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Naab defends support of pension increase for Weiss

By Alex Girelli
Manchester Herald

Republican town Director Geoffrey Nash Wednesday night defended his support for an increase in the pension of retiring Town Manager Robert Weiss.

The defense came at a meeting of the Republican Town Committee, with most of the members who attended apparently opposed to the increase.

The other two Republican directors, Thomas Werkhoven, and Ronald Osella, oppose the pension increase.

Werkhoven, the minority leader on the Board of Directors reluctantly made public figures he said would be Weiss's pension without an increase. He said the monthly pension would be between \$1,600 and \$2,000 with survivorship benefits, a choice Weiss has made under which his

wife would continue to receive the pension if she survives him.

Werkhoven at first declined to give the figures, saying he felt they were confidential.

"Why not?" asked Naab, who had told the committee he would vote according to his conscience on the question if it comes up at the meeting of the Board of Directors Tuesday.

Committee member Betty Sadloski had asked Naab what the

monthly pension would be and Naab responded that he did not know.

Weiss declined to comment today on the figure, Robert Huestis, budget research officer, said he has not calculated what the figure would be although the actuary for the town pension plan could do so on the basis of Weiss's age, 67, and the age of his wife, Gloria, 61.

Naab also said he did not know

whether the Democratic majority was prepared to take up the matter at the directors' meeting Tuesday.

Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr., leader of the majority, said today, "It's on the agenda and as far as I know it's going to stay there."

The issue is whether the town will increase the pension by about \$50 a month, under the survivorship option, to make up for a raise

Weiss did not receive last year after problems with a property revaluation and the construction of an addition to the sewage disposal plant.

Naab insisted that restoring the equivalent of the pension amount Weiss would have gotten if the pay raise had been included in the budget is not primarily a financial question, but one of principle.

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High court upholds key rights law

By James H. Rubin
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, which touched off an uproar last year by considering reversal of a key civil rights decision, today upheld the 1976 ruling that has been a powerful tool to fight racial discrimination.

The justices unanimously reaffirmed that an 1866 law enacted to help freed slaves could be used to sue private citizens accused of race bias.

But the court, by a separate 5-4 vote, also ruled that the 133-year-old civil rights law cannot be invoked to fight racial harassment.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, in his opinion for the court, said adherence to precedent compelled the conservative majority on the court to uphold the 1976 ruling.

Furthermore, he said, even if that ruling was based on a mistaken interpretation of law, "it is certain that it is not inconsistent with the prevailing sense of justice in this country. To the contrary, (it) is entirely consistent with our society's deep commitment to the eradication of discrimination based on a person's race or the color of his or her skin."

But Kennedy said allowing suits for racial harassment was not envisioned by the 1866 law.

He said the law governs contractual rights — not most

conduct by an employer after an individual is hired.

The 1866 law "covers only conduct at the initial formation of the contract and conduct which impairs the right to enforce contract obligations through legal process," Kennedy said.

Justice William J. Brennan, in an opinion dissenting from the court's decision on racial harassment, said, "What the court declines to snuff away with one hand, it takes with the other."

Brennan said the court "has to strain hard" to interpret the 1866 law in a way that ignores "powerful historic evidence about the Reconstruction Congress' concerns" to end race bias.

Joining Brennan in partial dissent were Justices Thurgood Marshall, Harry A. Blackmun and John Paul Stevens.

The five-member conservative majority that voted against applying the anti-discrimination law to harassment cases consisted of Kennedy, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia and Byron R. White.

Kennedy, O'Connor and Scalia are appointees of former President Reagan and Rehnquist was promoted to chief justice by Reagan.

The court sent shock waves through the civil rights community in April 1988 when it announced it would use a relatively

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Hartford man suspect in Manchester holdups

By Maureen Leavitt
Manchester Herald

A 28-year-old Hartford man, arrested Wednesday and charged with last week's bank robbery in East Hartford, is a suspect in two Manchester bank robberies which occurred in late 1988, police officials said.

Thomas M. Brennan of 102 Rowe Ave. was charged by the FBI with violating the federal bank robbery statute, and by East Hartford Police with first degree robbery and second degree larceny in connection with the June 9 robbery at the Silver Lane branch of the Mechanics

Savings Bank.

He's definitely a suspect," said Capt. Joseph Brooks of the Manchester Police Department.

On Nov. 4, a masked man armed with a handgun took \$11,000 from the Spencer Street branch of the Savings Bank of Manchester. On Dec. 23, another masked man with a handgun made off with \$40,000 from Manchester State Bank, also located on Spencer Street.

In last Friday's heist, Brennan is accused of walking into the Silver Lane bank armed with a long pellet gun, and ordering bank tellers to lay cash on the counter, police said.

He ran from the bank, with the cash in his hands, leaving a trail of money from outside the door, and in a yard of a home directly behind the bank, police said.

Hartford police linked Brennan to the bank robbery after investigating a vandalism complaint at the Holiday Inn on Morgan Street Tuesday night, said Sgt. Joseph Lall of the Hartford Police Department.

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Patrick Flynn/Manchester Herald

HOW SWEET IT IS — Stevan Infante, Technical School Wednesday. Two facing, hugs fellow classmate Bob young women and 98 young men Bidwell after they graduated from received their diplomas in the school Howell Cheney Regional Vocational gymnasium.

It was 'monumental milestone' for 100 grads at Cheney Tech

By Maureen Leavitt
Manchester Herald

The ever-present threat of rain caused graduation exercises for the class of 1989 at Howell Cheney Regional Vocational Technical School to be moved indoors to the school gymnasium instead of being held on the athletic field as scheduled.

But that didn't seem to bother the 98 young men and two young women who received their diplomas and by doing so accomplished a "monumental milestone" in their lives, according to Daniel Burbank, assistant director of Cheney Tech.

Theodore S. Sergi, division director of the state Division of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education, gave the keynote

address, one he cautioned would be short but intense.

"Many graduation speeches are too long. This one is not," Sergi said, much to the liking of the seniors in front of him, who applauded heartily after his comment.

"On the other hand, it may be short, but it's intense," Sergi said. "You're here and others are not, because you set a goal for yourselves and you persevered. You might say it was luck, but the real reason is that you personally set the goal for yourself and you persevered, even when times were tough."

"Each of you looked in the mirror one time and said 'I'm a capable person. I can do this'."

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Funeral Friday for Jane Spock

A graveside service will be held in Manchester Friday for Jane Cheney Spock, a former Manchester resident who helped her former husband, Dr. Benjamin M. Spock, write his famous child-care book.

Spock died Saturday at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center in New York City after suffering a stroke. She was 82 years old.

The graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. in East Cemetery. Spock, who was well-known

nationally as a civil-rights activist, was a member of the American family, which owned and ran the Cheney Bros. mills for decades. She and Dr. Spock married in 1927 and were divorced in 1976.

She helped her husband research and write "Dr. Spock's Baby & Child Care" (E.P. Dutton), which was published in 1946 by Duell, Sloan & Pearce as "The Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care." The book has sold more than 34 million copies in 31 languages.

She attended Bryn Mawr Col-

lege and was active in Americans for Democratic Action, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy. After her divorce, she organized and ran support groups for older, divorced women.

She is survived by two sons, Michael of Chicago and John of Los Angeles, and four grandchildren.

The Gannon Funeral Home, 152 E. 28th St., New York, is in charge of arrangements.

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About Town

Sweet Adelines to perform

Tuscan Lodge of Masons will present the Mountain Laurel Chapter of the Sweet Adelines in concert Friday at 8:15 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 25 E. Center St. The event is free and open to the public.

Blood drive scheduled

To help build up the supply of donated blood during the summer months, Manchester Memorial Hospital is sponsoring a blood drive Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited to participate.

Cancer support discussed

"United: A Group for Cancer Patients, Friends and Families" will meet Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Manchester Memorial Hospital. The group meets regularly on the first and third Monday of each month in conference room C. For more information, call 647-4739.

Health checks offered

Community Health Care Services Inc. will hold office hours at May River Homes in Andover Monday from 1 to 2 p.m. All residents of Andover and Coventry are eligible to attend and receive blood pressure checks, line tests, throat cultures and health guidance. For more information, call 228-9428.

Readers wanted in Andover

Andover Public Library will open its summer reading program, "Explore Your Library," with a concert by the popular duo Frommutterman on Monday at 7 p.m. at the Andover Elementary School gymnasium. The event is free. Children who will enter kindergarten through grade 6 are eligible to participate in the program, which runs through Aug. 18. By reading books to themselves or to others and being read to, participants may earn the 50 points needed to gain admission into a party planned Aug. 18. Register for the program is now being taken, and will be taken at any scheduled event. Information about the group and membership will be available Monday, as will T-shirts and sweatshirts. For more information, call Terri Crimmins, 742-4268 or 742-7016.

Women's Aglow to meet

Women's Aglow Fellowship will meet Monday at 7 p.m. at First Federal Savings and Loan Association, 344 W. Middle Turnpike. The speaker is Sandra Suter, the wife of a pastor who teaches at Zion Bible College. She also studies at Gordon-Cronnell Theological Seminary. She brings encouragement and help for anyone who fights fear in life. For more information, call Joan, 429-5692; Denise, 429-1854; or Ginny, 871-1666.

Learn to save a life

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation courses are being offered this month at Manchester Memorial Hospital. The Adult Heartsaver course will be held Mondays, June 19 and 26. The three-hour basic life support course covers signs and symptoms of heart attacks, heart attack risk factors, obstructed airway techniques and basic adult victim CPR techniques. For more information or to register, call 647-4738.

Graduations

Manchester High School: Tonight, 6 p.m., at the school.
Bolton High School: Friday, 6 p.m., at the school.
Conventry High School: Saturday, 1 p.m., at the school.

Service Notes

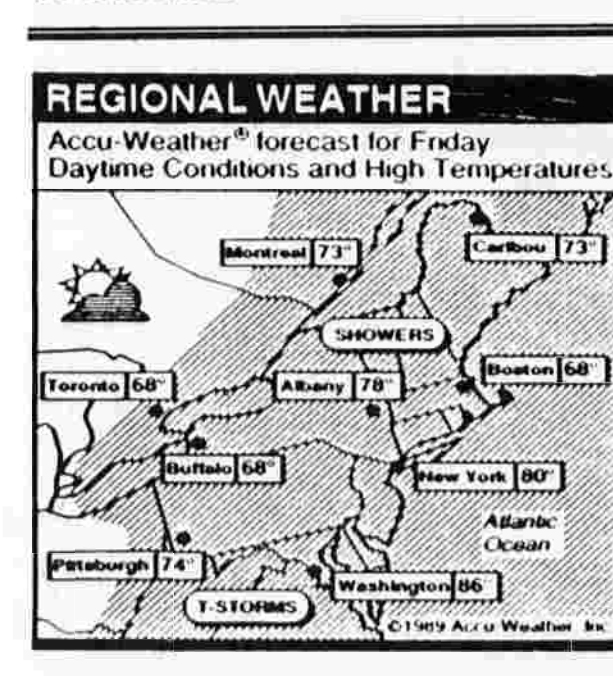
Rizzo completes course

Airman Victor J. Rizzo, son of Claudia M. Rizzo of 117 Oak Forest and Robert J. Rizzo of Gainesville, Fla., has graduated from the U.S. Air Force aircraft maintenance course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

Lottery

Winning numbers drawn Wednesday in New England:
Connecticut daily: 544, Play Four: 2788.
Massachusetts daily: 8820.
Massachusetts Megabucks: 2, 3, 10, 17, 21, 29.
Tri-state (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont) daily: 892, 4992.
Rhode Island daily: 9054.
Rhode Island Grand Lottery: 838, 1904, 61550, 498829.

Weather



Adopt a pet: Snoopy, kittens

By Barbara Richmond
Manchester Herald

This week's featured pet at the Manchester dog pound was given the name Snoopy by the couple who found him. He's a beagle, of course, and he's very friendly.

Snoopy was found in a wooded area near the J.C. Penney warehouse off Tolland Turnpike, where the couple had gone to pick strawberries. They called Dog Warden Richard Rand, who brought him to the pound.

Because the area is so close to South Windsor and East Hartford, Rand said, he has also notified the dog wardens in those towns. Snoopy is a male, about 6 months old, and Rand said he is what is called a 14-inch beagle. He's also housebroken, according to the couple who found him and kept him overnight. He'll be ready for adoption next week if he isn't claimed by his owner.

Also new at the dog pound this week is a female Chihuahua named Barbie Doll. She was found on June 3 but she had been missing from her home since January.

Rand said the owners reported her missing Feb. 1 and her real name is Flicka. If she hadn't ended up at the dog pound, she would have been given publicly in the newspaper, she probably never would have ended up back at her home.

The red Doberman pinscher mentioned last week, who was left tied to the fence at the dog pound, has been adopted by a Hollister family and has been named Spike.

The dog pound is located on town property off Olcott Street near the landfill area. Rand is at the pound weekdays from noon to 1 p.m. There is also someone at the pound from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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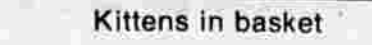
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Snoopy



Kittens in basket

her new family named her. Last week's featured pet, Birdie, who was found roaming at the Manchester Country Club, would have a long story to tell if she could talk. She was found on June 3 but she had been missing from her home since January.

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Public Records

Warranty deeds

Lucille P. Jordan to Yvon Boese and Camilla Boese, Oak Forest Condominium, \$12,000.
Robert A. Urso to Vincent J. Mellon III and Dona M. Mellon, Tudor Court Condominium, \$119,900.
Diane B. Robert to Robert A. and Carolyn R. Parrotti, 622 W. Middle Turnpike, \$140,000.
Ernest H. Stokes and Louise M. Stokes to Frank R. and Michele M. Frallicciardi, 144-146 McKee St., \$222,500.

C.W. Cheng and Reiko Cheng to Philip J. Silverman, East Meadow Condominium, conveyance tax \$55.50.
Tracie L. Barber to Robert J. Salter III, Lydall Woods Colonial Village, no conveyance tax.
Robert A. Urso to Vincent J. Mellon III and Dona M. Mellon, Tudor Court Condominium, \$119,900.
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Glen M. and Nanette G. Dobkin to Salvatore Sanzo, 37 Deerfield Drive, \$157,300 conveyance tax.
Noel J. Belcourt Jr. and Mary E. Belcourt to Wayne P. Beaupre and Jacquelin C. Griffin, 156-158 Eldridge St., \$114,000.
Noel J. Belcourt and Mary E. Belcourt to Jesse Madrack and Maureen Madrack, 156-158 Eldridge St., \$114,000.

Estate of Helen A. Hayes to Todd M. Mozer, Oak Grove Heights addition, \$115,000.
Thomas L. and Rosemary James to Ronald Capodice, Green Manor Estates, \$145,000.
Regional Entities Inc. to DeCormier Motor Sales Inc., 70 Durant St., \$50,000.
Dominic J. Squitieri to Charles J. and Corinne L. Mitchell, 27 Jordt St., \$155,000.

Quitclaim deeds

Meredith H. Allyn to Peter H. Allyn, Avery Street, no conveyance tax.
Ronald Kurtz to Jo-Ann Kurtz and Jason W. Kruchalski, 51 Westminster Road, no conveyance tax.

Frederick K. Kurtz and Frances T. Kurtz to Frances T. Kurtz and Cynthia J. Ponates, Erie Street, no conveyance tax.
Gerard LaLancette to Marie B. LaLancette, 46-48 Summer St., no conveyance tax.

James K. Charter to Elizabeth B. Charter, 75 Bradford St., no conveyance tax.
Tracie L. Barber to Robert J. Salter III, Lydall Woods Colonial Village, no conveyance tax.

Charles E. Lindsey to Charles E. Lindsey, 34-36 Woodbridge St., no conveyance tax.
Charles E. Lindsey to Joyce B. Lindsey, 66-74 Wadsworth St., no conveyance tax.

Gary L. McHugh to Sharon McHugh, Hilltown Road, no conveyance tax.
Gary L. McHugh to Sharon McHugh, 156 Hilltown Road, no conveyance tax.

Nancy D. White and Peter A. Dorian to Nancy D. and Lincoln B. White, 16 Pine Hill St., no conveyance tax.
Lisa M. Casolino to Stephen J. Casolino, Northfield Green Condominium, no conveyance tax.

Thoughts

The recent Alaskan oil spill will leave its stain for decades to come. It is our generation that must decide if we will leave this earth better than we found it, as testimony that we said low for those who follow.

Adm. Hyman Rickover once said: "The government has as much a duty to protect the land, the air, the water... against technological change, as it has to protect the country against foreign enemies, and the individual against criminals."

The funeral will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St. Calling hours will be Saturday at 1 p.m. until the time of the service.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Bridget School Building Fund, 74 Main St.

Rev. Dr. Shephard S. Johnson
South United Methodist Church

Public Meetings

Public meetings tonight:

Manchester

Board of Directors' comment session, Municipal Building, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Building Committee, Municipal Building coffee room, 7:30 p.m.

Advisory Parks and Recreation Commission, Lincoln Center gold room, 7:30 p.m.
Commission For Disabled Persons, Senior Citizens' Center, 7:30 p.m.

Housing Authority, 24 Bluefield Drive, 7:30 p.m.

Bolton

Zoning Board of Appeals, Community Hall, 7 p.m.

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NATION & WORLD

Gorbachev says wall will stay

BERN, West Germany (AP) — Mikhail S. Gorbachev today said the Berlin Wall is "no great problem" in East-West relations, and he applauded NATO's new willingness to negotiate cuts in short-range missiles.

At a news conference as he wrapped up a four-day state visit, the Soviet leader praised the results of his talks with West German leaders as having opened a new path toward improved ties among European nations.

He hailed a declaration on European goals that he agreed with Chancellor Helmut Kohl on Tuesday as the visit's most important accomplishment, a step toward "dissolving the confrontational nature of our relations."

Gorbachev was asked if he considered the Berlin Wall, which divides the two Germanys, an unacceptable symbol of a time of more troubled relations. "I don't think the Berlin Wall is the sole barrier between East and West," Gorbachev told about 500 journalists at the summit press center. "We must improve many situations in Europe."

He observed that "nothing is eternal" and conditions on the continent may some day make all border obstructions obsolete. But he said of the Berlin Wall in conclusion: "I see this as no great problem."

At the news conference attended by his wife, Raisa, and senior officials of the Kremlin delegation, Gorbachev was asked if he could envision a day when Europe would recognize a single Germany.

"The situation in Europe today was determined by historical realities," Gorbachev responded. But he added that the continent is undergoing great political change and "time will tell."

"We can hope that we are on the right path" to better relations among European states, the Kremlin leader said.

In his 25-minute opening statement, Gorbachev welcomed the new NATO position on short-range missiles reached in Brussels last month. NATO agreed that a partial reduction of the missiles could be negotiated once an agreement to balance conventional forces begins being put into effect.

The Brussels document contains "quite a few positive and constructive elements," he said. But he added that the Soviet Union does not view it as a major breakthrough since it contains "a lot of elements of the old philosophy," such as reliance on nuclear deterrence.

Gorbachev spoke in Russian, and his remarks were translated simultaneously into English.

Asked by a Soviet journalist whether he was surprised by his enthusiastic reception by thousands of cheering West Germans, Gorbachev said he attributed the welcome in part to the hopes pinned on his policies.

"In the whole world, people want changes for the better," he said. "They are tired of the Cold War."



BAPTIST MARCH — Led by Arthur Blessitt, carrying a 20-foot cross, and his son Israel, a large group of Southern Baptists march past the Desert Inn on the Las Vegas strip Wednesday. About 500 people, many from a Baptist convention in the city, joined in the march for Jesus.

Baptist conventioners tell gamblers about God

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Hundreds of Southern Baptist conventioners marched down the heart of the nation's gambling capital, leaving behind thousands of religious pamphlets with bewildered tourists and gamblers.

"We need to show Las Vegas that we are not scared of them and we do not condemn them and we need to show them the love of God," said Ken Renter of Lexington, Ky., as he handed out New Testaments on a thoroughfare known simply as The Strip on Wednesday afternoon.

But some tourists didn't know quite what to make of the sight of more than 200 Baptist evangelists following a man carrying a 12-foot wooden cross marching to Caesars Palace in 109-degree heat.

"I don't think they belong in Las Vegas," said Darlene Klemm of Oconomowoc, Wis.

The two-mile march came after an evangelism conference at the midpoint of a three-day meeting of Southern Baptists, the nation's largest Protestant denomination with 14.8 million members. The convention ends today.

Led by Arthur Blessitt, a Hollywood evangelist who has carried his 80-pound cross in more than 100 countries in the past 20 years, the evangelists left religious literature in casinos, in the place of circulars advertising sex shows, and in the hands of tourists, gamblers and casino workers.

R.B. Chandler, pastor of Mount Airy Baptist Church in Mount Airy, N.C., said: "The point-blank truth is that everybody in the world is either born-again or not. The idea is hopefully we would catch some people and tell them about Christ for the first time."

Chris Martin of Park Forest, Ill., got off a bus in an unscheduled stop when he saw the Baptists in front of Caesars Palace. "As they prayed, I accepted the Lord," he said.

But he has no plans to give up gambling.

Other tourists viewed the evangelistic effort differently.

Dwain Moore said he thought the Baptists were "a little too pushy" in trying to evangelize people on the street.

His wife, Thelma, said they were both Methodists and, "The Methodists don't do it."

Las Vegas residents took the evangelism in stride.

"These are nice, decent people, but I don't think they can do much to change our image, or our thinking," said Don Capaldi, a cab driver.

Larry Williams, a bellman at the Stardust, said: "What can it hurt to give people the Bible? We need to go back to more of that."

Some Southern Baptists have already revised their opinion of the city.

"Sodom and Gomorrah" was how George Mitchell, the mayor of a small town in western Colorado and a member of the Rifle Southern Baptist Church, envisioned Las Vegas.

But he said Wednesday he discovered average residents of the gambling mecca "seem to be all God-fearing people."

The decision to meet in Las Vegas evoked controversy within the Protestant denomination, with some Southern Baptists deciding to stay home rather than bring their families to a city built on vices they condemn.

Leaders of the denomination, which has pledged to evangelize the world by the turn of the century, responded by emphasizing evangelism at this year's convention.

A series of revivals were held last week in Las Vegas churches, and nearly 2,000 people participated in a door-to-door evangelization effort that led to more than 350 confessions of faith, church officials said.

Trade deficit decreases, but analysts still worry

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit this year has been showing marked improvement over its track record in 1988, but analysts are divided on how long the nation can expect the good news to continue.

For the first three months of the year, the merchandise trade deficit was running at an annual rate of \$109.4 billion, down from last year's deficit of \$119.76 billion.

An unexpectedly good showing for March, when the deficit narrowed sharply to \$8.8 billion, caused some analysts to become more optimistic about prospects for continued improvement.

The deficit was believed to have

narrowed even further in April, for which figures were to be released today by the Commerce Department.

In advance of today's report, analysts were expecting the April deficit figure to be about \$8.5 billion. Both exports and imports were believed to have declined, even though oil imports were thought to have increased both in quantity and price.

Economist Joe Carson of Chemical Bank in New York said this year under the adverse influence of higher oil prices and slower overseas demand for U.S. products.

Economist Howard Roth of Security Pacific National Bank in

Los Angeles said that as the strength of dollar takes hold, it could negatively affect the trade deficit on both the import and export fronts.

"Americans start buying more imports and foreigners find our goods more expensive," he said.

Roth said the anticipated favorable report for April "may be the last hurrah. It might be getting worse from now on."

Robert Dedrick, chief economist for Northern Trust Co. in Chicago, said recent improvement in the trade deficit probably was attributable to short-term factors that do not point toward long-term progress.

He said the improvement in the

trade deficit in recent years was largely the result of a weakening dollar which made U.S. goods more competitive overseas.

"We think that the cessation of the (weakening) dollar at the end of 1987 would have helped us more prominently," Dedrick said.

The Bush administration, meanwhile, is counting on continued progress on narrowing the trade gap to spur economic growth.

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British soldier shot to death

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — A British soldier died after being shot early today from a passing car while on foot patrol in Belfast, police said.

They said the soldier, who was not immediately identified, died after being admitted to a hospital.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility but police blamed the outlawed Irish Republican Army, which routinely attacks British forces in the British province.

Police said the car, which had been stolen, was found abandoned and set on fire at Divis Flats, a public housing complex and stronghold of IRA support.

The killing brought the death toll in Northern Ireland in the past 10 years to 2,744, including 416 British soldiers and 180 members of the locally recruited Ulster Defense Regiment militia.

The mainly Roman Catholic IRA is fighting to push the British out of Protestant-dominated Northern Ireland and join it with the Republic of Ireland.

Soviets arrest hundreds

MOSCOW (AP) — Authorities have arrested hundreds of people in Uzbekistan in an attempt to halt ethnic violence that has killed at least 50 people in the southern republic, Soviet officials said.

Lt. Gen. A. Ankiev, an Interior Ministry officer, said troops were guarding intersections and government buildings and patrolling streets in Fergana, the city hit hardest by the 10 days of rioting, Pravda reported.

Violence by the native Uzbeks has been directed against Meskhi Turks, an ethnic minority forcibly moved from Soviet Georgia to Uzbekistan in 1944 by Soviet dictator Josef Stalin.

Senator won't send check

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even Ronald Reagan's personal check for \$120 couldn't persuade Sen. Howard Metzenbaum to help the Republican Party rid the Senate of "ultra-liberal Democrats."

Metzenbaum, the junior senator from Ohio, is one of those Democrats who doesn't think liberal is a dirty word.

So when he received a GOP fund-raising letter urging him to match Reagan's donation, his reply to Sen. Don Nickles, chairman of the Republican National Senatorial Committee, was brief.

"Though I cannot send you any money for your efforts, I can send you my heartfelt wish that you achieve the same success in 1990 that the GOP earned in the 1988 Senate race in Ohio," he wrote.

Titan 4 finally lifts off

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — With the successful maiden launch of the huge Titan 4, the Pentagon has an unmanned rocket that lessens its reliance on the space shuttle for lifting heavy military satellites into orbit.

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Democrats preparing veto-proof wage bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush won his first fight with Congress over raising the minimum wage, but Democrats are promising to emerge with a new measure the president will be unable to veto.

"Our obligation now is to move forward with a bill which will be enacted and put money in the pockets of low-wage workers this year," House Labor Committee Chairman Augustus Hawkins said Wednesday after he and fellow Democrats failed to override Bush's veto of a minimum-wage bill.

Hawkins, D-Calif., said he was preparing a new bill but wanted to talk with administration officials first to see if there was room for compromise.

Across the Capitol, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., wasted no time in beginning the second phase of the fight, introducing a bill identical to the one Bush vetoed Tuesday.

"The president should understand that this is an issue on which Congress has only begun to fight," said Kennedy, chairman of the Senate Labor Committee. "The issue is fairness and America's working poor deserve a fair increase in the minimum wage."

Kennedy, too, said he hoped to strike a compromise with the White House and with Hawkins' Labor Secretary Elizabeth Dole to appear before a joint

session of the labor committees next week. But Kennedy served notice he wanted to advance a new bill quickly and would do so whether or not Bush gives ground.

"I would prefer to work out an acceptable compromise with the administration," Kennedy said. "But if that is not possible we will try to enact a measure that has the support of a veto-proof majority."

Initial White House reaction indicated that Bush was not about to budge.

"The Congress should enact the president's minimum wage proposal at the earliest opportunity," said Bush spokesman Martin Fitzwater.

Bush's offer is to increase the hourly minimum wage from \$3.35 to \$4.25 by January 1992, with employers being able to pay all new hires a subminimum wage for six months.

The legislation he vetoed Tuesday would have increased the floor wage to \$4.55 by October 1991 and contained a restrictive clause allowing employers to pay a subminimum to some new workers for no more than two months.

The House, under new Speaker Thomas S. Foley, tried to override the veto just 24 hours after it was issued, but the effort fell short by more than 30 votes. The vote was 247-178, with 20 Republicans joining 227 Democrats in trying to override the veto.

House Dems hope leaders put the party back on track

WASHINGTON (AP) — With their new leadership team in place, House Democrats are searching for a legislative agenda to unify their party and provide a counterpoint to the policies of President Bush.

"This is our time to make a difference and move this House away from the partisan wrangling and the rancor and the bitterness, and to reassert our agenda for progress for this country," said Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri, elected Wednesday as his party's new No. 2 House leadership official.

But despite Gephardt's campaign-style speech to his colleagues, the new leadership team still has much work to do to assume the reins of power in the House and convert stylistic ability into substance.

While Bush has made much of advocating bipartisan cooperation with Congress, his political team has shown a heightened aggressiveness in attacking Democrats.

The House GOP minority, meanwhile, has grown increasingly combative.

"I think you still are going to have tremendous problems between the two parties here, for at least another year," said Rep. Tony Coelho, D-Calif., the

former whip who is leaving Congress after today because of questions about his personal finances.

The new speaker, Thomas S. Foley of Washington, is an acknowledged statesman and thinker, but some Democrats wonder whether he will have the toughness to define and fight for the party's agenda.

And after a season of fighting ethics charges, Democrats remain nervous about whether Rep. William Gray of Pennsylvania — the new No. 3 party official — will ultimately be damaged by an FBI probe into alleged payroll padding in his office.

Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said members of the new leadership team "are extremely adept at selling the message to the American people — our challenge now is to come up with the message."

The new leaders will work this summer on developing a party legislative agenda, then announce sometime this fall "where we're going," said Rep. David Bonior, D-Mich., who lost the whip's race to Gray but will remain in his post as chief deputy whip.

Vote delay dims Kennelly's hopes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chances of Rep. Barbara B. Kennelly winning a House leadership post dimmed when a vote on the Democratic caucus chairmanship was postponed until next week.

It was very important for me to have it today. I am very disappointed," the Hartford Democrat said Wednesday.

The caucus post, the No. 4 position in the House hierarchy, opened Wednesday when House Democrats elevated Rep. William Gray, D-Pa., from caucus chairman to majority whip, the No. 3 position in the Democratic hierarchy.

That set the stage for a race between Kennelly and Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md., who is vice chairman of the caucus. If she won, Kennelly would become the highest ranking woman in House history.

Kennelly wanted a vote on the caucus race immediately after the whip election, fearing that extra time would allow the four House members who are vying for caucus vice chairman to lobby colleagues for Hoyer. The four need Hoyer to beat Kennelly in order for the vice chairman's slot to become open.

"They know there won't be any opening for vice chair if my opponent doesn't win," the congresswoman said.

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OPINION

Lingering questions on Panama

Recent unrest and election fraud in Panama have reminded Americans of the value of the world's most strategic waterway, the Panama Canal, and of the lingering legal questions surrounding the 1977 canal treaty.

As U.S. Rep. Phil Crane, R-Ill., pointed out in Congress last year, there is every reason to doubt the validity of the treaty, which would relinquish U.S. control of the canal to the Panamanian government by 1999.

For one thing, the treaty actually consists of two, separate, contradictory agreements. The United States signed one, Panama the other. The American version guarantees the right of the United States to intervene to protect the canal whenever this country deems necessary. The Panamanian version denies the right of the United States to intervene.

This is a major point on which there should be no ambiguity, let alone contradiction. And there are other troubling aspects of the treaty. The disposal of U.S. property must be approved by both houses of Congress, according to the Constitution. There is some question about whether the House of Representatives' approval was by-passed.

Moreover, the Panamanian Constitution makes it unlawful for anyone except the president to enter into international pacts. Both 1977 treaties are signed by Gen. Torrijos, not former President Demetrios Lakas.

Losing all control of the waterway in 1999 means that American passage will depend entirely on whatever regime or dictator happens to be in power in Panama. We have recently seen the trouble a drug-dealing despot like Gen. Manuel Noriega can cause.

Moreover, the strategic security interests of the United States could not be served without the canal.

But disavowing the canal treaty can also be costly. Right now, it might slant world opinion in favor of Noriega, who would appear the defender of his country rather than the thug he really is. Also, it would be unwise for the United States to become known as a renegade among nations with which it wishes to enter into agreements.

The canal situation presents a difficult, entangling problem. However, since American troops may have to risk their lives on that isthmus any day, all options should remain open for as long as possible.

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Open Forum

Bolton schools need a change at the top

To the Editor:

On July 12, 1981, an article appeared in The Hartford Courant which made my wife and I feel proud that seven years earlier we had chosen to live and raise our children in the town of Bolton. The title of the story was "Success in Bolton." The following is an excerpt from that article:

"When the results of Connecticut's first statewide proficiency tests were released in 1980, no one was surprised to learn that the school systems of wealthy, sophisticated suburbs like New Canaan, Darien and Farmington scored well."

"But many educators were surprised to learn which town achieved the best overall scores. It was Bolton, a semi-rural town of 3,900, 14 miles from Hartford, where every ninth-grader passed the writing and reading parts of the test, 98 percent passed the language arts section, and 90 percent passed the math."

"Bolton High School just may be one of the best-kept secrets in public education," state Education Commissioner Mark R. Shedd said of the town's performance."

What has happened to education at Bolton High School? After reading the recently released visiting committee report of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges' Commission on Public Secondary Schools, it is apparent that there has been a steep downward slide. As a staunch supporter of the education system in Bolton for nearly 15 years, consistently voting to keep the high school open when others wanted to close it and send our children elsewhere,

I feel let down by our school board and school administration. Although our current school board is not without culpability, let us not forget that the decent has taken nearly nine years to occur. However, they are blameworthy if they knew a multitude of problems existed and no attempt was made to correct or reverse the deteriorating situation. I am not referring to the deficiencies in the physical plant, as those problems have been known for years by the residents of Bolton, but to those problems that money won't necessarily cure. Perhaps the current board and past school boards have tried to ameliorate the situation, but if they have, it has been to no avail.

Nevertheless, as the visiting committee report clearly indicates, the root of the problem at Bolton High School is not at the bottom, but at the top, with a superintendent and principal that accept status quo and mediocrity as precepts of education. The problem also stems from a school board that doesn't hold the administration accountable for its decisions. How can the board, after having read the accreditation report, give the school superintendent a new, three-year contract, with a significant increase in salary, and say, "He deserves it"? If my son came home from school and said, "Dad, I've been placed on academic probation and can't play any sports, because I have a 'D' average in my courses," I certainly wouldn't raise his allowance!

As a parent of a student about to enter Bolton High, I'm extremely concerned that the school board is not giving the report the serious attention it deserves. When I hear that some members of the board believe the report to be biased, that is a cover-up for their failure to address the educational decline at the

high school. What ax would a group of 13 educators from around the state of Connecticut and one from Massachusetts have to grind with Bolton High School? One member of the board said, "The visiting committee raised the heat of Bolton High..." If that is true, it is only because our administration is marching to the beat of a different drummer when it comes to providing quality education.

It is too late to demand answers from the principal and superintendent. When we have gone from a high school, which in 1981 provided a "non-threatening, supportive atmosphere" as a "major attraction for teachers who rarely leave for other jobs" despite being "among the lowest paid in the state," to one where, according to the visiting committee report, "the faculty members appear to be fearful of constructive criticism or unsolicited proposals," will result in administrative reprisals," something is definitely wrong and it is time for a change!

Until the school board demands nothing less than academic excellence from the high school education system, Bolton will not be able to retain its best students and athletes, nor attract those from other Connecticut towns. If this is the goal of the current board, the cure for the problem is not in the classroom, but in the boardroom. Remember, when a professional sports team fails, it isn't the players who are fired, it's the coach. For Bolton High School, both in academics and sports, is long overdue. A change at the top is warranted, and for proper leadership, hopefully, to Bolton High School again being considered "the best-kept secret in public education."

William Blafkin
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A lot of doctors do take an interest

To the Editor:

I recently sent a letter in which I wrote about doctors only wanting money and not caring for the patients. I'm sorry I had written it, because all doctors are not the same. We do have a lot of doctors who do really take an interest in their patients. I know because I have good doctors and who are very helpful to me. If it was understood wrong, my apologies.

Mary Jarvis
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Rules for display of American flag

To the Editor:

It is universal custom to display the American flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagpoles. In the open, however, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. The flag should not be displayed when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is used for display. All torn and faded American flags may be brought to your local American Legion Post for proper destruction. Call 646-7961 for information.

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'Anything else is madness'

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

ISRAELI-OCCUPIED WEST BANK — Thousands of trees have been bulldozed or burned by Israeli soldiers to break the spirit and the economy of Palestinians. In this arid land, the loss of a tree is no small matter, almost as much as the loss of a life.

We met one of the most wanted underground leaders of the Palestinian uprising, or intifada. He couldn't stop talking about the trees. "I heard on other days that they pulled up an olive tree that was 300 years old," he said. "This makes me shiver. To kill a man is nothing anymore. But to kill such a tree that has been there for eight generations, which has been watered by countless men who have exalted over its growth, well, this is madness."

The time he recalled being this angry, he said, was when a friend told him a book, just because it was written in Hebrew. He told the man they were no longer friends because the friend had no regard for knowledge.

"To plow and to read, this is civilization," the revolutionary leader said. "Anything else is madness."

The intifada is madness. The death toll is more than 300 Palestinian and two dozen Israelis. Add to that 25,000 trees, by Palestinian and Israeli security forces say the number is just a few thousand.

What have the trees done to get dragged into the madness? The official Israeli explanation is that the power elite maintain their control over the levers of power and then to separate myth from reality; it applied total military force to demolish the villages and defeat the advocates and the supporters of the pro-democracy movement.

It is quite obvious that the pro-democracy movement did not spring from the head of Zeus. While the 'alienated intelligentsia' may have fanned it, various groupings within middle-level management, the masses and the power elite for their own reasons contributed to its nourishment and collectively proceeded to play the role of the midwife.

Under Jordanian rule, which has ruled the West Bank for 20 years, the cultivation of land is significant proof of ownership. The more fruit and olive trees, the better the Arab's chance of keeping it.

One Israeli demographer expressed public disgust over the war of the trees. "Even our trees fight. They plant olive trees. We pull them out and plant pine trees."

The Palestinians see the defoliation as part of an Israeli plot to subjugate Arabs by making them dependent on Israel for food and other necessities. "We don't control our own water, our electricity. We can't even build hospitals," one intifada leader told us.

Palestinians cite a number of examples to detail the plot: A professor at Bethlehem University was jailed for five months last year without charges because he encouraged Palestinians to grow vegetables. A group of Palestinians pooled \$10,000 to buy 16 cows and then were ordered by Israeli military authorities to get rid of the herd.

On May 24, Israeli settlers in the occupied territories sawed down about 50 fruit trees, burned a wheat field and destroyed groves of olive trees. It was revenge against Palestinians who had smashed a monument to a Jewish settler killed in a skirmish with Arabs.

The Israeli army prefers bulldozers and torches to saws. Bulldozers leveled 60 fruit trees in the village of Ain Yabrud at dawn May 21; soldiers set fire to 10 fruit trees near Nablus on May 4; bulldozers tore out 195 olive, almond and fig trees and plowed under a wheat field east of Qalqilyah on April 25; the bulldozers flattened a fence and uprooted 65 olive and almond trees on March 28; and so on.

If the Israelis' intent has been to infuriate Palestinians in a way that would lead to war, the strategy has worked.

Endless cannibalism
Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., was properly outraged when he found out that his staffer was encouraging reporters to investigate the personal life of new House Speaker Tom Foley. D-Wash. Gingrich ordered the staffer to stop talking to the press. It wasn't until after outgoing House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas, called for an end to the "mindless cannibalism" of political infighting, Gingrich's wrath did not subside. He has been collecting dirt on Democrats for a year. When he initiated the investigation into Wright, he got letters from around the country containing allegations about members of other congresses. Even while Wright was pleading for an end to the backstabbing, Gingrich's staff was actively distributing those allegations to reporters.

Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta are syndicated columnists.

Our men in blue rake in the green with seat-belt tickets



Village Crier

Manches-ter's men in blue raked in the green this spring, while checking motorists for compliance with the state's seat-belt law.

Unfortunately, none of the \$15,708 in fines will go to Manchester's treasury, police spokesman Gary J. Wood said. But Manchester gets the satisfaction of meeting its enforcement objectives and keeping drivers and passengers safe, he said.

The state gets the money, even though the federal government paid the \$2,000 in overtime for three officers who enforced the law.

Wood said the federal grant was aimed specifically at drivers who don't buckle up their children.

From April 24 to May 13, Manchester police issued \$17 tickets to 924 motorists and 10 written warnings for less severe seat-belt offenses, Wood said.

"That seems like a lot of non-compliance," Wood said.

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During World War II's gasoline

Petitioning rights are fundamental

To the Editor:

Thank God for Roland Green — virtually a lifetime resident of Coventry who knows his town and has grown with it, keeping up to date on the close of the legislative process. He represents the down-to-earth, practical and "unspontaneous" people of our town. Down-to-earth and practical people are also knowledgeable.

To petition for the right to vote in private is a privilege and a fundamental right we cannot afford to lose. (Note: This is happening in China. They are giving their lives to win the precious rights and privileges of democracy.)

Yes, I have circulated petitions and I will continue to do so as long as I am able, so that we can vote on our town budget in private.

The irony of our Town Charter is that we must go to the polls to vote on an appropriation of \$100,000, but a \$4 million budget can come before a town meeting with less than 50 people who could make the decision on the budget) unless petitioned to referendum.

Can we cut the budget? I read we are prepared to pay a superintendent of schools up to \$75,000 to oversee four schools. Four principals with secretaries, a business manager, a director of pupil and staff support services — with an enrollment that has dropped from 1,706 in 1982 to 1,523.

Please call the chamber at your personal good wishes for a happy, peaceful retirement.

William R. Johnson
56 Weir St., Glastonbury

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Police also recorded 36 other violations during the seat-belt crackdown for drivers operating under suspension, operating without insurance and other violations. Wood said.

Two people approached by an officer for not wearing seat belts were arrested on drug charges after they panicked and police saw them try to pitch drug paraphernalia out of the car, Wood said.

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During World War II's gasoline

shortages, students were more likely to take a bus than a limousine, according to an item in the Herald in June 1940. Atkinson found it while looking through microfilm at the library.

Apparently a Herald reader had asked for an interpretation of the Office of Price Administration's regulation on driving to graduation exercises unless it is for the purpose of transporting a student who is going to graduate and only when there are no means of public transportation available for the student.

Rain cannot help Cubs weather Gooden storm

By Hillel Italie
The Associated Press

The Chicago Cubs can't seem to beat Dwight Gooden under normal conditions, so they hoped a little rain might help.

Pitching on a damp New York evening with the wind-chill in the 50s, Gooden blanked the Cubs on four hits in six innings and the Mets won 2-0 Wednesday night in game called by rain in the middle of the seventh.

Gooden struck out five and walked two in winning for the 18th time in 21 lifetime decisions against Chicago. He did not pitch the seventh due to stiffness in his right shoulder.

"It's nothing," Gooden said. "I just thought it was the wind or something."

"I thought maybe we'd get a shot at them when Doc left the game," Chicago manager Don Zimmer said.

Gooden, 22, complained of tightness early in the game and was given heat treatment. The second time he told trainer Steve Garland about the problem, Manager Dave Johnson took the pitcher out.

Rick Aguilera, who's allowed one earned run in his last 36

NL Roundup

innings, worked the seventh inning to get his fifth save. The Cubs' comeback chances were dashed when rain began in the seventh, forcing the game to be called after a delay of 1 hour, 48 minutes.

Giants 10, Braves 1: Don Robinson pitched a three-hitter for seven innings and helped himself with a run-scoring single as San Francisco won its fifth straight.

Robinson, 24, struck out five and walked one. Terry Mulholand pitched the eighth and Mike LaCoss finished for the Giants.

Derek Lilliquist, 44, took the loss for the Braves, who have dropped six in a row. Tracy Jones, Robby Thompson and Kirt Manwaring drove in two runs apiece for the Giants. Jones went 3-for-5, including a pair of doubles.

The Braves took a 1-0 lead when Jeff Treadway led off the game with his second home run. But the Giants scored four runs in the bottom of the inning off Lilliquist.

Pirates 6, Phillies 4: Andy Van Sluys drove in three runs with an RBI single in the bottom of the 1st. St. Louis broke the game open in the bottom of the third, sending

third inning and a two-run triple in a three-run seventh as Pittsburgh won for just the third time in 12 games.

John Smiley, 62, earned his first victory in three career decisions allowing four runs and seven hits in seven innings.

Bill Landrum pitched two scoreless innings for his second save, the 10th by Pirate relievers in 20 opportunities. In his last nine appearances, Landrum is 2-0 with two saves and a 0.00 ERA in 15 innings.

Philadelphia reliever Don Carmon dropped to 2-10.

Cardinals 10, Expos 0: Joe Magrane pitched a five-hitter for his second straight shutout and Milt Thompson went 4-for-5 with four runs scored as St. Louis snapped Montreal's four-game winning streak.

Magrane, 55, walked two, struck out one and was backed by three double plays as he extended his string of scoreless innings to 22. St. Louis had scored three fewer runs in seven of Magrane's eight previous starts.

Pedro Guerrero hit three RBI singles as the Cardinals won their third double play as he extended his string of scoreless innings to 22. St. Louis had scored three fewer runs in seven of Magrane's eight previous starts.

10 batters to the plate and chasing Kevin Gross, 65, who has lost 14 of 17 lifetime decisions against St. Louis.

Padres 4, Reds 2: Eric Show scattered 10 hits in 8 1/3 innings to become San Diego's all-time victory leader and Rob Nelson and Benito Santiago hit solo homers as the Padres snapped a seven-game losing streak.

Show, 74, earned his 33rd lifetime victory after failing three times, surpassing Randy Jones, who pitched for San Diego from 1973-88. Show walked three and struck out six.

Mark Davis got the last two outs for his 18th save, passing Cincinnati's John Franco for the major-league lead.

Dodgers 3, Astros 0: Orel Herschiser pitched a six-hitter and Kirk Gibson drove in three runs with a two-run homer and a bases-loaded groundout as Los Angeles won its fourth straight.

Herschiser, 35, struck out three and walked three for his 32nd career shutout and was backed by three double plays as he extended his string of scoreless innings to 22. St. Louis broke the game open in the bottom of the third, sending



CONGRATULATIONS — New York Mets' Len Dykstra receives congratulations from third base coach Sam Perlozzo after hitting his third home run of the season against Chicago Wednesday night at Shea Stadium. The Mets shut out the Cubs, 2-0.

National League will take another step toward expansion

By Doug Tucker
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The National League's ever-so-slow move to expansion is expected to take another tiny step at a meeting of major-league owners Wednesday.

Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti will ask owners today to approve a plan that would have a timetable for expansion announced following collective bargaining negotiations next winter, several baseball sources told The Associated Press on Tuesday and Wednesday.

If the owners approve, Giamatti will announce this today following a joint meeting of American League and National League owners.

The sources, who spoke separately on the condition that they would not be identified, said the plan was just another step on the road to a 14-team NL.

On Wednesday, the two leagues met among themselves and National League President Bill White unveiled his new three-man expansion committee and gave a report on plans to add teams.

"Things change," White said. "We're just another step on the road to a 14-team NL."

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Little League

Wednesday's results

AMERICAN LEAGUE — Firefighters trounced Army & Navy, 10-1, at Waddell Field. Norman DeLara doubled twice for the winners while Brandon Jones had two singles. Brian Pendleton and Jeff Blaschik each tripled while Adma Krueger also played well. For A&N, Jeff Czaja singled and doubled and played well defensively. Brian Loomis doubled.

NATIONAL — The Lawyers stayed in contention for a berth in the Town Tournament by nipping Ansaldi's 7-6 at Leber Field. Winning pitcher Brian Hinko ripped two singles while Peter Juliani ripped a game-winning RBI double and Adam Borofsky and Mike Gulliano hit safely for the Lawyers. Dave LaGuardia singled and tripled and knocked in two runs while Rich Frenetta, Paul Jendreszczyk, Pat Bell and Eric Daring hit well and Jason Philbin played well defensively for the Lawyers.

INT'L FARM — Sieffert Appliances defeated Epstein Realty, 19-9. For Sieffert's, Mike Hartnett homered and pitched well. Jesse Muldoon and Darren Delong also homered. Steve Atwell and Rob Roy also hit well. For Epstein, Steve Brown pitched well while Jeff Brown and Matt Cafaralla hit well.

NATIONAL FARM — The Lawyers nipped Hartford Road Dairy Queen, 8-7, at Verplanck Field. Seth Rattet scored the winning run for the offense while Ryan Oleschowski and Andy Demerski also played well. For DQ, Bob Ballard, Brett Dolan and Theresa Parker hit well while Mike Pemberton, Paul Soler, Richard Parker and Rob Daring also played well.

ROOKIES — Yankee Alumni defeated Police Union, 10-7. Brian Brannick knocked in four runs as the Yankees won their fourth straight game. David Sloan played well in the field. For Police Union, Brian Dyer and Charles Tripler hit well while Ryan Gallagher played well in the field.

'Old Timers' key to Rangers' sweep

By The Associated Press

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ATHLETICS 2, Royals 1: Dave Parker doubled home Tony Phillips with two out in the eighth inning. The victory prevented the Athletics from losing three games in a row for the first time since last August and ended the Royals' six-game winning streak.

Dave Stewart, 11-2, allowed seven hits in 7 2/3 innings and tied San Francisco's Rick Reuschel for the major-league lead in victories.

WHITE SOX 3, Indians 1: Jerry Reuss blanked Cleveland on three hits over seven innings as the Sox won their first series since mid-May.

Reuss, who turns 40 next Monday, won his fourth straight decision and his third straight start after four relief appearances. Bobby Thippen went the last two innings for his 12th save, yielding an unearned run in the ninth.

Blue Jays 6, Brewers 1: Pat Borders and Bob Brenly had two hits and two RBIs each and Dave Stieb held Milwaukee to four hits in seven innings as Toronto won its fourth straight. Stieb, who pitched 16 scoreless innings in two starts against Milwaukee last year, had a shutout until Terry Francona hit his second home run of the season in the fifth inning.

Borders gave the Blue Jays a 2-0 lead in the first with a two-run single off loser Bill Krueger. Toronto made it 3-0 in the third when Manny Lee tripled and Brenly singled.

Twins 10, Mariners 6: Brian Harper's two-run single capped a three-run rally in the seventh inning and gave Minnesota its fourth straight triumph. The Twins, who trailed 6-2 after six innings and then blew a 7-6 lead when Jay Buhner hit a two-run homer off Juan Berenguer in the top of the seventh, tied the game 9-9 on Kirby Puckett's leadoff homer off Seattle reliever Tom Niedenfuer. It was Puckett's first home run since April 28.

Jim Dwyer singled and was sacrificed to second by Gary Gaetti. Randy Bush was intentionally walked and the runners advanced on an infield out before Harper singled to break the tie.

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AL Roundup

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SCIENCE & HEALTH

Astronomers find likely 'brown dwarfs'

By Malcolm Ritter
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NEW YORK — Astronomers report they have found nine objects that may be "brown dwarfs," thought to be huge globs of gas that nobody has yet observed in a confirmed sighting.

Unlike the best previous candidates for being brown dwarfs, the new objects do not appear to be in orbit around stars. That bolsters the idea that brown dwarfs may help explain a key mystery of the cosmos, said William Forrest of the University of Rochester in New York.

Forrest spoke in a telephone interview before presenting the work today at a meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Ann Arbor, Mich.

He did the work with colleagues at his school, the University of Mass-

achusetts at Amherst and the University of Hawaii's Institute for Astronomy in Honolulu.

According to theory, brown dwarfs exist as lumps of gas that failed to become stars because they did not ignite the internal nuclear reaction that makes stars shine. They could still shine for a while because of energy created as the gas collapses under its own gravity.

Scientists are interested in brown dwarfs partly because they may help explain what is called the missing mass in the universe. Studies show that outer space contains more matter than scientists have observed, and nobody knows what form this missing mass takes. Part of it may be brown dwarfs.

Astronomers have generally looked for brown dwarfs in orbit around stars. But the new-found objects may

be free-floating instead, suggesting that brown dwarfs may be far more numerous than they could be as stellar orbiters, Forrest said.

So they may make up a significant part of the missing mass relatively close to the sun and perhaps beyond, he said.

If brown dwarfs exist, they would be hard to spot because they would be dim. Forrest and his colleagues looked toward an area where stars, and maybe brown dwarfs, are still forming, to catch brown dwarfs at their brightest.

They chose a region in the constellation Taurus, where young stars can be seen amid clouds of gas more than 400 light-years from Earth. A light-year is the distance light travels in a year, about 6 trillion miles.

Four of the new-found objects show the strongest evidence of being brown

dwarfs, based on the combination of their brightnesses and estimated age, Forrest said. Their motion across the sky suggests they lie within the Taurus clouds, making them perhaps about 1 million years old, he said.

The argument for the other five objects is based on their reddish colors. This evidence is "good, but it isn't really overwhelming," Forrest said.

The new-found objects appear to contain five times to 15 times the mass of Jupiter, the largest planet. Jupiter is 318 times as massive as Earth.

The evidence that they are free-floating rather than orbiting around stars comes from analyzing their apparent distances from nearby stars, Forrest said. Essentially, they tend to be farther away from the stars than one would expect if they were in orbit, he said.

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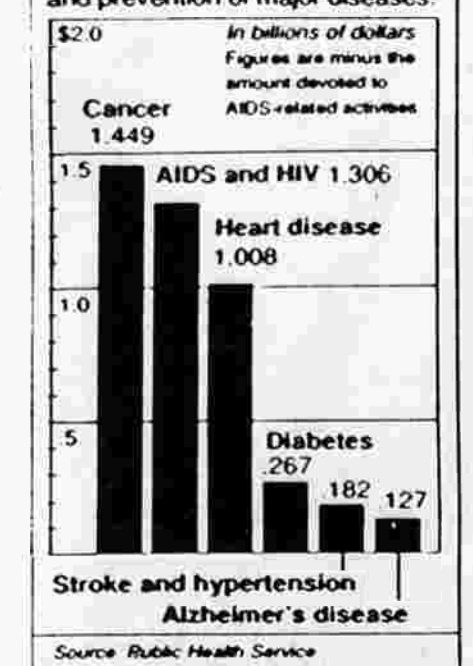
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Federal Funds

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DNA fingerprints can be flawed, researcher says

NEW YORK (AP) — A powerful forensic tool called DNA fingerprinting is unreliable in some court cases because no standards exist for the technique, a genetics researcher says.

"There is an urgent need for the scientific community to agree on clear guidelines for the procedures and standards needed to ensure reliable DNA fingerprinting," said Eric Lander.

Lander, of the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Mass., is writing a report on forensic DNA testing for the federal Office of Technology Assessment. He described his views in today's issue of the British journal Nature, and in a telephone interview.

Spokesmen for DNA fingerprinting laboratories agreed with the call for scientific standards, but said their labs already take steps to ensure accuracy.

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AIDS funds exceed heart study

BOSTON (AP) — The federal government is spending more to control AIDS than to conquer heart disease, which kills 20 times more Americans, but some critics contend it is still not enough.

A report today, described as the first to sum up the entire federal AIDS effort, found the government this year is spending \$2.2 billion on the epidemic, with more than half going to research and prevention. The figure will grow to \$4.3 billion in 1992.

"We were surprised to learn the extent to which so many different individuals and agencies were involved in AIDS efforts," said Dr. William Winkler, who directed the analysis. "The breadth of the effort by the federal government was greater than we thought it might be."

In an editorial published with the study in the New England Journal of Medicine, Dr. David E. Rogers of Cornell Medical College in New York

said he believes the nation is still spending "vastly too little" on AIDS. Rogers said he would like to see more spending on AIDS education for people at high risk of the disease, especially teen-agers, as well as disaster relief for cities severely hit by the epidemic. He also recommended even higher spending for basic research on the AIDS virus and new treatments and vaccines.

Dr. Sheldon Wolff of Tufts Medical School, co-chairman of a National Academy of Sciences review of federal AIDS efforts three years ago, agreed that the government should put more money into AIDS.

"We are not doing enough," he said. "Are we doing more? Hell yes, the federal government has responded, but belatedly, to AIDS."

The analysis shows that AIDS spending now makes up 10 percent of the total budget of the U.S. Public Health Service, which over-

sees government medical research, and by 1992 it will account for nearly 13 percent.

Spending on AIDS research, education and prevention is comparable to other diseases that "will continue to have a great effect on U.S. mortality," the report concluded.

Winkler, former AIDS coordinator of the Health Care Financing Administration, is now a physician with the Southeast Permanente Medical Group in Atlanta.

His report found that between 1982, when the epidemic began, and the end of this year, the federal government will have spent \$2.2 billion on illness caused by the AIDS virus.

This year alone, federal AIDS spending will total \$2.2 billion, or about 1 percent of all federal health expenditures. Of this, about \$1.3 billion will be spent for research and prevention. The disease will take about 35,000 lives.

HISTORIC EXPEDITION — Explorers Will Steger, left, and Jean-Louis Etienne stand at the bow of the ship, anchored at New York's South Street Seaport Friday. The two men will lead the first west-east traverse of Antarctica, a 4,000-mile trip that will take seven months by dog sled.

IN BRIEF

AIDS to infect soldiers

BOSTON (AP) — About 600 of the 770,000 active duty members of the U.S. Army will become infected with the AIDS virus each year, according to a study.

The estimate was based on repeated AIDS testing of soldiers, which found that 77 of every 100,000 acquires the AIDS virus annually.

When testing for AIDS infection became available in 1985, the military checked recruits as well as all of its current personnel. It found that 150 of every 100,000 soldiers already were infected.

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