

ROOMMATES WANTED

HOUSE TO SHARE - Beautiful home in Dover Lake...

VERNON - Wanted - Young professional to share 2 bedroom condo...

ROOMMATE - Wanted - Male preferred...

DO YOU have a bicycle no rides? Why not offer it for sale with a want ad...

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

OSL Building Maintenance - Residential building repairs and home improvements...

TAROT and playing card readings - Call for appointment...

FURNITURE

FOR SALE - Couch \$150, recliner \$200, dining chair \$200...

FOR SALE - Sofa, good condition, blue floral print...

ROUND 48" dining room table, Davis Pine with 6 chairs...

RETAIL Clothing Shops - All chrome, wavy, rounders with wheels...

FREE - Misc. Household Items - All need fixing. Take it all!

TV/STEREO/APPLIANCES - PEAVEY Back stage amp, good condition...

MACHINERY AND TOOLS - FOR SALE - Air powered nailing hammer...

BOATS/MARINE EQUIPMENT - OUTBOARD Motor - 12 horsepower, new condition...

TAG SALES - HAVE CABIN FEVER? COME TO OUR TAG SALE...

Something for everyone, and you, too!!!

175 Vernon St. Manchester CT. Sat., Feb. 10th 9am - 4pm

BRIDGE

NORTH 1-9-80 - A 4 2, A 3 3, A 3 7 5, A 4 3 5, A 4 3 5, A 4 3 5

EAST - K 9 8 5, K 9 8 5, K 9 8 5, K 9 8 5, K 9 8 5, K 9 8 5

WEST - A 9 8 6 3, A 9 8 6 3, A 9 8 6 3, A 9 8 6 3, A 9 8 6 3, A 9 8 6 3

SOUTH - A 9 8 6 3, A 9 8 6 3, A 9 8 6 3, A 9 8 6 3, A 9 8 6 3, A 9 8 6 3

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: East

South West North East 2 NT Pass 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: 4

Hoping for a bad split

By James Jacoby - Here is another deal from Mike Lawrence's 'How to Play Card Combinations'...

Don't let me tell you that a second trick is bad. There is no 4-3 division of spades that helps declarer...

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ASB PAINTING & WALLPAPERING - Residential/Commercial Over 20 yrs. experience...

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WEEKEND CARPENTER - Chair Caning/Weaving - Quality workmanship...

DOORS AND WINDOWS TO CUSTOM BUILT - No job too small...

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81 Adams St., Manchester 649-4571

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HONDA MATIC 750 - Needs minor work, Runs \$150 Call Ron, 645-8034

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RECORD

Weekenders . . .

Places to go . . . things to do

Computer fair held at MCC

The Manchester Community College Upper Room will sponsor a Computer Fair and Flea Market on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Low Program Center. Commercial and shareware software, new and used hardware, computer supplies and user group contacts will be available. General admission is \$2. Children age 12 and under \$1. To reserve display space, call Samuel Davis, 647-4282.

Parents group holds dance

Parents Without Partners, Manchester Chapter No. 469, will hold a dance on Saturday at the Remade in, Bridge St., East Windsor, Route 91, Exit 45. Music provided by Band Time Was. Admission is \$6 for members and \$8 for non-members. For further information, call 568-4428.

Valentine's Day dance held

The Knights of Columbus, 138 Main St., is sponsoring a Valentine's Day dance on Saturday at 8 p.m. A \$15 donation per couple is requested and includes a buffet. Cash bar offered at club prices. For tickets, call 646-9044.

V.F.W. sponsors dance

The V.F.W. Auxiliary Post 2046 will hold a Valentine's Day dance featuring country western music, at the Post Home, 608 E. Center St., on Saturday at 9 p.m. Cocktail hour begins at 8 p.m. Tickets \$10, available at the door. Proceeds benefit the Auxiliary's Cancer Aid and Research Program.

Star of 1950s sing at Bushnell

Jane Powell, the star of such 1950s musicals as "Royal Wedding" and "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," will appear with the Hartford Pops Orchestra on Friday and Saturday at the Bushnell in Hartford. She will sing popular songs from the 1950s to the present. Tickets, from \$10 to \$29, are on sale at the Bushnell Box Office. For further information, call 246-6807.

Art exhibit opens Saturday

Beginning Saturday, the Farmington Valley Arts Center will be featuring an exhibition of painted finishes. "Brushes of Spring — A Palette of Painted Finishes" will include stenciling, painted marbles, woodgrains, faux finishes and Trompe L'Oeil. The show, on display until March 10, opens with a public reception on Friday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Fisher Gallery at the Arts Center in Avon Park, North Avon.

About Town

Town employee honored

The Coventry Republican Town Committee will hold a Lincoln Day Luncheon on Sunday at Manley's Restaurant in Bolton, in honor of Louise Douville for her service to the town of Coventry, U.S. Rep. John Rowland, 1991 candidate for governor, will be the guest speaker. For further information, call 742-6848.

Poetry read at Writer's Club

The public is invited to bring and read original works of poetry at the regular meeting of the Wit and Wisdom Writer's Club on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Whilon Memorial Library, North Main Street.

Holiday Closings

Monday is Lincoln's Birthday, a legal holiday. Municipal, state and federal offices: All municipal offices in Manchester, Andover, Bolton and Coventry will be closed Monday. State offices also will be closed. Libraries: In Manchester, Mary Cheney and Whilon Memorial libraries will be closed Monday and will resume regular hours on Tuesday. Bolton's Bentley Library will also be closed.

Emissions inspections: All auto emissions testing stations will close Friday at 12:30 p.m. They will be closed Saturday and Monday and resume regular hours on Tuesday.

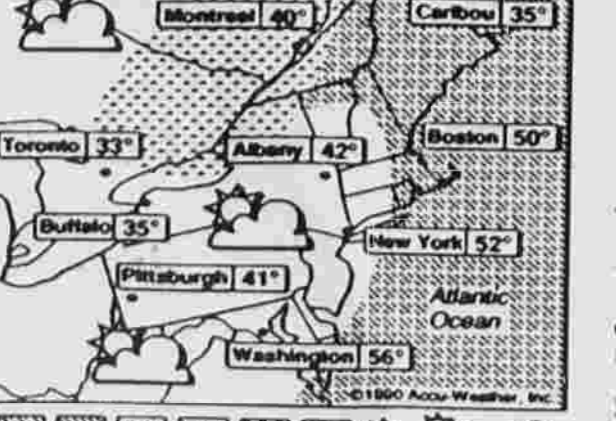
Department of Motor Vehicles: All Department of Motor Vehicles offices will close Friday at 12:30 p.m. They will be closed Saturday and resume regular hours Tuesday. Schools: Schools in Manchester and Andover will be closed Monday and will reopen Feb. 20. Schools in Coventry and Bolton will be closed Monday and reopen Tuesday.

Banks: Will be closed Monday. Retailers: Most will be open Monday. Emergency numbers: In Manchester, for highway: 647-2933; for sewer and water, 647-3111; for refuse, 647-3248. Manchester Herald: The Herald will publish on Monday and the office will be open.

Weather

REGIONAL Weather

Saturday, Feb. 10
Accu-Weather forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures



SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS — Suzanne Pina, 12, a seventh-grader at St. James School, stands in front of her science project that won her first place in the school's recent science fair. The project explains the properties of concrete. Sarah Rowe and Catherine Magliocco also placed. The students will represent the school at the Connecticut State Science Fair in March.

Obituaries

Brian S. Thalacker, fire victim

Brian Shawn Thalacker, 22, of Coventry, died Wednesday (Feb. 7, 1990) in a fire at his apartment in Windham. He was born Oct. 31, 1967, in Valparaiso, Ind., son of Cavale and Roger Thalacker of Coventry. He was a graduate of Coventry High School, and was a final semester senior at Eastern Connecticut State University. He received letters in four sports. He played junior varsity soccer in college. He coached cross country and track, and was assistant girls' basketball coach at Coventry High School in 1988.

He is also survived by his sister, Brenda; brothers, Kent and Kevin; his grandparents, Vienna and Emil Dahl in Florida, and Rev. Chester and Leona Thalacker in Florida; his uncle, Robert Dahl in Florida; and his aunt, Patricia Meter in Michigan. A memorial service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Route 31, Coventry. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

Memorial donations may be made to the Coventry High School Memorial Fund, Coventry, or to the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Route 31, Coventry 06238. The Potter Lutheran Home, Wil-limantic, is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Harris

Ruth (Stacy) Harris, 95, of Wethersfield, wife of the late Rodney Wells Harris, died Wednesday

(Feb. 7, 1990) in Hartford Hospital. She was born in Manchester. She is survived by a son, Gordon W. Harris of Wethersfield; a daughter, Nancy Harrington of Lake Worth, Fla.; a sister, Jessie S. Wil-son of Wethersfield; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the James T. Pratt Funeral Service, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Wethersfield. Burial will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wethersfield Police Benevolent Association, 505 Sits Deane Highway, Wethersfield, or to the Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance Association, Box 9008, Wethersfield 06109.

Deaths Elsewhere

SAINT CLARITA, Calif. (AP) — Charles Westover, better known as 1960s rock 'n' roll singer Del Shannon, was found dead in his home, apparently killed by a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, authorities said today.

The singer of No. 1 hit song "Runaway" and other Top 20 singles was 50.

Westover's wife, Bonnie, found her husband's body when she returned to their home 35 miles northwest of Los Angeles at about 11:25 p.m. Thursday said Roger Hom, a Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy.

A .22-caliber rifle was found next to Westover's body in the den, Hom said. He said the death was being investigated as a possible suicide, but the exact cause of death had not been established by coroner's officials.

Westover was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., on Dec. 30, 1939. His first and biggest hit was "Runaway," recorded shortly after his discovery by Detroit agents Harry Balk and Irving Michalnik.

The single made No. 1 in the United States in early 1961. His other Top 20 singles included "Here I Go Again," "Little Town Flirt," and "Keep Searchin'."

Westover's popularity declined in the mid-1960s, but English duo Peter and Gordon gained success with his "I Go to Pieces."

Cinema

HARTFORD
Cherry City — Erasmus, a Love Story (R) Fri, 7, 9:30; Sat and Sun 1, 3:45, 7, 9:30.
Glen (R) Fri Sun 8 — My Life Foot (R) Fri 7:50, 9:30; Sat and Sun 1:30, 4:45, 7:50, 9:30.
The Little Mermaid (G) Fri 7:10; Sat and Sun 2, 4, 7, 10 — Cruise and Madeline (PG-13) Fri 7:10, 9:40; Sat Sun 1:15, 3:55, 7:15, 9:40.

EAST HARTFORD
Bianca's Pub & Cinema — Steel Magnolias (R) Fri and Sun 7:30.
Showman Cinema 110 — Steele (PG-13) Fri and Sat 1:30, 3:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15; Roger & Me (R) Fri and Sat 1:45, 3:30, 5:45, 7:50, 9:50; 11:45; Sun 1:40, 3:35, 5:40, 7:50, 9:50.
Lesse Cinema (R) Fri and Sat 1:25, 3:25, 5:25, 7:25.

USA Theatre East — Back to the Future Part 2 (PG) Fri 7:10; Sat and Sun 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30. — Look Who's Talking (PG-13) Fri 7:30, 9:30; Sat and Sun 1:45, 3:55, 6:25, 8:45. — The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Fri and Sat 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Sun 2:15, 4:15, 6:15, 8:15, 10:15.

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Weather summary for Thursday: Temperature: high of 54, low of 25, mean of 40. Precipitation: 0.00 inches for the day, 0.89 inches for the month, 4.92 inches for the year. Temperature extremes for today: Highest on record 53, set in 1949. Lowest on record, minus 15, set in 1934.

Today's weather picture was drawn by Sarah McCarthy, a fourth-grader at Kenney Street School.

Police Roundup

Two arrested after fight

A man and a woman were arrested at Hanky Panky's Club Thursday night after police responded to a report of a fight, police said.

John Trevor Armstrong, 26, of 74 Cooper St., was charged with assault in the third degree after he got into a scuffle with a police officer, according to a police report. He was taken to Manchester Memorial Hospital for treatment of minor scrapes and bruises, the report said. Bond was set at \$500 and a trial date was set for Feb. 14.

Maryrose Armstrong, 22, of the same address, was charged with interfering with a police officer and breach of peace after she struck a police officer, according to a police report. She was released on \$750 non-surety bond. A trial date for both John and Maryrose Armstrong was set for Feb. 14.

Two face drug charges

Two West Hartford men were arrested on drug charges in the parking lot of Hanky Panky's Club Thursday, police said.

Robert J. Giberto, 20, of 31 Walter Ave., was charged with possession of cocaine and criminal impersonation, and Jesse J. Astarvalham, 22, of 157 Federal St., was charged with possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, police said.

The two were behaving suspiciously in a parked car in the parking lot, police said. A search found the illegal substances as well as a fake identification that Giberto used to gain entrance to the bar, police said. A trial date is set for Feb. 14.

Two arrested on drug charges

Two men were arrested and held on drug charges after police stopped a car headed eastbound on Birch Street early Thursday morning, police said.

Glen Keith Howe, 23, of 183 Spruce St., was charged with possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana, operating under suspension of license and failure to appear, second degree, according to police. Frederick Edward Howe, Jr., 28, of the same address, was charged with possession of cocaine and marijuana, police said.

The vehicle occupied by the two men was stopped when police noticed a registration plate light out, the police report said. Police found cocaine and marijuana in the vehicle, the report said. The trial date was set for Feb. 14.

Also, the main ammunition needed to fight drugs or substance abuse is a combined effort among all sectors of the community, including law enforcement, education, clergy and public officials, several people said.

"Drug dealers are controlling so much of our society and so many of our families," said police officer Gary Frost, who specializes in community relations and crime prevention and spoke during the assembly. "There is no way that law enforcement can win the battle on its own."

Allan Chertner, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction in Manchester schools, spoke about ongoing drug education programs in the school system, such as D.A.R.E. for sixth-graders and "Here's Looking at You, 2000" for grades kindergarten through 12. Materials from both programs were displayed on several tables in the

Lottery

Here are Thursday's lottery results from around New England:

CONNECTICUT
Daily: 7-3-4. Play Four: 3-5-6-8. MASSACHUSETTS
Daily: 8-9-8-1.

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine daily: 1-6-2 and 8-6-1.

RHODE ISLAND
Daily: 5-4-3-0. Lot-O-Bucks: 6-13-19-22-39.

Thoughts

Research papers are delivered on every conceivable subject. The worth of some are questionable. For instance, researchers in Detroit attempted to track down the fate of 100,000 papers. Paper clips are so common that we seldom even give them a second thought, unless we run out.

The survey concluded: 14,163 were twisted or broken during phone calls. 17,200 were used as hooks of a kind or other. 434 served as toothpicks.

5,308 were used as nail cleaners. 3,196 functioned as pipe cleaners and similar tasks. 19,143 became clips in card games.

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MANCHESTER/BOLTON

50 turn out to begin battle on substance abuse in town

By Dianna M. Talbot
Manchester Herald

A new church-school partnership declared war on drugs, including alcohol and nicotine, Thursday night during an informational rally at Center Congregational Church, 11 Center St.

About 50 educators, social workers, members of police and interested visitors attended the two-hour meeting, sponsored by the Manchester Area Conference of Churches. Problems of drug abuse in society, especially among children, and ways to overcome them were discussed.

Nancy Carr, executive director of MACC, said she was pleased by the turnout. Many people who were present will take what they learned back to their respective organizations and pass it on, she said.

Robert J. Giberto, 20, of 31 Walter Ave., was charged with possession of cocaine and criminal impersonation, and Jesse J. Astarvalham, 22, of 157 Federal St., was charged with possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, police said.

The two were behaving suspiciously in a parked car in the parking lot, police said. A search found the illegal substances as well as a fake identification that Giberto used to gain entrance to the bar, police said. A trial date is set for Feb. 14.

Also, the main ammunition needed to fight drugs or substance abuse is a combined effort among all sectors of the community, including law enforcement, education, clergy and public officials, several people said.

"Drug dealers are controlling so much of our society and so many of our families," said police officer Gary Frost, who specializes in community relations and crime prevention and spoke during the assembly. "There is no way that law enforcement can win the battle on its own."

Allan Chertner, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction in Manchester schools, spoke about ongoing drug education programs in the school system, such as D.A.R.E. for sixth-graders and "Here's Looking at You, 2000" for grades kindergarten through 12. Materials from both programs were displayed on several tables in the

church, and are available for churches and other organizations to borrow or buy.

Chester also said schools must teach a "no-use" message to children.

"I can't give you numbers, but I do know kids on the street that are smoking" or abusing substances, the said. "I do think Manchester has a problem."

She related a story of how one day a former student asked her if she remembered him. After Gustafson said, "Yes," the young man said, "Did you know that I was drinking during school in the fifth grade?"

She had not and was shocked, she said.

Gustafson said that by age 11, many children, including those in Manchester, have been exposed to their first "gankey" drug, a stepping stone to other more dangerous drugs. Such drugs include nicotine, alcohol and marijuana. The first to be used most often is nicotine, or cigarettes, she said.

By age 12, many children have been exposed to alcohol, and by age 13, marijuana, Gustafson said. She and others related more statistics:

• One out of 10 people who drink become alcoholics.

• There are three million teen-age alcoholics.

• Fetal alcohol syndrome (which affects unborn babies) is the third leading cause of mental retardation in the nation.

• One-third of all accidents are alcohol related.

• Fifty-seven percent of all high school seniors have tried drugs; 36 percent have tried something other than gateway drugs.

• Daily cigarette smoking has not dropped among high school seniors since 1984.

• More people die of tobacco-related deaths each year than do people who die of AIDS.

• Adult Children of Alcoholics is the largest support group in the nation.

• Drugs are the number one concern among educators.

Male children are especially at risk to become involved in drugs, Gustafson said. Risk factors include: antisocial behavior; misguided ideas about drugs, rebellious or alienated attitudes; and peer pressure.

"Time has changed," said another speaker, Lynn Haberern, director of Crossroads, a local drug prevention and counseling agency. "Kids no longer feel as useful as they used to."

"They don't have the responsibilities that their grandparents and parents had when they grew up, she said. Sometimes, out of boredom or to feel like they belong, kids turn to drugs."

Dr. Anne Brewer, school medical advisor, expressed particular concern over the number of children whose parents abuse substances.

"We need to foster high self-esteem," she said. "Kids who have that are much better able to resist."

Det. Capt. Joseph H. Brooks, who commented during a discussion period, said he objects to distinguishing between alcohol and drug abuse because alcohol technically is a drug.

John Lingard, chairman of the Manchester Council on Substance Abuse Concerns, said she thinks the town should have its own detoxification facility for people who need to be weaned off drugs.

He also said the town should think about creating a new position in which someone would coordinate all drug education and support programs within its and serve as a resource for people with drug problems.

Bolton board to supply data

By Matthew Kirshman
Manchester Herald

BOLTON — The Board of Education has decided to include in a forthcoming community survey a projection of the costs involved in either closing or keeping open the high school.

The survey is intended to gather community response on the question of whether the high school, which has lost enrollments due to the withdrawal of Willington students, will remain open.

But because complex capital costs loom beyond the problem as to how the figures ought to be presented.

"There are so many hidden costs that we don't know," said board member Barry Stearns, a Democrat. "It's going to take two accountants six months to come up with figures."

And because they said there are so many variables involved in either closing or keeping open the high school, some board members were concerned that residents might look to bottom-line amounts when considering the high school question. They said that might be misleading.

The board is certain, however, of the costs of the capital improvements that it is committed to if the high school remains open.

"If the people want to continue with a K-12 system, this board is committed to spend \$8.7 million," said Stearns.

Other costs that are involved in the alternatives to keeping the high school open, which include either closing the high school or regionalizing with one or more towns, will be large, board members said.

There will be an open forum on the issue at the Center School library on Thursday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

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Meotti seeks \$200,000 for dam

By Alex Girelli
Manchester Herald

An additional state appropriation of up to \$200,000 for repair of Risley Dam is being sought by state Sen. Michael Meotti, D-Glastonbury.

Meotti, whose 4th Senatorial District includes Manchester, has introduced legislation calling for the appropriation.

The state has appropriated another \$200,000 for the project, but the terms of the grant require the trust to have commitments for all the funding in place before it can get the money.

The dam and the Risley Reservoir are owned by the Manchester Land Conservation Trust, which is seeking additional funds for needed dam repair.

When the trust took bids for dam repair, the lowest of 13 bids for the project, together with other anticipated costs, put the estimated cost at about \$475,000, which is about \$130,000 higher than the original estimate.

The request by Meotti is one of several steps being taken by the trust in connection with the dam repair. The trust has asked the town of Manchester to consider contributing \$100,000 more than the \$75,000 it has already contributed.

And the trust is also looking for ways to reduce the contract cost by about \$200,000 or as much as \$300,000. A plan to split timber from logging operations on part of the 104-acre reservoir site could earn about \$32,000.

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Cash troubles far from over for Bank of New England

By Jonathan Yarkin
The Associated Press

BOSTON — The cash crisis for Bank of New England Corp., the parent company of Connecticut Bank and Trust Co., apparently hasn't abated despite the recent sale of assets for more than \$1.1 billion, an analyst says.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, considered the lender of last resort for banks, reported Thursday that it loaned an extraordinary \$723 million to member banks this week.

Marcia Ryan, a Bank of New England spokeswoman, confirmed

that the bank borrowed money from the Federal Reserve. She declined to give the amount, except to say it was "slightly above last week."

"Our borrowing was as we expected it to be," she said.

Gerard Cassidy, an analyst with Tucker Anthony Inc., said Bank of New England likely was the prime borrower, and he said the numbers were particularly troubling because until this week, the bank appeared to have gained more control over its problems.

Two weeks ago, the Federal Reserve loaned \$478 million, and last week the figure dropped to \$440 million. At the same time, Bank of

New England has completed asset sales totaling more than \$1.1 billion. "It means the situation is still bleeding," Cassidy said.

Bank of New England reported last month that its 1989 losses should exceed \$1 billion, largely because of bad real estate loans. The bank has been trying to sell \$6 billion of assets to raise cash, after watching depositors in Connecticut and other New England states withdraw millions of dollars.

Ryan noted that the bank has not received all the proceeds from its recent asset sales, though she could not say specifically how much money the bank has collected.

In comparison with recent Federal Reserve lending totals, the weekly figures from mid-December to mid-January ranged from \$1 million to \$5 million, said Herb Wass, a Federal Reserve spokesman.

The Federal Reserve does not identify the institutions borrowing the money.

Wass stressed that the loans normally are repaid within a day and do not accumulate.

Earlier in the day, it was announced that The Bank of New England had restructured a deal to buy part of Bank of New England's leasing business after the Japanese company became concerned about the bank's

troubles.

Under the new agreement, Bank of New England will sell 20 percent of the cost to service a \$1 billion leasing portfolio retained by Bank of New England.

"The revised terms of the sale do not change the advantages to us of the previously announced transaction," H. Ridgely Bullock, the bank's interim chairman, said in a statement. "The transaction will help improve our capital ratios and will raise in excess of \$500 million in cash."

Bullock said he hoped to complete the transaction "within the next several weeks."

Drug law reduces jail terms

HARTFORD (AP) — A new state law that allows drug-dependent suspects to seek treatment before trial has given defense attorneys a new avenue to keep their clients out of prison and eroded some of the prosecutors' power.

The option of treatment before trial has been available for several years and creates the possibility for defendants that if they stay free of drugs for two years they may never serve a prison sentence.

But in the past, prosecutors have had the power to veto the request. Under a law enacted Jan. 1, that power no longer exists.

"The statute is awful," said Toland State's Attorney Donald B. Caldwell. "The legislators and the governor are talking about mandatory sentences for sellers and they pass this law which totally goes against it."



EARLIEST FLOWER — Yale University scientists Leo J. Hickey, left, and David W. Taylor, right, announce at a news conference in New Haven Thursday that they have identified the world's first-known flower. The fossil came from Australia and is 120 years old.

Two scientists unearth remains of world's first-known flower

By Larry Rosenthal
The Associated Press

NEW HAVEN — Two scientists have identified a 120-million-year-old fossil barely an inch tall as the world's first-known flower, and they are offering it as evidence that flowering plants had a more humble beginning than has been thought.

Scientists have long believed that the ancestors of today's flowering plants were magnolia-like shrubs and trees with large showy flowers.

But Leo J. Hickey, a geologist at Yale, and David W. Taylor, a biologist at the university, advance a new theory of plant evolution in this week's issue of the journal *Science* which argues that the earliest flowers were impressive neither in size nor color.

The new theory may help provide an explanation for what Darwin called the "abominable mystery" behind the relatively sudden evolutionary appearance of large flowering plants, the scientists said Thursday.

Darwin was mystified by the apparent lack of any obvious ancestors to the plants.

The fossil that Hickey and Taylor identified as a tiny flowering plant from the middle age of the dinosaur was unearthed about 10 years ago in southeastern Australia, and belongs to the National Museum of Victoria in Melbourne.

The fossil had originally been labeled a fern, or nonflowering plant.

Taylor said he and Hickey were working on a new theory of the ancestry of flowering plants when he came across a publication in 1988 which featured a picture of the "fern," he recalled.

Using high-resolution photography, the scientists were able to confirm that the fossil was a portion of a branch from an angiosperm, a class of plants in which the seeds are enclosed in an ovary.

The flowers on the plant are not even a tenth of an

O'Neill budget groups grumbling

By Peter Viles
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Education activists grumbled that Gov. William A. O'Neill's proposed budget could lead to local tax increases or layoffs, but Democratic leaders supported the governor.

The O'Neill administration proposed \$1.09 billion in state grants to cities and towns, an increase of about \$66 million over grants for the current fiscal year, but still some \$59 million less than local governments had expected.

State Sen. Kevin Sullivan, D-West Hartford, co-chairman of the Legislature's Education Committee, said he expected complaints about the reduction, but urged local governments to accept that state grants to cities and towns are leveling off after tripling during the 1980s.

"We have spent the last decade in Connecticut balancing local budgets on the back of state taxpayers," Sullivan said. "It's really fair that cities should take a free ride while the state faces deficits."

In complaining about the governor's budget, education activists pointed out that most local school boards are already being pressured by tight municipal budgets.

"We're deeply concerned," said Terry Cassidy, executive director of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education.

"We'll have more layoffs at a time when we can't afford them. We have more program cuts. I think it's a very shortsighted budget."

In New Milford, for example, the town board of education has passed a budget that relies on \$6.78 million in state aid. But O'Neill's budget would reduce education aid to the town at the current level of \$5.74 million.

Jury selection set in bribery lawsuit

HARTFORD (AP) — Jury selection has begun in the racketeering trial of advertising giant Young & Rubicam, accused in an indictment of paying nearly \$1 million in bribes to Jamaican officials for the island's lucrative tourism business.

Attorneys began selecting jurors Thursday for a trial that is expected to begin either later this month or in early March.

The New York-based Young & Rubicam, one of the nation's largest advertising agencies, pleaded innocent to the charges in October. Two of the company's executives and a former executive also pleaded innocent.

Young & Rubicam faces up to \$7.5 million in fines if convicted. The company, which was working for its then "Come Back to Jamaica" campaign, has vigorously denied any wrongdoing.

On Wednesday, U.S. District Judge Peter Dorsy denied motions to dismiss racketeering charges against the executives, paving the way for jury selection to begin.

A clerk at federal court said Thursday that the trial was expected to get under way at the end of this month or early March.

Young & Rubicam, company Executive Vice President Arthur Klein and former Vice President Thomas Spangenberg were indicted last fall on charges of racketeering and conspiracy to violate the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Steven M. McKenna, an agency senior vice president, was charged with perjury.

CCM urges delay in recycling

HARTFORD (AP) — As the date for the start of mandatory statewide recycling looms near, the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities is asking the Legislature to delay program, saying many communities are unprepared for recycling.

Under state laws adopted in 1987, landfills and incinerators will not be allowed to dispose of such items as newspapers, glass and metal food containers, office paper and cardboard after Jan. 1. Other items not allowed in landfills and incinerators after that date include scrap metal, yard waste, waste oil and car storage batteries.

The state has agreed to finance construction of regional recycling centers to process newspapers, cans and bottles and to subsidize startup costs such as recycling collection trucks, plastic bins and public-education campaigns.

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Patients suing state

HARTFORD (AP) — Two agencies and relatives of mental patients are suing the state charging that dozens of mentally retarded and brain-damaged people are being improperly confined to state mental hospitals.

The groups are asking a federal judge to order the state to transfer the patients to group homes.

The class action suit, filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Hartford, claims that dozens of mentally retarded and brain-damaged people are living in deplorable conditions.

The suit, filed by the Connecticut Association for Retarded Citizens, the Connecticut Traumatic Brain Injury Association Inc., and relatives of seven patients living at the Norwich Hospital in Norwich and Fairfield Hills Hospital in Newtown, claims the patients are locked in day rooms without planned activities, and are "often wandering aimlessly or sitting or lying alone, and often without adequate clothing."

The suit also claims that many of the disabled people were never diagnosed as being mentally ill. Named as defendants in the suit is the commissioner of mental health, the state commissioner of mental retardation, the superintendents of both hospitals, and two judges who have committed disabled people to the hospitals.

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Parents are urged to lobby for Catholic school support

HARTFORD (AP) — The state's Catholic school superintendents are working to mobilize parents to lobby for more financial aid from the state.

Brother John McGovern, superintendent for schools in the Hartford Roman Catholic Archdiocese, told an East Catholic High School Parents Club Wednesday that parents need to join forces in order to bring about legislative reforms to help Catholic schools.

McGovern and the state's two other Catholic school superintendents are working to form two groups to mobilize parents.

The creation of the Connecticut Federation of Catholic School Parents will be able to organize meetings with gubernatorial candidates in the fall.

Registrars' foul-up fuels training plan

By Judd Everhart
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — In the wake of unprecedented fines levied against Bloomfield voter registrars over a huge foul-up last Election Day, the state's top registrar will meet with the state's top election officials to talk about the need for more training.

Earlier this week, the state Elections Enforcement Commission imposed \$900 fines against each of the two Bloomfield registrars and a \$670 fine against the mechanic who set up the machines.

Commission Executive Director Jeffrey B. Garfield said the commission tried to send "a very clear message" that "the (voting) franchise is sacred and this commission is going to protect that franchise."

The registrars' negligence "caused chaos in the town election. All 21 of the machines were not properly prepared. This wasn't an

isolated case. This was a town-wide problem," Garfield said.

The commission fined Democratic Registrar Penny A. Sullivan and Republican Registrar Barbara Canfield \$900 each. In addition, Frank Regier, the mechanic hired by the registrars to set up the machines, was fined \$670, an amount equal to what he was paid for that work. Regier also agreed not to work as a voting machine mechanic for two years.

Dolly H.R. Whitman, the Republican registrar in Mansfield who serves as president of the Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut, said she plans to meet next week with Secretary of the State Julia H. Tashjian, the state's top election official, "on the need for more instruction" for registrars.

Ronald M. Gregory, an attorney with the commission, said that in several categories on the voting machines where a voter should have been able to vote for any two or

Network suspends Rooney

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS News' uncensored Andy Rooney, his future uncertain after a three-month suspension without pay, denies he made racial comments attributed to him in a gay magazine and said he wants to return to "60 Minutes."

CBS News President David Burke told Rooney in a meeting that CBS would not tolerate racist remarks, according to a statement from Burke, who did not return phone calls for further comment on the suspension.

Rooney denied making the comments, but "I guess Burke believes a person who said 'I said it,'" Rooney said.



TRADITIONALIST — Chaska Walker, 6, wears traditional American Indian clothing at a recent demonstration by Indians in Columbus, Ohio. About 100 Indians went to the

Bald eagle no longer endangered

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government officials say the effort to save the American bald eagle from extinction has been so successful that the national symbol may be taken off the endangered list.

The eagle, which was threatened with extinction in the 1960s partly because of contamination from the pesticide DDT, would remain under protection of federal law, but its status would be lowered, officials said Thursday.

"We are not considering removing the bald eagle from the protection of the Endangered Species Act," said John Turner, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Turner said the agency was gathering additional data on eagle populations before making a formal recommendation to the Interior Department to lower the status of the eagle from endangered to threatened.

But the proposal has raised concerns among some environmentalists.

"The improvements in eagle numbers may be only temporary because eagle habitat is still being destroyed at an unprecedented rate," said M. Rupert Cutler, president of Defenders of Wildlife.

Cutler said in some parts of the country, such as the Great Lakes area and some coastal areas, the eagle remains in danger because of pesticides and toxins, and development is eating up eagle territory elsewhere.

The American eagle was placed under protection of federal law in 1967 after its population had been declining since the 1940s, largely because of the widespread use of the pesticide DDT in its reproduction.

The Environmental Protection Agency ordered a halt to the use of DDT in 1972.

From an estimated low, not counting birds in Alaska, of only 400 nesting pairs in the early 1960s, their number increased to more than 2,600 nesting pairs in 1989, the Interior Department said.

Turner said four of the five government recovery programs in the country are showing eagle population figures that exceed numbers that would warrant reducing the status of the bird from endangered to threatened.

The bald eagle is listed as endangered in 43 states and threatened in five others.

Dodd ties Salvadoran aid to peace talks

By John Diamond
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Giving no ground to his liberal critics, U.S. Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., says the United States should base its military aid to El Salvador on the progress of peace negotiations between the government and leftist rebels.

Dodd, who has encountered criticism in Washington and Connecticut for his pro-military aid position, proposed cutting the aid in half immediately and eliminating it entirely if the government of Salvadoran President Alfredo Cristiani fails to pursue peace negotiations with rebel forces.

Conversely, if the rebels break off negotiations, full military aid to the government would be restored under the plan Dodd outlined Thursday in a Capitol Hill news conference.

"I believe this formula tests the good will on both sides to pursue an equitable and just political settlement and offers the best chance for achieving that result," said Dodd.

"If I were convinced that cutting off all aid would end the war tomorrow and preserve a democratic government, I would support that," Dodd said. "My goal is to end the conflict and preserve democracy, and my legislation attempts to do that."

Dodd's views on El Salvador are closely watched on Capitol Hill because he is chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs. Many Democratic members key their votes on Salvadoran issues to positions stated by Dodd.

But earlier this week, six Democratic senators, including one who has voted with Dodd on past Central American issues, called for a cutoff of aid to El Salvador this

Trip semi-finalists named

Semi-finalists in the Hawaii trip contest for the week ending Feb. 5 are:

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Consultant to review NU takeover plan

NEW BRITAIN (AP) — A consultant will review Northeast Utilities' proposed \$2.3 billion takeover of Public Service Company of New Hampshire after state utility regulators completed a round of hearings on the bid without reaching a decision.

The state Department of Public Utility Control has hired a consultant to review the bid and his report is due March 15.

As the first round of hearings closed Thursday, the DPUC asked NU to explain how other electric companies in the region would receive access to the transmission lines NU would control throughout New England if the takeover is approved.

In addition, the DPUC has hired a consultant to review the takeover bid and his report is expected by March 15.

Another hearing is likely this month and additional hearings are possible after the consultant's report is filed, according to Associate Attorney General William B. Gundling.

He also noted that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will hold hearings on the bid this spring, and that body has the final say on the deal.

However, NU has said it does not want the DPUC's blessing for the takeover.

During this week's hearings, NU claimed that the takeover would produce at least \$260 million in savings for its customers and those of United Illuminating Co. by 2002, through increased efficiency, reduced administrative costs and NU's ability to run the long-stalled Seabrook nuclear power plant in New Hampshire more cheaply than what's projected by the current operators.

Gundling said he was skeptical of that projection, calling it "illusory."

PSNH, which was forced to file Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy code two years ago, owns 36 percent of Seabrook, United Illuminating based in New Haven, Conn., owns the second-largest share, 17.5 percent, and NU now has 4 percent.

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Gene suppresses prostate tumors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Researchers have found the first gene able to suppress formation of prostate tumors, one of the most common cancers among men, according to a study published today.

The gene, called the retinoblastoma gene, or RB, was found in earlier studies to block the formation of a rare cancer of the eye.

In a science magazine study published today, scientists at the University of California-San Diego say they have shown that a normally functioning RB gene inserted into human prostate cancer cells is able to suppress formation of tumors.

The RB gene is usually missing, mutated or not functioning in such tumors.

Dr. Robert Bookstein, one of the researchers, said the study may aid progress toward learning how to control cancer through use of tumor suppressor genes such as RB, or the protein that such genes produce.

"The idea with cancer suppressor

genes, since the loss of the product is oncogenic (cancer nurturing), is that maybe putting it back somehow will be therapeutic," Bookstein said.

"That is a distant goal, but I think a valid goal. You could call it gene therapy... that directly makes up for the defect in the tumor cell."

Such cancer therapy, however, "is years and years away," he said.

Barry Nelkin, a cancer suppressor gene researcher at the Johns Hopkins University Oncology Center, said the California study "is potentially quite important."

"A lot of people are looking for the genetic link to prostate cancer. The few studies that have been done have not pointed to anything specific," he said.

Nelkin said finding that the RB gene is a suppressor in prostate cancer "gives us a clue as to the mechanism of tumor genesis."

Bookstein said scientists in the California study used a retrovirus to insert the RB gene into human prostate cancer cells that did not contain the gene.

The genetically treated cancer cells were injected into the right flanks of 20 "nude" mice, a breed of laboratory mice that lacks an immune system. The scientists injected untreated prostate cancer cells into the left flank of the mice.

Within two months, tumors formed in the left flank of all the mice. Three of the 20 mice did not develop any tumors in the right flank. The right flank tumors that did develop in 17 mice were up to 350 times smaller than the left-flank cancers.

Bookstein said the fact that tumors formed at all in the right flank showed that the transfer of the RB gene to the cancer cells was not perfect. He said laboratory studies showed that the tumors that developed either lacked the RB gene or it was mutated.

"Cells that expressed the RB gene were unable to form tumors,"

Bill targets animal 'terrorists'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Henry Waxman wants federal law enforcers to treat animal rights groups that break into laboratories to make off with rabbits, monkeys and other creatures as "terrorists, nothing but terrorists."

Scientists told a congressional panel Thursday that extremist groups such as the underground Animal Liberation Front are creating a serious threat to university lab workers and researchers around the nation.

The scientists told Waxman's Energy and Commerce subcommittee on health and the environment that they have faced arson, burglary, vandalism, theft and hate mail from such groups.

Waxman, D-Calif., is proposing legislation to allow federal investigation and prosecution of people who break into and commit other crimes at laboratories receiving federal funds.

He said members of the underground animal rights movement are "terrorists, nothing but terrorists."

The Department of Health and Human Services originally supported Waxman's measure but the Bush administration has since said it is opposed to it because of Justice Department concerns that it will be difficult to enforce, according to Dr. James O. Mason, assistant secretary for health.

The anti-abortion National Right to Life Committee Inc. has joined other critics who say the bill would inhibit constitutionally protected forms of protest.

Robert F. Phalen, a laboratory director at the University of California in Irvine medical school, said dogs he was using for air pollution research were stolen in January 1988 and his family was later harassed.

"In one case a caller harangued my 15-year-old son, saying that his father was 'evil' and 'would burn in hell,'" Phalen said.

"We always kept our doors lock-

ed, we left external lights on, we covered our phones at night with pillows, and we slept with weapons near all of our beds," he recalled.

But the most serious threat, the scientists said, is that students are turning away from animal-related research out of fear. Animal rights groups, many of which associate themselves from illegal tactics beyond civil disobedience, say most of the research is needlessly cruel and could be duplicated by other, more humane means.

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SCHOOL SUSPENSION — Haley Woodfin, 8, holds the unopened can of Billy Beer she brought to school and tell her Richmond, Va., school. Haley was suspended for three days for bringing the can to school. The beer is no longer made and unopened cans are considered a collector's item.

Hungary and Vatican re-establish relations

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Hungary and the Vatican today formally re-established diplomatic relations that were severed in 1945, the state news agency MTI reported. The action is the latest sign of improvement between the Roman Catholic church and Eastern European countries that toppled hard-line Communist leaders in popular revolutions last year. Premier Miklos Nemeth and Archbishop Agostino Casaroli, the papal envoy in charge of relations with Eastern European governments, signed the document restoring ties. Casaroli arrived Wednesday on a five-day visit. In restoring relations with the Vatican, Hungary became the second East bloc country to do so in less than a year. Poland re-established ties in July. Czechoslovakia's new non-Communist government has also said it wants to restore ties with the Holy See. Hungary's parliament passed a law Jan. 24 that separates church and state, ending state interference in church affairs, and grants all denominations full autonomy. Separate legislation is planned on the return of confiscated church assets.

Deaths raise specter of espionage

SEATTLE (AP) — Three slayings and a suspected suicide at the top-secret Trident submarine base have raised questions of espionage and complaints that the Navy has not conducted a complete investigation. The intrigue is focused on a 23-year-old submarine technician named Shyam David Drizpaal, whose body was found last month in a Vancouver-area motel, about 180 miles south of the Bangor Trident submarine base. Navy investigators say they believe Drizpaal killed two fellow submariners in the Bangor base's barracks, then killed a woman and wounded a man during a pawn-shop robbery in nearby Bremerton. They claim Drizpaal then drove to the motel and killed himself. But a lawyer for Drizpaal's family, family members and even a shipmate said the Navy's story doesn't make sense. Attorney Larry Scruggs Jr. of Milwaukee, who traveled to the base to investigate the shootings, noted that Drizpaal had a sensitive position, working on the weapons systems, aboard the USS Michigan; that Drizpaal was a computer whiz and his personal computer is missing; and that he was killed by a single bullet through the forehead, which he said was unusual for a suicide. Scruggs also said he has evidence of another person being involved in the plot, but he would give no details — not even the person's gender. "I think he was either murdered or compelled to do those things," Scruggs said of the slayings. "Drizpaal had high clearance, and my indication was that clearance was extremely high, extremely critical." "Maybe the thing fell apart and people began to panic and couldn't accept the results. ... There is one person who can answer those questions," he said, referring to the other individual. Drizpaal's relatives in Milwaukee said Drizpaal was an intelligent and responsible person who did not fit the description of a killer. "Nothing makes sense. There are a lot of questions that haven't been answered," said an uncle, Yoganand Kumar. "What's going on? What are they trying to cover up? We're not saying he didn't do it. We're saying, 'Tell us what happened.'" At Drizpaal's funeral last month, Petty Officer Paul Gamache of Osasco, Wis., who escorted Drizpaal's body from Washington to Milwaukee, told mourners that Drizpaal's co-workers were surprised by the allegations. Gamache, who knew Drizpaal for 18 months, said the Navy's allegations about Drizpaal did not "really seem like the guy we knew. ... He always performed every job ever asked of him in a very professional manner. He took pride in his work." Scruggs said the circumstances around the shootings of two sailors in a Bangor barracks were unusual. The sailors — identified as David Allen Parker, 21, of San Diego, and 18-year-old Scott Anthony Seely, of North Ridgeville, Ohio — had been shot in the head, and were found about fifteen feet apart, he said. "Whoever was shot first had to hear the gunshot," but investigators found no signs of trauma or struggle in the victims, Scruggs said. Sometime after the shooting, Bangor gate guards detained Drizpaal for driving while intoxicated and took from him a 9mm automatic pistol. Navy ballistics reports should confirm next week whether that gun killed Parker and Seely, said Bangor spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Keith Arterburn. The Navy has refused to respond to Scruggs' questions. Allan Michaels, 28, identified Drizpaal from photographs as the man who wounded him and fatally shot his sister Julie Lynn Tischer, 24, in the pawn shop where they worked. "I don't know how much clearer that can be," Arterburn said. But Scruggs said Michael's identification was too detailed. "He described him exactly the same way it was printed in the newspaper — neatly trimmed mustache. Give me a break."

New York and Chicago engaged in a real dog-eat-dog battle

CHICAGO (AP) — On the baseball diamond, it's Mets versus Cubs. For architects, it's Sears Tower vs. World Trade Center. Now, Nathan's Famous of New York has thrown some fat and hot byproducts on the fire of the Chicago-New York rivalry. They're calling it the war of the dogs. Relish the thought: New York-style frankfurters girded against Chi Dogs. It's still too early to tell which wiener can cut the mustard. "I like this place. It's clean, it's bright and it's different," said Patrick A. Connolly, 67, a Chicago financier who was smoking a foot-long cigar but carrying a couple of Nathan's regular-sized frankfurters on Wednesday night. "The taste is out of this world." Connolly said he can afford the posh eateries in the neighborhood, but prefers the dogs at Nathan's. Barry Huskin, co-owner of downtown's Gold Coast Dog, has challenged Nathan's to a hot dog taste test. "I called themselves the Queen of hot dogs. That ticked us off. What is this, perfume?" he asked. Bob Hardison is caught between the dog soldiers of each side. He's a Chicagoan, but manages the city's first Nathan's. "I like both styles," he insisted diplomatically. The New York style, he explained, is with mustard, sauerkraut, while Chicago style is with mustard, relish, onions, tomatoes peppers and just about anything else that will fit on the bun. "Does Newcastle need coal? Does Alaska need salmon? Does Idaho need potatoes? More than 3,000 hot dog stands in greater, grander metropolitan Chicago and — and these people come bearing frankfurters?" said a tongue-in-cheek editor from the Chicago Tribune last week. Nevertheless, around Thanksgiving Day, Nathan's Famous opened up shop where Rush Street meets State Street in the heart of this city's glitzy entertainment district. "I like this place. It's clean, it's bright and it's different," said Patrick A. Connolly, 67, a Chicago financier who was smoking a foot-long cigar but carrying a couple of Nathan's regular-sized frankfurters on Wednesday night. "The taste is out of this world." Connolly said he can afford the posh eateries in the neighborhood, but prefers the dogs at Nathan's. Barry Huskin, co-owner of downtown's Gold Coast Dog, has challenged Nathan's to a hot dog taste test. "I called themselves the Queen of hot dogs. That ticked us off. What is this, perfume?" he asked. Bob Hardison is caught between the dog soldiers of each side. He's a Chicagoan, but manages the city's first Nathan's. "I like both styles," he insisted diplomatically. The New York style, he explained, is with mustard, sauerkraut, while Chicago style is with mustard, relish, onions, tomatoes peppers and just about anything else that will fit on the bun.

Hate crimes would be tracked

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal officials would gather data on "hate crimes" motivated by race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnic roots, according to legislation that is moving towards approval in Congress. "If we're going to curb crimes of hate, we need to know their extent," Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., said Thursday as the Senate approved the bill 92-4. The Senate shrugged off complaints from Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., that the measure "fans the fires of the homosexual movement" as it sent the bill back to the House, which has already approved a slightly different version. The Bush administration supports the measure and so do chances are good that it will be signed into law this year. It also has support from civil rights, ethnic and police groups concerned over what has been portrayed as a rising tide of hate crimes. The bill would require the Justice Department to keep statistics on crimes motivated by race, religion, sexual orientation and ethnicity. The data would become part of Justice Department uniform crime reports. Under the plan, the department would count murder, non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, aggravated assault, simple assault, intimidation, arson and destruction, damage or vandalism of property. "If we're going to curb crimes of hate, we need to know their extent," Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., said Thursday as the Senate approved the bill 92-4. The Senate shrugged off complaints from Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., that the measure "fans the fires of the homosexual movement" as it sent the bill back to the House, which has already approved a slightly different version. The Bush administration supports the measure and so do chances are good that it will be signed into law this year. It also has support from civil rights, ethnic and police groups concerned over what has been portrayed as a rising tide of hate crimes. The bill would require the Justice Department to keep statistics on crimes motivated by race, religion, sexual orientation and ethnicity. The data would become part of Justice Department uniform crime reports. Under the plan, the department would count murder, non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, aggravated assault, simple assault, intimidation, arson and destruction, damage or vandalism of property. "If we're going to curb crimes of hate, we need to know their extent," Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., said Thursday as the Senate approved the bill 92-4. The Senate shrugged off complaints from Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., that the measure "fans the fires of the homosexual movement" as it sent the bill back to the House, which has already approved a slightly different version. The Bush administration supports the measure and so do chances are good that it will be signed into law this year. It also has support from civil rights, ethnic and police groups concerned over what has been portrayed as a rising tide of hate crimes. The bill would require the Justice Department to keep statistics on crimes motivated by race, religion, sexual orientation and ethnicity. The data would become part of Justice Department uniform crime reports.

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OPINION

Democrats stall on procedure

The reluctance of Democratic directors to accept a bipartisan report on expanding town office space is a bit puzzling.

One of the Democratic directors, Stephen T. Cassano, served on the committee that submitted the report. Cassano did not submit a minority report or even propose one.

The Democrats' argument that accepting the report now implies endorsement of its details, thus discouraging public comment on it simply does not hold up.

At some point the directors have to make the report a part of the record. The only alternative to accepting the report as submitted is to reject it as inadequate and as a failure on the part of the committee to do its job.

The only valid argument for delaying a vote on a report is that the directors haven't had time to consider it.

The vote of acceptance merely indicates the end of one phase of the study and signals the beginning of further phases, which should, and will include opportunities for others, including town residents, to express views on the subject.

At the directors' meeting Tuesday at which the report was accepted by the Republican majority, two citizens did speak on the subject, both of them expressing reservations about demolishing Lincoln Center, a reservation some directors and probably many resident share.

Their presence at the meeting is, in itself, an indication that people who want to be heard will be heard, whatever the record shows about the formal status of the report.



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Should moms be prosecuted?

By Robert Wagman

BROCKTON, Mass. — Nathan Pellegrini in one of an estimated 100,000 babies born in the United States during 1989 with cocaine in their bodies. Now a Plymouth County grand jury has indicted his 23-year-old mother, Josephine Pellegrini, on the charge of delivering cocaine to a minor.

Cocaine babies are a scourge of the current drug scene. In Washington, D.C., for example, infant mortality runs more than three times the national average — 32.9 deaths per 1,000 live births as against 9.9 nationally.

The reason? Crack babies are a big one. Inner-city hospitals in the District of Columbia report that one in four babies born last year suffered prenatal crack exposure. In Florida, the number of crack births was 17 percent, in Boston, about 12 percent.

The large number of drug-dependent newborns is a relatively recent phenomenon, and the incidence of crack-addicted babies is even more recent. Researchers have only recently begun to publish their initial findings from what, in most cases, are still ongoing studies.

Cocaine diminishes uterine blood flow and decreases the flow of oxygen to the fetus through the umbilical cord. The resulting problems can include dangerously low birth weights, severe congenital malformations, central nervous system damage, severe retardation and fetal death. In addition, cocaine is actually transmitted from the mother's blood to that of her unborn child. This is further complicated by the deep paranoia that is

often experienced by crack addicts, which makes them all but incapable of seeking out normal prenatal care.

A bitter debate is raging among professionals about how to control the problem. Drug czar William Bennett has said that more research is necessary, but that, in the meantime, all public prenatal programs should include "rigorous" mandatory drug testing. Those testing positive, Bennett says, should be placed in mandatory treatment programs that "rigidly enforce drug abstinence under the threat of incarceration."

However, health professionals and others argue against this approach. They fear the threat of mandatory testing will scare away the very women most in need of prenatal care.

Meanwhile, some prosecutors see cocaine babies as a law-enforcement problem. They view program cocaine addicts as child abusers and believe they should be prosecuted as any other child abuser.

That is the belief of Plymouth County District Attorney William O'Malley who has brought the charges against Josephine Pellegrini. Although it is one of the first of its kind anywhere, O'Malley believes the prosecution is not extraordinary.

To me this is clearly a law-enforcement issue," he says. "While it is clear that criminal law is an inappropriate vehicle for raising every issue of deficient prenatal care, this is an extreme that should be addressed."

To legal experts, the interesting aspect of the Pellegrini case is O'Malley's use of a 1983 law aimed at preventing distribution of cocaine to minors. O'Malley will have to show that the fetus was a minor, within the meaning of the statute. That

Robert Wagman is a syndicated columnist.

Defense of plastics geared up

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — The plastics industry is gearing up for a multi-million dollar propaganda campaign to convince Americans that plastic containers are environmentally benign.

In late December, members of the trade group, The Society of the Plastic Industry, received a confidential memo from society president Larry Thomas spelling out the disastrous effect of a new wave of public concern about plastics.

Everything plastic, from hamburger containers to disposable diapers, is being blamed by the public for fouling beaches and filling city dumps to capacity.

Thomas' memo warned the industry groups — oil and chemical companies and plastics manufacturers — that the image of plastic has "plummeted so far and so fast, in fact, that we are approaching a point of no return." The memo reminded the plastics makers that 56 percent of Americans polled in 1988 thought that plastics were harmful to the environment and that the number had jumped to 72 percent in 1989.

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SHIP AGROUND — The Hual Ingrita rests against the Fort Wetherill dock on the southeastern end of Jamestown, R.I., after running aground Thursday. The ship, which had 2,000 cars aboard, lost steering prior to entering Narragansett Bay.

Spill renews calls for tough controls

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The oil slick spreading from the tanker American Trader spilled into politics as officials and environmentalists demanded stronger controls on oil industry operations in coastal waters.

"We need to do something to make sure this doesn't happen again," Attorney General John Van de Kamp, a Democratic candidate for governor, told a news conference in Huntington Beach on Thursday.

Controller Gray Davis, a member of the California Lands Commission, pledged a state investigation into the 295,000-gallon spill and said his panel would urge Congress to require tankers to be fitted with double hulls.

The commission, which regulates oil development in state lands and waters, has declared previously unprotected tracts in state waters off-limits to new drilling.

The spill off Huntington Beach renewed debate about requiring a double hull and double bottom on tankers, a move opposed by many oil industry executives because of the higher cost and arguable safety advantages.

"This oil spill is another warning that our legislators are dragging their feet on double-hulled tankers, at great peril to our environment," said Dorothy Green, head of Heal the Bay, a local environmental group.

A number of officials speculated that a large swell plopped the American Trader onto its own anchor Wednesday, punching a 3-foot hole into the single-hulled ship's bottom as it maneuvered toward an offshore mooring.

"If the information is born out that this tanker lifted up and came down on its own anchor, double-hulling the vessel may well have prevented the spill," said Peter Douglas, executive director of the state Coastal Commission.

"BP America has supported enactment of comprehensive oil spill legislation for close to a decade," Rountree said by telephone. "We support a \$1 billion federal fund and increasing liability limits on ship owners."

Using the American Trader as a backdrop at a beachside news conference, Davis and Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy called on the state Assembly to pass the Oil Spill Prevention and Cleanup Act, which would establish a \$500 million reserve, funded by the oil industry, for spill cleanup.

Davis said the oil companies to date have indicated they are willing to contribute a total of \$10 million to such a fund.

The bill would require tankers operating in state waters to be equipped with booms and other cleanup equipment, and require tanker companies to have \$400 million in insurance to meet legal costs of Ed Manning, a McCarthy aide.

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Judge may allow Hazelwood to cite government failure

ANCHORAGE (AP) — A judge said he may reverse himself and permit Joseph Hazelwood's defense to allege that government negligence — not recklessness by the Exxon Valdez captain — caused the nation's worst oil spill.

Superior Court Judge Karl Johnstone reopened the question after he had ruled Thursday that such a theory could not be advanced by the defense.

Defense attorney Dick Madison said in his opening statement that the U.S. Coast Guard monitors were not watching their radar screen and failed in their duty to notify Hazelwood that his 997-foot tanker was heading for disaster at Bligh Reef.

A Coast Guard traffic monitor, civilian employee Gregory Taylor, testified Thursday that part of his job was to watch the radar screen for trouble and communicate with tankers if a problem was imminent. He also said he was to "let people know what was going on to make things easier."

He said he spoke with Hazelwood some time before the Exxon Valdez disaster and discussed ice conditions in the Valdez Narrows.

Hazelwood, 43, of Huntington, N.Y., is being tried on a felony charge of second-degree criminal mischief and misdemeanor charges of reckless endangerment and negligent discharge of oil and operating a vessel while intoxicated. If convicted, he faces up to seven years and three months in prison and \$61,000 in fines.

Most of the testimony in Hazelwood's week-old trial has focused on whether the captain was drunk when the Exxon Valdez ran aground early March 24. The spill spewed more than 10 million gallons of North Slope crude, killing thousands of birds, fish and other wildlife and blanketing hundreds of miles of shoreline.

Taylor and another traffic monitor have said the Exxon Valdez was in a hazy area at the edge of their radar monitor and may not have been visible before it smashed into a rocky reef.

Johnstone initially ruled the defense couldn't use a theory of government negligence, but later said he may reverse himself.

"What the defense seems to be saying," Johnstone said, "is 'We're not reckless. We didn't create the problem.' The government created the problem." The more I think about it the more I think the defense should be able to show they didn't create it, the government did. I'm reconsidering it."

The prosecution, which says the accident was Hazelwood's fault, tried to block testimony saying if Hazelwood wanted to claim he was not reckless he could testify on his behalf.

Johnstone suggested this might force the defendant to testify when he would not otherwise do so. In another ruling, Johnstone decided that jurors will not be told that Taylor, the Coast Guard monitor, tested positive for marijuana two days after the grounding. He did not immediately rule on whether a second monitor's alcohol test would be admitted in evidence.

Documents filed in the case showed that Bruce Blandford, the second traffic monitor, showed a blood-alcohol level of .203 percent 15 hours after the tanker went aground. Assistant District Attorney Brent Cole said Blandford went home after the accident and began drinking.

Homosexual AIDS rate has slowed

ATLANTA (AP) — AIDS spread at its slowest rate in the United States last year as fewer homosexual and bisexual men developed the disease and drugs delayed symptoms in people already infected, federal officials said.

But AIDS is spreading faster among heterosexuals, newborn babies, women and Southerners, the federal Centers for Disease Control reported Thursday.

The CDC reported 35,238 new cases of AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, in 1989, compared with 32,196 in 1988.

That 9 percent increase is easily the slowest since the AIDS spread began in early 1981. For example, AIDS was up 34 percent in 1988 and 60 percent in 1987.

"This is somewhat of a continuing trend," said Dr. Ruth Berkman, chief of AIDS surveillance for the Atlanta-based CDC.

Of the new AIDS cases reported last year, 56 percent were among homosexual and bisexual males. But the cases among gay and bisexual men were up just 8 percent over 1988 levels, while heterosexual-contact cases — just 4 percent of the total — were up 27 percent over the year before.

Sixty percent of AIDS cases have occurred in homosexual or bisexual men, and 21 percent have occurred among IV drug abusers, with 7 percent among patients in both categories.

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PAPER INVENTORY — Jeff Walker marks rolls of forms to be used for the 1990 U.S. Census. The forms will later be sheeted from the rolls. Walker works for one of the two printing firms producing most of the census forms.

The Associated Press

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up period. In contrast, for students with high self-esteem, positive events led to fewer reports of illness during the follow-up period.

The Southern Methodist study found similar results when it looked at how often the students visited the health center for physical illness.

Neither study verified medically whether the students were actually sick, noted Sheldon Cohen, psychology professor at Carnegie Mellon University. Such "illness behaviors"

as reporting symptoms or visiting the health service are not necessarily good indicators of true disease, he said.

That is because some people do get medically ill but fail to recognize the symptoms, while others think they are sick when they are not actually diseased, he said in a telephone interview.

Most studies on the impact of life events have looked at illness behaviors rather than verified disease, he said. Verification is costly and time-consuming, said Cohen, who

has done research on the topic.

While there is good evidence that life events can influence illness behaviors, a link to physical disease is "a much fatter issue," he said.

Recent work has suggested that only negative events increase the risk of feeling ill, he said. The new study's hypothesis about positive events is creative and interesting, he said.

Brown acknowledged "you have to be real cautious" about saying that the positive life events were leading to disease itself.

Memo

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thing."

He said he has one personnel vacancy, which resulted from a promotion. "I'll have to go back and justify that, and that's not a hard thing to do," he said.

Regarding the manager's orders concerning expenses, Young said the major difference for his divisions is the inclusion of possibly delaying expenses. Justifying expenditures with Young's boss, Public Works Director Peter Louis, and Sarnor is standard procedure.

Over at the Highway and Sanitation divisions, Superintendent Lee F. O'Connor Jr. said other than approval of purchases, the order should not affect his operations.

"When the state has fiscal difficulty," O'Connor said, "we have to adjust accordingly. We'll make every attempt so that it doesn't affect our residents."

O'Connor said nothing should be cut in the way of services, but expenses will be evaluated carefully.

Scott Sprague, director of the Parks and Recreation departments, said that it's pretty appropriate for the

times we're in right now."

Sprague said one effect could be cutting out extensions of services that are only included when there is a financial surplus. An example is allowing a recreation center to remain open for an extra week.

Sprague said the only major expense he has remaining this year is a project to renovate the swimming pool at Verplanck School. The low bid for the project is about \$55,000, Sprague said.

He said he expects the project would be approved because it is part of a five-year pool renovation plan that the town promised the state it would commence. The five town pools are all from 25 to 30 years old.

Regarding personnel changes, Sprague said no hirings are necessary because all positions are filled.

Fire Chief John Rivosa said he is in the process of hiring two firefighter paramedics and will have some expenditures of more than \$500 to be used with the recently approved fire apparatus. Rivosa said he thinks the items should be approved, but "they will be scrutinized, and he'll make sure

there's justification," he said.

"There's no question about it," Police Chief Robert Lannan could not be reached for comment.

However police spokesman Gary Wood spoke in general terms. "We intend to try to keep in line with what the manager requested," he said.

Although Sarnor's order does not pertain to the Board of Education, School Superintendent James P. Kennedy said, "We will review expenditures in light of what we know has happened."

What has happened, he said, is Gov. William O'Neill is proposing to cut funding to Manchester schools by about \$1.6 million less than the schools anticipated. And the Republican-controlled town Board of Directors has said the school budget will not be exempt from cuts.

Kennedy said there may be ways to save for next year, such as delaying maintenance projects.

"However, I don't think it will endanger much money," he said. "The way I react to the memo is that 'they' will be scrutinized, and he'll make sure

Baker

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Shevardnadze before going to see Gorbachev.

"I think we may speak of progress at the talks," Shevardnadze said. Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Besmertnykh told Tass, the Soviet news agency, said the talks had a "particularly businesslike and constructive character."

Baker was eager to hear Gorbachev's assessment of Bush's proposal to limit both sides to 225,000 troops.

So far, the reaction from Shevardnadze and other Soviet officials

on a proposal by President Bush to limit both sides' troops, tanks and non-nuclear airplanes in Europe has been positive. But Gorbachev, whose own disarmament goals are more ambitious, had the opportunity in today's meeting to push for even deeper cuts than Bush's proposal to limit both sides to 225,000.

Bush's troop/reduction proposal included limiting U.S. and Soviet troops in Central Europe to 195,000 on each side. He proposed allowing

another 30,000 Americans elsewhere in Europe.

Gorbachev spoke on a wide range of other issues before going into his meeting with Baker today, including his own future as head of the Communist Party now that the Central Committee has decided to revoke the party's monopoly on power.

He said the changes began when he came to power five years ago and "once we have solidified this phase we will move further."

Prices

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energy for a while longer. The good news is the report suggests much of the activity was weather-related and will diminish in coming months."

Energy prices in January rose 13.6 percent, the biggest increase since the Labor Department began compiling that index in 1974. Fuel oil prices were up a startling 25.3 percent, also the biggest jump on record.

As refineries switched production to fuel oil, supplies of gasoline grew short, sending those prices up 16.7 percent. Natural gas costs rose a brisk 3.2 percent.

Food costs, meanwhile, shot up 2.1 percent, the sharpest rise in six years. The price of fresh and dried

vegetable rose 58 percent for the month, the largest seasonally adjusted gain recorded since the department began tracking that category in 1967.

Egg prices climbed 12.5 percent on top of a 9.1 percent rise in December. Over the past 12 months, egg costs have risen 45.2 percent.

Fruit was up 3.9 percent and fish rose 6.3 percent.

The increases were partly offset by substantial declines for other items. Rice dropped 1.1 percent; pasta, 5.8 percent; chickens, 2.8 percent, and turkeys, 1.9 percent.

Landers

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sufficient funds in his bank account, and requested Landers make payment with cash or a bank check for the original amount plus \$28.35 in penalties. The bills were for two motor vehicles and a business property he owns at 253 E. Center St.

The letter said the amount was due Jan. 18, and if he did not comply, the matter would be turned over to Manchester police.

Thomas E. Landers Jr. says he never saw the letter. "It probably got thrown out with the rest of the junk mail," he said.

He said his father receives a lot of mail and only vaguely remembered signing for the letter. Landers said he is upset because he knows the tax office is aware of his business address (243 E. Center St.). He said that is where the office had been sending tax bills for his property at 253 E. Center St.

However, the tax office has no records connecting him with 243 E. Center St., according to Assistant Collector of Revenue Maureen Eaton. The office relies on information from the Assessor's Office to determine where to mail bills, she said.

The Assessor's Office generates addresses of personal property by conducting visual field checks of property and through correspondence with the state Department of Motor Vehicles. Although Landers says he has not lived at his parent's home for about 18 months, as late as Oct. 1, 1989, vehicles he owned had been registered to be garaged there, according to records in the Asses-

sor's Office.

State law says a vehicle owner has 48 hours to notify the DMV of changes in residence. The law is rarely enforced, according to a spokeswoman for the DMV.

The town Assessor's Office also has on record an application for a building permit that Landers filed Sept. 25, 1989. The address he listed on the application was 501 1/2 Tolland Turnpike, his parent's address.

Landers said he is angry because the issue could have been avoided.

"I think it could have been handled very easily," he said. "If the (tax collector Troy) didn't get any communication, wouldn't it have been easy to pick up the phone and call my office or Ellen's or home?"

Ellen Burns Landers, a Republican member of the town's Board of Directors, is his wife.

But the standard procedure is to send a certified letter, so there is a permanent record that the letter was sent, says Shakti Harrington, the collector of delinquent revenues. Harrington was involved in the billing process for Landers because the payment due dates of the bills in question dated back to Jan. 1 and July 1 of last year.

Landers also said that several days before he was arrested, his wife attempted to pay the bill, but Troy refused to accept the payment because it covered only half of the year. But Landers said the check was for \$1,000, enough to cover the full amount due.

The state dropped the charges against Landers on Wednesday because the bill had been paid.

clothing, and 0.9 percent for home electronic equipment.

That was mostly counterbalanced by drops of 1.3 percent for tobacco, which had risen 2.2 percent in December, 0.7 percent for automobiles, the result of a new round of discounting at auto dealerships, and 0.7 percent for tires.

The various changes put the Producer Price Index at 117.5 in January. This meant that a hypothetical marketbasket of goods which cost \$100 in 1982, cost \$117.50 last month, up from \$111.10 a year earlier.

Soaring energy costs also drove up inflation in earlier stages of the production process. The price of intermediate goods rose 1.2 percent overall, but only 0.1 percent excluding food and energy. The price of crude goods was up 2.4 percent overall and 0.2 percent minus food and energy.

Coventry

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will be receiving state reimbursement money but that figure is not yet determined.

Board Chairman Patrick Flaherty said the town could receive \$4 million in education reimbursements from the state, but the figure is not certain.

Malinowski says the \$10.5 million is what is needed to maintain, not add, any new programs. He added, though, he does not expect the board to approve it.

The largest portion of the budget, \$7,102,906, goes to teacher salaries, insurance benefits total \$1,175,440, and supplies, including textbooks, heat cost, instructional supplies, maintenance and custodial costs, total \$478,881. Equipment, including special education equipment, is expected to cost \$175,426.

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Ellen Burns Landers, a Republican member of the town's Board of Directors, is his wife.

But the standard procedure is to send a certified letter, so there is a permanent record that the letter was sent, says Shakti Harrington, the collector of delinquent revenues. Harrington was involved in the billing process for Landers because the payment due dates of the bills in question dated back to Jan. 1 and July 1 of last year.

Landers also said that several days before he was arrested, his wife attempted to pay the bill, but Troy refused to accept the payment because it covered only half of the year. But Landers said the check was for \$1,000, enough to cover the full amount due.

The state dropped the charges against Landers on Wednesday because the bill had been paid.

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SPORTS

Defense the key for league-leading Bruins

By Dave O'Hara
The Associated Press

BOSTON — The Big D is one of the main reasons the Boston Bruins are leading the NHL in the over-all standings.

"We are very proud of our goals against record, goalie Reggie Lemelin said Thursday night after helping the Bruins to a 5-1 victory over the Quebec Nordiques.

"We're leading the league in goals against, and it's a team effort," Lemelin said. "It goes hand in hand with winning."

"Once you take care of your own end you perform very well. And it's anchored in everyone's mind right now that by keeping the goals-against down it's hard to



Jim Tierney

Best hoop squad ever assembled: 1984 Olympians

In the midst of this effervescent and thrill-a-minute college basketball season, in which the University of Connecticut has attained national prominence, my mind began to wander as to the best basketball team ever assembled.

"It didn't take too long for me to arrive at my unequivocal answer, and it was not a professional team. My vote for the best hoop squad ever assembled goes to the 1984 United States Olympic team which walked its way to the gold medal under Indiana coach Bobby Knight.

This was no peculiar feat for the Americans in Olympic competition since they have only lost twice over in Olympic history, the last time being in Seoul, South Korea to the Soviet Union in the 1988 Summer Olympics. The latter, a needless subject for any sports enthusiast, I'll discuss later.

Back to the summer of 1984 in Los Angeles. Knight, a strict disciplinarian by anyone's standards, selected a 12-man team with exquisite talent. To place things in perspective, Philadelphia 76er All-Star forward Charles Barkley was the last player cut from the '84 Olympic team. For the record, Delray Brooks, who just graduated from high school on his way to play for Knight at Indiana, was the second to last player cut. Brooks did not enjoy his freshman year at Indiana and transferred to Providence where he was a key member of its 1987 Final Four team.

The 1984 Olympic team, comprised of 11 future NBA players, revolved around Michael Jordan (North Carolina), perhaps, the greatest player ever. Patrick Ewing (Georgetown), undoubtedly one of the finest centers in the NBA today, was the pivotman. Then there was the silky smooth southpaw Sam Perkins (North Carolina), the irrepressible Wayman Tisdale (Oklahoma) and defensive specialist Alvin Robertson (Arkansas).

The best outside threats on the team were Chris Mullin (St. John's) and Steve Alford (Indiana). At the time, Alford seemed to be a questionable choice for the team, considering he played under Knight at Indiana and he had just completed his freshman year.

Alford, however, quelled those doubts with his fine play during the Olympics. Guards Vern Fleming (Georgia) and Leon Wood (Fullerton State) were also key contributors as were big men Jon Koncak (SMU) and Joe Kleine (Arkansas). The only obscure name on the squad belonged to 6-9 Jeff Turner of Vanderbilt.

Magic Johnson, who played on one of the nine NBA All-Star teams the Olympics disposed of before the Olympics began, then said: "They come at you in a lot of different ways. They have finesse players and good shooters. I don't see anyone beating them."

Isiah Thomas, another NBA All-Star victim of the Olympians, said: "This team doesn't have any weaknesses." The Americans cruised through the early rounds at the Olympics by lopsided scores such as 97-49 over China, 89-68 over Canada, 104-68 over Uruguay and 120-62 over France. Somehow, West Germany gave the U.S. its stiffest test, losing to the Americans, 78-67.

The U.S. met Canada again in the semifinals and won, 78-59. "I think it's the best basketball team I've ever seen," Jack Donohue, the coach of the Canadian team, stated. In the gold medal game, the United States ripped Spain, 96-65.

The Olympic gold medal in basketball is an event this country should never lose. After the Americans were relegated to the bronze medal in 1988, talk of allowing our pro players to play in the Olympics, in order to match other countries' letting their pro players play, began.

Just because the U.S. did not win the gold doesn't mean we should have our NBA All-Stars humiliate the rest of the world in the Olympics. Granted, the rest of the world is improving in basketball, exemplified by the foreign influx in the NBA. However, the U.S., as it did in 1984, should be able to win the gold every four years with the nation's best collections.

The level of basketball taken get even may be matched by any country. Georgetown coach John Thompson, the 1988 U.S. coach, lost the gold medal before he ever arrived in Seoul. The team he chose was an absolute travesty.

The only deserving players he chose were Danny Manning, David Robinson, Hershey Hawkins and Charles Smith (Utah). The list of potential Olympians designated by Thompson was absolutely Danny Ferry, Shawn Elliott, Sherman Douglas, David Rivers, Rod Strickland, Stacey King, Dana Barros, Eric Chapman, Mookie Blaylock, etc. Enough said.

With Jordan, Ewing, Mullin, Robertson, Tisdale, etc., how could you lose? Jim Tierney is a sports writer for the Manchester Herald.

lose." Lemelin, who had 21 saves to 32 for Quebec goalie Greg Milten, made it sound simple as he added: "If you don't give up anything, your chances to win are much greater."

Despite injuries, the Bruins won their third game in a row, improving the NHL's best record to 34-18-5. They have allowed just 155 goals in 57 games, a 2.80 average. They're first over-all and they're playing with confidence." Quebec coach Michel Bergeron said after Boston handed his Nordiques their 10th consecutive loss.

"Every time they step on the ice they think they can beat any team in the league." Peter Douris, recalled last weekend from Maine of the American Hockey League, scored 38 seconds after the opening faceoff in igniting the Boston victory.

John Carter made it 2-0 with his 10th goal with one minute left in the first period. Then defenseman Stephane Quintal and Glen Wesley scored 16 seconds apart at the outset of the second period for a 4-0 lead.

Ken McLean intercepted a pass by Al Pedersen in the Boston zone and spoiled Lemelin's shutout bid in the second period before Cam Neely added a power-play goal, his 39th, in the finale.

"Getting the first goal early helped, but I've seen games where it's lulled a team into complacency," Boston coach Mike Milbury said. "Fortunately we had it enough together to keep on going, not with intensity, but enough to win it."

The five goals were the most scored in seven games by the Bruins, who have been hit by injuries recently. "We haven't been scoring that many goals and whenever we can get them from that many people it's good," Milbury said. "A lot of guys base their confidence on whether they get one. To spread it out was good for all of us."

The loss left Quebec with a 9-40 record, the poorest in the league. The Nordiques have allowed 276 goals. "On our side it's lack of confidence," Bergeron said. "We're always behind. It's hard when you don't take the lead."

"The bright side is we didn't give up. We played a lot better than we played our last game in Washington (12-2 loss). We didn't give the 3 on 2 and 2 on, or breakaways. We were more alert defensively, but right now we've got problems scoring some goals."

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THE GAME MUST GO ON — Boston's Bob Gould (18) tries to avoid the fall Quebec Nordique, Michel Goulet, and escape the stick of Quebec's Michel Petit (24) during their NHL game Thursday night in Boston.

Owners lockout plan all but assured

By Ben Walker
The Associated Press

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Whalers home with Canucks

HARTFORD — The Hartford Whalers (25-24-6), back home after their four-game road trip, host the Vancouver Canucks (16-32-9) tonight at 7:30 (SportChannel, WTR) on the Civic Center.

The Whalers went 2-2 on the road swing, coming home with a 5-3 win over Minnesota over the North Stars. The Whalers are 2-0-3 in their past five home games. Vancouver is in last place in the Smythe Division, but is coming off two home wins, its first back-to-back victories since Oct. 28 and 31.

Peter Storkiewicz is scheduled to start in goal for Hartford. All-Star Kirk McLean has played in 45 games (14-23-6) for the Canucks and is expected to start tonight.

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High School Roundup

Wheeler halts Coventry girls' winning streak

NORTH STONINGTON — Coventry High's seven-game winning streak came to a screeching halt Thursday night as Wheeler High annexed a 66-47 non-conference victory in girls' basketball action.

Wheeler improves to 16-2 while the Patriots are now 13-6. Coventry winds up its regular season next Thursday at home at 7 p.m. against Marianapolis Prep.

"They (Wheeler) have size, quickness, shooting ability, defensive ability," Coventry coach Ray Dimmock detailed the winners' attributes. "They're a very good team. They're real strong in the front court, and have excellent ball handling."

Wheeler's lead was 24-10 after one period, and 36-23 at the half. "Getting down 14 in the first quarter hurt, because you're always trying to catch up," Dimmock said. Dimmock, while not agreeing a loss at this point of the season may be the best thing, saw some positive aspects. "It brings you back to earth real quick," he said. "It's tough to lose like this before the tournament but hopefully it will open some eyes and they'll see they have to work harder."

Andrea Caswell poured in 27 points and Jodi Umphlet 15 to lead Wheeler. Freshman Jenny Davis had 18 points and Johanna VanKunningen 13 to pace Coventry.

WHEELER (16) — Jodi Umphlet 15, Kim Moon 10, Andrea Caswell 10, Jenny Davis 27, Kathy Korman 6, 1-12, Shaquella Moore 0, 1-4, 1, Lori Rusan 1, 0-2, Heather Mann 2-2, Amy Probst 1-0, 2, Lori Kaplan 0-0, Amy French 0-0, 0-0, Totals 27-12-22-66.

COVENTRY (17) — Jenny Davis 6-9, 18, Robin Russel 1-0, 2, Janet Worley 0-0, 0, Johanna VanKunningen 2-4, 13, Jenny Weeks 1-0, 2, Michelle Dierp 2-0, 2, Shana Harty 1-0, 2, Shaquella Moore 0-0, 0, Crisley Gagnon 0-4, 4, Paron Eckert 0-0, 0, Kim Spencer 0-0, 0, Sarah Anderson 1-0, 2, Michelle Marston 0-0, 0, Totals 26-12-21-67.

3-point goals: C. VanKunningen 2, W. Umphlet 2. Referee: Steve Wheeler.

East Hartford dunks MHS. Visiting East Hartford High secured a 90-79 victory over Manchester High Thursday afternoon in CCC East Division boys' swimming action at the Indians' pool.

Manchester went to 1-4 in the league and 3-8-1 overall with the loss. The Indians are now idle until Tuesday, Feb. 20, when they host Newington High.

Captain Matt Anderson, a double-breasted swimmer for the Indians, taking the 100- and 200-yard freestyles. Mark Flores swam well to win the 100-yard freestyle while Drew Begany, coming off a skiing injury, took a first in the 200 IM and second in the 500-yard butterfly for Manchester.

Managers: 1. FH 1-56, 2. EH 3-4, MHS 2-0, 1. H. The weekly relay: 1. FH 1-56, 2. EH 3-4, MHS 2-0, 1. H. 2. Relay (M) 2-29, 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197. 198. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205. 206. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219. 220. 221. 222. 223. 224. 225. 226. 227. 228. 229. 230. 231. 232. 233. 234. 235. 236. 237. 238. 239. 240. 241. 242. 243. 244. 245. 246. 247. 248. 249. 250. 251. 252. 253. 254. 255. 256. 257. 258. 259. 260. 261. 262. 263. 264. 265. 266. 267. 268. 269. 270. 271. 272. 273. 274. 275. 276. 277. 278. 279. 280. 281. 282. 283. 284. 285. 286. 287. 288. 289. 290. 291. 292. 293. 294. 295. 296. 297. 298. 299. 300. 301. 302. 303. 304. 305. 306. 307. 308. 309. 310. 311. 312. 313. 314. 315. 316. 317. 318. 319. 320. 321. 322. 323. 324. 325. 326. 327. 328. 329. 330. 331. 332. 333. 334. 335. 336. 337. 338. 339. 340. 341. 342. 343. 344. 345. 346. 347. 348. 349. 350. 351. 352. 353. 354. 355. 356. 357. 358. 359. 360. 361. 362. 363. 364. 365. 366. 367. 368. 369. 370. 371. 372. 373. 374. 375. 376. 377. 378. 379. 380. 381. 382. 383. 384. 385. 386. 387. 388. 389. 390. 391. 392. 393. 394. 395. 396. 397. 398. 399. 400. 401. 402. 403. 404. 405. 406. 407. 408. 409. 410. 411. 412. 413. 414. 415. 416. 417. 418. 419. 420. 421. 422. 423. 424. 425. 426. 427. 428. 429. 430. 431. 432. 433. 434. 435. 436. 437. 438. 439. 440. 441. 442. 443. 444. 445. 446. 447. 448. 449. 450. 451. 452. 453. 454. 455. 456. 457. 458. 459. 460. 461. 462. 463. 464. 465. 466. 467. 468. 469. 470. 471. 472. 473. 474. 475. 476. 477. 478. 479. 480. 481. 482. 483. 484. 485. 486. 487. 488. 489. 490. 491. 492. 493. 494. 495. 496. 497. 498. 499. 500. 501. 502. 503. 504. 505. 506. 507. 508. 509. 510. 511. 512. 513. 514. 515. 516. 517. 518. 519. 520. 521. 522. 523. 524. 525. 526. 527. 528. 529. 530. 531. 532. 533. 534. 535. 536. 537. 538. 539. 540. 541. 542. 543. 544. 545. 546. 547. 548. 549. 550. 551. 552. 553. 554. 555. 556. 557. 558. 559. 560. 561. 562. 563. 564. 565. 566. 567. 568. 569. 570. 571. 572. 573. 574. 575. 576. 577. 578. 579. 580. 581. 582. 583. 584. 585. 586. 587. 588. 589. 590. 591. 592. 593. 594. 595. 596. 597. 598. 599. 600. 601. 602. 603. 604. 605. 606. 607. 608. 609. 610. 611. 612. 613. 614. 615. 616. 617. 618. 619. 620. 621. 622. 623. 624. 625. 626. 627. 628. 629. 630. 631. 632. 633. 634. 635. 636. 637. 638. 639. 640. 641. 642. 643. 644. 645. 646. 647. 648. 649. 650. 651. 652. 653. 654. 655. 656. 657. 658. 659. 660. 661. 662. 663. 664. 665. 666. 667. 668. 669. 670. 671. 672. 673. 674. 675. 676. 677. 678. 679. 680. 681. 682. 683. 684. 685. 686. 687. 688. 689. 690. 691. 692. 693. 694. 695. 696. 697. 698. 699. 700. 701. 702. 703. 704. 705. 706. 707. 708. 709. 710. 711. 712. 713. 714. 715. 716. 717. 718. 719. 720. 721. 722. 723. 724. 725. 726. 727. 728. 729. 730. 731. 732. 733. 734. 735. 736. 737. 738. 739. 740. 741. 742. 743. 744. 745. 746. 747. 748. 749. 750. 751. 752. 753. 754. 755. 756. 757. 758. 759. 760. 761. 762. 763. 764. 765. 766. 76

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Little League sign-ups set

Manchester Little League will conduct sign-ups for the 1990 season on Sunday, Feb. 26, and Sunday, March 4, at the American Legion Hall on Legion Drive from 1 to 4 p.m. each day.

Cook, Feehan to attend Castleton

Two East Catholic High School sports captains have indicated that they will attend Castleton State College in Castleton, Vt., in the fall.

BU names Allen grid coach

BOSTON (AP) — Boston University plans to stick with the run-and-shoot offense. So does Dan Allen, the former coordinator of Holy Cross' high-scoring offense in the Terriers' new head coach.

Buckner impresses Red Sox

ANDOVER, Mass. (AP) — Bill Buckner, the goat of the Boston Red Sox' loss of the sixth game of the 1986 World Series, wants to make a comeback with the team and was impressive in a tryout before a pair of scouts.

Williams admits violation

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Maryland basketball coach Gary Williams has admitted violating an NCAA rule on observing informal team workouts but denied a report Thursday that accused his staff of another infraction.

Rive advances to quarterfinals

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Joey Rive, ranked 142nd in the world, advanced to the quarterfinals of the Volvo tournament with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 defeat of Lawson Duncan.

Lendl, McEnroe advance

MILAN, Italy (AP) — Top-seeded Ivan Lendl and No. 2 John McEnroe advanced into the quarterfinals of Milan's indoor tournament. Lendl ousted Soviet Alexander Volkov 6-2, 2-6, 6-1, while McEnroe defeated Italian Paolo Canè 6-4, 6-1.

ABC trims offer to CFA

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC Sports said it has trimmed its offer to the College Football Association by \$33 million after Notre Dame signed a separate deal with NBC Sports.

Trenary remains in the lead

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Defending champion Jill Trenary remained in the lead despite falling on a required double axel jump in the original program at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

Sub-par Jordan can't help the Bulls

By The Associated Press

Finally, it all caught up with Michael Jordan: the travel, the mile-high altitude and the Denver Nuggets. "I was very tired. I didn't have the energy," Jordan admitted after being held to a season-low 15 points Thursday night as the Nuggets beat the Chicago Bulls 123-98.

Jordan, leading the NBA with a 33-point average, did not reach double figures until only seven minutes were left in the game. He got only one basket in the second half and missed 13 of 18 shots.

The Bulls lost their fourth straight game on the Western Conference road trip. They lost to the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday night.

"I told Phil (Coach Phil Jackson) in the second quarter that I was leg weary. He tried to play me in spurts, but just didn't have the leg strength to play like I wanted," said Jordan, who scored 52 points at McNichols Arena on Nov. 26, 1989.

Jackson knew Jordan was tired, but did not want to pull his star.

"Obviously he was physically exhausted, but I couldn't keep him out of the game," Jackson said. Denver's defense also had something to do with Jordan's subpar showing.

"Every time Jordan tried to score in the second half, he had nowhere to go," Nuggets coach Doug Moe said. "Every time he made a move, Bill Harshbarger was with him. When you play defense like that you're going to get a lot of easy shots."

Alex English scored 24 points, Pat Lever had 18 and Walker Davis 17 for Denver. Horace Grant scored 16 and Craig Hodges had 15 for the Bulls.

Pacers 105, Spurs 100: Chuck Person scored 32 points in Indiana stopped San Antonio's 20-game home winning streak.

Reggie Miller had 28 points as the Pacers beat San Antonio for the eighth straight time. Indiana led throughout the second half and the Spurs got no closer than three points.

David Robinson scored 21 points for the Spurs, who came within the league's best home record, 21-1.

Pistons 104, Bucks 101: Detroit, behind Isiah Thomas, won at Milwaukee for its ninth straight victory. Thomas scored 23 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter. His two foul shots with nine seconds left established the final margin.

Brad Lohaus led Milwaukee with a season-high 21 points.

Magic 101, 76ers 99: Reggie Theus scored Orlando's

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last eight points and his 18-foot jump shot with one second left lifted the Magic over visiting Philadelphia. Theus missed 10 of his first 12 shots, then scored 13 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter.

Johnny Dawkins of the 76ers tied the game at 99 with 22 seconds to go, setting up Theus' winning shot. Philadelphia lost for the second straight night after a 12-game winning streak, the longest in the NBA this season.

Hawks 110, Rockets 108: Moses Malone sank a 16-foot jump shot with two seconds left and Atlanta ended a six-game losing streak, its longest since the 1983-84 season.

Malone finished with 21 points, including five in the final two minutes, and had 14 rebounds. Dominique Wilkins led the Hawks with 29 points.

Otis Thorpe scored 31 points for visiting Houston. Akeem Olatunji had 27 points and 15 rebounds, and Buck Johnson had 18 points.

Clippers 105, Bulls 103: David Rivers made a three-point play with two seconds left and the Clippers beat Washington for the first time since moving from San Diego to Los Angeles.

The Clippers, who had lost nine straight games to the Bulls, won at the Capital Centre for the first time since Dec. 29, 1979. The Clippers' last victory over Washington came on Dec. 15, 1984.

Benoni Benjamin scored 24 points, Charles Smith 23 and Ken Norman 21 for the Clippers. Bernard King scored 37 for the Bulls, who played without Jeff Malone, whose contact lenses irritated his eyes.

Knicks 122, Warriors 118: Patrick Ewing scored 22 points, blocked five shots and helped New York hold off visiting Golden State.

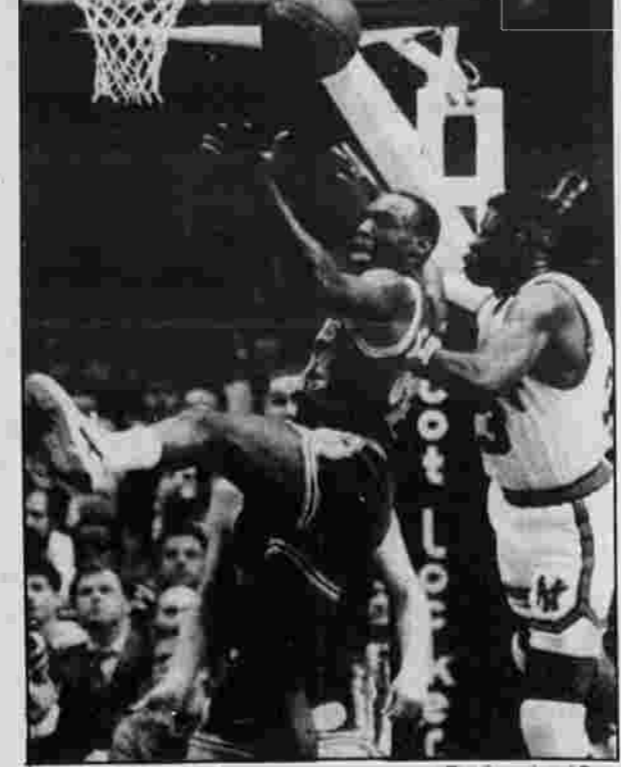
The Knicks led by 20 points in the third quarter, but needed Ewing's two dunks and two foul shots in the final two minutes to win.

Charles Oakley had 17 points and Trent Tucker 14 for New York. Mitch Richmond led the Warriors with 18 points.

Cavaliers 106, Heat 82: Mark Price scored 18 points and Craig Ehlo had 17 as Cleveland pulled away in the second half.

Leading 57-53, the Cavaliers used a 12-2 run to take command. Ehlo finished with nine rebounds and nine assists.

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LOOSE BALL — Golden State's Mitch Richmond, left, and Patrick Ewing of the Knicks battle for control of a loose ball in the first period of their NBA game Thursday afternoon at Madison Square Garden. The Knicks won, 122-118.

Malone said he would not play in Sunday's All-Star Game because of a sprained ankle.

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Defense keys Kansas State upset of No. 1 Missouri

By Bob Greene

Defense was the key. The Kansas State defense made Missouri coach Norm Stewart almost cry as the Wildcats handed the No. 1-ranked Tigers a 65-58 defeat.

And defense carried seven-year over No. 4 Duke 72-69, ending a nearly seven-year streak of frustration for the Cavaliers against the Blue Devils.

"It's a hard thing not to cry," Stewart said. "We didn't play well, but, good golly, Kansas State played their hearts out. Give them credit."

Kansas State held Missouri 32 points below its season average and snuffed the Tigers' 12-game winning streak, the longest in the nation. It was Missouri's lowest point total since January 1986.

Duke saw its six-game winning streak end. "Virginia played a terrific basketball game. Their defense was outstanding," said Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, whose Blue Devils shot 34.8 percent from the floor. "They took away our inside game and put a lot of pressure on our outside shooting. For a while, that's all we did — shoot from the outside."

Kansas St. 65, No. 1 Missouri 58: Missouri (21-2, 7-1 Big Eight) led by eight points in the second half when Sean Derouillere and Steve Henson triggered a Kansas State 18-2 run.

Henson, 0-for-6 from the floor in the first half, scored six points in the winning spurt, including a 3-pointer that put the Wildcats (13-12, 3-4) on top 50-49 with 5:35 remaining. Derouillere had eight points in the run.

"In the second half, our defense picked up and we got a good run at the right time," Kansas State coach Lon Kruger said.

The Tigers shot a season-low 29 percent and, in one stretch of almost nine minutes, made only one basket, a 3-point shot by Doug Smith.

Derouillere led K-State with 24 points, while Henson scored all his 18 points in the second half.

Anthony Peeler led Missouri with 18 points.

Virginia 72, No. 4 Duke 69: Bryant Stith had 23 points and 15 rebounds to lead Virginia (14-6, 3-5), which had lost 16 consecutive games to the Blue Devils, dating back to the 1983 Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

Duke (18-4, 7-2) trailed 33-27 after a first half in which it shot 30 percent from the floor, had nine tur-

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South Carolina into 26 turnovers, resulting in 37 points.

No. 19 UCLA 80, Arizona St. 72: At Tempe, visiting UCLA was paced by Don MacLean's 23 points, while Derrick Martin and Tracy Murray had 17 apiece. The Bruins (16-4, 9-2 Pac-10) had to survive several second-half scares to beat Arizona State (12-9, 5-7), which had its three-game winning streak snapped.

Isaac Austin paced Arizona State with 20 points, 14 coming in the second half.

No. 21 Xavier, Ohio 83, Marquette 78: At Cincinnati, Jamal Walker scored 14 of his 22 points in the final five minutes to rally Xavier of Ohio (19-2, 8-1 Midwestern Collegiate Conference) from a four-point deficit. Walker's 3-pointer tied the game at 72 with three minutes left and started a 14-6 run during which Marquette (11-8, 5-3) was 2-for-8 from the floor.

Walker also had a three-point play in the closing flurry and hit six free throws in the final 77 seconds. Tyrone Hill led Xavier with 26.

Tony Smith had 31 points for Marquette, but fouled out with 38 seconds remaining.

No. 22 Arizona 95, Southern Cal 70: At Tucson, Arizona (15-4, 9-3 Pac-10) got 19 points from Jud Buechler and 18 from Brian Williams while shutting down Southern Cal's leading scorer, Harold Miner. Southern Cal (7-11, 2-9) scored the first five points, then never could get back into the game.

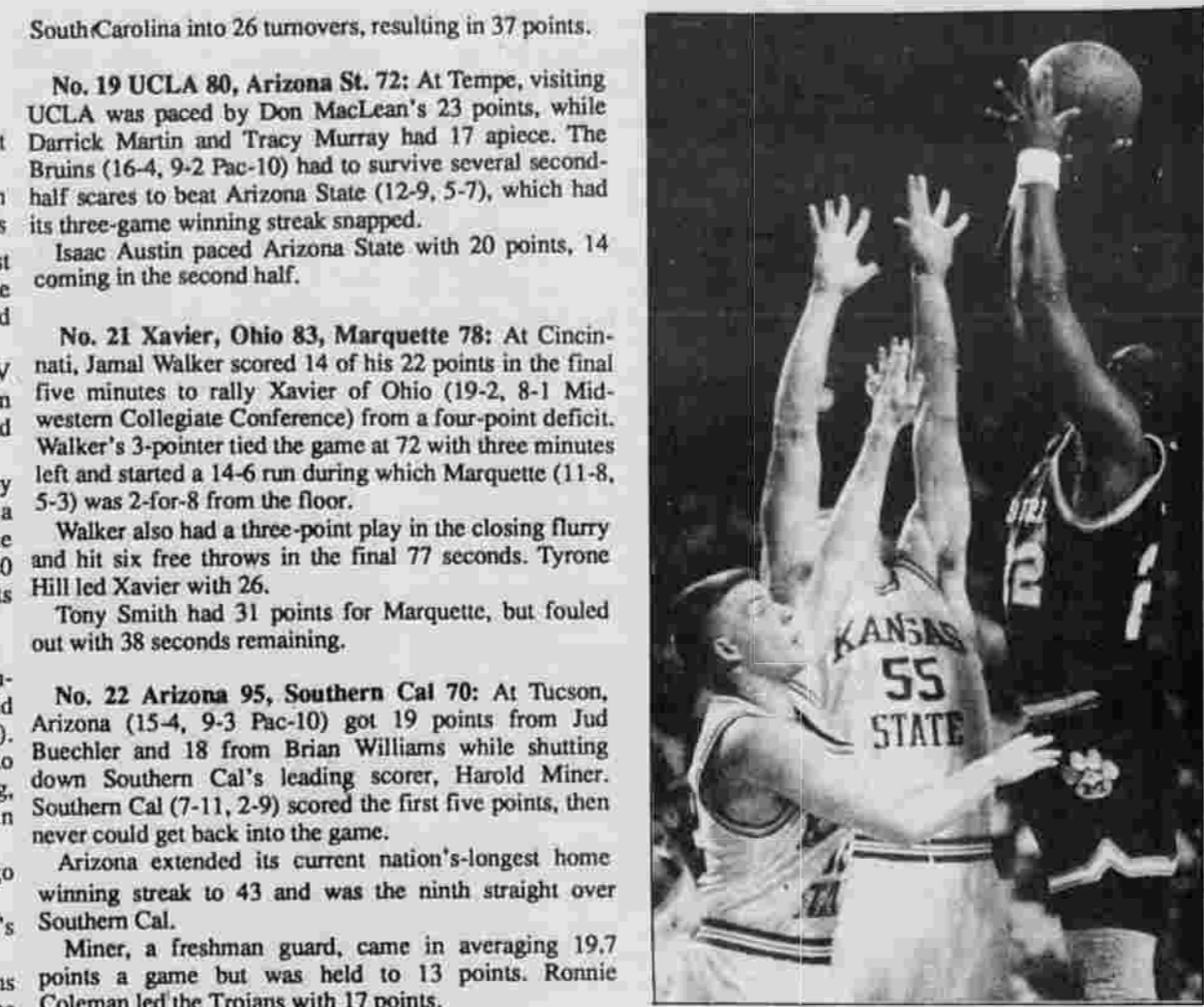
Arizona extended its current nation's longest home winning streak to 43 and was the ninth straight over Southern Cal.

Miner, a freshman guard, came in averaging 19.7 points a game but was held to 13 points. Ronnie Coleman led the Trojans with 17 points.

No. 23 Michigan St. 60, Wisconsin 57: In East Lansing, Michigan State (18-5, 7-3 Big Ten) held off Wisconsin (11-12, 2-9) behind a key basket by a key player with 18 seconds to go. Wisconsin (11-12, 2-9) had two chances to tie in the final five seconds, but 3-point shots by Brian Good and Larry Hulse both bounced off the rim.

The victory was the 232nd for Jud Heathcote at Michigan State, tying him with Ben VanAlstyne for the most coaching wins at the school.

Danny Jones paced Wisconsin with 19 points.



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AGAINST THE WALL — Missouri's Nathan Buntin, right, shoots over Kansas State's Steve Henson (12) and John Rietiger (55) during their Big Eight clash Thursday night in Manhattan, Kansas. Kansas State upset No. 1 Missouri, 65-58.

Celtics facing make or break part of schedule

By Howard Ullman

BOSTON — The inconsistent Boston Celtics have plenty of time to prepare for their most critical stretch of the season. It may not be enough.

Their last game before Sunday's NBA All-Star game was Wednesday. They don't play again until Tuesday night at Houston, which is just below the 500 mark.

"Then things get worse as the grueling eight-game road trip that finally ends Feb. 25 takes them to San Antonio, Portland and the Los Angeles Lakers, three of the

NBA's best teams.

"We haven't picked our game up to the level that we've got to have it at night in and night out," forward Kevin McHale said. "There's a lot of questions. We haven't answered one of them yet."

The trip that winds up with games at Phoenix, Utah, Golden State and Denver could return the team to the great Celtics of the league's elite or drop them back into the pack.

"We've got to play a lot better than we have been," forward Larry Bird said. "Hopefully, it'll make our season."

Or break it. The Celtics, who had their highest

scoring game in 19 years in beating NBA double team Charlotte 146-125 Wednesday night, are 29-18 and in third place in the Atlantic Division. That's not bad for a club that has been trying to fit the pieces around Bird, who missed all but six games last season with heel problems.

But it wasn't good enough for Coach Jimmy Rodgers, who had seen his inconsistent team lose by 11 points in Minnesota last Friday, beat Sacramento by 32 on Sunday and fall to Milwaukee by 13 Tuesday night when they went cold from the field in the fourth quarter.

"I've been shooting them in practice for a long time," he said. "I have confidence in them during the game."

The same applies to the free throws of his teammates on the Eastern Conference all-star team. Bird's streak of 68 successful foul shots is second in NBA history to Calvin Murphy's 78 in 1980-81.

USC coach calls NFL draft a 'big mess'

By Wondy E. Lane

LOS ANGELES — Southern Cal coach Larry Smith calls the growing exodus of college players leaving school early for the NFL draft "a big mess," and blasted the NFL and NCAA for failing to address the situation.

Smith lashed out at the two organizations Thursday during a press conference in which USC linebacker Junior Seau, a second-team All-American, announced he would forgo his senior year to enter the draft.

"To me, the whole thing is a big mess," Smith said. "I hope and pray that everything works out for Junior Seau. I am really saddened by the whole thing."

"I think there's some real sorry things happening and one of the sorriest things is that the NFL has put its head in the sand about the whole deal."

The NFL officially denies players with college eligibility remaining to enter the draft.

But last year it allowed Oklahoma State's Barry Sanders, the 1988 Heisman Trophy winner, to be drafted because his school was going on probation.

Nine players have declared themselves available for the draft this spring, but the NFL must grant approval for each of them to participate.

Smith said the NFL has failed to take a strong stand on the issue.

"The NFL sticks its head in the sand and says, 'We don't want juniors to come out, we don't want seniors with eligibility,' but what do they do about it?" Smith said.

He also called for the NCAA to make rules to prevent the loss of college players to the pro ranks.

"I think there's got to be some drastic changes made in the NCAA," he said. "I think the coaches have to address the problems that are causing this. I feel the NFL has to make some kind of a stand because so far, college football and the NFL, we've had a great relationship."

Smith said he would approve of a system that allows underclassmen to enter the draft but return to school if they didn't like where they were drafted, provided they didn't sign with an agent.

NCAA grants two immunity

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — The NCAA has reportedly granted limited immunity to two former Missouri recruits for their testimony against the Tigers' basketball team for alleged rules violations.

Reports in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and the Columbia (Mo.) Tribune say P.J. Mays, who attended Missouri briefly in 1982, and Daniel Lyton, who attended Missouri briefly last summer, agreed to testify under condition of limited immunity.

Neither the NCAA nor the university would comment on the investigation.

Lyton announced last summer that he would not attend Missouri because he was afraid the school would be placed on probation by the NCAA. He later enrolled for about a month before withdrawing.

Lyton confirmed in a telephone interview with the Columbia Tribune on Thursday that he had been granted limited immunity by the NCAA. "Yeah, they suggested it," he said.

"If Missouri goes on probation, I'm free to go to whatever school immediately and I won't have to sit out," he said.

Lyton told the Columbia newspaper that he told the NCAA that Vic Adams, an alleged Detroit talent scout, had picked up his letter of intent and delivered it to Missouri in violation of NCAA rules.

Advertisement for Lipman Volkswagen featuring a 'President's Birthday Celebration' with 'Overstocked' cars. Lists models like 1990 VW Fox, Jetta GL, and Passat GL with prices.

Advertisement for George & Abe's 'Big Birthday Buys' featuring a 'Free Gift' with purchase and listing various cars like 1988 Honda Prelude, Accord LX, Civic WGN, and others.

Advertisement for Manchester Honda at 24 Adams St., Manchester, CT 06040, with phone number 646-3515.

Large advertisement for Wile Motors featuring 'President's Day Sales Start Early At Wile!' and '1000 UNDER INVOICE'. Lists cars like 89 Pontiac Grand Prix, Olds Cutlass Supreme, Buick Regal, and Cadillac Brougham with prices.

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Penguins' Lemieux maintains torrid scoring pace

By Ken Roggeport
The Associated Press

It seems everything Mario Lemieux touches these days turns to goals.

"Right now, he's just playing well every game," Pittsburgh's Tony Tanti said after the hot-handed Lemieux scored five points with a goal and four assists Thursday night in the Penguins' 7-5 victory over the Washington Capitals.

Lemieux's second straight five-point game extended his consecutive-game scoring streak to 44, seven shy of Wayne Gretzky's record.

During the streak, Lemieux has 38 goals and 63 assists for 101 points. Overall, he leads the NHL with 119 points. But even more important to the Penguins' All-Star center was the victory Thursday night, especially after an 8-7 loss to the New York Islanders Tuesday night.

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Bonus money key for elite tracksters

By Bert Rosenthal
The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Bonus money will be a big incentive in the Meadowlands Invitational track and field meet tonight for Roger Kingdom and Jackie Joyner-Kersey, the major objective will be to restore pride.

A total of \$250,000 in bonus prizes — \$100,000 each for the men's and women's miles, \$50,000 for the men's 600-yard race — is available for the athlete able to break a world record in those events.

Kingdom and Joyner-Kersey, two of the world's premier athletes, will not be competing for money. They will, however, be trying to win for the first time this season. Each has raced since last August with no success.

Kingdom, ranked No. 1 in the world in the 110-meter high hurdles, the world record-holder and two-time Olympic champion, failed to make the final in last Friday's Millrose Games at New York, then finished last on Sunday in the Mobil Invitational at Fairfax, Va.

Joyner-Kersey, the 1988 Olympic gold medalist in the women's long jump and heptathlon and the world record-holder in the heptathlon, finished second in the meets last weekend.

Tough, Kingdom will go in the men's 55-meter hurdles against a star-studded field that includes Greg Foster, Renaldo Nehemiah, Arthur Blake, Jack Pierce and Tony Doss. Joyner-Kersey is running in the women's 55-meter hurdles, against two-time conqueror LaVonna Martin, Kim McKenzie, Candy Young, Rosalind Council and Jackie Humphrey.

The key to winning Friday night will be getting out of the blocks, Kingdom said. "I don't need another fiasco like the Millrose Games."

USOC expected to vote itself out of existence

By Wendy E. Lane
The Associated Press

In its first important meeting leading up to the 1992 Olympic Games, the U.S. Olympic Committee's main rule-making body was expected to vote itself out of existence in decisions beginning today in Phoenix.

The change, one of a list of proposed amendments in the USOC's constitution, is expected to be approved Saturday. Also on the agenda is implementation of a cooperative drug-testing policy with the Soviet Union and the USOC's first union package.

The USOC will vote on major changes in how it is organized and run, including restructuring of the USOC's House of Delegates, made up of more than 400 members. The restructuring would cut the body's size to less than 100.

The changes were recommended by a committee led by USOC vice president and New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, formed to study the functions of the USOC and recommend changes.

The House of Delegates now consists of representatives from every Olympic sports organization from archery to yachting, from sports such as curling that are not yet part of the Olympics, from state Olympic

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With the Penguins up 6-5, Lemieux skated at full speed to the left of the goal crease and somehow flipped a strong backhanded pass to Mark Recchi, who stuffed in the shot for his 19th goal of the season at 11:13.

Blackhawks 8, Red Wings 6: Dirk Graham scored three goals and Steve Thomas added two as Chicago outscored Detroit and snapped a two-game losing streak.

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Islanders 5, Flyers 5: The Islanders scored twice in the last five minutes, including Doug Crossman's tying goal with 1:17 left in regulation.

With the Islanders trailing 5-3, Hubie McDonough hit a shot from the right corner that deflected off goaltender Ken Wregget into the net with 4:28 left in regulation. Three minutes later, Crossman picked up a loose puck in front of the net and lifted it over Wregget's glove for the tie.

In overtime, Glenn Healy turned back seven shots for the Islanders, ending the game with 34 saves.

Wregget, who made 27 saves, took full responsibility for the Islanders' rally.

"I have no excuses on the last two goals," he said. "I thought the guys worked hard in front of me."

Jets 5, Kings 1: Doug Small scored two goals and added one assist and Teppo Numminen assisted on the first four goals as Winnipeg beat Los Angeles.

The Kings, who were coming off two straight wins over defending Stanley Cup champion Calgary, lost a chance to pull within one point of the third-place Jets. Winnipeg solidified its hold on third with 59 points to the Kings' 54 points.

It was nice to get a few goals for the guys," said Graham, who added an assist to raise his career point total to 300. "This season hasn't gone as well offensively as I'd like. But at least we're winning."

In that meet, Kingdom was out slowly at the start of his heat and finished third.

Meanwhile, Britain's Peter Elliott thinks he can put together a solid all-around race and break the world indoor record of 3 minutes, 49.78 seconds in the men's mile and collect the \$100,000 bonus.

Elliott, a boyhood fan of his condition, as proven by his strong 3:33.39 1,500-meter victory in the Commonwealth Games last Saturday at Auckland, New Zealand.

"The people putting up the money probably didn't base on anything coming from the Commonwealth Games and being in that good shape," he said.

"I don't want to be definitely going to do it... (but) I feel I can do it... I'm in the best shape of my life."

Elliott will have the benefit of a fast track, a pacemaker in Ray Brown and a strong field including Marcus O'Sullivan of Ireland and Sydney Maree. Eamonn Coghlan set the record at the Meadowlands Arena in 1983, and four of the five fastest indoor mile times have been run on the 10-laps-per-mile track.

In the men's 600, the top three contenders to break Martin McGrady's world record of 1:07.6, set in 1970, are Butch Reynolds, the outdoor world record-holder at 400 meters; Danny Harris, the 1984 Olympic 400-meter hurdles silver medalist; and Antonio McKay, 1986 Olympic bronze medalist in the 400 meters.

The other top men's events include the 3,000 meters, with Coghlan, Doug Padilla, Steve Scott and Brian Abshire; the 55-meter dash, with Raymond Stewart of Jamaica and Leroy Burrell; and the 100-meter with Hollis Conway and Romanian Soren Matig; the pole vault, with Kory Tarpenning and Joe Dilan; and the Masters Mile, with Kenyans Kip Keino and Mike Bolt.

organizations and from sports organizations for the disabled.

The members will vote on whether to dissolve the House of Delegates in favor of forming a 97-member board of directors in order to streamline the organization and cut costs.

Each Olympic sport organization would have a vote on the new board, but votes of state Olympic organizations, disabled sports organizations and other USOC members would be sharply diminished.

As part of a worldwide movement to crack down on performance-enhancing drugs, masking agents and diuretics, USOC members also will vote on a proposed cooperative drug-testing system involving nine other nations.

A new drug-testing program is scheduled to start this spring that the first time would test selected athletes outside of competition with 48 hours notice. The USOC and Soviet Union will send scientists to each other's country to oversee the testing.

The U.S.-Soviet program will be the basis for a proposed program that eventually will involve Britain, Olympic sports organization from archery to yachting, from sports such as curling that are not yet part of the Olympics, from state Olympic



CLOTHESLINED — Philadelphia Flyers' Ron Sutter, left, is restrained by Gary Nylund of the New York Islanders during their game Thursday night in Philadelphia. The Flyers and Islanders skated to a 5-5 tie.

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Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Cat spraying taken personally

DEAR ABBY: I am a cat lover, presently sharing my home with six cats. I live on a small farm, so most of the time the cats are outside. Unfortunately, I married a man who dislikes cats, but he tolerates them for my sake — and he even started to show a little affection to one cat in particular.

Well, that one cat sprayed him, and my husband was furious! I tried to explain that cats spray to mark their territory or to claim ownership, and it was the cat's way of showing affection. My husband didn't buy it. He insists it was a hostile gesture on the part of the cat, now he will not let the cat in the house.

The cat is heartbroken, and so am I. Besides that, we went to the zoo in Deland, Fla., and when my husband walked up to the ocelot cage, one of the cats sprayed him! And the same thing happened when he came near the black panther's cage!

Please ask your animal experts if a cat sprays someone to show affection, or is spraying a hostile gesture.

IN THE CAT HOUSE
IN FLORIDA
DEAR ABBY: I consulted Dr. Erwin David, Los Angeles cat owner, cat lover and veterinarian, who assured me that the cat was showing neither affection nor hostility when he sprayed my husband. (And the repeat performance at the zoo were a sad coincidence.)

Dr. David then referred me to a higher authority, Dr. Richard Polsky, animal behavior specialist. Dr. Polsky does for animals what psychiatrists do for people.

Dr. Polsky confirmed Dr. David's conclusions, then took me to ask for doing what most people do — applying human behavior to animals. I made the mistake of asking Dr. Polsky how a person could read a cat's mind. His answer: "Years of study, research and testing." Then he added, "If the cat is a male and has not been neutered, neutering will minimize his spraying. Also, there is a hormone pill that will discourage the problem. Finally, if a cat sprays a person, it means the cat is having problems with other cats, not the person."

DEAR ABBY: I've had it with all these "cute" toddlers in restaurants. My family and I like to enjoy dinner out at least once or twice a week. We like to treat ourselves to something a little more relaxing than a fast-food restaurant, but we can't afford the deluxe, high-priced eateries either.

We patronize restaurants that offer wholesome food at a reasonable price, and invariably just after our order has been taken, another family with two or three children under 5 is seated next to us.

Abby, these children yell, scream, wail and make so much noise that it's difficult for us to carry on a conversation in a normal tone of voice.

If some churches have "cray rooms" or "nurseries," I suggest that restaurants now offer their customers the option of a "with children" or "without children" section.

Perhaps your readers have some opinions on this issue of noisy children in restaurants and how to handle it.

INDIGNATION IN ANAHEIM
DEAR ABBY: Plan One: Ask the waitress, waitress or manager to move you to another table if one is available. Plan Two: At the risk of starting World War III, politely ask one of the parents to please silence the child or children. If that doesn't work, enlist the help of the management. Plan Three: "Make friends" with the noisy offenders, tell them you have a headache, and ask them to please keep the noise down. Plan Four (the one most frequently used): Grin and bear it.

DEAR ABBY: I am a widow. After 46 years of marriage, I lost my precious husband.

Now, on the issue of what I prefer to be called, I couldn't care less. I don't care what people call me — just so they call me, come to see me and include me. I have never known such loneliness in my entire life. So, call me what you will, but please call me.

MRS. J.C. HILL

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

Syndrome has no symptoms

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband has been diagnosed with Gilbert's syndrome. The only symptom he experiences is a tremor, which is more severe on his right side. Can you provide any information?

DEAR READER: When worn-out red blood cells are normally recycled in the body, they are destroyed and the chemicals within them are reused. The red pigment (hemoglobin) in these cells is such a chemical. When it is released from senescent red corpuscles, it circulates in the bloodstream as a pigment called bilirubin. Usually, it is quickly absorbed by the bone marrow, which uses it to make new red blood cells.

Patients with Gilbert's syndrome have excess quantities of circulating bilirubin. This is probably due to a deficiency of certain enzymes. The condition is completely harmless and is not associated with any disease, health hazard or shortened life span.

Because bilirubin is in the bloodstream a yellow pigment, it may cause salowness or mild jaundice, which can be confused with other, more serious disorders, such as hepatitis. Thus, the main problem experienced by patients with Gilbert's syndrome is that they are sometimes mistakenly identified as having liver problems. Fortunately, this perception is incorrect; their livers are quite healthy.

Therefore, Gilbert's syndrome — which may affect as much as 5 percent of the general population — is a non-disease, causing no symptoms or health consequences.

Tremor is not a symptom of Gilbert's syndrome. I suggest you question your doctor about your husband's shaking. Further medical testing, including a consultation with a neurologist, may be in order.

PEOPLE

Nashville's fast track not for folk-country singer

DALLAS (AP) — Folk-country singer Robert Earl Keen Jr., who loves tales of Texas in his songs, said Nashville's fast track wasn't for him.

"There was no place to play," said Keen, who moved to Music City in 1985 and stayed two years before returning to Texas.

"If you need to practice, there's a 100 percent chance that a lot of people are going to see you and they're going to form an opinion. When you see them in a business situation, they've already got this notion, no matter what you say."

Keen, 34, said it also was tough because while he struggled in Nashville, his buddies Steve Earle and Lyle Lovitt made it big.

"There were so many doors open for these people I know, and there were no doors open for me," Keen said.

Keen's latest album, "West Textures," is getting good reviews around the country.

Idol recovers from crash

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rock star Billy Idol won't be feeling too lonely in his recovery from a motorcycle crash. His fans have seen to that.

"The ideal wave of mail has started," said Ron Wise, spokesman for Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. "His room is starting to look like a flower shop."

Idol's condition was upgraded from serious to fair Thursday after seven months in the hospital. He fractured his right leg and a broken right forearm. He allegedly ran a stop sign Tuesday and sidestepped a car, police said.

Idol, 34, will probably stay at the hospital for two weeks, Wise said.

It was unclear whether he'll be able to go ahead as scheduled with his 1984 album "Rebel Yell."

Idol, known for his snar and spiked blond hair, reached stardom with his 1984 album "Rebel Yell."

Swimmers are golden
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — For Olympic swimmer Tracy Caulkins and Mark Stockwell, the 1984 Games wasn't all competition. It was also the start of a romance.

The two announced their engagement at Wednesday's opening of a pool named after Caulkins.

"At the Olympics, I actually had my eye on Tracy's roommate," confessed Stockwell, 26. "It wasn't until a recurring trip to the University of Florida that I realized she was a pretty neat lady."

Caulkins went to school at Florida.

Caulkins, 27, won three gold medals at the 1984 Games. Stockwell, who swam for the Australian team, won two silver medals and one bronze.

Caulkins has retired as a competitive swimmer and is now an aide to Mayor Bill Bower. Stockwell said he hopes to compete in the 1992 Olympics.

Cash has oral surgery
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Entertainer Johnny Cash, in pain from a dental operation, left midway through a taping of a television program and will undergo oral surgery, a spokesman said.

Cash left the Grand Ole Opry House on Wednesday night three hours into the 492-hour show being taped for cable television in The Nashville Network.

Spokesman Hugh Waddell said Cash, 57, went to Baptist Hospital where doctors determined he needed further treatment. The surgery was scheduled for today.

"He said the pain was just terrible," Waddell said Thursday.

The taping was finished without Cash, known for his records "A Boy Named Sue" and "I Walk the Line." The show, a tribute to veteran country music broadcaster Ralph Emery, will be broadcast March 8.

Mayor's son arrested

ATLANTA (AP) — Mayor H. Jackson III, the mayor's son, was arrested on traffic charges for the second time in a month.

Jackson, 19, was stopped in Atlanta on Wednesday



PAUL CLAYTON WORCESTER — Paul McCartney sings during the first of two concerts to be held in Worcester, Mass., Thursday night.

and charged with driving without a license and improper lane changes. Police spokeswoman Sandra Bloom said Jackson was charged and released, a Feb. 21 court date was set.

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Mum's the word onstage
DALLAS (AP) — William Reid, founder of the band The Jesus and Mary Chain, said mum's the word onstage — unless he's singing.

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"I was abusing them. I was insulting them," he said. "... The next day I was embarrassed. I regretted it."

The Scottish band, scheduled to appear in Dallas today, is touring after its latest release, "Automatic."

'Batman' helps firemen
CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) — The first half of the Legislative session ended with a bang. Paul as a man in a Batman suit paraded down the corridor between the two chambers and 200 uniformed firefighters, lawmakers were greeted by celebrants of Volunteer Firefighter Day, sign-holders trying to keep A. Wallace's "global thinking" as "globalobation."

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Sylvia Porter

Being a worker for a college pays

Concerned with rising college tuition costs, some parents have found a novel, workable solution: Go to work for the college and obtain free tuition for themselves and family members.

Short of the most generous financial-aid programs, this "earn-while-you-learn" approach, called "tuition remission," may be the best way to tame the skyrocketing costs of higher education. Among its advantages, there's no loan to be repaid after graduation.

In 1991, Congress will weigh the future of all federal student-aid programs, currently the largest source of college assistance. With such uncertainties ahead, it is prudent to look at all the options available.

The changing nature of the campus population encourages non-traditional financing of college education. About half of all students today are enrolled part-time. The pattern of entering college immediately after high school is no longer the norm. Older men and women are becoming students because they need more education for career changes, job advancement, or (in the case of many mothers) re-entry into the workforce. The majority of students on campus will be older than 35 by the end of the decade.

Tuition remission makes good dollar sense considering that the annual cost of a college education at a private university now averages \$15,400. The average family income needed to fund it is \$54,804, the American College Testing Program reports. At a public college, it takes a family income of \$50,584.

Indicative of the level of tuition students encounter, New York's Polytechnic University costs \$12,000 a year. The university says it's worth it; the rewards are high. The average starting salary of Polytechnic's 1988 graduating class was more than \$30,000.

Schools need many employees who are not faculty members, and Ellen Hartigan, dean of admissions at the university says non-taxable tuition remission is often the inducement that enables the university to hire the people it needs.

Polytechnic's manager of data processing, Tony Montem, was a scholarship student when he decided to work full-time at the university and become a part-time student. Now he has his degree in computer science and is using tuition remission to study toward his master's degree. In fact, says Montem, all six employees reporting to him are taking courses under the program.

"I've seen young secretaries who had no plan to go to college get over the fear of taking the first course because it was free, and end up earning a degree," says Hartigan.

Today in History
Today is Friday, Feb. 9, the 40th day of 1990. There are 325 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Feb. 9, 1861, the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States of America, meeting in Montgomery, Ala., elected Jefferson Davis to be president and Alexander H. Stephens to be vice president. (The inauguration took place on Feb. 18.)

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