or understand the way the structure of state government relates to his agency. Committee members said they were disturbed by Forst's testimony before them in which he said he would "fight to the last breath" any criticism of his agency.

O'Neill said, "The commissioner is running the state police department in an outstanding manner."

When asked how he could support Forst in the wake of the committee's criticisms, O'Neill said that was a

matter of opinion. "Different people have different opinions and it all depends on the perspective in the eye of the beholder," O'Neill said. "I understand the way they behold it. It's not the way I behold it at this particular time ... somewhere along the line I'm sure there will be a meeting of the minds."

O'Neill said he would discuss the report with Forst.

"We will certainly discuss the situation with Commissioner Forst when it is appropriate, which it isn't as of this moment," O'Neill said.

Rado's prosecutor in trouble

WATERBURY (AP) — Chief State's Attorney John J. Kelly will soon face a hearing before an ethics panel because of questions raised about his handling of the corruption case of former Naugatuck Mayor William C. Rado.

Judge Maxwell Heiman on Thursday forwarded two complaints against Kelly to the Statewide Grievance Committee.

The judge said Kelly tried to influence the judge's opinion in the bribery case of former Naugatuck Mayor William C. Rado Sr. Heiman said Kelly allegedly committed a "gross violation" of ethics by threatening a state probation officer who recommended probation for Rado.

Gov. William A. O'Neill said he was unaware of Heiman's action against Kelly.

"I haven't heard from Kelly and I haven't heard from anyone else," the governor said during a news conference at his office.

Riddle is named attorney general

HARTFORD (AP) — Clarine Nardi Riddle, who will become Connecticut's first woman attorney general next month, has promised to carry on her office's tradition of "public advocacy, high ideals," and "compassion" for the general public.

Gov. William A. O'Neill on Thursday surprised no one in naming Riddle, currently a deputy attorney general, to complete the unfinished term of U.S. Sen.-elect Joseph I. Lieberman.

Riddle took command of the office on Jan. 3 and serve as acting attorney general. She will be formally sworn in as attorney general in October 1989. At that time, she will have 10 years experience as an attorney in Connecticut, a statutory requirement for holding the elected office.

"It's awesome" as my kids would say," Riddle said.

In accepting the position, Riddle also agreed not to seek election to the position in 1990. Riddle said she didn't know what she would do after 1990 and said she planned no shakeup at the attorney general's office.

"We had a number of interested candidates that were really desirous of serving in the particular position. However, we had an outstanding candidate in the position who has been formally sworn in as attorney general for a number of years. When you have the quality that's there already, I thought that was the most prudent thing to do," O'Neill said during a news conference.

When pressed as to why he imposed the restriction that Lieberman's successor promise not to seek election to the office, O'Neill said, "Because it's my rule."

Riddle, 39, a New Haven resident, said she agreed to the terms because of her responsibilities as a wife and mother of two children, aged 10 and 10. Her husband, Mark Riddle, is a Yale University professor.

"I'm very happy with that. I'm a mother of two young children. I have a husband who has a very significant career of his own and I'm very happy just to have my focus over the next two years be the charge and responsibilities of the attorney general's office," Riddle said.

argument by the state probation department that Rado be released to free up his bed for a person convicted of a more serious crime.

The state's prison system is overcrowded and correction officials have been forced to release inmates before their sentences are completed to solve the problem.

"That's not my problem," Byrne said of the overcrowding. "That's somebody else's problem. I'm not going to assume the problems that everyone else should assume."

Finally, Byrne rejected an

Rado's probation bid is denied

WATERBURY (AP) — Former Naugatuck Mayor William C. Rado Sr. is back in state jail today after a judge refused to grant him probation, but he may not stay there for long.

Rado, who was convicted of taking bribes while in office, has asked for "intensive probation," which would have resulted in his immediate release from prison and sharply curtailed his political activities.

But Judge John M. Byrne said Thursday the 71-year-old Rado's crime was "a violation of public trust by an individual who had been in the public eye for many, many years."

The judge also noted that Rado had fought the conviction through many appeals, even attempting to gain a hearing before the U.S. Supreme Court, and still claimed "to be a victim of the system."

"Part of the rehabilitation process is admission of one's responsibility," Byrne said.

The judge said probation is reserved for those who admit their wrongs and show promise that they can be rehabilitated. He said probation is granted in cases where one "hopes that something good can be accomplished."

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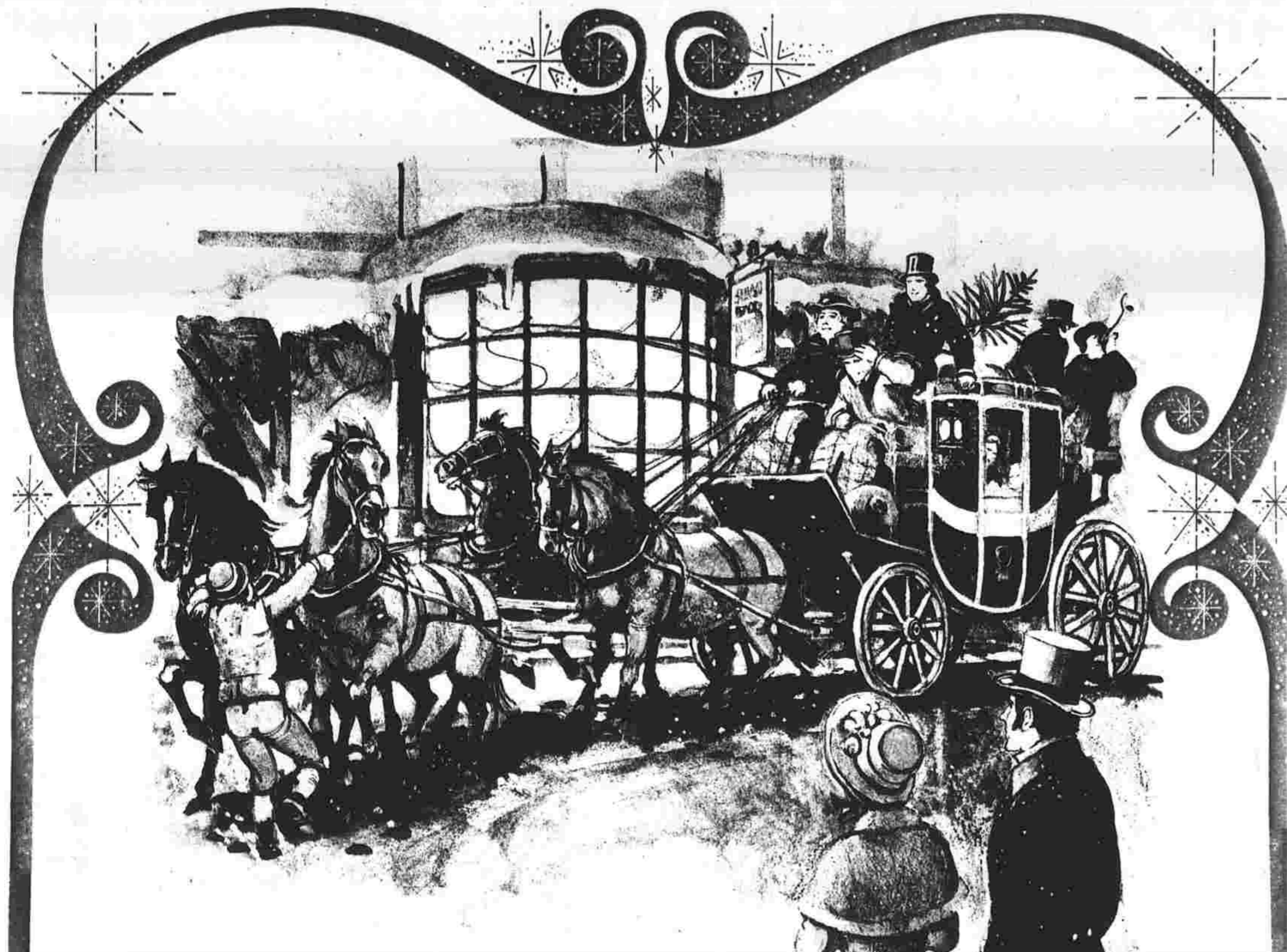
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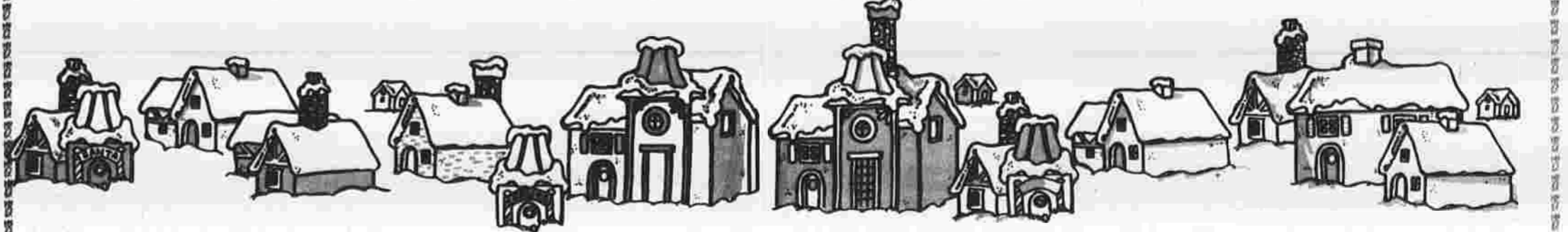
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SHE'S HAPPY — Former Miss America Bess Myerson waves to photographers outside a friend's home in New York City Thursday night after being acquitted of all charges in an alleged divorce-fixing scheme.

Myerson acquitted in soap-opera trial

NEW YORK (AP) — Cheers broke out and former Miss America Bess Myerson sobbed and kissed her co-defendant lover after their soap-opera-like divorce-fixing trial ended in acquittals.

"It's over," Miss Myerson said after her two-year ordeal ended with Thursday night's verdict. "I'm grateful for the American judicial system and I thank the jury for exonerating me."

The U.S. District Court jury also cleared Miss Myerson's lover, Carl "Andy" Capasso, 43, and retired state Supreme Court Justice Hortense Gabel, 76, who handled Capasso's divorce.

Miss Myerson, seated beside Capasso, kissed and hugged him after jury forewoman Linda Berardi announced "not guilty" for each charge in the six-count indictment.

Several people cheered, while key government witness Sukhreet Gabel — daughter of Miss Myerson's co-defendant — sat dazed several rows behind her.

After the jury's final announcement, Miss Myerson wiped away tears and crossed the courtroom to hug Ms. Gabel's frail mother. She then broke down and cried into her hands as Capasso massaged her back and neck.

Miss Myerson, 64, who was Miss America in 1945, had stared intently at the jury as they entered the courtroom shortly after 8 p.m. and delivered their verdict, rejecting the prosecution's contention that the three were guilty of conspiracy, mail fraud and bribe-related charges.

The jury had been sequestered by Judge John Keenan since Monday, when they began weighing the evidence from the 12-week trial.

"I really feel that given the prosecution's case, I had no other choice but to say not guilty," said the forewoman.

Jay Goldberg, Capasso's lawyer, said, "Had it not been Bess Myerson, (U.S. Attorney Rudolph) Giuliani would have never brought this case."

But Giuliani, whose office has rarely lost a major case, disagreed.

"I think we would try this case again, sure," said Giuliani. "Obviously, we're disappointed with the result."

Miss Myerson, the city's former cultural affairs commissioner, was accused of trying to bribe Mrs. Gabel by giving a city job to Sukhreet, the judge's emotionally troubled daughter. In return, prosecutors said, the judge reduced Capasso's alimony payments with his ex-wife, Nancy.

Espionage damage may be limited

WASHINGTON (AP) — The damage to national security caused by a soldier accused of spying for the Warsaw Pact might not be as severe as originally feared, Pentagon officials say.

The officials, who insisted on anonymity, said Thursday that continuing interrogation of Warrant Officer James William Hall III "suggests he might have been selective in the documents he passed."

"When all is said and done, it doesn't look too bad," said one official.

"It's not great, but it's not a crisis, either," said another.

"The counter-intelligence people are wringing him out now," said one source. "He's still cooperating, singing."

Hall, 30, of New York City, was arrested Wednesday at his home near Fort Stewart, Ga., by Army intelligence agents after a successful Army-FBI sting operation.

Lt. Col. John Chapla, an Army spokesman, said Hall was moved Thursday from Fort Stewart to a prison cell at Fort Meade, Md., outside Washington, D.C.

According to affidavits filed in federal court in Savannah, Ga., where Fort Stewart is located, Hall bragged to an unidentified FBI agent "that he had been passing highly sensitive signal intelligence documents to both the Soviets and the East German intelligence services since late 1982."

Hall boasted of the important signal intelligence information he had passed, and admitted his motivation to be greed," the document said. It did not give details on the information.

Hall allegedly passed the information through a Turkish-born, naturalized citizen named Hussein Yildirim. Yildirim also was arrested Wednesday at his home in Belair Beach, Fla., near St. Petersburg.

He had been scheduled to appear at a bond hearing Thursday but the proceeding was postponed until Tuesday because Yildirim's attorney had a scheduling conflict.

Chapla said Hall was moved to "facilitate security," noting the base at Fort Meade has "secure facilities" that can be used for courts-martial that involve the presentation of classified material as evidence.

Fort Meade also is the site of the National Security Agency, the supersensitive spy agency that conducts electronic surveillance around the world. Hall worked in the field of electronic surveillance for the Army and, indirectly, the NSA.

During his service career, Hall rose in rank to a point where he could have provided "a detailed and damaging look at our technologies and capabilities when it comes to intercepting radio and voice traffic and breaking codes," explained one official.

Chapla said Hall not been formally charged with any crimes as of Thursday evening but was being detained under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for suspicion of espionage. He can be held for up to three days on that basis, Chapla said.

According to Army records, Hall held a "Top Secret" security clearance and spent most of his 12 years in the service at posts in West Germany, where the Army maintains electronic listening posts and intelligence units that would play critical roles in time of war.

Wilson's ruling Thursday struck down four provisions of the 1952 McCarran-Walter Act that allowed the government to deport aliens who advocated or were associated with groups espousing anti-American ideologies including communism.

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NATION & WORLD

McCarthy-era law killed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Alien supporters of a Marxist Palestinian group may not be deported because even non-citizens have the First Amendment right to espouse anti-American beliefs, a judge ruled in gutting a McCarthy-era law.

"In this case, the government is trying to stifle certain ideas from entering our society from certain aliens," U.S. District Judge Stephen V. Wilson said.

"Our society, however, was built on the premise that only through the free flow of ideas can our nation grow and prosper."

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500 ill from gas leak

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Sulphur dioxide gas that leaked from an acid plant in eastern Bihar state made 500 villagers ill, including 20 who were hospitalized today in serious condition, the United News of India reported.

The leak in Jharkhand village near Jamshedpur, about 200 miles east of New Delhi, was so intense that crops near the plant were also damaged, the news agency said. Cattle were also affected by the leak, which occurred Thursday.

The cause of the leak was not immediately known.

Sulphur dioxide, a heavy, colorless, suffocating gas, is used as bleach, disinfectant or as preservative.

The victims, mostly women and children, complained of burning in their eyes and throat and had breathing difficulties, the agency said, quoting police.

granting independence to South-West Africa, which will become the new nation of Namibia in 1991, it has been ruled by South Africa since World War I.

The pact also stated that 50,000 Cuban troops in Angola will withdraw, under U.N. supervision.

The signatories affirmed "the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of states" and promised not to allow their territory to be used "in connection with any acts of war, aggression, or violence, against the territorial integrity, inviolability of borders or independence of any state of southwestern Africa."

High-tech ring foiled

MIAMI (AP) — A high-tech smuggling ring involving dozens of companies and 10 countries was left in disarray by the arrest of a man charged with trying to sneak a computer to the Soviet bloc, the U.S. Customs Service said.

Eddy Gerardus Haak's arrest and the seizure of the \$1.1 million VAX computer last week culminated an eight-month investigation, said Patrick O'Brien, special agent in charge of Customs in Miami.

The Digital Equipment Corp. VAX 8800 mainframe computer seized at Miami International Airport is capable of upgrading and controlling systems that launch and guide ballistic missiles, operate radar or run a mass transit system.

Congressman's trip 'not your business'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Bud Shuster shopped for a suitable public works project to inspect in the Virgin Islands at government expense, then spent four days there and toured an airport the day he left, congressional sources said.

Shuster, R-Pa., a member of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee, had his trip to the island of St. Thomas approved "without comment" by Rep. Glenn Anderson, D-Calif., the panel's chairman, according to committee aide Paul Schlesinger.

The airport tour came after Public Works staff members had looked into other projects for Shuster to inspect in the Virgin Islands, including one on St. Croix, according to congressional aides speaking on condition of anonymity.

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While he was in the Virgin Islands, Shuster's top aides refused to disclose his whereabouts. Interviewed by telephone Thursday from his rural central Pennsylvania district, Shuster said the Virgin Islands trip represented "a couple days off" and that "it's none of your goddamned business what I do in my personal time."

He denied that the committee was paying for the whole trip. He said that, according to congressional aides speaking on condition of anonymity.

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OPINION

Expulsion justified in gun case

The Board of Education acted justifiably when it voted to expel a student accused of carrying a gun into Manchester High School in his clothing.

While the administration of Manchester High School may not have acted in the most gracious manner when it instituted a dress code to prevent some students from hiding weapons, the decision by the Board of Education was not.

Under the board's vote, the student who allegedly carried a pellet gun will not be allowed to return to school for 180 days. The stiff penalty is designed to discourage other students from testing the determination of the school administrators to keep weapons out of school.

The loss of time in school may be a setback to the education of the student, and that is unfortunate. But there was a clear need to impress upon everyone the seriousness of having lethal weapons in schools.

A gun may be considered relatively safe under some circumstances — in an appropriate place under appropriate control — but it is never safe in a school crowded with young people.

Open Forum

Abortion opponents have no right to pass judgment

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the on-going abortion argument in the Open Forum.

I have a personal experience of my own to relate. Last year, my teen-age daughter became pregnant. She had a pregnancy test at Planned Parenthood as a matter of fact. After informing her that she was pregnant, the Planned Parenthood counselor made certain that my daughter knew that she had three options. And because my daughter was so young, she urged her to confide in me.

I am thankful that she felt she could confide in me. I probably didn't handle things so well in the beginning — let's face it, that's the last thing a mother wants to hear from her 11th grade daughter. But we got through it. There was no question that my husband and I would be there for her, whatever her decision.

She and her boyfriend (her very first boyfriend, as it happens) decided that they were not ready for parenthood, at least not while they are still in high school. Ultimately, my daughter chose to have an abortion. And frankly, at 16, I don't blame her.

On the other hand, if she had chosen to continue the pregnancy, I could understand that, too.

One year later, my daughter is looking ahead to college and, one day, a family and a career. Chris Fitzmaurice will be sorry to hear that my daughter is leading a happy and productive life.

I find it very disconcerting to read editorials like those by Virginia Patrick and Chris Fitzmaurice, because they don't hesitate to lie to serve their own purposes. For instance, Patrick writes that pro-choice people, "were not there for her"; that pro-choice people "sit back, casting judgments and making decisions." But really it is just the opposite! My own daughter was in a predicament similar to that of Ms. Patrick's. And I thank God that Planned Parenthood was there for her. (And if what Ms. Patrick says is true about the doctor she went to for her own pregnancy test, she would have been far better off going to the dreaded Planned Parenthood!)

Also, who is "sitting back, casting judgments and making decisions"? Is it the counselor at Planned Parenthood where my daughter was given accurate information about all her options and birth control to prevent this from happening again? I don't think so. Isn't it really people like Virginia Patrick and Chris Fitzmaurice themselves??

Finally, I have to add my thoughts on the Scarlet Letter. Perhaps Ms. Kuhl should have left that out entirely, but since everyone is writing about it, I'll put in my thoughts, too. The Scarlet Letter stood not for able, but for adultery. Hester Prynne was of course able, far abler and nobler than the "man" with whom she committed adultery. But that A stood for adultery. And the fact is, that only Hester bore that A, while the hypocritical aloof who put her in that position was held in high esteem as a preacher of God's Word. I guess the issue that was raised by Kuhl and never properly addressed by Patrick or Fitzmaurice, is the inequality of it all.

In Kuhl's first letter, she wrote: "You can bet that if men were required to take as much responsibility as women for the upbringing of the children that both sexes create, even when that means postponing (or giving up) higher education and their own careers, we'd see abortion unquestionably legal and the rate of unwanted pregnancy drop." Personally, I think that says it all.

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Defense Department battle

By Donna Cassata

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Bush has an opportunity to pull the Defense Department from the quagmire of purchasing scandals by appointing strong managers to monitor the weapons buying process more closely, analysts say.

"It's the best opportunity we've ever had," said Lawrence Korb, a former Pentagon official now with the Brookings Institution, a liberal think tank. "If someone goes in there with the right team and the right attitude, you can do more good for this country, in my view, than any secretary of defense."

Bush has indicated a desire to reverse the trend that has made household names of such scandal-ridden contractors as Westech and has made the practice of defrauding the Defense Department almost commonplace.

The president-elect last week announced the appointment of former Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John Tower as defense secretary. Although Tower earned a reputation as a friend of military contractors during his years in the Senate and has worked for some of them in recent years, he bowed to Bush's oft-stated commitment to reform.

"The bottom line is that we must provide for at least as much, if not more, challenge, we must do several things. We must rationalize our force structure, we must refine and reform our management and procurement procedures, we must have biennial budgeting," Tower said.

During the campaign, Bush embraced the recommendations of the Packard Commission, a panel appointed by President Reagan to study ways to reform the Defense Department.

In its 1986 report, the commission proposed creation of an undersecretary of defense for acquisition, strengthening the role of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and having the president submit a two-year military budget for congressional approval.

The panel was headed by former Deputy Defense Secretary David



Packard.

During the Reagan administration, the Defense Department relinquished control of the acquisition process to the various armed services, according to Korb, who served as assistant secretary for manpower installation logistics from 1981 to 1985.

Congress already has acted on the commission recommendation to create the undersecretary position for acquisition. Robert Costello currently holds the post, although Bush likely will name his own person to the job — a critical selection, analysts say.

"For the administration to run a more effective bidding process, they must have top quality personnel," said Jay Koswinsky of the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank.

Congress also approved reorganization legislation sponsored by former Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., and the late Bill Nichols, a Democratic congressman from Alabama.

The law overhauled the upper echelons of the Pentagon, strengthening the Defense Department and designating the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as the principal adviser to the president and the secretary of defense.

The department Tower will run has been rocked by one scandal after another, culminating with a federal investigation this year into allegations of purchasing fraud and bribery involving government officials, military contractors and consultants.

Targets of the two-year probe include Melvyn Paisley, a former assistant Navy secretary who became a consultant to several aerospace contractors immediately upon leaving the Pentagon.

Some of the largest defense contractors, including McDonnell Douglas Corp., United Technologies Corp., and Unisys Corp., had their offices searched, as did Victor Cohen, a top Air Force acquisitions official.

When Gorbachev announced he was coming to New York with a gift, U.S. spies diplomats worked overtime to find out what it was.

The hints from the Soviets, "Christmas gift" and "Christmas surprise" struck Wright as familiar. He knew that if Gorbachev's gift was a 10 percent cut, it would be more likely a cut in troop numbers than a cut in total defense expenditures.

So, at the same time that the CIA and the State Department were scrambling for information, Wright called Bush and told him to expect a 10 percent reduction in the Soviet military.

Wright would like to think that his letter helped move Gorbachev when the Soviet leader was looking for some answers to his economic problems. Only Gorbachev knows and he's not talking.

Mini-editorial

In 20 years of life under the Civil Rights Act, the United States still has not figured out how to integrate housing. It is clear from a recent University of Chicago study that integration cannot be legislated. University researchers found that blacks are more likely to live in black neighborhoods in the inner cities. If they do move to the suburbs, they are likely to end up in a predominantly black neighborhood there, too. The laws are in place. Only the attitudes much change — attitudes held by whites that their neighborhoods should remain white and attitudes held by blacks that the ghetto is their only option.

Jack Anderson and his associate, Dale Van Atta, are syndicated columnists.

Behind the 'Christmas surprise'

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — A Christmas letter written 30 years ago by Rep. Jim Wright, D-Texas, may have advanced the cause of peace on earth and good will toward men this month.

When Mikhail Gorbachev came to New York with his mysterious "Christmas present," Wright had a good hunch that the gift would be a military reduction of some kind, and he also guessed 10 percent.

"Wright got that message to President-elect George Bush, American diplomats in Moscow were predicting Gorbachev would make a major trade proposal. The Central Intelligence Agency wasn't sure what Gorbachev had in mind. In this case, Wright, the speaker of the House and the embattled leader of the opposition, was Bush's best source of inside information.

They aren't ready to call him a prophet, but Bush's aides told us they were spoken by Wright's prediction and they're planning to pay more attention to his political antennae.

The story began 30 years ago when Wright penned a Christmas treatise on peace which began with the biblical account of the birth of Christ: "There went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed." Wright likened Washington to Rome where people like himself sat in their offices and issued decrees.

"Peace, the word the angels sang, must have seemed as impossible dream in those days as it does now," Wright wrote at the peak of the Cold War.

His essay included a whimsical letter to the Soviet Union which began "Dear Ivan." He proposed that the Soviet Union and the United States each cut their military budgets by 10 percent and put the money into something else — hospitals, libraries, schools. "You know," Wright wrote, "we could give the world the greatest Christmas present since the first Christmas. ... We could really bring tidings of great joy and peace for the first time in two millennia, the greatly troubled people of this old world of ours could obey the angels' injunction."

Wright was proud of the letter and kept it. Last April, the 30-year-old letter finally got to Moscow — hand delivered by Wright. Gorbachev read it and turned reflective: "If only we had done so back then." He was mentally adding up the billions of rubles that the Soviets could have spent on education and on building their industrial base. Then he pocketed the letter.

The exchange prompted Gorbachev to invite Wright to speak on Soviet television for 10 minutes in prime time, unedited. Wright took the opportunity to talk about the travesty of each country spending \$300 billion annually on "machines of destruction and unproductive implements of misery power."

"Every day this year, 40,000 people die somewhere in the world of hunger and malnutrition," Wright said. "And every day the nations of the world will spend \$2.5 billion — much more than enough to feed and clothe them — on weapons and wasteful means of destruction."

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Donna Cassata writes for The Associated Press.

Wanted: A good credit manager

By John Cunniff

NEW YORK — Considering how tight your local banker seems to be when you approach him for a loan, there is a bit of a mystery why so many billions of dollars in loans have gone astray.

A few items underscore the mystery of how so many "experts" in finance could have made so many financial blunders on large loans while riding herd on tiny ones.

Consider these developments in the banking arena:

■ Some of the country's most prestigious banks are in the process of writing down hundreds of millions of dollars in loans to less developed nations that may never be repaid.

■ Some banks already have collapsed. During 1987, more than 200 insured banks were closed or kept open only with emergency aid at a cost to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. of about \$2 billion.

■ That figure may not depict the true situation. At the end of 1987 close to 1,600 insured banks were on the problem list, nearly four times the number at the end of 1982, when the economy was emerging into a long

expansion.

■ The World Bank recently won congressional approval of a \$14 billion authorization, the better to make loans to less developed nations that are unable to handle their existing loans to commercial banks.

■ The cost of restructuring the savings and loan industry's finances, ruined by bad loans, could eventually cost taxpayers between \$20 billion and \$100 billion, since the taxpayers are the insurers of such loans.

■ The President's Commission on Privatization reported earlier this year that the delinquency rate on federal loans was 8 percent, or three times that on private loans. It said the delinquency amounts to \$24 billion.

■ In just one area, the Guaranteed Student Loan Program, the commission estimated that defaults will reach about \$12 billion by 1990. "There is broad agreement that federal lending agencies have been ineffective as loan managers," the panel said.

■ It could have been said also about private sector lenders.

The status of loans, public and private, strains credibility — and it could have been said also about private sector lenders.

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Is the new debt secure? Have the loan officers scrutinized the applicants? Are they exercising their obligations to protect the depositors, whose money it is? If they lose the money will it be necessary for Uncle Sam to rescue them?

Somewhat, critics are saying, a sense of responsibility and accountability seems to have been lost. Too often, they say, the costs of the bad loans are borne by the public, in taxes, rather than by the culprits, in their wallets.

Why this should be so is debatable, but federal insurance programs may have something to do with it. The ability to juggle the books — that is, maintain as an asset a loan everyone knows will not be collected — may be another reason.

But no answer whatever is likely to satisfy the small borrower with an unblemished credit record who has to mortgage the house in order to get a loan to repair the roof. To him, and others, the mystery cannot be penetrated.

John Cunniff writes for The Associated Press.

BUSINESS

Baker close to charring Drexel

Move would be part of a long-term recovery strategy

By Rick Gidstone
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker moved closer to taking charge of Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. after the firm admitted to deception and stock cheating in a historic plea bargain, sources and published reports said.

The settlement that spared the Wall Street giant from a criminal indictment drew skepticism Thursday from a key Washington lawmaker, who suggested the record \$650 million penalty slapped on Drexel might be too small.

"Main Street has less reason to trust Wall Street," said Rep. John Dingell, the Michigan Democrat who chairs a committee with oversight authority in the securities industry.

"When the details of the settlement come out, we'll find out whether Main Street has reason to trust their government," he said. "I have no reason to believe that Main Street will be satisfied by anything less than the most serious punishment."

The agreement announced Wednesday would require Drexel to plead guilty to six felony counts of wire, mail and securities fraud

and pay \$650 million in fines and restitution to settle charges most likely stemming from its relationship with Ivan Bosky, the now-imprisoned inside trader who fingered the firm.

It also would require Drexel to provide evidence of possible wrongdoing by its "junk bond" financier Michael Milken and others.

The specific charges have not been announced, but The New York Times reported today that the felonies involve admissions that the firm cheated a client, manipulated the marketplace and tricked a corporation into being taken over.

Five of the counts involve stock transactions with Bosky, the newspaper said. The transactions occurred between 1984 and 1986 in the stocks of Fiechbach, Phillips Petroleum, Stone Container, Harris Graphics and MCA, the Times said, citing unidentified Drexel employees as sources.

The sixth count is related to the stock trading practices of a small New Jersey trading company, the employees said.

Sources told The Associated Press that Milken, a key target of the criminal investigation spawned by Bosky, felt betrayed by the Drexel decision, which

weakens his own defense.

Milken, who ran Drexel Burnham's highly profitable "junk bond" operations in Beverly Hills, Calif., has maintained his innocence and has reiterated that he would fight any indictment.

But the sources said that if he were indicted he would terminate his relationship with Drexel, which Milken helped grow into one of the most aggressive and profitable Wall Street firms.

The agreement with prosecutors also increased the prospect that Baker, the former senator from Tennessee whose law practice has been advising Drexel for months, would become its chairman as part of a long-term recovery strategy, sources familiar with the Baker-Drexel discussions said.

President Reagan's former chief of staff, who has been conferring in New York with Drexel aides almost every other week, was visiting the firm a day before the settlement with prosecutors was reached, the sources said.

"Clearly the decision yesterday removes one of the major obstacles," one source said Thursday. "Now you can see the opportunity to talk in more detail about such a role."

Baker's spokesman Thomas Griscom declined to comment on Baker's discussions or speculation about his selection as chairman.

"They have continued to talk and we expect that to go forward for the next several weeks," Griscom said. Drexel spokesman Steven Anreder said, "We echo comments about discussions with him but there's nothing wider on the table."

The plea bargain marked a stunning turnaround for Drexel, which had asserted its innocence since being implicated by Bosky more than two years ago and had denounced him as a convicted felon and doublecrosser.

The settlement agreement still requires approval from senior Justice Department officials and the Securities and Exchange Commission, which sued Drexel, Milken and others three months ago on civil charges of conspiring with Bosky to profit on inside information, manipulate stock and commit other frauds.

Sources familiar with the agreement said these other agencies must approve the agreement by mid-January.

Chiles Larson, a spokesman for the SEC in Washington, declined to comment on the agreement.

1,000 EB workers waiting

GROTON (AP) — Two months after the end of a strike at the Electric Boat shipyard, about 1,000 workers have not been called back to work, and company officials say they might have to look beyond the pool of returning workers to fill some vacancies.

"You can't hire an electrician to come back as a carpenter," said EB spokesman Neil D. Ruenzel. "What we're doing in every case is trying to fill from within the bargaining unit, but when they are not interchangeable, and shortages exist, we will be recruiting."

Ruenzel said the recall, which began immediately after the strike ended Oct. 12 and was supposed to take five weeks, is essentially over. He said it could be months or longer before the remaining MTC members are invited back on strike.

In addition to carpenters, the company needs pipefitters and outside machinists, said Joseph W. Messier, president of the Metal Trades Council, which represented the 10,000 workers at the plant who went out on strike.

Messier said he has been meeting with company officials to discuss the recall.

"My thinking is before they take on anyone else, they should take care of the people they've had all along," Messier said.

"There may be some contractual or perhaps even legal problems if they try to," Messier said. "But I'd just as soon see the thing get resolved by getting people back as quickly as possible."

Messier said he is encouraged that the company is continuing talks with the union about filling open positions.

Ruenzel cautioned that although the company will hire from the recall pool whenever possible, the company has no obligation to bring those workers back before filling other key positions.

He said the company warned workers in June that in the event of a strike it would permanently subcontract some of the work at the shipyard and hire replacement workers, so some jobs would be lost.

He said MTC struck July 1, when the union had about 10,000 members. In attempting to keep the production of submarines on schedule, the company subcontracted some of the work and hired replacement workers.

Pratt lands large orders

EAST HARTFORD (AP) — Pratt & Whitney Aircraft has received jet engine orders totaling \$112 million, company officials announced.

LTU International Airways, a West German airline specializing in holiday travel, has ordered PW4000 engines for its three new McDonnell Douglas MD-11 trijet aircraft, officials said.

The East Hartford jet engine maker received a firm order for 11 PW4000 engines worth \$86 million, including two spare engines, said the airline. The airline also took options on one aircraft, which means that three additional engines, potentially worth \$26 million could be purchased from Pratt & Whitney, officials said.

The aircraft are scheduled for delivery in early 1991, officials said.

The MD-11s are the second aircraft models ordered by LTU with PW4000 engines. Earlier this year the airline ordered three Boeing 767s with Pratt and Whitney engines.

The PW4000 engines, which entered commercial service in 1987, have now been selected by 25 companies.

Pratt & Whitney is a unit of Hartford-based United Technologies Corp.

Emhart contract totals \$10 million

FARMINGTON (AP) — Advanced Technology Inc., a division of Emhart, has been awarded a \$10 million contract to analyze and study management issues involving the federal Veterans' Administration.

Under a one-year contract, Advanced Technology will study management issues affecting agency-wide programs and processes and those of individual VA organizations.

The work covered by the contract will include organizational-structural design and analysis, work flow analysis, performance measurement, program evaluation, information resources management and investment analysis.

The contract has four, one-year options.

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Crash

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linked the crash to Palestinian factions. An Israeli newspaper and terror experts blamed Syrian-backed radical groups opposed to the U.S.-PLO dialogue.

Arena, interviewed in Hebrew on Israel radio, said that "based on our assumptions, and those of our experts, this is an operation of international terrorism, apparently Arab international terrorism."

Meanwhile, the Israeli newspaper The Nation quoted unidentified Western intelligence sources as saying the Syrian-backed Ahmed Jibril group was responsible. It said investigators believed that at least one person aboard could be identified as belonging to Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command group.

In a report from London, a correspondent for Israel radio's English service said the passengers included two members of a secret U.S. State Department team returning from Lebanon where they had negotiated for the release of American hostages.

In Carlisle, 33 miles from Lockerbie, relatives of the 258 people who died on the Boeing 747 began gathering to identify the remains of loved ones. Another 22 people reportedly died on the ground at Lockerbie.

Townspeople stood in a heavy rain today solemnly reading the lists of the missing.

About 70 bodies found by search parties still lay outdoors and about 80 were placed in a makeshift morgue in the town hall while investigators from West Germany, Scotland Yard and the United States joined the search.

The sudden catastrophe that made the plane break up over a wide patch of Scottish countryside pointed either to major structural failure or a bomb, and aviation experts agreed the latter was most likely.

Speculation about a terrorist attack was fueled by a threat received Dec. 5 by the U.S. Embassy in Helsinki, Finland, which U.S. sources believed was linked to the Abu Nidal group of Palestinian radicals.

The State Department said an anonymous caller told the U.S. embassy a P.A. flight bound for New York from Frankfurt, West Germany, would be targeted.

Flight 103 originated in Frankfurt.

In addition, an anonymous caller to The Associated Press in London on Thursday claimed a pro-Iranian group called Guardians of the Islamic Revolution planted a bomb on the plane.

Sold

confirmed the sale but said he did not have details on the terms and properties involved.

Among the businesses that occupy the buildings are the Beaumonts, Progress Drive and Keebler Co. of 115 Progress Drive. Other businesses listed in the deed have recorded and unrecorded leases on the buildings, records show.

The building at 8 Progress Drive is being leased by Top & Shop Inc. and Bradleys, Gerber Garment Technology Inc. and Tek Electronics Manufacturing Corp., which operates at 6 Progress Drive.

The Town of Manchester is leasing three buildings at 60, 321 and 340 Progress Drive. Chromalloy American Corp. leases the building at 389 Progress Drive; First Hartford Realty of Manchester and United Technologies Corp. leases 140 Progress Drive; Keebler Co. and Brintec Corp. leases 115 Progress Drive; and John Hancock Insurance leases 260 Progress Drive, records show.

Street

impact study.

Fish said he won't need to file a lawsuit against the town or state if the state agrees to do the impact study. DOT records show that the road does not require a study because it will be used to connect parking lots and not as a through road.

But Fish's attorney, Bruce S. Beck of Manchester, charges that it is a through road because it will be used to accommodate traffic while Main Street is being worked on.

Beck could not be reached for comment this morning but Fish said he will likely be at Thursday's meeting. ADAPT member and downtown merchant George Marlow may also attend, Fish said.

Weiss and Fish both emphasized that the meeting is not a public hearing.

Fish said the opinions of the downtown business owners were aired at the December director's meeting, when Fish presented the board with petitions opposing the road.

Petitions were signed by about 120 business people and about 500 taxpayers, he said.

"The petition speaks for itself," Fish said.

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malnutrition. Children in classes she taught would report having nothing but a native beverage made from toasted corn, for days on end.

This school semester has been a happy one for the Mercado youngsters, Isaias, 6, and Jessica, 5, who come home from Nabhan Hale School with paper reindeer, cotton ball snowmen and construction paper Santas.

They giggle happily and tell their parents, in Spanish, about the things they are doing in school.

Last year in Masaya, four of Isaias' classmates were killed on their way to school when they picked up a live grenade that had been left on a sidewalk, the Mercados said. Since there had not been a battle in the town for years, the Mercados suspect that the grenade was maliciously placed there, by a regime seeking to repress the spirits of the people.

Yet, as they celebrate their first Christmas together in America, the Mercados are unable to rejoice and declare "joy to the world." They worry about their many friends and relatives who have not found the money, the courage or the desperation to flee their homeland.

"We feel like we're very sad. How can we feel happy when we know that over there, you cannot have a Christmas? People there cannot have things to eat. There are no toys for the children, you cannot get toys or the money to buy them," Angela said.

All the children could think of as the family was traveling through Guatemala and Mexico to get to Texas was snow. They had a generous helping of that during the season's first major

snowstorm, which dumped 6 inches on Manchester.

"They are making a good adjustment, they are liking Manchester very much," said Mrs. Mercado.

She, too, is adjusting to her new situation well, and is working at two jobs — one as an aide with the Manchester Board of Education and one in a local supermarket — to contribute to her family's expenses.

Her husband, David, is having a harder time, however. He does not yet speak English, and his working papers have not yet been granted by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. "For a while he wanted to go back. He desired to go back, even though the situation there was so bad," said Mrs. Mercado. "He was thinking he would never manage to fit in here."

Now, however, Mercado has more self-confidence. When the government permits him to do so, he would like to enroll in a machinist and welding course that is taught in both Spanish and English.

And even when the Mercados feel homesick, it is not for the country they have known since a decade ago. "We remember the days when our country, (in our beautiful country, there were possibilities there for people who wanted to live there, to work hard," said Mrs. Mercado. "Now we must make our living, our hard working here, instead."

Since the Mercados are not yet on their own, financially, they expected things to be very austere this Christmas. Then Beth Harlow, director of human needs for the Manchester Area Conference of Churches, told them about the Toys for Joy program, where poor parents could pick up Christmas presents for their children.

"We were so amazed that people would offer something like this," Mrs. Mercado said.

Enfield inmates protest

ENFIELD (AP) — Between a dozen and two dozen inmates at the minimum security prison at Enfield staged a noisy but relatively peaceful protest over crowded conditions late Thursday night and early today, a Correction Department spokesman said.

The spokesman, Bill Flower, said the inmates were angry about the cramped conditions of a new temporary dormitory where they must live while leaky roofs are repaired on their normal living quarters.

"No one was hurt. No one was threatened. There was no violence," Flower said.

The most violent action that occurred during the "disturbance" was that some of the inmates tossed bars of soap around the open dormitory facility in which 120 men live, Flower said.

He said none of the inmates will face disciplinary action as a result of their protest.

SPORTS

Turgeon out 3 months

HARTFORD (AP) — Sylvain Turgeon, hampered by injuries for much of his six-year career with the Hartford Whalers, has undergone surgery on a separated left shoulder and will be sidelined for three months, team officials said.

Turgeon, 23, suffered what the Whalers described as a third-degree separation of the shoulder during the third period of Wednesday night's 4-3 loss to the Boston Bruins when he missed a bodycheck and instead slammed into the boards.

Dr. Vincent Turco, the Whalers' physician, operated on Turgeon at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center on Thursday. He inserted a pin into Turgeon's

shoulder and later predicted that the left wing would not be available to play again until the Stanley Cup playoffs in April.

Turgeon had 11 goals and 11 assists in 33 games this season before realizing his high-scoring potential.

Abdominal injuries forced him to miss 16 games in 1984-85 and 39 games in 1986-87. In August 1987, he suffered a broken wrist while playing for Team Canada and missed most of the team's pre-season schedule.

Hartford, 0-4-1 in its last five

outings including Wednesday night's 4-3 loss on home ice to the Boston Bruins, were scheduled to visit the Philadelphia Flyers tonight at 7:30 at the Spectrum. Philadelphia (18-17-2) is 9-1-1 in its last 11 outings. The Whalers are 13-18-2 overall and in fourth place in the Adams Division, one point behind the Buffalo Sabres and one point behind the last-place Quebec Nordiques. They return home Monday night to host the Pittsburgh Penguins and Mario Lemieux.

The Whalers recalled Dallas Guame from their Binghamton, N.Y., affiliate in the American Hockey League to replace Turgeon. Guame had nine goals and 16 assists in 23 games for Binghamton.

Knicks, Pistons acting like playoff combatants

By Bill Barnard

The Associated Press

The Detroit Pistons and New York Knicks already are looking ahead to a possible meeting in the playoffs, and they even are starting to look the part.

In the second half of their meeting Thursday night, blood was streaming down the side of Isiah Thomas' face and Rick Mahorn was bleeding from the mouth. Several players squarred off during the game, but no punches were thrown.

"It's a good possibility we could meet in a possible meeting in the Conference final," Thomas said after New York defeated the defending conference champions 88-85, the Knicks' ninth consecutive home victory.

"It was a good old-fashioned war, a defensive war," Knicks coach Rick Pitino said. "You drive the lane and you took your life in your hands."

"It's a good rivalry," Pistons coach Chuck Daly added. "Every time we play them it's like a playoff game."

Mark Jackson, who missed 17 of his 23 field-goal attempts, hit a driving layup with 32 seconds left to put the Knicks ahead for good as they improved their record to 12-1 at Madison Square Garden.

"It wasn't a great night shoot-

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ing me, but when it came down to crunch time, I wanted the ball," Jackson said. "Great players take over in those situations, and I want to be a great player."

"Even when he was 5-for-22 from the field, he still went in there and tried to score," Pitino said. "It reflects the confidence we have in him. Although he missed a lot of shots, he took maybe one bad shot."

The Pistons-Knicks game was a marked contrast to the first meeting between the two teams, which New York won 133-111.

The Pistons took their largest lead of the game, 61-56, on a jumper by Thomas with 6:36 left in the third quarter. New York responded with six consecutive points, including a 3-pointer by rookie Rod Strickland, to regain the lead.

New York led 78-73 with eight minutes left, but Mahorn scored six of his 14 points during a 12-4 spurt that gave the Pistons an 85-82 edge with 1:21 remaining.

Rockets 125, Clippers 109: Houston won its fourth straight game as Akeem Olatunju scored eight of his 20 points in the first 2 1/2 minutes of the fourth quarter against Los Angeles.

The Rockets, who led by 19 points in the second quarter, had to rally to lead 88-81 after three quarters. Olatunju, who had 18 rebounds, then keyed a 10-0 run that gave Houston a 17-point advantage.

The Clippers, now 1-13 on the road, including 13 consecutive losses, trailed by at least 15 points thereafter.

Back Johnson had a career-high 24 points for the Rockets, followed by Mike Woodson with 21. Danny Manning scored 21 for Los Angeles.

Suns 126, Nuggets 116: Phoenix had five players with more than 20 points and won at Denver for the first time since 1984.

Jeff Hornacek scored 16 of his 24 points in the decisive fourth quarter for the Suns, who had lost 10 straight in Denver.

Blazers 117, Warriors 108: Portland lost most of a 28-point lead, but held on to beat Golden State. Clyde Drexler had 38 points and Terry Porter scored 12 of his 25 in the fourth quarter for the Trail Blazers, who turned an 8-9 deficit into a 44-16 lead with a 41-8 run.

The Warriors closed the gap to 66-46 at halftime as Rod Higgins scored 12 points for Golden State in the second quarter.

Golden State, which got 23 points from Chris Mullin, trailed only 90-88 with 8:31 left and 107-104 with 2:12 remaining.

But Porter capitalized on an illegal defense technical. Drexler dunked and Porter scored on a breakaway to make it 112-104 with 1:02 left.



MAD BALL — The Knicks' Kenny Walker (7) eyes ap loose ball that is framed in the hands of teammate Patrick Ewing, partially hidden, while the Knicks' Rod Strickland takes up the rear as Detroit's Dennis Rodman, tries to join the actin Thursday night. The Knicks won, 88-85.

Life on NCAA probation not a bowl of cherries

By John Nelson

The Associated Press

Methodist in 1987. It's called the death penalty. The NCAA's most powerful teaching tool.

"The NCAA told us we could have played seven games this year," said Ferrer Gregg, who has coached SMU for almost a year without playing a game. "But we didn't have enough people left to play."

At one time or another, schools like Texas Christian, Clemson, Florida and Southern Cal also have been on probation probation themselves.

"In this day and age, 62 percent of all Division I-A schools are running deficit budgets," said athletic director Frank Windegger said. "Anytime they hit you in the pocketbook, it hurts."

How much?

"You'd need a crystal ball to tell that," Windegger said. "And the thing about those crystal balls is people who read them all have crummy houses."

When Oklahoma was placed on three years' probation on Monday, school officials estimated it would cost between \$750,000 and \$1 million, taking into account loss of television and bowl revenue.

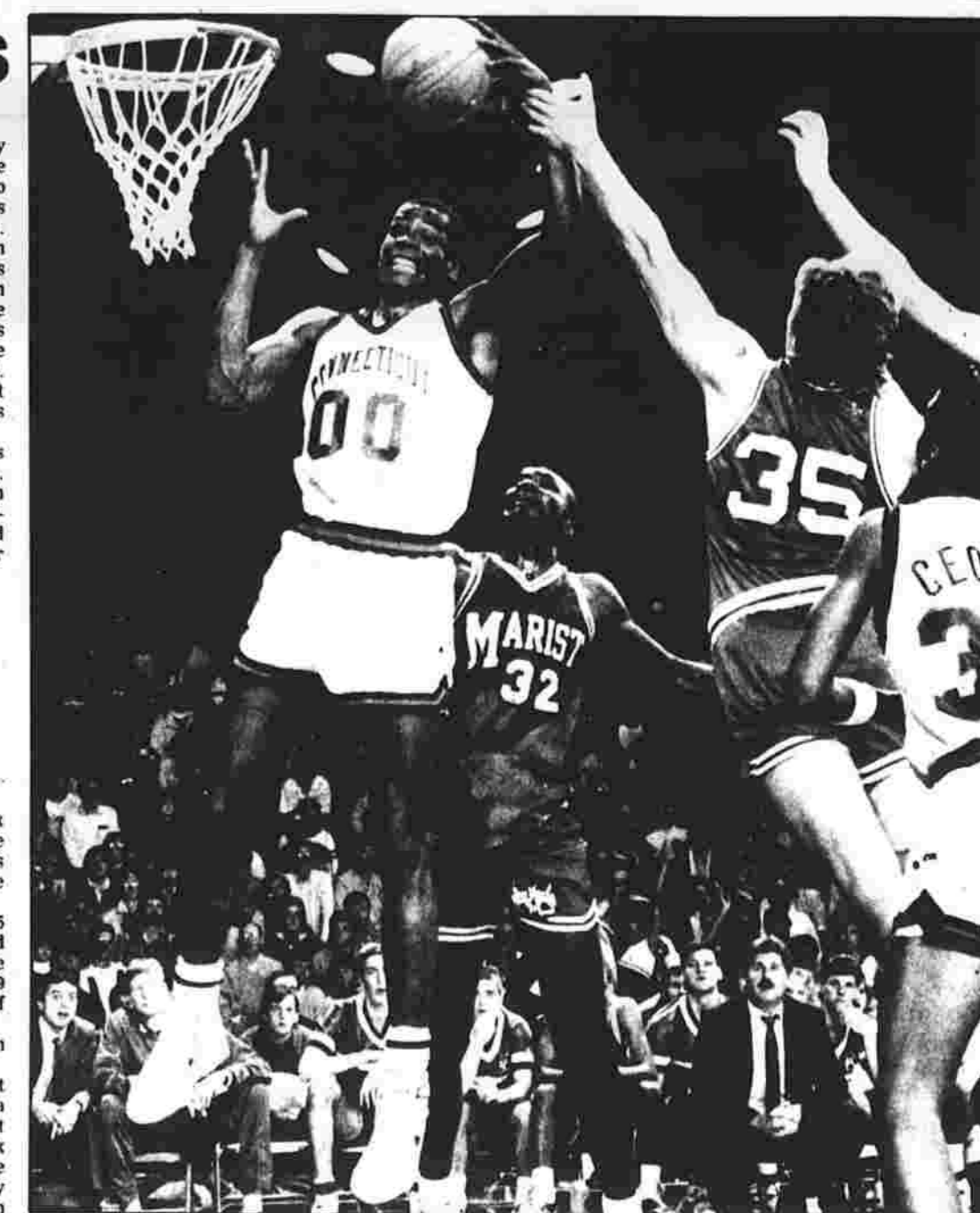
For example, the Orange Bowl, which draws the Big Eight Conference winner, pays \$2.75 million per team. Other bowls range from \$100,000 for the California Bowl to \$6 million for the Rose Bowl. Bowl money usually is shared among all

conference teams.

SMU, being a private school, won't release estimates of the money it has lost while unable to play football for the past two seasons.

Alford estimated the cost at Mississippi, which came off two years' probation this month, at \$700,000, or one-tenth of the school's annual athletic budget of about \$7 million.

"Take that amount of money out of our budget, and that's a pretty big chunk," Alford said. "Maybe out of \$15 million, it might not be so bad, (but) our budget is only half the size of the California Bowl to \$6 million for the Rose Bowl. Bowl money usually is shared among all



MY BALL — Connecticut's Cliff Robinson (00) grabs the basketball in the month against Marist. Robinson, averaging 19.8 points a game, and his Husky teammates return to action after a 10-day exam layoff tonight at 8 against Pepperdine at the Hartford Civic Center. The Huskies sport a 5-1 mark while the Waves come in at 7-3, including three straight wins.

Canadiens are not gloating about huge halfway margin

By Dove O'Hara

The Associated Press

BOSTON — The Montreal Canadiens feel they've won nothing yet with a whopping lead in the NHL season.

"There's a lot of hockey left. A lot of struggling games to go," Montreal coach Pat Burns said Thursday night after the Canadiens' 4-2 victory over the injury-riddled Boston Bruins.

Montreal spotted the Bruins an early lead on rookie defenseman Alain Cote's first NHL goal, a 50-foot shot which appeared to surprise goalie Patrick Roy.

"Bobby Smith scored his 20th goal on a power play 50 seconds later to tie the score 1-1. Walter put Montreal ahead with his ninth straight goal, and defenseman Terry Simpson as coach.

"We have our two feet firmly on the ground and we're not up in the clouds right now," Burns said when asked about the Canadiens' 15-point division lead over second-place Boston.

Burns was hired as Montreal coach after the Bruins' embarrasing loss to the Canadiens by eliminating their longtime rival in a five-game playoff last spring. However, Burns knows what the NHL is all about.

"You can finish the season with 120 points, but it's the other season that counts," he said. "The fans only remember the last game you played."

The Canadiens, beaten just once in their last 14 games and twice in their last 20, refused to gloat after riding a three-goal first period to a fourth consecutive victory.

In fact, the Canadiens, 4-0-1 against Boston this season, are most apologized for Coach Terry

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O'Reilly and his Bruins.

"In all fairness to Terry and the Bruins, there are too many soldiers missing," Burns said. "Once they get their group back together and their guns, going they'll be much tougher."

Montreal spotted the Bruins an early lead on rookie defenseman Alain Cote's first NHL goal, a 50-foot shot which appeared to surprise goalie Patrick Roy.

Burns extended his scoring streak to 23 games with two goals and two assists as Detroit rolled from a two-goal deficit at St. Louis.

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"A number of our guys didn't show up for the game. We have enough problems without having to play with half a team when the other team has 20 (players). They have a few days off now. Hopefully, this will sink in."

The Flyers are 9-1-1 in their last 11 games and improved to 18-17-2 for 38 points, creating a three-way tie for second place with Washington and the New York Rangers in the Patrick Division. It's the first time the Flyers have been above .500 since Nov. 6.

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Southern Cal was prohibited only from appearing on television in 1986 and '87, and that was enough to hurt.

"It hit during a time of deregulation when costs were continuing to grow at a double-digit rate," Southern Cal athletic director Mike McGee said, "so it was a tough problem even worse."

It's impossible to accurately estimate full dollar losses. How could a school know what bowl, if any, it would have gone to while under sanction? How badly does the stigma of probation affect recruiting, then performance and, in turn, ticket sales?

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Bolton and Coventry girls come up short

BOLTON — It was a heart-breaking defeat for the Bolton High girls' basketball team.

East Hampton's Jen Higgins hit a layup with two seconds left to propel the Bellingers past the Bulldogs, 41-40, in Charter Oak Conference action Thursday night.

Bolton drops to 1-3 in the COC and 2-4 overall while East Hampton moves to 3-2 and 4-2. The Bulldogs are idle until Jan. 5 when they will be at Coventry High.

East Hampton had every stop of the way. The Bulldogs jumped out to a 17-7 lead after the first quarter and it was 23-15 at halftime. The Bulldogs, who scored only two points in the third, saw their lead trimmed to 23-24 heading into the final eight minutes.

"It got to be a bit crazy," Bolton Coach Jen Kohut said in the waning minutes of the game. "But that wasn't where the game was. It was out of control in the third quarter. That was the difference. The kids played their best game."

East Hampton was 7-for-29 from the foul line.

Amy Stoudt led Bolton with nine points while Wendy Neil and Danielle Curylo added eight apiece. Kerri McKean scored six points and hauled down 13 rebounds. Tracy Dominick led East Hampton with 17 points.

Neil, Stoudt and Curylo all acquired three fouls in the first half.

EAST HAMPTON (41) — Kathy Featherston 4-11, Wendy Neil 8-10, Amy Stoudt 3-8, Jen Higgins 3-3, Kerri McKean 3-6, Tracy Dominick 3-6, Danielle Curylo 3-6, Dawn DeGard 0-6, Nancy Battina 0-6, Rosemary Griffin 2-2, Teresa McKean 2-0, Allison Killoran 0-0, Totals 33-40.

BOLTON (40) — Wendy Neil 8-10, Amy Stoudt 4-9, Kerri McKean 3-6, Dawn DeGard 0-6, Nancy Battina 0-6, Rosemary Griffin 2-2, Teresa McKean 2-0, Allison Killoran 0-0, Totals 33-40.

H.S. Roundup

Wrestling
MHS is perfect

SOUTHINGTON — The Manchester High wrestling team moved its unbeaten record to 4-0 with a triple victory over host Southington High, 46-27, Fairfield Prep, 58-16 and Trumbull, 49-14, on Thursday.

Manchester's next meet is Wednesday morning at 11 when it takes on town rivals East Catholic and Cheney Tech at Cheney.

Corey Craft (119), Pete Fongemie (130), Craig Parodi (135), Scott Schilling (140), Aaron Dixon (152), Ray Angle (189) and George Lata (278) were all triple winners for the Indians. Other fine Manchester performances were turned in by Walter Lee, Greg Freguson, Aris Leonard, Jordan Grossman and Tom Provençal.

Results: MHS 44, Southington 27; Fairfield Prep 58-16, Trumbull 49-14; Manchester 46-27, Southington 27; Manchester 58-16, Fairfield Prep 27; Manchester 49-14, Trumbull 27.

MHS 58, Fairfield Prep 16 — 103-Kelley (F) pinned John Tucker, 2:30; 112-Walter Lee (M) pinned Ryan, 5:30; 117-Craig Parodi (M) pinned Bishop, 2:50; 125-Greg Freguson (M) pinned Jordan Grossman, 4:15; 130-Ray Angle (M) pinned Green, 2:42; 135-Aron Dixon (M) pinned Schilling, 1:15; 135-Craig Parodi (M) pinned Green, 2:42; 140-Scott Schilling (M) pinned Ziegler, 3:25; 145-Aron Dixon (M) pinned Fongemie, 1:15; 152-Ray Angle (M) pinned Fongemie, 1:15; 189-Walter Lee (M) pinned Provençal, 3:28; 278-Ray Angle (M) pinned Grossman, 3:28; 278-Ray Angle (M) pinned Leonard, 1:16; 278-Ray Angle (M) pinned Leonard, 1:16.

COVENTRY — The defense was present. But Coventry High left its shooting eye at home and succumbed to unbeaten Cromwell High, 39-33, in a battle of Charter Oak Conference girls' basketball titans Thursday night. The Panthers, the COC postea-

Wrestling

MHS is perfect

SOUTHINGTON — The Manchester High wrestling team moved its unbeaten record to 4-0 with a triple victory over host Southington High, 46-27, Fairfield Prep, 58-16 and Trumbull, 49-14, on Thursday.

Manchester's next meet is Wednesday morning at 11 when it takes on town rivals East Catholic and Cheney Tech at Cheney.

Corey Craft (119), Pete Fongemie (130), Craig Parodi (135), Scott Schilling (140), Aaron Dixon (152), Ray Angle (189) and George Lata (278) were all triple winners for the Indians. Other fine Manchester performances were turned in by Walter Lee, Greg Freguson, Aris Leonard, Jordan Grossman and Tom Provençal.

Results: MHS 44, Southington 27; Fairfield Prep 58-16, Trumbull 49-14; Manchester 46-27, Southington 27; Manchester 58-16, Fairfield Prep 27; Manchester 49-14, Trumbull 27.

MHS 58, Fairfield Prep 16 — 103-Kelley (F) pinned John Tucker, 2:30; 112-Walter Lee (M) pinned Ryan, 5:30; 117-Craig Parodi (M) pinned Bishop, 2:50; 125-Greg Freguson (M) pinned Jordan Grossman, 4:15; 130-Ray Angle (M) pinned Green, 2:42; 135-Aron Dixon (M) pinned Schilling, 1:15; 135-Craig Parodi (M) pinned Green, 2:42; 140-Scott Schilling (M) pinned Ziegler, 3:25; 145-Aron Dixon (M) pinned Fongemie, 1:15; 152-Ray Angle (M) pinned Fongemie, 1:15; 189-Walter Lee (M) pinned Provençal, 3:28; 278-Ray Angle (M) pinned Grossman, 3:28; 278-Ray Angle (M) pinned Leonard, 1:16; 278-Ray Angle (M) pinned Leonard, 1:16.

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GOING IN — Bolton's Danielle Curylo had a strong game for the Bulldogs, but the Bellingers pulled out a 41-40 verdict.

THURSDAY NIGHT'S GAME AT BOLTON. Curylo drives to the basket as East Hampton defender Jen Higgins closes in during Thursday night's game at Bolton. Curylo

Life
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"You can make up for it with donations," Alford said. "We work out four days a week, and scrimmage on Friday, and that gave them something to look forward to, but I think they were getting a little tired of beating on each other."

Gregg is optimistic that SMU's reputation can be restored. "I think people understand that our problems were caused by the past and we don't intend to repeat them," Gregg said. "I think we will regain our reputation — if it was lost."

"Your program gets hurt, and you start losing, and that hurts at the gate," Windeger said. "There's no way you can estimate what it's going to do to you. You just have to wait until everything is over and done with, and in hindsight maybe assess the damage."

King the difference for OU

Arkansas-Little Rock coach Mike Newell knew all about seventh-ranked Oklahoma. Still, he couldn't design a defense to stop Sooners center Stacy King.

Newell, a former assistant to Oklahoma coach Billy Tubbs, watched King score 31 points and get 10 rebounds Thursday night to beat Arkansas-Little Rock 115-86.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Fleming leaves UConn

STORRS — Six-foot-6 freshman guard Chris Fleming has withdrawn from the University of Connecticut citing lack of playing time with the basketball team. He has returned home to Forked River, N.J., and has indicated he'll make a decision in the next couple of days where he is going to transfer.

Fleming appeared in five of six games with the Huskies, playing a total of 23 minutes and scoring five points. He was 11th among the UConn players in minutes played this year.

Fleming's departure leaves UConn with 12 scholarship players, including Steve Pikieli who has yet to be officially declared a medical redshirt.

Guidry on the outside

NEW YORK (AP) — Ron Guidry shouldn't wait for the New York Yankees to invite him to spring training but should try to find another team interested in him, Yankees manager Dallas Green said Thursday.

Soviets mulling offer

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union is considering an offer to field a team in the National Hockey League, the weekly Moscow News reported.

Sheridan mulling offer

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — North Carolina State's Dick Sheridan is mulling over some unspecified and unresolved issues before deciding whether to succeed Vince Dooley as head football coach at the University of Georgia.

Felder sold to Tigers

TORONTO (AP) — The Toronto Blue Jays announced Thursday that designated hitter-first baseman Cecil Felder has been sold to the Houston Tigers of Japan's Central League for an undisclosed amount.

Kordic on ice 10 games

MONTREAL (AP) — Toronto Maple Leafs forward John Kordic was suspended for 10 games by the National Hockey League Thursday as the result of a major penalty for high-sticking Edmonton's Keith Acton in a game on Dec. 14.

Cajuns trim Hartford

HARTFORD (AP) — Sidney Grider scored 30 points, including four 3-point goals, to lead Southwest Louisiana to a 69-66 victory over Hartford.

Southwest Louisiana, 2-2, trailed most of the game, but took the lead for good, 67-66, when Eric Mouton made two free throws with 1:12 left.

After a Hartford turnover, Grider sank an 18-footer from the corner to give Southwest Louisiana a 69-66 lead with 25 seconds left. Hartford's Ron Moyer missed two 3-point shots in the game's final seconds.

Hartford, 3-4, trailed 31-28 at halftime. The Hawks rallied to take a six-point lead 62-56 with 6:07 left. Southwest Louisiana then outscored Hartford 13-4 in the final six minutes.

Kevin Brooks had 16 points for Southwest Louisiana. Grider also led the team with 10 rebounds.

Pittsburgh tops Florida

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Pittsburgh bounced back from a loss Monday and a 15-point deficit Thursday to beat Florida.

Jason Matthews scored 30 points and Rod Brooklin made both free throws in a one-and-one situation with three seconds left as Pittsburgh edged the Gators 90-87.

Florida's last-second shot failed to hit the rim.

Pitt, 5-3, rallied from a 38-24 first-half deficit. The Panthers were coming off an 80-76 loss to Duquesne.

Brian Shorter scored 22 points and Brooklin 18 for Pitt, which shot 55 percent and hit 21 of 26 free throws.

Clifford Lett scored 25 points to lead Florida, 4-5. Dwayne Schintzius had 19 points. Livingston Chatman 17 and Dwayne Davis 14 for the Gators, who missed 14 of 33 free throws and six of 11 in the final four minutes.

Fairfield a winner

FAIRFIELD (AP) — Harold Brantley came off the bench to score five points in the final three minutes to lead Fairfield to a 72-69 victory over Allentown Thursday night.

Brantley, who was not expected to play because of a foot injury, sank a jump shot and a free throw with three seconds left to seal the victory.

Lions appoint Fontes

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Wayne Fontes, armed with a three-year contract to coach the Detroit Lions, didn't have much competition for the job, according to team owner William Clay Ford.

"Nobody else was interviewed," Ford said Thursday in announcing that Fontes was losing his "interim" label.

Olympics on cable on pay-to-see basis

By John Nelson
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Olympics will make their U.S. cable TV debut in 1992 from Barcelona on a pay-per-view basis as part of a pioneering deal that NBC hopes will keep the Summer Games profitable.

NBC, which bought U.S. broadcast rights to the Barcelona Games for a record \$401 million, signed an agreement on Thursday with Cablevision Systems Corp., firming up a deal that had been anticipated for months.

Under the deal, Cablevision will show portions of the Olympics — primarily minor sports and live-off-hour events — on pay-per-view. Although financial details were not announced, it was believed that Cablevision paid about \$75 million for the rights.

"That's in the arena," NBC Sports president Arthur Watson said.

Also under the deal, NBC will help Cablevision develop its new SportsChannel America into a national all-sports network, which will be available on pay-per-view.

Although NBC and Cablevision have not worked out exact details of the cable Olympic coverage or developed a fee schedule, Luntzgarten said Games coverage could be shown on as many as three pay-per-view channels at once.

When UTEP, 10-2, and Southern Mississippi, 9-2, meet at 7 p.m. CST in Independence Stadium, the Miners will be without injured tailback John Harvey.

"Both teams are going to have to play in the same conditions. If it does rain, however, it might hinder our offense," Forrester said there was a chance of rain early today.

"We never see rain in El Paso, so we're not used to it," Stull said. "Both teams are going to have to play in the same conditions. If it does rain, however, it might hinder our offense."

"He (Harvey) hasn't really played that much," said Bob Stull, coaching his last game at UTEP before taking over at Missouri. "He has over 700 yards, but he went three games in a row at the beginning of the season where he had a ton of yards all at once."

"John can make it happen when he's healthy, but he hasn't been healthy that much," Stull added.

UTEP officials said Harvey did not make the trip from El Paso because of a nagging ankle injury. Tailbacks Willie Fuller and Scooter Menifee have filled in for Harvey this year, each gaining more than 500 yards.

Stull instead expressed concern over what effect the weather could have on the game, which pits two pass-oriented offenses which have scored often this year.

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Byner looks for a big game

By Chuck Melvin
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Earnest Byner's legacy as the man who fumbled away the AFC championship last season has overshadowed the brilliance of his performance in big games.

Byner, after all, owns the two best rushing totals in Cleveland Browns' postseason history.

"I'm trying not to think about all that," Byner said as he prepared for Saturday's AFC wild card game against the Houston Oilers. "I try to think about having that big game. I'll just end up causing problems for myself."

Byner ran for 161 yards in a playoff loss at Miami in January 1986, surpassing Jim Brown's team record of 114 yards set against Baltimore in 1964.

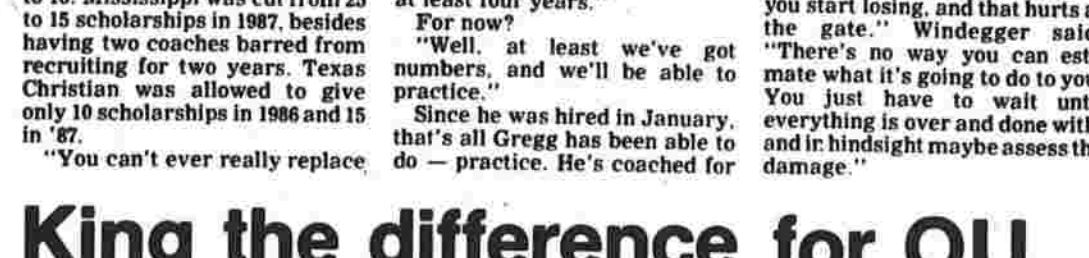
Byner also ran for 122 yards in a divisional playoff victory over the Indianapolis Colts last January. One week later, he was having a superb game at Denver, with 120 yards receiving and 67 yards rushing, before he fumbled the

ball away at the Broncos' 3-yard line to stop a possible game-tying drive.

He realizes his past heroics, and possibly his fumble, will put the spotlight on him again Saturday.

"You don't want to get too hyped up, but it's hard not to at this time of year," he said.

Though ticket sales for Saturday's game initially were slow, Byner says it is clear to him that the spirit of Cleveland fans was rejuvenated by Sunday's 28-23 comeback victory over the Houston Oilers.



Reginald Pinto/Manchester Herald

LOOSE BALL — Bolton's Kerri McKean (11) is among several players in pursuit of a loose ball during Thursday

night's game. Also in on the play are Bolton's Allison Killoran, right, and East Hampton's Kathie Featherchuk, center.

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NCAA penalties to follow Moss wherever he goes

CANYON, Texas (AP) — Gary Moss is gone from West Texas State, but the penalties levied against the basketball coach will follow the former coach in what is believed to be the first such ruling of its kind.

The NCAA announced Thursday it has placed the West Texas State men's basketball program on probation for three years for violations that occurred from April 1984 to October 1986. The NCAA said the program illegally recruited players and provided them with free airplane travel, free use of telephone credit cards and cash payments, all while Moss was head coach.

Moss is now head coach at Sam Houston State, but the NCAA has asked that the probation follow Moss to the Huntsville campus. Moss' probation also includes a ban from coaching in any 1989 post-season play, no off-campus recruiting and speaking engagements during the 1989-90 academic year and re-certification from Moss that the Sam Houston State program is in compliance with NCAA rules.

Any other NCAA member school that employs Moss during the sanctions years also would have to place Moss on probation

during that time, the NCAA said. David Best, NCAA enforcement director, said a penalty following a coach to another school was the result of a rule passed at the 1985 special NCAA convention. Schools adopted a new penalty structure, including the so-called death penalty.

Moss did not return repeated phone calls by The Associated Press to a Little Rock, Ark., hotel where he and the team were staying Thursday in advance of tonight's game against Arkansas.

Matt Rogers, Sam Houston State sports information director, said Moss has been advised

of the penalty. West Texas State officials said they would not appeal.

"Athletic teams representing West Texas State University will be competitive and comply with the rules established by the NCAA. Deliberate violations of those rules will not be tolerated," Athletic Director Bruce Grimes said.

WTSU was competing in the Missouri Valley Conference, an NCAA Division I conference, when the violations occurred. It now is in Lone Star Conference.

Best said the timing of the penalty was not related to last week's Supreme Court decision involving Nevada-Las Vegas coach Jerry Tarkanian.

SCOREBOARD

Hockey

NHL standings

WALEES CONFERENCE			
Team	W	L	T
Pittsburgh	18	17	2
Philadelphia	17	17	2
Boston	17	14	2
Washington	14	14	2
Quebec	14	13	2
Montreal	12	13	2
Los Angeles	12	12	2
Chicago	11	12	2
NY Islanders	11	12	2

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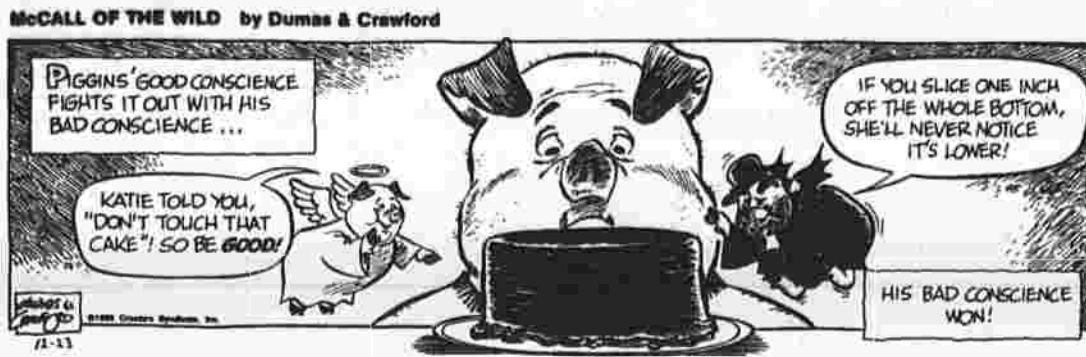
Philadelphia	NY Islanders
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2nd Period—1, Philadelphia, 1-0 (Carner, 1:50)	0-0
3rd Period—2, Philadelphia, 2-0 (Carner, 1:50)	0-0
Total	0-0

Football

Philadelphia 4	NY Islanders 2
1st Quarter	0-0
2nd Quarter	0-0
3rd Quarter	0-0
4th Quarter	0-0
Total	0-0

NFL standings

AFC			
Team	W	L	T
Pittsburgh	11	6	1
San Francisco	10	6	1
Los Angeles	10	6	1
Denver	9	7	0
Minnesota	8	8	0
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Puzzles

ACROSS and DOWN puzzle grids with clues and answers.

CELEBRITY CIPHER puzzle with a grid and clues for famous names.

JUMBLE puzzle with a grid and clues for words.

ASTROGRAPH section with zodiac signs and horoscope text.

TV Tonight

TV Tonight listings for various channels including HBO, ESPN, and CNN.

BEWARE OF BOTULISM section with health information and a recipe for home-canned food.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY advertisement for Aubrey's Lounge, including menu items and contact information.

Large vertical text 'DECEMBER 23' on the right edge of the page.

Area churches announce Christmas services

Assumption Church
Christmas Eve services at Church of the Assumption, 285 W. Center St., will be at 5:30 p.m. and at midnight. Christmas morning services are at 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a.m. and noon.

Bolton Congregational
The Bolton Congregational Church, 228 Bolton Center Road, Bolton, will have a Service of Lessons and Carols Christmas Eve at 7:30. The worship Christmas morning will be at 10 a.m. Participants are urged to dress casually, and bring Christmas baked goods to share.

Center Congregational
At Center Congregational Church, 11 Center St., there will be a Christmas Eve service at 5:30 p.m., featuring the children's pageant, and candlelight and Communion services at 7:30 and 10 p.m. In between, at 9 p.m., there will be a wassail reception. The one Christmas Day service is at 10 a.m.

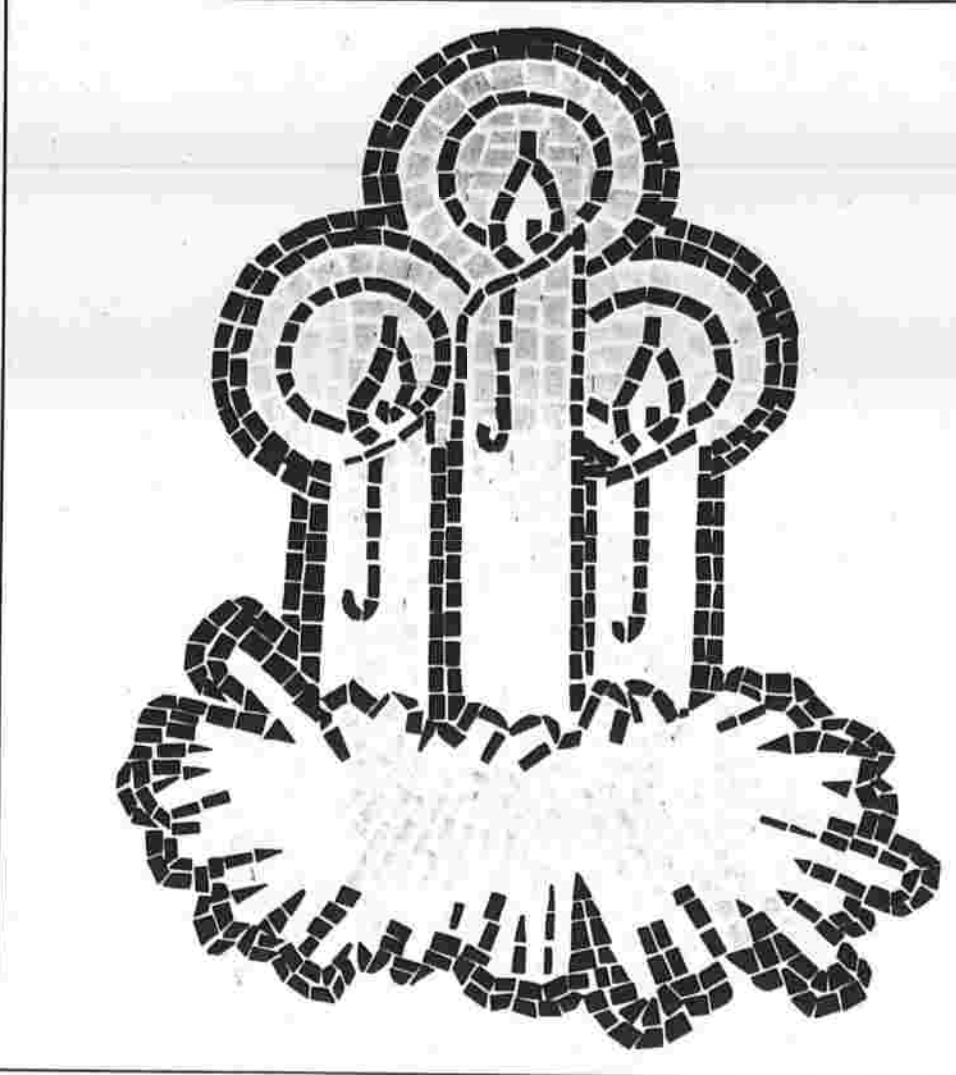
Church of Christ
There is no Christmas eve service at the Church of Christ, 394 Lydall St. Christmas morning service is at 10 a.m.

Church of the Living God
There will be no Christmas Eve service at the Church of the Living God, 372 Main St. Christmas morning service is at 10 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene
There will be no Christmas Eve service at the Church of the Nazarene, 236 Main St. The service on Christmas morning is at 10 a.m.

Community Baptist
The Christmas Eve service at Community Baptist Church, 585 E. Center St., will begin at 7:30 p.m. with candlelight and caroling. Child care will be provided. The Christmas morning service is at 10:30 a.m.

Concordia Lutheran
The Christmas Eve services at Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., will be as follows: 7



Emanuel Lutheran
The 4 p.m. Christmas Eve service at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 60 Church St., is for families, with a theme "Where is the Baby?" Other services are at 7:30 and 11 p.m. A Christmas music concert is planned for 10:30 p.m. Christmas Day, worship will be at 10 a.m.

Faith Baptist Church
There will be no Christmas Eve service at Faith Baptist Church, 52 Lake St. Christmas Day services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

First Assembly of God
The First Assembly of God, 1492 Silver Lane, will not have a Christmas Eve service. Christmas morning worship will be at 10:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church
The Christmas Eve worship at First Baptist Church of Manchester, 240 Hilltown Road, will be at 7 p.m. Christmas day Sunday school classes will be at 9:30 a.m., and worship service at 11 a.m.

Full Gospel Interdenominational
A Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held at 8 p.m. at Full Gospel Interdenominational Church, 745 Main St. Worship on Christmas Day will be at 7 p.m. The Christmas program will be Monday, Dec. 26, at 7 p.m.

North United Methodist
At North United Methodist Church, 300 Parker St., there will be a Service of Lessons and Carols at 7:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve, for children and adults. Fellowship hour with refreshments and singing will be at 10 a.m., and Christmas Eve Communion at 11 p.m. The service on Christmas Day will be at 10:30

St. Mary's Episcopal
The Christmas Eve services at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 41 Park St., will be at 4 p.m., for families, and at 11 p.m. Christmas morning worship will be at 10:30 a.m.

St. Maurice Church
The Christmas Eve services at St. Maurice Church, 32 Hebron Road, Bolton, will be at 5 p.m. and midnight. The Christmas morning services will be at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Second Congregational
The Christmas Eve candlelight service at Second Congregational Church, 385 N. Main St., will be at 7:30 p.m. The Christmas Day worship service will be at 10 a.m.

Salvation Army
The Christmas Eve service at the Salvation Army Citadel, 661 Main St., will be at 11 p.m. Christmas Day service is at 10:45 a.m.

South United Methodist
There will be two Christmas Eve services at South United Methodist Church, 1226 Main St., a family service at 7:30 p.m., and a traditional candlelight service at 11 p.m. The only Christmas morning service will be at 10 a.m.

Trinity Covenant
The Christmas Eve services at Trinity Covenant Church, 302 Hackmatack St., will be held at 5 and 11:15 p.m. The theme will be Jesus is Peace.

Unitarian-Universalist
The Christmas Eve services at the Unitarian Universalist Society, East West Vernon St., will include a 6 p.m. family service, with music and stories, and a 10:30 p.m. devotional and vesper service. The service on Christmas morning will be at 10:30 a.m.

United Pentecostal
The Christmas Eve service at United Pentecostal Church, 187 Woodbridge St., will be at 6 p.m. Christmas morning service is at 10 a.m.

St. John the Baptist
Christmas Eve worship service at St. John the Baptist Polish National Catholic Church, 23 Galloway St., will be at midnight, with a Mass of the Shepherds. Christmas Day service is at 9 a.m.

St. Mary's Church of Coventry
The Christmas Eve services at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 1600 Main St., Coventry, will be at 5:15 p.m., for children, and at 10 a.m. Christmas morning service is at 10 a.m.

St. James Church
The Christmas Eve services at St. James Church, 896 Main St.,

Weekend activities

Winterfest continues
The Connecticut Trolley Museum in East Windsor will continue to offer 3-mile rides on the "electric sleigh" and "electrobuggy" throughout the week. It is open from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Ask for Masks
Robert Faust, an actor, dancer and mask maker, will create more than 30 characters on the stage at Wadsworth Athenaeum on Wednesday at 2 p.m. The performance, in the Avery Theater, is appropriate for adults and children alike. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children under 12.

Explore Old Sturbridge
There will be a week of special explorations at Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, Mass., a recreation of a New England town of the 1830s. This is for students on vacation, as well as their parents. Activities include a Punch and Judy Puppet Show,

Dance away cares
The Minority Student Alliance of Manchester Community College is organizing an After the Exam Jam, along with the Office of Minority Student Programs. It will be an alcohol-free dance party, open to the public, tonight from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Lowe Program Center. Admission is \$3 per person at the door. Call 647-6983 for information.

An ode to Christmas
The Populous Pudding Gallery, on Main Street in Willimantic, will have a poetry reading this evening at 8. Admission is \$1.

Lutz extends hours
The Lutz Children's Museum, 247 S. Main St., will be open longer hours than normal during the school vacation week. A new exhibit from the Boston Children's Museum, entitled "Tools," will be opening that week. The museum will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, noon to 5 p.m., Thursday, noon to 8 p.m.

Mystic is magic
Between the holidays of Christmas and New Year's Day, children can join in the magical fun of a "Plum Pudding Voyage," at Mystic Seaport, 50 Germantown Ave., Mystic. These special tours, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, include music, toys, games, hands-on crafts and a snack. Children should attend according to their ages: 3- and 4-year-olds, Tuesday; 5- and 6-year-olds, Wednesday; 7- and 8-year-olds, Thursday; and 9- through 11-year-olds, Friday. Parents must accompany their 3- and 4-year-olds. Reservations are required, and admission is \$3.75. For information, call 572-9711, ext. 322.

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Cinema City — Mystic Pizza (R) Fri 4:45, 9:30; Sat 1, 4:30, 9:30; Sun 12:30, 2:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30.
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Plane's delayed departure may help probe



SYRACUSE TRAGEDY — A Syracuse University student hugs a priest during a memorial service Thursday for the students who died in the Pan American jet crash in Scotland.

**By H. Josef Hebert
The Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — If a terrorist bomb brought down Pan Am Flight 103, a 25-minute delay of the jet's departure from London may provide investigators with their biggest advantage. It kept the wreckage on land, instead of falling into the ocean.

The cause of Wednesday's crash that killed all 258 people on board and more than 20 on the ground has yet to be determined, but there were signs today pointing to an explosion.

Witnesses saw a flash of light high in the sky as the jet plummeted toward the ground; there was no communication from the cockpit as would have been expected if the pilots encountered flight control problems, and the wreckage was strewn over miles of Scottish countryside with the cockpit section found more than three miles from other large parts of the aircraft.

But none of that is conclusive evidence that a bomb detonated aboard the jetliner.

U.S. officials said an anonymous caller to the U.S. Embassy in Helsinki, Finland, said Dec. 5 that a bomb would be planted aboard a Pan Am flight from Frankfurt, West Germany, to the United States within two weeks. Flight 103 began in Frankfurt on a Boeing 747, then changed planes to a Boeing 747 off the Irish coast. That jumbo jet also plummeted from the sky from 31,000 feet without a hint of trouble from the pilots.

The wreckage of Flight 103 is expected to provide more definitive clues, and while it is strewn over miles of countryside, at least it is not hundreds of feet under wintry seas, some aviation experts noted.

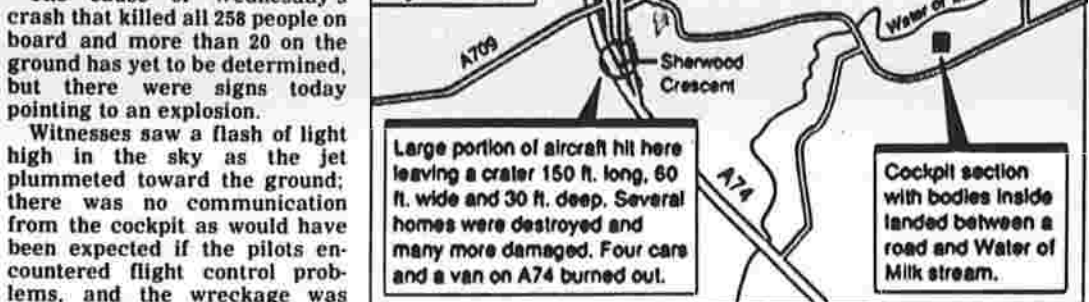
In other U.S. developments related to the Pan Am crash, President Reagan offered condolences Thursday to the families of the crash victims and a spokesman said the president was "deeply saddened" by the tragedy.

White House officials defended the process by which the State Department notified U.S. embassies — but not the general public — that a bomb threat had been made against Pan Am. They said the government would review whether public notification should be considered in future such cases.

President-elect Bush said that if there were "hard evidence" that a specific flight was threatened or that the threat could not be averted, the public should be warned. Nevertheless, he said most such threats "never materialize."

FBI Director William Sessions said in San Francisco there have been "a number of calls" from individuals — some claiming to speak for various terrorist groups — taking responsibility for the crash. Sessions provided no specifics.

Flight 103 had been airborne 54 minutes when it disappeared



from radar screens while cruising at 31,000 feet over Scotland. It was about to head westbound over the Atlantic when it tragically struck. Another half hour and the plane would have been well over water.

"You would have had another Air India situation," said Frank Taylor, an aviation safety consultant and former longtime investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board.

To many investigators, the Pan Am tragedy appears to resemble the 1985 crash of an Air India Boeing 747 off the Irish coast. That jumbo jet also plummeted from the sky from 31,000 feet without a hint of trouble from the pilots.

But the wreckage landed in the ocean and salvage crews struggled for four months to gather pieces, including the cockpit recorder, which was key to the investigation.

The "black box" recorders are likely to provide, as they do in most aviation crashes, the most critical evidence, say aviation experts.

It would not take a large amount of explosives to do the job, suggested a number of experts.

"If a bomb severs some major or important electrical wiring, or hydraulic lines or cables, you could lose your ability to control the airplane," noted John Mazor, a spokesman for the Air Line Pilots Association.

The authorities probing the Pan Am crash clearly will have more

Grieving families of victims angry over lack of warning

**By Jonathan W. Oatis
The Associated Press**

Syracuse, N.Y., turned off Christmas lights in memory of 35 students as Americans nationwide grieved for the Pan Am jet crash victims, including a cabin attendant who'd planned to retire after Flight 103 landed.

The Boeing 747 crashed into a Scottish hamlet Wednesday night, killing all 258 on board. The dead included a top U.S. government Nazi hunter, a New York investment bank director, and students, military personnel and others coming home for the Christmas holidays.

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Those who for one reason or another had not boarded Flight 103 from London to New York expressed relief. Among the lucky ones was The Four Tops singing group, which was delayed by a British Broadcasting Co. TV taping.

Lead singer Levi Stubbs, who landed in Detroit on Thursday with three colleagues, said the group had just finished the TV show and arrived at their hotel when he called his wife to tell her he'd missed Flight 103.

"And she was crying and carrying on, and I asked, 'What's the matter?' she told me what happened."

One of the places hardest hit by the tragedy was Syracuse University, where 35 of the dead were enrolled in an international studies program.

Mayor Tom Young ordered the city's Christmas lights turned-off Thursday night and asked residents to do likewise. New York Gov. Mario Cuomo ordered flags flown at half-staff through Saturday.

Two memorial services were held Thursday at Hendricks Memorial Chapel. Many participants had red, puffy eyes, and nearly all hugged each other afterward.

"When one person dies we are all diminished. It is like when a finger is severed, the whole body hurts," the Rev. Pauli Kowalewski, the school's Protestant chaplain, told about 400 people attending one service.

Air pressure-activated bomb found during October arrests

FRANKFURT, West Germany (AP) — A West German official said today that police discovered an air pressure-activated bomb during the October arrests of suspected radical Palestinians, but emphasized it was too soon to say whether there was any connection to the crash of a Pan Am jet.

"It's pure speculation," said Alexander Prechtel, spokesman for the West German chief federal prosecutor's office. The bomb is set off by a drop in air pressure, such as those occurring in the luggage compartment of an airplane, he said.

New York-bound Pan Am Flight 103 originated in Frankfurt and landed in London, where passengers changed from a Boeing 727 to the ill-fated Boeing 747. Wednesday's crash in Scotland, which killed 258 people on board and 22 people on the ground, apparently occurred after the plane broke up for an unknown reason at an altitude of 31,000 feet.

Meanwhile, Arno Falk, a spokesman for the federal police office in Wiesbaden, told The Associated Press that West German investigators were checking details of the crash and were in contact with investigators in London.

Since the crash, there have been growing indications the flight was sabotaged.

In London, the Independent newspaper today quoted a security source as saying investigators were taking "very seriously" a pro-Iranian group's letter that it was responsible for the crash.

However, Prechtel during a telephone interview brought up the issue of 13 Palestinians rounded up in a series of raids in West Germany in October. Three were later arrested, while the others were set free but remain under investigation.

Prechtel said the arrested suspects belonged to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command.

"They have said they planned attacks against U.S. interests," Prechtel said of the suspected Popular Front members.

The suspects allegedly set up a terrorist cell of the Popular Front in West Germany, authorities say. The Syrian-controlled faction is opposed to Palestine

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Bush fills 5 Cabinet jobs, has only 2 remaining

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Bush has nearly completed his Cabinet with a flurry of surprise announcements, naming a black educator, a conservationist, a retiring Hispanic lawmaker, a State Department official and a transit expert to key jobs.

Only two Cabinet positions — at the departments of labor and energy — remain unfilled.

"I'm not sure when those announcements will be forthcoming, but I would again say fairly soon," Bush said Thursday after he picked five men for a variety of positions. So far he has named 12 Cabinet members.

Among those mentioned as possible choices for labor secretary are Patricia Diaz Dennis, a federal communications commissioner, and Constance Horner, head of the Office of

Personnel Management. In the running for the energy slot are former Louisiana Rep. Henson Moore and Peter Johnson, former head of the Bonneville Power Administration.

Bush will be working in his office today, but he has no public schedule. He plans to spend the Christmas weekend with his family at the vice president's house before leaving Monday on a four-day hunting and fishing trip to Texas and Alabama.

Two of Bush's Cabinet choices, Dr. Louis Sullivan as secretary of health and human services, and Samuel Skinner as head of the Transportation Department, were expected in advance.

Sullivan, 55, the president of Morehouse School of Medicine and the first black chosen for the Cabinet, publicly reassured anti-abortion activists that he opposes

abortions except in cases of rape, incest or when the life of the mother is threatened. He said his views run parallel to Bush's on the issue.

Sullivan's appointment ran into a roadblock earlier in the week after he was quoted in a newspaper article saying he supported a woman's right to have an abortion.

Skinner, 50, a former prosecutor and head of the Regional Transportation Authority of Northeastern Illinois, the second largest transportation system in the nation, had been expected to get the Bush administration job.

Bush described Skinner as an "effective and visionary transportation leader."

The president-elect made three unexpected announcements, picking retiring Rep. Manuel Lujan, R-N.M., to head the

Interior Department; former Illinois Rep. Edward J. Derwinski for veterans affairs, and conservationist William Reilly as administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The EPA does not have Cabinet status, though Bush said Reilly's mission is one of "tremendous importance," and he added: "I expect to be a very active president in protecting the environment."

The selection of Reilly, 48, a native of Decatur, Ill., who is president of the Conservation Foundation and the U.S. affiliate of the World Wildlife Fund, was cheered by environmentalists.

Former colleagues of Derwinski's said they were surprised by Bush's pick but thought the undersecretary of state for security assistance, science and technology would do a good job at the

new Department of Veterans Affairs.

"His name had never even surfaced," said Rep. G. V. Montgomery, D-Miss., chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

Derwinski, 62, a World War II veteran, knew Bush when the two served in the House in the early 1970s. He lost his seat after redistricting in 1982, and since then he has held a variety of jobs at the State Department.

Another unexpected move came when Bush selected Lujan, 60, for interior secretary. A veteran of two decades in Congress, Lujan is the second Hispanic in the Cabinet, joining Education Secretary Lauro Cavazos of Texas.

Lujan, who did not seek reelection, was a member of the House Interior Committee and ranking Republican on the House Committee on Science and Technology.

Duke gives Bush some early praise

BOSTON (AP) — Gov. Michael Dukakis gave President-elect George Bush some early praise in his first interview since losing the election, and said he was still "decompressing" from the campaign and wouldn't want to replay it.

"There's not much sense in rerunning the campaign," the defeated Democratic candidate told The Associated Press on Thursday.

"I mean, we did some things well, we did other things not so well. It wasn't successful. Obviously, I'm disappointed. Lots of people are disappointed. We worked very hard. But I don't think it's something to dwell on."

Dukakis declined an opportunity to criticize Bush, whom he had lambasted during a bitter campaign, saying he would give the president-elect "a good six months to a year" before speaking out.

However, the governor, who attacked President Reagan's policy in Central America during the campaign, said he was pleased by reports that Bush has decided not to ask Congress immediately for renewed U.S. support for the rightist Contra rebels in Nicaragua and that Bush hopes to forge a bipartisan consensus and involve Latin leaders.

"I think it's the right policy," Dukakis said. "When I met with him I strongly urged him to do that. I said I think the present policy is a failure, it's getting worse not better."

"If that's the way the new administration begins, then I think that's hopeful," the governor said.

Dukakis, who held one press conference immediately after his loss to assess the campaign, refused to review the campaign in detail, saying he preferred to focus on the future.

But he also declined to tip his hand about any plans he may have for his own career after his current term as governor ends in 1990. Dukakis has refused previously to say whether he would run for president again.

"It's much too early. At this point, I'm decompressing, working hard on what's happening here, enjoying a certain amount of normalcy in my life," he said.

Seated in his Statehouse office after a week's vacation in Florida, Dukakis appeared relaxed and reflective, more interested in his state's budget problems than in the national agenda he was pushing before losing to Bush 54 percent to 46 percent just six weeks ago.

"It's been quite a year. And I must say it's nice to reflect a little bit on the blessings of life, welcome my crew home and to play the role of father and husband, and enjoy and relax a little bit," Dukakis said.

Asked if he ever has days when he wishes he could have another shot at the campaign, or even another week to battle Bush, Dukakis said no.

"At some point, there has to be a conclusion. You work hard to that day, then people go and vote. Certainly, nobody ever suggested American presidential campaigns are too short. Twenty months is a long time."

Dukakis, who had never waged a national political campaign before, said his biggest surprise was the change that overtook him immediately after the Democratic National Convention in

July. "I think the one thing that you never quite experience until you experience it is the post-convention period — when, unfortunately, you are kind of walled off from citizens, communities, ..."

"Everything you do is a kind of massive public event. I found that difficult, frustrating. I don't think it's good. But it is the presidency and the most important political office there is, and that's the reality," Dukakis said.

The governor said the process could be improved. "But at this point," he said, "I don't have any brilliant ideas for changing it."

Asked to evaluate Bush's initial appointments and policy statements, Dukakis said it's too soon to draw conclusions.

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