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## Suspect in spy case suspended

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department wants to fire Felix S. Bloch, the career diplomat who is suspected of spying for the Soviet Union.

Deputy spokesman Richard Boucher said Wednesday that, as an interim step, the department was ordering Bloch's immediate suspension and was stripping him of his salary, estimated at \$80,000 a year. The diplomat, who was placed on administrative leave with pay last June, has 30 days to answer the charges and submit any information to show why he should be restored to duty.

His legal troubles began after he was reportedly videotaped passing a suitcase to a Soviet agent in Paris. Bloch could not be reached by telephone Wednesday and his attorney declined comment on the State Department action.

In the past, Bloch repeatedly has passed up chances to deny the allegations, saying instead the government has not been able to bring charges, much less prove them. Boucher refused to provide details of the action on Wednesday, citing legal considerations.

Bloch, an urbane diplomat who has spent more than 30 years in foreign service, has not been formally prosecuted but there have been unofficial reports that the Justice Department believes its case against him is not strong enough to seek an indictment.

Asked why the State Department was taking action against Bloch when the Justice Department has yet to press charges against him, an official said the burden of proof for suspending an employee is less stringent than the requirements for a prosecution.

The disclosure that he was a suspect touched off a frenzied media pursuit of Bloch during his long walks last summer to and from his Washington apartment. A round-the-clock FBI unit of Bloch's apartment building was called off or sharply curtailed in December.

Bloch was suspended on the basis of a government regulation authorizing the head of an agency to remove any employee without pay when the action is considered necessary in the interests of national security.

Bloch had been the No. 2 official of the U.S. Embassy in Vienna for much of the Reagan administration before taking up an assignment in Washington.

Electronic surveillance is said to have picked up Bloch telling his wife that he had accepted payments from the Soviets. A former Vienna mission prostitute was told a federal grand jury that Bloch spent roughly \$10,000 a year for her services over seven years — an amount investigators cannot withdraw from Bloch's acknowledged bank accounts.

Meanwhile, the State Department declined comment on a report in Common Cause Magazine that Bloch has not undergone a security clearance since August 1973 despite a requirement that such reviews take place every five years.

Two years ago, the General Accounting Office, a congressional watchdog agency, issued a report alleging 8,929 of the State Department's long-term employees in sensitive positions were not re-investigated within the five-year limit.

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**NO JOKE** — Fred Lezburg, owner of the Little Jack Horner Joke and Magic Store in Boston poses with some of the gags he's sold during the last 45 years. Lezburg is closing because the landlord has canceled his lease and he says he can't afford a new location.

## Sister of American hostage undertakes 'journey of hope'

NEW YORK (AP) — Campaigning to free her brother, Terry Anderson, the longest-held Western hostage in Lebanon, Peggy Say will meet Friday with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz to launch what she called a "journey of peace, reconciliation and hope" to Europe and the Middle East.

The mission coincides with the fifth anniversary of Anderson's abduction in Beirut. Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, was seized March 16, 1985. Seventeen other Western hostages — seven Americans, four Britons, two West Germans, two Swis, an Italian and an Irishman — are being held in Lebanon.

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## Army takes back 14 combat badges given mistakenly

By Susanne M. Schafer  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Army, in an embarrassing admission, is taking back Combat Infantryman Badges from 14 wounded soldiers who were mistakenly granted the coveted awards within days of their involvement in the Panama invasion.

Some of the awards were incorrectly bestowed because the wounded men were still under sedation when the medals were pinned to their chests and couldn't be queried about their dates during Operation Just Cause, according to Army spokesman Maj. Joe Padilla.

Gen. Carl Vuono, the Army chief of staff, awarded the medals during a visit to two military hospitals in San Antonio, Texas, on Dec. 27. The chief of staff awarded 186 medals — such as Combat Infantryman Badges and Purple Hearts — during his time at the hospitals, Padilla said.

"There were 14 non-infantry soldiers awarded the CIB in Operation Just Cause. However, the awards have since been withdrawn and the affected soldiers notified," Padilla said.

Although the awards apparently were given with some haste and without the usual review, the spokesman said the decision was not made to grant the medals just for publicity's sake.

"This was not a photo op for Gen. Vuono," Padilla said. "This was an honest mistake."

"It was thought to be an opportunity for the men to be decorated by the chief of staff of the Army... It was an effort to distinguish those soldiers thought to be deserving, and allow those who were wounded to wake up with the award on their pillow," Padilla said.

A pool of reporters was permitted to accompany Vuono to Wilford Hall Medical Center for the presentation of medals to just three soldiers. The general also visited near-by Brooke Army Medical Center.

The Combat Infantryman Badge is granted only to officers or enlisted personnel who have "satisfactorily performed their duty" in an infantry unit while it has engaged in combat, Padilla said.

The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the armed forces wounded or killed in action. A formal review of the CIB awards found 14 were incorrectly given to soldiers who weren't infantrymen or did not have infantry specialties, Padilla said.

The badges had been granted to men who were military policemen, artillery soldiers, communications specialists, truck drivers and specialists in psychological operations, the spokesman said.

"The soldiers that were incorrectly awarded the CIB were part of the initial 236 wounded soldiers evacuated out of Panama during the first 48 hours of Operation Just Cause," Padilla said.

"Because of time constraints, the personnel records weren't available to verify the eligibility of each soldier," he said. "A decision was made to give the wounded soldiers the benefit of the doubt regarding the award of the CIB pending a final review of eligibility. It was during this review that the incorrectly awarded CIBs were discovered."

The spokesman said he didn't think a soldier would be disappointed when he awoke and found he wasn't eligible.

## Recipient of implant unit dies

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A 16-year-old girl died four days after becoming the world's first recipient of an experimental lung-assist device, leaving behind a grieving hometown but hope that similar implants will help others.

Melicia "Mimi" Harvey, 16, of Arthur City, Texas, who suffered from adult respiratory distress syndrome, died Wednesday of "worsening pulmonary failure," said Tim Madden, spokesman at LDS Hospital.

Mimi had received an IntraVascular Oxygenator, or IVOX, during a two-hour operation Friday. The device is a 20-inch bundle of hundreds of synthetic tubes about as fine as human hair, with walls so thin that oxygen and carbon dioxide can pass through.

"There were no clinical complications from the use of the device, which added oxygen to and removed carbon dioxide from the patient's blood," Madden said.

LDS and three other medical centers have federal approval to implant the devices in as many as 10 patients, and Dr. J.D. Mortenson, chief developer of the IVOX for Cardiohalomics Inc. of Salt Lake City, said the implants will continue.

While declining to discuss specifics of Mimi's case, Mortenson said, "There were no complications."

"It will take a long time to review the mountain of data we gathered with this case. From what we know with this case, it (the IVOX) was extremely successful," he said.

Nevertheless, he indicated Mimi's death didn't surprise doctors.

"Ninety percent of this group of 10 approved implants) are expected to die," he said.

Word of Mimi's death stunned her classmates at North Lamar High School in Paris, Texas.

Many of the school's 735 students, who included the girl's sister and brother, wept unashamedly, and eight minutes went to the school to counsel students.

Those closest to her said Mimi added a spark to any place she went. She was vice president of the student council and played flute in the band.

"She had a great sense of humor and she had a contagious laugh," said Krisy Hicks, who was on the drill team with her. "She was always telling these weird jokes that nobody understood."

School officials authorized a fund-raising "Mimi Harvey Day" on Friday to help pay burial expenses.

The girl's mother, Edith Harvey, 41, died Jan. 31. School officials said Mrs. Harvey's death was related to diabetes.



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**KNOWS WHAT TO DO** — Tanya, a trained African elephant owned by Bret Bronson of Hudson, N.H., earns her keep by shoveling out her master's driveway Wednesday. She may not have done a perfect job, but she works for peanuts.

## Bill would fund geography lessons

On a recent national test, pupils have trouble with the oceans

WASHINGTON — Question: If you call a person who speaks two languages bilingual, what do you call a person who speaks one language? An American, says Rep. George Sangmeister, D-Ill.

He is introducing legislation today that authorizes \$58 million in federal funds over five years and matching grants to states for instruction in foreign studies, language and geography.

"We live in an increasingly global society. We can no longer afford a generation of children uneducated and uninterested in the world outside the United States," said Sangmeister. "We must spark that interest and ability early so that our students become proficient in foreign language by high school or college."

Sangmeister's sentiments have become a familiar chorus among educators, politicians, businessmen and even President Bush. All are concerned with the flood of reports that focus on what American students don't know.

Experts estimate 30 million Americans are functionally illiterate and as many as 2 million students leave school with deficient basic skills each year.

To address the problems, Bush in his State of the Union address listed key education goals that include making American students first in the world by the year 2000 in science and math, and ensuring that children leave grades four, eight and 12 having mastered English, mathematics, science, history and geography.

The bill authorizes \$58 million in federal funds over five years to support education in foreign studies, language and geography.

However, only 18 percent of the states require geography to graduate and only 17 percent of public elementary schools offer any form of language instruction. Japanese high schools require six years of foreign languages, compared with one to two years in the United States.

The International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement reports that in a 1988 study of science achievement in 17 countries, America's 10-year-olds ranked 14th, just 40 percent of American 13-year-olds could solve a two-step math problem, compared with 72 percent of the South Korean students.

The writing and reading NAEP reports found merely "subtle changes in reading performance at the national level" since the first assessment in 1971 but no improvement in an already low writing performance.

## Time lapse key issue in trial

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A critical time element was vigorously disputed as lawyers tried to answer how many hours Capt. Joseph Hazelwood spent drinking liquor before he took command of the Exxon Valdez on its fateful voyage.

A Coast Guard officer's wife testified she saw Hazelwood order a vodka on the rocks at a Valdez bar about 1:45 p.m. on March 23. The skipper's lawyers contend he didn't get to the bar until 4 p.m.

He boarded the Exxon Valdez about 8:30 that night and the ship ran aground just after midnight, causing the worst oil spill in U.S. history.

Justice Delozier, whose husband, Mark, was one of the first Coast Guard officers to board the Exxon Valdez after it ran aground, insisted Hazelwood was the man she saw at the Pipeline Club and later recognized in a newspaper photo.

"My immediate reaction was, 'Wow, I saw him,'" she testified. She had told FBI and Coast Guard investigators she had gone to the club for coffee during her lunch hour when Hazelwood arrived and ordered vodka on the rocks.

Defense attorney Michael Chalos attacked her account, noting that her husband was standing by and prompting her during her interview, which was recorded. She also acknowledged she had listened to the tape before testifying Wednesday to ensure that her testimony was consistent.

"I didn't want anything to do with it," said the woman who spoke rapidly in a thick Southern accent. "And then there were the ever-present questions, 'What were you doing in a bar?' She said she doubted people would believe she had gone there for coffee."

She portrayed the bar as a town gathering place where men and women's darts' teams staged competitions.

Chalos and Mrs. Delozier clashed when he asked how come she didn't discuss her recollection with the bartender who she said waited on Hazelwood.

"There's no 'how come' involved," snapped Mrs. Delozier. "I'm not the town crier."

She said another woman was at the bar that day but she didn't consult with her either, because "she's not the kind of young lady I hang out with."

Chalos asked if it ever occurred to Mrs. Delozier she might be mistaken in identifying Hazelwood.

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# OPINION

## Diaper problems pressing

Vermont's Gov. Madeleine Kunin has courage. She is urging her state legislature to forbid the use of disposable diapers. Only Nebraska has such a ban, but that one exempts the biodegradable kind. No such compromise for Governor Kunin; if they're disposable, out with 'em!

The argument is clear. The plastic used in diapers mostly ends up in landfills or is tossed somewhere else, to last as long as an estimated 500 years. That clogs landfills that are already full or rapidly filling. Thrown into the sea, lakes or rivers, they kill fish. Vermont alone dumps 43.5 million used diapers a year to its landfills. The national total is estimated at 16 billion.

Even if the governor's ban plan is adopted, tons of the disposables, having well served their purpose, will continue to threaten the state's environment until her bill goes into effect in 1993. Hence her sense of urgency.

Resistance to the proposal is inevitable. The disposable diaper for years has been a blessing to millions of grateful mothers, and no fewer fathers. For one reason or another the biodegradable kind, said to disintegrate relatively soon, has not taken over the market. A few statutes banning all except approved degradables would hasten that production, and in time make taboos of the type proposed in Vermont needless.

The problem is, however, real and pressing. It is inconceivable that young parents, especially when numbers of working mothers rise steadily, will ever willingly return to all-cloth diapers. Nostalgia has its limits. Vermont's governor is keen enough to understand this, whatever happens to her proposition.

If nothing else, Governor Kunin's proposal should spur development of the diaper technology. Cape Cod Times, Hyannis, Mass.

## NASA must relinquish monopoly

While local communities, the state, the region and the nation are starving for dollars to meet our human service obligations, NASA wants to send billions into space.

NASA's projected price tag for planned missions to Mars and the moon is \$15 billion to \$20 billion a year for 25 years.

No one likes to be called an isolationist. If that label actually applies here, but there's something wrong with this whole operation.

Either our priorities are askew or, as more people are beginning to believe, NASA is too top-heavy to do its job efficiently.

Even Vice President Dan Quayle, head of the National Space Council, criticized the agency in a recent speech, saying the agency "has not done as well as it could have in marshaling the resources necessary to keep us ahead in space."

NASA's monopoly on space should be broken up, Quayle suggested, by utilizing universities, private businesses and even other government agencies to come up with new ideas and methods.

Sometimes the freshest ideas are generated outside of government, like one privately developed idea that cuts expense and time by using lighter, inflatable material in constructing space stations.



## Rural America can't escape

By Robert Walters

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — "We're famed for our drugs," says high school senior Angelique Rizzuto. "Drugs are part of every special clique at our high school."

Denka Voget, a junior at another high school in southwest Oregon says, "people who you'd never expect do it." T.J. Unruh, a sophomore at a third high school, says "you'd think... (drugs) would be hard to get" in a small town "but it's just as easy here."

That candid testimony in especially unenvying because the students all live in the Rogue River Valley, a seemingly idyllic area of mountains and valleys, forests and orchards, farms and ranches.

The extent to which narcotics have ravaged the nation's major metropolitan areas is widely recognized, but less is known of the toll drug abuse has taken in America's small towns and rural communities.

"We don't have the street gangs of the big cities," says Lt. Alan Pendergrass of the Josephine County Sheriff's Department. "But we've had a serious drug problem for 10 to 15 years. It just wasn't acknowledged for most of that time because, although everybody knew about it, nobody reported it."

Much of the narcotics flow here is attributable to unique circumstances. Many of the flower children of the 1960s, who had a history of heavy drug use, later

in Chicago — he studied there, he founded and ran Operation PUSH there, and he based his presidential campaigns there. But the local political community was unswayed by his presence, and he did not run for municipal office.

When he moved to Washington last summer, it was commonly assumed he would accept the mayor's job as a way station on the road to higher office. But that probably won't happen. The last thing from his proud and stubborn friend Barry — decided attaining stardom for the District of Columbia — Barry allegedly said the last colony," he said, and Congress must cease its "occupation" and its "tyranny of taxation without representation."

Jackson freely admitted his motives were not altogether altruistic. "I'd like to see (Jackson) as mayor of Washington, D.C., with all those liabilities, but who, under self-determination, will be the senators, the governor, lieutenant governor."

This, I believe, is the most likely reason Jackson moved to Washington. He wants to go down in history as the man who abolished the last great American plantation and went on to become the new state's first senator — and, if fate wills it, the nation's first black president. The last thing Jesse Jackson needs at this point is a risky job — and that is precisely what running the nation's crime-ridden and drug-bested capital would be.

But not Jackson. He's too shrewd. Regardless of what he says, no matter what he does, despite his inflated ego, in his heart he cannot possibly want it. This is not the conventional analysis. The most frequently heard criticism of Jackson is that he has never held an elected office. He spent most of his adult life

## 'Servants' stay at best hotels

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — When most U.S. officials travel abroad on government business, they stay in hotels that most U.S. taxpayers couldn't afford on a dream vacation, yet taxpayers foot the bill so their public servants can travel in style.

In Tokyo, for example, the hotel of choice for traveling pencil-pushers is the Okura, recently ranked the fourth best hotel in the world. The Okura, with its seven restaurants, fitness center, shopping mall and secretaries for hire, is not just the place for members of Congress, diplomats and White House staffers to lay their heads. The U.S. Embassy in Japan routinely books platoons of low-level bureaucrats into the Okura too.

That is why, until auditors caught on, the taxpayers were paying \$160 a night for lodging for every U.S. government traveler in Tokyo, plus another \$64 a day for meals and \$23 a day for walking around money. Call it "Japan on \$247 a day. Roughing it, U.S. style."

We don't expect our public servants to double bunk at the Motel 6, but we expect them to follow the federal standard and stay in "adequate, suitable and moderately priced" hotels. If that is the standard, why do they get away with lounging in luxury?

That's exactly what auditors from the State Department inspector General's Office wanted to know. They surveyed travel records from around the world and found that daily travel allowances were too often based on the ritziest hotels and restaurants in the city, and in some cases, in the world. The smart travelers take the most often based on the ritziest hotels and restaurants in the city, and in some cases, in the world.

The waste is all the more infuriating when the system for setting per diem is exposed. U.S. Embassy officials around the world take informal surveys of the hotel and restaurant prices in their cities and submit those to the State Department allowance staff. If they tell Washington that the Okura Hotel is the standard in Tokyo, then the Okura becomes the basis for setting per diem.

In London, the embassy staff said the elegant Grosvenor Hotel, overlooking Hyde Park, was the hotel visitors used the most at about \$180 a night, so that was factored into the per diem. But when the inspector general auditors checked the visitors' log at the London embassy, they found that less than 1 percent of the guests stayed at the Grosvenor. Instead, most were at the Mandeville Hotel which costs less than half as much.

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That's how the U.S. government squanders millions of dollars on travel every year. The federal budget for overseas travel is more than \$300 million, not including flight costs. According to the report obtained by our associate Jim Lynch, the auditors found that per diem rates in 48 cities where about 60,000 federal officials visit each year.

The auditors concluded that the per diem rates were inflated by 13.5 percent and that the government could save \$41.6 million a year if it stopped treating public servants like royalty, they cut per diem rates in 24 cities, including Paris, London and Tokyo.

The audit blames the embassy staffs abroad and the allowance office in Washington, but one allowance staffer told us that embassy officials deliberately distorted the hotel and restaurant prices to boost the per diem. Their own living allowances are based in part on those per diem rates. And it doesn't hurt the career of a diplomat to have guests from Washington staying in comfort. That makes the diplomat look better.

The inspector general's audit may be one of the most ill-received in State Department history. It hits almost everyone who travels, and traveling on the taxpayers' dime is one of the most coveted perks of public service.

Rushdie, the sequel  
Salmon Rushdie may soon have some company in hiding. Rushdie had had to keep his head down since Iran condemned his book, "The Satanic Verses."

Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta are syndicated columnists.



LINED UP FOR GAS — Dozens of Romani stand in line at a suburban Bucharest gas station Wednesday to fill their tanks with propane gas for cooking. Since the December uprising, gasoline has become more available, but some essentials such as propane are still in short supply.

## Officials could act next week on use of mercury in paints

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal health officials are considering a ban on mercury in paint after a 4-year-old boy became severely disabled after inhaling it in his home.

"We think there is a potential for exposure and a potential for risk," said Dr. Ruth Eitel, a pediatrician at the government's Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

She said the agency's decision is a recommendation to ban the use of mercury in paints to prevent bacterial growth and mildew. A decision could come as early as next week, she said.

The concern is heightened by the fact that mercury need not be added to paint because safer alternatives are available, she said.

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He was rapped, mutilated and left for dead jumped into his mother's arms and yelled, "Success!" after he found out a former mental patient was convicted in the attack, the woman said.

The boy remained in his second-grade class Wednesday and was picked up by his parents after the conviction of Earl Kenneth Shriner. Under state sentencing guidelines, Shriner, who had a long history of violence toward young people, could be ordered imprisoned 99½ years, but Pierce County prosecutors said they would ask Superior Court Judge Thomas R. Saurio to go beyond that range.

"We want to see that he never walks the streets again," said deputy prosecutor James Roche. Shriner faces sentencing March 26 for raping the then-7-year-old boy, cutting off his penis and leaving him for dead in woods near their south Tacoma home.

Shriner looked frightened when distributed in the Athens area as Georgia changes its license plate design this year.

It had one lady who said she was literally sick over it because she's overweight and she had such a hangover about it anyway, and having to go out with a tag that says "FAT" on her car would be just horrible," said Nancy Denton, Clarke County tax commissioner and license tag agent.

She said about 50 people have complained. Maj. David Camp of the Clarke

## Soviet Communists head into a brave, new world

MOSCOW (AP) — The Communist Party leadership has blazed the way to a brave new world of Soviet politics, where it will be forced to compete with other parties and people will directly choose the nation's leader for the first time.

"There will be a multiparty system. There will be a normal democracy," is how Communist Party member Svyatoslav Fyodorov, a noted eye surgeon, approvingly summed up a three-day meeting of the party's Central Committee.

Progressives however, said today that the committee did not go far enough when it agreed Wednesday to end the army, the police, the KGB, the courts in all the state institutions? Yuri Mityunov, a spokesman for the independent Democratic Union, said in a telephone interview.

Mityunov said the pressure for reform is moving to the streets, noting that party secretaries had recently been removed in four cities following public outcry over abuses of power.

Wednesday's decisions are the boldest steps yet in President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's campaign to get the party he heads out of the day-to-day business of running the country and provide greater freedom for political action.

They won't assume force of law until they are adopted by the Soviet legislative system, a process that could begin next week.

A Central Committee source said the new platform calls for a president elected by the people instead of the Congress of People's Deputies or another legislative body — a revolutionary transformation for Soviet politics.

That would allow Gorbachev to bypass the entrenched Moscow bureaucracy and take his case directly to the people.

He would not assume full government authority, Vice President Anatoly I. Lukyanov told a news conference called to explain the new platform, which was to be published later. "Its role is to be a political leader with no particular role to be included in the constitution."

Following the lead of its fraternal parties in Eastern Europe, the Soviet party will propose repeal of its constitutionally guaranteed monopoly on power, Lukyanov said.

On Wednesday, after Gorbachev succeeded in pushing the dramatic change through a largely conservative Central Committee, hard-liners lashed out at the breakaway Lithuanian Communist Party.

"That was the conservatives' revenge," said Justis Pleksakis, ideology secretary for the Lithuanians, who split in December from the national party. "It was as if the past had returned within the walls of that hall in all its beauty." Some even shouted, "Traitors!" he said in an interview with Lithuanian television.

The resolution adopted Wednesday says the Central Committee will support a small group of Lithuanian Communists who remain loyal to Moscow.

Gorbachev has been struggling for nearly five years to transform the Soviet Union into a modern democracy, to save the badly ailing economy and to keep the union from dissolving under the weight of nationalist upheaval.

His new proposals are unlikely to bring about the rapid collapse of Communist power.

Unlike Eastern Europe, where alternative political groups have been at least marginally active for years and sprang quickly into genuine opposition parties during last year's peaceful revolutions, the Soviet Union has no nationwide alternative to the Communists.

The party also holds uncounted financial resources and controls much of the nation's press, from Pravda, the party's flagship daily, to small-circulation tabloids printed for reindeer herders in Siberia. It has long held veto power on appointments to important jobs on every level.

The vast majority of Soviets now living have never known anything but Communist Party rule. Voters are unlikely to immediately oust the Communists from control except in a few regions such as the independence-minded Baltic republics, where there are strong local political movements.

"The Communists are not going to surrender our positions. Just like any party in the world, we shall be waging a struggle for our rights," Politburo member Vitali I. Voronkov told a group of Brazilian legislators in remarks reported by the official Tass news agency.

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# Spill

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American Trader was leased by British Petroleum Oil Shipping Co. USA.

British Petroleum has assumed responsibility for the spill and hired a contractor to join in the cleanup, which was led by Clean Coastal Waters, a cooperative funded by oil companies, the Coast Guard said.

A diver found a 3-foot hole in the bottom of a forward compartment that held more than 1 million gallons of crude, said Coast Guard Capt. James Card. No other damage was found.

The Coast Guard initially reported the tanker had struck a submerged pipeline, but Schmidt said the captain speculated that the vessel was punctured by one of its anchors as it was maneuvering at about one-half mph or less.

Schmidt said the ship had dropped two anchors off the bow and eased backward into a nest of buoys. But he said there was speculation that a swell caused the front of the boat to lift up and one of the anchors to swing loose.

Coast Guard Cmdr. Scott Porter, assistant chief of marine safety, could not confirm the account.

The tanker captain, Robert

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during the day the talks would deal with strategic and non-nuclear weapons reductions as well as a ban on production of chemical weapons.

Shevardnadze said the steps taken by the Communist Party Central Committee to abolish the party's monopoly on political power would improve U.S.-Soviet relations further.

"It will mean we have more elements of trust in our relationship," he said.

Speaking of his own government, Shevardnadze said, "We simply cannot afford lowering our international activity."

Baker's strategy, meanwhile, is to pursue his heavy agenda irrespective of internal Soviet developments, which he hailed in a statement Wednesday night as contributing to reform and to political pluralism.

"Today's meeting with Shevardnadze was expected to produce a Soviet response to Bush's troop reduction initiative.

"Overall, our response is positive, and we will discuss the details," Shevardnadze said. He said Baker's supplementary proposal on tanks and combat aircraft had "some interesting elements."

On another issue — German unification — Shevardnadze again referred to Soviet concerns that are rooted in the loss of 20 million people in World War II.

He said they would be aired when West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher come here Saturday for talks.

Shevardnadze has proposed an international referendum on the issue, while Baker has found merit in a formula advanced last week by Genscher that would keep Germany in NATO but bar Western forces from the area that is now East Germany.

"There are some elements that deserve consideration," Shevardnadze said of Genscher's formula. But referring to underlying Soviet concerns, Shevardnadze added: "Those issues will have to be addressed."

Baker and the Soviet foreign minister exchanged some preliminary thoughts on Germany at their three-hour meeting Wednesday night.

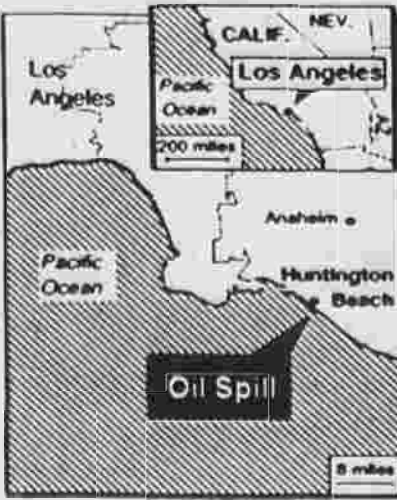
Overall, Shevardnadze said, "it was a good, substantive and very productive conversation on many questions."

Baker confirmed he had presented "some new ideas" to reduce weapons, and said he expected a reply from Shevardnadze on Bush's proposal for troop cuts. Initially, Bush proposed ceilings of 275,000 for the United States and the Soviet Union in Europe.

Propelled by more dramatic disarmament calls by Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev last year, Bush improved his own proposal of last June.

As Baker arrived in Moscow, the Central Committee, the Soviet Communist Party's policy-making body, was concluding a historic meeting at which it endorsed Gorbachev's call for an end to the party's constitutional monopoly on power.

"This is clearly a time of great change in the Soviet Union," Baker said in a statement. "They are making efforts to reform both their economic and political processes and they are emphasizing the importance of the introduction of pluralism into their political system."



Laward, and the first mate were tested for alcohol and drugs, but results were not immediately available, officials said.

Oil containment booms were being set around the tanker. Protective booms were set at the Bolsa Chica wildlife preserve, Alamitos Bay, Anaheim Bay, Santa Ana River and upper Newport Bay Coast Guard Lt. Vince Campos said.

Coast Guard officials expected the crude would foul Huntington City Beach, Huntington State Beach, Bolsa Chica State Beach.

"We can't boom all the beaches off, but we'll at least key those key areas," Campos said.

The crude was the same type that fouled Alaska's Prince William Sound last year when more than 10 million gallons spilled from the Exxon Valdez, Pater said.

Sen. Pete Wilson, R-Calif., and other political leaders seized the accident as evidence of the need for stricter regulation of oil industry operations in coastal waters.

Wilson noted that the spill was much smaller than the Exxon Valdez spill, but he added: "The difference is that here it's going to impact an enormous audience. You've got a densely populated coastline and, incidentally, one that is environmentally sensitive."

# Story says worker posed as priest

NEW YORK (AP) — A city employee, in charge of helping place abused and neglected children, has falsely been passing himself off as a Catholic priest with advanced degrees, New York Newsday reported today.

John Mario, director of the Division of Pre-Placement Services for the city Human Resources Administration, told city officials when he was hired in 1986 that he had advanced degrees in theology and sociology, was 37 years old and an ordained Roman Catholic priest.

After looking into Mario's credentials, Newsday found the College of St. Thomas, which Mario said he graduated from, is an unaccredited school run out of an apartment in Montreal.

The school's archbishop — a man named Roger Parent — was described as "a plumber who is at the same time a self-styled archbishop" by Monsignor Neil Willard, chancellor of the Montreal archdiocese.

His name does not appear in any official registry listing ordained priests in the United States or Canada, Newsday said.

Mario told the newspaper his immediate superior was a Bishop Ambrose from the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Catholic Church, which is not recognized by the Ukrainian Orthodox or Ukrainian Catholic churches.

Ambrose, who refused to give his second name, said he did not ordain Mario and does not supervise him. "I helped him as far as some of his studies go, but quite frankly, we don't have a college here, we don't issue degrees and as far as how he represented himself, I have nothing to do with that."

Questioned about his credentials on Tuesday, Mario told Newsday that he graduated from Rice High School in Harlem. Asked why there was no record, he answered: "It could be I had a name change. It could be I don't want to go into that. My personal past is my business."

Ambrose said Mario's real name was Juan Acevedo. A John Acevedo graduated from Rice in 1976, which would make him 31 or 32, not 37.

The newspaper said it found no evidence that Mario misused his city position and noted that he was highly thought of by city officials and people in social service circles.

Neighbors used a phone to rescue one female student from the burning building's front second-floor window, and another student injured his leg after jumping from a rear second-floor window, witnesses said.

Although some said they saw Thacker look out one of the windows, he apparently went back inside to search for his dog, they said.

Thacker's parents visited the fire scene Wednesday morning before alerting relatives. Roger Thacker is director of alumni relations at the University of Connecticut, the U.S. Geological Survey spokesman, said the earthquake was the strongest in the region since Feb. 4, 1941.

He said the son had lived in the apartment building for about two years, and described him as a gifted athlete and second semester senior who had not yet finalized his plans after graduation.

Wendy Torres, a spokeswoman for Eastern Connecticut State University, said she had been in the process of arranging a memorial service for the student, pending approval from his parents.

She said schools immediately suspended classes in Cebu and Manila that the tremor lasted for 12 seconds and that several aftershocks were felt.

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# Strong quake hits Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A strong earthquake rocked the central Philippines today, causing at least 22 injuries when a vat filled with hot tar spilled on construction workers, officials said.

The earthquake, the most severe in the region in nearly a half-century, was measured at 6.9 on the Richter scale by the U.S. Geological Survey, said Pat Jorgensen, a public affairs officer at its Menlo Park, Calif. office.

Jorgensen said an aftershock measured 6.6 on the scale.

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No one knows the mysterious communication between horse and rider that makes a 1,200-pound headstrong brute do the one thing in this world he doesn't want to do — run in a straight line as fast he can for 1 1/2 minutes. Old-time horsemen agree it's in the hands. The horse can sense from the feel of the reins whether he's in the grip of a bully or a buddy.

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# MHS icemen win 2nd straight

SOUTH WINDSOR — While there were some difficulties on defense, there was no shortage on offense as Manchester High overpowered Newington High, 12-7, Wednesday afternoon in a CCC East Division ice hockey make-up clash at the South Windsor Arena.

It was the second victory in as many days for the Indians, coming off an emotional 4-3 win Tuesday over Enfield, pushing them to 8-4 for the season. Manchester is now 2-5 in the CCC East. Newington, in its first year of varsity play, drops to 1-3.

Manchester continues a busy stretch Saturday at 8 p.m. when it hosts Glastonbury High at the Bolton Ice Palace. The Indians were minus two of their top three defencemen. Chip Adabbo had to sit out the game after being in a postgame altercation with Enfield and Dan Maboux was out with an injury.

"When you take two defencemen from a high school hockey team, it makes it tough," Manchester coach Eric Farno said. "It was a little bit of a makeshift defense. We were asking a couple who hadn't played there before to play defense."

"Plus we were coming off an emotional game and had to play a 2-1-2 team. But they (Newington) were dangerous because they had nothing to lose," Farno added.

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By Howard Ulman  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Charlotte interim coach Gene Little figures the Boston Celtics would jump on his team early. It was one of the few things the Hornets got right all night. Boston scored the first five points, ran up its highest regular season total in nearly 20 years, made 70 percent of its shots through three quarters and went more than two minutes without a field goal just once Wednesday night.

Meanwhile, the Hornets were out-rebounded for the 31st time in their last 32 games trailed by at least 15 points for the last 28 minutes and lost their ninth straight game. With Kevin McHale scoring 31 points, including three 3-pointers, and Reggie Lewis adding 26, the Celtics never trailed and ripped the Hornets 146-125.

"That was a good old-fashioned shooting," McHale said. "It's kind of strange. We hit 63 percent of our shots and (Tuesday) night we couldn't buy a shot in the fourth quarter."

That cold spell contributed to Boston's 119-106 loss to the Milwaukee Bucks and a determination to come back strong against Charlotte.

"We knew they'd be up for our game," Little said. "They saw an expansion team coming in here, and I told our guys these guys never play bad in the (Boston) Garden."

Certainly not against a team like the Hornets, who lack the Celtics' size and experience. The 146 points were the most scored against the Hornets in their two NBA seasons. Their overall record of 8-36 and their road mark of 1-20 are the worst in the league. Little is winless in four games since Dick Harter was fired on Jan. 31.

"Gino" had us pick up the tempo offensively, but we still haven't started to pick up the tempo defensively," Charlotte's Robert Reid said. "In the first and second quarters (the Celtics) got at least four layups because nobody shifted over and picked up the man cutting."

Charlotte was paced by Armon Gilliam with 24 and Muggsy Bogues, with 18 assists matched his season high.

"We shot well but we certainly didn't guard anyone," Charlotte's Rex Chapman said.

The Celtics led 43-4 after one quarter, 80-62 after two and 118-89 when they reached 100 points with 6:10 left in the third period.

The last time the Celtics scored more than 146 was Nov. 27, 1970 when they led 153 against the Baltimore Bullets. Their high for this season had been 133 against Orlando on Jan. 17.

Until Wednesday night, the most the Hornets had given up was 139 against New York last Feb. 23.

"We concentrated and played very well in the first half," said Larry Bird, who had 18 points for Boston. Bird extended his successful free throw streak to 68 by making two against Charlotte. Only Calvin Murphy, the NBA record holder with 78, has done better. Bird also moved past Chet Walker into 18th place in career scoring with 18,841 points.

Warriors 113, 76ers 112. Given an opportunity to choose their next victim, the Philadelphia 76ers couldn't have been blamed for thinking of the Golden State Warriors as the perfect prey.

After all, the 76ers hadn't lost to the Warriors in Philadelphia since Jimmy Carter occupied the White House. So, extending the NBA's longest winning streak of the season figured to be no big deal.

## NBA Roundup

But Golden State made it a little deal, little as in using no players taller than 6-foot-7 for most of the game. It gave the Warriors quickness that led to 20 Philadelphia turnovers in a 113-112 victory that ended the 76ers' 12-game winning streak.

"A very small team played very big tonight, and that was a gutsy win," Golden State coach Don Nelson said. "Sometimes David does slay Goliath."

Mich Richmond scored the winning basket on a last-second rebound as the Warriors beat the 76ers at the Spectrum for the first time since Jan. 1, 1979.

Charles Barkley, who led the 76ers with 30 points, took the loss in stride. "We knew we weren't going to stay undefeated for the rest of the season," he said. "One game doesn't put a damper on the 12 we just won."

The Warriors got 35 points from Chris Mullin. Tim Hardaway added 21 points, Terry Teague 15 and Rod Higgins 10. No other Warrior scored.

Jazz 108, Nets 101; Karl Malone scored 26 points and Thurl Bailey added 23 as Utah handed New Jersey its 10th straight loss.

## High School Roundup

Our goal is to make the (state) tournament. We've got to come up with two more wins (out of four games)."

Tyrone James led Vinal with 16, Corey Laxson 14, and Matt Larson 12. The Jazz made nine of 10 free throws in the final minute, including four by Blue Edwards.

Chris Morris and Dennis Hopson scored 17 points apiece for the Nets, who returned from an 0-6 western road trip. New Jersey's last victory was Jan. 17, when it beat Washington 115-106.

Lakers 121, Bulls 103; Magic Worthy had 30 points and James Johnson 22 points and 17 assists as Los Angeles won for the eighth time in 10 games. Michael Jordan led Chicago with 32 points.

The Lakers, coming off a 121-119 overtime victory Tuesday night in their showdown at Portland for the Pacific Division lead, won their fourth straight game. Los Angeles is 2-2 at home and two games ahead of the idle Trail Blazers.

Chicago has lost the first three games of a six-game trip bridging the All-Star break.

Byron Scott added 15 points, Orlando Woodside 14 and Myles Thomas 12 for the Lakers. Scottie Pippen had 14 and Grant Hodges 13 and Horace Grant 12 for the Bulls.

Cowetry went on to outscore Vinal by a combined run of 49-17 over the second and third quarters en route to an easy 74-55 win. The victory lifts the Patriots to 4-10 in the ACC overall. They will play at Rocky Hill Friday night at 7:30.

Vinal falls to 4-9. Bob Johnson (16) and Rob Butera (12) and Frank Coombs (12) led the offensive assault for Cowetry.

"We started slowly," Patriot coach Ron Badstueber said. "In the second quarter we started shooting well and pressing. We started the third pretty well and the game was over after the third quarter."

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## Whalers

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Mike Modano's 24th goal of the season with 5:05 left in the second period.

"Everything was erased when we tied it," Page said. "But we didn't do the job in the third."

Dinen broke the tie 3:23 into the third, and Verbeek followed with the break-breaker with 4:59 left.

"Kevin's a big guy for us," said Ley. "He had himself overhauling the puck a little trying to beat everybody himself. Tonight, he used his linemates better, and he was able to get open and get the puck back."

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# SCOREBOARD

## Hockey

NHL standings				
Wales Conference				
Team	W	L	T	pts
NY Islanders	27	24	5	58
Philadelphia	25	22	5	55
New Jersey	24	24	6	54
Washington	24	28	6	50
Philadelphia	22	27	5	49
Washington	22	27	5	49

NHL standings (cont.)				
Patrick Division				
Team	W	L	T	pts
Montreal	27	19	7	61
Quebec	25	24	5	55
Buffalo	24	26	6	54
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NHL results					
Game	Score	Time	Notes	Score	
Edmonton	1-0-2	1:02	Edmonton	1-0-2	2:00
Edmonton	3-1-0	1:02	Edmonton	3-1-0	2:00
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Scholastic					
Team	Score	Time	Notes	Score	
St. Louis	0-1-0	1:02	St. Louis	0-1-0	2:00
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Calendar				
Date	Event	Time	Location	Notes
Today	Girls Basketball	7:30	East Hartford	East Hartford at Manchester, 5:30
Friday	Girls Basketball	7:30	Manchester	Manchester at Hartford, 7:30
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Radio, TV				
Date	Event	Time	Channel	Notes
Today	College basketball	7 p.m.	ESPN	Missouri at Kansas State, ESPN
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Maple Leafs 7, Blues 1					
Team	Score	Time	Notes	Score	
Maple Leafs	7-1-0	1:02	Maple Leafs	7-1-0	2:00
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## THE HIGH SCHOOL WORLD

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### Growing minority population at MHS

While the student minority population is steadily increasing, the number of minority students in the school system will not keep the pace. In fact, within the next ten years, the percentage of minority students will fall from the present 12 percent to less than 5 percent (Hedgekote Report, 1985). According to Irvin, a vital element of multi-cultural education will be lost with the lack of these minority teachers. "The teachers are needed to serve as role models and to add a cultural aspect to teaching."

According to Mr. Lou Irvin, the minority population at Manchester High School has climbed at a rate of 2 percent a year. This is a fact that has directly affected his job as coordinator of Multi-Cultural Education at the high school. He works as a guide for minority students, helping them adjust to their high school education. He also advises them on their college selections and makes them aware of possible financial resources and scholarships. In addition, Irvin collaborates with staff members to ensure that the minority kids are successful students.

The estimated minority population in the year 2000 will be about 25 to 35 percent of the student body at Manchester High School. According to Irvin, this increase will be due to "low white birth rates and a rapid increase in the birth rate of ethnic minorities." Interestingly enough, Hispanics will outnumber Afro-Americans as the "majority of the minorities" by the turn of the cen-

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### Group flourishes with support

"I would like to see kids walk away with the realization that you are not preparing to inherit the world from your parents, but you are preparing to borrow it from your children," commented Mr. Howie, an English teacher at MHS, who advises Learpiece.

Learpiece is a club at MHS where students educate and involve themselves in the wide variety of issues that revolve around peace, and for the past two years, Learpiece has met in Mr. Howie's room under the classification of an unofficial club.

Learpiece began when Jim Chadburn, a former student at MHS, attended a peace conference at Yale University, Feb. 1987. Inspired to start a peace-oriented club, Jim Chadburn created Learpiece, and along with Mr. Howie who wrote a letter to the principal, then Jacob Ludes, asking permission to hold meetings. Jacob Ludes gave his consent to try the club, in order to help the students respond to an April 1987 they began having meetings.

During meetings, students who wish to relate their thoughts to others, step forward with information and lead their discussions along with the guidance of history teacher Stephen Armstrong who discusses the topics they are discussing. Although this is the case, "certain individuals usually carry the ball," said Mr. Howie.

### Faculty members busy after school

By Ellen Piese  
While many students have pondered the question, they stay up late wondering. They exchange gossip and rumors, but they are not in a class or grading papers? Well, for many of the staff members at Manchester High School, the answer is yes. They are busy after school.

Of course the kudos of the evening went to the graduating seniors, Mrs. Delyne Swick stated off with the Johnson & Johnson Award which goes to a senior who has been with the team for three years. This one specification of this award is that the player would have been awarded a number of times but still determined to play. Don Holbrook took the award hands down. Between the shoulder injuries and the rehabilitation, he proved to be a real team player.

The captains of the varsity, Steve Joyner, Arts Leonard, and George Lata, took the stage next to personally thank each cheerleader and manager along with trainer Mrs. Swick and assistant Alicia Garhart.

By Lynn Duffield  
The 1989 football team of Manchester High School was honored for their efforts during their season on Thursday, Jan. 25. A potluck dinner was held in the MHS cafeteria which was organized by coaches, parents, and the MHS Football Booster Club, headed by Carla Bovee. After a well-prepared meal, the freshman, junior varsity, and varsity teams were commended with an award ceremony and the handing out of letters. Mr. Tom Kelly, a physical education teacher at Illing Junior High and long-time friend of Coach Mike Masse, was the Master of Ceremonies.

Seniors display their art  
By Jenn Hoffman  
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"I would like to see kids walk away with the realization that you are not preparing to inherit the world from your parents, but you are preparing to borrow it from your children," commented Mr. Howie, an English teacher at MHS, who advises Learpiece.

Learpiece is a club at MHS where students educate and involve themselves in the wide variety of issues that revolve around peace, and for the past two years, Learpiece has met in Mr. Howie's room under the classification of an unofficial club.

Learpiece began when Jim Chadburn, a former student at MHS, attended a peace conference at Yale University, Feb. 1987. Inspired to start a peace-oriented club, Jim Chadburn created Learpiece, and along with Mr. Howie who wrote a letter to the principal, then Jacob Ludes, asking permission to hold meetings. Jacob Ludes gave his consent to try the club, in order to help the students respond to an April 1987 they began having meetings.

During meetings, students who wish to relate their thoughts to others, step forward with information and lead their discussions along with the guidance of history teacher Stephen Armstrong who discusses the topics they are discussing. Although this is the case, "certain individuals usually carry the ball," said Mr. Howie.

### Faculty members busy after school

By Ellen Piese  
While many students have pondered the question, they stay up late wondering. They exchange gossip and rumors, but they are not in a class or grading papers? Well, for many of the staff members at Manchester High School, the answer is yes. They are busy after school.

Of course the kudos of the evening went to the graduating seniors, Mrs. Delyne Swick stated off with the Johnson & Johnson Award which goes to a senior who has been with the team for three years. This one specification of this award is that the player would have been awarded a number of times but still determined to play. Don Holbrook took the award hands down. Between the shoulder injuries and the rehabilitation, he proved to be a real team player.

The captains of the varsity, Steve Joyner, Arts Leonard, and George Lata, took the stage next to personally thank each cheerleader and manager along with trainer Mrs. Swick and assistant Alicia Garhart.

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**THE LEADERS** - Kristi Yamaguchi and Rudi Galindo, the defending national champs, go through their routine during the pairs competition Wednesday night at the National Figure Skating Championships in Salt Lake City. The pair was in first place after the opening round of competition.

# Skater may run into an age battle

By Barry Wilner  
The Associated Press

**SALT LAKE CITY** - A storm may be brewing over the Wasatch Mountains that could blow clear across North America to Nova Scotia and on to Switzerland. An obscure international skating title that could stop an American pair from going to the world championships is at the center of the impending controversy.

John Nicks, coach of the top two couples in Wednesday night's original program in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, is ready to give the International Skating Union, located in Davos, Switzerland, a battle over an edict that requires a skater to be 14 on July 1 preceding the event in order to skate in the world championships. That rule would keep 13-year-old Natasha Kurhiki out of next month's worlds at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

"If they get into the top three, I will have a lot to say about it," Nicks said after Kuchiki and Todd Sand placed second in the original program, worth 33 percent of the total score. Ahead of them were

defending champions Rudi Galindo and Kristi Yamaguchi. "It would not be the end of the world, but it would be extremely disappointing and unjust." While Galindo and Yamaguchi put on a workmanlike but uninspired performance as the first skaters on ice, Kuchiki and Sand showed the crowd and impressed the judges. "I'm surprised and very pleased," said Sand, 26, who began skating three years before Kuchiki was born. "It's exciting. We really got into it. We performed to the crowd and we were very pleased."

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singles and her parents were longtime performers in Ice Capades. Her father also was a Japanese national champion. Yamaguchi, also of Japanese extraction, was fifth in women's compulsory Wednesday morning. Two-time national champion Jill Trenary won the event, worth 20 percent of the total score.

Today, the men faced compulsory skates, with defending champion Chris Bowman a strong favorite to repeat. Also on the schedule were the senior dance original set pattern, junior pairs original program, and the men's and women's novice free skates.

In other events Wednesday, Scott Davis of Great Falls, Mont., moved into the lead in junior men's by winning the worlds from 1981-83. "When I broke up with my other partner (Richard Alexander), my parents didn't tell me 'til a couple of days later," she said. "I was very upset and that's why (she cried). The age thing doesn't bother me. It makes me be more mature when we skate. It helps me a lot."

of Washington. The junior dance leaders after compulsorys were Beth Buhl of Federal Way, Wash., and Neale Smith of Wilmington, Del. Trenary began well in the compulsorys, winning the highest score for the first figure, a right inside rocker. But she slipped to third on the next figure, a left forward paragraph loop.

Her combined marks were good enough to take the first portion of the competition. "I was surprised and very pleased," said Sand, 26, who began skating three years before Kuchiki was born. "It's exciting. We really got into it. We performed to the crowd and we were very pleased."

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# Olajuwon may demand a trade if Rockets don't improve

By Michael A. Lutz  
The Associated Press

**HOUSTON** - Houston center Akeem Olajuwon says he may decide to ask for a trade if the Rockets don't improve. Coach Don Chaney says he'll begin to worry when, and if, Olajuwon asks. "I have too many other problems," Chaney said Wednesday. "That's down the line, at the bottom of the list at this point. My main

concern is to concentrate on winning games." Olajuwon told The Houston Post on Wednesday he may never reach his potential with the Rockets and might seek a trade if Rockets management doesn't move to upgrade his supporting cast. Olajuwon earlier this season was quoted as saying the Rockets didn't have the personnel to win a championship and then on Wednesday raised the possibility of a trade. "After this season, I want to concentrate on which direction I want to go," Olajuwon said. "I love Houston. I'd like to play here. But the only way to win. The thing that really gets me down is that I know my full potential, but I might not reach it. You have to be in the right place at the right time in the right environment. Chaney said he had no problem with Olajuwon's comments, if he didn't disrupt the team. "If it bothers the team in practice and performance I would object to that," Chaney said. "But our guys

came to play today. They were no different from three games ago." Olajuwon said the Rockets need to hire a director of player personnel who does it the way Olajuwon would like to see it done. "Look how Phoenix turned their program around in such a short time," Olajuwon said. "It can be done but you've got to make the proper moves." Rockets president Ray Patterson has turned the job of general manager over to his son, Steve, whose work centers around the club's business and marketing operations.

Team tie to individual awards. "All the individual accomplishments," Olajuwon said. "But I'd rather have a championship-winning team than be an All-Star individual." The players are trying their best. "We're all trying to work hard and win as many games as possible," Olajuwon said. "This is about the future and where the team is headed with me as the center."

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