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Court of Probate, District of Andover. NOTICE OF HEARING. ESTATE OF JONATHAN M. MOYNIHAN, a minor.

Pursuant to an order of Hon. Norman J. Preuss, Judge, dated December 18, 1989, a hearing will be held on an application praying for the Court to authorize the compromise and settlement of an alleged disputed claim of said estate as in said application on the more fully appears, at the Court of Probate on January 4, 1989 at 11:45 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICE - TOWN OF ANDOVER, CONN. FINAL ACTION OF THE INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION.

The Inland Wetlands Commission of Andover, Connecticut held a meeting on December 11, 1989 at which time the following action was taken:

11-13-89a, for a driveway on Long Hill Road, approved with conditions.

11-13-89b, Town of Andover, Recreation Commission, for parking at the skating area on School Road, approved with conditions.

Additional information may be found in the Minutes of the meeting in the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Office Building, 17 School Road.

Dated at Andover, Connecticut this 22nd day of December, 1989.

ANDOVER INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION John England, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

The final annual report of the Becker Family Association Inc. will be available from 9-10 am weekdays at the address listed below for inspection by any citizen who so requests within 180 days of this notice of their availability.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

AUNTED CONTRACTORS, INC. Notice is herewith given pursuant to Section 33-379 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, that A United Contractors, Inc., a Connecticut corporation having its principal place of business at 441-85 South Main Street, Manchester, Connecticut 06104, was dissolved by resolution of its Directors and Shareholders. A Certificate of Dissolution has been filed with the Secretary of State as required by law.

All creditors are warned to present their claims to A United Contractors, Inc. by Richard M. Quinlan, 32 House Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut 06033 on or before May 14, 1990 or thereafter be barred as provided in Section 33-379(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

AUNTED CONTRACTORS, INC. By Roy Frassinetti, President

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1987 Honda Coup \$2,995
1987 GMC S-15 Spd PU \$2,380
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1987 Cadillac Brougham \$13,980
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85 Cadillac Wagon \$6,495
86 Honda Coup 2Dr. \$5,995
86 Delta 88 2 Dr. \$9,995
86 Bonneville 4 Dr. \$6,995
86 Century Wagon \$7,495
85 Chevrolet Celebrity \$7,195
86 Chevrolet Nova 4 Dr. \$6,395
86 Chevrolet Spectrum \$4,295
86 Chevy Cavalier 4 Dr. \$6,495
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7-2-9111 Schaller's Quality

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86 Honda Accord \$3,995
85 Chev. Cavalier \$3,995
83 Olds Cutler \$2,500
82 Pontiac Firebird \$3,995
88 Prelude S \$11,995
85 Toyota Celica \$5,495
86 Cutlass Supreme \$4,495
87 Toyota Celica GTS \$9,995
82 Chev. El Camino \$4,495
86 Ford Tempo \$4,495
85 Toyota Camry \$5,995
84 Olds Cutler \$4,995
85 Pontiac Grand Am \$4,995
85 Buick Century \$4,495
85 Honda Accord LX \$5,995
87 Dodge Omni \$4,995
84 Olds Cutler Coup \$4,995
86 Pontiac Grand Am \$4,995
86 Ford Escort \$4,495
89 Acura Integra LS \$12,995

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1987 Oldsmobile Firenza \$2,995
1987 Buick Riviera T-Type \$6,490
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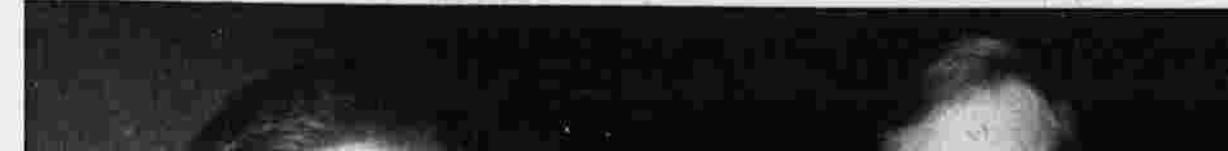
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Manchester Herald

Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1989 Manchester, Conn. — A City of Village Charm Newsstand Price: 35 Cents

Home safe from Panama



Patrick Flynn/Manchester Herald

BACK HOME — Army Pfc. Christopher Chappell, 19, who broke his left ankle while parachuting into Panama, stands on crutches Tuesday at home in Manchester with his parents, Gary and Mary Chappell.

Manchester GI survives invasion

By Rick Santos Manchester Herald

When Christopher Chappell telephoned his mother in Manchester to say he broke his ankle in the invasion of Panama last week, she told him she was glad.

More on Panama

U.S. troops keep watch on the Vatican's embassy. Noriega roared like a lion but scurried like a mouse.

'We jumped, they were firing at us'

On the plane I really wasn't that scared. Everybody was treating it like it was just another training mission...

Divide today. He also is lamenting the loss of his best friend, Mark Price of Wisconsin, who died in the invasion after his parachute failed to open.

Chappell, 19, a private first class in the U.S. Army's 2nd Ranger Battalion, was one of 24,000 U.S. servicemen who descended on Panama last Tuesday in an effort to capture Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega. While he broke his ankle in the offensive, his mother was glad to learn he was alive.

"She said, 'Thank God,'" Chappell said, recalling his mother Mary's reaction to his news. "I didn't feel that way."

Chappell, a 1988 graduate of Manchester High School, is resting at his parents' home at 118 Diane.

Chappell said that his friends were going to do the mission. It gives you the mission, the situation of both enemy and friendly forces. It gives you the execution. That's what you're going to do on the mission. You have command and signal. Everyone who's on that mission has the same exact order. You write it down and you memorize it. And before the mission you put it into a bag and you burn it.

Our mission was not to go for Noriega. That was part of the mission (Operation Just Cause), but somebody else had the job of get-

ting him. Our job was to jump in on the Rio Hato Airfield. There were two companies of the Panamanian Defense Force, and we were to take them out. We were up to about 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning getting our orders and everything. We slept until 6:30 a.m. Now, it is selling for about \$11.9 a gallon, she said.

Prices have been rising for about three weeks, Kalinowski said. Three weeks ago, Caldwell was selling a gallon of fuel oil for about 79 cents. Now, it is selling for about \$11.9 a gallon, she said.

Poulin said that Brothers' prices had increased from 79 cents a gallon after Thanksgiving to \$12.7 a gallon. At Wilson Oil Co., 435 W. Center St., prices have jumped from \$11.30, according to John Fogarty, to \$12.99, according to John Fogarty, for my rifle, and I got 240. I was supposed to get 120 rounds.

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Democracy is promised in Romania

By Susan Stojanovic The Associated Press

BUCHAREST, Romania — The new government today set up military courts to try members of Nicolae Ceausescu's vicious security police, and it sought to reassure anxious Romanians that their democratic yearnings will be fulfilled.

"Nobody claims to monopolize a new power," Ion Iliescu, chairman of the provisional National Salvation Committee, said in a speech on Romanian television late Tuesday. "We are fed up with this monopoly of power."

Ceausescu, unrepentant right up until his execution, did not tolerate even the mildest dissent in 24 years of rule and many Romanians are concerned that the bloody 12-day-old revolution that toppled him will not lead to democracy.

Iliescu stressed that the 37-member committee intended to govern only until "new structures" can be established under a new constitution, according to the national news agency Agerpres, which carried the speech.

The leadership has promised free elections in April, vowing to build a democracy in this country without a democratic tradition.

The mix of dissidents, disaffected government officials and army commanders has run the short and bloody revolution since taking over television headquarters Friday and is trying to restore order.

On Tuesday night, state television broadcast footage of an unrepentant Ceausescu and Elena Ceausescu at the secret military trial that preceded the firing squad.

The 40-minute videotape showed a dictator refusing to acknowledge either the severe hardship he forced on the Romanian people or the massacre of thousands of people by his security forces.

"Everything that was said here is false, and I don't want to talk anymore," Ceausescu told his accusers, insisting he was still in power.

Earlier in the day, state television showed pictures of the bullet-riddled bodies of Ceausescu and his wife and second-in-command. Outted Friday and captured Saturday, they were tried, convicted and executed on Monday.

Carbon monoxide blamed in death

Fire officials found an elderly Bretton Road resident dead today, the apparent victim of carbon monoxide poisoning due to a block-off chimney.

Frank Pearson, of 110 Bretton Road, was found dead at his home at about 11 a.m. Eighth Utilities District Fire Marshal Ted Lingard said Pearson may have died from inhaling carbon monoxide that filled his home because his chimney was blocked.

Pearson's wife, Gertrude, the only other occupant of the house, was treated for smoke inhalation at Manchester Memorial Hospital, Lingard said.

Heating oil prices may go even higher

By Nancy Foley Manchester Herald

The price of home heating oil has increased dramatically over the past few weeks and an explosion in the nation's second largest oil refinery may send prices even higher.

Local dealers today attributed the hike in oil prices to a shortage of the product due to heavy demand during the cold weather spell. Analysts have said an explosion Christmas Eve in the Exxon Corp. oil refinery in Baton Rouge, La., could cause additional increases.

"It's been going up like the dickens," Mary Lou Poulin, business manager for Brothers Oil Co., 701 Keeney St., said today.

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RECORD

About Town

Ski trips planned

The Coventry and Mansfield recreation departments are co-sponsoring a children's Ski Club program and ski trips are planned in January, February and March. Children in fifth grade and up may participate in the club without an adult, but children in fourth grade and under must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 742-9074.

Exercise classes start

Registration remains open for "Fun and Fitness" classes for adults who want to dance and play games with their infants and toddlers. The classes begin Jan. 22 and will be offered on Mondays at the Natick Branch of the YMCA, 78 N. Main Street. For more information call the YWCA at 647-1437.

Videotape to be shown

"The Incredible Journey," a home videotape of John Mair's trip to Belgium last year, will be shown during a meeting of the Old Guard to be held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Emanuel Lutheran Church, 60 Church St. The tape is about his reunion with underground families who helped him escape from the Nazis after his B-17 bomber was shot down in 1943.

Pinochle scores announced

The Manchester Senior Pinochle Club played on Dec. 21 at the Army and Navy Club on Main Street. Participants and their scores were: Vivian Laquerre, 657; Bud Parquin, 637; Ann Wajda, 584; Jennie Starke, 584; Jessie Daley, 577; Dominic Anastasio, 571; John Pader, 565; Edna Farmer, 563; Helen Silver, 557; and Eleanor Moran, 555.

Surplus food distributed

The Manchester Area Conference of Churches will distribute honey, butter and peanut butter to eligible families Thursday from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at Center Congregational Church, 11 Center St. The free food is part of a government surplus commodities program. New registrations will be accepted at the church. For information regarding eligibility, call 646-4114.

Overaters anonymous to meet

Overeaters Anonymous meets every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 1 p.m. and Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 240 Hillsdown Road. No dues or fees are accepted. For more information call 524-4544.

Volunteer positions open

The Voluntary Action Center for Capitol Region Inc. wants to fill the following volunteer positions: hotline counseling, helping disadvantaged students, lab testing and data entry and clerical work. For more information, call 247-2580 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Health check ups available

Andover and Coventry residents can have their blood pressure checked, a throat culture taken and receive health guidance on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Community Health Care Services, Inc. will provide these services on Jan. 3 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Coventry Town Hall. Fees are arranged on a sliding scale according to income.

Support group to meet

A support group for the family and friends of compulsive overeaters will meet at 7 p.m. on Friday night at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Ask at the information desk for the meeting room.

Cancer group to meet

I Can Cop, a free education and support program for cancer patients and their friends and families, will begin an eight-week program on Jan. 3. Meetings will take place on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Church, 736 E. Middle Turnpike. For information and pre-registration, call the American Cancer Society at 643-2168.

Lottery

Here are Tuesday's lottery results from around New England:
CONNECTICUT
Daily: 0-9-4. Play Four: 8-3-0-1. Lotto: 20-21-32-33-39-44.
MASSACHUSETTS
Daily: 2-4-5-5.
NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine lotteries: 2-6-3 and 0-4-5-1.
RHODE ISLAND
Daily: 7-6-3-1. Lot-O-Buck: 8-12-13-17-37.

Weather

REGIONAL Weather
Thursday, December 28
Accu-Weather forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

Tonight, a 70 percent chance for light snow, mostly 15. Thursday, becoming mostly sunny. High around 30. Outlook for Friday, a good chance for snow. High around 30.

This morning's weather map showed a ridge of high pressure from New York state to Virginia with a trough of low pressure in the Midwest.

Weather summary for Tuesday:
Temperature: High of 31, low of 10, mean of 21.
Precipitation: Trace for the day, 0.71 inches for the month, 53.83 inches for the year.

Temperature extremes for today: Highest on record, 60, set in 1949. Lowest on record, minus 8, set in 1914.



PIANO MAN — Rocky Scinto, 80, of Trumbull, bangs away at the piano at the Trumbull Senior Center. He was enjoying the solitude of the holidays that gave him the run of the place.

Obituaries

William G. Raisch

William G. Raisch, 83, of Tolland, died Monday (Dec. 25, 1989) at a local convalescent home. He is survived by his brother, Frederic Raisch of Coventry.

He is also survived by several nieces and nephews; and a close friend, Bernice Borowski of Tolland. Funeral services are private.

Burial will be at the cemetery in the family in North Cemetery, Tolland. The Ladd Funeral Home, 19 Ellington Ave., in the Rockville section of Vernon, is in charge of arrangements.

Paul E. Halle

Paul E. Halle, 69, of East Hartford, husband of Madeline (Sharboona) Halle, died Tuesday (Dec. 26, 1989) at Hartford Hospital. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Celine and Steve Pisch of Manchester.

He is also survived by three sons and daughter-in-laws, Michael and Donna Halle of Mosodus, Raymond and Joanne Halle of South Windsor, and Yvon Halle of Colchester; five other daughters and sons-in-law, Denise and Frank Haas of West Hartford, Suzanne and Courtney LaRue of Makakilo, Hawaii, Elizabeth and Marial LaRocha of Marlborough, Theresa and Daniel Anderson of Klamath Falls, Ore., and Martine and August Fusco of Weehersfield; 10 brothers and sisters, Norman of East Hartford, Laurence of Mansfield, Jeanne of Willimantic, and Diana, Dawn, Allison, Fernand, Roger, Lionel, and

Linnea Beecher. Linnea (Bjorkman) Beecher, 86, of 200 Boulder Road, widow of Weehersfield, died Tuesday (Dec. 26, 1989) at home.

She was born in Manchester, Nov. 3, 1903, and was a lifelong resident. She was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Colina Andre Kress Penn; maternal grandparents, Bernard and Janet Kress of Lafayette Hill, Pa.; paternal grandparents, Simone R. Valentine of Cliffwood, N.J., and Clifford Penn of Brandon, Fla.; and a paternal great-grandmother, Helen Grier of Levittown, Pa.

A private funeral will be held at the convenience of the family. The Watkins Funeral Home, 142 E. Center St., is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the Glastonbury Volunteer Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 453, Glastonbury 06033.

The funeral will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Lutheran Church of St. Mark, Griswold Street, Glastonbury. Burial will be in Green Cemetery. Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Glastonbury Funeral Home, 450 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury.

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Monique, all of Quebec, Canada; eight grandsons; and numerous other relatives.

The funeral will be Thursday at 9:15 a.m. at the Newkirk and White Funeral Home, 318 Burnside Ave., East Hartford, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at St. Christopher's Church, East Hartford. Calling hours are Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Memorial donations may be made to the Memorial Fund of Emanuel Lutheran Church, 60 Church St., or the Visiting Nurse and Home Care of Manchester Inc., 545 N. Main St.

Joseph Bretschneider Joseph R. Bretschneider, 35, of Glastonbury, died Sunday (Dec. 24, 1989). He is survived by his sister, Sheila Cassella of Manchester.

He is also survived by his mother, Dorothy (Johnson) Bretschneider of East Hartford; a brother, Martin R. Bretschneider of Glastonbury; and another sister, Nancy Wheaton of Southington.

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Police Roundup

Two-car crash injures 4

Four Manchester people were injured Sunday morning in a two-car accident that happened at the intersection of East Middle Turnpike and Summit Street, police said. Treated for cuts and scrapes at Manchester Memorial Hospital were John Grogan Jr., 45, Christopher Grogan, 15, and Eric Grogan, 11, all of 60 Fleming Road; and Marsha Reichenback, 72, of 406 Woodland St. Police and a hospital spokeswoman said. All were released after treatment, the spokeswoman said.

Reichenback was cited for failure to obey a red light, police said.

The accident happened at 9:27 a.m. when Reichenback, who was westbound on East Middle Turnpike, went through a red light, police said. As Grogan, who was northbound on Summit Street, reached the intersection, his car collided with the one driven by Reichenback, police said.

Shopper struck by car A 74-year-old East Hartford man was injured Friday afternoon when he was struck by a car while walking in the parking lot of Shop Rite Supermarket, 214 Spencer St., police said.

Chester Lemek was treated for shoulder cuts at Manchester Memorial Hospital and released, according to a hospital spokeswoman.

He was struck at 2:21 p.m. by a car driven by Cora B. Macka, 35, of Vernon, police said.

According to police, Lemek had just exited the store when Macka pulled out into the main driving lane and struck him.

Macka said the sun was in her eyes and she did not see Lemek, police said.

Participates in Japan First Lt. Timothy J. Kalkus, son of Anthony A. Kalkus of 11 Green Hill Drive, Bolton, has participated in exercise "Orient Shield '90" held on the Japanese island of Hokkaido.

He is assigned to 8th Field Artillery, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Completes army training Army Reserve Pvt. Adam J. Janacek, son of Pamela T. Janacek of 215 Adams St., has completed training at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

Graduates at Lackland Airman Brian M. Coughlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Coughlin of 214 Bush Hill Road, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

He is a 1986 graduate of Manchester High School.

Public Meetings Manchester Democratic Subcommittee, Municipal Building coffee room, 7 p.m.

Bolton Conservation Commission, Herick Memorial Park, 7:30 p.m.

Thoughts I decided, when driving home from Vermont recently, to travel 50 mph on the interstate. Of course, most drivers passed me, one honked her horn, and several gave me frustrating glances.

Living life in the slow lane is as different as interstate slow lane driving. Society quickly loses patience with such people. It is my perception that society expects to see more people to pass others, to be the first to get wherever we're going. There is also societal empathy and compassion if we end up in the "break-down" lane (illness, hospitalization, etc.).

As I hurry to work or church, passing others on the highway, I wonder what it would be like to allow enough time to travel in the slow lane.

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MANCHESTER/ STATE

'They were determined to be free'

By Dianna M. Talbot
Manchester Herald

Some state Lithuanian leaders and former residents of the Baltic states say they expected Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev to disapprove of the Lithuanian Communist Party's move toward independence, but are surprised at the strong words he used over the weekend to condemn it.

But a Manchester man whose parents immigrated from Lithuania says he expected as much.

"I am not surprised by what he said," said Anthony Bayles, 67, of 295 Burnham St. "He can't just lay back and not say anything."

Algimantas Gureckas, 67, of Windsor, said he did not expect Gorbachev to speak out so strongly. Gureckas was born in Soviet-occupied Lithuania and moved to the United States in 1949.

"I didn't expect him to be so strongly against it," he said. "Gorbachev probably thinks he has to stop the democratization before it goes too far," Gureckas said.

But Gureckas, who visited Lithuania five years ago, said one thing was clear then: "The people never lost hope," he said. "They were determined to preserve their history and confident that one day they would be free again."

Lithuania and its 3.5 million people are located south of Latvia, which has a population of about 2.5 million people. Lithuania also is south of Estonia, which has about 1 million residents.

All three states' western borders face the Baltic sea while their eastern borders melt into the northwest fringes of the Soviet Union. The former Democratic-ruled countries were forcibly annexed into the Communist-run Soviet Union in 1944 as part of the Hitler-Stalin pact.

Lately, as in the countries of Hungary, Romania, China and Panama, residents have issued demands for independence and democratic reform.

On Dec. 20, the Lithuanian Communist Party declared its independence from Moscow on the grounds that if the Hitler-Stalin pact has been determined to be illegal, then so must be the annexation of their former country.

During a meeting Saturday in Moscow, Gorbachev, president and party general secretary of the USSR, lashed out at separatists in general.

"Today, to realize the right to self-determination through secession, means to blow up the union, set the people against each other and sow conflict and blood and death," news sources quoted him as saying.

"That's what separatist activities are pushing us toward," said Gorbachev, who urged that "maximum restraint" be used to allow separatist emotions to calm down, news sources said.

Gureckas and other Lithuanians in the area say they feel a confrontation is inevitable and are worried about their former countrymen's safety.

"I don't expect any violence on the Lithuanian side," Gureckas said. "Lithuania is a small nation and it is challenging the USSR on a legal ground. But the Soviets might resort to violence. That danger is there."

Gureckas also said he is confused by Gorbachev's apparent outspoken reversal in national policy, which until now has been to urge the reform of Soviet government. He said the president appears to be contradicting himself by denouncing the Baltic states to push toward democracy.

Pius Navysis, 70, a resident of Avon who grew up in Lithuania and moved to the U.S. in 1944, said "Gorbachev is still trying to keep the Soviet Union empire together. He has to show the conservative people in his party that he is doing this."

But, he added, "The Lithuanians will not change what they have done. There will be some type of a confrontation, hopefully not violent."

As chairman of the Estonian-Latvian-Lithuanian Alliance in Connecticut, Navysis said he is trying to help make the public and U.S. Congress aware of the plight of Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians in the USSR.

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union officials to take leave to conduct union activities.

Current L&M policy allows for one-year leave renewable by mutual agreement. Peters' leave arrangement with the hospital expired in mid-November, Marland said, and the termination decision was made.

Terry Durant of Bridgeport, advised the hospital the proposal would violate the National Labor Relations Act, by giving union officials privileges not granted to membership.

John H. Sauter, assistant to the general director of the National Labor Relations Board, said federal law prohibits employer discrimination in favor or against union officials. However, he said there are contracts that exist in Connecticut and across the country that permit

Kendall Marland, L&M's vice president for human resources, said the firing was not tied to Ms. Peters' role in the contract talks, nor with her capability as a nurse.

He said the hospital terminated the licensed practical nurse after contract discussions on leave of absence proposals with Peters and



LITHUANIAN RALLY — Thousands rally in the Lithuanian capital Vilnius Tuesday to support the Lithuanian Communist Party declaration of an independent party on Dec. 20. The Communist Party Central Committee, meeting in Moscow Tuesday, directed President Mikhail Gorbachev and other top party officials to travel to Lithuania to try to heal the rift.

Gorbachev will try to mend Communist rift in Lithuania

By Carey Goldberg
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev will travel to Lithuania in coming days to try to mend the rift between the Lithuanian Communist Party and the national party, officials say.

When it declared itself independent on Dec. 20, the Lithuanian Communist Party created the first major crack in the political monopoly forged by Vladimir Lenin after the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution.

Gorbachev attacked the Lithuanian party leadership at a meeting of the Soviet party's Central Committee held Monday and Tuesday to consider the Lithuanian break with Moscow.

He accused the Lithuanians of allowing themselves to become "hostages to separatism."

But, in a report published Tuesday in the party newspaper Pravda, he also urged "maximum restraint" to allow emotions to cool.

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Gorbachev cried for several months to head off the Lithuanian split.

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Officer will appeal termination ruling over link to minor

By Dianna M. Talbot
Manchester Herald

A 26-year-old Manchester police officer who lost his job last week because of circumstances surrounding his relationship with a 15-year-old girl said today he will appeal the ruling.

The officer, Steven G. Ike, who had been on the police force for two years, said today he wanted to tell his side of the story but had been advised by his lawyer and the police union not to comment on the case.

The union is backing Ike in his appeal of the termination.

Ike, a resident of Windsor, was dismissed Friday on charges including failure to report or investigate an alleged rape that involved the teenage girl and another man, police said in a press release.

Ike also was cited for conduct unbecoming an employee.

The charges resulted from an internal investigation within the police department and a civilian complaint filed against Ike by the girl's mother, police said. In the complaint, the mother said Ike made

Council presidency is upheld by judge

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — A Superior Court judge has ruled that James Tansley was legally elected president of the city's Common Council.

In a six-page written decision, Judge Bruce W. Thompson stated that the council president is a "gift of the Common Council," according to the city charter, and therefore only needed a plurality of the votes cast to win the election.

Thompson's decision capped a month of squabbling between Bridgeport's new Mayor Mary C. Moran, a Republican, and the Democratically-controlled Common Council.

The disputes began after Tansley was declared council president by Mayor Mary C. Moran after seven rounds of balloting on Dec. 4. The mayor cited a nearly 100-year-old section of the city charter to support her move.

Council Democrats claimed Tansley's election was illegal because it was made with 10 votes in a plurality, instead of the full 11-vote majority that has traditionally been observed in electing a council president.

They began boycotting committee meetings in protest and filed suit in court to overturn the election.

Alderman Lisa Parziale, D-132, who received seven votes in the balloting, said Tuesday she was not

really surprised at the judge's decision. "As long as I have been in politics I have never heard of a judge overturning a municipal election," she said.

She will not appeal the decision but will take the matter before the Charter Revision Commission to get the charter section referred to by the mayor changed.

Tansley said he was pleased with the decision.

"I extend a hand of friendship to the Democrats and ask their cooperation," he said. "The city's serious problems require us all to work together."

At the heart of the debate between the Democrats and Republicans is the meaning of the nearly 100-year-old section 57 with governs the elections or appointments to city offices.

Moran said the section meant that the election of the council president was to be by a plurality rather than majority and therefore Tansley is legally the council president.

The Democrats claimed section 57 is not applicable because, by another section of the charter, section 52, the Common Council adopted Robert's Rules of Order.

That rule requires that officers be elected by a majority vote.

But Judge Thompson stated that it is reasonable to construe section 52 does not conflict with section 57.

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SLIDING SEASON — Chad Whitesell of 20 Lilley St. takes a tumbling slide down the hill at Center Springs Park Monday. The snow-slicked hills attracted several strollers.

Fire in Bridgeport claims third child

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — A fire that swept through a Bridgeport home last week killing two young children has claimed a third. A 3-month-old girl, who witnesses said was left alone with her young sister and two young brothers, died Tuesday as a result of the fire, a hospital spokeswoman said. Vanessa Green died 3:05 p.m. Tuesday primarily from smoke inhalation she suffered in the Dec. 21 fire on the city's east side, a Bridgeport Hospital spokeswoman said. Green's twin brother Vincent Green remained hospitalized Tuesday in critical condition, suffering from smoke inhalation, the spokeswoman said. The twins' siblings, 17-month-old Francisco Perez III and 4-year-old

Video company sues photo giant

GLASTONBURY (AP) — The founders of VideoTours, a tiny film production company that allows tourists to "visit" tourist attractions without actually leaving their living rooms, today filed suit against the photography giant with revenues of \$17 billion, charging breach of contract. But the collaboration didn't work out the way they had planned, and now VideoTours, with sales of \$1 million, has filed suit against the photography giant, with revenues of \$17 billion, charging breach of contract. The Glastonbury-based VideoTours expects the suit against Kodak Programs Inc., the parent company of Kodak Video Programs, to be settled out of court. Kodak has also announced it plans to sell its video division to concentrate on its core photography business. J.R. Johnson and Kathryn Deyeler left their jobs in the financial department at Advo Systems Inc. in Windsor to found VideoTours three years ago. Their videos of places like the San Diego Zoo have won critical ac-

Flu season is upon Connecticut

HARTFORD (AP) — The flu season has officially begun in Connecticut with two confirmed cases, state officials said. Both cases have been identified as influenza Type A and involved residents of New London and Tolland counties, said Dr. James Hadler of the state Department of Health Services epidemiology section. The Connecticut residents became ill in late November and early December, Hadler said. Hadler said that for most people

Governor nominates 4 for judgeships

HARTFORD (AP) — Gov. William A. O'Neill has nominated four men to become Superior Court judges — positions that have been vacant for months because of a dispute involving the commission that screens judicial candidates. A federal judge earlier this month dismissed the lawsuit filed by the commission. U.S. District Court Judge Jose Cabranes ruled Dec. 6 in dismissing the lawsuit filed by the commission and five non-attorney members that there was no merit in the claim that the legislature was trying to punish a clearly identifiable group in violation of the constitutional bar against bills of attainder. Clifford, 39, is a graduate of Providence College and Suffolk University Law School. He has been an assistant state's attorney in New Haven since 1978 and since 1986 has been assistant project director for a program that teaches criminal and constitutional law to police officers. Fasano, 41, is a graduate of the

Bank of New England CEO will resign

BOSTON (AP) — Walter J. Connolly Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of the Bank of New England Corp., will resign his CEO position when a replacement is found, the troubled bank said in a statement Tuesday. Asked if this meant Connolly will stay as chairman, Marcia Ryan, a bank spokeswoman, said only "the word of the release is as it stands." She acknowledged "there is an ambiguity" about the wording regarding Connolly's future position with the bank. Bank of New England, which is the parent company of Hartford-based Connecticut Bank and Trust Co., also announced Tuesday it had designated the executive committee of its board of directors and three special board committees to examine key structural aspects of its business and operations. Financial analysts had speculated that a major restructuring of the bank's top management was forthcoming.

Commuters avoiding high occupancy lanes

HARTFORD (AP) — Three months after high-occupancy-vehicle lanes opened on Interstate 84, recent traffic counts show the lanes are getting less use than expected, state officials said. The lanes, which cover a 10-mile stretch of I-84 between Vernon and East Hartford, were seen by state officials as a means for opening the highway during the traffic-clogged commuter hours. The lanes are reserved for vehicles carrying three or more occupants. The lanes drew about 160 vehicles during each of the peak first few months. He said he had hoped for about 200 vehicles for each of the peak commuting hours, which were 7 to 8 a.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. in the most recent survey. In rebalancing I-84 east of the Connecticut River, the DOT set aside a lane in each direction of the highway as HOV lanes. State officials hoped the new lanes would prompt more commuters to form vanpools and carpools with prospects for faster rides in and out of Hartford. While it appears that the traffic counts have gone down, Whitlock

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Police searching for clues in death of Watertown woman

WATERBURY (AP) — Police are continuing to search for clues in the strangulation of a 22-year-old Watertown woman whose partially submerged body was found nine days after she disappeared while Christmas shopping. A group of teen-agers found the body of Julia M. Ashe at the base of the Scovill Dam in a wooded area on the city's east side Monday afternoon, her hands bound in front with duct tape and a piece of tape over her mouth. The dam is located on property once owned by the former Scovill Manufacturing Co. She was still clad in the red jacket and denim pants she was wearing when she left home the evening Dec. 16 to go Christmas shopping, said Chief of Detectives John Griffin. Police Tuesday found Ashe's sneaker and pieces of duct tape in the river's frigid waters, Waterbury State's Attorney John A. Connelly said.

Her disappearance had prompted an intensive police hunt. "No question about it, an abduction and a murder," Griffin said. An autopsy was performed Tuesday by the chief state medical examiner's office, which ruled the death a homicide. The medical examiner's office stated that Ashe was killed by someone using mechanical means, but Connelly declined further comment. Connelly also declined to comment on whether Ashe had been sexually assaulted. Connelly said no arrest warrants had yet been issued. But a Waterbury detective said last week he believed Ashe's disappearance could be linked to Sedrick H. Cobb, a 27-year-old Naugatuck deliveryman who was arrested Wednesday and charged with sexual assault, assault, robbery and burglary in a separate incident involving an attack on a 37-year-old Oxford woman. Cobb has also been charged in connection with an attack on a Waterbury woman in Naugatuck, Conn. In that case, Cobb was charged with criminal attempt at sexual assault, first-degree unlawful restraint and third-degree assault, Connelly said. Cobb is being held on \$200,000 bond the Union Avenue Detention Center. He scheduled to appear in court in connection with the Oxford case on Jan. 23. Connelly declined to comment on

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NATION & WORLD

U.S. troops keep watch at Vatican's embassy

By Douglas Grant Mine
The Associated Press

PANAMA CITY, Panama — U.S. troops kept watch on the Vatican embassy today after their commander apparently failed in hours of curbside diplomacy to break a stalemate over what will happen to Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

The toppled military ruler took refuge in the mission on Christmas Eve.

After a week of fighting, order returned to Panama City on Tuesday. Crews cleared mounds of garbage left from wild looting sprees that emptied shelves and many people returned to work.

The U.S. military reporting only scattered clashes with Noriega loyalists. A few members of his Defense Forces were arrested and many surrendered.

On the third day of negotiations over Noriega's fate, Gen. Maxwell Thurman, who commands U.S. forces in Central and South America, posted himself outside the Vatican Embassy for nearly six hours Tuesday afternoon.

He met three times with Monsignor Sebastian Laboa, the papal nuncio, in the street and spent the rest of the time waiting in a car, one of a caravan of sedans, jeeps and ar-

more personnel carriers that escorted him to the mission.

Neither Thurman nor other U.S. officials would comment on the negotiations.

The Bush administration invaded Panama one week ago in a bid to capture Noriega and says it's determined to take him back to the United States to stand trial on charges of trafficking in Colombian cocaine.

Justice Department spokesman David Runkel said in Washington that "10 associate thugs" of Noriega also were at the mission.

Faced with the possibility Noriega might be granted asylum in a third country, the Bush administration said it would file papers today in more than six countries to freeze more than \$10 million in "illegal drug money," it says Noriega has stashed away.

A State Department source in Washington said the United States had used "extraordinarily tough terms" in demanding the Vatican hand over the general.

"Our position is, we mean to bring him back to the United States," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said in Washington.

He did not rule out an alternative, however.

For more than a year Noriega resisted all dissent, his government's opposition, survived two coup attempts and got away with annulling the May 7 election his candidates lost.

He portrayed himself as David fighting the American Goliath, arms in the air, ever the winner.

In the end, even his government-run newspapers and radio stations almost believed the propaganda.

Noriega became a hero, a man who could do no wrong, the savior of Panama while the Americans were stupid, their soldiers cowards, drug addicts and AIDS carriers.

So his flight to the Vatican's embassy on Sunday to seek asylum was an anticlimax not only for his supporters, who hoped he would take to the hills and lead an insurgency war, but also to detractors who wished him dead.

"I did not think he was going to be such a coward," said a government official who had sympathized with Noriega and requested anonymity because he wants to keep his job in the new U.S.-backed government.

"It was a big bluff," said Judith Alvarez, who said she was still "in the know" even though Noriega was closed in the Vatican mission. "I will feel safe when I see him behind bars."

Many Panamanians felt it was more a question of the Americans suffering him until their patience ran out. That happened on Dec. 16 when members of Noriega's security forces killed an American soldier in civilian clothes near Panamanian military headquarters.

U.S. Army South commander Maj. Gen. Marc Clessens, a Mexican-American from Texas who considered Noriega an affront to Latin America, angrily demanded an explanation and an apology and threatened military reprisal.

Sources in Rome said the Vatican was more likely to let Noriega go into exile in another country than hand him over to the United States.

The United States and the Vatican have no extradition treaty and the Vatican has criticized the U.S. invasion that toppled the general and installed the government of President Guillermo Endara, who was elected in May in balloting Noriega nullified.

Without an agreement, Noriega will not get past the U.S. troops surrounding the Vatican mission. Under international law, embassies are considered inviolable and U.S. troops cannot legally enter the mission to get him.

What he didn't tell her was that he had been married four times, that one previous wife was hiding from him and another got a restraining order against him when he beat her for slitting onions too big.

Last December, Robin picked up a rifle as her husband lay in his recliner chair after a morning of drinking and beating his family and their pet dog. The 4-foot-9, 70-pound woman braced herself against a wall and fired three times, killing Jim.

A jury in Long Beach last month acquitted the 28-year-old woman of murder after hearing a wide range of



IN CUSTODY — An American soldier guards a group of Panamanians as a fellow soldier at rear left begins to search them.

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A victory for the battered wife defense

But prosecutors are appalled by the jury's decision

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — When they first dated in 1982, Jack Elson opened doors for his future wife, Robin, cooked romantic dinners and drank for her cigarettes.

"I figured my knight in shining armor had finally come," said Robin Elson, who has an 11th-grade education and was selling Avon products when she met the 188-pound, 5-foot-8 auto mechanic.

What he didn't tell her was that he had been married four times, that one previous wife was hiding from him and another got a restraining order against him when he beat her for slitting onions too big.

Last December, Robin picked up a rifle as her husband lay in his recliner chair after a morning of drinking and beating his family and their pet dog. The 4-foot-9, 70-pound woman braced herself against a wall and fired three times, killing Jim.

A jury in Long Beach last month acquitted the 28-year-old woman of murder after hearing a wide range of

testimony about a married life filled with terror and abuse.

They married after a two-month courtship. He showed up 45 minutes late and drunk for the wedding.

Six months later, when Robin objected to Jack going on a Saturday fishing trip, he asked his friend to wait outside, went in the house and blackened both her eyes.

It was the opening of a brutal reign that left the two children he and Robin had together, sons Cameron, 4, and Brock, 2, and a daughter from Robin's previous marriage, Renee, 11, living in terror.

Robin and the children were not only beaten, but Jack also left lists of chores to be completed, limited her nail polish colors to pale pink and peach, forbade her to wear makeup, told her what food to buy and checked her change against grocery receipts.

He beat her because the pork chops she cooked were too dry. He strangled her in the stomach while she was pregnant because she

burned the toast, then apologized with flowers.

Neighbors said they watched — horrified but too terrified of Jack to call police — as he ordered one pleading child to do 100 push-ups on hot cement and shoved a running garden hose down the throat of another.

"If he told me I was stupid, I believed it. If he told me he would kill me, I believed it. If he opened the door and said 'Go, I wouldn't be afraid he'd stab me in the back on my way out,'" Robin said in an interview published in Tuesday's Los Angeles Times. "I was a robot."

Prosecutors were appalled by the jury's verdict, but defense attorneys hailed the decision, saying jurors are ready to accept the battered wife defense.

"It is a signal that men who get frustrated by the actions of their wives can kill them? That whenever we get frustrated with someone we are entitled to exact the ultimate

penalty — death?" asked Denis Petty, deputy district attorney.

The law requires an "imminent danger" to justify a killing in self-defense. Prosecutors insist that was not the case when Robin shot and killed her husband.

"She could have left the state, gone to a neighbor, called the police. He was asleep when the first shot was fired. He wasn't posing any threat. And when we start allowing citizens to take matters into their own hands, we are back to the law of the jungle," Petty said.

Robin tried twice to escape, and both times Jack found her.

After the second time he found her, he promised to reform. But when they returned home, he took away her check-cashing card and house key, quit his job, and never left the house without one of the children. He often took the telephone with him.

High-tech Hanukkah

NEW YORK (AP) — Jews in the Soviet Union, the United States and three other countries were brought together by state-of-the-art technology to perform an ancient ritual — the lighting of the Hanukkah candles.

Satellites were used Tuesday to connect gatherings in Brooklyn, the Moscow Synagogue, Hyde Park in London, the Champs Elysees in Paris and at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. Candles for the fifth night of the eight-night holiday were lit in all five cities, and youths in the locations took turns reading biblical and Talmudic verses.

The 90-minute cable television transmission ended with a speech by Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, the leader of the ultra-Orthodox Lubavitcher movement.

Schneerson also handed out dimes to hundreds of youngsters at the movement's world headquarters in Brooklyn in keeping with the tradition of giving coins, called Hanukkah gelt.

The candle in Jerusalem was lit by Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu, one of Israel's two chief rabbis.

Eliahu Rodzin, an 18-year-old seminary student from Detroit, was one of several thousand people who watched the ceremony in Jerusalem.

"I think it's amazing. Look at all the people here. This one TV show is tying together the Jews from all over," he said.

Rabbi Abraham Shermov, national director of the American Friends of Lubavitch, said the ceremony was arranged to mark the 40th anniversary of Schneerson's leadership of the Lubavitcher movement.

Hanukkah commemorates the victory in 165 B.C. of a small band of Jews — the Maccabees — over the Greco-Syrian kingdom, which tried to impose its culture on the Jews and had desecrated the holy Temple in Jerusalem.

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OPINION

Casolo's release not enough

The release of American church worker Jennifer Jean Casolo is one of the few truly heartening events to occur in tormented El Salvador during recent weeks. From the night of her arrest a month ago, those who knew anything of the young volunteer were skeptical of government charges that she allowed Marxist insurgents to conceal arms on the grounds of her rented house.

However, the warm glow of satisfaction produced by Casolo's release ought not to blind Americans to the Salvadoran government's continuing persecution of church and relief workers of all persuasions — or to the Bush administration's wholly inadequate response to this alarming turn of events.

Since the murder of six Jesuit priests and two women bystanders last month, El Salvador's right-wing government has launched a calculated campaign of harassment and intimidation not only against Roman Catholics, but also against the Episcopal, Lutheran, Baptist and Mormon churches.

Even United Nations officials assisting refugees and children have been compelled to flee to escape military pressure. ... The two men arrested with Casolo are still in jail, as are the Rev. Luis Serrano, head of El Salvador's Episcopal Church and 17 of his lay workers.

The Bush administration has responded to this sinister conduct by waging what amounts to a public relations campaign on the Salvadoran government's behalf. William Walker, the U.S. ambassador to El Salvador, said he understood the reasons for the Salvadorans' wider crackdown on religious and relief workers, and made an absurd comparison between the arrest of foreign missionaries and the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II.

As history has proven, the Japanese-Americans were completely innocent and their treatment (was) entirely wrong.

Los Angeles Times

Open Forum

Nit-picking is unfair

To the Editor:

In response to "Stamping Mad" (in a recent Village Crier column), I am the wife of a postal employee who is sick and tired of the newspaper nit-picking. The Post Office gives better service than any other postal service in the world. This reporter should go to any chain store that is having sale items and check them out. Most of the time they will say, "We only received 10 of that item, would you like a rain check?"

This guy would have written a cramp if he reported on all the rain checks he could receive. How about when we go to the bank and attempt to withdraw some of our own money? Only 10 to 15 minutes in line to get your own money, no bad huh?

I would like to add, if this reporter had opened his eyes, he would not have to stand in line for a book of stamps, but instead use the stamp machines that are available for this very reason. By the way, the clerk was not substituting a pound of bacon for the book of stamps, he was simply giving you stamps of equivalent denomination.

The Post Office is not perfect by any means, but I do not feel that it should receive this abuse from some reporter who has nothing better to write about. I hope you are not looking to become another Dan Rather. You have a long row to hoe. By the way, would you like to hear about the problems I have had trying to get a newspaper delivered? The other day I lost a time in the phone booth, how about printing that!

Karen M. Soucie
51 Kevin Drive
Vernon

Slogan does town justice

Dear Editor:

This past November my husband and I were in Sherill, N.Y., just outside of Oneida, visiting his mother. While there, we took a drive to Boonville because that is where my mother, Bertha Scharback Giffin, was brought up.

Your article (reporter's editorial) titled "Town slogan doesn't do justice" was interesting to me because of that visit.

My mother lived on East Road about 2 miles outside of town. She was neighbor to a family who is very much into the Woodmen's Field Days, which she attended a few years ago and said was fascinating. My dad was owner of a small saw mill in St. Regis Falls, N.Y., which is in the northern foothills of the Adirondacks. My mother still lives in St. Regis Falls, which is where I spent my childhood.

That whole valley in Central New York is charming and I love visiting it. I have lived in Manchester for 28 years, and I think you'll have a hard time replacing the slogan "city of village charm." It's gotten quite busy around here, but it still has lots of charm to me.

Jeanne Wright
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Straight talk about trash

By Vincent Carroll

We've been bad, bad, bad, and now we're going to have again. This is today's talk. Obviously, but I'm straining to mimic the tone and sophistication of much of the discussion steaming around the "garbage crisis." Consider the following passage from a recent Newsweek cover story (titled, modestly, "Buried Alive").

"Americans have not been adept at making individual sacrifices for the common good. That mentality will have to change. Otherwise, the dumps will cover the country coast to coast and the trucks will stop in everybody's back yard. Forget, if you can, the silly slur on a society that is second to none in its volunteer efforts and charitable offerings, the very essence of 'individual sacrifices for the common good.' You'd also think Newsweek reporters had never looked at a dump. Most of this country does not even remotely resemble Manhattan. We could no more cover ourselves, coast to coast, with garbage if we selected throw-away dishes with every meal, phased out all glass containers in favor of plastic, and banned recycling as an 11th-hour communist plot.

The United States is a big place, and the fact that most of it is off-limits these days to garbage dumps — even dumps

that employ state-of-the-art technology — is a reflection of our political culture, not any geographic limits. But don't take my word for it. Listen to one of the nation's few academic experts on garbage, William L. Rathje of the University of Arizona, writing in the December issue of *American* magazine.

"No, Americans are not suddenly producing more garbage," Rathje observes. "Per capita our record is, at worst, one of relative stability. The problem is that old landfills are not being replaced." Rathje knows whence he speaks, since his Garbage Project "has been looking at landfills and garbage fresh out of the can since the early 1970s." Among the things he's learned: Landfills are not typically jammed with disposable diapers, fast-food containers or even plastic (respectively, less than 1 percent, 0.1 percent and 12 percent of all landfill junk). By far the largest component is simply paper.

Rathje also brings a sensible historical perspective to the garbage debate. He notes, for example, that garbage has veered civilization, but that its impact has lightened immeasurably over the years, especially compared with the "supplying level of filth" endured from the Middle Ages through the 19th century.

Nor do Americans today necessarily produce more garbage per capita than

their forebears (each turn-of-the-century American generated 1,200 pounds of coal ash every year alone) or other modern societies (the average household in Mexico City out-trashes the average American household).

Perhaps none of this news will console those communities, mainly in the Northeast and on the West Coast, that are bumping against their landfill capacity and can't find alternative sites. They have little choice but to reduce their waste stream, recycle and incinerate more trash, and search relentlessly for additional dump sites.

Yet thanks to Rathje, at least they can proceed in the knowledge that they have not been the undisciplined sinners that eco-enthusiasts would have us believe. Struggling with garbage is simply something a civilization does.

Above all, they should keep their chins up, in the best tradition of garbage-makers since time immemorial. As Rathje says, "I am not worried that even if present trends continue, we will be buried in our garbage." To a considerable extent, we will keep doing what other civilizations have done; rising above our garbage.

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Kick out terrorist, says U.S.

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — President Bush is about to issue an ultimatum to Syria — throw terrorist Ahmed Jibril out of the country or lose diplomatic ties with America.

Intelligence sources tell us that U.S. officials believe it was Jibril who arranged to blow up Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, on Dec. 21, 1988, killing 259 passengers, most of them Americans.

Syrian President Hafez Assad has given refuge to Jibril, a Palestinian. But Assad wants to stay in the good graces of the Bush administration, Jibril has to go. The U.S. ambassador to Syria, Edward Djerejian, will conduct the negotiations with Assad. The bottom line will be that Assad must turn Jibril over to the United States for prosecution, or, at the very least, kick him out of Syria. (One source says an initial message of this nature was delivered to Assad on Nov. 30.)

Iran contracted for the "hit," in retaliation for the accidental downing of an Iranian airliner by the USS Vincennes on July 3, 1988, in the Persian Gulf. All 290 passengers on that plane were killed.

Iran hired Jibril and his Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command. He was paid at least \$2 million and possibly as much as \$10 million, according to Central Intelligence Agency sources.

Jibril needed the cash badly because his traditional patrons, Assad and Libya's Muammar Gaddafi, cited poverty when he asked for his 1988 stipend of \$20 million. Jibril needs money to keep his 500 terrorists supplied with food and weapons for raids on Israel.

But Jibril isn't in the terrorism business just for the cash. He hates Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat, and uses acts of terrorism to embarrass and stymie him. Jibril has tried on many occasions to murder Arafat. He loathes Arafat had officially recognized Israel's right to exist and had opened talks with the United States. The Pan Am bombing was Jibril's way of frustrating those negotiations.

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Orange juice prices may hold but vegetable costs to increase

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Orange juice prices leaped on the futures market after a weekend freeze overwhelmed Florida and Texas citrus groves, but experts said consumers may escape big price increases because of a bumper crop in Brazil.

However, Big Chill '89 likely will drive up vegetable prices in the Northeast because the cold wiped out thousands of acres of carrots, cauliflower, broccoli and other crops in Florida, agricultural officials said.

Experts assessing the damage Tuesday said it was too early for definite predictions about prices. U.S. Agriculture Department economist Ralph Parlett in Washington said price increases were likely, but he hadn't changed his earlier forecast of a 3 percent to 5 percent overall rise in food prices in 1990.

In Florida, where the citrus industry is worth an estimated \$3.5 billion a year, the Christmas cold wave struck with about 80 percent of the citrus crop still on the trees, and there was heavy icing of oranges and grapefruit. In Texas, an estimated 65 percent of the crop — or \$55 million worth wholesale — was still on the trees, according to growers and farm officials.

Fruit frozen on the trees can still be used for juice, as long as it's picked and processed before the weather warms too much, and crews raced through groves salvaging what they could.

A large juice reserve in Florida, booming citrus production in Brazil and swift processing of iced oranges should stabilize juice prices somewhat, said Dan Guter, executive director of the Florida Department of Citrus.

"Because of that, there might be a more moderate

SEC creates new fraud unit to protect small investors

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Securities and Exchange Commission, catapulted into the headlines by its pursuit of multimillion-dollar insider trading scandals, is putting out the word that it intends to be just as aggressive in protecting small investors.

SEC Chairman Richard Breeden is creating a new fraud unit at the SEC designed to police the sale of securities by savings and loan institutions.

Investigators have charged that some small investors lost their life savings when they bought securities sold by S&L branches in the mistaken belief that their investments were protected by federal deposit insurance.

"We intend to see to it that when people are sold securities, they are provided all the necessary information," Breeden said.

Breeden also announced Tuesday that he had selected William R. McLucas, a 12-year SEC veteran, to be the new director of enforcement at the SEC. He will succeed Gary Lynch, who resigned in July after supervising such landmark insider trading cases as the investment of Ivan Boesky and the Wall Street firm of Drexel Burnham Lambert

Inc. Both Breeden and McLucas stressed that insider trading still would be a top SEC priority, but they also indicated that the SEC, with a 20 percent increase in its budget, would devote more resources to more low-profile crooks.

"Where there is an abuse of a customer's trust, those are the kinds of cases where we are going to make sure we have an impact," McLucas said at a news conference where his selection was announced.

Individual investors have been leaving the market in droves in recent years, scared off in part by extreme trading volatility. Many officials believe the SEC must return to its primary mission of bolstering confidence in financial markets through protection of the small investor.

Breeden, who was picked for the SEC post by President Bush last summer, said both the administration and Congress had expressed a strong desire to crack down on abuses against individual investors.

Breeden noted that Congress approved a 20 percent increase in the SEC budget this year, enough to allow the agency to hire 100 more attorneys.

Part of the increased staffing will be used, Breeden said, to create a special 25-attorney unit to investigate overly aggressive sales of securities by savings and loans and other financial institutions.

Such sales became a major focus of congressional hearings into the activities at Lincoln Savings and Loan Association, the Irvine, Calif.-based S&L whose failure is expected to end up costing taxpayers a record \$2 billion.

Small investors told congressional investigators they were lured into purchasing bonds in Lincoln Savings' parent company, American Continental Corp., in the mistaken belief that their money was protected by federal deposit insurance.

When American Continental, which is headed by Arizona businessman Charles H. Keating Jr., filed for protection under the bankruptcy law, it left some 22,000 small investors who had purchased nearly \$200 million in corporate bonds in the lurch.

Breeden said the new SEC unit will try to prevent financially ailing S&Ls from turning to fraudulent practices in a desperate effort to raise cash.

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supposed to have two grenades for my grenade launcher, and I got six. We didn't know if we were going to get resupplied, so we had to carry extra ammo. Everybody was carrying a lot of weight. (More than 150 pounds). We only brought one MRE — meals ready to eat — with us. The Rangers down there (now) probably didn't eat for a couple of days until they got resupplied. Food really isn't that important. Because if you don't have enough ammo, you're not going to need any food. Usually a Ranger mission is only about a week.

We kept getting ready until about 1 p.m. Tuesday (Dec. 19). We went over to where the birds (transport planes) were and rigged our backpacks with the parachutes. And we had to do like an hour refresher on actions in the aircraft and what you do if your chute doesn't open. (After) we sat in the aircraft for about two hours before we took off. We had a seven-hour flight down there. On the plane I really wasn't that scared. Everybody was treating it like it was just another training mission. Everyone was treating it like it wasn't real. They were joking about it just like they do on a training mission. No one was really that scared; obviously they didn't show it. I prayed when I was up there.

On Wednesday (Dec. 20) at 1 a.m., we opened the doors (of the plane) and then we went. They (Panamanians) knew we were coming because Cable News Network had reported (Tuesday) that the 82nd Airborne Division (based in Fort Bragg, N.C.) had went on alert. They were on Christmas leave just like we were, so he (Noriega) called them all off leave and back to their barracks.

The 3rd Ranger Battalion and 2nd Ranger Battalion, which is what I'm in, jumped on Rio Hato. The 2nd Ranger Battalion and members of the civilian airport in Panama City and secured that. When we jumped out, we were coming down, and they were firing at us and you could see tracers (glowing bullets) going by and through your parachute and everything.

That's how I got this broken ankle. I wasn't really paying attention. I was looking at the bullets. I had a twist in my risers (a pair of vertical straps that connect the suspension cords of the parachute to the payload), and my chute wasn't fully open. If you have twists, you still fall slow enough to land without getting hurt, but it's better to get the twists out if you can because you're going a little faster. We jumped at 500 feet, so I didn't have time to get the twists out. And I was paying attention to the tracers going by.

They (Panamanian soldiers) knew we were there, and I guess they had some people posted on their airfield. They saw the planes go by, and I guess they saw the parachutes, and

Home safe

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go to college," she said about her son, "but he chose the service."

She said Christopher, a Boy Scout and an Eagle Scout and high school athlete, had always been a leader, and therefore she wasn't surprised he chose one of the toughest outfits in the military.

She recalled his first contacts with the Army. "The recruiters were telling me, 'It's going to be fine mat man. He's not going to war.' And look what happened."

Although her worrying about her son last week was intense, Mary Chappell said when she visited him Monday in a San Antonio, Texas, army hospital, "It was the best Christmas a mother could ever have."

Christopher, who plans to leave the Rangers for college when his four-year term expires in 1992, said he has no regrets that the mission was undertaken.

"Somebody had to take him (Noriega) out. We had to get him out of power," he said.

His father Gary, a Vietnam veteran, agreed. "I think they did the right thing. Something had to be done before this (Noriega's command) got even worse," he said.

His father said he encouraged his son to join the Army. "I think the service is great for young boys," he said. "As far as growing up, the service is the best thing."

His son will return to Fort Lewis, Wash. (where he is based) to have his ankle examined in two weeks. It will be at least six weeks before the pins holding the bones together are removed.

they were firing on us. When we hit the ground, there were still tracers flying over us. As soon as I landed I knew I was hurt. I hit (the ground) and I felt it tingling but I couldn't worry. I had to get my weapon out because if someone came up on me I would have been defenseless. So I had to get my weapon out and get out of my chute. I did that, got equipment ready, and I tried to stand up. I just sat there for about five hours. Then I was transported by a C-141 airplane to Fort Sam Houston Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

I never really felt threatened. I knew that our training was good, and I knew that we were going to blow them away. I just knew that because we had that element of surprise and we knew what we were doing. I was kind of scared when I was coming down (in the parachute). I was afraid I might get hit in the air, or might get hit when I was right on the ground. But after that it pretty much felt safe until I was in the second aid station I was in and we took fire for about 10 minutes. There was just fire going around where I was. And I was like, 'I don't have a weapon or anything, so I hope they don't come in here,' but they didn't. Then, after that, I felt 100 percent safe.

I was admitted to Brooks Army Medical Center in Texas. They (doctors) told me I'd need surgery the next day. I called home to Manchester at about 9 p.m. When I called, my mother said, "Thank God you broke your ankle. I didn't feel that way."

Late the next day (Thursday, Dec. 21), my parents called to say they were coming to visit. They arrived on Friday. They left Christmas day. I left the next day.

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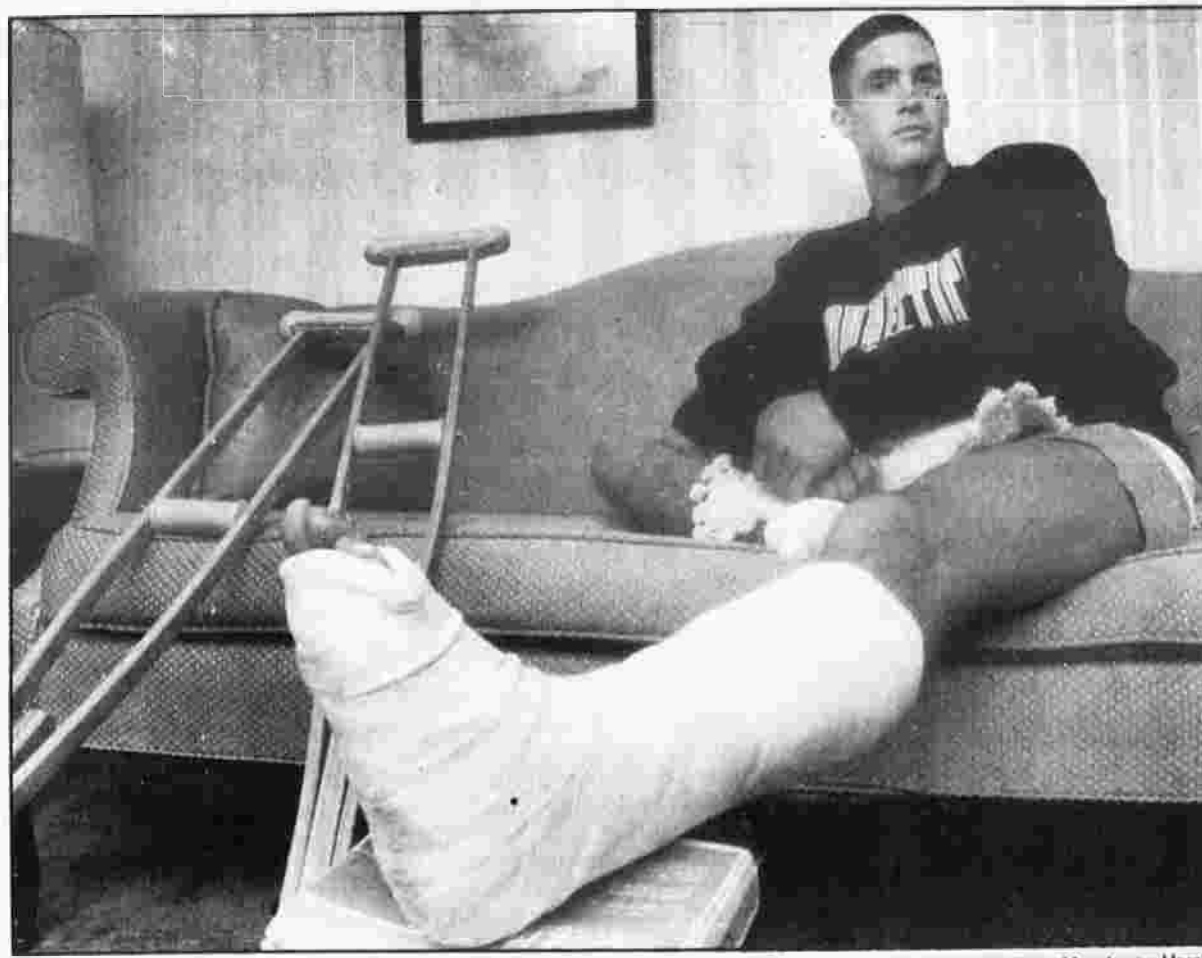
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SPORTS



Jim Murray

Sports is really one big re-run

There's a best-selling book in the stalls, "All I Really Need To Know I Learned in Kindergarten." Its message is clear: Life is simple, unchanging and what was true yesterday will be just as true tomorrow. People are predictable. Life is a re-run.

The world of sport is no different from the real world. They televise the games now, they pay players what robber barons used to make, they have instant replay, blimps, playoffs and stadiums with roofs over them. But the games remain the same.

You can bet me that matter how the technology and the reporting of them advances, the games will be conducted along the lines of antiquity. It was good enough for John McGraw, it should be good enough for Tom Lauer. If it was good enough for Walter Camp, it should be good enough for Mike Ditka.

Baseball calls it the high post but in Dr. Naismith's day they just said, "Get the ball into the big guy with the game on the line." The game aren't complicated, the nomenclature is.

The strategy is as predictable as the glaciers. Well into the year 2000 if you go to a game, it will be conducted along the lines it was in the year 1900. A short Q, and A, may tell you what it is and will remain.

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Whale salvages tie with Quebec

QUEBEC (AP) — It looked like the Quebec Nordiques were about to end their 13-game winless streak.

They had a 3-2 lead midway through the third period against the Hartford Whalers on Tuesday night, but then with less than six minutes remaining a shot by the Whalers' Kevin Dineen deflected off the skate of defenseman Curtis Leschyshyn and behind goaltender Ron Tugnutt resulting in a 3-3 tie.

Dineen's shot from the right faceoff circle was headed wide of the net when it changed directions after hitting Leschyshyn's skate.

"When you're losing and you're in last place, everything seems to be going against you," Quebec forward Claude Loiselle said. "But I think we worked hard and we're heading in the right direction."

Quebec, which has four ties in its 14-game winless streak, surpassed its longest spell without a victory. Quebec also had a 13-game winless streak in 1980. Its last victory was a 4-2 decision at Hartford on Nov. 22.

Hartford (19-17-2) fell three points behind the third-place Boston Bruins, who beat the Toronto Maple Leafs, in the Adams Division.

Mike Hough's goal with 8:52 remaining in the third period gave the Nordiques, who rebounded from a slow start when they were outshot 11-4 in the first period, a 3-2 lead.

"We didn't come out strong, and that was the only negative point," Quebec coach Michel Bergeron said. "We're play-

ing nervously, and it showed tonight, particularly in the first period."

Hartford led 1-0 after the first period on Ed Kastelic's goal. Quebec's Tony McKegney and Steve Finn scored second-period goals and Randy Cunyworth countered for Hartford as the teams began the third period tied at 2.

Quebec took a 3-2 lead with 8:52 left on a Mike Hough goal. He took the puck after teammate Brian Lawton, a former Whaler, had poked the puck off the stick of Hartford's Todd Krygier in front of the Whaler net.

"It was a brutal play, a bad move, bad judgment," Krygier said. "I beat (Lawton), thought I could beat (Hough) but he took it and shot it in. I crawled under the bench. It was a hard lesson to learn and I'm sure happy Kevin scored."

Goaltender Greg Millen, obtained in a trade with St. Louis last week, reported to the Nordiques on Tuesday and watched the game from the press box.

"I think the addition of Millen and getting (injured center) Tony Hrkac back will maybe give us some confidence," Bergeron said.

"We thought this would be a tough game coming off vacation, the distraction of Christmas and flying in the game of the game," Whalers' coach Rick Ley said. "And any time you're playing a team that's struggling and hasn't won since beating you, it may be time for them again."

Hartford returned home to the Civic Center for an exhibition game tonight at 7:30 with the Soviet Wings.

Smith didn't agree that he made contact with Bird as the Celtic star went up to shoot from the left baseline.

"It's frustrating to come up with a loss when you know you didn't lose," Smith said after the Clippers' first defeat in their last six home games. "It's political. This stuff happens to us over and over. It may seem like we're complaining, but we're fighting for respectability and we have a legitimate gripe."

"Charles played a great fourth quarter. He was definitely taking the game to them," Harper said. "But that's Bird. There's four or five players who are going to get that call day in and day out."

Bird didn't agree with Smith's version of the crucial play, although the Clippers forward claimed that Bird told him it wasn't a foul as they headed for their respective dressing rooms.

"He blocked it pretty clean at the top, but he got me with some body and I guess the officials saw the body contact," Bird said. "But when we had a one-point lead, I

thought he travelled at the other end before his basket."

Bird scored 27 points and Reggie Lewis had 28 off the bench as the Celtics extended their winning streak over the Los Angeles Clippers to 11 games.

Kevin McHale scored 20 off the bench in the first three quarters for the Celtics, who have won all six games they have played here since the Clippers moved from San Diego for the 1984-85 season.

Gary Grant added 24 points for the Clippers and Harper had 21.

Smith scored 10 consecutive Los Angeles points during a span of less than three minutes midway through the final period to put the Clippers ahead 104-100 with 4:17 to play.

"After Lewis gave the Celtics a 110-109 edge with two free throws with 10 seconds left, Smith took an inbound pass from Grant, drove toward the lane against McHale, and hit a 10-foot fallaway jumper over Robert Parish for a 111-110 Clippers lead with 5:1 seconds left."

MIAMI — Colorado coach Bill McCartney scheduled the team's first full-scale, full-contact practice for today, with one notable exception.

Quarterback Darian Hagan is off limits to the defensive unit.

"Hagan won't be 'live,'" McCartney said. "The next time he gets hit will be Monday night" when the top-ranked Buffaloes meet No. 4 Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl in a game that could decide the national championship.

McCartney said the Buffs will have "very aggressive" practices today and Thursday. "Then we'll evaluate, and if we think we need another hard one, we'll have it on Friday. If we're focused, zeroed in, concentrating, we'll taper off."

McCartney was aware of the dangers of all-out workouts.

"You always run the risk of getting someone nicked," he said. "But as a coach you recognize you have to do that to prepare your team."

Unlike Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz, who typically badmouths his team and who is bemoaning injuries to several players this week, McCartney is the picture of composure.

"I feel real good about the strategy we've devised on both sides of the ball," he said after the Tuesday session, which emphasized the kicking game. "The practices we've had up to this point will give us a chance to go into game week in great shape."

The Buffs appeared in the prime of health. All-America offensive guard Joe Garten has been bothered by tendinitis in his left ankle, but he practiced Tuesday. "He's not quite 100 percent, but he will be by game time," McCartney said.

The coach also said tailback Eric Bienenchy is "back to where he was"



GETTING A LIFT — Hartford's Kevin Dineen, right, is lifted up by Quebec's Curt Leschyshyn after a collision during Tuesday night's action at Lo Coliseum. Dineen's late goal gave the Whalers a

Steinberg open minded after firing Walton, staff

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Dick Steinberg hadn't yet fired Coach Joe Walton, and the phone was ringing.

Last week, Steinberg's first as general manager of the New York Jets, was spent preparing to fire Walton, reviewing films, and answering the phone.

"There's always a group who call no matter what the job. It doesn't matter whether it's C.W. Post or the '9ers, they'll call," Steinberg said. "There's that second group who know they're qualified."

It is from that group that Steinberg will begin interviewing to seek a replacement for Walton, who was fired Tuesday morning along with the rest of his coaching staff.

Among those mentioned as a candidate is Michigan State's George Perles, who said after the Spartans won the Aloha Bowl: "If they're interested in talking, I'd be interested in what they have to say."

Steinberg said Perles, an assistant at Pittsburgh from 1972 through 1981 as the Steelers won four Super Bowl titles, could be a possibility, but added there isn't a candidate with an inside track.

"He's certainly a qualified guy," Steinberg said. "There's no preconceived idea on who the new man will be. Unless we are knocked off our feet by an awesome interview that we don't plan on conducting, it will be a guy with NFL experience."

We're not interested in bringing a guy in and coaching him how to coach."

Steinberg hopes to soon narrow his list down to six and make a decision by the end of January.

"We're looking for a strong disciplinarian and a motivator," Steinberg said. "We're looking for a guy who can get the most out of his players every time out. That, to me, is the special quality you look for in a coach."

"A lot of people know the X's and O's. There are guys with bright offensive minds, and guys with bright defensive minds. But unless he can teach and motivate the player, knowing all the X's and O's doesn't mean a thing."

It became obvious Walton would be fired after Steinberg was hired and promised changes. Last Saturday, Steinberg spoke with former San Francisco coach Bill Walsh about a return to coaching.

Walsh, an analyst for NBC, isn't interested, but recommended his former offensive coordinator, Mike Holmgren, and Cincinnati offensive coordinator Bruce Coslet.

"I talked in detail about the strengths of those two guys," Steinberg said. "Those two guys will go right on my list because I respect Bill's opinion."

Also rumored to be in the running are Louisville's Howard Schnellenberger, Illinois' John Mackovic,

who coached the 1986 Kansas City Chiefs into the playoffs; Southern California's Larry Smith, and Gene Stallings, who was fired by the Phoenix Cardinals earlier this season.

"Everybody in this business keeps a list because you never know what's going to happen," Steinberg said. "Look at Bill Walsh. He retired after winning the Super Bowl."

Steinberg said the Jets are in competition with at least the Atlanta Falcons and Phoenix Cardinals for coaches. Names on Steinberg's list are sure to be on other lists as well.

"Where everybody credits for being at least as smart as you," Steinberg said. "If there are good candidates out there, everybody else is going to know about them, too. Once you get some people in and talk with them, it's a matter of selling your situation."

"This is an attractive job. It's New York and a chance to work for an owner like Leon Hess."

Walton worked for Hess until Tuesday, with some success in past seasons but little this year. His final game finished 4-12, worst record in the AFC, capped by an embarrassing 37-0 loss to Buffalo on Sunday. That defeat left him with a 53-57-1 record.

Fired with Walton were offensive coordinator Rod Smith, defensive coordinator Ralph Hawkins and assistants Zeke Bratkowski, Ray Calahan, Wally Chambers, Mike Faulkner, Bobby Hammond, Rod Humenuk, Larry Pasquale and Jim Vechiarela.



Fired — Ex-New York Jets' head coach Joe Walton speaks at a news conference at Holstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., Wednesday after he was fired by the Jets.

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Manhattan. A funeral will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan. Burial plans are pending.

Investigators said it wasn't relevant whether Martin, as well known for his barroom brawls as for his managerial prowess, had been drinking before the alcohol-related accident that took his life. Because Martin was a passenger in his own truck when it crashed, his actions and level of intoxication, if any, are not important to the case, Broome County Sheriff Anthony Ruffo said.

William Reedy, a Detroit bar owner and long-time Martin friend who was driving the truck early Monday evening, was charged with drunken driving, a misdemeanor that carries at most a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Reedy, owner of Reedy's Bar near Detroit's Tiger Stadium, sustained a broken hip and possible broken ribs in the accident. He was listed in fair condition Tuesday in the Upstate Medical Center Hospital at Syracuse.

A sheriff's deputy with a police dog guarded the wind-swept road where the accident occurred as local Yankee fans and reporters descended on the site where Martin, the pug-nosed, hard-living former Yankees second baseman and

manager of five major league teams, died.

Signs of the accident had vanished by Tuesday afternoon, covered by blowing snow.

Key slippery roads and Reedy's unfamiliarity with the area were believed to be factors in the accident, said in a report Tuesday by the state police.

The truck skidded off to the side and was now fast the truck had been going.

Mechanical failure of Martin's four-wheel-drive 1989 Ford pickup was ruled out, the sheriff said. The truck checked out fine," he said. Authorities said the men were not wearing seat belts.

Broome County District Attorney Gerald Mollen said it will be "days, at least" before he decides whether to press a more serious charge, such as manslaughter. He said the case will be complicated by the fact that County Coroner Patrick Ruddy, at the request of Martin's family, refused to do an autopsy.

"It's unusual that a coroner would not have an autopsy conducted when cause of death may be a legal question," Mollen said.

Ruddy said an autopsy would be required only if an external examination did not.

"He died, basically, of a fractured neck," Ruddy said. "The chest X-ray was reasonably intact, belly was normal, blood count was normal. It's all in the neck area."

Mollen said pinpointing the cause of death would be necessary in order to file any homicide-related charge. He said the lack of an autopsy would make it more difficult, but would not preclude such a charge.

Without an autopsy, Martin's blood-alcohol level at the time of his death may never be known, but authorities said that was not an important issue.

"Martin was not the driver. Reedy was drinking or not has been recurring on this particular case."

Knicks pick up the slack as Ewing takes a tumble

MIAMI — After Patrick Ewing hit the deck, he had a hard time hitting a shot.

Ewing, bothered by sore ribs suffered in a first-period spill, missed 14 of 18 shots and scored a season-low 11 points Tuesday night. But his New York Knicks beat the Miami Heat anyway, 100-94.

"We won the game. That's all that matters," Ewing said. "One man can't be a team. Tonight it was a team effort. That's what we had to do."

Ewing lost his balance while leaping to block a shot and tumbled to the floor, landing hard on his right side. He was motionless for about a minute but then walked to the bench under his own power and returned to the game a short time later.

"I just tried to play and do the best I could," Ewing said. "It hurts when I breathe. . . . The doctor said it looks like a bruise to the ribs."

Ewing finished with 11 rebounds and six blocked shots. But he was 18 points shy of his scoring average of 29.0, third-best in the NBA.

"He took a hard fall," said Coach Stu Jackson, whose team extended its longest winning streak of the season to seven games. "We'll get his ribs X-rayed and hope they're not cracked — but that's just a bruise."

With Ewing subpar, Charles Oakley led the Knicks with 19 points and 12 rebounds, eight on the offensive end. Trent Tucker scored 17 points and Johnny Newman 15.

"Patrick wasn't 100 percent tonight," Tucker said. "The other guys had to step up and play a bigger role."

Rony Seikaly led Miami with 26 points, most of them against Ewing.

MIAMI closed to within two points four times in the final nine minutes but still suffered its fourth loss in a row. All have been against the Heat.

"We came out with more of a resolve to regain our competitive edge," Coach Ron Rotundo said. "I think we did. We played hard and had a chance to win."

Rookie Sherman Douglas scored 22 points for Miami, which shot only 41 percent.

Lakers 104, Kings 102: The Los Angeles Lakers scored the 37th victory over 15 years their former dominance of the Kings franchise.

Sacramento came home for the Kings since the club moved from Kansas City, appeared ready to end it after taking a 102-94 lead with 2:50 to play. The Lakers scored the last 10 points of the game to win 104-102.

"We've got to be the worst 20-2 team ever," Coach Pat Riley said. "We were just stuck in the mud."

Magie Johnson scored 27 points for the Lakers, including two free throws and 19 rebounds. Johnson broke a 102-102 tie. Byron Scott snuffed a slump by scoring 12 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter after Sacramento took a 12-point lead.

"It's got to be hard for the Kings to have controlled the game until the last 19 seconds," Johnson, who had 14 assists, said. "Thank goodness Byron got hot and we won the game."

When he fell, I think he lost his wind a little bit," Seikaly said. "I think that's what bothered him the rest of the game — he didn't have his wind."

Miami was in the game right to the end, when Kevin Edwards missed an open 3-point shot with nine seconds left and New York leading 97-94. Two free throws by Oakley and one by Rod Strickland clinched the win.

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Borque is far from satisfied with Bruins' victory

BOSTON (AP) — Bruins defenseman Ray Bourque was hurt on his team, despite a victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs that gave them their third win in a row.

"We weren't really playing the man on our end. Basically, mistakes were costing us every time we made one. We've got to get a lot better in our own end," Bourque said after the Bruins beat the Leafs 6-4 Tuesday night.

But Bourque had nothing but praise for two of his teammates — Craig Janney and Cam Neely. Janney set up two goals by Neely and scored two himself to lead Bruins to their win.

"They are two quality players," Bourque said. "Whenever you have two players like that on your club, they're going to make things happen. These guys are young and together they can do a lot of damage. They came up really big tonight."

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Janney intercepted a clearing pass by Toronto goalie Mark Laforest and backhanded the puck into the net from a difficult angle to break a 3-3 tie at 18:12 of the second period.

"I just tried to force the D like Mike Milbury has been trying to get us to do," he said. "He just slid the puck off when I forced him."

"It was all luck. I threw it at the net and it went in. Those things happen when a team is going pretty good."

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CRUNCH TIME — Boston's Don Sweeney, left, crashes hard into Dan Marois of the Toronto Maple Leafs during their NHL game Tuesday night at Boston Garden. The Bruins won their third in a row, 6-4.

night against Chicago, regarding the NHL scoring lead while helping the St. Louis Blues to an 8-3 victory over the Blackhawks.

Hull, who has 31 goals, also had an assist and broke a tie for the scoring lead with Luc Robitaille of the Los Angeles Kings. Hull has seven goals and eight points in four games against Chicago this season, including a three-goal game in a 9-6 loss last week.

Hull was unable to explain his success against the Blackhawks.

"You don't ask Graczyk that question," he joked. "You play good against a lot of teams. It just works out that way sometimes."

Paul MacLean and Sergio Monesso also scored two goals as St. Louis ended a three-game losing streak. Hull had nine shots on goal and led the league with 170.

MacLean added an assist as he snuffed a six-game scoring drought and Adam Oates had four assists for St. Louis.

St. Louis, which pulled into a three-way tie for second place in the Norris Division with Minnesota and Chicago, eight points behind Pittsburgh.

The Blues scored on four of 11 first-period shots to chase Chicago goalie Alan Chevrier. Hull, who has scored 30 goals faster than any player in Blues history, and Dave Lowery scored against Chevrier's replacement, Jim White, in the second period to give St. Louis a 6-2 lead.

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MALE ATHLETE — Martina Navratilova, shown celebrating after winning her first women's singles title at the 1981 U.S. Open, was voted the Associated Press Female Athlete of the Decade by sports writers and broadcasters.

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Francis, Ranford cited by NHL

NEW YORK (AP) — Edmonton oiler goalie Brian Ranford and Hartford Whalers center Ron Francis were named co-winners of the NHL Player of the Week award.

Francis had three goals and seven assists as the Whalers won three straight games. He is eighth among NHL scorers this season with 17 goals, 31 assists and 48 points.

Ranford recorded three straight victories and had a 1.00 goals against average for the week. Included in his week was a 22-save shutout of Minnesota as Ranford improved his record to 12-6-4 and lowered his goals against average to 2.91.

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Hockey great Harvey dies

MONTREAL (AP) — Doug Harvey, considered one of the greatest defenseman ever to play in the National Hockey League, died in a Montreal hospital, one week after his 65th birthday.

Harvey, elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1973, spent 21 seasons in the NHL — 14 of them with the Canadiens — and led Montreal to six Stanley Cups.

He won the Norris Trophy seven times as the league's top defenseman and was named to the NHL's first all-star team 11 times.

Cummings played a week

'Broadway Bubby' had confidence in Steelers

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers are in the playoffs. As Pro Bowl tackle Tunch Ilkin said, "Whoosh, think it?"

Broadway Bubby Brister did.

He doesn't wear a fancy fur coat and isn't opening a fashionable, trendy restaurant like Broadway Joe Namath did, and historic Grant Street in downtown Pittsburgh hardly is a replica of the Great White Way.

But just as Broadway Joe made a name for himself by boldly guaranteeing victories, then backing up his predictions with gutsy play, Brister is doing the same thing for the surprising Steelers.

Last spring, with the Steelers coming off a 5-11 season that was their worst in 20 years, Brister scrawled "Playoffs '89" on the locker room blackboard and predicted they would win nine or 10 games.

Even Steelers President Dan Rooney disagreed, saying "I don't see us winning more than five or six games. We need to win two or three to make the playoffs after losing their first two games by a combined 92-10."

Many fans dismissed his seemingly unfounded optimism as ridiculous. Not Bubby.

"I truly believed we could win nine or 10 games," Brister said Tuesday as the Steelers (9-7) began practice for Sunday's AFC wild card game at Houston (9-7).

"Last year, we didn't have nearly as much talent on this team as we do now — we didn't have Tim Wrotor or three or four victories last week, and we should have won nine or 10 games. The way we gave games away was

Sabres 6, Red Wings 3: Scott Arniel, Rick Vaive and Steve Hogue scored late in the third period for Buffalo. Detroit's Gerard Gallant scored at 14:20 of the third period to tie the score at 3-3. Arniel got credit for the go-ahead goal two minutes later when his shot from the slot bounced off the skate of defenseman Steve Chiasson and past goaltender Sam St. Laurent.

Vaive added his fourth goal in three games at 15:36 and Hogue scored into an empty net 15 seconds later.

Devils 4, Rangers 4: Kirk Muller's second goal of the game and 16th of the season with 25 seconds left in regulation gave New Jersey the tie and extended the Rangers' winless skid to eight games (0-5-3). The Devils moved into a first-place tie with idle Philadelphia in the Patrick Division, one point ahead of the Rangers and two in front of Washington.

The Rangers, who trailed 2-0 just 6:18 into the game, rallied from a 3-1 deficit on goals by John Ogrodnick and Kelly Kisio late in the second period, added rookie Mark Janssens early in the third.

Capitals 6, Penguins 3: Bob Joyce scored his fourth goal and Michal Pivnenka scored third-period goals for Washington, which trailed 3-0 after one period. The Capitals broke the losing skid with a 4-1 lead at 11:30 and scored a tie-breaking goal 43 seconds into the third period when his centering pass hit the elbow of Pittsburgh defenseman Mark Recchi and bounced into the net.

Jets 5, North Stars 3: Winnipeg rallied from a four-goal deficit in the period, sending Minnesota to its 11th defeat in 13 games. Thomas Soren and Doug Smol scored to tie the score and Dale Hawerchuk got the game-winner at 9:57. Dave McLuin scored into an empty net with 26 seconds remaining.

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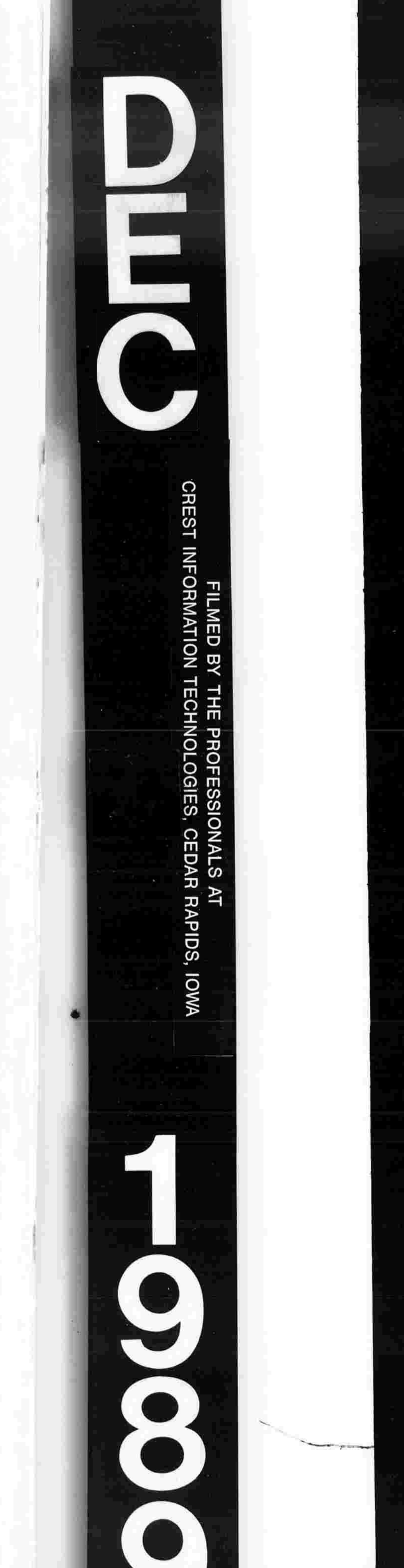
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A: That's what Custer said at Little Big Horn. Q: So, it will all remain the same?

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Crossword

Answers to Previous Puzzles

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6 R F - - - B E

DOWN
1 F M O I M Z K W T Z V G
2 M O R Y is good for bribing yourself through the inconveniences of life - Gottfried Reinhardt.

TV Tonight

- 7:00PM (3) Inside Edition
 (A&E) Chronicle: The growing shortage of nurses across the country. (R)
 (CNN) Moneyline
 (ESPN) SportsCenter
 (LIFE) Cagney & Lacey
 (USA) Miami Vice Part 2 of 2 (in stereo)
 (DIS) Danger Bay (CC) J.L. accepts a marriage proposal. But a crisis at the aquarium delays the wedding. Part 2 of 2. (in stereo)
 (J) Jeopardy! (CC)
 (K) Kate & Allie (CC)
 (L) L.A. Law
 (M) M*A*S*H
 (N) News
 (O) O.C. Stennis
 (P) Police Story
 (Q) Queen Bees
 (R) Riptide
 (S) Saturday Night Live
 (T) The Tonight Show
 (U) The Untouchables
 (V) The Verdict
 (W) The West Wing
 (X) X-Files
 (Y) The Young and the Rubidious
 (Z) Zorro

- 8:00PM (3) Beauty and the Beast
 (A&E) Chronicle: A woman who has been given a second chance at life. (R)
 (CNN) Moneyline
 (ESPN) SportsCenter
 (LIFE) Cagney & Lacey
 (USA) Miami Vice Part 2 of 2 (in stereo)
 (DIS) Danger Bay (CC) J.L. accepts a marriage proposal. But a crisis at the aquarium delays the wedding. Part 2 of 2. (in stereo)
 (J) Jeopardy! (CC)
 (K) Kate & Allie (CC)
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 (P) Police Story
 (Q) Queen Bees
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 (W) The West Wing
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 (Z) Zorro

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four jumbles, and one letter to each square, to form our ordinary words.

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WHAT HAPPENED WHEN NYLON STOCKINGS WERE FIRST INTRODUCED?

ANSWER: THERE WAS A HOLE IN THE HOLE.

How could I throw it out? My cat gave it to me for Christmas.

SMUFI by Bruce Beattie

FOOD

Take full advantage of your microwave during 1990

The time has come to begin a new year. Perhaps one resolution you might consider making is to provide your family with better prepared and more interesting nutritious meals. Perhaps you would simply like to resolve to use your microwave more and take better advantage of all the features it has to offer.

Preparing meals, either for yourself or for a family can become a boring chore. If you let it, so, look for some new ideas.

Most of the popular women's magazines now also have columns which feature microwave recipes, or give microwave directions for some of their featured recipes. Why not clip out some of these and give them a try?

When you received your new microwave, either as a gift during this holiday season, or several years ago, there was a little book packed inside which gave you a great deal of information about how to use your microwave, and how to use its various features. If you're really not using your microwave for cooking, but just for reheating, maybe you need to review the features of your microwave and take full advantage of what it has to offer.

Today's column features recipes that may be worth trying during the new year.

Microwave Kitchen

Marge Churchill

- 1 pound ground beef**
 2 tablespoons dried parsley flakes
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
 1 medium onion, thinly sliced
 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
 Place bacon on a rack in a 12x8x2 inch baking dish, cover with paper and microwave on high power for 5:12 to 7:12 minutes, or until bacon is done; crumble bacon and set aside.
- Combine ground beef with bread crumbs, parsley flakes, salt, garlic salt, pepper, mix well and shape into 8 patties 1/4 inch thick. Place 1/4 of the bacon in center of each of 4 patties; top with remaining patties, and press to seal edges.
- Place patties in a 12x8x2 inch baking dish, cover with waxed paper, and microwave at high power for 2:12 minutes. Turn patties over and microwave at high power for an additional 1:12 to 3 minutes, or until the desired doneness.
- Remove patties to serving plate, cover and let stand for a few minutes. Drain off oil but 2 tablespoons of drippings from baking dish. Add soy sauce, mushroom sauce, onion and green pepper. Cover with plastic wrap and microwave on high power for 8 to 10 minutes, or until vegetables are tender-crisp. Spoon vegetable mixture over patties and serve. Yields 4 servings.
- Chicken and spinach rolls**
 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed
 1/2 cup seasoned dry bread crumbs
 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
 1 egg, beaten
 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese

- 1/4 cup chopped garlic powder**
 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 1 teaspoon lemon juice
 3 whole breasts of chicken, split, boned and skinned
 1 egg, beaten
 1/2 cup dry seasoned bread crumbs
 Place thawed spinach on a paper towel, squeeze out any moisture. Place butter in a medium bowl; microwave on high power for 30 seconds, or until butter is melted. Add spinach and 1/2 cup bread crumbs, chopped onion, 1 beaten egg, Parmesan cheese, garlic powder, pepper and lemon juice, stirring well; set aside.
- Place chicken breasts on waxed paper to flatten to 1/4 inch thickness. Top each with an equal amount of spinach mixture, spread evenly. Roll up each and secure with remaining bread crumbs.
- Place rolls, seam side down in a 12x8x2 inch baking dish. Cover with waxed paper and microwave at high power for 9 minutes, or until done; rotate dish after 4 minutes, and rearrange rolls so uncooked portions are to the outside of the dish. Yields 6 servings.
- Sauce sole**
 1/4 cup fine, dry bread crumbs
 1/4 cup chopped green onion
 2 tablespoons chopped green pepper
 1 can (6 1/2 ounces) crab meat, drained, rinsed and flaked, if you wish, substitute 1 cup imitation crab meat
 1 egg, beaten
 1 teaspoon lemon juice
 6 sole fillets (about 1 pound)
 2 tablespoons butter
 1/2 cup cream sauce (see recipe to follow)
 Combine dry bread crumbs, green onion, green pepper, crab meat, 1 egg, lemon juice and paprika. Divide crab meat mixture among fillets, spreading evenly. Roll up each file and secure with a wooden pick; arrange in an 8-inch square baking dish.
- Place butter in a 1-cup glass measure; and microwave at high power for 30 seconds, or until butter is melted; brush over fillets. Cover with plastic wrap, and microwave at high power for 3:12 to 5:12 minutes; rotate dish once during cooking. Remove fillets to serving dish; top with Sour Cream Sauce, and garnish with parsley. Yields 6 servings.
- Sour cream sauce**
 1 carton (8 ounces) commercial sour cream

Hostess Lights taste rubbery Supermarket Sampler

Hostess Lights Low Fat/Cholesterol Free Chocolate Cakes with Chocolatey Icing. Plain, raspberry-filled and vanilla-pudding filled. 65 to 75 cents per individually-wrapped cakes.

Bonnie: Unlike Hostess cupcakes, new Hostess Lights are made with chocolate angel food cake, an egg yolk-free cake that is therefore low in cholesterol. The cupcakes also contain fillings lower in cholesterol and fat than the original cream filling. What they do have in common with Hostess' regular cupcakes are gelatin, gums, and other thickeners as well as artificial flavor.

So, Hostess Lights are a low-fat, no-cholesterol alternative to Hostess cupcakes. But an angel food cake made from scratch at home would be better.

Carolyn: I have to disagree. If you could only stop reading products long enough to give them an equal taste, you would see that Hostess' Cupcakes are tons better than these.

The biggest problem here is with the rubbery cake. Vanilla pudding also makes a poor substitute for Hostess' sugary cream filling although the raspberry conjures up images of expensive fruit-filled chocolate and is better than I expected.

While not as good as the frosting on their regular cupcakes, the chocolate icing on these are more than satisfactory. If you ask me, the rest of this snack should be shipped back to Hostess' food science laboratory for more fat and

Carolyn: I have no intention of giving up eating regular cheese, especially when the alternative is as tasteless and lifeless as this. Only the Swiss has a clearly recognizable flavor. The sharp cheddar is hardly sharp; the mild cheddar, Monterey Jack and Colby are all texture.

People who are worried about fat need to learn how to control how much they eat. The alternative — food manufacturers taking the faty life out of all our foods — is truly disastrous, as this line proves.

Bonnie Tandy Leblang, a registered dietitian, and Carolyn Wyman, a junk food fanatic, are syndicated columnists.

Good wines not hard to find

The wine world has been focusing on wines of special value. East and West coast cities have been awash with blind tastings, at which wines above average in flavor, structure, character and finish were pinpointed by experts, all exceptionally kind to the wallet within their particular categories.

"Taking this as my cue, I'm listing my recommendations, in no special order of preference, with a top price of \$15.

This fall's Wine Experience, a three-day event sponsored by the Wine Spectator's Scholarship Foundation — and highlighted by two grand tastings starting wines from over 175 of the world's greatest houses — featured a down-to-earth seminar on 10 outstanding wines from 1987, selected by Wine Spectator editors. Four winners came in under \$15: Silverado Chardonnay 1986 (California), Ramponio Chianti Classico 1985, \$9; and Adelsheim Pinot Noir 1987 (Oregon), \$12.50; William Gewurztraminer 1987 (Alsace), \$7; and Clos de Beche Pinot Noir 1987 (France), \$12.

The International Wine Center, directed by Mary Ewing-Mulligan, held a Best Values in Imported Red Wines tasting. Out of 200 entries, 27 wines under \$12 were chosen as the tops. My own list is as follows:

- Under \$8: Antinori Santa Cristina 1987 (Chianti); Bolzano Sauvignon 1987, Pinot Noir Estate Bottled 1987, Shiraz Hunter Valley 1987; Baccalari Cabernet Sauvignon 1987, Shiraz Hunter Valley 1987; Vietti D'Avola 1987 (Italy).
- Between \$8 and \$12: Villa Antinori Chianti Classico Riserva 1985; Castello di Ama Chianti Classico 1986; Chateau Grevasse 1986 (Bordeaux); three Rosemont (Australia) wines; Cabernet Sauvignon 1987, Pinot Noir Estate Bottled 1987, Shiraz Hunter Valley 1987; Baccalari Cabernet Sauvignon 1987, Shiraz Hunter Valley 1987; Vietti D'Avola 1987 (Italy).
- Beaujolais nouveau: Wines were exceptional at the International Wine Center's annual Beaujolais Nouveau tasting. Food and Wine from France has happily hailed the 1989 vintage as the best of the decade. Producers presented either Beaujolais Nouveau (BN) or Beaujolais Villages Nouveau (BVN),

Other top reds include: Masi's Campofionato (SS), Rufino Chianti Classico Riserva 1985 (\$11.50), Rosso Fini Cabernetello 1986 (\$9), Freccobaldi Chianti Rufina Riserva-Novizzano 1985 (\$11), Salsice Salentino 1983 (\$6), Finanza Barbera d'Alba 1985 (\$8), Zinfandel by Ridge (California), Bonterra (\$12), Chateau Souverain Merlot Sonoma County 1986 (\$8).

ARLO AND JANIS by Jimmy Johnson

SORRY YOU DIDN'T GET A SAILBOAT FOR CHRISTMAS!

SILLY! I DIDN'T REALLY EXPECT ONE!

BESIDES, I DID GET THIS GREAT TACK SHAPED LIKE A SAILBOAT!

AND I HAD TO CHANGE THAT!

FRANK AND ERNEST by Bob Thaves

I LIKE HIM BECAUSE HE'S QUICK --- JUST DRILL, FILL AND BILL.

PHIPPS by Joseph Farris

THE BORN LOSER by Art Sanson

JOHN ME FOR LUNCH?

LOOK, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO HAVE LUNCH WITH ME, JUST SAY SO!

I DON'T WANT TO HA [LUNCH WITH YOU]

WHYTHROP by Dick Cavall

THE GRIZWELLS by Bill Schorr

OH, MY LORD... THIS IS AWFUL!

I'VE GOTTA' BE ON MY REPORT CARD!

IF I FOUND A 'B' ON MY REPORT CARD, I'D PARTY FOR A WEEK.

NO, FURTHER... WHAT DO YOU WANT TO GIVE YOU?

INDISGESTION...

EEK AND MEER by Howie Schneider

MONIEUS MEKUS... END OF THE YEAR CLEARANCE SALE

SHE HAS TO MAKE ROOM FOR FRESH LEFTOVERS

THESE TWO YOUNG FIRST... FOR A SILLY!

...THEIR SECOND WAS AWAY DOWNHILL!

WANT TO GO TO THE PARTY, DO YOU WANT TO GO WITH ME?

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Earthquake rattles Australia

At least 11 dead; police battle looting

NEWCASTLE, Australia (AP) — A strong earthquake today struck a southeastern city, killing at least 11 people and injuring more than 100, officials said. The army was called in to help prevent looting.

Some reports said as many as 30 people died in Newcastle, an industrial hub of 500,000 people about 75 miles north of Sydney. Hundreds of thousands of homes were reported without electricity.

Rescue workers frantically hunted for victims in the rubble. The quake, which measured 5.5 on the Richter scale, struck at 10:28 a.m. Police said it was the first in Australian history to strike a heavily populated area.

"It felt like there was someone under my bedroom floor who lifted the house," said one Newcastle resident, who reported two after-shocks.

The worst damage appeared to be at a workers' club where drinkers, relaxing after night-shift work, were crushed by collapsed walls, police said. At least eight people died there, police spokesman Simon Laimner said. Police recovered five bodies and were working to free three others.

There could be at least another six still trapped in the building, Laimner said.

Three people were killed in a suburban shopping center when they were hit by bricks and awnings from shops, he said. Officials reported more than 100 injuries.

"I saw at least six people lying in the road," said a shocked emergency worker in the city. "As we looked back, we could see destruction all around us. The second story of the carpark also gave way, bringing the structure down and crushing scores of cars."

Prime Minister Bob Hawke visited the scene and commended reports of widespread looting in the business section. He warned that looters would be punished.

Laimner said 200 soldiers were called into the city and to the suburbs of Hamilton to help police patrol.

Hundreds of rescue workers also arrived from Sydney, Newcastle, Australia's fifth-largest city, also is a major coal mining center but there were no immediate reports of any mines trapped or injured underground.

In London, Queen Elizabeth II offered sympathy to relatives of the victims and said she was praying for rescuers searching for trapped victims.

Colombian blockade considered

By Susanne M. Schafar
 The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush is mulling a Pentagon plan to draw a "mush, much tighter noose" around Colombia with a virtual air and sea blockade designed to halt illicit drug exports, a senior administration official says.

The plan is part of a comprehensive set of proposals from the nation's regional and specialized military commanders that Defense Secretary Dick Cheney directed to the White House, said the Pentagon official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Bush is slated to attend an anti-drug summit in Colombia in February.

Although the operation could be launched before the summit, the official refused to offer a start-up date for the maneuver.

"It's supposed to be a big-time operation," said the official. "We want to make it impossible for any drugs to come out of there by air or sea."

The operation would involve positioning an aircraft carrier battle group and its accompanying air wing off the Caribbean coast of the South American country, the source said in a recent interview.