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Social Security benefits to rise

Taxes going up, too

WASHINGTON (AP)—The nation's 38.9 million Social Security recipients will get a 4.7 percent benefit increase in January, the biggest boost in 7 1/2 years, the government said today.

The increase promises an extra \$25 a month for the average retired worker, who now receives \$541 a month, the Social Security Administration said today.

The maximum monthly benefit for a worker retiring in 1989 at age 65 will rise by \$76 to \$975.

The benefit increase, a cost-of-living adjustment designed to offset the effects of inflation over the past year, will be the biggest since Social Security started in 1937. It has risen automatically each year along with advances in the Consumer Price Index, except for six months in 1983 that were skipped to help Social Security stay afloat financially. In earlier years, benefits were increased sporadically by Congress.

The Social Security Commissioner Cleveland King said in a statement that the benefit increase would protect beneficiaries against the effects of rising prices.

Social Security's 39 million beneficiaries, including the elderly and disabled relying on fixed income, can rest assured their buying power will be maintained, Mrs. King said.

The Social Security Administration gave the following examples of how the 4.7 percent benefit increase will affect average monthly benefits.

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Strong aftershocks rattle Northern California area

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Three strong aftershocks rattled Northern California today as relief poured into the earthquake-devastated Bay area from throughout the world.

Workers dug into a 1/4-mile-long slab of collapsed freeway in Oakland with rising hopes that anyone might be alive. Authorities fear more than 270 people were killed, most in the highway cave-in.

There were signs of life slowly returning to normal. Power was restored in the city's Financial District early this morning, setting off thousands of alarms. Airports were open, and ferries from Southern California steamed north, bolstering the overburdened airway commuter fleet.

The third game of the World Series, which was within minutes of the opening pitch when the quake struck, was rescheduled for Tuesday at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

Still, many offices remained closed. The Bay Bridge, the lifeline that links Oakland and San Francisco, was expected to be closed at least one or two more weeks while a collapsed section is repaired.

An aftershock that measured 5.0 on the Richter scale of ground motion struck at 3:15 a.m. and was centered near Watsonville, 10 miles south of Santa Cruz, according to the state Office of Emergency Services.

"It was real strong," said Kelly Johnston, an admitting clerk at AMK Community Hospital in Santa Cruz. "I ran to the doorway. Most people were just standing there. Lozen."

"No one is really sleeping around here," Watsonville resident John Murphy said.

Two other aftershocks measured 4.5. The aftershocks collapsed the damaged steeple of a Watsonville church, and further damaged buildings in Santa Cruz, near the collapsed section of Tuesday's 6.9 quake, state officials said.

As of early today, more than 1,400 aftershocks were recorded. The strongest, 5.2 on the Richter scale, struck within 40 minutes of initial jolt, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

On Wednesday, BART, the Bay Area Rapid Transit subway system, was closed for a sleepless night. Lynchski had telephoned her around 8 p.m. Tuesday to tell her a quake had struck. The line went dead during the conversation, and it was not until 9 p.m. Wednesday that Gorsch was able to speak with her daughter and learn she was all right.

Richard Cushing, also of San Jose, said he had lived in Manchester until 1960, attending Manchester High School until part way through his junior year. He is the owner of an antique shop in the Willow Glen area of San Jose, and said that though some small items and some China was broken, most of the items in his shop remained intact.

Cushing said his sister Barbara Cushing lives in Santa Cruz, an area that was very hard hit. He said he had not been able to speak with her yet, but had heard through his parents that she escaped injury. He also was unable to leave a message on her telephone answering machine, indicating that power had been restored to her area.

Attempts to reach Barbara Cushing this morning were unsuccessful, because all telephone circuits were down.

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Consumer price growth moderates in September

WASHINGTON (AP)—Consumer prices in September rose an unexpectedly modest 0.2 percent, with most prices virtually unchanged except for a sharp rise in clothing costs, the government said today.

Energy prices, which had climbed sharply at the wholesale level, raising the expectation of an increase on the retail level, fell for the fourth consecutive month in September, the Labor Department said.

The report triggered an announcement that the nation's 38.9 million Social Security recipients will get a 4.7 percent benefit increase in January to offset the effects of inflation over the past year.

The cost-of-living increase is determined by comparing the Consumer Price Index in the July-September quarter with the same period of last year.

The average recipient will see his or her benefits increased by \$25 a month to \$566.

At the same time, the cap on Social Security payroll taxes will rise. Workers will have to pay tax on their first \$50,400 in wages, up from \$48,000.

Consumer prices rose at a high annual rate of 6.7 percent for the first five months of the year, driven up by rising gasoline prices.

However, the index has risen only 0.2 percent or remained flat in each of the last four months, bringing the annual rate down to 4.4 percent for the first three quarters, the same as the rate for all of 1988 and 1987.

Gasoline prices, down 2.2 percent in September, had declined 9.9 percent in August.

Fuel oil prices fell 0.2 percent last month after declining 0.9 percent in August.

However, analysts don't expect the trend to persist because crude-oil prices have been rising.

Food prices, which were surging earlier in the year, rose a moderate 0.2 percent last month, in part because of a 1.1 percent decline for fruits and vegetables.

Food and beverage prices, which showed up at a 9.3 percent annual rate through May, but fell to September's 4.7 percent.

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Lottery will choose students for new magnet school

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

Students who live outside the Nathan Hale School district can join a lottery to enter a new magnet school planned there.

Plans for the process of selecting which students attend the special focus program at the Nathan Hale School were announced at a meeting of the special focus study group Wednesday night.

The focus program, planned for implementation at the start of the next school year, will be a curriculum offering enhanced study in the areas of computer technology and foreign language.

The purpose of the program is to attract students from all parts of town to Nathan Hale elementary school to diversify the social and economic background of the school population. The Nathan Hale neighborhood is considered to be one of the most economically disadvantaged in town.

The coordinator of the program, Margery Bialek, said the program will be open to all students in Manchester, and about 100 spaces will be available in the initial year for students who do not live within the Nathan Hale school district.

Students who live in the district will automatically be placed in the program.

Students who live in other school districts and want to enter the program will be chosen by lottery, Bialek said.

Students who submit an application but are not selected, she said, will be put on a waiting list to enter the program. However, Bialek and school administrators are saying they do not anticipate more applications than vacancies for next year because parents may have doubts about a program that has not been tested here.

The focus study group also discussed plans for the design of the program. The only concrete decision made was to further review options, including which type of curriculum to purchase, which computer software would be necessary, how the program would be taught, and how they would be implemented into curriculum needs.

The general concept of the special focus school has been approved by the Board of Education, and the board has approved a budget guidelines which recommend about \$225,000 be set aside for the program.

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RECORD

About Town

1926 class reunion planned

The South Manchester High School class of 1926 will hold its 63rd reunion on Oct. 25 at the Manchester Country Club. The social hour begins at noon, with lunch at 1 p.m.

PTA to meet

The Martin School Parent-Teacher Association will meet on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the library. The officers for the PTA for the current academic year are: Presidents Sabina and Ray Vogt; Vice Presidents Mary Beth and David Moyer; Secretary Susan Costanzo; Treasurers Lynn and Roger Jacobs; and Executive Adviser Joyce Talbot.

Open house announced

There will be an Open House at the George Hersey Robertson School at 227 Cross St., Coventry, tonight beginning at 7:30 p.m. There will be a presentation, a tour of the facilities, refreshments and a musical interlude. For anyone who would like a ride to and from the school, call 742-7317.

Musical treat is Friday

The South United Methodist Church at 1226 Main St. in Manchester presents "A Musical Treat for Children of All Ages," with Linda Goodman and Julie Tricomb, Friday night at 7:30. A \$3 donation for adults and \$1 for children, or a maximum of \$8 per family is requested. The presentation is a part of the 1989/1990 Arts Series. For more information, call 647-9142.

School dedication is Sunday

The Cornerstone Christian School of the Church of the Nazarene at 236 Main St. will be dedicated at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Dr. William Greshouse, Mayor Peter DiRosa, and State Rep. James McCavagh will speak at the event.

Potluck supper is Friday

The Girls' Friendly Society Sponsors of St. Mary's Episcopal Church will hold a potluck supper on Friday at 6 p.m. at the parish hall. Each member is asked to bring a covered dish. The desserts and beverages will be served by members of the event's committee.

Nursery open house tonight

Blue Shutter Play and Learn School, a nursery school for children ages 3 to 5, will have a Parents' Open House tonight at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity Covenant Church. Teachers will be on hand, and there will be a presentation relating the history of the school and its objectives. For more information about the open house or the school, call 643-7277 for information.

Honors dinner announced

The Temple Beth Shalom's Sisterhood Donor Dinner will honor the members who contribute to the welfare of the greater community through their work on the Temple Beth Shalom Social Action Committee. The honorees are: Devora Caspi, Sandy Dashesky, Shirley Juran, Deanna Katz, Sonia Palcos, Donna Rubin, Eileen Stern and Irene Tabasky. The event will take place on Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Temple Beth Shalom. The entertainment will be provided by Ellen Shari Cohen, Hart School of Music Cantorial Singer.

Flag burning is Sunday

A flag burning program will be conducted by the Post 102 American Legion, 20 American Legion Dr., on Sunday. Old and torn flags will be disposed of properly at this time. The public is invited to watch this colorful program. All old and torn flags may be turned in to the post.

Public Meetings

Public meetings scheduled for tonight:

Manchester

Board of Directors public comment session, Directors office in the municipal building, 6:30 p.m.
Building Committee, Municipal Building coffee room, 7:30 p.m.
Fair Rent Commission, Lincoln Center hearing room, 7:30 p.m.

Bolton

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

Lottery

Winning numbers drawn Wednesday in New England:
Connecticut daily: 045; Play Four: 3428.
Massachusetts daily: 1308.
Massachusetts Megabucks: 1, 3, 9, 14, 18, 29.
Tri-state (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont) daily: 837, 0455.
Rhode Island daily: 6404.

Weather

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Temperature extremes for today:
Highest on record, 82, set in 1963.
Lowest on record, 18, set in 1974.

Adopt a pet: Ernie awaits

By Barbara Richmond
Manchester Herald

The dog pound is quiet this week. There were only two dogs there, as of Tuesday. This week's featured pet is Ernie, a male golden retriever cross.



Ernie

Ernie was found roaming by the overpass on Exting Street on Oct. 6. He's golden color and white and has a nice disposition. He is about 1 year old.

The only other dog at the pound was Heidi, the friendly little mixed breed female, featured last week in the column. Heidi is about 4 years old, is black and tan, and was found on Hollister Street on Sept. 29. She was wearing a light-colored collar when found.

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.

The phone number at the pound is 643-6462. If there is no answer call the police department, 643-6455.

There is a \$5 fee to adopt a dog and the new owner must have the dog licensed. Before being licensed the dog must have a rabies shot.

Aid to Helpless Animals Inc., a volunteer organization, has many cats and kittens in need of good homes.

This week's featured feline is a handsome black cat called Midnight. He is temporarily being boarded at the home of one of the volunteers of the organization.

Police Roundup

Son is arrested on charges of embezzling from father

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

A Manchester man has been charged with embezzling more than \$1,600 from his former employer, his father.

Marc R. Leduc, 27, of 52 Karen Drive, was working last year as a bill collector for his father's electrical contracting company, Leducou Corp., while the two crimes for which he was charged occurred, according to the affidavit for his arrest.

The affidavit says that in May of this year Manchester police received a complaint from Leducou's father, Robert Leducou, owner of the Spring Street company. He told police that his son, while collecting bills, would tell the customers to make their checks payable to him, and then he would cash the checks.

On at least two occasions the son did this without turning the money in to the company, according to Robert Leducou's statement in the affidavit. The father provided evidence to police of the two incidents last year, one occurring Nov. 17 and the other Dec. 15. The checks in the two cases were reportedly for \$800 and \$1,871.58.

Police verified with the company's bookkeeper, Mary Holland, that the money paid to Marc Leducou on the two occasions was not forwarded to the company.

Holland said today that she became aware the money was not being turned in to the company after Marc Leducou was fired by his father in March. She had called the two customers to tell them the company had no record of receiving payment for the work.

The customers contended that they had already paid and one presented a cancelled check paid to Marc Leducou.

Robert Leducou told police he confronted his son with the allegations, and his son admitted embezzling the money, saying he had done wrong and would have to be punished, according to the affidavit.

On Sept. 29, Marc Leducou was arrested and charged with fourth-degree larceny for the incident involving the \$800 check and third-degree larceny for the \$1,871.58 check. He appeared in Manchester Superior Court Wednesday for a pre-trial hearing, but the case was continued to Nov. 1.

The funeral will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Salvation Army Citadel, 661 Main St. Burial will be in the New Hebron Cemetery, Calling hours are Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Bacon Funeral Home, 71 Prospect St., Williamstown.

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LOCAL & STATE

Faulty alarms targeted

By James F. Henry
Manchester Herald

BOLTON — Too many people have been calling the emergency 911 number at the state police barracks in Colchester and hanging up, selectmen say.

First Selectman Robert Morra also said Tuesday that the state police have had to respond to many false alarms triggered by home security systems. As a result, the board is considering advocating a bylaw that would force home owners with faulty alarm systems to fix the systems or face fines.

Selectman James C. Veitch said most of the time the home security systems work well, but people using them inadvertently set them off. Morra echoed his sentiments, saying, "Once you get the bugs out of the system, you've got to get the bugs out of the people."

If a bylaw was adopted, it would target homeowners whose systems trigger multiple false alarms.

On the 911 issue, Selectman Carl Press said that many of the calls come from phones at town parks.

When a call comes in on the 911 system, automatically the address from the location of the call appears on a computer screen so the police know exactly where all calls are coming from.

Press said if it can be determined there are numerous calls coming from a park when it is being used by a specific group, that group should be forced to stop the pranks or possibly lose the privilege of using the park.

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FAIR PREPARATION — Yvonne Lemire, left of 25 House Drive, Barbara Reale of 204 Hawthorne St., and Annamay Pibokki of 161 McKee St. prepare for the Christmas Boutique to be held by the Daughters of Isabella Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. at the Lithuanian Hall on Golway Street.

Access plan for hall gets panel's approval

By Alex Girelli
Manchester Herald

A plan to provide access for people with disabilities to the stage in Cheney Hall was approved by a subcommittee from the Cheney Hall Foundation Wednesday and will be recommended to other agencies soon.

The approved plan calls for building a small addition to the hall on the east side to accommodate two lifts, one that will provide access from the street level to the main floor and to the basement and one that will provide access from the main floor to the stage.

The plan must now get the approval of the Cheney Hall Foundation and the City of Manchester. The Cheney Hall Foundation has been unable to proceed with interior renovation of the hall because of an impasse over the question of access to the stage for people with disabilities.

On Aug. 11, police recovered the abandoned car, valued at \$5,400, from the Mill Pond Condominiums on Prospect Street.

Martinez is scheduled to appear in Manchester Superior Court Monday. He is being held on a \$5,000 non-surety bond.

Schwolsky said he feels the clarification invites abuses. Carol Shanley, executive director of the authority, said it is sometimes difficult to verify the claims of applicants.

The authority has already appealed to U.S. Rep. Barbara Kennelly for help in getting a change in the law. Members decided Wednesday to ask Kennelly if they should also seek help from Connecticut's senators.

In other action Wednesday, the authority unanimously re-elected Ada Sullivan chairman and John FitzPatrick vice-chairman, for one-year terms.

Both have served five previous terms.

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That show is scheduled for the weekend of Nov. 3.

More than half of the exhibit space has been committed to companies displaying building products, computers, electronic gaming, cosmetics, leisure time activities and financial planning opportunities.

A large portion of the show also will be dedicated to new automobiles, including a collection of antique and classic automobiles.

Hot air balloons will fly through the weekend and entertainment will feature specialties for children and a troupe, which will shuttle people throughout the town's historic district.

For more information, contact the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce at 646-2223.

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By James F. Henry
Manchester Herald

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Mark McLaughlin, a reporter for New England Business Magazine, was one of the featured speakers at the conference. He emphasized early in his speech that he is not a child-care expert, but is a "professional observer" as a reporter.

"Day care is probably the dominant benefits issue for the 1990's," McLaughlin said.

He added that it is an issue that affects both families and American businesses.

McLaughlin said day care is not just a woman's issue and not just an issue of concern to large employers.

"It's emerged as a result of profound changes in the make-up of the American labor force during the past 30 years, and therefore, in my opinion it is neither a trend nor a phase...but a permanent change in the way the American work force is composed," McLaughlin said.

McLaughlin said that the massive influx of women into the work force over the past 30 years could have a similar impact on the business scene as did the massive flow of immigrants that helped to fuel the Industrial Revolution in this country.

He said that because most families have two sources of income, it is a necessity instead of a luxury and that day care must become a national priority.

The conference featured representatives from many business and governmental agencies. The mayor's study for day care and latch-key kids sponsored the event and that committee is chaired by Joseph Hachey.

Before the start of the conference at 1 p.m., Hachey said some people still believe that the majority of families in America have a traditional structure, where the father makes money, and the mother stays at home.

That, according to experts, is a fallacy. A report for American Telephone & Telegraph Co. titled "Investing in Quality Child Care" that was handed out at the conference stated that in 1986, 63 percent of mothers with children under the age of 18 were working, and that figure is expected to continue to rise. The report compared that percentage to 8.6 percent of mothers in the work force with children under 18 in 1940.

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EARTHQUAKE

Disaster followed by an 'incredible coming together'



AFTERMATH — Fires fed by broken gas lines rage behind propped-up buildings.



FIRE! — Firefighters pour water on burning buildings.



ALIVE — Quake survivors comfort one another at a Red Cross shelter.



RESCUED — Survivor is carried from the rubble of a building.



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**By Rich Cariani
The Associated Press**

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The amendment came under renewed attack Wednesday when three Democrats who are Vietnam veterans, Sens. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, John F. Kerry of Massachusetts and Tom Harkin of Iowa, took to the floor to denounce it.

"My first reaction was to see if we could take those people who burned the flag and strip them of their citizenship," Harkin said. "... there's a difference between America and North Vietnam, there's a difference between America and China — and that difference is freedom."

Republican sponsors said the measure would end once and for all the controversy over whether laws against flag-burning are unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court in June threw out the conviction of Texas flag-burner Gregory Lee Johnson, ruling that his freedom of speech had been violated. Within days Bush called for a constitutional amendment.

The House approved last week and sent to the president a bill that would ban flag-burning by simple statute. Bush said he would allow it to become law without his signature and vowed to press on for the amendment.

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Krenz promises a 'new course'

But opposition to have no say

BERLIN (AP) — East Germany's new leader, 52-year-old Egon Krenz, promised a "new course" in a speech to the nation Wednesday to succeed his hard-line mentor, Erich Honecker, who had ruled the country for 18 years and overseen construction of the Berlin Wall.

Honecker, 77, said he stepped down because of health reasons, but rising public dissatisfaction with his authoritarian rule had fueled pressure for his resignation.

The far-left Greens Party in West Germany called the leadership change "old wine in new bottles."

Krenz has a reputation as a conservative opposed to reforms such as those under way in Hungary and Poland.

West German politicians and news commentators suggested the choice of Krenz was transitional, until next year's East German Communist Party congress considers the nation's future course.

During a recent visit to Beijing, Krenz expressed doubts that Chinese leaders had troops crush the student-led democracy movement in June, killing hundreds of unarmed civilians.

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He hinted that rigid restrictions on travel abroad could be modified or lifted. The difficulty of getting permission to travel outside the

country has been a chief complaint.

The new leader also attacked West German officials for what he called meddling in East Germany's internal affairs. Bonn does not recognize East Germany and offers automatic citizenship to East Germans.

Krenz called on his countrymen not to flee, as so many young skilled workers have this year, but to work for improvements at home.

"These wounds will smart for a long time," he said of the exodus. "But if we steadfastly address ourselves to the causes, perhaps we can make those who are considering leaving reconsider."

Two other Politburo members who had been heavily criticized within the party also lost their jobs Wednesday, the state-run news agency ADN said.

U.S. accuses Shamir of hindering

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even while asserting it seeks no confrontation with Israel, the Bush administration is accusing Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of hindering Middle East peace efforts with unhelpful and disappointing remarks.

Meanwhile, in another development, a U.S. official said PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat had sent word to the State Department that he did not intend to apply for a visa to attend a U.N. General Assembly debate next month on the Middle East.

Intermediaries had informed Arafat that seeking entry would be "controversial" and then word came back that he did not intend to ask for a visa, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Reagan administration last year denied Arafat a visa and said they could be reignited.

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U.S. officials insisted their overriding goal was to arrange talks between Israel and Palestinian Arabs. That effort is running into roadblocks in Jerusalem and also within the Palestine Liberation Organization, which rejects it outright.

In a speech delivered Wednesday night to a gathering of fundamentalist Christians in Jerusalem, Shamir again went on the offensive.

"This is our land from the dawn of history, and it will be so always," he said. "We will not be pushed or pressured."

The prime minister, in a closed meeting Tuesday with legislators from his Likud political coalition, said Israel might be "entering a period of tension with the United States," Israel Radio reported.

He also said the battle is hard. It's a miracle that thus far we have held our own against the world where no element supports our position."

Shamir again rejected Secretary of State James A. Baker III's attempt to arrange negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians in Cairo prior to holding elections. Shamir said the meeting would be a trap to make Israel "slide into recognition of a Palestinian state."

The prime minister also was quoted as saying Israel was without friends in the United States.

Baker's spokeswoman, Margaret Tutwiler, described that remark as "judicious" and added: "The United States and Israel are good friends and good allies and have been for many, many years, and that's very well known."

Asked about Shamir's other remarks, the spokeswoman read this prepared statement:

"We've said all along that all sides should refrain from statements that make it harder to advance the peace process. The statement he made yesterday was unhelpful and

we are disappointed.

"We are not looking for a fight or a confrontation with Israel. Everyone knows that. Our only purpose is to help the government of Israel to advance its own peace initiative."

However, Ms. Tutwiler said that Baker did not mention Shamir's criticism of U.S. strategy on election day, during a long telephone conversation with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens.

"If this was such a burning issue with Secretary Baker, it seems to me it would have been the first thing he brought up this morning on the phone," Tutwiler said. "I am telling you it did not come up once."

Ms. Tutwiler also had some criticism for the PLO, whose Central Council on Monday rejected Baker's five-point plan for Israeli-Palestinian talks.

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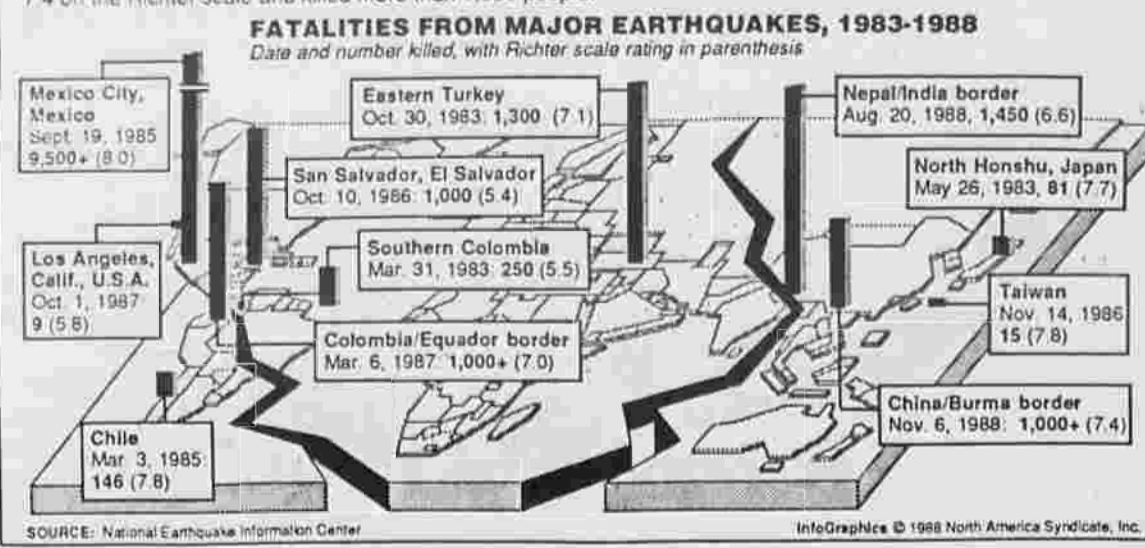
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World earthquake deaths since 1983

In the past five years there have been 11 major earthquakes in 10 countries that have taken lives and caused extensive damage. The largest, in Mexico City, registered 8.0 on the Richter scale, killing at least 9,500 people and leaving another 100,000 homeless. The Nov. 6, 1988, earthquake on the China/Burma border registered 7.4 on the Richter scale and killed more than 1,900 people.



Quake

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metropolitan area, a region of more than 6 million people.

Besides the commuters crushed in the freeway collapse, at least 21 people died in San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties. State officials said 1,400 people were injured throughout the Bay area, although hospitals said they treated 2,750 people, many for chest pains.

In Santa Cruz, closest to the quake's epicenter, police arrested at least five people Wednesday night after distraught friends of a woman missing in the rubble marched to protest authorities' decision to stop searching for her. Several buildings in the city's historic downtown districts were destroyed.

San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos said the quake caused \$2 billion worth of destruction in his city alone.

President Bush, sharply criticized in South Carolina for his response to Hurricane Hugo, quickly declared the San Francisco region a disaster area and directed an initial \$273 million in relief efforts. White House officials said he would tour the area Friday.

More relief began to flow in from places as far afield as South Carolina, Japan and Great Britain. Israel and France offered to send disaster teams experienced in finding victims trapped beneath wreckage.

Officials in Los Alamos, N.M., dispatched a device used to locate survivors of last year's earthquake in Soviet Armenia.

Hope was fading, however, that anyone would be found alive

Residents

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going into the area were tied up. Amateur radio operators in Connecticut have been used as messengers to contact families and friends in California, according to a representative from the American Radio Relay League in Newington.

Luck Harder, the deputy manager of the Field Services Department for the league, which has its world headquarters in Newington, said, however, it is impossible to know how many requests for radio assistance have come from people in the Manchester area. Harder said the league never asks for names or addresses of people requesting assistance.

Hurder said that though the number of calls for assistance is high now, it could be much more busy. He said, for example, that while Hurricane Hugo was devastating everything in its path recently, it was much more busy because many of the people being contacted were in other countries. He said that because this earthquake happened in the United States, there are alternative means of communications.

Donald Moore, an amateur radio operator in Bloomfield, said he heard a message being sent from West Hartford to northern California Wednesday, and he has also sent a message himself. He also said that he expects the radio traffic to pick up tonight, because it is still relatively early in the post-earthquake period, and if people in Manchester area request assistance, the league would help them for free.

Elaine Sweet, the director of the Connecticut Valley Eastern Branch of the American Red Cross, said this morning that there has been a moratorium placed on releasing disaster-related information until the American Red Cross branches in the area affected by the quake can get back up and running. Until then, the local Red Cross is taking names and phone numbers from people who want more information, and as soon as the moratorium is lifted, people will receive phone calls. Sweet said this moratorium is standard procedure with natural disasters.

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Benefits

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—Aged couple, both getting benefits: up \$43 to \$966.
—Widowed mother and two children: up \$53 to \$1,173.
—Aged widow living alone: up \$24 to \$522.
—Disabled worker, spouse and children: up \$44 to \$975.
—All disabled workers: up \$24 to \$555.

The 4.7 percent benefit increase also applies to the nation's 4.5 million recipients of Supplemental Security Income, which provides a minimum income floor for poor people who are aged, blind or disabled.

Of the 38.9 million people receiving monthly Social Security benefits, 62 percent are retired workers, 7 percent are disabled workers and 31 percent are spouses or children of retired, disabled or deceased workers.

Benefit payments, which now

total about \$230 billion a year, are expected to rise by \$11 billion in 1990 because of the cost-of-living increase.

Other changes for 1990 announced today include: —Beneficiaries aged 65-69 will be able to earn up to \$9,360 a year without losing some or all of their Social Security benefits, up from \$8,880 this year.

Beneficiaries under 65 will be able to earn \$6,840 a year without penalty, up from \$6,400.

—Workers will need to earn \$520 for a quarter of coverage, up from \$500.

Man steals bus in Springfield

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SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Police say a Westfield man was being held by Connecticut authorities after allegedly making off with a passenger bus from the Springfield Bus Terminal and leading police on a two-state chase.

Raymond A. Moore, 31, was arrested after the bus crashed into an embankment in Windsor Locks, Conn., and is scheduled to be arraigned later today, Connecticut state police said.

Springfield Police Capt. Gerald Foley said Moore drove off with the Greyhound bus, parked at the Main Street terminal with the keys inside about 3:45 a.m. today. No other passengers were on the bus.

On pulling out of the terminal, he named three cars, causing minor damage, and then cruised around downtown streets trailed by police before heading south into Connecticut on Interstate 91, Foley said.

"It was a low-speed chase downtown," Foley said. "He couldn't get it out of low gear or couldn't release the emergency brake so he couldn't get the bus over 15 miles-an-hour."

Once the bus reached the interstate, however, the driver apparently either got the bus into gear or the brake burned out, Foley said. And the bus reached speeds of 70 miles an hour as it headed towards Bradley International Airport with Connecticut state police and other departments in pursuit, Foley said.

"Finally the rear engine on the bus caught fire and he failed to negotiate a curve near the airport and ran up a grassy embankment and came to a stop," Foley said.

Inflation

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member climbed at only a 1.7 percent rate.

Also down last month were coffee, 2.7 percent, and fats and oils and nonalcoholic beverages.

However, the index for dairy products jumped 1.4 percent, the largest monthly increase since May 1980.

Clothing prices, after falling in the three previous months, rose 1.7 percent in September. Apparel for women and girls, reflecting the introduction of new fall and winter fashions, were up 3.6 percent.

The various changes left the overall Consumer Price Index at 125.0 in September, meaning that a hypothetical selection of goods and services costing \$100 in the 1982-84 base period would have cost \$125 last month.

The Social Security benefit increase is based on a narrower index that reflects costs for urban wage earners and clerical workers. That index was 123.6.

School

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firm with the state Board of Education that it is legal to have a special focus program as long as it is open to all students. A question of whether or not the schools are considered a form of segregation was raised at a school committee meeting early this month.

A presentation of the program will be made to the school board at its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Highland Park Elementary School. The special focus group will meet again on Nov. 29.

Blaesock said the group has to develop a specific design for the program by February, when she will begin recruiting prospective students by visiting Manchester elementary schools.

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SPORTS



AFTER THE PUCK — Hartford's Kevin Dineen, right, and Buffalo's Dave Snuggerd battle for the puck during second-period action Wednesday night at the Civic Center. Dineen helped set up the Whalers first score.

Liut looking like the Whalers' best

By Len Auster
Manchester Herald

HARTFORD — Any plans Hartford Whaler fans and management, had of saying goodbye to veteran Mike Liut may have to be put on the back burner for a long, long time.

Liut, in his third impressive game in as many outings, stopped 24 of 25 shots and Sylvain Cote got the game-winning shot with 3:11 left as the Whalers nipped the Buffalo Sabres, 2-1, Wednesday night in an Adams Division matchup at the Civic Center.

Liut, 33, going into the game was the third-leading goalie in the NHL in goals against average (2.02), and in save percentage (.922).

"Liut played very, very well again," Whaler coach Rick Ley said. "He's had three starts and played excellent."

The win puts the Whalers at 3-4 heading into tonight's game at Madison Square Garden against the New York Rangers. Liut says the win was important twofold.

"Our home record (2-3) hasn't been good this year. Hopefully this is a good solid effort throughout, the ice can put us on the right track."

Cote's game-winning, his first goal of the season, offset a Mike Ramsey deflection that tied it for Buffalo (3-3-1) with 4:45 to go to mar another otherwise superb Liut effort.

Ramsey's goal from the right point hit off a Whaler defenseman. "It was coming right into me. I had dropped my hand to my waist. But 15 feet out a defenseman tried to knock it down with his knee."

"He knocked it straight down, and I just didn't react to the misdirection," Liut calmly detailed.

Liut was sharp in the second period, particularly on a late Sabre power play. He made a terrific chest save on a blast from the top of the circle by Alexander Mogily with plenty of traffic in front of the Whaler cage. That was Liut's best save of the period.

"I'm happy with the effort man to man," Ley said, "but I think we can play better," he quickly added.

"At crucial times we could have broken their back with a goal here or there. But I'm proud the way the boys hung in there and came back after they tied it. We came back and scored, and that's a good sign," Ley said on the last outcome.



OUT IN FRONT — Whaler goalie Mike Liut is back in his net as he keeps a sharp eye on the puck and Buffalo's Kevin Maguire during action Wednesday night. Hartford's Sylvain Cote (21), who got the game-winner, also looks on.

got loose from his man and blasted it home.

"I saw Jody and Ron working hard behind the net. I was looking for the puck and found myself in front of the net. I had time to shoot it had and slapped it in and it went in," Cote detailed.

"It's a little disappointing just in front of the net. I had time to shoot it had and slapped it in and it went in," Cote detailed.

Verbeck picked up the puck and curled it in under fallen Buffalo goalie Daren Puppa. It was his fifth goal of the year.

Puppa, who was almost Liut's equal with 27 saves, led the league with a 1.94 GAA in five games. He was unbeaten (3-0-1) coming in.

Liut, battling to be on of the two Whaler goalies after the three-headed monster is decided, said he still isn't going to make too much of his early success.

"If it didn't turn out well the first three games, I wasn't going to let

that deter me either," he said. "It was a good play game from the last outcome."

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"That's a tough call," former scratches were Joel Quenneville, Brian Lawton, Chris Govordaris, Marc Lalonde and Kay Whitmore. It was the fourth time in seven games this year that Quenneville, an assistant captain a year ago, has not dressed. . . Fan balloting for the 1990 NHL All-Star game to be played in Pittsburgh began Wednesday night. . . Bouger left the game with a mild sprained knee in the second period. . . Following tonight's game, the Whalers return to the Civic Center Saturday night to take on the Detroit Red Wings. . . Attendance was 11,761. . . Hartford was a feeble 0-for-5 on the power play while Buffalo was 0-for-2.

Liut, battling to be on of the two Whaler goalies after the three-headed monster is decided, said he still isn't going to make too much of his early success.

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Liut, in his third impressive game in as many outings, stopped 24 of 25 shots and Sylvain Cote got the game-winning shot with 3:11 left as the Whalers nipped the Buffalo Sabres, 2-1, Wednesday night in an Adams Division matchup at the Civic Center.

Liut, 33, going into the game was the third-leading goalie in the NHL in goals against average (2.02), and in save percentage (.922).

"Liut played very, very well again," Whaler coach Rick Ley said. "He's had three starts and played excellent."

The win puts the Whalers at 3-4 heading into tonight's game at Madison Square Garden against the New York Rangers. Liut says the win was important twofold.

"Our home record (2-3) hasn't been good this year. Hopefully this is a good solid effort throughout, the ice can put us on the right track."

Cote's game-winning, his first goal of the season, offset a Mike Ramsey deflection that tied it for Buffalo (3-3-1) with 4:45 to go to mar another otherwise superb Liut effort.

Ramsey's goal from the right point hit off a Whaler defenseman. "It was coming right into me. I had dropped my hand to my waist. But 15 feet out a defenseman tried to knock it down with his knee."

World Series is put on hold

By Jim Donaghy
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Life in the Bay Area will go on and so will the World Series.

Baseball officials wrestled on Wednesday with the question of whether to finish the Series between San Francisco and Oakland after a powerful earthquake caused death and destruction in northern California 31 minutes before the scheduled start of Game 3 on Tuesday.

During a news conference on Wednesday morning, Commissioner Fay Vincent announced there would be no game Wednesday night.

Vincent met with representatives of both teams, city officials and ABC-TV, and decided not to play baseball before next Tuesday.

"We just had a long discussion," Vincent said. "It's becoming clear to Major League Baseball that our issue is a modest one. There will be no baseball before next Tuesday."

Vincent said that before Game 3 would be played at Candlestick Park, he would need the approval of San Francisco city officials.

"I don't think cancellation of the Series is appropriate," Vincent said. "Right now, we're hopeful we'll be able to play next week."

If possible, Games 3, 4, and 5 would be played at Candlestick Park next Tuesday through Thursday. The A's hold a 2-0 lead in the best-of-7 Series.

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For awhile, they will not be the Bay Area's top priority. Right now, it's just survival.

The World Series game in San Francisco since 1962.

The Oakland A's were missing around the third-base side, and the Giants warmed up near the first-base dugout.

In center field, a band was playing and hundreds of red, white and blue balloons were set to be released above Candlestick.

"Dusty Baker yelled, 'Earthquake!' But I thought it was a joke," Giants catcher Terry Kennedy said. "I thought he was trying to break the tension."

But in an instant, the Giants catcher knew something was very wrong.

"I looked at the first base dugout and it was moving," Kennedy said. "Then I felt the ground rattle."

The word came quickly that part of the Bay Bridge had collapsed and people had died.

"The World Series means nothing now," Kennedy said. "I'm sick about this. The people of the area waited forever to see the Giants and A's in the World Series and this happens."

The World Series was played through World Wars I and II and the Great Depression.

The NFL played a full schedule of games two days after President Kennedy was shot to death in Dallas, and in 1981, the NCAA played basketball game and the day President Reagan was shot.

The show always seems to go on.

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John Lind, the stadium manager at Candlestick Park, said minor repairs could be made by next week.

"We have found no major structural damage," Lind said. "There are some minor repairs and cleanup. From the city standpoint, this is not of the highest priority."

The earthquake, measured at 6.9 on the Richter scale, resulted in more than 270 deaths and hundreds of injuries.

It was the worst quake in the Bay area since 1906, when it was an estimated 8.3 on the Richter.

The Bay began the task of recovery on Wednesday, and baseball didn't want to get in the way.

"We will not play while this community is in a state of recovery, while the hunt for victims goes on," Vincent said.

Last Wednesday night, much of San Francisco was still without electricity and water. Businesses were closed and people were told not to come into the city.

The Marina district was hardest hit, and hundreds of tourists gathered to see what an earthquake can do.

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High School Roundup

MHS girls win, set stage for showdown with SW

What was believed to be an afternoon practice session, turned into a varsity soccer game for the Manchester High girls' soccer team. The Indians were heading out Wednesday for practice, only to see Windham High's bus arrive — one day early for a makeup game that had been rescheduled.

"With the forecast (for Thursday) what it was, thanks to Mike Simmons, Karen Dietterle and Steve Mensehell, we were able to play without sending Windham back to Williamstown without a match," noted Manchester coach Joe Erardi. The game itself was almost as easy as a practice with the Indians blanketing the Whippets, 8-0, at Memorial Field.

A junior varsity referee and Dave Doonan, who was called at the last minute, handled the whistle tooting duties.

Manchester is now 10-0 in the CCC East, 11-0 overall, and has a showdown Friday at second-place South Windsor High at 3:30 p.m.

"Our league title will be determined on Friday at South Windsor. We will hopefully be prepared and ready to defend our title," Erardi said. "South Windsor is truly a super team with tremendous desire to beat us. It should be a great match."

Eight different players did the scoring for Manchester with Sharon Fish, Kathy Cumberbatch, Darlene Johns, Jessica Marquar, Patti Hornbostel, Julie Holmes, Meg Berie and Karen Ratanakoun each nailing a goal.

Windham drops to 4-6 with the loss.

Simmons set up both fields for the varsity and junior varsity games in 20 minutes, Dietterle handled the timing, and Mensehell, the assistant varsity coach, refereed the JV clash.

Manchester 8 4-0-3
Windsor 6 4-6-3
Scoring: M. Fish, Cumberbatch, Johns, Marquar, Hornbostel, Holmes, Berie, Dietterle
Saves: M. Malesky (Manchester), F. Fisher (Windsor), W. Keenan (Windsor)

Coventry deadlocks with Cromwell

COVENTRY — It was a defensive-minded match between homespun Coventry High and Cromwell High in Charter Oak Conference boys' soccer action Wednesday afternoon.

A goal by Jeff Rheault with 16 minutes left gave the Patriots a 1-1 tie.

Coventry, which will host RHM Friday at 3:30 p.m., is now 5-1-2 in the COC and 6-2-3 overall. Cromwell is also 5-1-2 in the league and 8-1-2 overall.

"Both defenses played well," Coventry coach Bob Plaster said. "We're really not able to finish."

In Brief . . .

Patriot, 49ers' site unsettled

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Officials of the San Francisco 49ers will meet Thursday with structural engineers to determine if their NFL game on Sunday against the New England Patriots can be played at Candlestick Park.

The stadium sustained some damage in Tuesday night's earthquake which rocked northern California, killing hundreds and forcing postponement of the World Series between the San Francisco Giants and Oakland Athletics until at least next Tuesday at Candlestick.

49ers vice president John McVay said Candlestick is the first choice for the game on Sunday but Stanford Stadium in Palo Alto is the second choice and a third alternative is to switch the game to Sullivan Stadium in Foxboro, Mass., the Patriots' home field.

It was announced Wednesday night that an inspection by 17 structural engineers and two architects had determined that Candlestick had not sustained any major structural damage and needed only minor repairs and a cleanup.

Mills is not eligible

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The NCAA ruled that Arizona basketball transfer Chris Mills was not eligible to play this season, saying he voluntarily left Kentucky without attempting to restore his eligibility there.

Arizona coach Lute Olson said that despite his disappointment, the school will not challenge the decision. Mills was at the center of controversy that led to the NCAA's investigation of Kentucky after a package of letters sent by an assistant coach to Claude Mills fell open at an express delivery office, reportedly with \$1,000 in cash.

Tway leads Disney golf

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Bob Tway took three tournament records, tied another and equaled the best score on the PGA Tour this year with an 11-under-61 in the first round of the Disney Classic.

Tway, who has missed the cut in six of his past 11 tournaments, made nine birdies and an eagle to take a four-shot lead over Paul Azinger, Tim Simpson, Ted Schulz and Mike Donald.

Espinosa wins boxing title

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Lusita Espinosa of the Philippines knocked out Thailand's Khakor Galaxy in the first round to win the World Boxing Association bantamweight title.



AFTER THE BALL — The weather was a lot better when Manchester High and South Windsor High girls' soccer first met at Memorial Field on Sept. 26. The first and second-place teams in the CCC East Division meet Friday in South Windsor with the league title at stake. In the first game, Manchester's Meg Berie, left, has control of the ball while the Bobcats' Carolyn Wogelius (14) and the Indians' Jen Brindisi (7) look on. The Indians won a makeup game on Wednesday, 8-0, over Windham High.

Plaster cited the defensive work of Randy Leote, Rob Topfitt, Jared Williams and Brian Labau along with Rheault and Chris McCarty at midfield.

Cromwell took a 1-0 lead 10 minutes into the second half after Keith Ursin converted a penalty kick. And for Rheault, it was his eighth goal of the season. He headed in a corner kick by Steve Poulin.

"There was a loose ball and a lot of contact," Plaster said, referring to the penalty kick. "Rob Topfitt tried to clear the ball and got hammered. The ball came up and hit his hand. I thought it should've been a free kick coming out."

Both teams had 14 shots while Coventry goalie Bob Johnson made 10 saves. Cromwell goalie Mike Pirruzzello had nine saves.

Cromwell 1 1-0-1
Coventry 0 1-0-1
Scoring: CH: Ursin, C. Pflaum, B. Williams, C. McCarty, J. Williams, R. Leote, M. Pirruzzello, R. C. Johnson, S. Poulin

Moe savoring return to Rome

By Stephen P. Wilson
The Associated Press

ROME — Nearly a quarter century since he led the Italian basketball league in scoring, Doug Moe is back in Italy, savoring the pasta, the nights and the memories.

Moe is here as coach of the NBA Denver Nuggets, one of four teams playing in the McDonald's Open tournament, which opens Friday night at the PalaLuz arena.

The tournament is an indicator of how far basketball has come in Italy since Moe suited up for Petrus Padas in 1965 and 1966, a kid from Brooklyn with a crew cut who averaged more than 30 points a game.

Moe was one of the first Americans to play in Italy — "the first USA bomber" as the Italian sports daily Corriere dello Sport called him — clearing a path since followed by such stars as Bob McAdoo, Danny Ferry, Brian Shaw and Michael Ray Richardson.

McAdoo plays in Milan, Shaw and Ferry in Rome and Richardson in Bologna. But what kind of basketball town was Padas, an ancient religious center near Venice of about 200,000 people?

"Padas was great," Moe recalled Wednesday as he dined two helpings of tortellini after a morning practice. "I was lucky to play there. I'm a small-town guy. If I had been Milan or Rome, it wouldn't have been the same. Padas was just right."

Moe wound up in Italy by default. Italian scouts had come to the University of North Carolina to try to lure Billy Cunningham, but Coach Dean Smith suggested they see Moe instead. Moe, who played at North Carolina from 1956-61 and was completing his studies at nearby Elon College, jumped at the chance.

"It was a fun time," Moe said. "My wife came over with both our kids, who were 1 and 3 at the time. The whole thing was just terrific. We played in places like Pesaro and Venice. Our home gym sat only 2,500 but it was always full. The fans were very rabid. We finished three one year and sixth the next."

Moe went back to the United States to play in the ABA for five years before beginning his coaching career. He returns occasionally to Italy and keeps in touch with some of his ex-teammates, two of whom are traveling from Padas for a reunion in Rome this week.

Moe, who is beginning his 10th season with the Nuggets, joined his players Wednesday afternoon for an enlightening tour of the Eternal City and a reception at U.S. Ambassador Peter Scaccia's residence.

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dent had been shot.

"Within about 10 minutes, we swung into action. We had to find out if the game was going to play (it was)."

"After the earthquake, (Commissioner) Fay Vincent (about sioner) Fay Vincent (about sioner) was being responsible and appearing responsible. That's how it was for me."

Jokes helped, Ley said, black humor that relieved the tension. The anchorman remembered admiring the scenery on his way to the park and wondering when the last earthquake had hit.

Saying busy was also important.

Maryland accustomed to inquiries

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — The Maryland men's basketball program is accustomed to having something hanging over its collective head.

For three years, the Terrapin program has been forced to operate in the aftermath of the cocaine-refer case.

So, even though the NCAA officially informed the university Monday of 19 violations uncovered by an eight-month preliminary investigation, the program is not waver-

"The players have been through a lot here," Maryland coach Gary Williams said Wednesday prior to the Terrapins' practice at Cole Field House. "I think the school owes it to the players to run a normal college basketball program. . . . I don't think this will have an effect. . . . It won't be an excuse for how we play this season."

The official letter arrived five months after Maryland elected to

School officials received a letter of inquiry detailing a list of charges against the program, including unethical conduct by former coach

of all our mistakes. "It's not like we were run off the field. But they had guys who were real quick and skilled, and if we missed a tackle it was shot, barged, or back of the net," Niederwerfer added.

Cecil Lombardo and Joe Rosa each netted two goals with Joe Marino and Mike Lombardo adding one apiece for Vinal. Vinal outshot Cheney, 21-8.

Freshman Justin Koblish, midfielder/forward Nick Wierl and Doug McPhee turned in solid efforts for Cheney.

Vinal Tech 3-3-4
Cheney Tech 0-0-0
Scoring: V-T: C. Lombardo 2, Ross 2, Marino, M. Lombardo, J. Rosa
Saves: C-T: Chris Deagle 15, V-T: Joe DiMuro 7.

Old Lyme girls shut out East

Two goals in the first half were more than enough as Old Lyme High shut out East Catholic, 3-0, Wednesday afternoon in non-conference girls' soccer action at Kennedy Road Field.

The Eagles are now 1-8-2 for the season while the Wildcats go to 6-4-1. East's next game is Tuesday at home against Leydsford High.

Jen Masson put Old Lyme on the scoreboard at the 15-minute mark of the first half, scoring from six yards out. Winnie Bing scored on a breakaway with two minutes left in the half, and midfielder Nicole Brealout closed out the scoring in the second half, converting a penalty kick.

The weather was a factor, but our little mistakes were turned into big ones when making them against a good, skilled team (such as Old Lyme)," East coach Ron Palmer said.

Karen Schroeder, Allissa Mulliken, Tracy Williams and Beth White played well for East.

Old Lyme 3-0-0
East Catholic 0-1-3
Scoring: OL: Masson, Bing, Brealout
Saves: EC: C. Crowley 9, OL: Michele Shultz 8

East volleyball wins in five sets

HAMDEN — The East Catholic High girls' volleyball team won its fourth match in a row Wednesday afternoon, beating host Sacred Heart in five sets. Scores were 12-15, 15-12, 15-10, 15-8 and 15-8.

East goes to 7-4 with the victory while Sacred Heart is 6-8. Fran Cardinale played well for the Eagles, who next see action Friday at home against Mercy High of Middletown.

MHS volleyball loses in three sets

WILLIMANTIC — Host Windham High made short work of

Manchester High Wednesday afternoon in CCC East Division girls' volleyball action, sweeping the Indians by scores of 15-11, 15-12 and 15-9.

Jen Masson hit well, Truc Nguyen played well defensively, Jenna Rogovega set well and Ann Marie MacDonald had some good hits for the Indians, now 1-10 for the season.

Manchester took an exciting junior varsity match, 3-15, 15-12 and 15-13. Michelle Sauer and Leah Bastarache served well for the young Indians, now 6-5 for the season. Manchester rallied from a 6-11 deficit to take the third and deciding set.

Manchester's next match is Friday at home against South Windsor High.

MHS boy runners beat East Hartford

The Manchester High boys cross country team defeated East Hartford, 25-34, Wednesday afternoon at Wickham Park. Manchester ends its dual meet season with a 4-3 mark and finishes fourth in the CCC East.

But an senior Dave Ghabrial took individual honors with a time of 15:54 for the 3.1-mile course. Dave Hoagland and Willie Christiansa placed fourth and fifth, respectively, for the Indians while Matt Labbe, Dan Cheney, John Bowers and Eric Passmore swept the Nov. seven through the Nov. ten 5Ks.

"Dave Hoagland, Willie Christiansa and Matt Labbe had solid races," Manchester coach George Sutor said. "Dan Cheney, freshman John Bowers and Eric Passmore had their best races of the year."

Manchester will run in the CCC East meet Friday at Rockville, Conn.

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Manchester girls runners top East Hartford

The Manchester High girls cross country team defeated East Hartford, 23-48, Wednesday afternoon at Wickham Park. Manchester, which will compete in the CCC East meet Friday at Rockville, finishes its dual meet season with a 5-2 record.

East Hartford's Kris Sauerco completed 17 of 31 passes for 268 yards and a touchdown and ran for five yards for the winning TD on fourth down with 33 seconds left. Overall, he ran 10 times for 78 yards.

Lake, who played at UCLA, had an interception, a fumble recovery, knocked down two passes and had five tackles in Pittsburgh's 17-7 upset of Cleveland.

Soviets sweep gymnastic gold

STUTTGART, West Germany (AP) — The Soviet Union, sparked by five perfect scores, completed a sweep of the team titles at the World Gymnastics Championships with an easy victory in the women's competition.

Olesia Dudnik, 15, got perfect 10s on the vault and beam routines. European Champion Svetlana Boginskaya earned 10s on the uneven bars and floor, and Natalia Laschenova had a 10 on the vault.

Although Laschenova carried only one perfect score, she led her team with 79.460 out of 80 points.

Romania's Daniela Silivas, 19, had 10s on the uneven bars and floor exercise and led all competitors with 79.501 points, but did not get enough support from her teammates as the Romanians failed to defend their team title.

The Soviet Union ended with 596.793 out of 400 points, well ahead of Romania, which scored 394.931, and China, which had 392.116. The United States team was fourth with 389.928 points.

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SAAS FEE, Switzerland (AP) — U.S. Ski Team veteran Tamara McKinney broke her left leg when she fell during giant slalom training on a glacier.

"According to Paul Major, the U.S. Ski Team women's coach, McKinney was skiing aggressively in timed training runs when she fell three-quarters of the way down the course. She slipped on her inside ski, landed on her inside shoulder, then somersaulted in the air, landing on her left leg."

Doctors described the injury as a plateau fracture just below the knee. It was the third time McKinney had broken her left leg.

Graf an easy winner

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — Top-seeded Steffi Graf needed only 46 minutes to move into the quarterfinals of the European Indoors tournament, beating South Africa's Dinky van Rensburg 6-2, 6-1.

Graf next faces unseeded Karine Quentrec, a Frenchwoman ranked 61st in the world, who beat Eva Pfaff of West Germany 6-4, 6-3 to reach the final night.

Yugoslav teenager Monica Sele, the No. 4 seed, used sharp passing shots to beat American Lori McNeil 7-6 (7-5), 6-2 in another second-round match.



The Associated Press Starting QB — Steve Grogan of the Patriots limbers up his passing arm during a practice session Tuesday. Grogan will start for New England when they take on the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday, replacing the benched Doug Flutie.

In Brief . . .

Youth hoop signups being held

The Manchester Rec Department is holding youth basketball registration now through Oct. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the East Side Rec, Mahoney Rec Center and Community Y.

There are four age divisions: pee wee (ages 8-9), intermediate (ages 10-12), junior (ages 13-15) and intermediate (ages 16-17).

Age is determined as of Dec. 1, 1989. There is a \$5 registration fee and a \$4 Rec membership card is required at time of registration.

Green says offer made

CINCINNATI (AP) — Dallas Green, former New York Yankees manager, says he has offered the job as Cincinnati manager. But new Reds general manager Bob Quinn, former Yankees' executive, said no one has been offered the position.

Peete, Lake are honored

NEW YORK (AP) — Rookie quarterback Rodney Peete of Detroit and rookie safety Cornell Lake of Pittsburgh were among the four NFL players honored as players of the week.

The others were defensive tackle Jerome Brown of Philadelphia, NFC defensive player, and Houston quarterback Warren Moon, AFC offensive player.

Peete was named the AFC offensive player after he completed 17 of 31 passes for 268 yards and a touchdown and ran for five yards for the winning TD on fourth down with 33 seconds left. Overall, he ran 10 times for 78 yards.

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Joe's World Joe Garman

Landing one not a problem on this trip

Just arrived home from two weeks on Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, where the Atlantic salmon and I had a chance to be adversaries once again.

If you recall, my summer trip to the York River, on the Champs, in Quebec, was a meeting wherein the salmon won. This was six days fishing, and no fish for this angler. Six men in the party, all with one or two fish, and I ended up taking in herring going fishless.

Consequently, when I left to go to Cape Breton, there were mumbles going to the anglers gods, weird incantations muttered on the long drive to the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and the big question "Was I going to be stunked again?"

An added worry was my physical being. In the short space of one week I had wrenched my right ankle badly, and was hobbling around with it taped up, but I was going fishing anyway.

"Would I be able to wade the river with all its rocky bottom, and would I be able to hook the Margaree jinx?"

The Margaree River has been known to withhold its salmon from certain anglers for as much as five years. Right now I know I was an excellent salmon fisherman who has not only gone fishless on the Margaree for the last two years, but have not even experienced a "pull" from one of those silver torpedoes. Hence the name "Margaree jinx."

To answer the first question, the wading was tough, and for most of the time I was only fish half a day, without getting out of the river and resting my ankle.

To answer the second question, yes, I beat the "jinx" this time. I caught, and released, six salmon in the 6- to 15-pound class. But until I took the first fish, anxiety ruled in my head.

The first day on the water I fished with Brad Stevens of Gloucester. At the end of the day, no hits, no runs, no errors. Not a speck of fish.

The second day, again, no hits no runs, no errors, and the mumbles and incantations were getting more frequent and louder. When I knew I was excellent salmon fisherman Stevens was doing the same thing, because I would catch him looking off in the distance periodically with his lips moving. Figures he was working on something himself.

With a real job at the fly dried down on me, almost pulled the rod from my hand.

"He'll take your fly," said Crooks, and by golly he did. With a real job at the fly dried down on me, almost pulled the rod from my hand.

When the fish felt the hook, he hit the air, coming four feet out of the water to try and shake the restraint that he felt. (It was a male fish with a splendid hook jaw) Four more times he repeated his aerial acrobatics, and then started the run up and down the pool. "How many pounds do you think?" I called to Crooks.

"Have to go twelve or fourteen pounds" he answered. Well, fifteen minutes later, we released the fish, after he had tried every trick in the book, even to rolling up on the leader, and abraded the leader against a rock.

Crooks, who knew that I felt like I had a jinx riding on my shoulder, smiled at me, he shook his head, and then release, and said "have a little faith me, boy. Have a little faith." All of this with a grin from ear to ear.

Joe Garman, a Manchester resident for many years, is a recognized authority on the subject of ham-bone fly rods, and the sport of fly fishing.

SMU not getting any compassion

By Arnie Stapleton
The Associated Press

Southern Methodist football coach Forrest Gregg doesn't want any.

It's a good thing, because Southwest Conference opponents haven't shown any dumping points instead of compassion on the freshmen-led, start-from-scratch SMU program, competing for the first time in three years.

"When we started, we didn't expect anyone to feel sorry for us," Gregg said after last weekend's 49-3 thumping by Baylor. "I think you learn from those experiences and remember them."

Likely to be among the experiences remembered is a Baylor fake punt that went for a 39-yard touchdown — a Dicky van Rensburg 6-2, 6-1.

Baylor coach Grant Traft was quick to point out that the trick play was not called from the sideline. The Mustangs have "It's an automatic call," Traft said. "If we see them in a certain formation, we call it."

An unbecomingly SMU stadium crowd quickly turned nasty, but Gregg refused to criticize the kick-er-on-while they're-down play.



LOCKED UP — UConn's Brian Parker (9) heads in one direction, and gets his leg locked up with Darren Stone of UMass in their game Wednesday at the Connecticut Soccer Stadium. The teams played to a 0-0 tie.

Huskies, Minutemen battle to frustrating overtime tie

By Jim Tierney
Manchester Herald

STORRS — The cold, raw weather pierced through each and every one of the 409 gathered at the Connecticut Soccer Stadium Wednesday afternoon for UConn's annual battle with the University of Massachusetts.

After 120 minutes of soccer, neither side could pierce the opponent's net.

UConn and UMass battled to an uninspiring 0-0 overtime tie. The Huskies are now 7-4-4 while the Minutemen are 4-8-2. For one coach, the game seemed to be a victory while for the other, a loss.

"We weren't sure they'd want the game as much as we did," UMass coach Jeff Gettler said. "We came in wanting the game. It's a great rivalry, I'm not sure why, but I think we had a bit better of the game. I think it seemed to me like Connecticut was

more tired than we were today. Our backs and their forwards matched up very well. I think we won those battles."

For UConn coach Joe Morrone, whose squad has endured countless injuries since the beginning of the season along with searching for any cohesiveness, the end result reflected the weather — bitter.

"I thought we could beat this team," Morrone said. "It's very frustrating for all of us. I don't think they (UMass) posed any serious threat. We couldn't score and that's the problem. Our NCAA bid is going to rest on the Big East Tournament."

UConn is ranked fourth in New England. The Huskies, assured of a spot in the Big East Tournament, will host the four-team tourney on Nov. 3-5. The series began in 1930, UConn, which will play at Penn State Friday night, is 4-2-2 in New England. The Huskies remain winless in overtime games this year with a 0-1-4 record.

Freshman forward Jay Resnik (ince injury) remained on the Husky sideline.

Yzerman reels in North Stars

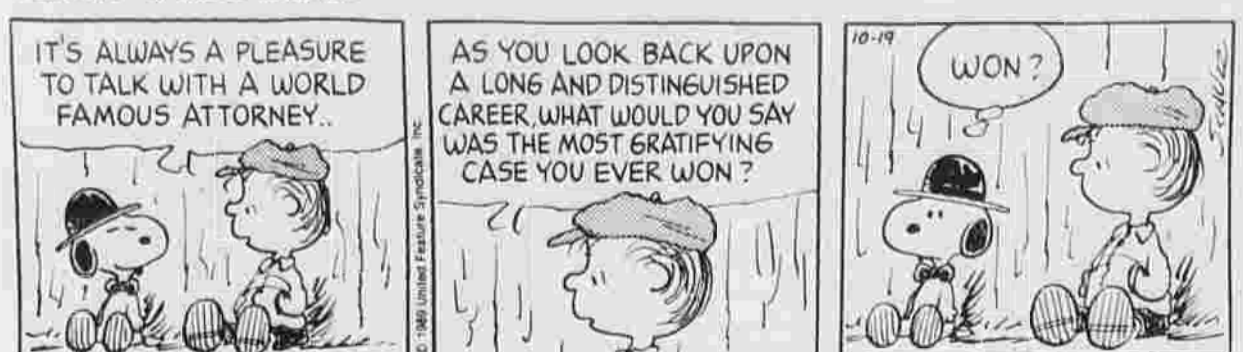
By Ken Rappoport
The Associated Press

Steve Yzerman figured it was about time to reel in the Minnesota North Stars before they got too big a lead in the Norris Division. So he personally did something about it.

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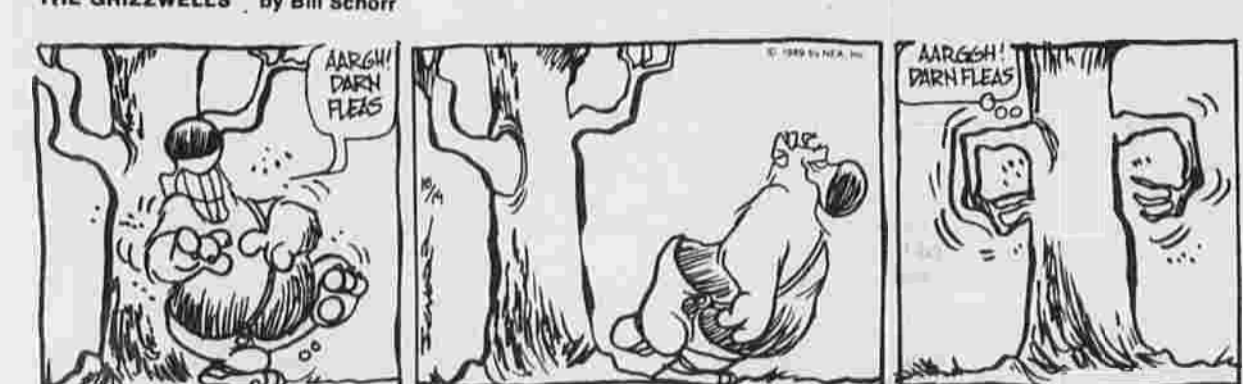
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Bridge

By James Jacoby

An unorthodox takeout double can get you into trouble in more ways than one. West traded on favorable vulnerability to double one heart after his partner had passed. He had spades and something resembling a cheery opening bid himself. When East responded with a bid of two clubs, South doubled and West ran into two diamonds. North now supported hearts, and South bid game.

West took the K-A of diamonds and switched to the queen of spades. Declarer took dummy's spade ace, played back to his heart ace and cashed the A-K of clubs. It was apparent that West held only two clubs, an extra trick could not be developed there. But there was a different

chance if West held five diamonds originally and only two hearts. So declarer played a low heart to dummy's nine and then ruffed dummy's remaining diamond. Next came king and 10 of spades, and West was back on lead. He had to play either a diamond or a spade. Either way, declarer would ruff with dummy's queen of hearts and shed his club loser.

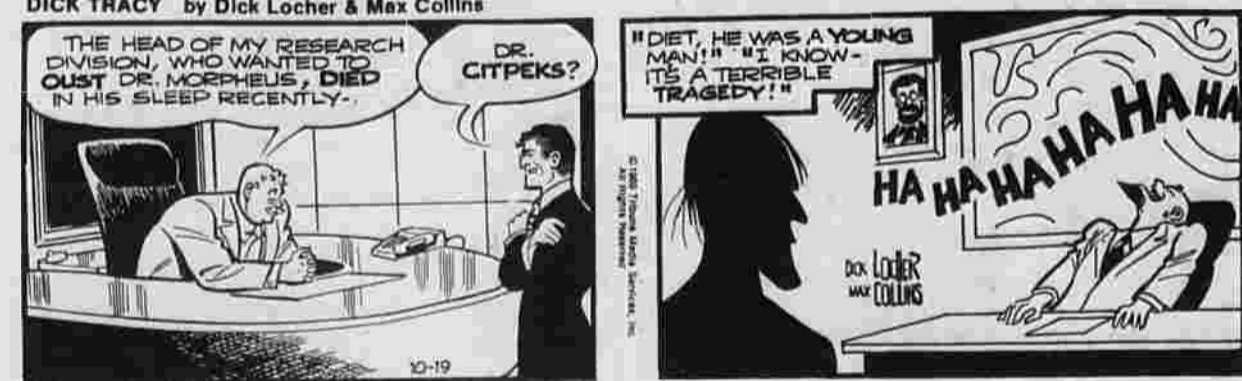
Of course you can say that it was not because of the unorthodox takeout double that declarer played the hand well. But suppose West simply made a two-diamond opening. If South now arrives in four hearts, won't he be ahead and play for the clubs to 3-3 as a chance to make the hand, particularly if West plays K-A and another diamond, and sits back and waits with his Q-J-9-3 of spades?

NORTH		WEST	
♠ A85	♥ Q93	♠ A85	♥ Q93
♦ 74	♣ 1043	♦ 74	♣ 1043
♠ 102	♥ A K J 105	♠ 102	♥ A K J 105
♦ A K 6	♣ Q J	♦ A K 6	♣ Q J
Vulnerable North-South		Dealer: East	
1♥	2♦	2♥	2♠
1♣	All pass		
Opening lead: ♠K			

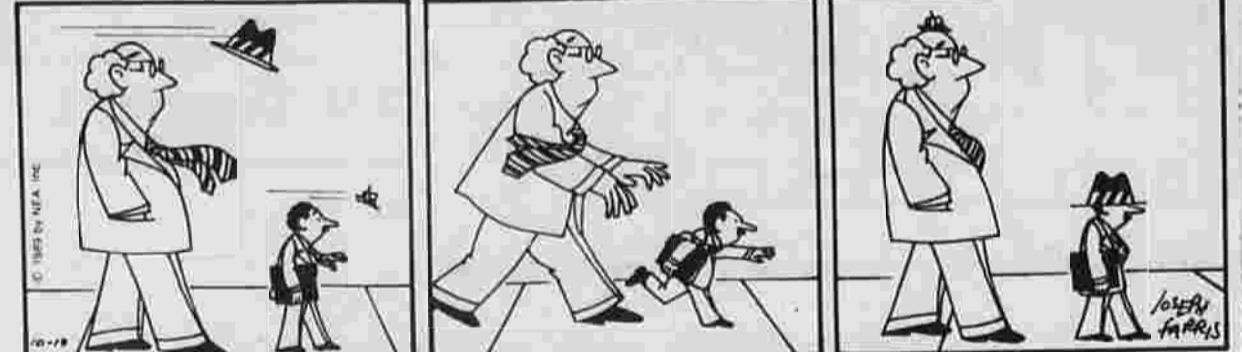
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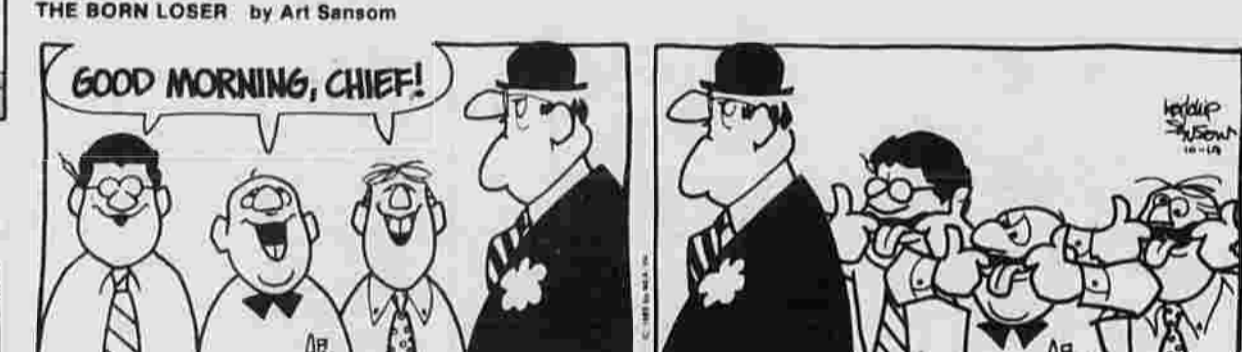
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FOCUS/Advice

Widower wants to be a travelin' man

Dear Abby: I am in need of some information and help in finding a licensed escort service or companionship service for persons who have been widowed or are single for reasons of their own. I lost my wife of 39 years two years ago and am now to a point that I would like to get on with my life. I have a very small income and cannot do much traveling, although I would like to do so. Having just returned from my first ship cruise, which was very enjoyable, I realized that there are ladies out there who would pay for a companion for a short period of time. I am not interested in a long-term relationship at this time.

I am a 71-year-old male (look 60), non-smoker, social drinking OK, average physical condition. I consider myself a Christian and prefer a Christian lady. I would like to explore the possibilities of being an escort, and I think I should try to find an agency that specializes in this sort of thing because of the pitfalls that could be encountered. I would value highly any information you could give me.

However, if you're determined to be a Christian and prefer a Christian lady, I would like to explore the possibilities of being an escort, and I think I should try to find an agency that specializes in this sort of thing because of the pitfalls that could be encountered. I would value highly any information you could give me.

DEAR CALIFORNIAN: I appreciate your desire to travel and see the world, but if you intend to do so by hiring yourself out as a paid escort, I hope you know how risky it is these days. I'm sure there may be some very decent people in that line of work—but there are also some kinky, kooky folks among their numbers.

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DEAR MRS. JONES: People who address strangers—particularly older strangers—by their first names (or anything other than "Mr." or "Mrs.") may be perceived as rude or disrespectful, but actually they are just trying to be friendly.

If such familiarity bothers you, simply request that strangers call you "Mrs. Jones."

DEAR ABBY: A 33-year-old woman died today. She was applying mascara when she missed a turn, her car hit a concrete curb and flipped over. She suffered skull and chest injuries, was on life support for two weeks and then died. With her was her young son, who suffered only a broken arm. She left four young children without a mother.

Abby, please print this to remind people who drive that driving requires their full attention.

A FRIEND OF A FRIEND

OUR FASCINATING EARTH By Philip Safir, Ph.D.

FOOTPRINTS OF A STONEAGE ARTIST



DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been on Valium for about 20 years for anxiety. Sometimes, the dosage is as much as 20 milligrams per day. But for the most part, I average 2 1/2 to 5 milligrams per day. I've tried Elavil without success. Is it possible that some people need Valium, just as diabetes need insulin? And why is Valium always the culprit and not Librium and other related drugs?

DEAR READER: First of all, people do not "need" tranquilizers, any more than they "need" alcohol or narcotics. Valium, Librium and similar drugs are useful for the short-term treatment of anxiety and nervousness. However, they do have side effects (such as drowsiness and forgetfulness), and they are habit-forming. Despite manufacturer's claims, most tranquilizers cause identical problems; there is no one "culprit."

Twenty years ago, doctors were far less chary of tranquilizers than they are today. In the past, physicians prescribed these drugs to control nervousness. That's how Valium became the most widely used tranquilizer in the world and made millions of dollars for its manufacturer. We now know there is a trade-off: Tranquilizers are helpful in certain instances, but they clearly affect brain function and have the potential for abuse.

Although 20 milligrams of Valium a day is excessive, five milligrams a day is not a lot. It's equal to about two ounces of hard liquor. Would you feel comfortable admitting you need a belt of bourbon in the morning to calm down and start the day? This is something to think about. Some patients I have known would be insulted if I suggested they had a drug-dependency problem. Yet, Valium—not alcohol—was their drug of choice. The same could be said of any tranquilizer or sleeping pill.

To a degree, I blame the doctor who has continued to supply you with Valium, year after year, without suggesting alternatives. This is irresponsible. You could, perhaps, be helped by counseling or stress management. You may not even require Valium (or any other drug) to function normally. There's been a terrible misconception in this country that every ache and pain must be treated, every manifestation of anxiety requires a pill. This is not only expensive and unhealthy, it goes against the common sense. The human condition is fraught with frustration, nervousness and apprehension. What's new? That's the way it is.

Try putting up with your anxiety or, better, find out what's causing it. You may be pleasantly surprised at how good you will feel without the psychological (and physical) dependence on Valium. You'll think more clearly, handle your problems more realistically and—most important—be free of that little yellow pill that you probably haven't needed in 19 years.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Help II—Mental/Substance Abuse." Other readers who would like a copy should send me \$1.25 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland 44101-3699. Be sure to mention the title.

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

Valium use should stop

CONVENTIONAL OVENS present all the familiar hazards of high temperatures. Microwave ovens present some hazards that might be less apparent. Recently, Consumer Reports' technical staff offered some guidelines for microwaving safely.

Don't try deep-frying. Microwave ovens don't allow control over the temperature of the oil, which can spatter or boil over when it's not overheated. And if moisture were to reach the oil while your hand is inside the oven, the popping oil would have a close-range target. Some manufacturers won't honor their warranty if you use their microwave oven for deep-fat frying.

Let steam escape from covered dishes. When you cover a dish with plastic wrap before microwaving, leave a corner open so steam can escape. A tight seal could allow steam to build up, with painful consequences when you remove the food from the oven.

Don't leave the oven unattended when you're microwaving popcorn. If you microwave popcorn too long, there's a chance of a fire. (When a Consumer Reports home economist microwaved popcorn earlier this year during a series of tests, the result on two occasions was smoking, charred popcorn.) Heat can build up if the pack includes a metalic film—a "heat susceptible" tor—which acts as a kind of internal hot plate. Handle the package and whatever it's rested on carefully.

Don't heat up baby bottles. The milk inside can become scalding while the bottle remains only warm. Also, a buildup of steam in the liner could cause an explosion when you or the baby shake the bottle.

Train children in microwave basics. Be sure they know them before they use the oven unsupervised.

If you're planning to can fresh food this year, you shouldn't try to modernize the canning process by using the Micro-Dome, a widely publicized \$50 gadget that's supposed to let you do canning in a microwave oven.

Microwave ovens tend to heat unevenly, making them unsuitable for canning. Proper, safe canning requires the food to be heated for a specified time and to a specified temperature throughout, then sealed in sterilized jars. The penalty for shortcuts or mistakes is food that could be contaminated with deadly botulism toxin.

University researchers have done several studies to find out if canning in a microwave oven, using the Micro-Dome, can be safe. In the studies, jars of food were deliberately contaminated with bacteria, then heated by microwaves in the Micro-Dome. Some food were spoiled by bacteria, leading the researchers to conclude that the Micro-Dome was not safe, it isn't a very practical canner. It can process only a pint of food at a time. Moreover, the instructions are inadequate for many microwave ovens.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, microwave oven manufacturers and the makers of canning jars all recommend against the use of a microwave oven for canning. Sensible advice.

An excellent source of information on home canning is the USDA's "Complete Guide to Home Canning," a new publication that covers canning equipment and techniques in full detail, and provides clear, easy-to-follow guides for the canning of many foods. To order the guide (it costs \$11), write to the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Ask for Bulletin 539. Your County Cooperative Extension Service should also be a good source of information and advice about home canning.

Microwave dangers hidden

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Our Language

JEFFREY McQUAIN

INDICT ("in-DIT-ee") accuses or charges with a crime. To leave out the c when spelling indict would, in a stinky or miserly, here's a spelling rule that's simple: look for the simple *Sm* in *parmsimonism*.

QUESTION: You wrote that a sentence can sometimes be a single word. How can that be possible, though, when a sentence needs both a subject and a verb?

ANSWER: A sentence can consist of a single word, if that word is a verb in the imperative mood and its subject is implied. For example, "Go!" is a complete sentence, with the subject ("you") implied. Should you be using several one-word sentences in your writing? Stop!

Do you have a question or comment about our last column? Questions should be sent to: Jeffrey McQuain, Manchester Herald, P.O. Box 591, Manchester 66040.



KEEP ON DANCING — Ballet and movie star Mikhail Baryshnikov says he plans to keep on dancing, even though his career in ballet is almost over.

PEOPLE

Hepburn visits slums

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Actress Audrey Hepburn observed life in Bangkok's largest slum on a mission to publicize the plight of the hungry, down-trodden children of the world.

Hepburn, representing the U.N. Children's Fund, also met Wednesday with Prateep Hala, known as the "Slum Angel of Bangkok."

"I am full of admiration for this marvelous angel as she is called. I've seen many of these people. They are the ones that make a big, big difference," Hepburn said.

The star of "My Fair Lady," "Breakfast at Tiffany's" and "Roman Holiday" said she hoped to make some difference in the lives of the world's down-trodden when she left her freedom with and became a UNICEF fund-raiser and goodwill ambassador two years ago.

"I put off growing tomatoes for a while," she said.

Prateep, a slum child herself, started a foundation to care for and educate neglected children. The foundation's seed money was the \$20,000 grant Prateep got with the 1978 Magsaysay Award, the equivalent of the Nobel Peace Prize in Asia.

Prateep had begun a kindergarten when she was 16 years old to care for the children she saw abandoned in the streets.

"She is proof that where there is determination and love there is a way," said Hepburn.

Hepburn said she has little time for acting. In August, however, she flew to Montana to spend two weeks filming a part in Steven Spielberg's "Amadeus," which stars Richard Dreyfus and Holly Hunter. The movie is scheduled for December release.

Guitarist pleads guilty

PHOENIX (AP) — Gun N' Roses guitarist Izzy Stradlin pleaded guilty to swimming in the galley of an airborne jet and agreed to pay \$1,000 cleanup costs.

Stradlin, 27, said he urinated outside the restroom of the USAir flight on Aug. 27 because he was frustrated at being kept waiting outside.

Originally he was charged with interfering with the duty of a flight crew, a felony, but the charge was dropped Tuesday when Stradlin pled guilty to four misdemeanor charges.

He was ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine, \$1,000 toward cleanup costs and write a letter of apology to the USAir crew.

U.S. Magistrate Michael Mignella also placed Stradlin on six months' probation, which includes counseling.

Stradlin, whose real name is Jeffrey Dean Isbell, was arrested at Sky Harbor International Airport during a scheduled stop in Phoenix of an Indianapolis-Los Angeles flight. He spent one night in jail.

Country stars help hospital

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — More than 40 country music stars including Charley Daniels and Wayne Jennings will participate in a 12-hour radio show to raise money for a Memphis hospital, organizers announced.

"Because of our visibility, we have an opportunity to do a tremendous amount of good for organizations like St. Jude that really need help," said Randy Owen, lead singer and guitarist for the group Alabama. "For me, it's more than an opportunity, it's an obligation."

More than 750 radio stations will carry the Nov. 19 broadcast, "Country Cares for St. Jude Kids," to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Other performers include Glen Campbell, Crystal Gayle, Lee Greenwood, Highway 101, Emorylou Harris, the Judds, Barbara Mandrell, Kathy Mattea, Reba McEntire, the Oak Ridge Boys, Buck Owens, Kenny Rogers, Randy Travis, Conway Twitty and Ricky Van Shelton.

Owen organized the show; the performances will be taped rather than live.

The hospital, which opened 27 years ago, specializes in leukemia treatment.

Foundation honors Bush

NEW YORK (AP) — First lady Barbara Bush, General Motors head Roger Smith and Soviet author Chingiz Aitmatov were honored by a foundation that promotes religious freedom throughout the world.

"Who would have thought, even two years ago, that we would be gathering honoring the first lady of the United States, the chairwoman of the largest corporation in the world and honoring a Soviet author," said Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation.

The three each were presented Steuben crystal stars at a press conference Wednesday night.

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EARTHQUAKE

Quake turns 'California Dream' into nightmare

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — This week's earthquake didn't damage just bridges and buildings. It ripped into a California Dream already frayed by smog, crowding and soaring real estate costs.

Experts have warned for years that the Bay Area would be hit someday by "The Big One." Even the telephone book has instructions on what to do in the event of an earthquake.

But the warnings did little to slow a population explosion fueled by California's famous sunny weather and a healthy economy.

"You hear about Californians being so blasé about earthquakes. Well, they have been," said Karen Anderson, a Berkeley native who recently returned to the area after 10 years in Indiana.

"But this is different," she said. "The weather's really nice here, but something like this makes you question whether it's worth it. I've thought about leaving this area because of the rising cost of real estate and congestion. I guess this is one more reason."

If she goes, she'll be in the minority, said real estate agents. The quake produced a temporary lull Wednesday in residential sales. "People had other things on their minds," said Oakland real estate agent Jon Shaohian.

But he predicted sales will be brisk again by next week. Indeed, many Bay area residents seemed to be trying to live up to the laid-back image of Californians in the quake's aftermath. The order of the day in all but the hardest-hit zones was business as usual.

Even rescue workers dug through rubble to look for quake victims, tourists jockeyed for position to take snapshots of the damage.

And just a few miles from where a section of Interstate 880 collapsed, killing an estimated 250 people, few shoppers at a Berkeley supermarket were stocking up on supplies in case an aftershock should hit.

Most of them were just buying dinner. "You take it in stride," said Yora Hogan, whose purchases included candles to light her apartment, which was still without electricity Wednesday night.

She needed the candles so she could see to clean up the broken glass and dishes that the quake had jarred loose in her apartment. And she was just getting to it Wednesday because the quake had stranded her across the bay in San Francisco the night before.

Still, she thinks California living is a breeze. "It's better here than in Louisiana, where I come from. There, you get hurricanes, tornadoes — and no opportunities, no boot."

Many who survived the earthquake with no injury or property damage may take it as a sign that their lack of concern is justified.

Real estate agent Jean Stiel of Albany said she knows many homeowners on the Hayward Fault — a likely spot for earthquakes in the Bay Area — who don't bother to spend the extra \$200 a year for quake insurance.

They figure the gamble is worth the risk, she said. "When was our last big one — 1906?" she asked, referring to the catastrophic quake that killed hundreds or thousands.

"Natives don't seem to be as frightened as the out-of-staters," she said. "Earthquakes are something we live with here."

EDITOR'S NOTE — David Foster is The Associated Press' Northwest regional writer, based in Seattle.

Disasters give insurers new leverage

HARTFORD (AP) — Those who follow the insurance industry see opportunities for investors in the wake of the San Francisco earthquake.

Analysis predicted insurers will be able to reverse three years of declining rates by increasing pressure on state regulators to boost premiums as result of the earthquake and the estimated \$4 billion in damages from Hurricane Hugo in South Carolina.

An increase in insurance rates could translate into greater profitability in the long term, which in turn would boost the value of stocks, the analysts said.

"There's a perception that this could turn the cycle on its head and be enough to firm pricing," said Gloria L. Vogel, an analyst with Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. in New York.

Insurance companies struggled Wednesday to assess the amount of damages they were likely to pay as a result of the quake. In addition to home damage, the insurance companies are likely to face claims for automobile damage, broken glass, theft and burglary, business interruption due to electrical outages, water damage and possibly, workers compensation.

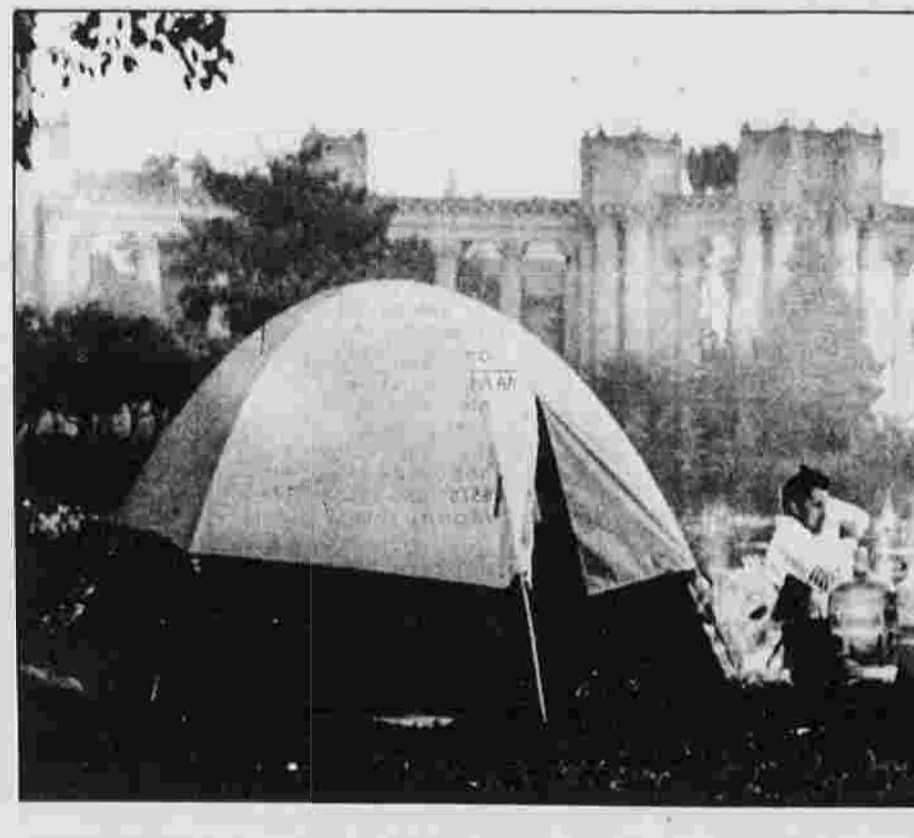
Some estimated that damages will reach \$1 billion or more. But industry observers said they don't expect any company to be seriously damaged by the claims arising from the quake.

"We don't think any company is going to have problems paying claims," said Elias Siegel, public affairs manager for the American Insurance Association, a Washington-based trade group.

Easing the burden on insurers is the fact that most homeowners in the San Francisco area don't have earthquake insurance on their homes.

The Association of California Insurers said in a telephone call to Scripps League's Washington office. Scripps League Publishers is the parent company of the Manchester Herald.

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CITY CAMPING — A man sets up camp in a park near forced from his home by the earthquake. Aftershocks rumbled through the Bay Area again today.

Newspaper lawyer knew it was a big one

By Susan Schauer Scripps League Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The building began twisting and things started falling over. Then the building groaned. It was a loud noise like someone in great pain almost. At that point I realized it was time to get the hell out of there.

That was the way Mark Hinuber, an attorney for Scripps League Newspapers, described what he saw and felt last evening as a catastrophic earthquake devastated parts of northern California.

"There's a lot of devastation out there, but it's in isolated pockets of the area," said Hinuber, who works ninth-floor office in San Mateo, Calif., is just 22 miles from the heart of San Francisco's financial district and about 35 miles from the epicenter of the quake.

"Things in our building flew sideways, and I knew it was a bad one. I could feel the building was there was no power. The people in the office all raced down nine flights of stairs as quickly as we could," Hinuber explained this morning in a telephone call to Scripps League's Washington office. Scripps League Publishers is the parent company of the Manchester Herald.

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ing, Hinuber said "people were milling around outside in the streets because they didn't know if their houses were going to come down or not. But it kind of got to be like a block party. It was like a 'happening' as they call it in California."

There were 19 elevators that we needed to get to quickly," Murphy said. "We know that all of those people were from elevators in the San Francisco area, 577 in San Jose and 480 in the Oakland area, Murphy said.

In each elevator shaft, a thin wire-like sensor runs the height of the building, encircled at the bottom by a small ring. If the building sways, the wire hits the ring, and an alarm automatically shuts down the elevator, Murphy said. The elevator then restarts briefly, long enough to go to the nearest floor and open its doors before shutting down completely, he said.

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In those cases, the company dispatched workers, who rescued the trapped passengers through trap doors in the elevators, using stapedors to climb to the nearest floor, he said. Murphy was not sure how many people were on the elevators or exactly how long they waited. In San Jose, four elevators stopped and were rescued within 90 minutes, he said.

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Elevators gave tip of quake

FARMINGTON (AP) — The earth started shaking at 5:04 p.m. in northern California. A minute later and 3,000 miles away, technicians at the Otis Elevator control center knew something was wrong.

Nineteen elevators had stopped Tuesday night, trapping passengers between floors, a company spokesman said.

Almost immediately, Otis began dispatching workers to buildings in San Jose, San Francisco and Oakland. Otis spokesman Peter Murphy said Wednesday.

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THE QUIZ

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WORLDSCOPE

(10 points for each question - awarded correctly)

- 1 Troops of one of General Manuel Noriega's elite battalions are seen here guarding the county's military headquarters shortly after an unsuccessful coup attempt a few days ago. TRUE OR FALSE: The administration has said it had no prior knowledge of the coup.
- 2 As the October 16 deadline approached, it was still not clear that Congress would be able to avoid Gramm-Rudman's across-the-board (CHOOSE ONE: spending cuts, tax increases).
- 3 Demonstrations against the East German communist regime of (CHOOSE ONE: Erich Honecker, Kandy Grotz) broke out in several cities a few days ago, on that nation's 40th anniversary.
- 4 Israel's (CHOOSE ONE: Labor, Likud) party, the dominant party in Israel's governing coalition, recently rejected an Egyptian proposal for Palestinian-Israeli talks.
- 5 Unlike the House, the Senate voted not to repeal the catastrophic health coverage in Medicare but it did scale back the program. And it (CHOOSE ONE: added, eliminated) a surtax that finances it.

NEWSNAME

(15 points for correct answer or answers)

I recently visited with President Bush to talk about my nation's huge debt and its other problems. Who am I and what nation do I lead?

YOUR SCORE: 91 to 100 points - TOP SCORER!
81 to 90 points - Excellent. 71 to 80 points - Good. 61 to 70 points - Fair. © Knowledge Unlimited, Inc. 10-18-89

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

1. FALSE
2. CHOOSE ONE: spending cuts; tax increases
3. CHOOSE ONE: Erich Honecker; Kandy Grotz
4. CHOOSE ONE: Labor; Likud
5. CHOOSE ONE: added; eliminated

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Frustration on increase in Bay area

Death estimate shrinks



Practice during a preschool tap dance class this week at Burton Dance Studio at 63 Linden St.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Death toll estimates shrank but tensions and frustrations grew as Northern California tried to regroup from a devastating earthquake and unnerving aftershocks that continued today.

President Bush flew west today to tour the area, including the collapsed Interstate 880 in Oakland and the severely damaged seaside city of Santa Cruz. He said he hoped to "take a look and to provide encouragement to people."

Three days after the quake, the need for encouragement seemed to be growing.

Damage estimates by the state Office of Emergency Services rose to well over \$4 billion. A private economist, Frank McCormick of Bank of America in San Francisco, said damage is likely to reach \$10 billion. An estimated 12,500 people were displaced, 10,000 in hard-hit Santa Cruz County, the agency said.

In some towns, residents said they were too afraid to sleep indoors because of the Earth's quakes.

"I can't stop shaking," said Marcelina Toussaint, a 73-year-old resident of Wasonville, a town near the epicenter of Tuesday's magnitude 6.9 quake and wracked by four strong aftershocks Thursday.

"I guess I'm surviving, but I'm scared."

A moderate aftershock registered 3.9 on the Richter scale at 11:5 a.m. today, according to Rick McKenzie at the Seismographic Station at the University of California at Berkeley. It was felt north and south of San Francisco. More than 1,400 aftershocks have hit since Tuesday.

In Oakland, the monstrous task of uncovering cars and trucks crushed in the collapse of a 1/4-mile stretch of I-880 continued with no signs of respite.

Li. Kristina Wraa, of the Oakland police, said early today that 167 firefighters were still unaccounted for in Alameda County, which includes Oakland and several other communities. It was assumed that many of them were buried in the rubble of I-880.

By early today, rescuers had pulled out 19 bodies from the high-way wreckage. In addition, at least 17 others were killed elsewhere in Northern California. About 2,000 people were injured in eight counties, officials said.

Firehouse meeting canceled

A meeting that was to be held Oct. 24 to discuss the town's plans to build a firehouse at Tolland Turnpike and Deming Street has been canceled.

The meeting was canceled by Town Manager Richard Sartor at the request of Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr. DiRosa said today that the cancellation was requested by Director Stephen T. Cassano. He said Cassano asked for the cancellation because town officials have received a letter from some businessmen and three homeowners in the area that will be served by the firehouse and the letter makes it clear they approve the firehouse location, which has become an issue in the current election campaign.

The letter says the location chosen is an excellent one and calls on the town to "keep partisan politics out of fire protection planning."

The letter was drafted by Roy Coyers of Coyers Construction Co. and signed by five other people.

DiRosa said Cassano felt the letter was adequate evidence of support in the area for the firehouse.

The propriety of holding the meeting had come under fire from Wallace C. Irish Jr., a Republican county official, said.

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Fading of passion killed flag amendment

Washington — Senate concern about freedom of speech and a cooling of the summer's political passions combined to defeat the proposed constitutional amendment to ban flag burning, lawmakers say.

"I don't know that public interest has faded; I think that public interest has changed," Sen. John C. Danforth, R-Mo., said Thursday after the proposed amendment failed in the Senate.

Opponents of the measure said Americans are having second thoughts about the notion of changing the Constitution.

White House lobbying appeared minimal despite a strong public campaign that last summer took President Bush to the foot of the two Jima Memorial.

The measure did win a bare majority in the Senate, 51-48, but fell 15 votes short of the required two-thirds of senators present and voting.

Eleven Republicans joined 37 Democrats to oppose the measure. Thirty-three Republicans and 18 Democrats voted for the proposal, which would have authorized the state and federal governments to outlaw flag desecration.

Following the vote, White House spokeswoman Aileen Glen said Bush was "disappointed" and believes such an amendment represents "the only real protection for the flag." She said a bill sent to the president last week to ban flag-burning by statute "would not survive constitutional scrutiny."

Critics of the amendment, in contrast, said the bill would satisfy concern in the country about flag-burning.

"I think when the statute passed, it made it much easier to focus on the Constitution," said Sen. Patrick J. Leahy, D-Vt. "But this amendment should fall anyway because of the danger it poses to the Bill of Rights."

Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., a strong supporter of the amendment, said reporters that the public was confused on this issue.

"They were led to believe a statute would do the job and produce results," he said. "Now we don't know what we've got if anything."

Supporters of the amendment claimed it was the only sure way to prevent a recurrence of the Supreme Court decision in June that overturned the conviction of Texas flag-burner Gregory Lee Johnson on grounds his right to free speech was violated.

"We all lose with this action," said Miles Eplin, national commander of the American Legion, after the vote. "Today, I feel like my friends have been let down, as well as those from other generations who died believing that our nation would always remember their sacrifices and respect the foremost symbol of all they hold dear."

Critics said there would be a political price to pay at election time for opposing the measure. At the same time, though, they seemed increasingly emboldened to attack the amendment as a threat to the Constitution.

"We face no sudden or uncontrollable burst of flag destruction," Majority Leader George J. Mitchell, D-Maine, declared. "...Yet we are being asked to believe that the flag which neither Hitler nor Stalin could defeat is now threatened by a single misguided person who most Americans never heard of and don't care about."

Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., took the Senate floor on Thursday morning to make one last appeal for approval of the measure. He painted a colorful panorama of flag history from the Founding Fathers to the present.

"The need for this amendment will not be found in a textbook or a treatise on constitutional law," Dole said.

Bolton quarry loses court zoning battle

BOLTON — The long-running "battle is over" at the Bolton Notch Quarry.

The owner of the quarry has lost a court fight to overturn a Zoning Commission stop-work order and his attorney says he will apply for a permit to work within commission guidelines.

The turn of events began Tuesday when the state Appellate Court declined to hear an appeal of a Vernon Superior Court ruling that upheld a cease and desist order filed by the Zoning Commission.

Lawler's attorney, Mark K. Brasse, also of Glastonbury, said today that "Our formal, public position is that we are applying for a permit, and the battle is over."

Town Zoning agent Stephen Lowrey said Thursday that the cease and desist order is still in effect but the Zoning Commission will not enforce it as long as Lawler has stated his intent to work within town guidelines that quarrying be done only on property that is zoned industrial.

In September, the Vernon Superior Court upheld the cease and desist order filed by the Zoning Commission because conditions of a permit issued to the quarry were not being met, Lawler appealed.

Hot issue in Bolton isn't a political one

By James F. Henry
Manchester Herald

BOLTON — Most people don't enjoy being in hot water, but employees and visitors to Community Hall love it.

They can thank Helen Kemp, the selectmen's secretary.

Until recently, the pipes in the Community Hall only produced cold water.

Kemp, who has been on the job since last December decided to do something about the problem.

Kemp convinced selectmen to hold a tag sale to get rid of "old junk," including typewriters, odds and ends, and even an old outdoor. The approximately \$700 raised went toward the fund for installing equipment to have running hot water in the building.

The new pipes were installed by M + M Plumbing of Bolton, and the work was actually done by about Labor Day. Kemp said the project cost about \$650, and the rest of the money raised will go into other small improvements to the building, such as putting a timer on the light by the Town Clerk's office.

Getting hot water into the building was not as simple as adding a hot water tank, however, Kemp said that because of distances involved, there had to be a special heating device installed just under the front entrance to the building. Otherwise, Kemp said it would have taken about five minutes of constant running water to get hot water up to the sinks, which are in the rooms right off the front entrance.

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HOW WARM IT IS — Helen Kemp, secretary to the Bolton selectmen, washes her hands with the newly-added hot water in Community Hall.

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