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UConn decks the Hall



Face Georgetown today on CBS-TV

UP FOR TWO — Connecticut's Tate George (32) puts the ball up by Seton Hall's Frantz Volcy at Madison Square Garden in New York Friday in the quarterfinals of the Big East Conference Tournament. George had 20 points and six steals in leading the Huskies to a 76-58 victory.

By Jim Tierney
Manchester Herald

NEW YORK — Bright Lights, Big City. That's where No. 2-seeded and eighth-ranked nationally University of Connecticut (26-5) will be this afternoon at 1:30 in a nationally televised CBS Big East Conference Tournament semifinal versus No. 3 Georgetown (23-5) after the Huskies decked No. 7 Seton Hall (12-16), 76-58, in a quarterfinal action Friday afternoon at Madison Square Garden.

The Hoyas advanced to the semifinals after a 78-77 victory over No. 6 Providence (17-11). CBS will also carry the championship game Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

UConn's last and only other Big East quarterfinal win came against Boston College in 1980, the conference's initial season.

Georgetown and UConn split their two games during the regular season. UConn won, 70-65, in Hartford and dropped an 84-64 decision at the Cap Centre.

The Huskies' twin-killing winning ingredients were their unsettling defensive pressure, which yielded a tournament-record 17 steals, and the stellar guard play of senior Tate George (20 points, 6 steals) and sophomore Chris Smith (16). That proved too much for Seton Hall, a finalist in last year's NCAA Tournament.

"Seton Hall beat us three times last year because we physically didn't match up inside," said Husky coach Jim Calhoun. "We beat Seton Hall three times this year because our guys were able to dominate with outside pressure. Our game plan was really simple. Press them for 40 minutes and our 10-man effort would come into effect. That really ended up being the game, defensive pressure and the way Chris and Tate both controlled the game outside."

Seemingly in control, UConn could not shake the Pirates, who committed 24 turnovers, until late in the first half. The Huskies, who assumed the lead for good at 12-10 after a George layup, led 26-17 following two free throws by Smith with 5:49 left in the opening half.

Prate freshman guard Terry Delane (20 points) carried a pair of free throws that trimmed the Husky lead to 28-24. Seton Hall had a chance to cut the lead further, but George stole a pass and converted a layup which pushed the lead to 30-24.

A baseline jumper by Smith 11 seconds before intermission gave Connecticut a 36-26 halftime edge. Smith and George scored 14 and 13 points, respectively, in the opening 20 minutes.

"I think it was critical," Calhoun said of the final Husky surge before halftime. "It gave us a cushion for the second half. And then once we get up 14 or 15, we can play very well from the front."

Seton Hall coach P.J. Carlesimo, who spewed superlatives about UConn during the post-game press conference, praised the play of George and Smith.

"Connecticut played extremely well, particularly on defense," Carlesimo said. "They didn't let us run anything."

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Freeze suggested for Social Security

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House's top tax writer wants to put cost-of-living benefit increases for the nation's 39 million Social Security recipients on the chopping block for one year to reduce the federal deficit.

Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said Sunday that a one-year freeze in Social Security benefits and other entitlement programs could cut the government's deficit by \$9 billion in 1991.

And he said the savings would total nearly \$46 billion over the next five years because the one-year freeze would hold down the base on which subsequent increases are calculated.

"If we're all going to share in the responsibility of bringing our deficit down... I think we've all got to share in it," the Illinois Democrat said on CBS' "Face the Nation" program.

He said a 1991 freeze in Social Security benefits and other government programs coupled with new taxes on cigarettes, alcohol, gasoline and the wealthy could reduce the deficit by more than a half-trillion dollars over the next five years and produce a balanced budget by 1994.

Just in fiscal 1991, which begins Oct. 1, Rostenkowski said his total package would cut the deficit from the \$161 billion as projected by the Congressional Budget Office to \$106 billion.

The next year, he said, the deficit would fall to \$39 billion under his proposal, instead of \$124 billion as projected by the CBO.

Rostenkowski said he expects a verbal hazing from both Democrats and Republicans for suggesting a freeze in politically sensitive Social Security benefits. "But somebody has to start saying it," he said.

"In the silence of the chambers of the House of Representatives and even in the Senate, members will say that these things should be done," he said. "I hope I'm laying the blueprint for the future. All you've got to do is talk straight to the American people, and they'll respond."

Rostenkowski suggested the package as an alternative to President Bush's proposed capital gains tax cut and counterproposal by Democrats to cut Social Security taxes or restore tax breaks for individual savings and retirement accounts.

"The worst thing we need is another class bidding war... a fiscal popularity contest between Democrats and Republicans," Rostenkowski wrote in an opinion piece in Sunday editions of The Washington Post.

Bush's fiscal 1991 budget and the Gramm-Rudman deficit-reduction law call for a balanced budget in fiscal 1993. But the CBO says administration budget-writers adopted unrealistically rosy economic assumptions.

The Gramm-Rudman law, meanwhile, is almost certain to be revamped again this year. Rostenkowski said Gramm-Rudman should be abolished.

In addition to the spending freeze and new consumer taxes, Rostenkowski would earmark the entire "peace dividend" from an annual 3 percent cut in defense spending before inflation adjustments for deficit reduction. He estimated the savings from that at \$150 billion over five years.

"If we want to spend more on drug-abuse control or aid to Poland or Czechoslovakia, we must find a way to pay for it by cutting other programs or raising new revenues," he said.

Rostenkowski also would freeze for one-year inflation adjustments in the tax code, including the indexing of personal exemptions and brackets but excluding the earned income tax credit for low-income families.

"The impact on individual taxpayers would be modest," he said, "but the aggregate revenue gain would be substantial — \$50 billion over five years."

Rostenkowski did not specify how much he would raise gasoline, tobacco and alcohol taxes, other than to say they could provide a total of \$100 billion.



NET ONE FOR UCONN — University of Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun cuts down the net Sunday after UConn topped Syracuse for the Big East title in New York.

UConn top seed in East

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Walker, called in for emergency duty, emerges in a big way... page 9

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Sophomore standout Chris Smith, of Bridgeport, is named tournament MVP... page 10

Lithuanian vote for freedom creating political questions

By Ann Imsa
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev today called Lithuania's declaration of independence "alarming," but gave no indication he plans any action to prevent the Baltic republic from breaking away.

He did not, however, acknowledge the legality of the move, continuing to refer to Lithuania as a Soviet republic and not by the new name adopted by Lithuania's legislative members of the party's ruling body.

Gorbachev, opening a new session of the congress, noted that the chairman of the Lithuanian delegation was absent from his chair on the stage with other members of the Presidium.

"The information coming from Lithuania is alarming, and momentous decisions are being made there that will affect both Lithuania and the Soviet Union," Gorbachev told more than 2,000 deputies.

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Independence gladdens emigre, but he sees a long road ahead

By Alex Girelli
Manchester Herald

Lithuanian-born Jonas Mazieka of 55 North St. had been expecting for a long time that his native country would declare its independence from the Soviet Union and he is overjoyed that it has come about, but he says achieving true independence will be a very long process.

Negotiations will be "like a chess game," he said, a contest to see "who outsmarts who."

One thing that has worried Mazieka was the possibility of bloodshed and he is happy there has been none.

Yegor K. Ligachev, a conservative member of the Communist Party Politburo, has said the Soviet Union will not use force against Lithuania.

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Town, chamber form downtown-aid panel

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

The town of Manchester and the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce are establishing a committee to oversee the upcoming \$15 million reconstruction of downtown Main Street and to study methods to economically revitalize the area afterward.

The project, which will cost local taxpayers about \$2.4 million, could begin as soon as this fall depending on the bidding process, Town Manager Richard Sarfo said today.

The work is scheduled to take about two years, and easing the pain of tearing up the heavily traveled artery is the initial focus of the chamber and town.

"You can't expect a multimillion dollar project in the center of town to not cause construction problems, and our goal is to minimize it," said chamber President Anne Flint.

An organizational meeting is scheduled for 8 a.m. next Tuesday at the Manchester Country Club. The meeting — open to the public — will begin the process of forming the project's steering committee.

Besides aiding the project, the committee will be charged with developing long-term strategies to enhance downtown.

Flint said Main Street's future is bright, and evidence of the commitment to the area by businesses is seen in the recent renovations and new projects already begun, such as Heritage Place and the Society for Savings branch office.

It is expected the reconstruction project — primarily road, sidewalk, and sewer repairs — will induce further downtown investments.

Working closely with Flint and the town administration are two members of the town's Board of Directors — Republican Deputy Mayor Susan Buckno and Anne Flint.

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Budget figures expected to be bleak

By Judith Everhart
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — The General Assembly's budget office is due to come out this week with new numbers on the state's continuing budget problems, and those numbers are expected to show that the outlook for tax revenues may not be as rosy as the O'Neill administration has made it out to be.

Also this week, the Public Safety Committee is expected to take final action on two key gun-control bills and the House and Senate will try to resolve their differences on a bill opening Connecticut up to nationwide interstate banking.

On Thursday, a commission studying ways of making state government more efficient is to vote on a recommendation from a consultant that the state consolidate its 18 regional motor vehicle branch offices, cutting the number by half or more.

Such a move would require legislative approval and legislators, as well as the governor, have already talked about how difficult it would be to close a branch office, especially in an election year when lawmakers are reluctant to do anything that might turn off voters.

The Office of Fiscal Analysis, the legislature's budget arm, is to release reports this week on the budget picture for the current budget year, the 1990-91 fiscal year and "some out-year projections," according to OIA Director Ralph J. Caruso.

His office's most recent projection was for a \$152 million deficit in the current year. The O'Neill administration, which traditionally has issued more optimistic reports, is forecasting a \$90 million deficit for the year ending June 30.

Caruso's reports are expected to show that revenues anticipated from current taxes won't be as high as the administration said they'd be in order to balance O'Neill's \$7.24 billion budget.

Awaiting action in the Public Safety Committee are bills requiring a two-week waiting period before the purchase of any gun — a waiting period is now required for handguns only — and requiring a permit for an assault weapon. The committee meets Tuesday, its deadline for acting on bills this session, to take up the measures.

Last week, the House and Senate agreed to open up Connecticut to nationwide interstate banking, but disagreed on how to implement it.

The Senate favored a three-year moratorium on new bank charters, the House opposed that. The matter has been referred to a conference committee with three Senate and three House members, to iron out the differences in time for a vote on Wednesday in both chambers.

If no new charters are allowed, out-of-state banks could only enter Connecticut's market by buying existing banks, making those existing banks more attractive as takeover targets and, ostensibly, signaling higher profits for those who have suddenly become Connecticut bankers in recent years.

Also on the House calendar is the nomination of Frank Santaguida as a workers' compensation commissioner. The nomination of the former labor commissioner stalled last week when questions were raised about his alleged lack of commitment to organized labor at the expense of management.

The Government Administration and Elections Committee holds a hearing Tuesday on a couple of dozen bills, including one promoting a postage stamp with a picture of the late Gov. Ella T. Grasso on it.

The Judiciary Committee will hold a rare Saturday hearing on three dozen bills, including ones on money laundering, community service alternatives for convicted offenders and drug testing and personal privacy.

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About Town

Families to be discussed

Diane Thompson, a clinician at the Parent/Child Resource Center in Wilmetticut, will speak about "Blending Families" Tuesday at 7:45 p.m. at Community Baptist Church, 585 E. Center St. A \$2 donation is requested. For more information, call 647-4428.

Management workshop slated

"Building a Team that Works: For Women in Middle Management" is the topic of a workshop to be held Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Manchester Community College in the east campus, building F. The fee is \$50. For more information, call 647-6089.

Overaters group to meet

Overaters Anonymous meets every Monday through Friday at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 240 Hillstown Road. It also meets Mondays at 9:15 a.m. at Manchester Community College's Lower Building, Room C-205-H, and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria-meeting room of Manchester Memorial Hospital, O-Ann, for friends and relatives of overaters. Meetings Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the hospital. Ask at the information desk for the meeting room or call 524-4544.

Alcoholic support group meets

Adult Children of Alcoholics meets Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. in room CL-219e in the Lowe Building of Manchester Community College. For more information, call 647-6062.

Daughters of Isabella to meet

The Daughters of Isabella will hold a business meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. at First Federal Savings and Loan Association, 344 W. Middle Turnpike, Agnes Buccino and her committee are in charge of refreshments.

Garden club will meet

"A Flowering Feast" is the topic of a lecture to be given tonight at 7:30 p.m. during a meeting of the Manchester Garden Club to be held at Community Baptist Church, Ivan Macdonald will speak. Members are asked to bring in a miniature arrangement depicting spring. Guests are welcome.

Eye care to be discussed

"Open Your Eyes to Eye Care" is the topic of a lecture to be given Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. during a meeting of the East-of-the-River Diabetes Club to be held in the H. Louise Radtke Auditorium at Manchester Memorial Hospital. The meeting is free and open to anyone interested in diabetes.

Municipal retirees to meet

Town conservator Shirley Pagliuca will speak during a meeting of the Manchester Municipal Retirees Association to be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Army and Navy Club, 1090 Main St.

Bicycles topic of meeting

"Bicycles: Albert Pope, founder of Pope Manufacturing Company of Hartford" is the topic of a slide-show discussion to be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. during a meeting of The Old Guard to be held at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 60 Church St. Senior citizen men are invited.

Lieberman tickets available

U.S. Sen. Joseph Lieberman will speak Tuesday in Manchester on his first year in Washington. His luncheon talk, at the Manchester Country Club, is sponsored by the Manchester Bar Association and the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce. The luncheon is scheduled for 12:15 p.m. Anyone who wants to attend the lunch should phone the Chamber of Commerce, 646-2223. The ticket price is \$20 per person.

Lieberman, a Democrat, defeated Republican Sen. Lowell Weicker in the 1988 election. Weicker has become an independent candidate for the Connecticut governorship.

Lottery

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

CONNECTICUT
Daily: 4-2-6. Play Four: 0-5-7-1.
MASSACHUSETTS
Daily: 8-9-5. Megabucks: 10-11-13-14-15-18.
NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine daily: 0-4-3 and 5-3-6-3. Megabucks: 4-7-9-13-24-32.
RHODE ISLAND
Daily: 5-1-3-5. Lot-O-Bucks: 9-21-25-27-29.

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

CONNECTICUT
Daily: 3-8-2. Play Four: 9-2-6-6.
MASSACHUSETTS
Daily: 9-3-2-4.
RHODE ISLAND
Daily: 0-1-8-6.

Weather

REGIONAL Weather



Weather summary for Sunday:
Temperature: high of 69, low of 40, mean of 55.
Precipitation: 0 inches for the day, 0.25 inches for the month, 7.65 inches for the year.
Temperature extremes for Sunday:
Highest on record, 69, set in 1977.
Lowest on record, 6, set in 1984.

Obituaries

John Filloramo

John Filloramo, 69, of Ellington and Lake Worth, Fla., died Friday (March 9, 1990) in John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital, Lake Worth, Fla. He was the husband of Helen (Fox) Filloramo.

He was a former member of the Manchester Country Club.

He also survived by three sons, John N. Filloramo of Colchester, Richard Filloramo of Middletown, and Robert J. Filloramo of Southington; a daughter, Mary L. Normand of E. Longmeadow, Mass.; two stepdaughters, Nancy J. Dunn of South Windsor, and Charlene M. Wilder of Wilbraham, Mass.; two brothers, Thomas Filloramo of Lake Worth, Fla., and Frank Filloramo of Scarsdale, N.Y.; three sisters, Anna Hughes and Antoinette Filloramo, both of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Ann Goldstein of Boynton Beach, Fla.; and nine grandchildren.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Road, South Windsor, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. at St. Luke Church, Ellington. Burial will be in Ellington Center Cemetery. Calling hours are today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 670 Prospect Ave., Hartford 06105.

Glady's H. Crockett

Private funeral services for Glady's H. Crockett, 83, of 14 Gerard St., who died Thursday (March 8, 1990) at an area convalescent home, were held today. Burial was in East Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made

to the American Cancer Society, 243 E. Center St.

The Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., is in charge of arrangements.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Florence Spaulding, who passed away on March 12, 1986.

Loving memories never die
As time goes on
And days pass by
I've loved and
I shall never forget
Precious memories are kept,
In my heart
I've loved and
I shall never forget
Sandy Masol,
Grace A. Majeska

Regular honors

Robert Anderson, Tammi Atkins, Un Back, Matthew Barrera, Deborah Basile, Andrea Bissonette, Michael Bourque, Nancy Bray, Natalie Clavette, Christina Converse, Jacye Cowles, Marjorie Dabate, Kristina Dulberger, Peter Fagan, Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Meghan Foley, Douglas Gaskill, and Krista Giacopassi.

Regular honors

Eric Algren, Andrew Bartley, Brian Blount, Lisa Bouchard, Naama Carpi, Sue Yun Cho, Jennifer Cion, Robert Copeland, Emma Delaney, Annmarie Diana, Kristin Donnelly, David Fellows, Diana Freese, Melissa Gavin, Jon Golas, Mark Howard, Gregory King, Kelly Knowlton, Dana Kobylanski, Matthew Kohut, Adam Kramer, Kathryn Lush, Jane Ma, Dana Malley, Duffy McGee, Rebecca Merriter, and Glada Miller.

Regular honors

Also, Steven Miller, Amy Miroras, Cindy Moore, Dung Ngo, Carrie Nichols, Shawn Nichols, Deborah Pease, Olga Press, Shawn Ramsey, Kirk Ringholm, Heather Robinson, Matthew Robinson, James Ruel, Erin Sheehan, Marcham Sinara, Kathryn Smith, Norman Spector, Pamela St. Martin, Jewell White, Jessica Yost.

Regular honors

David Breton, Nora Crowley, Kathy Cumberbatch, Jason DeLoan, Katie Dixon, Todd Erickson, Daniel Fine, Melanie Finkbein, Amy Fitting, Michael Forucci,

Thoughts

"It is impossible, but that offenses will come." (Luke 17:1).
Life is full of hurts, and it will always be. As long as you live, you will be hurt, offended, and disappointed. But, be encouraged, you can learn to live above life's hurts. The cure is forgiveness. It is one of the most powerful forces in a believer's life. Forgiveness can melt the hardest heart, and clear the most clouded conscience. It can also pave the way for reconciliation and unlock God's abundant blessings.

God has forgiven you, are you willing to forgive others?
Bitterness is dangerous to healthy living. A bitter attitude will eat away the vitality of your spiritual life, and

plague your soul like a spiritual cancer. It can destroy lives, families, marriages, friendships and even churches. As times revenge, anger, fear, pride, emotion, guilt and worry prevent us from forgiving. But God's spirit within us empowers us to do what's right. His grace is sufficient to enable us to forgive. Praise God.

We should also ask for forgiveness and be willing to forgive others, so that bitterness, wrath, anger, evil speaking and malice be put away from us, as we are reminded in Ephesians 4:32.

Withel Simpson, Seminarian
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Police Roundup

Man arrested on drug charges after police break into house

A police officer responded to a mattress fire in the front yard at Edward's address at 6:54 a.m., but no one answered the door, police said. Upon breaking into the home, the officer located Edward asleep in his bed and awakened him, police said.

While in the residence, police confiscated marijuana plants which were growing in a cabinet, police said. Police said the cause of the fire is undetermined.

Man charged with abuse

A Manchester man was arrested Sunday evening after he allegedly abused the 12-year-old son of his wife, police said.

James Allan Stender, 32, of 42-G Channing Drive, was arrested for breach of peace and risk of injury to a minor, police said.

A neighbor called police at 5:45 p.m. to report a possible case of child abuse, police said. Upon arriving, the boy told police that Stender became angry after the boy's mother questioned the boy about an earlier incident involving a kicked door and police, police said.

The boy said he denied any responsibility in the incident, police said. Shortly after the incident, the boy said Stender threw him to the ground, striking and kicking him as he lay on the ground, police said. The boy said Stender ordered him out of the house, threw him out of the house and kicked him again, police said.

Custody of the boy was turned over to state authorities, and he was placed in a temporary shelter or foster home, police said.

Stender was released on a \$1,000 bond.

Two injured in accident

A Manchester man who said the steering wheel slipped out of his hands while he was driving on Wehrell St Thursday caused a head on collision which injured himself and another driver, police said.

Brian K. Thomas, 33, of 250 Wehrell St., was cited for failure to drive right and issued a \$68 fine after the 4:53 p.m. accident, police said. He was treated for a head and left knee cut at Manchester Memorial Hospital and released, a hospital spokeswoman said.

The accident also injured Margaret A. Kane, 20, of Gaston, police said. She was treated for head cut at the hospital and released, the spokeswoman said.

Public Meetings

Public meetings scheduled for today:

Manchester
Permanent Memorial Day Committee, Lincoln Center gold room, 7:30 p.m.

Town Hall Subcommittee, Lincoln Center gold room, 7:30 p.m.

Andover
Inland/Wetland Commission, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.

Bolton
Board of Education budget workshop, Center School library, 8:30 p.m.

Coventry
Town Council budget workshop, Town Office Building, 8:15 p.m.

Sturbridge
Steering Committee, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.

Youth Services, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.

Finance Committee, Town Office Building, 7:15 p.m.

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MANCHESTER/STATE

Education Middle-school plan prompts changes aid seen

By Nancy Foley Manchester Herald

A high-school addition that would transform the structure of Manchester's schools must first be approved at a referendum likely to be held this fall. But principals at the junior high schools are already preparing to change to a middle-school system.

"It's overdue," said Thomas M. Meisner, principal of Bennet Junior High School. "We're behind the times here."

The Board of Education has approved a plan that would move the

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ninth grades into the high school and the sixth grades into the junior high schools. This would create space in the elementary schools for an expected increase in enrollment over the next several years.

The curriculum is being revised at Bennet to be more reflective of a middle-school approach, Meisner said. Previously, eighth-graders were permitted to take electives with ninth-graders in areas such as art, industrial arts, word processing and home economics.

This year they are required to take a sequence which exposes them to each of these areas for a short

period. This "exploratory" approach is more appropriate in a middle school where students are still discovering what their interests are, he said.

Richard Lindgren, principal of Iling Junior High School, cited another reason for the changes. Once the ninth grade moves to the high school, he said, the elective courses may have insufficient enrollment. These curriculum changes will go into effect at Iling in the fall.

If the \$3.7 million addition is approved, the grades could be moved by 1992.

Both principals said that ninth-graders have more in common physically and emotionally with high school students than with lower grades. "I think sixth, seventh and eighth grades are more logically together," Lindgren said.

"The middle school approach says that boys and girls are in transition," Meisner said. "That transition takes years and you have to respond to the needs of kids in that transition."

Despite the belief that these students belong together, the principals also feel it important to keep the

sixth grades together as a cohesive group when they move to the junior high, the principals said.

Lindgren said that the sixth-graders would be in an isolated area of the school and that they will not have much contact with older students in athletics or social activities. "We certainly don't want to make them old before their time," he said.

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State's workers' comp costs may rise by 10%

HARTFORD (AP) — Although claims of injuries by state government employees are down and workers' compensation costs barely rose in the last half of 1989, state officials say the cost to taxpayers from injuries to state workers may still go up by as much as 10 percent this year.

Michael Barletta, the state's workers' compensation administrator, said cost-of-living increases for injured workers, retroactive salary increases for others and ever-increasing medical costs will all contribute to the increase.

Barletta estimated the cost could rise to \$46 million this year, an increase of 10 percent over last year. The true cost could be even higher, he said, although budget maneuvering during the past year has delayed costs or transferred them to another

fund. During the past decade, the cost of the program, which covers medical bills and lost wages for injured workers, has risen more than 600 percent. State officials have focused on the problem recently, with Gov. William A. O'Neill ordering many of his agency heads to emphasize safety for their employees and to initiate programs to decrease injuries.

Last month, Stephen J. Negri, commissioner of administrative services, the department that oversees the program, wrote a letter to the General Assembly outlining his agency's efforts to control injuries and costs among the state's 52,000 full-time employees and 8,600 part-time employees.

Negri said those accomplishments included:

•Development and coordination of state efforts to decrease injuries.
•Development of a small program of light duty for injured workers so they could return to work and perform less strenuous tasks, rather than stay home.
•Increasing the workers' compensation staff by adding 3 1/2 new positions to the 217 there, so expenses could be better monitored and more injury prevention programs started.

•Creation of a manual on processing claims and revision of file forms so the claims could be better handled.
•Intensified efforts to recover overpayments to injured workers, closed monitoring of the private company that handles state claims, and a program that identifies potential abuses by employees who are receiving

compensation but not reporting paychecks from another job.

Barletta and Negri said the general reason for the slowing of costs was the increased awareness of dollars here. The state has also used budget strategies to keep costs low.

For instance, last year the state, citing budget constraints, stopped making settlements of large injury claims. The state's freeze immediately saved almost \$1 million in potential settlements. Since then, the state has refused to make any settlements that individually totalled more than \$20,000.

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Administrative services officials said they are pleased because last year's expenses came in almost \$2 million lower than budgeted for. But they admit they cannot trace particular savings to any particular actions they have taken.

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Lobbyists gripe; Balducci tested

HARTFORD (AP) — Lobbyists at the state Capitol are grumbling about what they see as a new — and unfair — interpretation of the state ethics law that resulted in one of Hartford's most powerful lobbying firms getting burned by the state Ethics Commission.

The commission fined MCI Telecommunications \$10,000 last week for bestowing improper gifts upon five state lawmakers at a total value of \$500 per lawmaker.

Commission Executive Director Alan S. Plofsky harshly criticized MCI's lobbying firm, Sullivan and Leshane, for advising MCI that such a tournament was legal under the law, he pointed out angrily, limits gifts to lawmakers to \$50 per year.

Plofsky said he was sorry he didn't have the power to fine Sullivan and Leshane, and he hoped a press conference on the issue would hit the firm with "\$1 million worth of bad publicity."

The next day at the Capitol, lobbyists complained privately that Plofsky had completely misinterpreted the ethics law in a much more strict manner. For instance, they said, the commission arrived at the \$500-plus price tag for the golf tournament by including the costs of items such as ice sculptures that didn't directly benefit lawmakers.

Many lobbyists talked of two possible reactions: seeking support from legislative leaders to rewrite the part of the ethics law pertaining to gifts to such as entertaining will be unequivocally allowed; or filing a complaint against Plofsky for overstepping his bounds in his comments about the MCI case.

HOUSE Speaker Richard Balducci's reputation for fairness, which he acquired last year during his first session as speaker, survived an awkward 15-minute test last week.

When the House and the Senate disagreed on a key provision in the interstate banking bill, it was Balducci's job to name three House members to a House-Senate conference committee that will ultimately settle the disagreement.

The issue, while somewhat obscure outside the Capitol, was still controversial: should the state place a three-year moratorium on new bank charters to protect small banks from a crush of out-of-state competition? Opponents of the moratorium described it as a "shareholder's amendment" that would benefit the politically-connected investors who formed new banks in anticipation of the interstate banking law.

The House rejected the moratorium, while the Senate endorsed it. According to longstanding House tradition, Balducci was expected to name a team that would oppose the moratorium, just as the House did.

But Balducci, who favored the moratorium, raised eyebrows in the House when he put two moratorium proponents on the committee to lead the House. The move all but ensured that the moratorium would pass — despite its failure in the House.

But within 15 minutes, Balducci reversed his decision and juggled the committee to include two representatives House members.

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DNA connects humans, apes

NEW HAVEN (AP) — If you think there's no resemblance between your chromosomes and those of an ape, you're wrong. A Yale University researcher says chimps and humans share at least 95 percent of the same chromosomal DNA that determines how animals are constructed.

Using a simple microscope and his own blood, Jonathan Marks, assistant professor of anthropology and biology, is among a handful of chromosome detectives trying to determine the evolutionary line of apes we sprouted from on the tree of evolution.

He just gave Marks a fellowship to pursue his project, which could solve a major controversy among anthropologists, who have proposed many different primates as our progenitors.

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While humans have 23 pairs of chromosomes that instruct the body how to develop, chimps and gorillas have 24 pairs. The one big difference,

doubts remain over who humans are most similar to, said Eric Delson, professor of anthropology at Lehman College of the City University of New York.

"Marks is one of the few working out an evolutionary tree using chromosomes," Delson said. Ultimately, Marks and other anthropologists hope to assemble an evolutionary history of humans with relatively precise dates on when chromosome detectives began to walk on two legs and lost fur, when the canine teeth shrank and the cranium grew to accommodate a larger brain.

Scientists now believe the first humanlike ancestors appeared between 3.5 million and 6 million years ago.

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There are many more subtle hands and bumps that make the chromosomes of humans, gorillas and apes look different under a microscope. These differences somehow account for why people are bipedal, why chimps and gorillas have bigger teeth and why human males and females look so different from each other while male and female apes look much the same.

The differences also hold the key to why apes still have fur, and why humans sweat and apes cool themselves by panting. This one deviation could explain why humans had a chance to develop language, and then larger brains, Marks said.

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NATION & WORLD

In Brief . . .

Flight still allowed despite drinking tip

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A Federal Aviation Administration inspector allowed a Northwest Airlines jet to take off despite allegations that the cockpit crew had been drinking, an FAA official said.

Three crew members on the flight from Fargo, N.D., to Minneapolis were arrested upon landing when blood tests showed excessive alcohol levels. Their licenses were revoked.

The FAA said Sunday that it received an anonymous tip at least three hours before the Boeing 727 with 91 passengers left Fargo. The person making the call said the cockpit crew had been drinking.

Edelstein said the anonymous tip did not constitute evidence, and that the inspector also did not have authority under North Dakota law to stop the plane, although inspectors have such authority in Minnesota.

Flight 650 took off from Hector International Airport in Fargo at 6:25 a.m. after an unexplained 25-minute delay that Northwest said is part of the company's investigation.

It arrived in Minneapolis at 7:30 a.m., and the crew was placed under citizen's arrest by an FAA inspector at the airport, detained by the airport police and given a blood-alcohol test.

Chile is the last in a series of South American countries to restore elected civilian rule in the last decade, ending the dominance of authoritarian military leaders.

But Pinochet, 74, who seized power in a bloody 1973 coup that toppled Marxist President Salvador Allende, plans to stay on as commander of the powerful 60,000-man army and has rejected Ayala's requests that he retire from the military.

FAA Administrator James Busby announced Friday that the test showed all three had blood-alcohol level above .04 percent, exceeding the federal limit; their pilot's license were revoked.

The three have the right to appeal their emergency license revocations within 10 days to the National Transportation Safety Board.

NEW YORK (AP) — Three boys unwittingly used a wrapped-up human head as a soccer ball before the father of one of the youngsters realized what it was, police said today.

The head, found in the South Bronx on Saturday, may belong to a torso discovered along in a wooded area in Manhattan on March 4, police said.

The boys, ages 9, 10 and 13, apparently pulled the head wrapped in rags out of a box of trash next to a fire hydrant on a dead end street, said police spokesman Sgt. Mary Wrensen.

The kids started to play soccer with the object and then threw it into a trash can containing a fire," she said.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Lt. Gen. Prosper Avril flew out of Haiti with his family today aboard a U.S. Air Force transport, says Thomas P. Ochsenschlager of the Grant Thornton accounting firm in Washington.

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Drivers' union denies violence role

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A union official said Greyhound's striking drivers have been "like choirboys" and did not fire a gunshot that injured seven passengers on a bus operated by a replacement driver.

The shooting came on the eve of a meeting called in Washington by federal mediators with officials of the striking Amalgamated Council of Greyhound Local Unions in a bid to end the strike.

The union, which represents 6,300 drivers and more than 3,000 office and maintenance workers, went on strike March 2. There have been scattered violent incidents since, including a striker crushed to death by a bus operated by a replacement driver in Redding, Calif., and shots fired at a bus in Chicago.

Asked if Sunday night's shooting was strike-related, Weintraub said, "I think it is."

But Bill Nicholson, an executive board member of the Jacksonville local of the Amalgamated Council of Greyhound Local Unions, said, "As far as I'm concerned it wasn't one of our strikers."

"They've been like choirboys," he said.

In Dallas, union spokesman Jeffrey Nelson echoed that view. "We believe it's important for the public to understand that this is a strike against the company, not against the traveling public," Nelson said.

The unidentified bus driver pulled the bus in safety at a convenience store about two miles away. The store's night manager, Roger Etnis, said passengers covered in blood ran in and told him to call 911.

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Another new levy due April 1 despite no-new-taxes pledge

WASHINGTON (AP) — Get ready, America. Your "no tax increase" federal government is about to start collecting another new tax.

As taxes go, this one isn't much. Most of the impact will be on businesses, at least at first. It could raise the price of a telephone by a dime but add \$25 to the cost of recharging an automobile air conditioner.

On April 1, the government will begin collecting this new tax, which is aimed at limiting use of chemicals — chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs — that are deemed to damage the ozone layer protecting the Earth.

It has the dual task of raising about \$4.3 billion for deficit reduction over the next five years.

The CFC tax is only the latest move by Congress and the Reagan and Bush administrations to reduce the budget deficit without raising income tax rates. President Reagan signed 13 tax increases during his eight years in office; President Bush has raised 10 since he took office.

There is considerable feeling that the government will continue to lock this way in the future as long as such sources can produce revenue," says Thomas P. Ochsenschlager of the Grant Thornton accounting firm in Washington.

If Bush gets his way this year, for example, the 8 percent federal tax on airline tickets will rise to 10 percent; the 3 percent levy on telephone service, scheduled to expire Dec. 31, will be made permanent; and about 3.8 million state and local government workers who are not covered by a retirement plan will have to start paying Social Security taxes.

In the same message that proposed those tax increases, Bush

proclaimed his continued opposition to tax increases, just as Reagan did for eight years and just as many members of Congress do, even after voting for those higher taxes.

The trick is that nobody is raising income-tax rates. Excise taxes have been reduced and repealed. But the president and Congress have been raising excise taxes on a variety of items.

That leaves the government in constant pursuit of "cats and dogs," as detractors call the miscellaneous tax increases, to find the revenue needed for deficit reduction.

It all started in 1982, when Congress had second thoughts about the huge 1981 tax cut that was the framework for Reagan's economic policy and voted to boost taxes by \$296 billion over five years.

Nobody's rates were raised — but the deduction for medical expenses was diluted severely; the tax on cigarettes was doubled; the telephone tax was tripled; and tax withholding was imposed on interest and dividends. Because of public outcry, withholding was repealed a year later.

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The committee rejected the radical changes that would have instituted a plan modeled after the system in Canada and has proposed more modest changes.

It is not likely the General Assembly will rush into action over the insurance question in light of the budget realities facing the state, but some serious consideration should be given to protecting those not now insured from the high costs of illness.

One aim should be to expand the 90 percent now covered under private plans. One way to do that would be to make it possible for small businesses and self-employed individuals to buy insurance at a reasonable rate and be assured that rate will not increase steeply when time comes to renew the insurance.

For those small businesses, the problem is not only buying insurance for the first time but also keeping it in force when their rates rise because their pool of insured people is small.

Grouping small businesses and treating them as a single pool would help resolve that problem. And if the number of residents covered reliably by private insurance could be increased, the problem of providing insurance coverage for the rest would be easier to manage.

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Open Forum

The mission of life center

To the Editor:
On behalf of the Board of Directors of New Life Pregnancy Center, I would like to thank you for selling your readers a little bit about the center and the challenging financial situation we find ourselves in this year through your article of Feb. 10, 1990.

I would like to amplify and clarify on two issues however, so your readers have accurate information on which to evaluate our service to the community. The first was the quote, "If a woman decides to have an abortion after visiting the center, the center does not try to change her conviction. Book said." The center is governed, directed, supported, and served by people who share the conviction that all life is sacred from the moment of conception and should be given every chance to survive. Our clients often come to us confused and uncertain about what to do about unplanned pregnancy. We try to provide as much information as possible to them so they can make an informed choice. We endeavor to help them see abortion as an unacceptable solution. We are committed to help and support a mother who chooses to carry to full term and cannot, based on our convictions, recommend an abortion. Our mission is to help pregnant teens and women make an informed choice for the life of their unborn baby.

The second is with regard to the number of clients we have served and helped. The article correctly stated that the center has seen 700 babies that might otherwise have been aborted. Those statistics are based on the fact that of the 700 clients that visited the center, 330 tested positive. Out of 330 positive tests, 21 chose to abort, the other 329 carried to term. This is an admirable record considering the ease with which abortions are available today.

Thank you again for the timely article and the opportunity to help your readers better understand our service and our successes.

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Gephardt irritates Bush

By Walter F. Mears

WASHINGTON — A Republican congressman from upstate New York once was nominated for vice president on the grounds that he used to drive President Lyndon B. Johnson nuts. By that kind of test, Rep. Richard A. Gephardt may yet wind up on a Democratic ticket.

The House majority leader seems to be the Democrat most likely to succeed at provoking President Bush and his lieutenants. He did it again the other day with a speech accusing Bush of visionless, no-risk leadership that has left foreign policy adrift at a crucial time of change.

The complaints built on Democratic themes the Bush camp had rebutted before, but never so vehemently as when Gephardt delivered them.

Gephardt proposed increased U.S. foreign aid to foster democracy in Eastern Europe and said Washington should offer direct assistance to the Soviet Union in food and through loans and insurance for private investment.

Bush's spokesman dismissed it all as pure politics, said he didn't know whether the president had even seen the criticism, and compared Gephardt to Maxwell Smart, the hapless spy in an old television comedy series that shows up in late-night reruns now.

"Can you believe he wants to raise taxes on the American people to give money to the Soviet Union?" said White House Press Secretary Martin Fitzwater. "I would like to see the president's reaction to that." Fitzwater called the Gephardt complaints "just a political war... general old political stuff but nothing substantive."

Gephardt, whose quest for the White House in 1988 peaked and crashed early

in the season, is becoming the point man for the relatively placid Democratic opposition.

Bush inadvertently broadcast his own annoyance last fall, after Gephardt led the House opposition to his capital gains tax cut. "I tell you, I'm displeased with Gephardt, the way he made it so really kind of personal," the president said in a telephone comment he didn't realize was on the air at a congressional press gallery.

The displeasure of a president can be a mere badge for an opposition leader. Sen. Barry Goldwater said he chose the little-known Rep. William Miller of New York to run for vice president in 1964 because he "had driven Lyndon Johnson nuts in the past with his sharp tongue." It didn't work; Johnson ignored him.

As majority leader, and, at 49, the man in line to succeed House Speaker Thomas S. Foley some day, Gephardt has renounced presidential candidacy, although pledges like that don't necessarily last forever. His leadership role and his secure Missouri House seat — he won his seventh term with 63 percent of the vote

— why does he want to spend billions of dollars on armaments aimed at communists who don't want to be communists any more?" he asked.

That question and others like it will be major, lasting issues as a divided government tries to deal with drastic change at home as well as abroad. While Gephardt may have made his point by raising them, by toughening the Democratic challenge to Bush's "do polls, take nothing" strategy, it wound up as a one-man show. He didn't try to line up other Democrats to advance, few of whom signed on afterward, and some rejected the politically risky idea of aid to Moscow.

Bush and the Republicans are not alone in lacking a watch on voter opinion. Democrats can read polls, too.

Walter F. Mears writes for the Associated Press.

Voters, why not sue the DNC?

By Ben Wattenberg

With Bulgaria moving toward democracy — including such substantive devices as elections and secret ballots — perhaps the Democrats of Iowa, and the Democratic Party, should consider the same ideas in choosing a presidential nominee.

What exists now is a scam. The presidential nominating rules of the Democratic Party — whatever that may be — are made by a fascinating body called the Democratic National Committee. It's not democratic, it's barely a committee. If it's national, why does it allow nationally?

There are 406 DNC members. There are quotas for blacks, DNC members are typically self-perpetuating ciphers from state parties, sometimes they are appointed or muscled into their jobs, occasionally they are publicly elected, barely noticeable on the ballot. Thirteen members were hand-picked by Jesse Jackson. No other current potential candidate picked any.

One DNC rule dictates that Iowa, and only Iowa, can have the first presidential selection event if it so chooses, and if it does, it must be done through caucuses. Under Iowa caucus rules it may take all evening to cast a vote — by non-secret ballot with the whole neighborhood and

alcohol watching. Caucus turnout is small, that providing a mugging field for liberal activists to exert far-out positions from the candidates.

But one candidate doesn't need early big money. Jackson. He is already a

super-duper-star and will get his media coverage for free.

The California-first rule also puts Jackson into the biggest state prior to the beginning of what is now called the Last White Guy Standing Syndrome. The LWGS wins. But in a split field, Jackson does well. California, if it goes first — before the winning — would guarantee a split field, probably a large one. It could cap Jackson to a plurality victory.

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White House physician Dr. Burton Lee, who has known Bush for a long time, has observed that the president's body is about 10 years younger than his years.

Part of the credit should go to the fact that Bush gets a good night's sleep while others handle weighty matters of state.

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

Stomach pain linked to pills

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have spinal osteoarthritis. The use of ibuprofen has triggered chronic gastritis or ulcer. I am on several anti-arthritis medications that won't damage the stomach?

It is true that both enteric-coated and injectable aspirin also adversely affect the stomach?

DEAR READER: Unfortunately, aspirin, ibuprofen and prescription anti-inflammatory medicines often cause stomach upset, irritation (gastritis) and — sometimes — peptic ulcer. Although enteric-coated aspirin, which dissolves in the intestine instead of the stomach, is less likely to cause gastric irritation, it still may cause stomach ulcers. I don't know if any doctor who recommends injectable aspirin. Therefore, I think you have three choices.

First, try acetaminophen (Tylenol). It is safe and will not upset your stomach, although it is not as strong as prescription drugs.

If this is ineffective, ask your doctor to try one of several non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs — such as Voltaren, Indocin or Motrin — until you find one that agrees with you. In addition, you might take antacids these substances often alleviate the irritation caused by NSAIDs.

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WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Christy Fichtner-Alhade, Miss USA 1986, says she was exploited during her year-long reign, making her the second former beauty queen to criticize the pageant operation.

"No one is pushed that hard, not Miss Universe, not the chaperones, just Miss USA," she told The Wichita Eagle in a recent interview.

Miss USA 1989, Gretchen Polhemus, also complained about her treatment when she wore the crown. Pageant management was changed in 1988, but many of the complaints were similar, centering on long hours and few days off.

The day after the new Miss USA, Carole Gist, was crowned March 2 in a televised show from Wichita, Polhemus, 24, already gripes.

"She was the first one to be honest and say something negative about the pageant," Fichtner-Alhade, 27, said from her Dallas home last week. "You get treated and conditioned to say the right thing. I don't care anymore."

Pageant officials said they tell the contestants the work is hectic and there are long hours, but improvements have been made to make the reign more enjoyable.

Rollins considered suicide

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Howard Rollins, co-star of NBC's "In the Heat of the Night," said his addictions to drugs and alcohol drove him to consider suicide three days before Christmas.

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Lowie is worried

NEW YORK (AP) — Rob Lowie says he's worried about how moviegoers will react to his first appearance on the big screen since a videotape of his sexual escapades was splashed across TV screens.

"There's no way that you can know how embarrassing it was," Lowie says in the March 19 issue of People. "No matter what adjective I choose, it would be trivializing it."

Lowie says he went underground to escape the publicity surrounding an X-rated videotape of himself and two other women — one of whom was a minor — in an Atlanta hotel room in 1988.

He does not dispute that he videotaped his guests and says they knew they were being recorded. He denies, however, having sex with the 16-year-old. A lawsuit is pending in the March 19 issue of People.

The district attorney in Atlanta chose not to prosecute Lowie. In exchange, Lowie agreed to do 20 hours of community service.

With the release of his new movie, "Bad Influence," Lowie says he is hoping the public will forgive and forget.

Busfield, character alike

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Timothy Busfield says he draws on his own personality in playing Elliott Weston, the surly jerk in ABC's "Thirty Something."

"That's who I am," Busfield said in an interview in the March 17 edition of TV Guide.

"Tim is a jerk, first foremost. I don't know the answers. I'm an idiot. I make mistakes. I stick my foot in my mouth. I'm insensitive when I don't want to be."

But Busfield said he has more than an emotional identification to Elliott.

Elliott has a failed business behind him and two small children he struggles to know. When the role was offered to him, Busfield was in the throes of his own failed marriage, had trouble sleeping, and his young son and had watched his children's theater project go under.

PEOPLE

Sylvia Porter Consumers must beware of fraud

The 1990s may be known as the "decade of the consumer," Graham Miller, a noted futurist, many years ago studied cycles of consumer protest and projected that one would peak in the mid-'90s. Current trends seem to confirm his vision.

What's happening? Consumers are more sophisticated, quicker to protest against poor service, quality and outright frauds. Their shopping patterns are changing. With a flat or slow-growing economy ahead, merchants are likely to be more aware of their customers' attitudes. It is significant that Mark Green, one of consumer advocate Ralph Nader's "Raiders," has just become head of the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs.

Much of consumers' new wariness stems from the growth of direct marketing — by mail, telephone, television, radio, computer and even facsimile. The vast majority of direct marketers (many affiliated with traditional retailers) provide products as advertised, with both convenience and savings.

Sadly, when the consumer can't examine the product in advance, there is increased chance of being cheated. A handful of undercapitalized, fly-by-night or flat-out fraudulent companies prey on consumers. You need to know how to protect yourself.

Some companies, for example, bombard you with heavy advertising, offering a product at a ridiculously low price. You always are asked to mail your order to a post office box. When and if your order is delivered, you discover that you received no bargain. Such products are often cloaked under the guise of being "marketing surveys."

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And Gorbachev's vice president argued that the proposal for a new presidency "rules out personal dictatorship."

The divisions in the 2,250-member Congress of People's Deputies reflected the turmoil in Soviet politics as Gorbachev begins his sixth year as Soviet leader.

The president and Communist Party chief told the 2,087 deputies present that they would be asked to amend the constitution to revoke the party's monopoly on power, create a new presidency and, if the presidency proposal is adopted, to elect the new president.

"We find ourselves in a paralysis of power," said Sergei Alexeyev, chairman of the congress's Constitutional Committee, who took the floor in support of Gorbachev. "The presidency is the only way to transfer the real power from the party to the government."

Vote

The lawmakers had assembled in Moscow today to consider constitutional amendments that would create a new, extraordinarily powerful Soviet president and revoke the Communist Party's monopoly on power.

Gorbachev said the Congress should study the "decisions adopted in the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic," ignoring the republic legislature's action Sunday declaring a sovereign "Republic of Lithuania."

Just two weeks after pro-independence candidates won a two-third majority in Lithuania's legislature, the body met in the Lithuanian capital, Vilnius, and voted to restore sovereignty after 50 years of Soviet rule.

Lithuanian lawmakers acknowledge, though, that true independence can only be won after long, difficult negotiations with the Kremlin.

On Friday, Georgia's parliament denounced the office as "authoritarian presidential rule."

Before the session began, progressive parliamentarian Sergei Stankevich said he expected about a third of the deputies to abstain from voting on the expanded presidency.

Estonian deputy Igor Grazin said the Estonian delegation would abstain because participating in the creation of the presidency "can be interpreted as an indirect acknowledgment of Moscow's rule."

Estonia, although it has not gone as far as Lithuania, has moved to distance itself from the Kremlin. Lithuania declared itself independent on Sunday.

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Emigre

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But today Mazieka cited examples. He said that soon after the election, radios were taken away from Lithuanians and exchanged for radios that could receive only the limited stations the Soviet Union wanted Lithuanians to hear.

He said farmers, who worked from dawn to dusk, were labeled the worst kind of capitalists. "The farmer was working his butt off," Mazieka said.

He recalled the first local election after annexation when there were three candidates, all of them Communists. He said the local statesman marked a large cross on his ballot instead of indicating a candidate. He was promptly arrested.

The Soviet Union's demand for payment of \$34 billion in compensation for factories and infrastructure improvements reminded Mazieka of an incident in which Lithuania converted some currency to Swedish gold. He said Sweden sent the gold to Russia.

Like many other Americans who migrated from Baltic states or whose parents did, Mazieka feels that Lat-

vians and Estonians will probably follow Lithuania's lead in declaring political independence. He said Latvia and Estonia started out seeking economic independence while Lithuania wanted complete independence.

Anthony Bayles, of 295 Burnham St., whose parents migrated from Lithuania, said he has expected independence for the nation, but he was surprised that it came so soon. "I guess the people had their fill," he said.

He said Lithuanians historically have been an aggressive people. But he thinks Latvia and Estonia will follow suit.

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- to determine the specific functions of an ombudsman, who in general, will settle disputes related to the reconstruction project.
- to develop plans for parking.
- to commission a market survey to determine the desired need for goods and services downtown.
- to study and propose possible zoning changes to encourage the revitalization of dilapidated downtown business areas.

Buckno and DiRosa talked about impact on the downtown from the opening of the giant new mall. The Pavilion at Buckland Hills. It is scheduled to open Wednesday, and some of the stores are already doing business.

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SPORTS

UConn wears Big East crown

Syracuse falls in title game

By Jim Tierney Manchester Herald

NEW YORK — The University of Connecticut Huskies came to Madison Square Garden for the Big East Conference Tournament.

They saw Seton Hall, Georgetown and Syracuse in a span of 72 hours.

After they conquered the Orange, 78-75, in the championship game Sunday afternoon before a sold-out, raucous crowd of 18,212, the Huskies earned their first-ever Big East tournament crown.

UConn (28-5) also earned the No. 1 seed in the East Regional and will host 16th-seeded Boston University (18-11), the ECAC North Atlantic champs, Thursday night at 7 at the Hartford Civic Center.

For Syracuse (24-6), it was its sixth loss in eight trips to the Big East tournament title game.

Husky sophomore guard Chris Smith (20 points) was named the tournament's most valuable player. He totaled 54 points in the three tournament games.

"Last year I wasn't picked for the all-rookie team (in the Big East) and this year I'm MVP of the Big East Tournament," Smith said. "It just feels great. I really showed myself this year as a basketball player."

Senior point guard Tate George, one of three Huskies on the all-tournament team, scored a team-high 22 points.

Superstar junior John Gwynn, who was 6-foot-7 from the floor and also named to the all-tournament squad, added 16 points.

"This has been a dream season," Gwynn said. "I hope it can keep going and going."

For George, the lone senior on the team, the championship was extra special.

"This is obviously the highest of the highs that we've had all year long," George said. "This is very special for me because we've worked so hard and come so far...all the hills and four-mile runs which seemed kind of ludicrous...it seems like it's paying off."

UConn coach Jim Calhoun held back a bit of his obvious emotions, especially with the incessant references to his club after the game as being "great."

"I think we're a very, very good basketball team," Calhoun said. "If you told my wife that this was the biggest moment of my life I think we'd have a few problems. They've

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Cruz wins region title

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Adding to her impressive list of accomplishments, Manchester High senior Alexis Cruz won the 55-meter dash for the second year in a row at Saturday's New England Indoor Track and Field Championships at Brown University.

Cruz's winning time was 7:36, seven one-hundredths of a second better than her winning time a year ago. "If she ran the same time she did last year, she would have placed third. It was a tougher field, in both events," Manchester girls' coach Mike Saimond said.

The Indian standout also took second in the long jump with a leap of 17 feet, 3 1/2 inches. Stephanie Pavo of King Philip (Mass.) won the event at 17 feet, 10 inches.

Cruz had two chances to catch Pavo, but "she wasn't quite on the board and was too far back," Saimond said. "She was jumping really well, too."

Cruz the week before won both the 55 and long jump at the Connecticut State Open. It was the second year for the Open and the second year Cruz won two events.

"She's had a fantastic season. It's something to win a New England championship and to repeat in an event such as the 55 is something special," Saimond said.

What's left for the multi-talented Cruz is the outdoor season. "I'm looking forward to it (for Cruz)," Saimond said.

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HAPPY HUSKIES — UConn's Dan Cyruik, left, Chris Smith, center and assistant coach Howie Dickenman celebrate after the Huskies beat Syracuse, 78-75, Sunday for the Big East.

Walker emerges in a big way

By Jim Tierney Manchester Herald

NEW YORK — For University of Connecticut freshman forward Torrance Walker, who had played a total of 65 minutes during the Big East Conference regular season, the Big East Conference Tournament turned into something very special for him.

Besides the fact that the Huskies defeated Syracuse for their first-ever Big East tournament title, it was Walker who emerged from the UConn bench in a very big way.

Walker, who scored four crucial points and started six rebounds in 17 minutes during Saturday's 65-60 win over Georgetown, tallied 10 of his 11 points in the first half of Sunday's championship game. Walker also grabbed six rebounds in his 24-minute stint.

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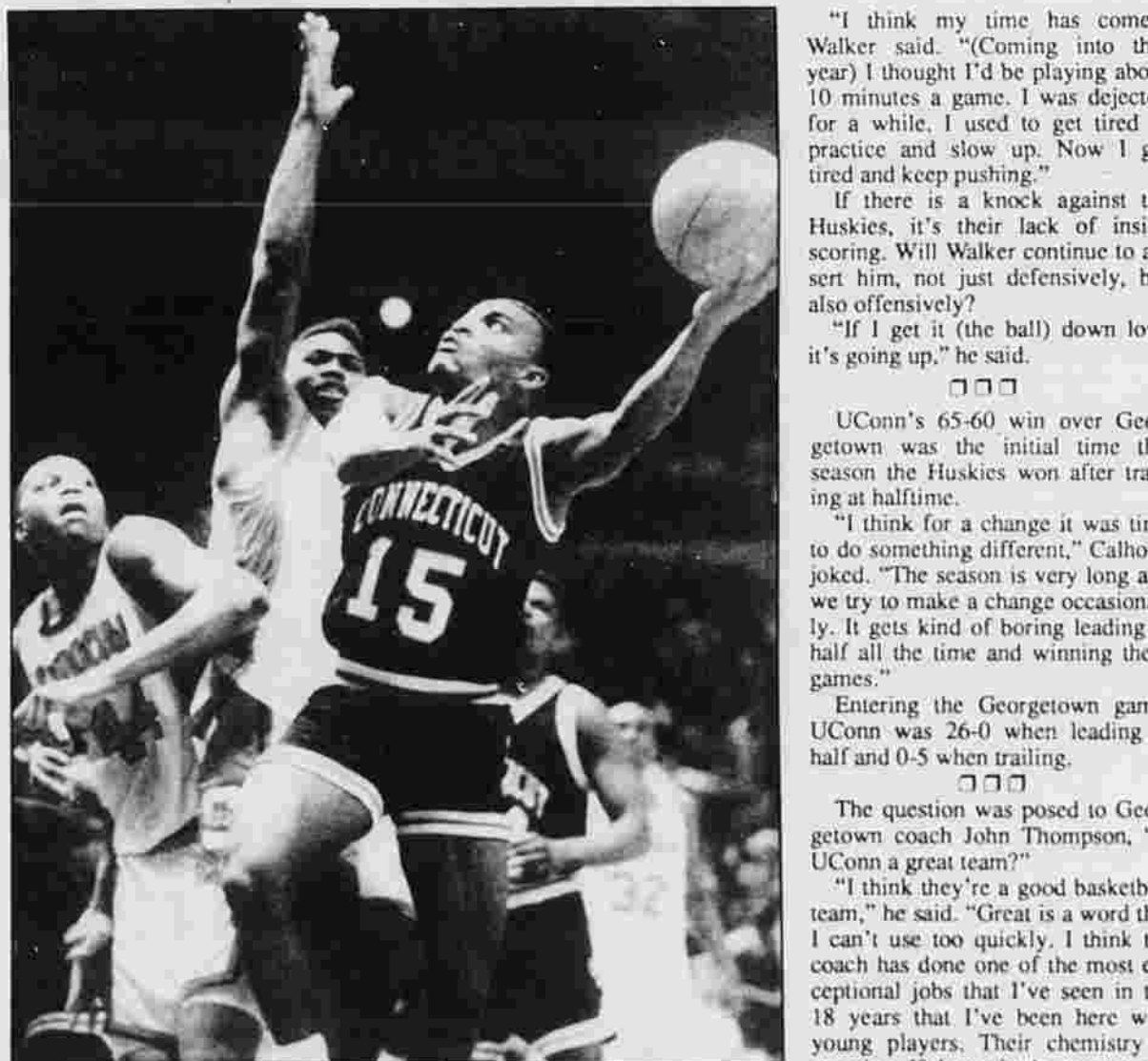
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OVER THE TOP — UConn's John Gwynn (15) puts up a left-handed shot over Syracuse's David Johnson, center, and Derrick Coleman in their Big East clash Sunday. Gwynn had 16 points in the Husky victory.

NCAA Tournament is determined by the Bruins in the semifinals and final of the Big East tournament says something about him and something about our program," Calhoun said.

How does Walker, who sports five pierced cartilage holes in his left ear, feel about all of this?

"I don't care if he never scores, he's the key guy," Boheim said. "When we got up eight or 10, we could've led by 18 if it wasn't for him. He's just such a good player."

Tate George on the superb bench play of UConn: "Our subs beat us every day in practice."

At the start of the season, no one predicted the Huskies would enter NCAA play for the first time since 1979, much less do so on their home-away-from-home court.

"The chemistry is amazing," Georgetown coach John Thompson said of the Huskies.

If the Huskies win their first game, they would face the Indiana-California winner in the second round.

The Huskies played eight games at the Hartford Civic Center this season compared to 10 in Storrs, which helped the team comply with the rule against home court play and still have an in-state advantage.

Indiana is one of seven Big Ten teams in the tournament, a conference record. The Big East follows with six teams, trailed by the Atlantic Coast Conference with five, Big Eight and Pac-10 with four, and Southeastern and Western Athletic with three each.

The regionals will be held in two weeks at East Rutherford, N.J., New Orleans, Dallas and Oakland, Calif. Those winners will play in Denver on March 31 at the Final Four, with each team guaranteed an estimated \$1.3 million after expenses.

Bruins, Whalers following different paths

By Paul O'Neil Special to the Herald

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No. 1 seed opposes BU in Hartford

HARTFORD (AP) — The University of Connecticut Huskies will play at the Hartford Civic Center Thursday as they face No. 16 seed Boston University in first-round NCAA action.

Connecticut Sunday captured its first Big East title and top seed in the NCAA East Regional in Hartford, beating No. 4 Syracuse 78-75 for the title.

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New Jersey	30	1	6	2	25
Washington	31	4	6	2	25
Pittsburgh	31	5	6	2	25
NY Islanders	28	3	6	2	25
Philadelphia	25	5	6	2	25

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	OT	GA
St. Louis	35	7	2	2	25
San Antonio	32	1	2	2	25
Colorado	31	3	2	2	25
Minnesota	28	4	2	2	25

WHL standings

Team	W	L	T	OT	GA
Edmonton	35	2	2	2	25
Calgary	32	1	2	2	25
Winnipeg	34	8	2	2	25
Los Angeles	28	1	2	2	25

NHL results

Game	Home	Score	Away	Score
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2	St. Louis	1-2	St. Louis	0-3
3	Los Angeles	1-2	Los Angeles	0-3

Blues 6, Blackhawks 4

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