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Your hopes and what you aspire to in the year ahead will have excellent chances of being achieved. Because you will be more pragmatic than usual in taking measures to make your dreams realities.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your image is a trifle fragile today, so be mindful of your behavior in public. Try not to do anything that could provide fodder for your detractors.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Lead by example today if you hope to get a message across to your family or children today. If your attitude is "do as I say, not as I do," the results will disappoint you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Unless your associates are certain you know what you're talking about, they won't put much credence in what you have to say today. In order to sway your audience, you must be factual.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Even though you're in a reasonably good financial trend, things could get a bit rocky from time to time. It looks like this might be one of those days.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Usually you're a rather decisive person, but today you could make those you're involved with nervous and impatient because of your inability to make up your mind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Under most conditions you're not adverse to helping others, but today you might lack the usual compassion and miss an opportunity to assist someone who truly needs your aid.

Bridge

Too quick on the trigger

By James Jacoby

In sports, reflexes are quite important. But in bridge you should think twice before letting your reflexes rule your play. Look at the disaster created by West when he thought only once.

West led the queen of hearts. South won the ace and led the jack of diamonds. West automatically covered the jack, but declarer wistfully allowed West to hold the trick. West continued hearts, but now South could take the marked tenace against West's 10 of diamonds and make his contract with an overtrick without even taking the club finesse. And what would have happened if West did not cover the jack of diamonds? Declarer would of course have played low from dummy, and East would have shown out. So declarer

er could take two more diamond tricks, but then he would surely try the club finesse. West would win and continue hearts. Eventually declarer would fall short by one trick. It was wrong for West to cover, because he could anticipate that declarer would probably play low from dummy if he had another small diamond in his hand and would then see his way clear to subsequently run diamonds.

South had gambled that his partner would lead a diamond suit headed by the ace and that declarer would be a partner who was a partnership agreement, that would be fine. But the East-West opponents would be entitled to know about it.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" written with his father, the late Donald Jacobs are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Phyllis Books. Write to WWW.ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY.

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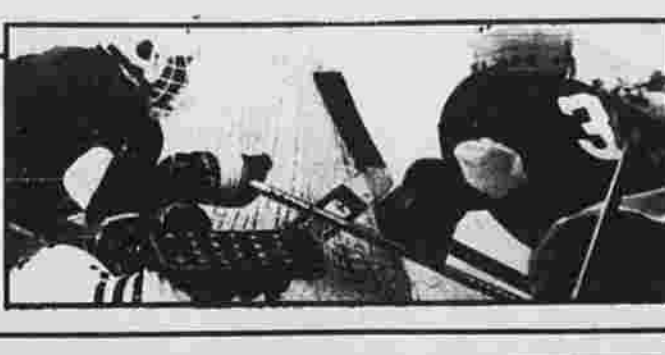
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Afghan defense minister reportedly fails in coup attempt

By Kathy Gannon The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The Afghan defense minister attempted to overthrow the Kremlin-backed government in Kabul today but failed, Kabul radio said. Pakistan-backed guerrillas and Western diplomats said they had reports of widespread fighting in Kabul. In Moscow, official Soviet sources said the palace of President Najib was bombed by unidentified planes, and that there was fighting around the Defense Ministry.

Official Kabul radio, monitored in Islamabad, said Defense Minister Shah Nawaz Tanai led the attempted coup. Although the attempt was crushed, the radio said, Tanai escaped and security forces were searching for him and his backers.

The radio appealed to Afghans to join the military and help capture Tanai "dead or alive."

Najib has been president of Afghanistan since 1986. He has made various offers to

the guerrillas, known as mujahedeen or Islamic holy warriors, to try to end the civil war that started when his Marxist party seized power in a 1978 coup.

Tanai is considered a party hardliner who opposes the peace overtures. He was implicated in a December coup attempt but never charged.

Guerrilla sources based in Pakistan said they had reports from their commanders of widespread fighting in Kabul.

"If Kabul radio says it (the coup) has been crushed, it doesn't mean it has," said a source from one of the seven guerrilla groups based here.

Tanai, one of the leaders of the revolution that installed the Soviet-backed government, has reportedly had contacts recently with the Muslim guerrillas.

Guerrillas in the Pakistan frontier city of Peshawar indicated they would give the general sanctuary. "Probably," said one guerrilla source when asked if the rebels would help Tanai evade Afghan troops.

The Soviet news agency Tass, quoting eyewitnesses, said "unidentified planes bombed the presidential palace," and that anti-aircraft guns returned fire. Shooting also was heard in the vicinity of the airport and near the Defense Ministry, Tass said.

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady I. Gerasimov told reporters earlier in a news briefing that a coup attempt possibly was under way.

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Factory orders suffer big drop

By John D. McClain The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Orders to U.S. factories for manufactured goods fell 5.4 percent in January, the largest one-month decline in 16 years, the government said today.

The Commerce Department said orders for both durable and non-durable goods totaled a seasonally adjusted \$227.7 billion following gains of 0.4 percent in December and 2.4 percent in November.

It was the steepest decline since a 7 percent drop in December 1974. In addition, the December gain was revised downward to 0.4 percent from 1.9 percent reported last month.

Durable goods orders plunged a 10.5 percent in a seasonally adjusted \$117.8 billion. It was the biggest drop in 32 years of recordkeeping and broke the previous record drop

of 9.2 percent that was set in February 1982 during the last recession.

Orders for durable goods — big-ticket items expected to last more than three years — were held down for much of 1989 by the Federal Reserve's anti-inflation, high-interest policies because they often are financed by loans.

However, orders picked up late last fall, jumping 4.8 percent in November and 1.2 percent in December and prompting many analysts to conclude the economy's manufacturing sector was stabilizing.

But the optimism paled after last week's initial report on durable goods orders, with some expressing fears that further weakness in manufacturing could lead to more job layoffs, sagging consumer con-

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Wake-up call begins process to close schools

By Dianna M. Talbot Manchester Herald

Superintendent of Manchester Schools James P. Kennedy awoke at 4:45 a.m. today to answer the telephone, not knowing that in two hours he would decide to cancel school for the first time in two years.

At the other end of the line, an employee of Manchester Bus Company, which contracts with the town to provide transportation to about 6,500 children in town schools, solemnly informed the superintendent that at least an inch of snow lay on the ground, and it was still falling.

At that moment, Kennedy knew he would have to cancel his 6:45 tennis session at the Manchester Racquet Club, where he plays about three mornings per week before going to work.

"Oh well," he thought. His tennis partner would understand this type of sacrifice goes with the territory of being a school superintendent.

Still on the phone, Kennedy agreed to delay opening schools for one hour, so morning traffic could turn up some of the snow on the roads.

After hanging up with the bus company, Kennedy talked with weather forecasters, highway maintenance officials and participated in a conference call with superintendents of school systems in Hartford, East Hartford, Westfield and Plainville. "We agreed that delaying school was appropriate," he said.

But at 6:15 a.m. the superintendent received another call from the bus company.

"It's still slippery," the voice at the other end said. Water apparently was no freezing between the road surface and said which road crews

retired, enjoys walking and didn't let this morning's snowfall deter him from his daily walk.

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New report signals hope for hostages

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — A Tehran newspaper close to Iran's president said today that 1990 will be the last year of captivity for the hostages in Lebanon, and resumption of U.S.-Iranian ties is not a precondition for their release.

In a second editorial, the English-language Tehran Times said Syrian President Hafez Assad would visit Tehran soon, after an expected trip by his foreign minister, Farouk Al-Sharara. It also denied reports that a trip by the brother of President Hashemi Rafsanjani to the Syrian capital of Damascus last week was related to the hostage question.

Syria is the main power broker in Lebanon, with 40,000 troops there.

Both editorials in the government newspaper were excerpted by the official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia.

Recent statements from Iranian newspapers, saying the hostages should be released, along with optimistic assessments by Syrian and other officials, have fueled reports that a hostage release is imminent.

In Beirut today, the respected Arab daily Al-Naba' ruled out any release soon, but quoted unidentified Lebanese fundamentalist sources as saying Iran was prepared to tackle the hostage issue.

The sources were quoted as saying there had been no direct contacts between Iran and the United States, but both were scouting for what was described as a mechanism

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New loans offer benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many lenders will soon offer a new type of mortgage designed to appeal to home buyers who expect to move within seven years but want the security of a fixed-rate mortgage in case they don't.

The loans, called two-step mortgages, are a cross between an adjustable-rate loan, where the rate can change every one, three or five years, and a traditional 30-year mortgage, where the interest rate does not change for the life of the loan.

In the first step of the new mortgage, borrowers pay an interest rate up to three-eighths of a percentage point lower than on a 30-year, fixed-rate loan. After seven years, and a traditional 30-year mortgage, the rate is reset at 2.25 to 2.5 percentage points higher than the rate on 10-year Treasury notes.

On a typical mortgage of \$83,000, home buyers currently would save

\$23 a month, or \$1,932 over the first seven years. However, the rate for the remaining 23 years of the mortgage likely would be somewhat higher than on a new 30-year loan taken out at adjustment time.

For instance, if the rate on a 7-year-old, two-step loan were readjusted now, it would be 10.75 percent to 11 percent — one-half to three-quarters of a percentage point higher than fixed 30-year mortgages.

But in this case, unlike a refinancing, the borrower would pay no additional fees or charges at readjustment time.

The Federal National Mortgage Association, or Fannie Mae, said it would begin buying two-step mortgages from a handful of lenders today. It said it expected them to be widely available later in the spring.

"It's a mortgage designed for the 1990's," said Fannie Mae President Roger E. Birk. "In this mobile society, homeowners move and, therefore, repay their mortgages about every seven years."

Birk said two-step mortgages are aimed at military families, people transferred regularly by corporations

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Lead poisoning common in state

Newark among 38 cities or metropolitan areas with populations of at least 1 million, according to the study.

Virtually all of the poisoning is attributed by lead paint still found in older houses.

"We have built up an accumulation of lead from past uses that will not go away," said Ellen Silbergeld, a senior toxicologist for the environmental group. "Lead does not decay."

In Hartford, an estimated 23,660 children in the same age group, or 47 percent, have unacceptable lead levels, according to the defense fund's estimate. Hartford was ranked among 85 mid-sized cities and was above average, though not among the top 10 in terms of lead levels in children.

Only three cities on the mid-sized list ranked higher than Providence and New Haven which were both slightly above 50 percent. The Providence figures — 30,624 children — included estimates for neighboring Warwick and Pawtucket

The group used national figures on lead exposure provided by the Public Health Service and combined them with statistics on the age of houses to produce an estimate as to what cities are likely to have the worst problem with lead in children. Studies have shown a link between

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RECORD

About Town

Irish concert to be held

Ireland's Greatest Folk Group — the Pireys and Davey Arthur, with Ireland's leading comedian Shaun Connors — will be presented in concert Thursday at 8 p.m. at Manchester High School, 134 E. Middle Turnpike. Tickets are \$15 at the Travel Shoppe, Glastonbury, Call 659-3748 or P.J. Tierney at 643-2597.

Health checks available

Blood pressure checks, urine tests and health guidance will be available Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Coventry Town Hall thanks to Visiting Nurse and Community Health of Eastern Connecticut, Inc. For more information, call 423-1651.

Emblem club to meet

The Manchester Emblem Club will meet on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Elk Lodge, Bissell Street. An installation rehearsal will follow the meeting. Installation will be March 29 at the Elk's Lodge, with dinner at 7 p.m. and installation at 8 p.m. For reservations call Ann Carson 646-4399 (days) or Jeanne Wojcik 646-6672 (evenings).

Science fair to be held

Buckley School's grades K to 6 will exhibit science projects Wednesday at 7 p.m. during the school's science fair. Sponsored by the school parents teachers association, the fair is free and open to the public.

La Leche League to meet

"The Art of Breastfeeding and Overcoming Difficulties" is the topic of a Manchester Evening La Leche League meeting to be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at 23 Doral St. All women and babies are welcome. The League offers a 24-hour telephone counseling service and a lending library of books on breastfeeding, childbirth and parenting. For more information, call Kathy at 646-7277 or Barbara at 646-8171.

Horticulture to be discussed

"Day-Lilies" is the topic of a one-hour slide-lecture to be presented Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Arbors at Hop Brook retirement community, 403 W. Center St. Speaker will be Dobby Schmidt, garden consultant and a board director of the Connecticut Horticultural Society.

Taxes will be discussed

Financial consultant Susan Sibigo will deliver a speech entitled "Some Thoughts About Taxes" Thursday at 7 p.m. during an orientation meeting for prospective members of Parents Without Partners, East of the River Chapter No. 1296, to be held at the Coventry Grange Hall, Route 44, Coventry. A general membership meeting will follow. For more information call 649-1949 or 429-2819.

Awards to be presented

Good Citizen's Awards will be presented Thursday at 7:30 p.m. during a meeting of the Oxford Parish Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to be held at Church of Christ, 394 Lydall St. Mrs. Robert K. Foster, good citizen's state chairman, will speak.

Dreams will be discussed

"Dreams: Is there a message?" is the topic of a lecture to be given Wednesday at noon during a R.T.M.A. luncheon to be held in the Cheney Dining Room at Manchester Community College. Arlene Barlow, adjunct professor at the college, will speak.

Manchester Grange to meet

The Manchester Grange will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Grange Hall on Olcott Street for a program called "Pat and Mike." Members are requested to bring items for the auction table.

Fundraisers for trip planned

To raise funds for a trip to sing before the Pope in Rome, St. Bridget Choir will present a "Concert in Three Parts," featuring the Children of St. Bridget and a rock concert, on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the church auditorium, 80 Main St. Tickets, which will be available at the door, are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. For more information, call 646-0548 or 643-2040.

Retired teachers to meet

The Retired Teachers Association of Manchester will hold a noon luncheon Wednesday in the Cheney Dining Room at Manchester Community College.

Lottery

Here are Monday's lottery results from around New England:
Daily: 5-2-4, Play Four: 3-1-6-0.
Daily: 3-3-3-3.
NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine daily: 2-8-5 and 9-5-9-5.
RHODE ISLAND
Daily: 6-9-9-8.

Weather

REGIONAL Weather
Wednesday, March 7
Adequate moisture for daytime conditions and high temperatures

Weather summary for Monday:
Temperature: high of 35, low of 17, mean of 26.
Precipitation: Trace for the day, 0.62 inches for the month, 7.40 inches for the year.
Temperature extremes for today:
Highest on record 64, set in 1935.
Lowest on record, minus 4, set in 1948.



Tom Riggio/Manchester Herald

Obituaries

Mary C. Krusinski

Mary C. (Pysz) Krusinski, of Spencer Street, wife of the late Alexander W. Krusinski, died Monday (March 5, 1990) at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Suffield, and lived in Suffield 20 years before moving to Enfield, Hartford and then Manchester 14 years ago. She was employed at Bigelow-Stanford Co., Enfield, before retiring. She was a member of the Church of the Assumption, and the East Hartford Senior Citizens.

She is survived by a son, Donald C. Krusinski of South Windsor; a daughter, Alice Badk of the Jewett City section of Griswold; a brother, Eugene Pysz of Suffield; three sisters, Helen Drenzek of Suffield, Stephanie Mandry of Ludlow, Mass., and Mary Pysz of Suffield; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. at the Heritage Funeral Home, 1240 Mountain Road, West Suffield, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Church. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Suffield. Calling hours are today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Thomas P. Murphy

Thomas P. Murphy, 78, of Hebron, died Sunday (March 4, 1990) at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Vera Catherine (Rooney) Murphy.

He is also survived by three sons, Sean Murphy of Chesapeake, Va., Thomas Murphy of Lebanon, and Desmond Murphy of Bolton; three daughters, Eileen Greenwood of Bolton, Vera Marzocco of Manchester, and Monica Parker of Manchester; a brother, Frank Murphy; three sisters, Elizabeth O'Brien, Josephine Telford, and Catherine O'Brien; 15 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Public Meetings

Public meetings scheduled for tonight:
Manchester
Board of Directors, Lincoln Center hearing room, 7:30 p.m.
Bolton
Public Safety Subcommittee, Community Hall, 7 p.m.
Coventry
Housing Committee, Orchard Hills Estate, 7 p.m.
School Building Committee, Coventry High School, 7:30 p.m.
Andover
Board of Education, Andover Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Finance, Andover Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Police Roundup

Man charged with sexual assault

A 28-year-old Windsor man was arrested late Monday morning after the mother of a 14-year-old Manchester girl complained he spent the night with her in a hotel, police said.

Thomas A. Fisher was charged with second-degree sexual assault, risk of injury to a minor and providing liquor to a minor, police said. He was held on \$2,500 bond and slated to appear Monday in Manchester Superior Court, police said.

The girl apparently stayed out all Sunday night with Fisher of her own free will, said Gary Wood, Manchester police spokesman. Her mother contacted police when she came home the next day, he said.

Girl placed in foster care

A 6-year-old Manchester girl was placed in foster care Monday shortly after her mother and a woman they were living with were charged with fighting, police said.

The child suffered a blow to the head during a physical confrontation between her mother and the other woman, police said.

Arrested were: Maria P. Gonzales, 27, and Jayne Miller, 28, both of 52 Bissell St., police said. They each were charged with breach of peace, risk of injury to a minor, held on \$1,000 bonds and scheduled to appear today in Manchester Superior Court, police said.

The girl is the daughter of Miller and was placed in a foster home, police said.

Accident leads to arrest

A Newington man, who police said was drunk when he drove a truck into the front of a house at 587 Center St. last month, has been arrested on several charges related to the incident, police said.

James S. Kenway, 35, of Cambridge, Mass., formerly of Manchester, died Feb. 22, 1990 in a skiing accident in Killington, Vt.

He was born in New Haven, and lived most of his early life in the Hartford area, attending schools in Manchester and South Windsor. He was a member of South United Methodist Church, At South Windsor High School, he was co-captain of the high school band.

In 1973, he was awarded the Manchester Evening Herald award for best of show for an etching entitled "Trees," at an exhibition of the Manchester Art Association. He attended the University of Hartford Visual Arts School and graduated from Boston University, School of Visual Arts, in 1977.

He had his art work on display in Philadelphia and Chicago. He was represented by the Alton Gallery of Brookline, Mass., where he had an exhibit in 1989.

He is survived by his parents, Edward N. and Rita J. Kenway of Gots Island, Bass Harbor, Maine; two brothers, Lester C. Kenway of Bangor, Maine, and Geoffrey W. Kenway of Brunswick, Maine; a sister, Nancy Kenway Rigdon of Norwich; his fiancée, Lissa Dengler of Cambridge, Mass.; and three nieces and three nephews.

Services were held Thursday in Cambridge, Mass., in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be sent to The Wendell Gilley Museum, Southwest Harbor, Maine 04679.

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MANCHESTER/COVENTRY



SNOW HO HO! — Justin Lewis of 96 Foster St. enjoys a recent snow day at Center Park.

8th weighs \$300,000 in budget cuts

By Alex Grolli
Manchester Herald

A cut of about \$300,000 will have to be made in the proposed budget for the Eighth Utilities District if its mill rate is held at the current 7 mills, directors of the district concluded Monday night.

Luis A. Reis, 20, of Newington, was arrested March 2 for operating a motor vehicle without insurance, reckless driving, failure to drive right and driving while intoxicated, police said.

Reis, who was treated for a cervical strain at Manchester Memorial Hospital and discharged the same day, has been released on \$500 bond and is scheduled to appear Monday in Manchester Superior Court, police said.

Two Manchester residents recently were injured in separate motor vehicle accidents, according to police.

Susan L. Spafford, 22, of 210 Pine St., was treated for a head cut and neck sprain at Manchester Memorial Hospital and released, according to a hospital spokesman.

She was injured Feb. 22 at about 4 p.m. when a vehicle she was driving on Hartford Road struck a telephone pole, police said.

In a separate accident, Kimberlee Norton, 24, of 54 Colman Road, was treated for a fractured nose at Manchester Memorial Hospital and released, officials said.

She was injured on March 2 at 11:42 p.m. when the car she was driving on Tolland Turnpike went out of control and rolled over, police said.

Both accidents are believed to be due in part to slippery road conditions, police said.

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UConn chief job final

By Alex Grolli
Manchester Herald

A cut of about \$300,000 will have to be made in the proposed budget for the Eighth Utilities District if its mill rate is held at the current 7 mills, directors of the district concluded Monday night.

Luis A. Reis, 20, of Newington, was arrested March 2 for operating a motor vehicle without insurance, reckless driving, failure to drive right and driving while intoxicated, police said.

Reis, who was treated for a cervical strain at Manchester Memorial Hospital and discharged the same day, has been released on \$500 bond and is scheduled to appear Monday in Manchester Superior Court, police said.

The girl apparently stayed out all Sunday night with Fisher of her own free will, said Gary Wood, Manchester police spokesman. Her mother contacted police when she came home the next day, he said.

A 6-year-old Manchester girl was placed in foster care Monday shortly after her mother and a woman they were living with were charged with fighting, police said.

The child suffered a blow to the head during a physical confrontation between her mother and the other woman, police said.

Arrested were: Maria P. Gonzales, 27, and Jayne Miller, 28, both of 52 Bissell St., police said. They each were charged with breach of peace, risk of injury to a minor, held on \$1,000 bonds and scheduled to appear today in Manchester Superior Court, police said.

The girl is the daughter of Miller and was placed in a foster home, police said.

A Newington man, who police said was drunk when he drove a truck into the front of a house at 587 Center St. last month, has been arrested on several charges related to the incident, police said.

James S. Kenway, 35, of Cambridge, Mass., formerly of Manchester, died Feb. 22, 1990 in a skiing accident in Killington, Vt.

He was born in New Haven, and lived most of his early life in the Hartford area, attending schools in Manchester and South Windsor. He was a member of South United Methodist Church, At South Windsor High School, he was co-captain of the high school band.

In 1973, he was awarded the Manchester Evening Herald award for best of show for an etching entitled "Trees," at an exhibition of the Manchester Art Association. He attended the University of Hartford Visual Arts School and graduated from Boston University, School of Visual Arts, in 1977.

He had his art work on display in Philadelphia and Chicago. He was represented by the Alton Gallery of Brookline, Mass., where he had an exhibit in 1989.

He is survived by his parents, Edward N. and Rita J. Kenway of Gots Island, Bass Harbor, Maine; two brothers, Lester C. Kenway of Bangor, Maine, and Geoffrey W. Kenway of Brunswick, Maine; a sister, Nancy Kenway Rigdon of Norwich; his fiancée, Lissa Dengler of Cambridge, Mass.; and three nieces and three nephews.

Services were held Thursday in Cambridge, Mass., in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be sent to The Wendell Gilley Museum, Southwest Harbor, Maine 04679.

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Thoughts

For behold, you look for deep truth within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
Psalm 51:7

Lent — this season of the Christian calendar which precedes Easter — is commonly seen as a time to "give up" something as an act of spiritual discipline. This is intended as a concrete way to repent of the sins we have committed.

But what about the good things we have not committed — all the things that "undo" how do we repent of these "sins of omission"?

The poet of Psalm 51 seems to suggest a way to address these "sins of omission." For the psalmist offers a beautiful reminder that our lives are full of sins in which we ourselves do not yet recognize.

What would it be like to take on the psalmist's above meditation as a spiritual discipline this Lent? What would it be like to ask God to help us uncover the "deep truth" and "wisdom" which lies buried within us all?

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Coventry plan linked to safety

By Jacqueline Bennett
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — Public safety will be at risk if the Planning and Zoning Commission approves a plan to change the structure-height restriction in the zoning regulations, some officials said Monday night.

"Public safety is my only concern," Kenneth Hicks, assistant director of civil preparedness for the town, said in an interview at the hearing held at Captain Nathan Hale School.

Hicks said if the revised regulation is approved, emergency personnel could be hampered in rescue efforts because a radio tower on North School Road, 150 feet high, is the only one now serving the town.

Before the tower was built about three years ago, Hicks said there were a number of "dead spots" in radio transmissions in town. Also, he said the requirement would affect the antennas from buildings transmitting to safety vehicles. And he talked of its effect on chimneys that must meet state fire safety code height regulations, Hicks said.

Hicks, also a volunteer firefighter and police dispatcher in town, noted special permits would be needed from the PZC for such items.

"If I reach an accident site and need to administer CPR to a heart attack victim and need to call in for a speeded-up backup or an officer needs help on a call — a dead spot could mean those lives," Hicks said.

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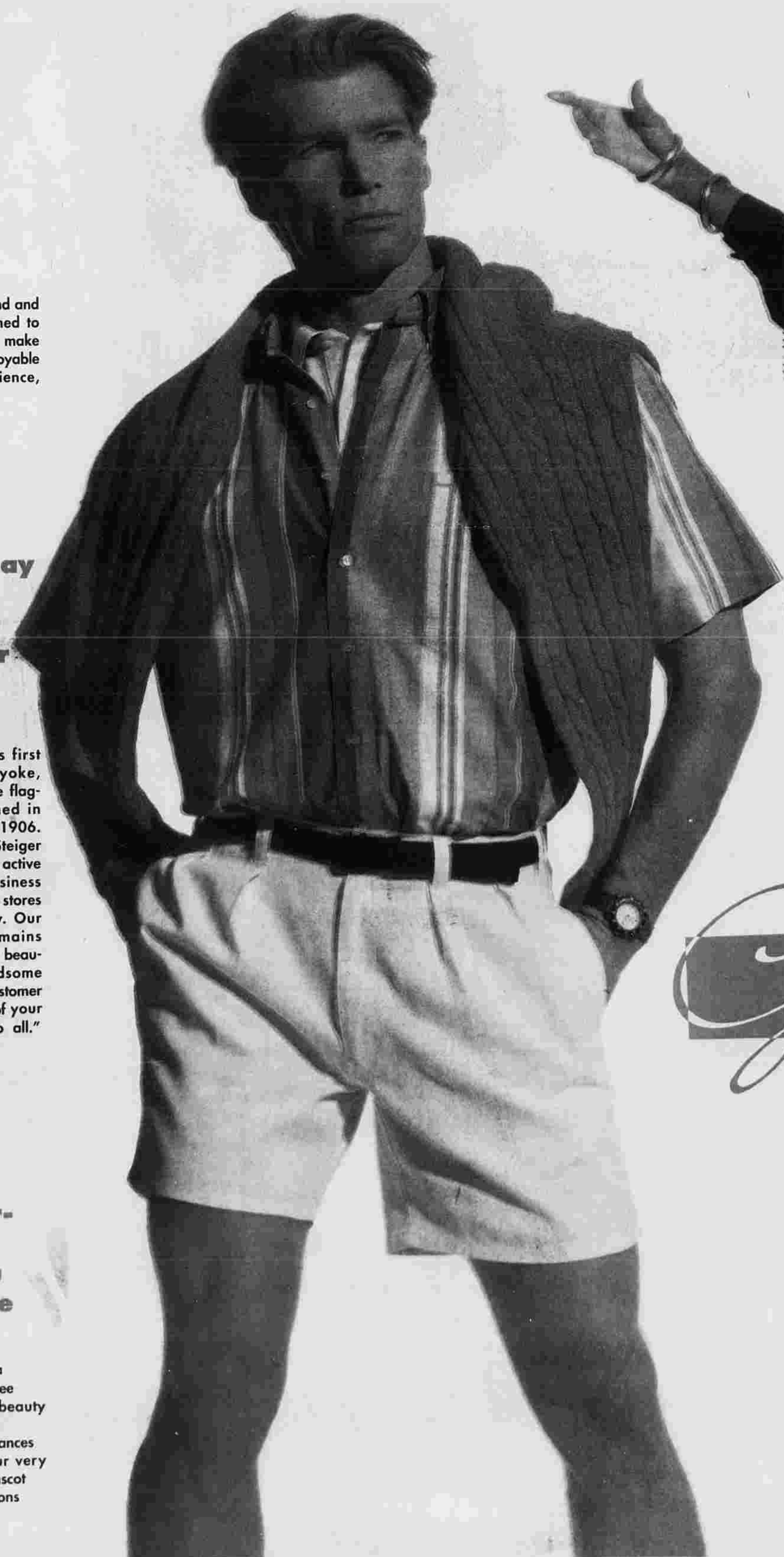
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Residential-to-industrial change fought

By Nancy Foley Manchester Herald

About 20 residents turned out at Monday's meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission, opposing a request for a zone change from rural residence to industrial for property on Parker Street.

They said the plan would increase traffic and make a dangerous street even worse.

In addition, residents submitted a petition with 116 signatures opposing the development.

David M. Harris and his wife Rebecca, of Hartford, are requesting that the zoning of four lots, 899, 889, 881 and 875, on Parker Street be changed so they can open a woodcarving shop. It would have 12 employees, according to the couple's attorney, Richard W. Dyer.

In emotional terms, residents described the street as already having too much traffic.

"Parker Street as it stands is not a safe street," David Tillman, of 904 Parker Street, said. The proposal "seriously jeopardizes our lives," he added.

Tiziana Weber, 874 Parker Street, who said she lives right across from the proposed development, said the woodcarving shop may not have such a bad effect on the neighborhood, but that neighbors could not control what other use the land might be put to once the zone is changed to industrial.

"We are more interested in what could happen in the future on Parker Street," she said.

The zone change was also opposed by Mark Pellegrini, town planning director, who cited traffic problems and the single-family homes across the street from the property. Pellegrini said that multiple-family housing would be a better use of the land.

But Dyer said that more traffic would be generated from high-density, multiple-family housing than

from a shop that operates only during the daytime.

"If that were the eventual outcome, there would be far more cars brought into that area at all hours of day and night," Dyer said.

Dyer also cited the Town of Manchester plan of development of 1986 which envisions that area of town as an industrial zone. The Harries bought the land relying on the development plan, Dyer said, and with the intention of opening the shop there.

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poses would be unfair and inequitable because most of the surrounding land is zoned industrial, Dyer said. He described the property as "a small residential sandwich in a sea of highly developed industrial usage."

Pellegrini said the town's plan of development was a general guide that does not bar the PZC from considering each parcel of land individually.

The commission did not make a decision on the application Monday night. Several members said they would like to give out to the site before deciding.

It was unclear whether racers were involved, officials said.

The defending killdeer champion, meanwhile, munched through heavy snow and cold wind Monday to take the lead 271 miles into the 160-mile race.

Attacks by hungry moose plagued racers during training this year, and some mushers carried rifles for protection.

The animals, which weigh up to 1,800 pounds, have become aggressive because deep snow has made it hard to graze.

The pilots who spotted the moose attacking dogs didn't see a person, race manager Jack Niggett said.

No racers were reported missing, but it takes some time to determine if a musher is lost because checkpoints are 50 to 60 miles apart.

Searchers set out on about a dozen snowmobiles for the area of the reported attack, near a Finger Lake, about 200 miles from the start of the race.

Bad weather hampered a search by air.

Defending champion Joe Runyan and five other veteran racers overtook Rick Swenson during the sprint Monday from Rainy Pass to Rohn, 271 miles into the race.

The group passing Swenson included his archrival, Susan Bucher.

Swenson is the only person to have won the race four times.

Bucher won in 1986, 1987 and 1988, and took second place last year.

The Iditarod race runs from Anchorage to Nome, on the Bering Sea coast, and crosses frozen rivers, treeless tundra and huge mountain passes.

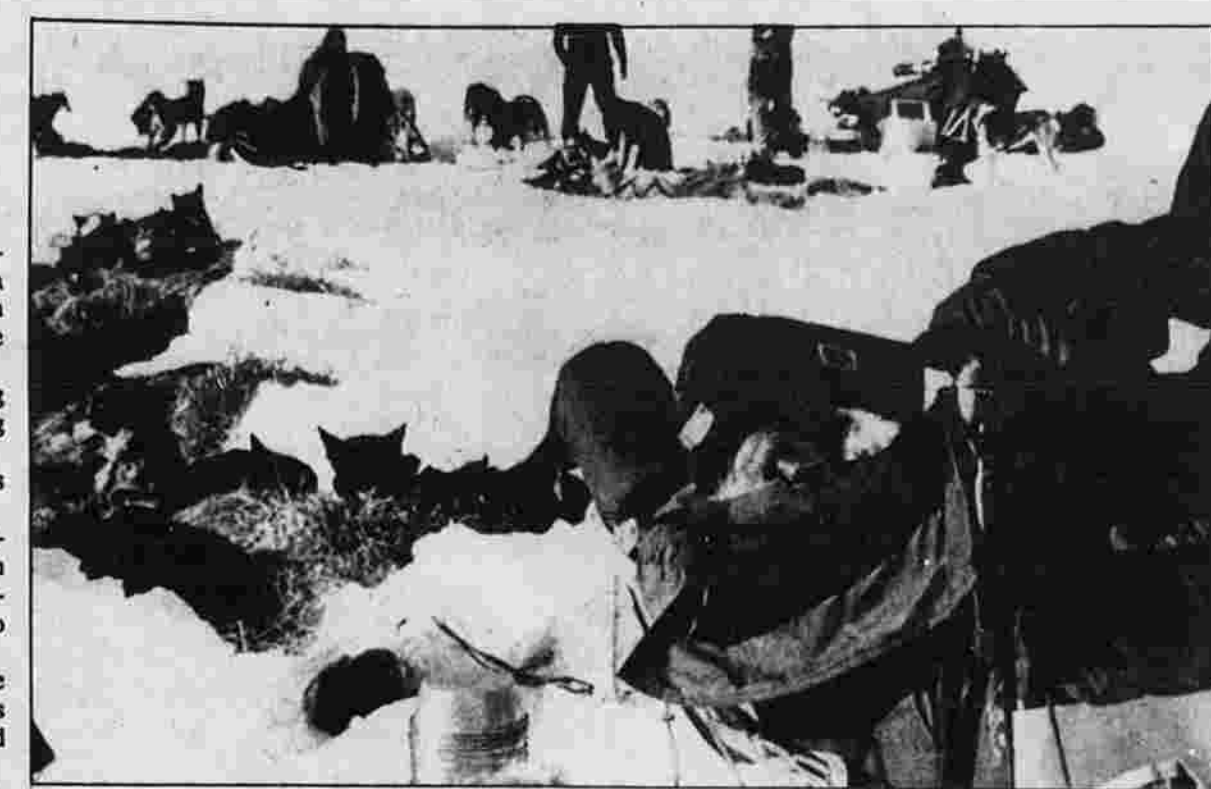
Usually the race lasts 11 to 18 days or longer, depending on weather and other conditions.

Seventy mushers and dog teams left Anchorage on Saturday.

The Iditarod, named after a ghost town along the trail, commemorates the delivery by sled dog teams of a life-saving diptheria serum to Nome in 1925.

Teams check reports of moose attack

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Nonprescription drug tied to death

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — The family of a Greenwich woman who allegedly died from an illness tied to a nonprescription food supplement banned by the federal government, is suing the drug's manufacturer.

The family of Jean Berzick filed the lawsuit in U.S. District Court on Monday, charging that Berzick died on Jan. 21 as a direct result of illness brought on by L-tryptophan, a drug taken to combat insomnia and anxiety.

The suit names as defendants the amino acid's Japanese manufacturer, Showa Denko K.K., and the company's United States subsidiaries for sales and distribution, Show Denko America Inc. and Solgar Co. Inc. of New York.

Berzick's death was one of 15 nationwide attributed to L-tryptophan which, before last fall, had never come under federal scrutiny, state officials said. There have been 321 cases. L-tryptophan-induced illness reported nationwide, said Gail Lloyd, a spokeswoman for the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

L-tryptophan was widely sold over the counter in health food stores and pharmacies until Dec. 5, when the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ordered it removed from store shelves.

This order came after federal health officials concluded that shipments of the drug from Japan had caused illnesses, including high white-blood cell count and Eosinophilia-Myalgia syndrome, a disease involving muscle and joint pain, fatigue, skin rashes, loss of muscle control and difficulty breathing.

The lawsuit lists these symptoms as being among those Jean Berzick suffered before her death during the period of hospitalization. Her illness, including the complaint states, Berzick required continuous nursing care.

State health officials say that of the 12 reported cases in Connecticut, including Berzick's. The cases were reported last summer and fall, state officials said.

Though no prescriptions were required to buy the L-tryptophan and it was considered a food supplement rather than a drug, some people took it with the recommendation of their physicians, said Dr. Matthew Carter, epidemiology program coordinator for the state Department of Health Services.

P&Z approves transfer of Buckland fire station

The Planning and Zoning Commission on Monday approved the transfer of the Buckland Fire Station from the town of Manchester to the Eight Utilities District.

The commission also approved a town purchase of land on Trotter Street.

Maureen Chmielecki, town attorney, cited a state statute and the town charter which require the Board of Directors to seek an advisory opinion from the planning commission before purchasing or transferring land.

In the case of the Buckland fire station, an agreement was reached in August between the town and district transferring the property, Chmielecki said. The Board of Directors will consider an ordinance making the transfer of the property official at their meeting tonight in the Lincoln Center.

The Trotter Street land was purchased last year because the town has a policy of purchasing land that becomes available around the Municipal Building to meet future town needs, according to Mark Pellegrini, planning director.

The vote of the planning commission on such matters is only advisory, Chmielecki said, and the Board of Directors could override the PZC with a two-thirds majority vote.

Chmielecki said she does not know in either case why the town was going to take care of the implementation of that agreement, he said.

The town must do so, she said.

"In my opinion, there is no decision to be made," she said. "The mandate is clear in the statute."

Kevin O'Brien, the attorney who represented the town in negotiations with the district, said he did not know why the town had not sought an advisory opinion on the transfer of the fire station earlier.

"We assumed the town was going to take care of the implementation of that agreement," he said.

Businessman fights town hall proposal

By Rick Santos Manchester Herald

A town resident is calling on others to support him in opposing the plan to renovate and expand the town hall because the proposal includes knocking down the Lincoln Center.

Meanwhile, Deputy Mayor Susan Buckno, a Republican who chaired the Town Hall Subcommittee of the Board of Directors which approved the expansion plan unanimously, said today that she maintains that the best use of the space on which the building stands is for much-needed parking.

Town resident Jack McVeigh, owner of The Bike Shop on Main Street, has purchased an advertisement that appeared in Monday's Herald; the ad requests citizens attending tonight's Board of Directors' meeting to speak out against the \$12.5 million plan. The meeting, in the Lincoln Center hearing room, is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

McVeigh said he hopes the ad will grab the attention of others who have opinions on the renovation proposal.

"I want others to come out and let it be known whether they're for or against this plan," he said.

McVeigh is vehemently against it. "I don't make good business sense. I can't justify knocking down a perfectly good building. It's good, cheap, usable space. And it's already there."

Engineers, who have designed the renovations, estimate the cost to adequately renovate the building at \$12.5 million, a cost McVeigh called a "barbican," meaning the repairs would be cheaper than adding needed office space elsewhere.

He said he does not estimate the savings from keeping the building. "I'd put my foot in my mouth, if I did that." He has said publicly that he thinks the total cost of the project would have to be less than \$10 million for the plan to be passed by voters in a referendum. Voters narrowly rejected a \$14 million plan in November.

He said he had some ideas for ways to provide parking without knocking down the building, but would not reveal any such plans until tonight's meeting.

McVeigh said also that he wants to make it clear that he does favor an expansion project. "There's no denying the fact that we do need a new town hall in some form," he said.

Buckno said she is both pleased and displeased with the message in McVeigh's advertisement.

"I'm glad he had the ad because it will encourage people to come out," she said, adding the purpose of a news conference she held Monday was also to beef up attendance and garner input from citizens.

However, Buckno said she is upset by the advertisement because it expresses McVeigh's negative opinion of the project, which she said may skew the public's perception.

She questioned the ad's declaration that Lincoln Center is a perfectly good building. She reiterated her opinion that the building should be knocked down because of the \$1.5 million cost to repair it, the inadequate amount of space it has for offices (about half), and the need for the space for parking.

Judge allows ship-sinking thesis

By Linda Deutsch The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The Exxon Valdez would have sunk in just over an hour if Joseph Hazelwood had moved it off a reef after it ran aground, an expert witness said despite protests the testimony was irrelevant.

Lawyers for the skipper argued that the grounded tanker was immovable after it hit reef last March 24 and there was no risk it would capsize.

Superior Court Judge Karl Johnstone, while indicating he agreed the tanker was solidly stuck, denied the testimony Monday. He said jurors had already heard too much about the skipper's alleged efforts to move the ship to tend to disregard it.

William Vorus, a professor of naval architecture at the University of Michigan, gave jurors an elaborate account of a computer simulation of the grounding as well as a scholarly dissertation on how a ship stays afloat.

The witness, who said his engineering firm was being paid \$40,000 by the state for its work on the prosecution, calculated the Exxon Valdez if it had been freed from the reef in 10 minutes.

Hazelwood, 43, is charged with criminal mischief, reckless endangerment, operating a vessel while intoxicated and negligent discharge of oil.

The seaman from Huntington, N.Y., faces up to 7 1/2 years in prison and \$61,000 in fines.

The Exxon Valdez spilled nearly 11 million gallons of Alaska crude, devastating the rich population of wildlife in Prince William Sound and coating hundreds of miles of rocky shore with black goo in the nation's worst oil spill.

The most serious charge against Hazelwood, criminal mischief, involves acting recklessly in disregarding a known risk.

Deputy District Attorney Brent Cole has focused on Hazelwood's behavior after the grounding to prove this charge with witnesses saying the skipper ordered the engines turned on and the ship pointed forward.

But in a brief filed with the judge Monday, defense attorney Dick Madison argued that there was no risk that the ship would come off the reef or capsize and that Hazelwood could not have disregarded a risk that didn't exist.

Johnstone said testimony from prosecution witnesses has convinced him that the ship was hard aground on the reef and could not be moved off by its own power.

"My inclination now is that physical impossibility is no evidence of the crime of criminal mischief," the judge said in a hearing outside the jury's presence. He said he would make a final ruling later.

Republican's chairman recuperating after spell

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lee Atwater, chairman of the Republican National Committee, faces more hospital tests as doctors try to come up with a diagnosis for his collapse during a speech.

An aide to Grimm, Larry Neal, said two doctors were in the room and both came forward immediately.

Ms. Goodman said Atwater regained consciousness before an ambulance arrived at the hotel, and was only briefly. Neal said paramedics arrived in two or three minutes.

Atwater, who was President Bush's 1988 campaign manager, accompanied Bush late last week to several GOP fundraising events in California and had been in Puerto Rico over the weekend on party business.

Earlier this year, the chairman went on a liquid diet in hopes of losing a few pounds. He sold a reporter last week, however, that he had given up the diet and had actually gained, rather than lost, weight.

Flag-burning law is handed another setback by courts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Opponents of a new federal law making it a crime to burn the American flag scored another victory when a second federal judge ruled that the statute runs afoul of the Constitution.

But Monday's ruling by U.S. District Judge June Green here also gives proponents of a constitutional amendment to ban flag burning more political ammunition for their cause.

President Bush endorsed the amendment route to undo last year's Supreme Court ruling that struck down a Texas flag-burning law, saying he was unsure that statute Congress passed instead would survive court challenges.

So far, Bush and other supporters of a constitutional amendment have been proven correct.

For the second time in three weeks, the law was held unconstitutional by a federal judge and flag-burning charges were dismissed against protesters.

The ruling Monday by Green and a similar one Feb. 21 by U.S. District Judge Barbara Robinson in Seattle set the stage for another fight in the Supreme Court over the issue.

The Justice Department has already filed a notice of its intention to appeal the Seattle ruling. Spokesman David Ruskell said department officials had not seen the most recent decision but would seek high-court review if it were similar to the Seattle ruling.

The law provides for direct appeal of district-court rulings to the Supreme Court. Such rulings have legal effect only in the geographical area covered by the district court.

Green dismissed flag-burning charges against Shawn D. Eichengrass, David G. Blalock and Scott W. Tyler. The three were arrested last Oct. 30 after they set several flags on fire during a protest outside the U.S. Capitol.

Conviction under the law carries a one-year sentence.

"The right to dissent is sometimes an abhorrent which burdens our society with its offensive sounds. Yet, political dissent lies at the heart of the First Amendment's protection," Green wrote.

"It would not be needed if the persons who exercise their right of free expression by word and action were all pleasing, lovable persons with whom the rest of the citizens agreed," she said.

"The First Amendment, of course, makes no invidious exceptions. It provides protection for everyone, including the defendants."

MCI fined \$10,000, scolded

HARTFORD (AP) — The head of the state Ethics Commission labored at MCI Telecommunications and its lobbying firm after the company \$10,000 for violating the state's ethics law by treating five lawmakers to lavish golf outings.

"What we have here is apparently the Leona Helmley school of lobbying: that ethics laws only apply to the little people," said Alan S. Plofsky, executive director of the commission.

The fine, which MCI agreed to in a settlement Monday, stemmed from golf tournaments in May of 1988 and 1989 in which MCI spent up to \$660 per lawmaker. The ethics law limits gifts to a lawmaker to \$50 per year.

Plofsky called the case a "scandal," an example of "grossly illegal gifts, fraudulent and deceptive reporting unparalleled in the 12-year history of the Ethics Commission."

Plofsky said the five lawmakers and one staff member who attended the golf tournaments in Avon cooperated fully in the investigation and will not face ethics complaints.

Plofsky said, however, that the case could lead to criminal charges against MCI and lobbyist Joseph Walkowich, a former state representative who works for the powerful husband-and-wife lobbying team of Sullivan & LeShar.

MCI's lobbyist at the state Capitol, "could fairly be described as a cover-up."

Both MCI and Hartford-based Sullivan & LeShar blamed the intricacies of the state ethics law and misunderstandings between themselves and the ethics commission as they discussed the two tournaments.

Plofsky said he originally calculated the cost of the first golf tournament at about \$75 per person, and asked each lawmaker for a \$26 contribution to bring the gift below the legal limit of \$50.

Sullivan said about 130 MCI clients joined the lawmakers to play in the tournaments.

"We complied as best we could with the law," said William Erickson, director of legal affairs for MCI, based in Rye Brook, N.Y.

"It is an almost impossible law to comply with," he said. "Basically, the lawmakers came, they played a round of golf and they had some refreshments afterward. But if you take into account every kind of expense we incurred that day, it's not that difficult to get to a much higher cost figure."

These Republican state senators played in both tournaments: Ranking Smith of New Hartford, who is seeking the Republican nomination for governor; Kenneth Hampton of Haddam; and Philip Robertson of Cheshire. State Reps. T.J. Casey, R-Milford, and Larry Anastasia, D-Norwalk, played in the 1988 tournament.

"These individuals were literally sent to Plofsky said. "They only played golf and ate and did not accept all the gifts that were literally thrust at them."

After the Ethics Commission's investigation, the costs of the first golf tournament were put at \$507.78 per person, the second at \$661.46. Plofsky said the costs included food and drinks (about \$180 for the second tournament), golfing fees (\$130), promotions (\$50), prizes (\$40), services from golf professionals (\$60), plaques (\$30), and photographs (\$15).

Energy-management loan made to hospital

By Dianna M. Talbot Manchester Herald

Manchester Memorial Hospital is one of eight Connecticut hospitals to receive a no-interest loan to purchase an energy management system.

The \$90,000 loan partially will fund the purchase and implementation of a \$165,000 computerized energy management system, allowing for optimal control of the hospital's heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems, said Andrew A. Beck, a hospital spokesman.

The grant was made available through the Connecticut Hospital Association's (CHA) Conservation Loan Program, which is funded by a \$1 million grant from Northeast Utilities.

Hospital officials anticipate increased energy efficiency at the hospital will result in decreased electrical and thermal energy costs, Beck said. The saving is expected to cover the cost of the loan and provide additional savings in the future, he said.

The energy management system is being installed in phases at the hospital and is about 85 percent installed, Beck said. The hospital, which began repaying the loan in January, will continue paying off the loan each month for 36 months.

Besides the hospital in Manchester, other hospitals awarded a loan, Beck said, were Bristol, \$90,000; Greenwich, \$68,927; Lawrence & Memorial, of New London, \$98,456; Meriden-Walton, of Meriden, \$105,000; Mount Sinai, of Hartford, \$150,000; Norwalk, \$239,736; and St. Mary's, of Waterbury, \$49,035.

Gephardt proposes direct aid to Soviets

WASHINGTON (AP) — It is time for the United States to begin providing direct aid to the Soviet Union to encourage political and economic change and to abandon President Bush's "limb posture," House Democratic leader Richard Gephardt said today.

"America must think creatively and act boldly," the 1988 presidential candidate said in a speech prepared for a meeting of the liberal Center for National Policy.

"We should be investing in our own self-interest. And stability, democracy and a market economy in the Soviet Union are in America's strong self-interest," he said.

The proposal seemed certain to spark debate on Capitol Hill, where lawmakers have been pressing for increased aid to other countries emerging from the shadow of Moscow's domination but have not ventured to propose immediate direct aid to the Soviet Union itself.

Gephardt, D-Mo., proposed starting with a "Food for Freedom" program to send U.S. food aid to the Soviets.

The United States also should waive trade restrictions with Moscow, including those on high-technology exports, and provide guarantees for businesses that want to invest in the Soviet Union, he said.

Gephardt noted an appeal by President Vaclav Havel of Czechoslovakia made in a Feb. 21 speech to Congress, to help his country by helping the Soviet Union continue on its reformist road.

"If Havel, who was imprisoned by the communists, can call for aid to the Soviets, 'at least we can do it listen,'" Gephardt said in a speech that also contained his harshest criticism to date of Bush's policy toward Eastern Europe.

"A stronger Soviet economy will facilitate the process of peace," said Gephardt. "How can the Soviets pull Red Army troops out of Eastern Europe if they have no jobs and no homes for them to return to in Russia?"

Direct U.S. aid is possible now because "the Cold War as we have known it for four decades is over."

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Greyhound drivers want to picket counter

HARTFORD (AP) — Striking Greyhound drivers are seeking to determine if they can picket the Greyhound ticket counter inside Hartford's Union Station as part of an effort to persuade travelers to ride other carriers.

Strikers met with representatives of the Greater Hartford Labor Council of the AFL-CIO, which made recommendations on what steps the union members should take to legally picket inside the station.

DWI charged in serious crash

EAST WINDSOR — A Manchester woman who allegedly drove away drinking or taking drugs Sunday is accused of causing an accident here which seriously injured a 9-year-old girl, police said.

Jill Hess, 24, of 30 Delmont St., was arrested and charged with failure to obey a stop sign, second-degree assault with a motor vehicle and operating a vehicle while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, police said.

The accident injured Kara D. Beaudet, of 219 Scenic Road, East Windsor, who was riding in a car driven by her mother, Virginia Beaudet, 32, at the time, police said.

Kara Beaudet, who this morning remained in critical but stable condition at Hartford Hospital.

Hess was released on a \$3,000 bond and is scheduled to appear Tuesday in Superior Court in Enfield, police said.

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OPINION

Hearing should be crowded

If the opposing sides of the current plan to expand the Municipal Building have their way, there will be a space problem in the hearing room of the Municipal Building tonight.

At a hastily called news conference Monday morning, Director Susan Buckno urged Manchester citizens to attend a public hearing on the appropriation of \$10.5 million to expand the town hall and provide more parking space.

Buckno heads the committee of directors who wrote the expansion plan after an earlier and somewhat more costly plan was defeated in November by a very narrow margin.

She said the directors want as much input from the public as possible and want the citizens to know as much as possible about the project before they are called on to vote in another referendum.

Buckno is convinced the current plan is basically a good one, but she acknowledges that some people are not persuaded that razing Lincoln Center, an old school that houses some municipal offices is a good idea.

Buckno's call for participation in the public hearing is not the only one sounded.

Jack McVeigh, a Manchester businessman who has publicly criticized the cost of the expansion, placed a newspaper advertisement urging citizens to attend the hearing protest plan. The advertisement says the plan calls for the demolition of a perfectly good town office building.

Buckno and the committee planning the expansion offer a number of arguments to the effect that it is more economical to demolish the building than to keep it and renovate it.

They may be right, but before voters will consent to destroying the building they will have to be convinced. The arguments must overcome the ingrained assumption that you don't demolish a structure that seems to be sound and has a use, even if it is functionally obsolete.

Open Forum

Defends focus program

To the Editor: We are greatly distressed by recent letters in the Herald basing the proposed special focus program at Naham Hale School. Parents at Kenney Street School have paraded untroubled before Herald readers and we find ourselves forced to respond.

We are sorry that some parents have taken a quality program designed to benefit Naham Hale and all Manchester school children and have turned it into a partisan issue.

The program is proposed for Naham Hale because more than any other school Naham Hale has been disrupted by numerous district changes, most recently last year's restructuring of 10 students to the newly opened Highland Park School.

What is particularly disconcerting is hearing all this bashing from parents whose schools and neighborhoods provide advantages not enjoyed by many children at Naham Hale.

At Kenney Street School most children live in single family owner-occupied homes, while at Naham Hale many children come from multi-family rental housing and a third of them qualify for free and reduced price meals.

Still, Kenney School parents call Naham Hale an "elite" school.

We are parents of a fourth-grader at Naham Hale and we would be saddened if this program were not funded despite the time and effort already expended by so many staff and volunteers.

In her year or two left at Naham Hale our daughter will not benefit greatly from this program, but it would be one tremendous advantage to the children who follow her.

Many communities in Connecticut offer special computer study and foreign language programs in the elementary school with the promise of preparing children for the information age in which we live. Anyone who seriously cares about the quality of education in Manchester would welcome the focus program with open arms.

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However, it was also a time of black rebellion. And one of the most historic and painful revolts occurred in Selma, Ala. The governor ordered the state police to march on the city to break up a group of men, women and children who had gathered to march to the Alabama capital of Montgomery in 1965.

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Everyone wants a share

WASHINGTON — In the past week or so, claims against the peace dividend have been boosted by the nation's governors, advocates of U.S. aid to the emerging democracies of eastern Europe and Central America, and 79 U.S. senators.

They'll have to get into line with all the others looking to cash in on defense spending cuts to finance other aims — or to cut taxes.

"One of my colleagues ... sent me a note saying he felt that half of the peace dividend should be applied to education," said Speaker of the House Thomas S. Foley. "And half of it to health. And half of it to deficit reduction. And half of it to tax reduction. And half of it to the infrastructure."

"And half of it to creating a new mathematics to explain how six halves equal one whole."

It's a harmless political pastime right now, because there isn't any peace dividend to pay for other things or cut the deficit this year.

"The peace dividend is peace," says Vice President Dan Quayle.

But nobody doubts that the defense budget is going to be cut, freeing resources to go elsewhere, unless there is an incredible reversal of the already incredible change that has swept eastward to Moscow, causing it not ending the Cold War.

The Pentagon warns that a reversal could happen, but CIA Director William H. Webster told Congress last week that it is unlikely, even if hardliners were to take over in Moscow.

The administration isn't forecasting a budget bonus now or soon, resisting pressure in Congress to carve one out of defense spending. There are certain to be cuts in the administration's \$206 billion defense budget, an increase in dollars although not enough to match inflation.

But Democrat Foley said that in the early phases, it will be difficult to bring major savings out of defense cuts that close bases, recall troops from abroad and cancel weapons contracts.

The immediate impact is sometimes to increase costs in the short term," he said. "But there's no question ... we're talking about very significant savings to be realized." Foley said he thinks the eventual savings should be split, half to reduce the federal deficit, half to "the social deficit" of financially strapped domestic programs.

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Tex., raised the issue in the Senate last week with an amendment suggesting that any peace dividend be used to cut taxes. He said the only discussion had been about ways to spend the money, when the government shouldn't spend it at all but should give it back to taxpayers.

"I do not believe it is too dramatic to say that the No. 1 issue of the 1990s, if things continue to move in the current direction in eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, will be what to do with the peace dividend," Gramm said.

Before the Senate got to its hypothetical legislation, the National Governors Conference had adopted a resolution urging President Bush "to dedicate the peace dividend in a balanced manner between the federal budget deficit, education and other productivity investments."

There were no numbers attached. Nor were there any dividend estimates.

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It's enough to make you swear

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

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The nickle-and-dime bills for that privilege are new. The State Department's Diplomatic Reception Rooms, when it wants to justify spending a bundle on a useless doodad. In this case, the ambassador-to-be is the one who gets the bill — \$21.04 an hour for the manager, \$12.04 an hour for the elevator operator, \$28 an hour for the elevator mechanic, \$21.04 an hour for the photographer, \$28 an hour for the photographer, \$23.29 an hour per guard and \$20 an hour for something called "field personnel."

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Troops try to control riots

By Barry Rankin
The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — South African paratroopers attempted today to end massive rioting and looting in the Ciskei homeland that left at least 20 people dead and more than 550 injured in the wake of a military coup.

South African forces set up road blocks around the Ciskei capital of Bisho and sent out patrols as senior officers planned the deployment of more troops, officials said.

There were no reports of any clashes involving South African forces, but looting was continuing in some areas, they said.

Doctors at hospitals in Ciskei and nearby East London in South Africa said at least 20 people had been killed and more than 550 injured in two days of rioting and looting. They said most had suffered gunshot and stabbing wounds.

Rioting erupted after the Ciskei army ousted the nominally independent homeland's authoritarian president in a bloodless coup.

Sunday's coup was widely acclaimed by most Ciskeians, who opposed the old government because of its authoritarian rule and repression of anti-apartheid activists.

President Lemso Sebe, 63, was on a trade mission in Hong Kong when the military seized power. He had been in power since 1981.

The coup leaders said they favor returning Ciskei to South Africa. Many blacks accuse South Africa's white minority government of creating such homelands to try to restrict blacks to the most isolated and underdeveloped parts of the country.

Ciskei, a 3,600-square-mile territory of about one million people on the southeast coast, is one of 10 black homelands. None is recognized as sovereign by any country other than South Africa.

The jubilation over the coup turned to horror Monday when thousands of people began looting and burning stores and factories. More than 50 factories, many of them owned by Israeli and Taiwanese firms, were burned as "drunken mobs went on the rampage in several towns."

"It was a drunken orgy of violence. It looks like a war zone. Dozens of buildings were gutted," said local journalist Louise Phisoang.

South African jets in the troops at the request of Brig. Gen. Oupa Gqozo, the coup leader and head of the new military government. The Ciskei army, cheered by the rioters, made no attempt to stop the lawlessness, eyewitnesses said.

"We didn't expect the jubilation of the people to turn into such turmoil, but seeing that has happened we have asked for further reinforcements from South Africa, and they have responded positively," Gqozo told reporters.

South Africa initially declined to intervene, but sent troops into Ciskei after angry crowds menaced government buildings in Bisho. Protesters initially attacked and looted shops belonging to officials of the ousted Ciskei government. But the crowds began attacking all businesses and hundreds of buildings, torches, factories and vehicles were torched, witnesses said.

Rioters, many of them drunk, broke into shops, removed goods then set buildings ablaze with firebombs, the witnesses said.

Foreign-owned factories were burned because the old government attracted overseas investment by providing workers at wages of \$50 a month or less. Working conditions reportedly were very harsh.

Philippines high court orders release of suspect in rebellion

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The Supreme Court today ordered Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile released on bail after hearing his lawyers argue that the "rebellion with murder" charge the government filed against him was invalid.

The decision appeared to be a setback for President Corason Aquino's government, which last week charged Enrile with the non-bailable offense during the three-hour hearing.

Enrile and six others were indicted Feb. 27 for alleged involvement in a Dec. 19 coup attempt in which at least 113 people were killed and more than 600 injured. Enrile denies any role in the bloody push.

Ten justices voted in favor of allowing \$4,600 bail for Enrile and two other defendants, hotel owner Rebecca Panillo and his wife. Four other justices, including Chief Justice Marcelo Fernan, voted to deny bail, and one justice abstained.

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Replacement drivers have quit Greyhound

DALLAS (AP) — Some drivers hired by Greyhound Lines Inc. to replace strikers in the sometimes violent, 4-day-old nationwide walkout have quit.

"There have been a few of them that have left, and we are not surprised by that," Greyhound spokesman George Gravelly confirmed Monday after scores who refused to be identified said some replacement drivers have walked off the job.

In the company's central region, covering the northern third of the country roughly from Pittsburgh to Denver, 32 replacements have quit, the sources said.

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Poindexter's low profile helps speed jury selection

By Pete Yost
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — John Poindexter's low public profile compared with that of Oliver North is making it a relatively simple task to select a jury for the former national security adviser's Iran-Contra trial.

Seventeen women and four men were sent into a pool of prospective jurors in the first day of jury selection Monday. Only six people were disqualified, largely because they had too much familiarity with the Iran-Contra scandal.

At North's trial last year, it took more than a week to select a jury, primarily because so many prospective jurors had been exposed to North's televised testimony to Congress in which the former White House aide admitted many of the activities that eventually led to criminal charges against him.

Like North, Poindexter gave public testimony to Congress under a grant of immunity, but some prospective jurors could not recognize him in the courtroom Monday.

"He's the handsome man

Coup

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"There is fighting at the airport. The situation is unclear, it may be a coup attempt," he said. "We must wait for information, we don't know who is fighting who."

He said it was too early to say what action the Soviet Union would take in the event Najib was overthrown.

Western diplomats in Islamabad also reported street fighting, aerial bombardments by the Afghan air force, tank movements around the Soviet Embassy and fighting around the presidential palace. They did not know if the tanks were being moved to defend the embassy or to attack it.

The diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they had received their information from numerous sources but declined to elaborate.

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Man is charged in threatening

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man who allegedly sent 212 mostly threatening letters and cards to "Remington Steele" star Stephanie Zimbalist was treated at a hotel after he arrived in Southern California, the FBI said.

Hostages

for releasing the hostages. The report did not elaborate. An Assad visit to Iran was expected. Syria was Persian Iran's only staunch Arab backer in its 1980-88 war against Iraq, the arch foe of Damascus, Iran and Syria are also in frequent contact over Lebanon, where they back rival Shiite Muslim militias.

Lead

the age of housing and the chances of lead exposure, the group said. The defense fund used a figure of 10 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood as the threshold of "unacceptable" lead poisoning. The U.S. government uses a figure of 25 micrograms. According to the defense fund, the Center for Disease Control is considering lowering its lead threshold.

Orders

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jar, the country's interior minister, will replace Tanai.

Tanai has been involved in at least three of five known coup attempts since Najib became president in December 1986, Afghan sources in New Delhi said.

The most recent was in December, when at least 100 members of the Khalq faction of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan were detained, the sources said on condition of anonymity. Similar accounts were given by Kabul residents.

Tanai, thought to be in his mid-40s, has a reputation as an ultra-hard-liner, especially when it comes to making any concessions to the mujahideen or modifying the stand of his party. Although its origins are Marxist, the party under Najib has sought to portray itself as a defender of Islam and champion of a free-market economy.

Tanai is a member of the party's Politburo, which currently has 14 members, according to senior party members.

Soviet troops pulled out of Afghanistan in February 1989 after 10 years of waging war against rebels trying to oust successive Soviet-backed regimes.

Guerrilla attacks intensified after the pullout and some observers predicted Najib's days were numbered, but the guerrillas were unable to secure major cities. Government troops repelled attacks on such cities as Jalalabad and Khost.

International operators in Moscow reported that telephone lines to Kabul were damaged.



I-384 ROLLOVER — A state trooper surveys the damage done to a car that rolled over after skidding off the eastbound lane of Interstate 384 at about 7:30 this morning. No one was hurt in the accident, police said.

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were depositing. Kennedy got back on the phone, and by 6:45 a.m. had decided to close school for the day, giving students their first snow day in two years.

"I didn't want to risk an accident with buses that have 70 students in them," said Kennedy, discussing the decision over yet another telephone call this morning, this time from his office at Robertson School on North School Street.

Manchester was not the only area school system closed today due to a light overnight snowfall.

Students in Andover who attend RYAN schools also had the day to watch television, study, work or play outdoors. Schools in Coventry and Bolton were delayed one hour.

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and first-time home buyers who expect to buy a better home within seven years.

"Very clearly this is marketed at people who expect to move but want to be protected in case they don't," Fannie Mae spokesman Gene Eisman said.

The loans likely will be particularly popular in California, where people move frequently and home prices are among the highest in the nation, Eisman said.

Fannie Mae is a congressionally chartered, but shareholder owned, company that helps finance about one of every eight home mortgages from lenders. It packages some into securities for resale to investors and buys and holds others.

Ruling widens suit brought by the retarded

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NEW HAVEN (AP) — A federal judge has agreed to include all mentally retarded people living with elderly relatives in a lawsuit that seeks to change admission procedures for state-run group homes.

The suit was filed in September by eight mentally retarded people who have spent 1 to 12 years waiting for admission to group homes. They claim they are being denied the care offered to other retarded people, including those who are being moved from state residential centers to group homes.

A judge on Feb. 16 certified the suit as a class action, thereby including all other state residents in a similar predicament — a number estimated at 3,500 by attorneys representing the eight plaintiffs.

In one case cited by the attorneys, the state told the elderly parents of a woman who suffers from epilepsy and cerebral palsy that she would be admitted to a group home only after her parents die. The parents have health problems that prevent them from providing adequate care, the suit says, yet their daughter has been on a group-home waiting list for five years.

The state is committing funds for retrofitting out of residential facilities and regional centers "to the exclusion of folks who decided 40 years ago not to put their kids in an institution and to keep them home," said James A. Trowbridge, a legal clinic attorney from the University of Bridgeport Law School.

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Liut's trade opens door for Whitmore

HARTFORD (AP) — The Hartford Whalers' decision to trade Mike Liut means a second chance for Kay Whitmore.

Whitmore was sent down the Whalers' AHL affiliate, the Binghamton Whalers, in February to get more playing time. He was recalled Monday with a chance to become the Whalers starting goalie.

Liut was traded to the Washington Capitals on Monday in exchange for journeyman left wing Yvon Courveau.

"It came to a point where we felt that Whitmore deserves a chance to prove himself," Whalers General Manager Ed Johnston said. "Look at the future of our hockey club, now is a good time as any to test Whitmore."

Liut, 34, has a 2.64 goals-against average, second in the NHL to Montreal's Patrick Roy, and a 900 save percentage in 29 games this season. He leads all active goal-tenders with 23 shutouts, including three this season, and is 14th on the all-time list for victories by a goaltender with 266, including a 15-12-1 mark this season.

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Beaupre, rookie Jim Hrivnak and Bob Mason, now in the minors, have divided the goaltending job for the Capitals this season. Washington is 12th in goals-against and tied for 10th in save percentage at 87.5.

Courveau, 23, has nine goals and six assists for 15 points in 50 games this season. He has spent parts of five seasons with the Capitals. His best offensive season was 1987-88, when he had 10 goals and 9 assists for 19 points in 44 games.

According to figures released earlier this season by the NHL Players Association, Liut was the highest-paid Whaler and among the highest-paid goaltenders in the league with a salary of \$455,000. Courveau earns \$90,000.

"Mike Liut did a great job for the Hartford Whalers and after a disappointing season last year he came back and has been one of the best goaltenders in the NHL this season," Whalers General Manager Ed Johnston said in a statement.

"However, we had a chance to get a good young forward, and we have to find out what Key Whitmore can do for us. I feel that the Peter Sidorkiewicz-Whitmore combination will be a good one for us."

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SHOT BLOCKED — Glastonbury goalie Dave McGrath is on the ice as he stops a shot by Manchester's Jason Pellegato (30) during Monday's game at the South Windsor Arena.

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problem," Farno said. A Mike Kelsey wrist shot from the left side of the net, otherwise we'd still be skating.

Friars

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their semifinal win over Boston College, shot 36.1 percent in the first half of the title game, and trailed 37-31.

Liut

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He has a 2-1-1 record with 4.11 goals-against average in six games with Hartford.

Gathers left lot of good memories

By John Nadel The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Hank Gathers and Bob Kimble were boyhood buddies in Philadelphia, and came to California together when it was time for college.

Both earned national reputations on the basketball court. Gathers, who was a black player, and Kimble, who was white, were teammates at UCLA.

Gathers was not one thing you can remember about Hank; I have 10 years of great memories.

Gathers, one of college basketball's premier players, died about two hours after collapsing during a UCLA game against Portland.

Gathers was being treated for an irregular heartbeat, discovered after he collapsed at the foul line in a game Dec. 9, but had been cleared by doctors to play.

The Loyola campus was a sad place Monday. The first evidence of tragedy was visible to all who visited the small Catholic school in suburban Westchester.

At Albert Gersten Pavilion, where Loyola plays its home basketball games, a hand-written message was

Coventry wins opener, Bolton out of tourney

SOMERS — While it looks like a mismatch, Coventry High boys' basketball coach Ron Badstueber doesn't expect his 16th-ranked Patriots to be that far off when it takes on top-ranked and undefeated Griswold High Wednesday in state Class 5 Division second-round play.

The Patriots, defending state champs, earned the right to meet the No. 1 seed with its 64-60 win over 16th-ranked Somers High Monday night.

Coventry improves to 10-11 while Somers bows out 12-12. Griswold went 20-0 during the regular season. Badstueber, tournament and team captain, however, is undaunted. "They may be undefeated, but I think we're pretty evenly matched. Their record is deceiving. There are not a lot of strong teams in that area," he said of the teams in the Quinebaug Valley Conference.

Badstueber said his club and Griswold met one common opponent, Windham Tech. "We both beat Windham Tech by two baskets," he said.

Free throw shooting (7-for-8) in the fourth quarter allowed Coventry to advance. Rob Butera (23) points hit a pair with six seconds left to

Foley to be honored guest at KofC Irish Sports Night

Manchester resident John Foley will be the guest of honor at the 38th annual Knights of Columbus "Irish Sports Night" on Monday, March 12, at the KofC Hall at 138 Main Street.

Foley, a native of County Kerry, Ireland, came to the United States in 1948 at the age of 17. He is one of 12 children, which includes eight brothers.

It's easy to figure out how Foley became involved in athletics. Foley excelled in the Irish sport of Gaelic football, which is a cross between soccer and rugby. At the club level he played for the famous Kerry team in New York, helping them win 12 national championships, including eight in a row.

Foley was selected as a member of the New York All-Star squads of the highlights from Foley's athletic career were Foley's Irish championships before 63,000 fans at Dublin and defeating Gungahne, the Australian Rules national champions.

Foley and his wife, Anne, have been married 34 years and have five children — Maureen, John, Sheila, Brenda and Tim. They also have two grandchildren.

Rice tosses up a winner as Miami puts heat on Malone

By Dick Brinister The Associated Press

The Miami Heat put Glen Rice in position to win the game with the simplest of strategies — stop Utah's Karl Malone.

That was accomplished when it mattered. But Rice still wasn't certain enough time remained for his buzzer-beating basket.

Miami didn't embarrass all-star Malone, who led the Jazz with 32 points, above his 30.5 average. But the Heat limited the NBA's second-leading scorer to just two points on two shots in the final period.

"I could've sworn that the buzzer was going to go off before the shot," Miami coach Ron Rothstein said. Rice scored after taking a feed from Sherman Douglas, who had rebounded a missed shot by Miami's Scott Hastings.

"I knew I had to get the shot off," Rice said. "When Scott's shot missed, I knew there couldn't be many seconds left. I just yelled for Sherman. I got the ball and there was no one near me. I just let it go and it fell good."

Rockets 109, Spurs 105: Akeem Olatunju, who scored 37 points, hit the go-ahead jumper with 39 seconds remaining at Houston won at San Antonio. Olatunju's 15-foot fadeaway broke a 105-105 tie, and Mitchell Wiggins added two points with 11 seconds left to ensure only the sixth Houston victory in 30 road games this season.

76ers 128, Clippers 105: Hersey Hawkins led a season-high with 28 points as Philadelphia handed Los

Simmons recovers; La Salle wins MAAC title

By The Associated Press

In the first half, Lionel Simmons was still in shock over the death of his close friend, Hank Gathers.

Simmons, the No. 3 scorer in major-college basketball history, made only three of seven shots in the first half and scored just eight points. He even missed a dunk and Coach Speedy Morris sat him down for a while.

"My mind definitely wasn't in it at that point," Simmons said. Being taken out, he said, gave him the opportunity "to calm down a bit and think it over."

In the second half, Simmons scored 18 points — hitting five of eight shots and all eight of his free throws — and No. 11 La Salle defeated Fordham 71-61 to win the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference tournament and earn an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

"Hank would have certainly wanted us to play," said Simmons, one of several La Salle players who played high school ball with or against Gathers in Philadelphia. "He was such a competitive person."

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last time," James Madison coach Lesly Driessel said. "I'm not sure our guys were as intense as they should have been."

Others — Elmer Bennett made all eight free throws in the final 1/2 minutes, capping a career-high 22-point game, and Notre Dame erased a seven-point halftime deficit to beat Kentucky 80-67.

Kentucky, on NCAA probation, completed its first season under Coach Rick Pitino with a 14-14 record. The Wildcats opened and closed their season with losses to Notre Dame (13).

Temple and Massachusetts receded the finals of the Atlantic 10 tournament. Mark Mason scored 28 points and grabbed a career-high 15 rebounds as Temple (19-10) defeated Rutgers 65-57. Jim McCoy scored 25 points and Massachusetts (17-12) used a 9-2 spurt over the last 2:42 to beat Penn State 64-59.

Two other teams joined La Salle in gaining NCAA berths Monday night. Richmond in the Colonial Athletic Association and South Florida in the Sun Belt Conference.

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SEE YA — La Salle guard Doug Overton dribbles way from Fordham's Jean Prieur during Monday night's MAAC Tournament championship game in Albany, N.Y. La Salle won, 71-61.

In Brief . . .

MHS in action tonight

The Manchester High boys' basketball team will see its first action in the state tournament tonight. Manchester (11-9), seeded 19th in Class LL, will travel to 14th-seeded Wethersfield (12-8) for a 7:30 p.m. contest.

Verbeek NHL play week

MONTREAL (AP) — Right winger Pat Verbeek of the Hartford Whalers, who had four goals and four assists in three games last week, was named NHL player of the week. Verbeek led Hartford to victories over Montreal, Washington and the Rangers, netting his fifth game-winning goal of the season against New York.

Whalers visit Islanders

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — The Hartford Whalers (31-28-7), winners of three in a row, visit the Nassau Coliseum tonight at 7:30 (SportsChannel, WTCN) to take on the New York Islanders (28-31-8).

Youth baseball sign-ups set

COVENTRY — The Coventry Youth Baseball Association will hold registration sessions for the 1990 youth baseball season Wednesday and March 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of Captain Nathan Hale Middle School. All interested boys and girls from age 6 to 14 are invited to register for play. For more information, call Bruce Johnson at 782-7062.

Patriots appoint Ray

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — NFL veteran Jimmy Raye has been named offensive coordinator and quarterback coach for the New England Patriots. It was announced Monday.

Maryland parks an appeal

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — An appeal is planned by the University of Maryland over penalties it considers too severe against its men's basketball program.

Oklahoma new No. 1 in poll

NEW YORK (AP) — The No. 1 ranking has belonged to three teams from the Big Eight this season, a fact that caused the NCAA to fail to account for Maryland's cooperation with the investigation and the school's previously unblemished record.

WITH GUSTO — Utah's Karl Malone (32) shoots over Miami's Glen Rice during their Monday night game at the Miami Arena.

Rice hit a shot at the buzzer to give the Heat a 105-104 victory.

Angelus is 20th straight loss at the Spectrum. The Clippers — then known as the Buffalo Braves — last won in Philadelphia on Oct. 31, 1975.

By winning, the 76ers moved within a game of first-place New York in the Atlantic Division. The loss was the ninth in 11 games for Los Angeles.

Mullen puts Rangers in good position

NEW YORK — Growing up a New York Rangers fan, Brian Mullen is painfully aware of the team's inauspicious history. But he is doing his best to change things.

It would be nice for the fans," Mullen said after scoring a dramatic goal with 1:12 left in regulation. "We'd like to finish first for another reason: It would give us the home-ice advantage for the (Patrick) division playoffs."

The Rangers, however, did have four power plays and cashed in two of them, getting goals from Troy Mallette and Kelly Kratz in the second period. The Red Wings, on the other hand, went through the entire game without a power-play opportunity.

Flames 5, Kings 6: Joe Nieuwendyk scored two goals and goalie Rick Wamsley made 26 saves to lead Calgary. The win inched the Flames back into first place in the Smythe Division, a point ahead of Edmonton, Calgary, with 79 points, has played one less game than the Oilers.

Los Angeles, which now has lost three in a row, is fourth in the Smythe with 62 points, 10 behind the Wings. Paul Ranheim, Joel Otto and Tim Hunter also scored for Calgary, which trailed to lead periods of 4-0 and 4-0.

Opening day will have to wait

NEW YORK — Both sides in baseball's labor negotiations agree that if a settlement is not reached this week, opening day will just have to wait.

"I would suspect if we don't have an agreement by the end of this week, opening day is wholly at risk," Chuck O'Connor, the owners' chief negotiator, said.

Opening day is scheduled for April 2 — less than a month away — and the clock is ticking longer every day.

Realizing that time is running out, the owners have even changed some of their plans for the rest of the week.

There's no way we can work out an agreement if the players aren't going to approve it," Vincent said. "My sense is that we're going to make a determined effort to get this done, and we would have been wasting two days by going to Dallas on Tuesday."

Despite the chat with Greenberg, Fehr didn't sound cheery about opening day prospects.

Asked whether he thought there was still a chance for the season to start without a delay, Fehr said: "The fighter is down, I suppose."

Jennifer Capriati turns pro today

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — Thirteen-year-old Jennifer Capriati, already a millionaire several times over, turns pro today.

"I don't know why everyone's so excited about her," she said. "I'm anxious to start my own career, but I feel like people are kind of expecting me to do something great right away."

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Hockey

NHL standings

Wales Conference	W	L	T	Pts	GA
Pittsburgh	31	11	5	67	280
Washington	28	14	6	64	243
New Jersey	24	14	6	52	244
Philadelphia	23	19	6	52	252
Calgary	23	19	6	52	246

Adams Division

Boston	41	25	8	87	245
Montreal	38	27	7	82	251
Quebec	31	34	7	69	258
Winnipeg	11	47	2	24	332

Patrick Division

St. Louis	44	26	8	96	252
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Philadelphia 76ers	37	22	.627	1
Washington Wizards	36	23	.610	1.5
Charlotte Hornets	35	24	.594	2
Atlanta Hawks	34	25	.574	2.5

Atlantic Division

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Charlotte Hornets	35	24	.594	2
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Central Division

Chicago Bulls	44	17	.719	1
Indiana Pacers	41	20	.675	1.5
Detroit Pistons	38	23	.620	2.5
Cleveland Cavaliers	37	24	.607	3
Orlando Magic	36	25	.590	3.5

Southwest Division

San Antonio Spurs	37	22	.627	1
Phoenix Suns	36	23	.610	1.5
Utah Jazz	35	24	.594	2
Los Angeles Lakers	34	25	.574	2.5
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