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Both sides cheer Main Street deal

Work may start in summer

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

The reconstruction of Main Street could begin as soon as next summer now that the town has reached a settlement with a group of downtown merchants who have been trying to block the project.

The group, called A Downtown Association to Protect the Thoroughfare, had objected to the project's planned access road because two buildings and one parking lot would have to be destroyed to make way for the road.

However, the town has agreed to divert the road from the buildings and make the road temporary rather than permanent. The town also will provide substitute parking while the work is being done.

The road is needed to provide a necessary one-way route to take the traffic burden off Main Street, which also will be one-way at some points during the construction. The road would run south to north, from Oak Street to Bissell Street.

Bruce S. Beck, a Manchester attorney who represents the merchants, said today, "It's a complete win. They don't have to lose their buildings, and they don't have to lose their parking."

According to the text of the five-page agreement, the approximately 12 parking spaces to be lost behind the One Heritage Place condo-office complex to the access road will be restored within 60 days of the completion of the project. The agreement did not define where the temporary parking space to replace the One Heritage Place spaces would be located. The agreement says the temporary spaces will "be as close as possible to the existing lot."

The buildings saved by the agreement are located on Oak Street and Parnell Place. Both are owned by George Marlow. The

Oak Street building contains Manchester Shoe Repair and the Sinnamon Shop and the Oak Street Package Store. The Parnell Place building contains several small businesses and once housed the MARC Bakery, which relocated to Main Street.

Beck said he hammered out the negotiations with Town Manager Richard J. Sartor, Assistant Town Manager Steven Werber, and then Town Attorney John Cooney. "We started around the middle of September and ironed out the last details last week."

Originally, he said, the town would not even listen to negotiations until the lawsuit had been filed March 6.

However, the leader of the merchant group credits the compromise to the new town administration. "The Democrats and (former Town Manager Robert) Weiss were absolutely unapproachable," said Robert H. Fish, a dentist whose office is at 945 Main St.

Fish said the most significant aspect of the "five or six" page settlement is "that they're not going to take the businesses away."

At a news conference in his office today, Sartor said the most significant aspect of the compromise is that it will "allow the renovation and reconstruction of Main Street to go ahead expeditiously."

With the possible ratification of the plan by the town Board of Directors and approval by the Federal Highway Administration and the state Department of Transportation, Sartor said contracting bids for the project could begin in the spring and the work could begin in the summer.

He said he anticipates the state and federal governments, which will pay for most of the cost of the

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U.S. planes join fighting

Aquino says rebels being beat back



By Claro Cortes
The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Rebel soldiers bombed the presidential palace compound today and seized three military bases in their strongest bid yet to topple President Corason Aquino. U.S. warplanes joined the battle to save the government.

By this evening, officials said the government was in control, but mutineers still controlled parts of Villamor air base — the air force headquarters — and parts of Manila's international airport.

Manila radio stations broadcast a statement from Mrs. Aquino in which she said the "enemy is routed but is not yet vanquished." She said "there is still a lot of fighting to be done." She was not seen on national television.

At sundown, the military chief of staff, Gen. Renato de Villa, declared that the sixth coup attempt against Mrs. Aquino had failed and that loyal troops had recaptured two of the bases — armed forces headquarters at Camp Aguinaldo and the Sangley Point naval base.

By 10 p.m., most of the estimated 400 mutineers controlling the government television station had

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HISTORIC MEETING — Pope John Paul II welcomes Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev Friday to the first ever meeting between a Kremlin chief and the pope. The meeting occurred at the Vatican.

Gorbachev meets pope, vows religious freedom for Soviets

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Mikhail S. Gorbachev pledged in a historic meeting with Pope John Paul II today that the Soviet Union will soon guarantee freedom of religion at home and establish diplomatic ties with the Vatican.

Joaquin Navarro, a Vatican spokesman, said Gorbachev also invited the pope to visit the Soviet Union and that John Paul thanked him and expressed the hope that developments would allow him to make the trip.

The beaming pope welcomed today's meeting — the first between a Kremlin chief and Roman Catholic pontiff — as a "promise-filled sign for the future" and promised support for Gorbachev's attempt to reform Soviet society.

In his address after about 70 minutes of private talks, John Paul referred to the "painful trials" that Soviet believers suffered in past decades.

He issued a strong call for religious freedom for all believers which included a reference to the Ukrainian Catholic Church that had been suppressed by Soviet dictator Josef Stalin.

"On their behalf — whether they be of the Latin, Byzantine or Armenian Rite — I express the fervent hope that they be able to practice freely their religious life," the pope said.

He also said the Holy See was following with interest

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Some barracks were bugged, report asserts

HARTFORD (AP) — Concealed listening devices that would have enabled state police to surreptitiously monitor conversations were installed in some barracks, a broadcast report says.

In an exclusive story broadcast Thursday night, WFSB-TV in Hartford quoted sources as saying that at one time it was standard practice to have microphones near the cells and in the conference rooms where attorneys meet with clients.

The television report came the day after Gov. William A. O'Neill released the findings of a panel he appointed to investigate revelations that state police had tape recorded telephone calls between suspects and their lawyers.

Hugh Keefe, the lawyer who brought out the state police secret taping scandal during a Waterbury manslaughter trial, corroborated the sources' information.

Keefe said today that during the pretrial hearing for Robert Little, who was charged by state police in the death of a pedestrian last year, three state police troopers acknowledged that a microphone was concealed near holding cells at the Southbury barracks.

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Bennet pupils reach out to help handicapped youths



MAKING A NEW FRIEND — Emily Lappen, a ninth grader at Bennet Junior High School, talks with a student in a special education class at Bowers School. She met with the students as part of an outreach effort to end the social isolation of special education students.

By Nancy Foley
Manchester Herald

A tour of special education classes by Bennet Junior High School students was an eye-opening experience. "They're not as different as I thought," Melissa Ross, 14, said.

After seeing a class at Buckley School of children with emotional and social problems, Matthew Carlyon, 15, said he was surprised that the students were smarter than he expected.

Richard Cormier, director of special education for the school system, who accompanied the students on the tour, said their reaction was typical of what many people feel when they encounter special education students. "In general, they're more like us than not like us," he said.

The seven ninth-graders visited special education classes at Bowers and Buckley elementary schools in an attempt to reach out to handicapped students who are often isolated socially from students in regular classes.

Over the past several years, schools have made strides in integrating special education students academically, and the next step is social integration, Cormier said. This will include moving students back to their neighborhood schools.

Ross and Carlyon are members of the student council and the other students on the tour are also council members or have some other leadership role at the school. They were chosen for the tour because other

students are likely to follow their example, Cormier said.

The first stop for the group was a class of children, ages 6 to 9, at Bowers School who were mentally retarded or had learning disabilities. The Bennet students talked to the children as they colored and listened as they read stories.

Mary Poirot, the teacher, said she had already made attempts to have her students interact with students in regular classes. Students in the regular third grade class were assigned a "buddy" in her class to play with at recess and eat lunch with.

The two classes also had a scavenger hunt together and are planning a Christmas party. It is difficult to get the students to play together at first, Poirot said. "You have to set these things up or they have a hard time integrating on their own," she said.

Despite his support for mainstreaming special education students, Cormier does not believe that every student should be in a regular classroom. "That's doing a disservice to these kids," he said.

But even when special education students cannot be placed in regular classrooms, they can still be made to feel they are part of the school by eating lunch with other students and participating in assemblies and dances, he said.

The students in the Bowers class come from all over town. Each school offers some degree of special education, but not every one has the

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Craft fair Saturday

Dried and silk flower arrangements, tree decorations, baskets, country folk art, wood carvings, gift baskets, rugs and more will be available Saturday during a Holly Berry Craft Fair to be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bolton Elementary School, 108 Notch Road, Bolton. The fair is sponsored by the school's Parent-Teacher Organization which also will provide a bake sale, luncheon menu and special children's photography session with Santa Claus. Admission is free.

Toy train show

New England Hobby Supply will hold its annual Marklin Weekends, featuring Marklin toy train demonstrations and displays, on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. at the store, 71 Hilliard St. Admission is free.

Ham dinner on Saturday

Boy Scout Troop 126 will sponsor a ham dinner Saturday from 5 to 6:45 p.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 60 Church St. Tickets are available from any scout at a cost of \$6 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 10, or by calling 646-0850.

VFW dinner Saturday

The Sharpshooters Country-Western Band will perform at a buffet dinner Saturday night at the Manchester Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2046, 608 E. Center St. The dinner will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m., with the dance immediately following until 1 a.m. Admission is \$6 per person.

Crafts demonstration Sunday

How to tie fishing flies, paint porcelain dolls and make fused or kiln-fired glass are special demonstrations to be offered Sunday from noon to 4:30 p.m. at the Manchester Historical Museum, 126 Cedar St. Also on display will be the "friend's tree," featuring handcrafted ornaments made by members and friends of the Manchester Historical Society. Donations will be accepted.

Mystery drama at RHAM

"The Night of January 16th," a play based on the trial of a young secretary who is accused of killing her wealthy boss, will be shown Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at RHAM High School, Hebron. The cast is made up of students from RHAM Junior and Senior High schools. Admission at the door is \$2.50 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens.

Religious concert Sunday

Flutes, violins and guitars will combine with soprano, tenor and bass voices during a celebration of sacred music to take place Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Lutheran Church, at the corner of Winter and Garden streets. A reception will follow the concert in the basement of the church. Donations will be accepted.

Craft sale Saturday

A tag and baked goods sale will be held during Manchester Manor's annual arts and crafts sale to be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Manor, 385 W. Center St.

Comedy, crafts at MCC

A free comedy night, featuring Tom Clarke and Kevin Brennan, will be held Friday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Smoke-Free Cafe in the Lower Building of Manchester Community College, 60 Bidwell St. Refreshments and non-alcoholic beverages will be served.

On Saturday, exhibitors from around New England will show unique items made of ceramics, jewelry, dolls, ornaments and more during a Christmas arts and crafts show to be held at the Lower Program Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission to the show, sponsored by Birch Hill Associates, is \$1.50. Children under age 12 will be admitted free.

Correction

Alicia Bondyria, 35, of 25 Elvree St. is listed in satisfactory condition at Manchester Memorial Hospital due to a knee injury and facial cuts she sustained in a two-car accident Monday night on Tolland Turnpike. Due to incorrect information given by the hospital, her status was incorrectly reported Wednesday.

Lottery

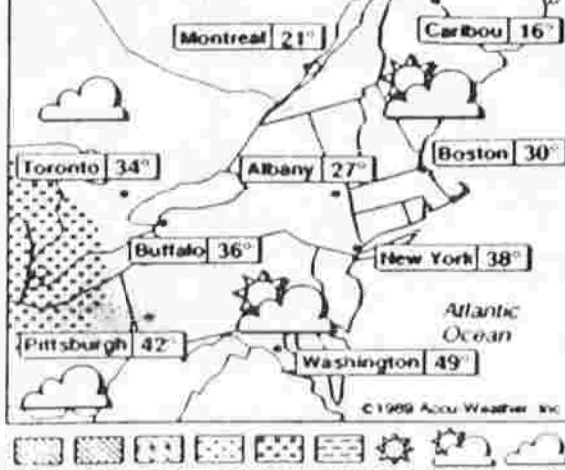
Winning numbers drawn Thursday in New England: Connecticut daily: 901. Play: 8663. Massachusetts daily: 0587. Tri-state (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont) daily: 174, 0443. Rhode Island daily: 4231. Rhode Island Lot-O-Bucks: 9, 19, 21, 29, 31.

Weather

REGIONAL Weather

Saturday, December 2

Mostly clear with light to moderate clouds and high temperatures



FASCINATING RHYTHM — "Fascinating Rhythm," a musical review of songs by George Gershin and Stephen Sonheim, will be presented by the Manchester Musical Players tonight at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Wallace Stevens Theatre of the Hartford Insurance Group, 690 Asylum Ave., Hartford. Manchester residents involved with the show are, from left to right, are: Gall Stone, Chris Stone, Greg Harolan, Mary Fox, Lori Iamonnaco, and Pierre Martoney. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call 528-8595 or 688-4809.

Obituaries

Donald Hale

Donald Hale, 75, of 122 Wetherell St., died Wednesday (Nov. 29, 1989) at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Doris (Firtion) Hale. He was born in Caribou, Maine, the son of the late Arden and Elizabeth (Thomas) Hale. He was a Manchester resident for the past 45 years.

He was a member of Center Congregational Church, and the AARP No. 1275, Manchester. Before retiring, he was a department manager for Sears Roebuck & Co. in Manchester.

He is survived by a sister, Mary Louise Lancaster of Orland, Maine; two nephews and a niece.

Births

PARKINSON, Adam Michael, son of Donald J. and Pamela Blackstone Parkinson of 35 Sycamore Trail, Coventry, was born Nov. 19 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Richard and Terrie Blackstone of East Hartford. His paternal grandparents are William and Marilyn Parkinson of Ellsworth, Maine. He has a brother Matthew, 3, and a sister Alycia, 6.

SIPON, Shannon Sueann, daughter of Steven K. and Deborah Nichols Sipon of 164 Maple St., was born Nov. 13 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandfather is Gerald E. Nichols Sr. of Columbus, Ohio. Her paternal grandparents are Steve and Carol Sipon of 6 Overlook Drive. She has a sister Andrea Rachelle, 4.

KELLIE, a son, born on Sept. 29 at Mount Sinai Hospital to Mark and Debra Urbank Kellie of 381 E. Middle Turnpike.

SHERIDAN, a daughter, born on Oct. 27 at Mount Sinai Hospital to David and Debra Nair Sheridan of 9 Karen Drive.

CALLIS, a son, born Sept. 13 at Mount Sinai Hospital to Robert and Cynthia Dean Callis of 56 Elvree St.

LANG, a daughter, born Sept. 18 at Mount Sinai Hospital to Douglas and Rosemary McIntyre Lang of 1024 Main St., Coventry.

MCKENNA, a daughter, born Oct. 21 at Hartford Hospital to John T. and Rita Embleton McKenna of 241 W. Center St.

ANDERSON, a daughter, born Oct. 13 at Hartford Hospital to Steven G. and Susan Kemp Anderson of 57 Bissell St.

YANKUMUND, a daughter, born Oct. 27 at Hartford Hospital to Earl M. and JulieAnn Kane Yankumund of 150 Pine St.

ZEMANTIC, a son, born Oct. 25 at Hartford Hospital to Thomas and Christie Carter Zematic, 37 Elm St.

GAGNER, a son, born Oct. 30 at Hartford Hospital to Matthew J. and RuthAnn Gagner of 46 Maple St.

LEBRUN, a son, born Sept. 29 at Hartford Hospital to Guy J. and Jennifer Kilgore LeBrun of 846 Grant Hill Road, Coventry.

Equipment operator is OK after accident

BOLTON — A man who was using a machine to dig a large hole behind the high school Thursday escaped injury when the ground beneath him gave way, dumping both man and machine into the 15-foot hole, according to James H. Veitch, building and grounds superintendent for Bolton schools.

The hole was being dug behind the school to hold a new underground oil tank which will store about 10,000 gallons of heating oil for the school, he said.

Shortly after 9:30 a.m., an employee of Chemtech Environmental Waste Management Co. of West Mystic, the company hired to do the work, was operating an "excavator" machine and digging the hole. Suddenly, the bank next to the hole on which the machine and man were working collapsed and fell into the hole, Veitch said.

"The machine just slid in but fortunately remained upright," Veitch said. "It was stuck in the hole in four or five feet of mud. It was quite a shock for the driver" who was on the piece of equipment at the time, he said. Veitch said he did not know the name of the man.

Veitch said he believes the ground was wet from recent rain and snow, and that the bank gave way when the hole reached a certain depth.

"We feel very fortunate that no one was hurt," he said. It took the crew about 4-1/2 hours to get the excavator out of the hole, Veitch said. "We had to create a dirt ramp and get two other machines to pull the machine out," he said.

Work on the hole and new oil tank installation resumed Thursday, he said.

Police Roundup

Accidents blamed on snow
A light dusting of snow caused slippery driving conditions Thursday night and resulted in several automobile accidents, one of which sent two people to the hospital, police and fire officials said.

An Eichel driver and her East Hartford passenger were treated at Manchester Memorial Hospital and released Thursday night after the car they were in was hit from the rear by another car at the intersection of Oakland and North School Streets, police said.

Lori Boulay, 24, of 31 Pine Hill Road, Enfield, was discharged from the hospital after being treated for a neck injury, a hospital spokeswoman said. A passenger in the car she was driving, Deborah Breen, 25, of 14 Bell Court, East Hartford, also was discharged after being treated for neck injuries.

Boulay and Breen were southbound on Oakland Street and stopped at a red traffic light at the intersection, when a car hit them from behind at 1:52 p.m., police said.

Police cited the driver of the other car, William H. Redd, 26, of 26 Newman St. for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and following too closely. Redd said that he tried to stop, but his car slid on the pavement, police said.

Slippery driving conditions kept emergency personnel busy, scuttling back and forth from the scenes of minor accidents, said Jack Hughes, town fire captain. "But there were no major accidents," he said.

State police in the Colchester and Hartford barracks said that slippery roads accounted for some minor accidents that happened on I-84 and I-84 in the Manchester area, but no one was seriously injured.

Thoughts

Faith and action are two indivisible elements of Christian salvation. For centuries people have tried to divide them. Both are necessary. They hold the truth together as an indivisible whole. Faith is necessary to apprehend God. You cannot enter into a relationship with God if you don't believe He exists. However, you can believe and refuse to accept God's unselfish and loving approach to life.

James comments: "The demons also believe — and tremble with fear." They believe but their commitment to their own selfishness permits no changes in their lives. Saving faith, however, not only believes God exists but commits the believer to acting as God acts. The actions that result are a natural consequence of a belief in the loving God who will not let us go. That kind of faith produces actions in harmony with God's character.

James Meek Pastor,
Community Baptist Church

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OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY — Richard Egan, president of the Manchester Historical Society, and Carol Lanham, of the Cheney Homestead Committee, pose in the homestead earlier this week after reviewing plans for the annual open house to be held Sunday from noon to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free. Holiday refreshments will be served in the dining room. Decorations will be done by the Manchester Garden Club and the Perennial Planters. The homestead is at 106 Hartford Road.

Eighth appeals FOI ruling

By Alex Grell
Manchester Herald

An appeal of a decision by the state's Freedom of Information Commission has been filed in Hartford Superior Court by the Elections Review Committee of the Eighth Utilities District.

The appeal was filed by attorney John D. LaBelle Jr., legal counsel for the committee chairman, Ellen Burns Landers, were incomplete and inadequate. The commission agreed.

The district Board of Directors voted 4 to 2 on Nov. 20 to appeal the decision. Voting in favor were Thomas E. Landers, the district president, and Directors Joseph Tripp, Thomas H. Ferguson, and Loraine Boutin. Directors Willard Marvin and Samuel Longest opposed.

The proponents argued that the decision would discourage volunteers from serving on district study committees. Three members of a committee to make recommendations on the conversion of the former Willis garage to district headquarters resigned in protest over the decision.

In his appeal, LaBelle said that when the district directors appointed the committee, the district had no staff or employees to whom it could delegate the study and the committee had no authority to change election procedures or adopt by-law changes, but was merely asked to study and report to the directors.

LaBelle has said that in towns remains to be determined."

James A. Marshall was killed Tuesday at about 6 a.m. when the single-engine Piper Cherokee was piloting apparently his first ground off balance, tearing the both wings off the plane. He was the pilot of the plane which crashed on the left side of the runway at Groton Airport, according to Coventry police.

The crash occurred in a cornfield on a farm about one-half mile south of Route 44 and one-half mile west of Silver Street. The plane's wings were shredded into pieces and formed a line for about 100 yards.

Frank Ghioris, regional director for the board's New York City office, from where the crash that killed a 38-year-old Mystic man is being investigated, said, "A harred wire fence happened to be in the path of the aircraft. Analytically, how much that fact contributed to the crash remains to be determined."

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Hospital will assist Yale in radon research project

By Dianna M. Talbot
Manchester Herald

Manchester Memorial Hospital is one of several hospitals across that state that will participate in a radon-detecting device known as alpha-track detectors will be placed in the participants' homes for a period of one year, on the level of the house where the person spends most of his or her time, she said.

Radon levels will also have to be tested and residents questioned in nearly 8,000 other homes — the previous homes of the study participants, Rothery said.

Yale researchers will then randomly select patients and ask them to participate in the five-year study, she said.

Yale researchers are "about to launch the study," said Rothery. Radon gas is estimated to be the second leading cause of lung cancer, after cigarette smoking. The federal government estimates that about 10,000 people without who will serve as a control group, Rothery said. All will have the radon gas level in their homes measured and evaluated for free.

Rothery said the study is not seeking volunteers to participate. "This is a scientific study," she said. "Everything has to be done and selected randomly. All we can do is tell people who want to participate that they should want to for us to call them" or test their homes for radon themselves.

The Department of Health Services can residents who are worried about radon levels in their homes with a list of companies that help measure radon levels in homes. Rothery said. The cost of these services range from \$10 to \$12 for do-it-yourself kits to over \$100 if a company representative visits and tests a house, she said.

To determine the effects of lifetime exposure to the naturally occurring radioactive gas, Yale researchers will have to learn all they can about both the past and current homes of the study participants, according to Rothery.

Working with portable computers, research team members will put participants through 90-minute interviews that will include questions about everything they can remember about their previous homes — such as where they spent most of their time and how their houses were insulated and heated, Rothery said.

A similar number of participants will be studied at The University of Utah, she said. Data from the two projects will be combined and evaluated.

Anyone seeking additional information on radon gas can contact the town health department (647-3173), state Department of Health Services (566-3122) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Region I, Room 2203, JFK Federal Building, Boston, Mass. 02203, (617) 365-3234.

At the meeting, the directors selected a phone system for the complex, approved change orders in the construction contract and decided to invite bids for furniture. The phone system will be supplied by Southern New England Telephone Company for \$3,384, a price reduced from an original estimate of \$4,500. The directors chose the more sophisticated of two systems offered after the price reduction by a Beverly Wilson, a SNET representative.

The system can be updated automatically if the need arises. The system includes a facsimile machine. The directors also approved changes in the construction contract adding about \$5,000 to the cost. In all about \$34,000 has been added to the \$403,000 contract with Dinc Construction Co., leaving about \$63,000 in the \$900,000 spending authorization.

Lamson estimated that furniture and window blinds will cost \$15,000 to \$20,000. Bids will be invited as soon as possible, CHRISTMAS TREES

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BERNIES NEWMARK & LEWIS Saturday NOV 25 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
SEARS Saturday DEC 2 11:00 am - 1:30 pm
D & L ONE PRICE SHOP Saturday DEC 9 11:00 am - 1:30 pm
PARADE OF SHOES Saturday DEC 9 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
LEE JAY INC Saturday DEC 16 11:00 am - 1:30 pm
DRESS BARN Saturday DEC 16 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
PRAGUE SHOES Saturday DEC 23 11:00 am - 1:30 pm
MARSHALL'S MALL Saturday DEC 23 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

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In Brief . . .

English tutors are needed

The Greater Hartford Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking volunteers to teach conversational English classes, which are offered free. Classes meet Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Red Cross, 209 Farmington Ave., Farmington. Students range in ability from speaking little or no English to near fluency. To volunteer, call the Red Cross at 678-2302.

Finnegan sees Sox game

Tom Finnegan of Manchester attended the Boston Red Sox game against the Seattle Mariners Sept. 3 at Fenway Park as one of the winners in a contest sponsored by the Friendly's Restaurants. Each winner was awarded a pair of sky box tickets and an autograph session with team members.

Library friends sell T-shirts

The Andover Friends of the Library are kicking off their holiday fund-raising season with the arrival of new sweatshirts with a design created by Janet McCall, membership vice chairman of the Friends. The sweatshirts are available in children and adult sizes at the Andover Library on Route 6. Orders are being taken for the sweatshirts at \$15 each. A limited supply of the older style sweatshirts and T-shirts is available at the library.

Campbell named a leader

David Campbell, a senior at Manchester High School, has been named the top Coventry student who will be eligible to compete in a statewide competition for one of two \$1,500 scholarships and a trip to the National Century III Leaders Conference in Colonial Williamsburg March 2 to 5. State delegates will compete for a national prize of a \$10,000 scholarship.

Runners up in the Manchester High School competition were Mark Bedford and Sheryl Brantak. Century III is funded by Shell Oil Company Foundation and administered by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Campbell is a member of the National Honor Society and co-president of the Student Council.

Raymond in band contest

John Raymond of Manchester has entered Musician Magazine's third annual Best Unsigned Band Contest. Each entrant's original music will be judged by editors of the magazine and a panel of recording stars. Twelve finalists will be featured on the annual compact disc compilation, "The Best Unsigned Bands." The contest is open to record executives, music program directors and music journalists nationwide.

Training needed for licenses

Sixteen- and seventeen-year olds applying for drivers' licenses after Jan. 1 will be required to present a certificate showing they have completed a five-hour course of training related to safe driving practices. The five hours must include at least two hours on alcohol and drugs and their impact on drivers.

Lawrence F. DePinto, motor vehicles commissioner, urged young people to make sure driver education courses they take include the instruction and are courses approved by him if they are in driving schools. The courses must be approved by the commissioner of education if they are in high schools or other secondary schools.

Blood pressure clinic canceled

The blood pressure scheduled by the town Health Department for Monday at Westhill Gardens, 24 Bluefield Drive, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. has been canceled. A new date and time will be scheduled.

Radon test kits available

Radon test kits are available for Manchester residents for \$10. The Health Department is offering the kits to highlight the dangers of radon in the home and as a community service. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. One in five homes in Connecticut contain radon gas above a level of concern, according to the state Department of Health Services. Since the level varies from home to home (even neighboring dwellings), every home should be tested.

The Health Department will provide the kit and simple directions for testing. Kits may be picked up at the Health Department on the first floor of the Lincoln Center, 495 Main St., between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Bolton wants Apples

Bolton Center School Student Council members are collecting Stop & Shop supermarket register slips on a weekly basis, saving for an Apple computer through the "Apples for Students" program. The program runs until March 10, 1990.

Anyone who shops at Stop & Shop supermarkets who does not have a child in the schools who would like to contribute to the cause may drop off any slips at Bentley Memorial Library on Bolton Center Road.

Lionness conduct fund-raiser

The Bolton Lionness Club is selling Entertainment 1990 booklets. The club funds charities benefiting eye research, diabetes, the Hole-in-the-Wall Camp, and other organizations.

The Lionness Club meets on the first Wednesday of every month at Vio's at 7 p.m. New members are welcome. This year's officers are Virginia Bergstrom, president; Sophie Litvinskas, vice president; Cheryl Nasal, secretary; and Edie Long, treasurer.



Photo: Flynn/Manchester Herald

HOLIDAY ASSIGNMENT—Jim Messier of Vernon, an employee of John E. Whitman Nursery on Route 6 in Bolton, assembles a wreath outside the company Wednesday in preparation for the holiday season.

Bolton board hears pros, cons of a regional school district

By James F. Henry
Manchester Herald

BOLTON — Ronald Harris, an attorney with the State Department of Education, explained to the Board of Education Thursday the procedures of forming a regional school system, what the town could gain and lose from such an arrangement, and also the means of dissolving a system if necessary. The board invited Harris to speak because it is evaluating options in the wake of declining enrollment. One option being considered is creating a regional district, according to Board of Education Chairman James H. Marshall.

Willington, which had been sending students to Bolton High School on a tuition basis, began withdrawing its students this year and sending them to E.O. Smith School in Mansfield. Harris said that "the school system must identify educational benefits" that students can get by attending a regional school. He also said, "The issues of finance will not cause you to regionalize." He said

the town would lose financial control in a regional district. The process of regionalizing, Harris said, usually takes at least two years to complete. To regionalize, a committee made up of representatives from each town must be formed. That committee would prepare a report to be approved by the state. A public hearing must be held in the towns and voters must approve the district in a referendum. Harris said one negative point of regionalizing is that each town government has no control over the school's budget. Residents of each town would vote on the budget in a special regional school district meeting and each town would be billed on the number of students it is attending the school.

Board member David Fernald said it is possible that if the town received a bill higher than it could afford, elementary school students still being educated in Bolton could be affected by budget cuts made to pay the bill. Marshall asked if having the present high school building available for use in a regional district would be a bonus for Bolton. Harris said that if Bolton's building was used, other towns might have to pay extra to compensate. Harris said other factors the board would need to consider is the political atmosphere in town, being aware of the effects attempts to regionalize would have, as well as finances. He did say that though money should not be the primary concern of the board, it is one factor that should be weighed in the decision. Fernald said it appeared that other regional systems had a higher average cost per student than Bolton did in fiscal year 1987, which was the last year for which information is available from the state.

Harris said that if Bolton entered a regional system, pulling out would not be simple. He likened such a situation to a marriage ending in divorce. He said each town would have its own ideas of what it should get out of the split. Voters in all towns would have the final say in any attempts to regionalize or to dissolve, Harris said.

Coventry votes to take students from Columbia

By Jacqueline Bennett
Herald Correspondent

COVENTRY — The Board of Education decided Thursday night that Coventry High School will open its doors to students from Columbia next fall. "One of the advantages is that it will enrich our classes," said Superintendent of Schools Michael Malinowski during the meeting at Coventry High School. The motion to accept students from Columbia was approved 6-0, on Malinowski's recommendation. Board member Kathleen Ryan was absent. Malinowski said he received a request from school officials in Columbia who are looking for "options" for their students. Currently they attend Windham High School.

The number of students could be zero to 150, or it may never materialize, Malinowski said. Columbia would pay a \$6,000 per student tuition annually and provide transportation. A contract and payment schedule would still have to be worked out, Malinowski noted. CHS Principal Dennis Joy said that 361 students attend the high school, a number that has been dwindling since a high of 586 in 1977. At that time, Joy said, classes at the average academic level had 27 to 31 students per class. However, Joy said, with the addition of students from Columbia, the numbers would not come near that.

Board member Judy Halverson noted the population of the town is growing and the results are serious space needs at the elementary schools. She said soon the high school will begin to overcrowd.

School business manager Frank Muri said a transportation needs projection done recently by his office indicates that within the next four years there will be an increase of 100 students attending CHS.

The board also voted 6-0 to add one full-time paraprofessional position effective in January, to be shared by the kindergartens at Coventry Grammar School and G.H. Robertson school. The cost will be about \$3,800.

Close to 200 parents from Robertson brought a request for extra help to the board along with Robertson kindergarten teachers Terry Blitwinski and Colleen Hamblett. That request was prompted by enrollment being higher than anticipated, instead of 63 students as Robertson just over 70. The group had asked for a full-time paraprofessional at Robertson for the kindergartens.

Malinowski said his research indicated a full-time extra teacher would be needed at a both elementary schools. He said the current ratio is about 13 students to one teacher, with the addition of the aide it would be about 9-1. Malinowski said the state recommends 18 to 20 students to one teacher. However the request for an additional full-time aide at each school was defeated by a tie vote. Halverson said that about 80 kindergarten students had been attending Coventry Grammar School for several years, resulting in a similar class size ratio and no request for extra help was made. In addition, Halverson noted, the budget was very tight.

With approval of a shared position the class size ratio will be about 10.5 to 1, according to Malinowski. In another matter, the board approved that repair work on the bleachers fields at Coventry Grammar School be started. The cost will be about \$5,000, according to Halverson, who is chairwoman of the School Building Committee.

The board also approved a request from Malinowski to put a window in his office at the high school. The cost will be about \$2,500.

Someone took 'Time Out' to help

By Nancy Foley
Manchester Herald

The children at the Time Out for Parents program have a secret Santa out there somewhere. An anonymous donor sent a \$2,000 check to the program that provides short-term daycare to parents under stress.

Betsy Roberts, director of Time Out for Parents, a Hartford Region YWCA program, returned to the office at Concordia Lutheran Church on Oct. 27 to find the cashier's check in the mail, with a note that said simply, "For the little ones."

"It's unusual that someone gives a donation expecting nothing in return," she said. The money is definitely needed by Time Out for Parents, which has existed since 1981. "It's going to make a big difference," Roberts said. "We operate on a very tight budget so this money means that we will be able to get things that have been on hold."

Though she respects the person's desire for privacy, Roberts said the rest of the staff can't help but be curious about the identity of the donor of the largest contribution from an individual the program has ever received. "It's driving me crazy," she said. "There's no way to say thank you." She and other staff members have tried to determine who the generous donor might be,

but have been unable to come up with anyone. Roberts even called the bank that issued the cashier's check. "But they're not talking," she said.

Just as the donor intended, the money will be spent on the children. Though she has not decided exactly what will be bought, Roberts said the program needs a changing table, a new carpet, toys, and supplies, such as diapers.

Time Out for Parents receives funding from the United Way and the town of Manchester, as well as from private trusts and donations. It provides day care to about 20 children each day, ten in the morning and ten in the afternoon.

Each month Time Out for Parents helps 30 to 40 families that need relief from the stress of being a parent for a short time. Some of the clients are mothers who need to attend counseling sessions, or who are going through a divorce. One woman had five boys and needed to go grocery shopping, Roberts said.

"The parents are good people who need a break," Roberts said. Most of the people who use the service do not have the resources to make such a large contribution, Roberts said. Yet she believes that the donor is someone who knows about the program, because it is not heavily advertised. "If someone who knows what we do," she said, "we've obviously made a difference to someone."

School renovations aired in Coventry

COVENTRY — A presentation of plans for code work and other renovations at two of the town schools was made to the Board of Education Thursday night.

The cost of renovations will be between \$5 million and \$6 million. Richard Lawrence, president of Lawrence Associates of Manchester, showed the site plans during the meeting at Coventry High School.

The schools are Coventry Grammar and Capt. Nathan Hale School. The work must be done under state mandate to bring the schools up to current building codes. Coventry High School and G.H. Robertson have already been refurbished.

The plans have been approved by the state. Next the project must get a final review by the board, then be approved by the Town Council and will likely go to a referendum in February.

School blood drive recognized

Howell Cheney Regional Vocational Technical School has received a first-place award from the American Red Cross as an outstanding blood drive sponsor. The school was honored for its 75 percent student and faculty participation in blood drives.

Smith will run for governorship

HARTFORD (AP) — State Senate Minority Leader Reginald J. Smith, the newest candidate in the race for the 1990 Republican gubernatorial nomination, says state spending growth should be tied to the annual growth in personal income. He also says that programs can be expanded with raising taxes by encouraging business expansion, including the use of tax breaks in "enterprise zones."

Smith, a New Hartford Republican who formally entered the fray on Thursday, also said he expects abortion to be among the top three issues from the 1990 campaign.

While he opposes abortion personally, he said he would not try to impose his views on Connecticut women by calling for abortion restrictions. Government, he said, should not be in the business of regulating people's bodies.

Smith's announcement in the Senate chamber where he has served for seven years was dominated by state budget issues. He said Connecticut can "no longer live with this bloated spending."

By encouraging business expansion, Smith said the state's revenue picture would improve. That, he said, will mean that "programs to improve the environment, job training, education and housing can go forward without new taxes."

State prisons relax early release rules

HARTFORD (AP) — The state Department of Correction has eased the rules for its supervised home release program as part of an effort to reduce prison overcrowding.

Correction officials said it was the eighth time this year they have eased eligibility requirements for the home release program to avoid overcrowding in the state's prison system.

The supervised home release program is similar to probation. It requires inmates to live in an approved residence, to report to a parole officer on a fixed schedule, to hold or seek a job, and, in some cases, to have job training or undergo tests for drug use.

Not every inmate is eligible for the home release program. Under legislation approved by the General Assembly earlier this year, the program is closed to inmates who have been convicted of the most serious felonies or crimes that result in death.

Judge orders fronton to rehire jai alai players

HARTFORD (AP) — An administrative law judge for the National Labor Relations Board has ordered Bridgeport Jai Alai to offer 40 striking players their old jobs back and discharge, if necessary, any replacement workers.

Meanwhile, Milford Jai Alai announced Thursday that a scheduled vote by players on whether to join representation was cancelled by the National Labor Relations Board.

In a decision dated Nov. 28, Judge Wallace H. Nations ruled that the Bridgeport fronton engaged in unfair labor practices by threatening never to recognize or bargain with a jai alai players union.

Nations found that Bridgeport Jai Alai also engaged in unfair practices by requiring players to sign a contract that contained provisions denying them rights guaranteed by the National Labor Relations Act and by threatening to sue any of its players who engaged in a strike.

Teen-aged murderers are cellmates at Somers prison

HARTFORD (AP) — Sean G. Burke and Dennis Coleman, young men who were sentenced to lengthy prison terms this week for two of Connecticut's most notorious recent murders, are cellmates at Somers State Prison, Coleman's attorney said.

"As of today, they're both in the same jail cell," M. Haucher Norris, Coleman's attorney, said Thursday. Coleman, 21, was sentenced Tuesday to 34 years in prison for August 1987 strangulation of Joyce Aparo. Coleman has since claimed that Aparo's daughter, Karin, his girlfriend, begged him to kill her abusive mother.

Burke, 19, was sentenced later the same day by the same judge to 40 years for the May 1988 death of Richard F. Reihl, a gay Wethersfield man beaten to death by Burke and

another Hartford youth, Marcos Perez. Superior Court Judge Raymond R. Norio, who imposed both sentences, on Tuesday told Coleman "Your youth will be spent at Somers. I find Somers probably the most dangerous place I know of on earth. Part of me goes with you."

Somers, which houses more than 1,400 inmates, is the state's only maximum security prison. There have been several brawls at the prison in recent months, and prison guards there have complained recently that they do not feel safe at the prison.

Norris said Burke and Coleman are being evaluated and have not been permanently assigned to a prison cell. He has said he plans to ask that Coleman be transferred to another prison or to a state mental hospital.

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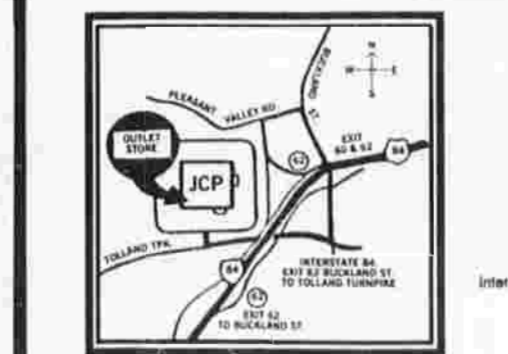
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Don't drive drunk this yule season

Red ribbons flowing from antennas and sideview mirror of automobiles won't put an end to drunk driving, but they will remind a lot of people who see them that drunk driving is a big part of the holiday season.

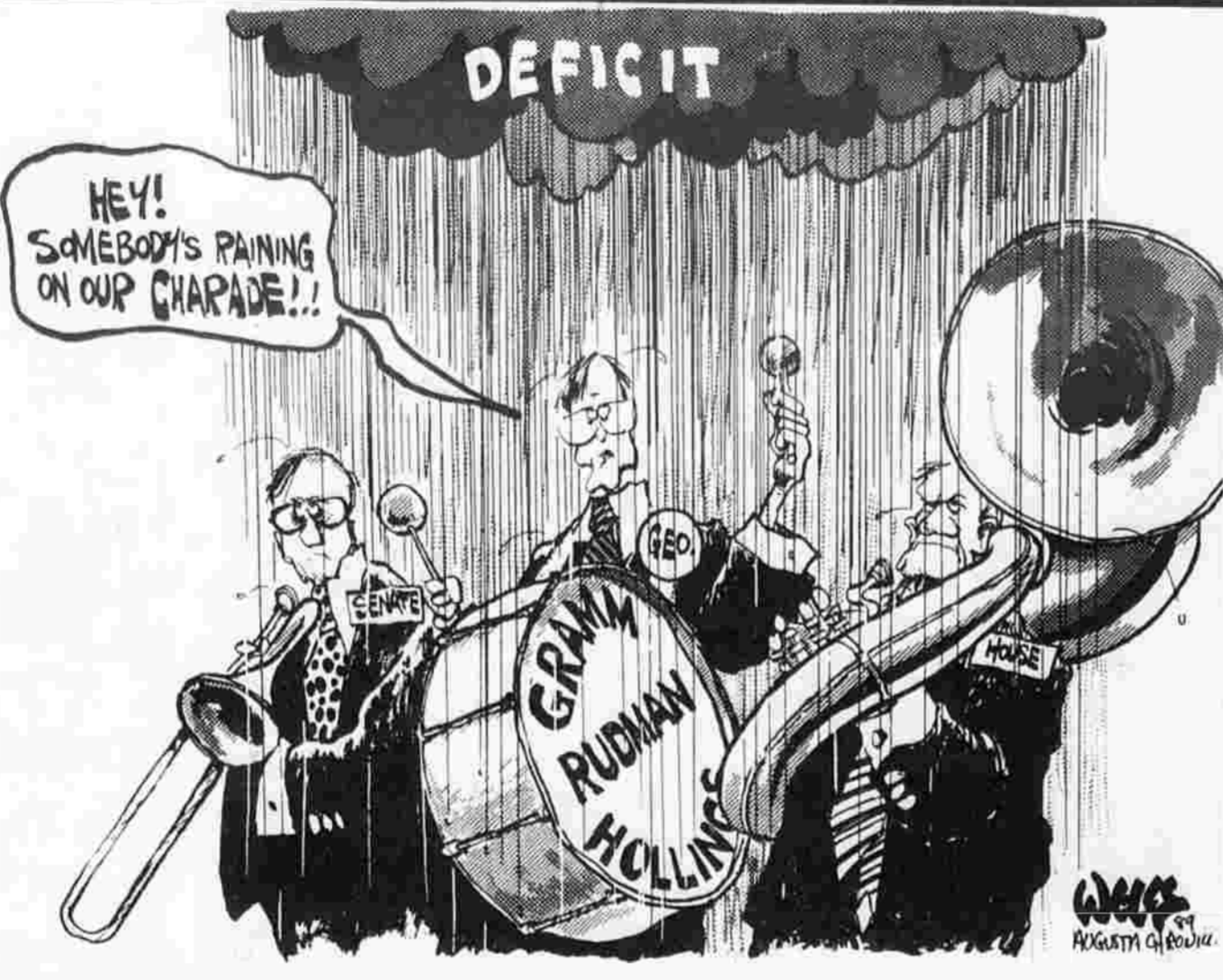
MADD, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, is launching a campaign to distribute the ribbons along with information about its goals and requests for donations to its cause.

In Manchester, Michele Colletti plans to distribute 3,500 of the ribbon packets to local stores and other public places. She, and MADD, deserve commendation for their effort.

The dangers of drunk driving are so obvious there should be no need to be reminded of them, but the statistics prove there is.

People are being asked to tie the ribbons to antennas and mirrors during the season to remind others that when drinks are mixed with driving they make a potentially lethal concoction.

Drivers who fly the ribbons will be helping others to remember. As a matter of fact they will be reminding themselves. It will be hard to forget with the red ribbon fluttering constantly in your own view.



Free agency heads for court

WASHINGTON—Over the next few years, pro football's biggest battles will not be fought on the field but in the courtroom—possibly even on the floor of the U.S. Congress.

The National Football League has been operating without a players contract since September 1987. At that time, players agreed to return to work after a 24-day strike pending resolution of an anti-trust suit filed by the NFL Players Association.

Technically, the Players Association and the NFL Management Council were said to have been bargaining, even though no sessions have been held in more than a year.

At the heart of the players' discontent is free agency. Players want the ability to offer their services to the highest bidder once their current contracts expire—so-called "unlimited" free agency. The owners contend that such a plan would destroy on-field parity between teams and kill competitiveness within the league.

Recently, a federal appeals court struck down the Players Association's 1987 lawsuit on the grounds that—as long as bargaining over a new contract is still technically in progress (even though no session was actually held last year)—the antitrust exemptions of the old contract are still in force.

So, the Players Association has come up with a daring strategy. It is going to ask that a decertification election be held in the hope that the players will vote the Players Association out of existence. At the point its existence is extinguished, the old contract—with its free agency and draft anti-trust exemptions—would cease.

Edward Gleason, the lawyer representing the Players Association in its antitrust suit, had admitted that the next step would be to file individual antitrust suits against the NFL. Asked by a reporter if he had specific players ready to file such suits, Gleason replied, "I do indeed."

NFL owners had said there will no exception until the present player contract expires. So far, Fumento's intellectual rigor has cost him one job, an unprecedented denunciation by Malcolm Forbes and other assorted indignities. And Fumento is braced for another round of vitriol when a book he has written on AIDS is published in January. But at least this is an argument that time eventually will settle. And if Fumento is right, it will be settled much sooner than most people think.

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Hispanics passed for promotion

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON—When the FBI's army of lawyers lost a discrimination suit last year to a couple of underpaid Hispanic attorneys, it was not only a huge embarrassment to the FBI, it was a landmark decision for Hispanics.

In September 1988, a Texas judge ruled that the FBI discriminated against its Hispanic agents and that the bureau's equal employment opportunity program was "bankrupt."

More than a year later, the victory is all but meaningless. Hispanic agents who testified that they had been ousted to the "Taco Circuit" are still here. They work in cramped offices translating Spanish telephone conversations. If they ask for promotion, they are reminded that they still don't have the right stuff for management.

The FBI apparently thinks they do have the right stuff for dangerous undercover work, posing as seedy drug buyers and dealers. Or declassification might bring with it a host of new lawsuits. Then, if owners tried to slash benefits to lower-level players, there might be another strike—one much longer and meaner than in 1987.

Meanwhile, the NFL will probably step up its effort to get Congress to give it the same kind of antitrust exemption as in baseball.

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Salvador beefing up patrols

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP)—Infantrymen in battle gear from the army's toughest battalions patrolled the capital's wealthiest neighborhoods early today, preparing to fend off more attacks by leftist guerrillas.

Soldiers from U.S.-trained Atlacal and Arce battalions, hardened by years of war, patrolled the littered streets of Escalon and San Benito, combing entrances and alleyways for any remaining rebels.

None were reported found. A total of 282 Americans, many living in the two neighborhoods, fled the embattled country Thursday when the guerrillas declared a six-hour truce. U.S. Embassy personnel and dependents were among those who departed in two chartered planes.

The two neighborhoods on the west and southwest side of the city were the scene of a surprise rebel incursion late Tuesday and early Wednesday that turned their stately tree-lined streets and carefully tended lawns into battle zones.

Leaders of the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front rebel organization said the invasion was part of the rebel's biggest offensive in the decade-old war, which was launched Nov. 11.

Infiltrating in small groups under cover of darkness, the guerrillas had seized and entrenched themselves in about 40 homes in the neighborhoods.

There were no reports of civilian casualties from the fierce fighting. The number of combatants killed was not known, although reporters at the time counted 11 bodies dressed in battle gear lying in the area.

By nightfall Thursday, when a dusk-to-dawn curfew went into effect, the rebels vanished as silently as they had come and no more shooting could be heard. But the neighborhoods remained littered with spent cartridges, burned-out luxury cars, dented power lines, and some damaged homes and mansions — and a few rebels.

One of the bodies in Escalon had been burned by soldiers and dumped, headfirst into a mesh trash can outside a mansion, a crude cardboard sign scrawled with a skull and crossbones and forced the networks to broadcast its news programs several hours every day.

For the first time in the civil war, the rebels Wednesday reportedly fired a surface-to-air missile. A military source, who insisted on anonymity, identified the missile as a Soviet-made SAM-7 aimed at an A-37 jet fighters near Zacatecoluca, a provincial capital 25 miles south of the capital, but missed its target.

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Czech party re-examines turbulent events of 1968

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP)—The ruling Communist Party today overturned 21 years of policy and said it will reassess the turbulent events of 1968, when a Soviet-led invasion crushed the "Prague Spring" reforms.

The developments were the latest in a series of democratic reforms forced on the embattled party leadership by the burgeoning democracy movement.

On Thursday, Czechoslovakia entered Czechoslovakia, the party daily Rude Pravo said.

In a separate statement on the 1968 invasion in Rude Pravo, the party's top ideological body, the Institute of Marxism-Leninism, said some unidentified Czechoslovak Communist and outside Warsaw Pact leaders were mistaken to say that Czechoslovakia was threatened by counterrevolution in 1968.

The invasion by tens of thousands of soldiers from the Soviet Union and all other Warsaw Pact nations except Romania was the largest military action Europe has known since World War II and dealt a blow to hopes of leftists worldwide that communism could embrace democratic reform.

Those men, including ousted Communist party chief Milos Jakes, were removed last week after anti-government demonstrations forced the party to change course.

On Wednesday, Premier Ladislav Adamec became the first government official in Czechoslovakia in the past 20 years to urge reassessment of the invasion, adding he also hoped to negotiate the withdrawal of the Soviet troops who entered Czechoslovakia during the 1968 invasion and have stayed ever since.

This was impossible while the old leaders installed by Moscow after 1968 continued to hold power in Prague.

But no definite steps had been taken yet. The Czechoslovak Parliament would have been spurred by the swift decision in neighboring Poland to change the constitutional provision guaranteeing the Communists a monopoly on power.

The Czechoslovak Parliament voted unanimously Wednesday to repeal the constitutional designation of the Communists as the leading force.

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OPINION

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Red ribbons flowing from antennas and sideview mirror of automobiles won't put an end to drunk driving, but they will remind a lot of people who see them that drunk driving is a big peril of the holiday season.

MADD, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, is launching a campaign to distribute the ribbons along with information about its goals and requests for donations to its cause.

In Manchester, Michele Colletti plans to distribute 3,500 of the ribbon packets to local stores and other public places. She, and MADD, deserve commendation for their effort.

The dangers of drunk driving are so obvious there should be no need to be reminded of them, but the statistics prove there is.

People are being asked to tie the ribbons to antennas and mirrors during the season to remind others that when drinks are mixed with driving they make a potentially lethal concoction.

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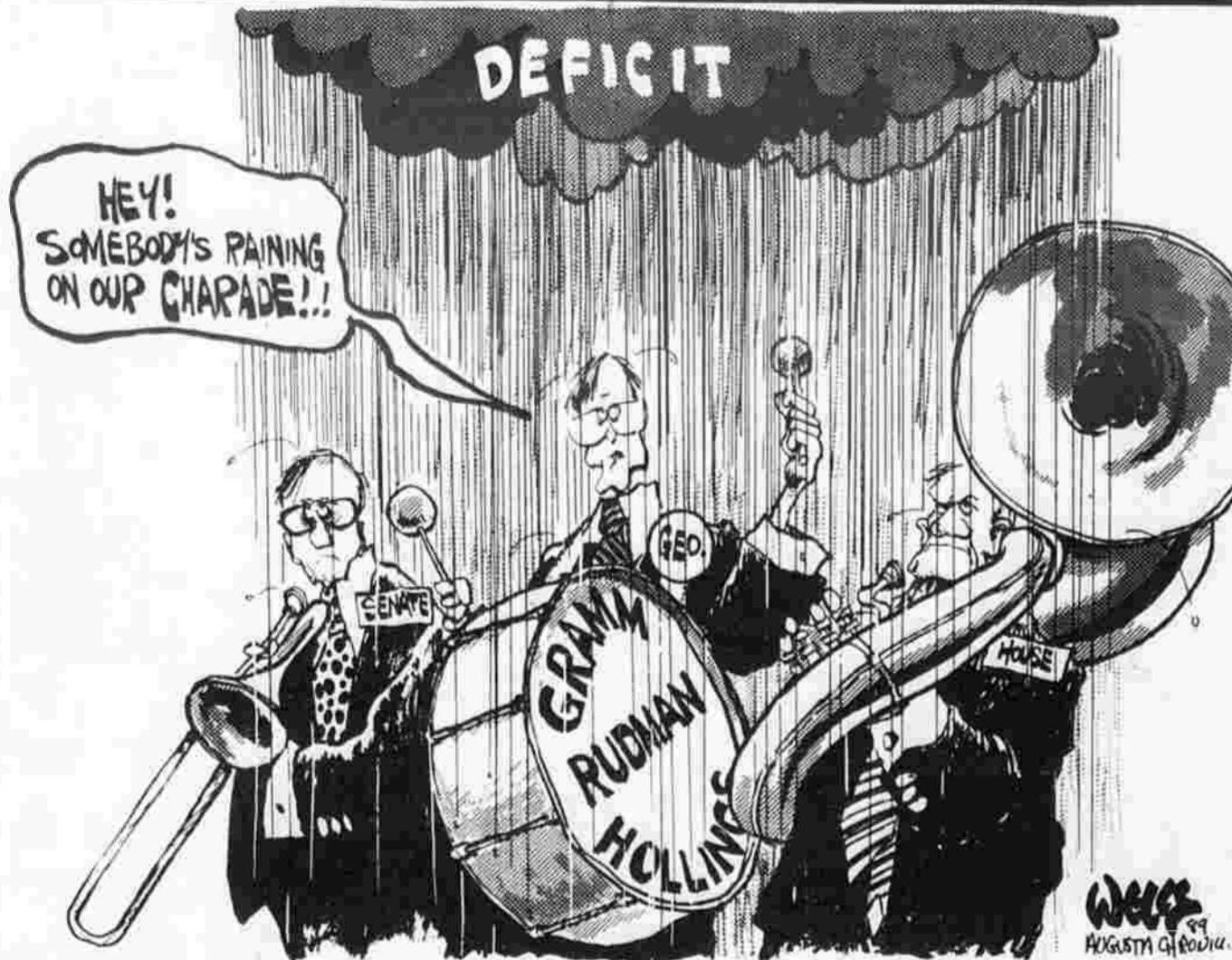
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Free agency heads for court

By Robert Wagman

WASHINGTON—Over the next few years, pro football's biggest battles will not be fought on the field but in the courtroom—possibly even on the floor of the U.S. Congress.

The National Football League has been operating without a players contract since September 1987. At that time, players agreed to return to work after a 24-day strike pending resolution of an anti-trust suit filed by the NFL Players Association.

Technically, the Players Association and the NFL Management Council were said to have been bargaining, even though no sessions have been held in more than a year.

At the heart of the players' discontent is free agency. Players want the ability to offer their services to the highest bidder once their current contracts expire—so-called "unlimited" free agency. The owners contend that such a plan would destroy on-field parity between teams and kill competitiveness within the league.

Since the 1987 impasse, NFL owners have instituted a convoluted form of limited free agency that divides players into categories according to ability and age. In theory, any NFL player can shop around for a new team, but the player's current team has a right to match another team's offer, thus retaining the player. Also, if a team does sign a "class A" player, it must offer substantial compensation to its old team. Thus, the player's move becomes much like a player-

owned franchise. The NFL Players Association has admitted that the next step would then be for several players of major stature—a Lawrence Taylor of the Giants, for example, or Denver's John Elway—to file individual antitrust suits against the NFL. Asked by a reporter if he had specific players ready to file such suits, Clemens replied, "I do indeed."

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readily peaked in Britain. As a reporter from the Sunday Telegraph put it, members also admitted "that their (previous) predictions about the course of AIDS epidemic have exaggerated the size of the problem by as much as fivefold."

Virtually one contends the AIDS epidemic is more mature in Britain than in the United States, although the makeup of the victims differs somewhat. Which means, obviously, that the epidemic may have peaked here as well.

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Hispanics passed for promotion

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON—When the FBI's army of lawyers lost a discrimination suit last year to a couple of underpaid Hispanic attorneys, it was not only a huge embarrassment to the FBI, it was a landmark decision for Hispanics.

In September 1988, a Texas judge ruled that the FBI discriminated against its Hispanic agents and that the bureau's equal employment opportunity program was "bankrupt."

More than a year later, the victory is all but meaningless. Hispanic agents who testified that they had been exiled to the embattled country Thursday when the guerrillas declared a six-hour truce, U.S. Embassy personnel and dependents were among those who departed in two chartered planes.

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Some agents whose careers were humming along before they testified now find themselves isolated and ignored. Others began catching heat for violating obscure bureau rules such as being overweight.

One agent in a southern regional bureau had a full caseload before he testified. Now he says his cases have been given to rookie agents and local police. Testifying "devastated my career," he told us.

"You can't win against them. They control the paperwork." Paul Magallanes retired from the FBI last summer after 21 years. He says Hispanic agents are not viewed as management material. "In this day and age, you're not going to find any hard-core, over-bright in the FBI. But some of these people are about as subtle as a sledgehammer," he says.

FBI Director William Sessions insists that the bureau is implementing the judge's directives. To Sessions' credit, he didn't appeal the decision, even though special agents in charge of the FBI's 59 regional offices met in conference last spring and voted overwhelmingly in favor of an appeal.

An FBI spokesman told us that the bureau will hire a consultant to troubleshoot the personnel process. A Hispanic is now overseeing the FBI's equal employment opportunity program, and the bureau claims to be actively recruiting "minorities and women who have the potential to be future leaders in the FBI."

That kind of window dressing doesn't impress the Hispanic agents, especially since the FBI has never taken any action to punish the officials who perpetuated the previous discrimination. "It would be very easy for the FBI to determine who is guilty of this discrimination," one agent told us. "But there are no demotions, no censures, just business as usual."

Pakistan faulted The rebel leaders of the Afghan Mujaheddin blame Pakistan for the failure to topple the Najibullah regime in Kabul. Specifically, the rebels faulted the Pakistani Intelligence Directors, or ISI, for the rebellion after the Soviets withdrew from Afghanistan in February. ISI was Pakistan's liaison to the rebels in the guerrilla factions in the rebellion at the expense of the others.

Mid-editorial How many times does the United States need to be slapped by the government of El Salvador before it wakes up? The price is mired there earlier this month were not the first. Nor is it the first time that the United States has been asked to believe that the oppressive right wing government has nothing to do with the atrocities. Washington has become the worst kind of dupe—the kind who is used and abused and pays for the privilege.

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Salvador beefing up patrols

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Infantrymen in battle gear from the army's toughest battalions patrolled the capital's wealthiest neighborhoods early today, preparing to fend off more attacks by leftist guerrillas.

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The developments were the latest in a series of democratic reforms forced on the embattled party leadership by the burgeoning pro-democracy movement.

On Thursday, Czechoslovakia announced it would begin unifying citizens through the barred wire and barbed wire tape that have kept citizens from freely traveling to the West.

In a separate statement on the 1968 invasion in Rude Pravo, the party's top ideological body, the Institute of Marxism-Leninism, said some unidentified Czechoslovak Communist and outside Warsaw Pact leaders were mistaken to say that Czechoslovakia was threatened by counterrevolution in 1968.

The invasion by tens of thousands of soldiers from the Soviet Union and all other Warsaw Pact nations except Romania was the largest military action since World War II and dealt a blow to hopes of leftist worldwide that communism could embrace democratic reform.

Those men, including ousted Communist party chief Milos Jakes, were removed last week after anti-government demonstrations forced the party to change course.

On Wednesday, Premier Ladislav Adamec became the first government official in Czechoslovakia in the past 20 years to urge reassessment of the invasion, adding he also hoped to negotiate the withdrawal of Soviet troops who entered Czechoslovakia during the 1968 invasion and have stayed ever since.

The state news agency CTK also reported six more political prisoners were ordered released and communism could embrace democratic reform.

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Heisman Trophy watch finally ends Saturday

By Rick Warner
The Associated Press

Back and forth they went, jockeying for position in one of the longest, most grueling races in the country. At different stages, five fabulous athletes held the lead. But no one could pull away until the very end.

No, we're not describing the Boston Marathon or Ironman Triathlon. We're talking about the race for the 1989 Heisman Trophy, which ends Saturday when the winner is announced at the Downtown Athletic Club.

Major Harris of West Virginia, Dee Davis of Air Force, Anthony Thompson of Indiana, Tony Rice of Notre Dame, Andre Ware of Houston.

At some point during the season, each of the college football stars was considered a front-runner for the most prestigious award in the sport.

But just as one seemed about to pull away, he would stumble and let the others back in the race. Until the final weekend.

It was then that Ware, the Cougars' record-breaking quarterback, appeared to surge to victory

with a 475-yard, four-touchdown performance against Texas Tech. While Ware was springing to the finish line, Thompson and Rice held home with sub-par showings. Thompson, college football's career scoring leader and the top rusher this year, was held to 97 yards on 28 carries in a 15-14 loss to Purdue. Rice, who had quarterbacked Notre Dame to 23 straight wins, was limited to 156 total yards in a 27-10 loss to Miami.

Davis, a slight, sleight-of-hand quarterback who gained more than 1,000 yards passing and rushing this season, had long since faded from the lead after a sensational start. And Harris, the preseason favorite, never quite made his mark despite a fine season that made him the first player in NCAA history to rush for 5,000 yards and pass for 2,000 in his career.

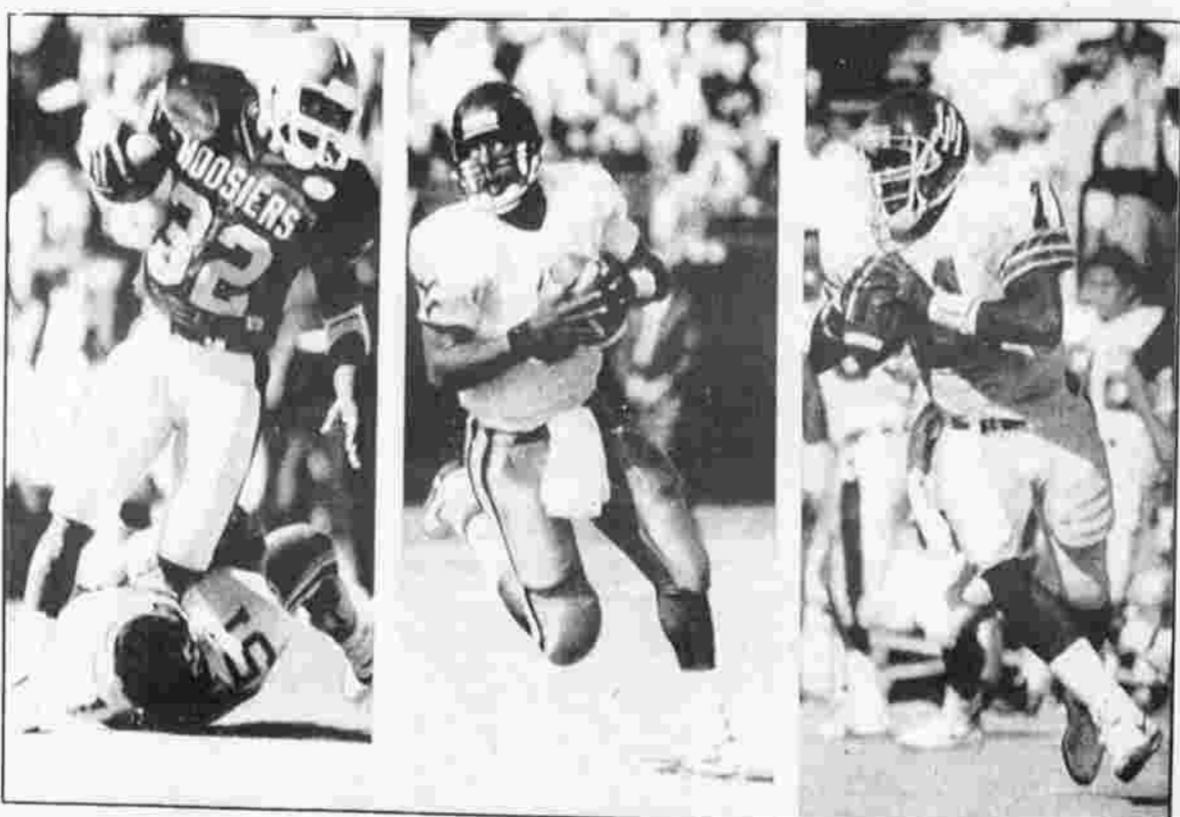
That leaves Ware, a passing machine who has already broken seven NCAA records and can set as many as eight more Saturday against Rice. Despite criticism of Houston's schedule and reluctance among some voters to cast their ballots for a player whose school is on probation, Ware appears to have enough support to become the ninth junior to

win the Heisman. A poll conducted by USA Today this week showed Ware with a big lead over Harris, Thompson and Rice. In a survey of 163 of the 918 eligible Heisman voters, Ware received 58 first-place votes — more than Harris and Thompson combined. Thompson got 31 first-place votes, with 23 for Harris and 16 for Rice.

Using the Heisman system of three points for first, two for second and one for third, Ware received 262 points. Harris was second with 162, five more than Thompson and 44 more than Rice. Davis was far back in fifth with 44 points.

In the end, though, the most precise figures for some college quarterbacks — 4,299 passing yards, 44 touchdowns passed, 329 completions in 327 attempts.

"I don't care what the schedule was or the circumstances, the numbers are undeniable," Heisman voter Sally Jenkins of the Washington Post said. "At the start of the season, Ware wasn't even mentioned as a Heisman



HEISMAN HOPEFULS — These three college football players appear to be the leading candidates for the Heisman Trophy, to be presented Saturday in New York. From left: Anthony Thompson of Indiana, Major Harris of West Virginia and Andre Ware of Houston.

candidate. But he steadily crept up on the competition and unleashed a finishing kick at just the right moment. Now the race is over. All that's left is the victory ceremony.

"I don't want it just for myself, I want it for my teammates," Ware said. "We couldn't go to a bowl this year so what better way to end the season than for us to win the Heisman. We'll all share it together. We'd have a marathon party, no doubt."

Hometown crowd turns on McEnroe during victory

By Bob Greene
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — John McEnroe fits the stereotype of a New Yorker: brash, confident and good. Real good.

And he fights for what he believes in. He did it once too often Thursday night, as far as the Madison Square Garden crowd was concerned.

"I'm not shocked at anything any more, I'm not shocked a New York crowd would go against me," McEnroe said after outlasting Michael Chang 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 in the Masters tennis tournament.

The crowd indeed did turn on McEnroe. After he and Chang had split the first two sets, McEnroe grabbed a 4-0, 40-40 lead in the third. Chang went five consecutive points to hold serve.

Then, in the eighth game, McEnroe was serving for the match at 5-2, 30-15. The next serve was called a fault by a linesman but not by the electronic sensor, and McEnroe rushed to umpire Gerry Armstrong to complain.

"He (Armstrong) clearly stated to me before the match that we were going to go by the machine. He reiterated it two or three times," McEnroe said.

Armstrong overruled the linesman and gave McEnroe two serves, turned

ing down a plea by Chang. "That's really frustrating because the service linesman said the ball was this far out," Chang said. "It's this far out, the Cyclops doesn't make a noise."

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Alabama hits the road for Auburn in crucial game

By The Associated Press

It is known in Alabama as "The Game Site Lane." But the real issue Saturday when second-ranked Alabama visits No. 11 Auburn for the first time over will be the Southeastern Conference championship and the Sugar Bowl, with possible national championship overtones.

The SEC has had only one three-way tie — in 1939 among Tennessee, Georgia Tech and Tulane, the latter two no longer league members. Fifty years later, the conference will have another if Auburn (8-2, 5-1) beats Alabama (10-0, 6-0) and No. 8 Tennessee (9-1, 5-1) defeats Vanderbilt (1-9, 0-6) at Knoxville.

For the first time since the series was renewed in 1948 after a 40-year break, Alabama and Auburn are meeting at a site other than Birmingham's Legion Field. "The Game Site Lane" led to a formal settlement agreement, complete with all the required whatevers and wherefores, between the mayor of Birmingham and the presidents of

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Oregon scores major upset over Arizona

By Bob Baum
The Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. — To say the Pacific 10 Conference basketball season got off to an unexpected start is a world-class understatement.

Oregon, the team picked by Pac-10 coaches to finish dead last, beat No. 2-ranked Arizona, the runaway choice to finish first.

The Ducks, who had lost 10 in a row dating back to last season, led nearly all the way in Thursday night's 68-63 shocker, and made the big plays at the finish after the Wildcats refused to take the lead.

"They took it to us from beginning to end," Arizona coach Lute Olson said. "This was not a fluke."

In fact, Olson compared the Ducks' effort favorably to that of the team he coached at champion Michigan, a team Arizona beat 87-75 last Saturday.

"I thought Oregon played better than Michigan did, frankly," Olson said. "They have good quickness. Their home crowd was great and made them play better."

Oregon coach Don Monson seemed as surprised as anyone by the outcome. "I've been believing in talking and telling them they were too scared to play all week and that couldn't shoot with them," Monson said, "and, man, they took them on."

"It was just a great, great win," he said, "put a little life back into the old program."

In other Top 25 action Thursday night, it was No. 4 Kansas 87, Idaho 59; Alabama 101, No. 12 North Carolina 93; and No. 15 UCLA 58, Washington 56.

There hasn't been a victory this big for Oregon in a long time at Eugene, where Monson's teams have struggled much of his seven years as coach.

"It has to be the best win I've had at Oregon," he said. "This is the second-best team in the nation and we were very unknown."

Terrill Brandon scored 27 points, including four free throws in the final 46 seconds, to lead the Ducks. The five-foot-11 sophomore point guard, who didn't play last season because of Proposition 53 scholastic problems, sank four 3-pointers in the first half as the Ducks opened a 10-point lead, then rebounded a Wildcat rally.

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NCAA Roundup

No. 4 Kansas 87, Idaho 59: Terry Brown led No. 4 Kansas with 19 points and six rebounds as the Jayhawks cruised past Idaho.

Brown made four 3-point field goals and Kansas (5-0) went for 49 of 83 points range. Mark Randall added 17 points for the Jayhawks and Jeff Guedner with 17-45 remaining and the Crimson Tide (4-0) never trailed again, winning its 18th straight home game.

The Tar Heels (2-2), who lost Sunday night to Missouri 80-73 in the championship game of the Maui Classic, led only briefly at the beginning of each half in

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Rivalries 'expand' for Magic, Timberwolves

By The Associated Press

When two expansion teams meet for the first time, neither wants to look inexperienced.

"There's a rivalry between the expansion teams," Orlando's Steve Nash said after the Magic beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 103-96 Thursday night. "All the expansion teams want to feel that they're putting it together. It makes it more fun playing these games."

Orlando, paced by Terry Catledge with 25 points, has now won five of its last six games. The Magic's 7-7 record matches the 1966-67 Chicago Bulls for the best mark after 14 games by an expansion team.

But against their fellow newcomers, Orlando still has something to prove.

"They're new. We're new. Pride was on the line," Minnesota's Tony Campbell said.

Reggie Theus scored seven straight points during the 14-point third-period run by Orlando and hit 11 free throws in the final quarter, six in the closing seconds.

Rockets 113, Hornets 101: Mitchell Wiggins scored 10 of his 24 points in the third period following the ejection of Akom Ofoje as Houston was at home against Charlotte.

Ojajuwon and Charlotte rookie J.R. Reid were kicked out for fighting at 4:44 of third quarter after they collided during a scramble for a rebound. The scorers exchanged punches.

Ojajuwon had hit all five of his shots in the third quarter and finished with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

Spurs 93, Mavericks 89: Terry Cummings scored 20 points, including a home-court jumper with 47 seconds remaining, as San Antonio handed Dallas coach Richie Adubato his first loss in two games since replacing John MacLeod.

Rookie David Robinson had 15 points and 17 rebounds for the visiting Spurs.

Nuggets 103, Bucks 102: Todd Lichti stole Fred Roberts' inbound pass with just under two seconds left in the game, and Denver won for the 27th time in its last 28 games at home.

SuperSonics 127, Knicks 122: Xavier McDaniel scored 37 points, including 20 in the fourth quarter, to lead Seattle.

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Blackhawks suffer first home shutout in six years

By The Associated Press

The Chicago Blackhawks learned that all good things must come to an end and the Calgary Flames found out that bad times don't last forever, either.

The Blackhawks suffered their first shutout at home in more than six years Thursday night, losing to the New York Islanders 2-0. Goalie Mark Fitzpatrick stopped 31 shots for his first NHL shutout and snapped the Isles' five-game losing streak.

The Blackhawks had not been blanked at the Chicago Stadium in 242 games since the Montreal Canadiens and goalie Rick Wamsley won 3-0 on Nov. 9, 1983.

It was the Islanders' first shutout since goalie Billy Smith beat Winnipeg 6-0 on March

Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity cipher puzzle with letters and clues.

TV Tonight

- 7:00PM (3) Inside Edition
(8) Wheel of Fortune (C)
(9) Cosby Show (C) (In Stereo)
(10) People's Court
(11) Kate & Allie (C)
(12) 87 MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour
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JUMBLE

Jumble word puzzle with grid and clues.

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Cartoon strip by Larry Wright.

SNAPU

Cartoon strip by Bruce Beattie.

Indicators decline for 6th month

By Dave Skidmore
The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The government's chief economic forecasting gauge fell 0.4 percent in October, the sixth month of declines or no gain this year, the government said today.

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Opposition leader in line to be new prime minister

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — which every Indian will be proud," Singh said.

Comic strips: THE BORN LOSER by Art Sanson, WINTHROP by Dick Cavalli, ECK AND MECK by Howie Schneider, ALLEY OOP by Dave Graue.

Now Open! Movie Express advertisement with details on rentals and hours.

Luigi's Restaurant advertisement featuring lunch specials and anniversary celebration.

