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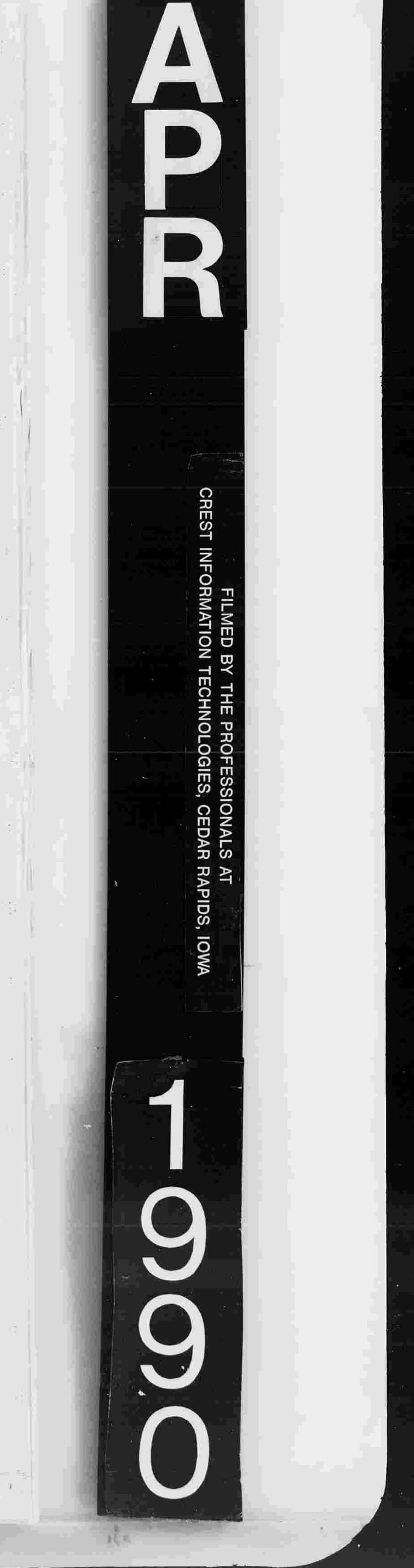
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## Attack blamed on jail locks opening if jiggled

HARTFORD (AP) — A guard at Connecticut's maximum-security prison and union officials are blaming the locks on cell doors for allowing inmates to break out of their cells and attack the guard, breaking his nose and injuring his back.

In an attack Monday — just four days after three guards' throats were slashed by inmates wielding razors — inmates housed in the "C" block of Somers State Prison were able to get out of their cells by shaking the locks on the doors, union officials said Wednesday.

They said they have been complaining since 1981 about the locks at the prison, particularly those in the "C" and "D" blocks. The locks, they said, were installed when the prison was built in 1963.

As recently as two months ago, the union had pressed its complaints with the prison's administration, said Edward Mackey, president of Local 391 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

"We've been at task with them for

a long time," he said. "We've had reports all the time. This guy got out here, this guy got out there..." The security is not there. The inmates know it, and we know it."

In the attack Monday, the correction officer, Peter O. Vogliazzo, said he was letting four prisoners at a time leave their cells to take showers shortly before noon when the doors popped open.

"They started jiggling the cell doors, and they popped open like a can of soda. They popped the doors and they all came out," he said. "I was jumped by I don't know how many."

Vogliazzo said he was punched from behind, pelted with containers of sour milk that had been mixed with urine and then pounced upon by more inmates than he could count.

"They would have been saying 'Mass for me' if it were not for new body alarms that correction officers at Somers were issued earlier this month," said Vogliazzo, who suffered a broken nose and back injury.

Michael J. Donahue, a spokesman for the state Department of Correction, said the inmates in the 84-bed "C" block were housed temporarily in the gymnasium Wednesday while a prison locksmith repaired the cell doors.

"That operation is finished, and everyone is back in the housing unit," Donahue said.

Donahue disputed the union's assertions that complaints about the locks had been ignored.

"Every time that there was concern expressed about the locks, the locksmith addressed the problem," he said. "... If it ever was brought up as a concern, it was addressed immediately."

The 1,400-bed Somers prison, which houses many of the state's most vicious criminals, has been tense since last Thursday, when three guards' throats were slashed by inmates carrying razors. The guard who was most seriously injured needed more than 100 stitches to close the wound.

## Mansfield outraged over transfer of prisoners

MANSFIELD (AP) — Because of severe overcrowding in state prisons, more prisoners are scheduled to be moved to the Mansfield Training School for the mentally retarded, a move that has outraged Mansfield residents.

David Shaw, a Hartford lawyer representing the Mansfield residents, said the state has not kept its promise to reduce the number of mentally retarded residents at the facility and should be blocked from moving an additional 210 prisoners into vacant buildings there.

Shaw said the plan violates the state's 1988 commitment to move

more inmates from state prisons into Mansfield only if certain conditions were met, including a condition that "reasonable progress" be made in reducing the number of residents there.

There are 229 mentally retarded residents now at Mansfield, according to court papers.

The lawyers also wrote that the state has not made "specific plans" and has not secured enough money to temporarily restrain the number of buildings between those occupied by prisoners and those occupied by mentally retarded people.

William H. Carbone, an undersecretary at the state Office of Policy and Management and chairman of a commission on prison crowding, disagreed with Shaw, saying that the state has fulfilled its 1988 commitments.

He said the state has been slower to move residents out of Mansfield than the students fired one shot, injuring no one, and then fled the school grounds Wednesday after fighting with the other student and returned with an Uzi-style handgun, Acting Police Chief Guy Lizzo said.

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Judy Harting/Manchester Herald

**EARTH CLEANING** — Above, Cheney Tech juniors and seniors in the Carpentry Department carry a wooden bridge to span the streams on the way to their cleanup Wednesday along the Hockanum River. At right, Jodi Schamback, a sophomore from Vernon, weeds a flower garden as part of the cleanup.



## Lawyer: Aparo's better known than candidates

By Denise Lavioie  
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Karin Aparo, the Glastonbury teen-ager accused of plotting with her boyfriend to kill her mother, is better known in the Hartford area than any of the state's gubernatorial candidates, according to a poll commissioned by Aparo's defense attorney.

Attorney Hubert Santos argued in court Wednesday that Aparo cannot receive a fair trial in Hartford County because of the intense publicity that has surrounded the case.

Santos asked that the trial be moved to another county, but Assistant State's Attorney James Thomas

said he plans to file a brief today to argue against the request to move the trial.

Judge Thomas H. Corrigan is expected to rule on the motion Friday, and on Santos' motion to have the charges against Aparo dismissed. Jury selection could begin immediately after the rulings or may be scheduled for next week.

Aparo, 19, is facing trial on charges of accessory to murder and conspiracy to commit murder in the August 1987 slaying of her mother, 47-year-old Joyce Aparo. She could be sentenced to up to 80 years in prison if convicted on both charges.

Aparo is accused of masterminding a plan to kill her mother. Her former boyfriend, Dennis Coleman, admitted he strangled Joyce Aparo on Aug. 5, 1987, and is now serving a 34-year sentence at Somers State Prison.

The case has drawn intensive media coverage over the last three years because of the bizarre details that unfolded during earlier court proceedings.

Coleman, now 22, told police that he killed Aparo's mother after Karin Aparo, then 16, begged and sexually manipulated him into committing the crime. During a pre-sentencing hearing for Coleman last November, a psychiatrist testified that the youth had been sexually enslaved by

## State loses in attempt to tax catalog retailers

HARTFORD (AP) — A Superior Court judge has sided with a New York department store in a dispute with the state over its efforts to collect taxes from out-of-state catalog retailers.

The ruling by Superior Court Judge Robert Satter is a setback for the state's attempt to collect an estimated \$60 million annually by taxing sales to Connecticut residents by out-of-state catalog retailers.

Satter sided with SFA, Folio Collections Inc., an affiliate of Saks Fifth Avenue in New York, in its refusal to pay \$254,000 in Connecticut state sales tax.

The ruling, received this week by the Department of Revenue Services, follows by a month a state Supreme Court ruling in another case that also rejected the state's attempt to tax an out-of-state company.

"It's certainly a setback, perhaps one we anticipated," said State Revenue Commissioner James F. Mehan.

He said he will appeal both decisions.

Connecticut is one of many states that have been testing the limits of their taxing authority beyond state borders.

The main obstacle to such efforts is a 1967 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that barred Illinois from collecting sales taxes from an out-of-state mail-order company that sold goods to Illinois customers.

The high court ruled that Illinois' efforts to collect the tax interfered with interstate commerce.

Under Connecticut law, purchases from out-of-state catalog retailers are taxable, but it is usually up to each buyer to report the purchase and pay the tax directly to the state.

## Representation dispute no conflict, panel rules

HARTFORD (AP) — A prominent Hartford law firm's simultaneous representation of the state's trash authority and one of its major contractors did not pose a conflict of interest, the Statewide Grievance Committee has ruled.

The committee ruled last week that the firm of Martha, Cullina, Richter and Pinney had no conflict when it represented the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority and Combustion Engineering Inc. from 1973 to 1983.

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## Student charged in shooting

### Left school, retrieved gun

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — A 14-year-old student at Benjamin Franklin School was taken into custody after getting into a fight with a 17-year-old student and allegedly firing a semiautomatic weapon, police said.

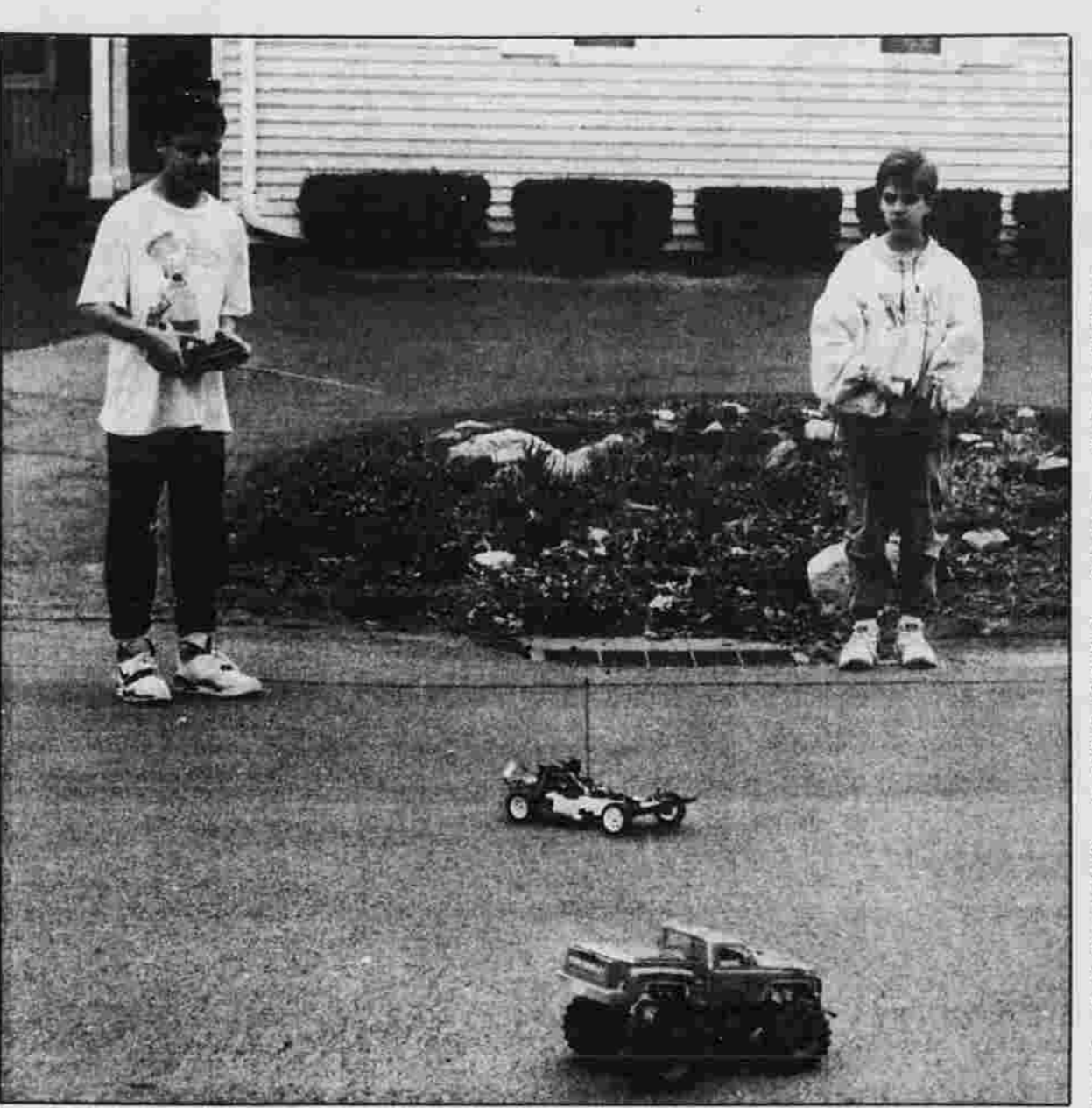
The 14-year-old, unidentified because of his age, left the school grounds Wednesday after fighting with the other student and returned with an Uzi-style handgun, Acting Police Chief Guy Lizzo said.

A school security guard intervened and the student fired one shot, injuring no one, and then fled the school grounds Wednesday after fighting with the other student and returned with an Uzi-style handgun, Acting Police Chief Guy Lizzo said.

When Bridgeport police found the student crouched behind a car in a parking lot, he allegedly pointed the gun at one of the officers, police said.

The officer, police said, remained calm and told the student to drop the gun, which he did.

He was then arrested and taken to a juvenile detention center, police said.



RADIO RACE — Rick Debate, 13, of 46 Ausaldi Road, left, and Greg Pilney, 13, of 136 Grandview St., race radio-controlled cars on Grandview Street Wednesday.

## Tax hike could help economy

NEW HAVEN (AP) — Federal taxes need to be raised so the United States can rebuild its infrastructure and take care of other critical needs that are being neglected, undermining the nation's economy, a Nobel laureate says.

Of course people say the economy is doing fine, that people have been crying wolf all these years about the federal deficit," James Tobin, a professor emeritus at Yale University, told the annual meeting of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday.

"Well, I would remind you that in the fairy tale when the boy cried wolf, the wolf did eventually get the boy," Tobin said.

Tobin, who won the Nobel Prize in 1981, said an even more appropriate metaphor for the problem facing the United States is one of terms in the basement.

No serious economist ever thought "you'd have one day when everything comes tumbling down. That is not the nature of our difficulties. It is more insidious," Tobin said.

A long list of national needs in areas ranging from transportation to child care are being neglected because of the deficit problem, he said, which will not show up except in a more gradual way to us in the future and to our children," he told nearly 800 members of the area's business community.

The politics of avoiding difficult tax increases has also led to a diminution of the nation's stature in the international arena, Tobin said.

Leadership is needed on the tax issue so "we don't have to pretend to be an impoverished Third World republic" when other countries look to the United States for help, he said.

"It is really appalling to me at this time... that the momentum in the Congress is to cut taxes rather than increase taxes."

"The president has asked for his own cuts, which sort of invites the Democrats to ask for their own cuts. What they should be doing is cooperating on some idea of raising some taxes, getting more revenues," Tobin said.

To a business group that is calling for reductions in state spending and business taxes, Tobin said he believes higher taxes are needed at the federal level and possibly even at the state and local levels as well.

But he emphasized that he does not favor raising taxes just to reduce the deficit.

"It would be perverse to say you would be improving things if reducing the deficit was done at the cost of public investments," he said.

He said there are ways to raise revenues that also have "good byproducts." Among his suggestions are an increase in the gasoline tax and a 1 percent transaction tax on the financial markets.

With adjustments for inflation, gasoline costs less now in the United States than it did in 1972 before the first oil crisis, he said.

Tobin criticized the use of Social Security surpluses to make the federal budget look better, warning the nation needs to prepare for Social Security problems that lie ahead.

## \$1m airport scam linked to family

BERLIN (AP) — A man who once commuted out of \$279 for tickets to the 1980 Super Bowl is accused along with his wife in a federal indictment of swindling more than \$1 million from businesses at Bradley International and Brainard airports, federal authorities said.

The 25-count, 42-page indictment was returned Tuesday against Bruce A. Romning Sr., 47, and his wife Bonnie Romning, 49. The couple's sons are also named.

Romning and his wife are charged with felonies ranging from bank, mail and wire fraud to interstate transportation of a stolen airplane. Their son, Bruce Romning Jr., 28, is charged with conspiracy, while another son, Scott, 27, is charged with conspiracy and making a false statement to a bank.

The indictment describes a scheme in which the senior Romnings allegedly gained control of Air One Inc., an air service company located at Brainard Airport, by indicating a desire to buy the company and by providing false information concerning their financial assets.

Once they controlled Air One, a large sum of money was embezzled from the company and numerous false representations were made to banks, government agencies and others in an attempt to fraudulently obtain additional money, according to the indictment.

The elder Romnings are being held without bail in the federal wing of Weston Street jail in Hartford. U.S. Attorney Stanley A. Twardy Jr. said the couple is scheduled to be arraigned in U.S. District Court in Hartford on Monday.

Twardy said Bruce Romning Jr. has surrendered to federal authorities. Twardy said an arrest warrant has been issued for Scott Romning.

Federal authorities said the elder Romning has a long criminal record as a filmmaker operator. They said that since 1974, Romning has been in and out of prison, convicted of crimes that include offering bogus trips from Pennsylvania to the 1980 Super Bowl in California for \$279.

Bruce Romning Sr. could serve a maximum 91-year sentence and a fine of \$149,000, Twardy said. Bonnie Romning could receive up to 82 years in prison and a fine of \$156,000.

Bruce Romning Jr. could serve as much as five years and a \$10,000 fine, while Scott Romning could serve a seven-year sentence and a \$15,000 fine, Twardy said.

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# NATION & WORLD

## Peres gives up on coalition, Shamir likely to try next

By Allyn Fisher  
The Associated Press

**JERUSALEM** — Labor Party leader Shimon Peres said he failed in his attempts to form a new government, opening the door for Yitzhak Shamir to try to form a coalition headed by his right-wing Likud bloc.

Peres' presidential mandate to form a government was to expire at midnight (7 a.m. Friday EDT).

It would be the first time in Israel's 42-year history that a candidate selected by the president has failed.

The 66-year-old Peres was assigned the task of putting together a new coalition five

weeks ago after Shamir lost a parliament vote of no confidence on March 15. The vote was triggered by Peres' demand that Shamir accept U.S. terms for convening Palestinian-Israeli talks in Cairo.

Shamir declined, saying he needed more time.

An official in President Chaim Herzog's office said Peres indicated he would come there today. If Peres concedes defeat, Herzog may give Shamir a mandate later in the day, the official added.

"Herzog will act quickly," to select a new premier-designate, the official said in a telephone interview.

Peres met party officials in Tel Aviv today to decide whether to give up before the deadline expired.

He told reporters Wednesday he had failed in his effort to form a new government, but expressed doubt that Shamir could succeed either.

Peres' statement came after a prospective Likud defector, Economics Minister Yitzhak Modai, rejected Labor's offers. His decision to stay with Likud left Peres with only 60 supporters in the 120-seat parliament.

Israeli newspapers said intensive efforts were under way in Likud to win back Avraham Shari, a former tourism minister who defected to Labor.

But an ultra-Orthodox supporter of Peres suggested the game was not yet over for Peres.

The legislator, Menachem Porush of the

Agudat Israel Party, noted on the radio that they had won a rabbinical court order Wednesday to force a renegade legislator back to Labor's camp.

"I say he (Peres) has chances," Porush said.

The Agudat renegade, Eliezer Mitrnichi, who opposes territorial concessions to Arabs, backed out of Agudat's agreement with Labor two weeks ago.

If Mitrnichi now abides by the court ruling, Peres could obtain the needed 61-seat majority.

Peres said on Army radio that his chances of getting a coalition together by deadline "don't seem substantial."

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premier-designate because he is the leader of parliament's second largest party after Labor.

He would have 21 days to form a coalition and a possible extension of an additional 21 days.

Peres was given a 15-day extension on April 11 after his initial 21-day mandate expired.

Herzog still could give him an additional six days.

The Mediot Ahronot daily said Likud hoped to master a majority of 65 within several days.

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## 2 Palestinian die, 120 hurt in Gaza clash

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Israeli soldiers shot and killed two Palestinians and wounded about 120 today in the worst violence in the uprising in nearly a year, hospital officials and Arab witnesses said.

The clash began as thousands of Moslem worshippers were passing an army base in the Gaza Strip on route to a cemetery for a religious holiday to honor the dead, witnesses said.

An army spokesman who demanded anonymity said some of the Palestinians started to throw rocks and bottles at the soldiers. The soldiers, concerned about the potential danger to their lives, responded with tear gas and later various types of ammunition, the spokesman said.

The army killed two Palestinians in the clash, it said. It said about 50 Arabs and seven soldiers were injured by stones in the clash, which occurred on the Moslem holiday of Id al-Fitr that celebrates the end of the month of Ramadan.

According to witnesses interviewed in Gaza City hospitals, the clash began as 4,000 Palestinians left two mosques after prayer services in the crowded Jabalya refugee camp, where the Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation began more than 28 months ago.

The army imposed a curfew on the camp of 53,000 residents and declared the entire Gaza Strip a closed military zone, a move that bars journalists from entering the area.

Doctors said 61 gunshot victims were treated at Ashdod hospital, 30 at Shifa hospital and 20 at U.N. clinics. More than 15 received injuries from rubber pellets or were beaten with nightsticks.

Jorgen Rosendal of Denmark, administrator of Al Ahli Arab hospital, said it was the worst violence since three Palestinians were killed and about 50 wounded during the Id al-Fitr holiday on May 6, 1989.

The casualties represented one of the largest tolls of wounded from the single incident since the uprising began and contrasted with the low level of conflict in recent months.

An unemployed street vendor who was wounded in the right arm told a reporter that soldiers fired tear gas when crowds chanting "Allahu Akbar" or "God is great!" approached a fenced-off army encampment en route to a cemetery to honor the dead in accordance with Moslem tradition.

The vendor, who gave only his first name, Ahmad, and other witnesses said about 20 Israeli soldiers watching the crowd apparently became alarmed and fired tear gas.

The ARD television network showed Lafontaine lying on the floor as blood poured from his neck, with several people crowded around him trying to administer first aid. He was rushed by helicopter to the hospital.

The motive for the attack was not immediately known. Hans-Juergen Foerster, a spokesman for the federal prosecutor's office, said there was no evidence the woman had a "terrorist background."

She was identified as 42-year-old Adelheid Streidel of Bad Neuenahr, southwest of Bonn. News reports said she had a history of mental illness.

After the attack, the woman sat impassively as a throng of police men screamed at her "Who are you? Who are you? Tell us your name! Say hi!"

But the woman said she was refusing to make any statements, and police hauled her out of Stadthalle auditorium in suburban Muehlheim, where about 2,000 people had gathered for the rally.

ZDF said she was convicted of arson in 1986 and had been sent to a psychiatric institute.

The Cologne newspaper Express said that she suffered from a "persecution complex" and quoted neighbors as saying she had repeatedly sought to obtain weapons to defend herself from men she thought were pursuing her.

Lafontaine underwent two hours of surgery late Wednesday. Pichlmair said he awoke at 5 a.m.

Reinhard Klimmt, the Social Democratic member of the Saarland state parliament, said after visiting Lafontaine that he was weak but "mentally alert" and cracking jokes.

"It looks like someone else will have to talk," Klimmt quoted Lafontaine as saying of a speech he had planned to make in a federal parliament Friday.

Vogel, in an interview with Deutsche Welle Radio, said Lafontaine intends to remain the chancellor candidate. He told a meeting of party officials that Lafontaine had "sharp pains in his neck and

## Kohl's rival stabbed at rally

**BONN, West Germany (AP)** — Top opposition politician Oskar Lafontaine was said by doctors to be out of danger today after being stabbed in the neck by a woman who offered him flowers and asked for his autograph at a campaign rally.

The 46-year-old Social Democrat, Chancellor Helmut Kohl's leading challenger in elections set for Dec. 2, lost a lot of blood in Wednesday's attack but friends who visited him today said he was cracking jokes.

"Considering the circumstances, his condition is satisfactory," said Dr. Heinz Pichlmair, the head of the team of physicians treating Lafontaine.

The chairman of the Social Democratic Party, Hans-Joachim Vogel, said Lafontaine had no intention of dropping out of the race. He said Lafontaine had already been able to get out of bed and stand up today.

Lafontaine, the governor of tiny Saarland state, is one of West Germany's most colorful, acid-tongued and popular politicians.

He was attacked near the close of campaign rally in Cologne at about 9 p.m. by a black-haired woman in a white dress who approached him on the dais seeking his autograph, witnesses and officials said.

The woman stabbed Lafontaine with a butcher knife as he was about to sign a poetry album she presented him, police said. The ZDF television network said the knife had been concealed in a bouquet of flowers.

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**POLITICAL VICTIM** — West German politician Oskar Lafontaine lies injured on the ground after a woman stabbed him in the neck during a campaign rally in Cologne Wednesday.

## Troop cuts could mean smallest army since 30s

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The United States could have its smallest Army since 1940 if troop cuts under study by top Army officials are enacted.

Army Secretary Michael Stone says some one-third of the Army's soldiers could be removed from the ranks over the next five or six years if budget pressures continue.

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## St. Louis daily ends run after only 7 months

### Poor circulation kills tabloid

By Randolph Picht  
The Associated Press

**ST. LOUIS** — The St. Louis Sun, an ambitious attempt to build a big-city paper fast, has folded after a seven-month run during which it was accused of titillation and praised for its coverage of TWA and a stadium project.

"It is clear that we could not achieve sufficient circulation to make this enterprise viable and so, we have concluded that there is no longer room in St. Louis" for the Sun, editor in chief Ralph Ingersoll II announced Wednesday.

The seven-day morning tabloid, launched Sept. 25, published its last edition Tuesday night. Wednesday's paper carried the big headline "Deadly Quiet."

John O'Connor, who joined the Sun staff a little over a week ago, was one of 194 full-time employees trying to recover from the shock of the closing.

"I walked into a bar and I saw Ralph Ingersoll on TV," he said. "I said, 'That looks like my boss. I'm from the Sun.' They said, 'That is your boss, you're out of a job.'"

The Sun had hoped to be the first major metropolitan newspaper to go to a full-time newspaper in its country since World War II.

In response to a request last year from Cheney, the Army made plans in its current budget to cut about 135,000 troops by 1994, Stone said.

Additional cutbacks are being reviewed to strip an additional 50,000 from the Army in a second-stage cutback, he said. The decisions will be made "in the next few months" as Cheney reviews the military services' five-year budget plans.

Pentagon sources reported two weeks ago that the Army was planning such cuts, which would bring the Army to a low of 580,000 troops by Oct. 1, 1996, the beginning of the 1997 fiscal year.

At the end of January, the Defense Department's count of soldiers stood at 760,915, and the preliminary headcount for the end of February was 755,164.

There were 269,023 people in the Army in 1940. The number skyrocketed to 8.2 million in 1945 at the end of World War II and dropped to 554,030 by 1948.

the troubles facing St. Louis' major air carrier, Trans World Airlines.

Ingersoll, who is chairman and chief executive of Ingersoll Publications Co. and has an interest in four other newspaper holding companies, said his new tabloid needed to sell most of its copies from vending boxes and newsracks.

Instead, it ended up with home-delivery sales outnumbering single-copy sales 2-to-1.

That cost the paper, which spent more than \$25 million to start up, an unexpected \$5 million. Home delivery costs are higher because of the expense of billing customers and hiring delivery people.

Ingersoll decided Sunday night to stop the presses.

"They read the handwriting on the wall," the weather was sunny, the Cardinals were playing, the Blues were playing and people still weren't buying the paper. You don't have to be a brain surgeon to figure it out," said Kevin Horgan, a columnist who jumped ship from the Sun. "They said, 'That is your boss, you're out of a job.'"

In Horgan's old newspaper, Post-Dispatch Editor William Woo said he was sorry about the demise of the Sun. "The Sun undertook a difficult mission and made a valiant effort, which fell short," Woo said.

Ingersoll said he didn't know how much money overall he had lost on the Sun. He said the decision to close had nothing to do with debt problems at another of his newspaper companies.

On Friday, an offer by Ingersoll to buy back much of the \$240 million of junk bonds issued by his Community Newspapers Inc. failed to attract a single bondholder.

The newspaper also was chided for running photos of new weapons on its swiss and lingerie. Some critics derided the Sun's flood of promotions, fluorescent green billboards and contests.

But the Sun was praised for its coverage of the effort to build a new domed stadium downtown and of

## Secrecy deals on hazardous products criticized

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Consumer advocates, attorneys and journalists say court agreements that allow companies to keep information about potential hazards involving their products secret are endangering lives and public safety.

However, corporate lawyers argue that such arrangements are a legitimate part of the civil justice system, offer an alternative to lengthy court battles and help protect trade secrets of U.S. businesses and American competitiveness.

"Secrecy buries critical facts ... and the public good is ignored and damaged," Russ Herman, president of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, said Wednesday at a conference on secrecy sponsored by his group.

Information discovered during product liability litigation "ought to be made available to the public so the danger isn't repeated over and over again," he added.

In many instances that includes "documents and decisions involving unsafe products, dangerous drugs, toxic wastes — all with potentially devastating effect on people unaware of the danger," said Paul McMaster, deputy editorial director of USA Today.

McMaster heads the Freedom of Information committee of the Society of Professional Journalists, cosponsor of the conference.

Protective orders, confidentiality agreements and court sealing of files in product liability cases prohibit lawsuit participants from dis-

tributing any of the information obtained, limit what can be shared with others not involved in the lawsuit or make all records in a case unavailable.

One corporate defense attorney said that opening court records could violate privacy by revealing sensitive information about businesses or individuals.

"If you can summon my medical records from my doctor, my diary from my psychiatrist or records of design from a company ... privacy goes out the window," said James Morris III, a Virginia lawyer.

Opponents to secrecy should not be allowed to use the court system to disseminate information that might not otherwise be available, Morris said.

## Lithuanian inaction irks some in Congress

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Some members of Congress are expressing growing discontent over President Bush's go-slow reaction to the Soviet Union's crackdown on Lithuania.

"I sense that more in Congress are beginning to share our concern about the administration's policy of inaction," said Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., whose state includes a large number of Lithuanian-Americans.

If the Soviets continue their economic blockade against the breakaway Baltic republic, Simon said, "My guess is that Congress will lead the president down the road of economic sanctions against the Soviet Union."

Lithuanians heaped criticism on Bush after the president postponed any economic sanctions against Moscow for fear of boxing Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev into a corner, and thus slowing the pace of Soviet reform.

Bush defended his decision on Wednesday.

"The policies, decisions I've taken have had strong support from the American people, and that's who I work for," he said.

Some members of Congress, like House Speaker Thomas J. Foley, D-Wash., and Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, have backed Bush's decision.

Others have argued for an American response.

"My constituents are right," said Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., disagreeing with Bush. "The U.S. government has an obligation to support the Lithuanian people."

"I will support sanctions against the Soviets until they respect Lithuania's right to self-determination," she said.

While Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, has not criticized Bush, he reiterated his call Wednesday for the administration to do something "to express disapproval and to deter further actions against Lithuania."

Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., was harsher. He blasted Bush for wanting to have a "photo op with Gorbachev" at Kennebunkport, Maine, during the planned May summit more than wanting to do what is right on Lithuania. Kennebunkport is Bush's summer home.

DeConcini said the arms control summit ought to be scrapped until the Soviet Union makes a radical change of course on Lithuania, which has declared its independence.

Rep. Dante Fascell, D-Fla., chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, also said Bush should postpone the summit to "send a message around the world."

Republican Sen. Gordon Humphrey of New Hampshire joined the criticism, saying "The Bush administration dishonored the principled conduct of previous administrations toward Lithuania."



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**TEEN-AGED NINJA HAIRCUT** — Gary Patterson Jr., 8, of Junction City, Kan., shows off his new haircut featuring Raphael, his favorite Mutant Ninja Turtle.

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# OPINION

## Caution over water justified

Town officials made a wise decision when they removed two wells from the town's water system despite the fact that the state's Department of Environmental Protection said the town could continue to use them for drinking water until a new water treatment facility is built.

The wells in question supply only 7 percent of the town's total supply and the town is fortunate to have about twice as much water in the total supply as is now being used.

The wells meet the present standards for chemical contamination, but, without treatment, will not meet more rigid standards the state plans to impose, based on very conservative calculations of health risks.

Eventually the town will have to treat water it takes from wells, but in the interim it is a good idea not to use the two that seem to pose any possible danger, no matter how remote and long term.

## Open Forum

### Earth Day celebrators

To the Editor: We, the students at East Catholic High School, celebrated Earth Day on Tuesday, April 10. We organized special classes and activities in which we discussed environmental issues and ways in which we, as a community, can help improve our cities.

The students are very interested in the recycling program started by the State of Connecticut. We feel that in order for this program to work, everyone must show a consistent effort. We believe that by recycling, the cost of production will decrease, there will be more available landfills, and the air we breathe will be better for our personal health.

The Science Club at East Catholic organized its own recycling program in which many of the students and faculty have participated. The club members have placed boxes in every classroom and encouraged the entire school to recognize the seriousness of the waste disposal problem.

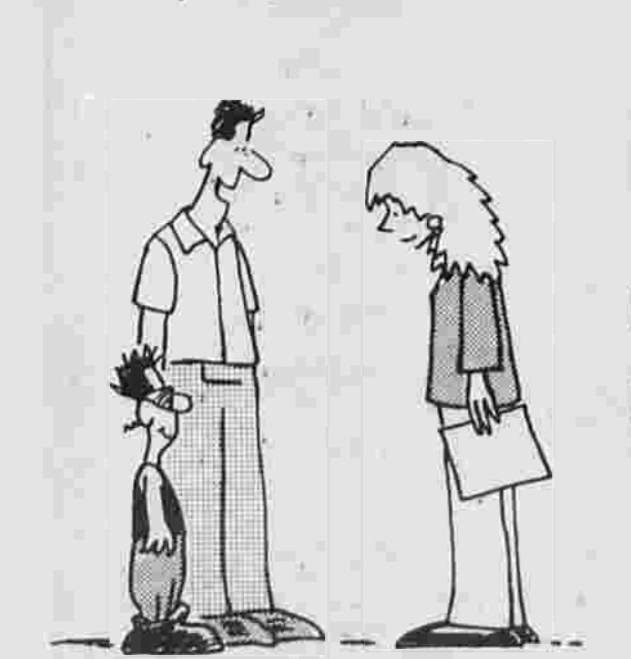
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"Junior just composed an obscene rap song."

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NOAH, THIS KIND OF ENVIRONMENTAL ALARMISM IS GOING TO WRECK THE ECONOMY!

## Army combats drug abuse

By Tom Tiede

FORT DIX, N.J. — The sergeant was a good soldier, he remembered one. He did not like life in the barracks, he was eternally homesick, and so, he says, he began to drink to the point where he couldn't handle it. That led to related problems, as it often does, and soon he was called before his commanding officer.

He was arrested for drunk driving. He had mistreated his wife.

"Well, sergeant, what do you have to say for yourself?" Now there was a time when the commander would have cut the man off at the chevrons. The military has traditionally taken a dim view of substance dependence. Regulations say that people who abuse drugs in the armed forces "will be processed for separation," and the Army used to get rid of drunks and druggies (PDQ).

But the services have changed in this respect. That is to say, they no longer do everything by the book. The commander here decided that the sergeant genuinely regretted his off-duty dilemma and was a candidate for salvation; he was therefore kept on the rolls and put in the Army's drug rehabilitation program.

That decision is in accord with air, land and sea policy now. The Pentagon says about 89,000 chemically troubled personnel are rehabilitated rather than released each year. The military has even attached a staff name to the practice, it's called "Marrow Conservation," and the idea is to hold on to good foles.

The idea also is to rescue human beings. The military is doing something decent for its rank and file. Says Morris Vaughn, the alcohol and drug control chief at Fort Dix: "We believe most soldiers inherently want to do right, even if they are off on the wrong foot — and we can help by giving them a second chance."

Or a third. The sergeant in this case has been through a couple of rehabilitation stints. He is presently one of 100 people enrolled in the Fort Dix program, including 10 civilian dependents and workers.

## States eye high-speed trains

By Robert Walters

LAS VEGAS — Before the 21st century arrives, moderately priced trains could be whisking thousands of passengers between this vacation mecca and Southern California at speeds of 250 to 300 mph.

Moreover, three other high-speed rail systems — in Florida, Texas and Ohio — could also be in operation by the end of this decade, providing quick, reliable and affordable transportation while relieving congested air lanes and highways.

That may sound like a fantasy, but such trains have been operating for years in Japan and France, with others either planned or already under construction throughout Europe.

High-speed rail lines are not cheap, but the average construction cost of \$7 million per mile is comparable with the expense of building new highways — and the transportation innovation is especially timely.

The manufacture of rail cars and other heavy equipment, as well as the assembly of electronic components, offer outstanding conversion opportunities for the companies that, throughout the Cold War, have been heavily dependent upon military contracts.

High-speed rail could relieve much of the pressure on overburdened — and therefore increasingly hazardous — air-line routes. Almost two-thirds of all com-

## ID fraud growing concern

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — Fraudulent use of Social Security numbers in creating a billion dollar crime wave.

Government investigators are finding a growing use of Social Security numbers to hike the government out of financial aid, to illegally obtain loans and to buy guns. A growth industry for the sale of counterfeit cards has even been created.

Files are replete with examples, such as the Virginia man who used a fraudulent Social Security number first to obtain a driver's license, then to buy firearms, which were shipped to New York where they fell into the hands of drug dealers.

Investigators predict that this type of fraud will be a growing concern the rest of this decade. Last year, the Inspector General at the Department of Housing and Human Services helped authorities obtain more than 1,000 convictions related to illegal use of Social Security numbers.

The Social Security crime blotter reads like this: "Four people in New Jersey, through a combination of false names and fictitious companies, obtained a \$500,000 bank loan and \$1 million in the sale of company stock."

An Ohio woman used false names and Social Security numbers to get government assistance benefits, evade police and negotiate thousands of dollars in bad checks.

One of the more elaborate schemes was hatched in California. Two residents fraudulently collected thousands of dollars in Supplemental Security Income payments, a part of Social Security. The two, Henry Nguyen and Ona Rady, operated Universal Resources Development Center in Oakland and advertised that they would help non-English speaking Laotian and Vietnamese refugees apply for Supplemental Security Income.

Their scheme failed, the applicants' medical conditions and eligibility factors, routed the funds to their own address and deposited them into their personal accounts.

One Laotian refugee went to Nguyen and Rady when her son was denied medical benefits for asthma. The pair filed an application for her, claiming she was deaf and her son retarded. Other claims were filed using medical information from a Mexican clinic, where actually the claimants had never been to Mexico.

All told, the offenders pleaded guilty to collecting \$70,000 in Social Security benefits from 23 recipients.

This burgeoning scandal comes amid growing debate over Social Security financing. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., has rolled the waters by proposing a cut in the Social Security payroll tax.

Moynihan and other lawmakers are exposing the sham accounting methods of the federal government that enable Social Security trust funds to be counted as revenue, and thus create illusory reductions in budget deficit.

The White House prefers the status quo. Powell says he then had to go immediately into a Pentagon lab to take urine sample. The lieutenant had to be there to supervise the procedure, as he would have had to do with any other woman and immediately think how it would be to go to bed with her.

That was up from 41 percent who agreed in 1970. Majorities in the new poll, conducted by the Roper Organization, also rated men negatively on their egos and domesticity. Sizable minorities went further: Forty-two percent called men "basically selfish and self-centered."

The reason? "Women's growing dissatisfaction with men is undoubtedly derived from their own rising expectations," the pollsters reported. "The more independent women of today expect more from men."

The poll, financed by Philip Morris USA in the name of its Virginia Slims cigarettes, was conducted July 22 through Aug. 12 by personal interviews with a random sample of 3,000 women. The margin of error was 2 points.

Respondents expressed greater awareness of discrimination against women than they did 20 years ago. But they also said overwhelmingly that women have made progress in job opportunities, fair pay and political leadership.

Six in 10 of the women who work full time said juggling jobs and families puts them under "a lot of stress," and nearly as many said they felt guilty about time they spend at work and away from their families.

"Their frustration comes out of taking time to project himself as a serious, in-charge leader," Kennedy is cutting a higher public profile lately, even allowing himself to be viewed as an intimate and adviser of both President Bush and Vice President Quayle.

Robert Walters is a syndicated columnist.

## Traffic chaos gives way to fun as blackout darkens Toronto

TORONTO (AP) — A blackout plunged much of this city of 610,000 people and its environs into darkness for several hours, and traffic chaos downtown gave way to a big party.

The power outage occurred about 8 p.m. Wednesday after equipment failure caused a transformer at a mid-town station to explode and catch fire, Ontario Hydro spokesman Bill Friday said.

Several people reported seeing a fireball after the blast, but officials said there were no serious injuries at the plant, which was evacuated. The fire was out by 10 p.m.

"Everything was back on as of 1:10 a.m.," Friday said today. "Ninety percent of the people affected had their power back by 11:30 p.m."

Police staff Sgt. Lou Vitani said about 175 gallons of liquid containing cancer-causing polychlorinated biphenyls spilled during the fire but were contained inside the plant.

Hydro spokesmen said the liquid did not pose a danger because the PCB levels were well below provincial standards.

At the height of the blackout, about 90,000 homes and 10,000 businesses were in the dark in Toronto and parts of suburban Scarborough, East York and North York.

Downtown stores closed, but there were reports of young looters carrying leather jackets and steers out of the Eaton Centre, Vitani said. Security staff sealed off the huge four-story mall and no arrests were reported.

Wednesday was the city's hottest April 25 on record — 86 degrees — and thousands of people strolled along Yonge Street, the main thoroughfare, revelling in the disorder and giving the street the good-time, chaotic energy of a Saturday night.

"We're having an amazing time," said 19-year-old Michelle Em, who took a break from her job at a leather goods store to cruise the streets with two friends in a rented rickshaw.

"We've seen people preaching and singing. You name it, they're doing it," she said.

## PORK BARREL

### Aid bill becomes laden with pet funding projects

WASHINGTON (AP) — A \$3.4 billion spending bill in Congress includes the bill began as an \$870 million request from Bush to pay for three items not envisioned in the 1990 budget: \$300 million in aid for Nicaragua, \$50 million for Panama and \$70 million for refugee programs.

When the House took it up, the measure grew to \$2.4 billion with the addition of disaster relief for flooding in the Southeast (House Appropriations Chairman Jamie Whitten is a Mississippi Democrat); low-income energy assistance for the Northeast (senior committee Republican Silvio Conte is from Massachusetts); money for veterans' health care and pensions, food stamps and Forest Service firefighting.

There was no controversy over the \$300 million for newly democratic Nicaragua. But other congressional initiatives were causing headaches at the White House.

A fight appeared certain, for example, over language added by Sen. Brock Adams, D-Wash., that would allow the District of Columbia to use local funds to pay for abortions for poor women.

Bush vetoed other bills twice last year that contained similar abortion language, and administration budget director Richard Darman said it was "virtually certain" the president would do the same thing again unless the provision is dropped or changed.

After winning Senate approval, the bill still faces a House-Senate conference to work out differences

between competing versions before it is sent to the White House.

Among other congressional riders added to the bill were: "A directive that the Department of Veterans Affairs stick to the schedule for building an addition to its medical center in Huntington, W.Va., rather than delaying construction as the department has proposed."

"\$78 million to monitor volcanic eruptions in the state of Alaska, Anchorage, Alaska, the state of Sen. Ted Stevens, a Republican member of the Appropriations Committee."

"The transfer of a 112-foot Coast Guard ship, the Agile, from Beaumont, Texas, to the government of American Samoa to provide transportation among the Samoan islands."

"\$228 million to build an Army explosives plant in Louisiana, the state of Democratic congressman member J. Bennett Johnston. The House had sought to eliminate money for the plant."

"A special reduced interest rate for Israel for \$400 million in U.S. loan guarantees to build housing for Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union. The move, sponsored by Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and Robert Kasten, R-Wis., could save Israel more than \$25 million in loan-servicing costs over the 30-year life of the loan."

In both the House and Senate versions of the bill, the president is regarded as "must pass" because they are requested by the president, each year become

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budget recommendation for police calls for adding to the force on March 1.

Cassano said the Democrats also want to add one detective to the force next year, to come from the present patrol force.

The Democrats say the cost of the detective could come from savings in other areas of the police budget.

Director Joyce Epstein said the human services budget has not been reviewed well and the Democrats will be studying it.

Another Republican, Director Ronald Oella, said this morning that he likes the proposal to beef up the police force, a plan he says he proposed at a budget workshop last week between the directors and police.

"I'm glad they agree with my idea to close the police department staffing gap," he said. Police have staffing problems because of attrition and the lengthy hiring process.

However, he said increasing the staffing will be discussed after the budget has been adopted.

Oella said he is confident the GOP will fully fund Sartor's recommended police budget.

Emphasizing that he was speaking for himself, Oella said public safety and the town's infrastructure have traditionally suffered because of Democrats throwing dollars into education.

Also he questioned how the Democrats plan to fully fund police and education, a huge chunk of the budget, without driving up taxes significantly. He called the statements "political rhetoric."

In denouncing the statement as political, Oella was joined by Republican Director Wally Irish.

"The role of the minority is to make such statements," Irish said, adding that he is not ready to make a recommendation for how the budget should look.

"I can't be a generalist as the Democrats can afford to be at this time," he said. "I don't think we in the majority can be that irresponsible."

Republican directors Mayor Terry Worklow and Ellen Burns Landers could not reach for comment this morning.

**Pilot passes test**  
MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A Northwest Airlines pilot who insisted on urine and blood tests after a passenger questioned his sobriety tested negative for alcohol, the airline says.

A Northwest flight from Detroit to Atlanta was delayed four hours last week when the pilot, whom Northwest refused to identify, confronted a woman who had suggested he was delayed because he was "partying."

The woman, Ann Beaver of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., said Saturday she was only joking, but the pilot took her seriously.

**Colt**  
"I haven't had anybody come to me and say they couldn't support it," said Herb, who has strongly supported the bill in his role as Senate chairman of the Public Safety Committee.

But Gamble said the bill is based on the mistaken premise that assault rifles — such as the AR-15 made by Colt's — are more likely to be used by criminals, particularly in the drug trade.

"It tries to single out one class rifle or guns of being more dangerous than another," Gamble said. "Can you imagine how silly that is? All guns in the hands of a criminal become dangerous."

State Treasurer Francisco Borges, who invested \$25 million worth of state pension funds in Colt's earlier this year, said he is still trying to determine whether the company's new gun should be considered an assault weapon. Borges has said



CHANGING OF THE GUARD — Outgoing President Daniel Ortega drapes the presidential sash over newly inaugurated President Violeta Barrios de Chamorro Wednesday after she was sworn-in as president of Nicaragua.

### Nicaragua

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peacekeeping force. The rebels are to give up their weapons voluntarily.

Once they do that, they can begin receiving food and medical supplies from a mission of the Organization of American States.

Many Contras interviewed in the countryside have said they are indeed tired of fighting and want to go home. Others reportedly have staged a rash of highway robberies, and the new government may find its hinterland controlled by small bands of rebels-turned-bandits.

The thieves probably will increase if the rebels have to continue living off ever more skeptical peasants.

"Legal" Ortega the weapons will not be handed over," was one of the chants that greeted Daniel Ortega as he walked into a baseball stadium for his last act as president — turning over power to Mrs. Chamorro.

The chant by an unruly Sandinista crowd was a telling sign: Weapons mean power for the Sandinista Front, which broke little opposition during its decade of rule after forging its link on the premise of armed revolution.

repeatedly that he opposes the production of assault weapons for sale to civilians.

"I've written to him, told him what the configuration is," Gamble said. "He has all the facts."

At issue is the blurry distinction between an assault weapon and a sophisticated target rifle.

While there is no universal definition for an assault weapon, the Bush administration uses the term for military-style semiautomatic weapons that it has banned from importation into the United States.

Such weapons, however, are not regulated in the United States.

Gun control advocates who claim the Sporter is an assault weapon point to several features: its pistol grip, not needed when the gun is fired from the shoulder; a flash suppressor that minimizes the light thrown off by the gun at night; and its capacity to accept large magazines and fire off dozens of shots in rapid succession without reloading.

Gamble acknowledged that the new gun has each of those features, but he thinks to several it does not have. He said it is virtually impos-

And as long as the Sandinista armed forces remain intact, Nicaraguans — long inured to dictatorship propped up by control of the army — understand that they retain the real power.

That power is constitutionally vested in the executive office but can rise against the president at any time. It is a lesson deeply ingrained in Latin American politics.

It also is something the Contras have warned about and brandished as one more reason for their reluctance to disarm.

UNO members also are angry over Gen. Ortega staying on.

"We campaigned throughout the countryside during the elections without money, without anything," said Jaime Cuadra, explaining Tuesday night at an UNO Cabinet meeting why he rejected his appointment as agriculture minister.

"We told those peasants that once UNO won the elections, we would get rid of all the Sandinistas. Now, how am I going to look all those peasants if I take a post in the government and Humberto is still there?"

Cuadra is president of the Matagalpa Coffee Planters Association, a group of 260 private farmers in Nicaragua's heartland.

He once was jailed by dictator Anastasio Somoza for smuggling guns for the Sandinistas. Now he refuses to have anything to do with them.

Gilberto Cuadra, president of Nicaragua's most influential private business group, the Superior Council of Private Enterprises, also rejected his appointment as construction and transportation minister.

The men — who are not related — are influential, both inside the country and among Nicaraguans's exiles. While others were appointed in their place Wednesday night, their dissatisfaction is bound to find ready audiences.

At a party celebrating the change of government, UNO revelers chanted "Humberto Must Go!"

Vice President Virgilio Godoy, a strong Sandinista critic, was at the party at the lakeside Plaza of the Revolution.

Asked about Mrs. Chamorro's decision on Gen. Ortega, Godoy said: "Tonight we're celebrating. We'll get back to work tomorrow."

terchange high-level ideas with someone who knows or understands too thin. It's hard to keep these activities going with just four of us in 10 schools," he added.

Cormier said he supports the PROBE program, but if cuts have to be made, he has little choice but to cut from a program that is not mandated. The schools are only required to identify gifted students.

It's "discriminatory" not to give the same priority to education for the gifted as to other students with special needs, Nicholson said. All children should have a right to an "appropriate" education, she said.

"It's not always appropriate to have them sit there doing the same things as average kids," Nicholson does interviews for Brown University in Providence, R.I., with students from the region who apply there. She is now running into some of the students who were in the program in its beginning years.

Many of her students will go far, Nicholson believes.

White also supports education for the handicapped, Nicholson said, "if you are going to spend \$10,000 on a handicapped kid who many never become a creative producer, it seems a shame to spend nothing on the kid who is probably going to produce the most."

Cormier said that in the upcoming year, the administration plans to focus on alternative education for students who are potential dropouts.

"The drop-out rate remains doing the extra work involved in PROBE, Cormier said, because they are required to keep up with the regular work as well.

The students in the Waddell classroom don't seem to mind, though.

"My teacher doesn't make it hard for me. I make up my homework. It's not much harder," Rachel said.

The loss of one teacher is likely to mean less services for students in kindergarten through fourth grade, Nicholson said. Or, the independent study for fifth and sixth grades may

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### Defense secretary proposes big cuts in aircraft program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Dick Cheney today outlined \$34.8 billion in cutbacks through 1997, including a sharp reduction in the B-2 Stealth bomber and other sophisticated aircraft.

Testifying before the House Armed Services Committee, Cheney said the changes were warranted because NATO faces "fewer enemy aircraft and a reduced ground threat" as a result of the dramatic changes sweeping Eastern Europe.

Cheney's blueprint follows a detailed Pentagon study of military needs, and came one day after an Army official said troop levels would probably be cut by 250,000 over the next five or six years.

The proposed reductions in aircraft would also affect the size of the Navy. In answer to a question from Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wisc., the committee chairman, Cheney said reducing the number of A-12 attack planes could mean eliminating two of the Navy's 14 aircraft carrier battle groups.

The defense secretary testified that his plans would trim \$2.4 billion from earlier estimates of Pentagon spending plans for 1991, and \$4.8 billion through 1997. He offered his plan at the same time the Democratic-controlled House and Senate are drafting spending blueprints for 1991 expected to call

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### SPORTS

#### Joe's World

Joe Garman

### Opening day brings out all varieties

Saturday morning, April 21, 1990, came, and with its arrival came the rains. I opened one eye, checked the weather, and went back to sleep for another hour.

Wasn't going to go fishing anyhow. Haven't been out to wet a line on the opener for the last 18 or so years. But I do get out to check around and see what's going on.

As a rule the rivers are jammed with anglers. And this year, even with the rotten weather early, the crowds were there.

The rivers were high and muddy, and even so, there were hardy "haas" waltons lining the banks of the streams. The more hardy souls, in the water, in places where the currents were not too strong, and others lining the banks, with rods and gear all pitched toward the white trout, recently released from the hatcheries by the state DEP.

On the whole, a spirit of camaraderie prevailed, although twice, I witnessed some nasty words exchanged when lines crossed with one angler into a fish, and another angler having his lure right across the hooked up angler's line and fish.

The other little bit of nastiness occurred when some of, and I do mean of, came tramping down part of the Mt. Hope, right in front of two anglers who had very obligingly given one another house room to fish. To say the air was blue from the verbal epithet exchanges is an understatement. However, the two anglers who respected one another's positions, were joined by another fisherman who had witnessed the goings on, and the cloud, respecting numbers, beat a hasty retreat.

I don't know what it is about opening day, but it brings out some very strange people to wander the streams or fish the lakes and ponds. I classify opening day anglers into three major categories.

First and foremost, the dedicated angler. These fishermen have waited all year for the "opener" and will hit the water with such a love of sport, it makes it pleasurable to sit and watch and talk to them. They fish all year, and obey the game laws up to the season's closing.

The second category encompasses the "part time" fisherman. He's the guy who enjoys fishing the fresh water rivers and ponds, but when the dog days of slow fishing, and a lack of stocked fish becomes apparent, turns his attention elsewhere. Golf, tennis, the beach, and some saltwater piscatorial pursuits.

The third category holds the "once a year, for a week" fisherman. Notice, I did not say angler. These people look forward to opening day, as though it is a big social event. Some even party, and camp out on the rivers and ponds the night before, and just thoroughly enjoy themselves. For a period of one week, "Cause it's just opening day."

Now all of these people really do enjoy themselves. And I say more to them. That's what it's all about. Having a good time. I do not look down my nose at the crowds, because I know that in a couple of weeks, things will quiet down, and the waters will be manageable.

There is one more group however, that thank goodness, is in the minority. They are the trouble-makers, and the bores and clods, that the non-sporting public seem to adore, and therefore lump all fishermen and hunters there it seems to be worse) to be tarred by boorish behavior.

Most outdoor sportsmen, whether he be avid or even once a year, are decent people who have a love of the outdoors, and respect what the good Lord gave us.

With most of us, it's Earth Day, three hundred and sixty-five days a year, and we work it at.

Joe Garman, a Manchester resident for many years, is a recognized authority on the subject of bamboo fly rods, and the sport of fly fishing.

**Rowe named interim AD**  
STORRS (AP) — The University of Connecticut has named a former Huskies head basketball coach to temporarily replace departing Athletic Director Todd Turner, who announced last week he would take the same position at North Carolina State University.

Donald "Dee" Rowe could begin his duties as early as June 1, but no later than July 1, Turner's official resignation date, UConn President John T. Casano III said Wednesday.

"I expect Dee and Todd to work out the actual date for transition of duties," Casano said. "Until beginning his time as interim AD, Dee will be assisting my office during the current transition period."

### Lebeau a key as Habs stay alive



IT'S A GOAL — Montreal's Stephane Lebeau signals a goal as Boston Bruins' goalie Andy Moog looks up from the crease during the first period of Wednesday night's game at the Forum. The Canadiens won, 4-1, but still trail the best-of-seven series 3-1.

### Outlook grim for Knicks as Celtics are ready

By Howard Ullman  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Boston coach Jimmy Rodgers tried different lineups, tested key players and endured some tough times. In the end of the season, the Celtics were in third at the NBA's hottest market.

New York coach Stu Jackson spent much of the season in first place. In the end, with Charles Oakley sidelined, the Knicks were one of the coolest of the playoff teams.

Now the Knicks are headed for Boston Garden, where they've lost 24 straight games, for the first two games of the playoffs tonight and Saturday.

Even with both Patrick Ewing and Oakley in the lineup, the outlook is grim for New York.

"Some people think it's going to be a cakewalk for us," said Boston center Robert Parish, who must guard Ewing, "but I'm looking for a battle."

Still, the Celtics are very optimistic that they can win the best-of-5 series and perhaps stay alive for several rounds.

"We don't know if we can win a championship," Boston's Larry Bird said, "but I don't see any team out there that's any more dominant than they have been in the past few years."

"We're the type of team that's got a lot of strengths," he added. "If you don't improve from beginning to end, you don't have a chance to win it."

Rodgers, who used different starting combinations for much of the season and different rotations off the bench, has settled on a core group of eight players. Bird, upset early in the season with Rodgers' approach and his own poor shooting, is playing perhaps his best basketball of the season.

"We didn't win the (Atlantic) division title, but I feel we accomplished a number of the other things that we set out to do," Rodgers said, "and that is to be a team that was healthy and playing its best basketball at the end of the season."

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# Luck changes for Caps in playoffs

By David Ginsburg  
The Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — Considering all the misery the Washington Capitals have endured in the NHL playoffs, maybe it's simply time for their luck to change.

That's the way it looks so far in their series with the New York Rangers, where they're one game away from winning the Patrick Division playoff title for the first time after seven previous failures.

Rod Langway, a veteran defenseman who endured most of those other playoff disappointments, led the way Wednesday night with an overtime goal that put the Caps on the brink of the third round with a 4-3 victory over the Rangers.

Langway's first goal in 14 months, 34 seconds into overtime on a shot he was merely trying to put near the goal, gave Washington a 3-1 lead in the best-of-7 Patrick finals which resume with Game 5 on Friday night at New York's Madison Square Garden.

Until Langway scored his game-winner, the contest was typical of Washington's agonizing playoff past. The Capitals, on the brink of victory, let the Rangers back into the game by blowing a 3-1 lead in the final 4:03 of regulation.

After blowing the late lead, Washington appeared to have once again won another great opportunity — but Langway changed all that.

Langway's first goal since Feb. 17, 1989 came on a wrist shot from the left circle. The shot flew past New York goalie Mike Richter, who was screened by teammate Randy Moler.

"Believe it or not I made a bad

play," Langway said. "I wasn't trying to score, just throw it toward the net. (Mike) Richter came out and blocked my first shot, and I was just lucky it came back to me. Otherwise, I was lost and they had a breakaway.

"When you see an opening like that and you're a non-goal scorer, you just throw it toward the net and hope for a break. I got lucky," Langway said. "Winning franchises overcome setbacks, and we're still trying to learn to do that."

"We've had high hopes for this organization and have come up against goals that put the Caps on the brink of the third round with a 4-3 victory over the Rangers."

"This loss puts them in the driver's seat," New York coach Roger Neilson said. "Now we've got to win at home and come back here again."

"We're disappointed, but it's not over," Rangers center Carey Wilson said. "If we play like this next game, at home, I think we'll beat this team."

The Rangers got even in third period when John Ogrodnick scored a power play goal with 4:03 left and Bernie Nicholls forced the overtime by beating Washington goalie Mike Liut on the sick side with 1:12 remaining.

Before New York's late flurry, it appeared that John Druce would once again be the Capitals' hero. Druce scored twice within a 103-second span to give Washington a 3-1 lead early in the final period.

Druce's first goal, with the Cap-



**PUCK STOPS HERE** — Washington goalie Mike Liut, right, prepares to stop the puck as New York Rangers John Ogrodnick, left, and Kelly Kisio attempt to stuff it by him during their playoff contest Wednesday night in Landover, Md. The Caps won, 4-3, in overtime to take a 3-1 lead in the series.

itals enjoying a two-man advantage, gave Washington a 2-1 lead with 47 seconds left in the second period. His second, 56 seconds into the final period, gave him 11 in the post-season, best in the playoffs.

But New York wasn't finished. The Rangers, who won the Patrick Division regular-season title but have not won a Stanley Cup since 1940, fought back before losing

their third straight game after winning the opener 7-3. Druce has at least one goal in five straight games and seven in the first three. This, after spending the first part of the season in the minors and scoring only eight goals in 45 regular-season games.

After Troy Malhotre gave New York a 1-0 lead with a first-period goal, Washington tied it with Tim Bergland's first-ever playoff goal at

13:13 of the second period. Druce got the go-ahead goal with Nicholls and Moler in the penalty box. Scott Stevens flatted a shot toward the net that was tipped by Dale Hunter off Richter's chest, and Druce slapped the rebound out of the air and past Richter into the net.

Then, in the opening minute of the final period, Druce redirected a shot by Kevin Hatcher into the net to make it 3-1.

# Rally saves Mets

By Jim Donaghy  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — During the course of a season, there are games that exemplify why a team wins or loses more than others.

That was the case Wednesday night when the New York Mets rallied for five runs in the eighth inning for an 8-5 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

The Braves have finished in last place three of the last four years in the National League West. And, despite a promising pitching staff, they have lost 10 of 12 games this season and seem headed for another last-place finish.

All other Wednesday postponements will be made up on dates and times to be announced.

"We should win when we score five runs," Braves manager Russ Nixon said. "We got hits and got David Cone out of the game."

But the Braves didn't get relief pitching and defense when they needed it most.

The Mets ended the eighth trailing 5-3 as Gregg Jefferies led off with a single off reliever Mike Stanton and Howard Johnson singled to left field. The Mets rallied for five runs in the eighth inning, including a grand slam by Strawberry's slow grounder, leading the bases to be full. Kevin McKeown's two-run single tied the score.

Treadway looked to second for a possible force play, and bobbed the ball to lose a shot at Strawberry. "If we get the out on Strawberry it's a different game," Nixon said. "That error magnified everything else and things like that always get you in trouble."

# In Brief . . .

## Rain washes out scholastic state

The rain on Wednesday washed out the scholastic sports slate. The postponed games will be made up on the following dates: East Hampton at Coventry girls softball—today at 3:30 p.m.; Xavier at East Catholic baseball—Saturday at 10 a.m.; Bolton at Cheney Tech baseball—Monday at 3:30 p.m.; East Hampton at Coventry baseball—May 3 at 3:30 p.m.

## Merchants hold tryouts

Tryouts for the Manchester Merchants will be held Saturday and Sunday (April 28-29) from noon to 3 p.m. at Moriarty Field. Any 14- or 15-year-old from Manchester or Bolton, and any student attending East Catholic or Cheney Tech is eligible. Any questions, call Dave Rohrbach at 646-4069 or Steve Armstrong at 647-1560.

## Mangiafico doing well at PC

PROVIDENCE — Freshman Marc Mangiafico, a 1989 graduate of East Catholic High School, has posted a 5-3 record to date with the Providence College baseball team. Mangiafico has appeared in nine games and pitched 46 2/3 innings. He's given up 48 hits, struck out 42, and has an ERA of 5.21.

## Clubhouse calls to be logged

NEW YORK (AP) — More fallout from the Pete Rose case because of the way he used ballpark telephones, all calls to and from every major league clubhouse this season are being logged.

"It's being done for everyone's benefit, to protect against gambling and other bad influences," Rob Levin, a spokesman for the commissioner's office, said Wednesday.

Baseball officials talked about a plan during the off-season and put it into effect on opening day. Many teams, including the Cincinnati Reds, already had such a policy for several years.

## NCAA denies Maryland request

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (AP) — The NCAA Division I Steering Committee turned down a request by the University of Maryland to hear a quick appeal of the school's basketball probation.

The announcement came after the spring meeting of the 46-member NCAA Council. The Steering Committee is made up of council members.

NCAA president Albert M. Weiss said there was no precedent for an expedited appeal. He said Maryland's case would be heard at the Council's summer meeting in August in Monterey, Calif.

## Engel on indefinite leave

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP) — National League umpire Bob Engel, accused of stealing 4,180 baseball cards last week, has been placed on a leave of absence.

Bill White, president of the NL, said Engel was given the leave "so that he can direct his energy toward the charges that have been leveled against him."

Engel will be arranged in Bakersfield Municipal Court on May 2. He hasn't commented on the charges, but agreed to give Williams his first \$100,000 fine.

## Myricks suspended three months

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Larry Myricks, the second-ranked long jumper in the world, has been suspended for three months after testing positive for a stimulant commonly found in an over-the-counter cold medication.

The Athletics Congress, governing body for track and field in the United States, said that Myricks tested positive for phenylpropanolamine at the U.S. indoor championships in New York on Feb. 23. If the mandatory appeal is ignored, Myricks would be ineligible for national or international competition until July 13.

## NBA files second lawsuit

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The NBA has filed a second lawsuit against the Oregon Lottery, alleging that its new scratch-off ticket game is based on the league's championship series.

The lawsuit, filed late Tuesday in U.S. District Court, claims the "Basketball Championship Pool" game infringes on the NBA's trademarks, creates confusion for its fans and unjustly enriches the Oregon Lottery.

## Olajuwon player of month

NEW YORK (AP) — Akeem Olajuwon of the Houston Rockets, who averaged 27.1 points and 13.5 rebounds in 11 games, was named NBA player of the month for April.

## Ferrell voluntarily retires

PHOENIX (AP) — Phoenix Cardinals fullback Earl Ferrell, the team's leading rusher the past two seasons, voluntarily retired after being informed by the NFL that he had tested positive for drugs and must miss the 1990 season.

Ferrell, 32, told reporters at a hastily called news conference that he received a letter from NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue last Thursday.

The 6-foot, 240-pound Ferrell, who has 2,946 yards in his eight-year career, has never been suspended by the NFL for drugs although he reportedly tested positive at least three times.

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# Little League set for 40th campaign

The Manchester Little League swings into its 40th season of operation on Saturday with tripleheaders at both the American League and National League fields.

Opening day ceremonies will be held at 10:30 a.m. at Waddell Field on Broad Street with the introduction of players and brief messages from league dignitaries.

Bob Digan will serve as master of ceremonies. Once the ceremonies are complete, the teams will report to their respective fields for opening day play.

The American League schedule at Waddell is: Dairy Queen vs. Firefighters at noon; American Legion vs. Army and Navy at 2 p.m.; and DiRosa Cleaners vs. Modern Memorial at 4 p.m.

The National League opening day schedule at Leber Field (off of Love Lane) is: Carpers vs. Anskall's at noon; Lawyers vs. Vitmer's at 2 p.m.; and Boland Brothers vs. Sunnyside Up at 4 p.m.

Ed Detore is Manchester Little League president with Lloyd Boutillier vice president, Judy Blasiach treasurer and Bernie Lidearti secretary.

The Little League season is set to open on Saturday, May 5, with the Rookie League season opening on Saturday, May 12.

There are six teams in each of the two major leagues with 18 teams in the Farm League and 18 teams in the Rookie League.

# Rookies get shot at Indy minus traffic

By Steve Herman  
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Salt Walther, who drove in seven Indianapolis 500-mile races in the 1970s, and Jeff Andretti, the youngest son of former winner Mario Andretti, are among 10 drivers expected to participate in the U.S. Auto Club's annual Rookie Orientation Program this weekend.

The voluntary program, in its 10th year, will run through Sunday, with car inspections and meetings for drivers and their crews today and three days of practice beginning Friday. The track will open for full practice for all drivers on May 5.

"The value to the participants is that they can run out there without the pressure of a real race," said Andretti. "The thing I let us do is, we can take some people that may be marginal as far as their background, and see what they would look like at this race track."

"Very frankly," he added, "if it weren't for this program, a lot of fellows would not get the opportunity to drive here as soon as they do. There's more of a relaxed atmosphere. That's probably the biggest thing going for it."

The 42-year-old Walther, whose best finish at Indianapolis was ninth in 1976, has not driven at the Speedway since 1979. His last Indy-car race was in the 1981 Michigan 500.

"We figured this was a good place for him to get some miles," McCluskey said of Walther's participation in the rookie program.

Jeff Andretti, 26, would be the fourth Andretti seeking a start in the May 27 race. His father, the 1969 Indy winner, older brother Michael and cousin John, all veterans, also are entered in this year's race.

Left in driving for TEAMAR International of Indianapolis and is a teammate of Kenji Momota, one of two Japanese drivers entered. Momota, who drove on the American Indy Series last year, also is expected to participate in the rookie program.

Among the other first-year drivers is Eddie Cheever, a Formula One veteran who made his oval track debut three weeks ago with a seventh-place finish at Phoenix. Cheever's only previous Indy-car race, which was on a "short" course, was at Miami in 1986, when he finished 27th.

Others expected here this weekend are Buddy Lazier, who also participated in the rookie program last year, Scott Goodyear, Dean Hall, Mike Griffin and Steve Barclay.

# Yankees

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cap a three-run seventh inning that lifted the Mariners to a 3-2 victory over the New York Yankees on Wednesday night.

Martinez also had three singles to complete the first four-hit game of his career.

"I really didn't know when I hit it," Martinez said of his homer off a 1-1 pitch from reliever Eric Plunk. "But I thought I had a chance to get a double or something."

Martinez's hitting helped make a winner of Brian Holman (3-1) in his first start after flirring with a perfect game last week against Oakland.

"That's something that happens infrequently, maybe once every hundred times you get out there," Holman said about his perfect game bid. "I put that last game behind me. Now that it's over, I've got to go on."

He gave up eight hits in six-plus innings, walking one and striking out seven but lost his perfect game attempt by walking Yankee leadoff hitter Steve Sax in the first inning. Sax then scored on Mel Hall's two-out triple.

"I didn't have quite as good a feel as last time. I had a good slider," Holman said. "Maybe I wasn't quite as focused as I was at Oakland." Seattle took a 2-1 lead in the third off Anaheim starter Pasquel Perez on Mike Brunley's RBI double, an infield out and a Perez wild pitch that scored Brunley.

Holman left after allowing singles to the first two Yankees in the seventh but reliever Mike Jackson got pinch hitter Luis Polonia to ground into an inning-ending double play that preserved the 2-1 lead.

Perez departed in the fourth after experiencing muscle spasms in his right shoulder.

"We left him back in the warm weather to throw some more," Yankees manager Bucky Dent said of the possible effect of shortened spring training on Perez. "We've been monitoring his outings each time and I don't think that's a problem."

Seattle's three-run seventh came at the expense of relievers Lee Guetterman and Plunk.

Guetterman allowed only one hit and struck out seven in the eighth but reliever Mike Jackson got pinch hitter Tony Pena on to face Martinez or Brian Holman. Pena struck out on a slider from Holman. Pena then struck out on a slider from Holman. Pena then struck out on a slider from Holman.



**ROLLING IN** — Minnesota's Gene Larkin, left, makes it under the tag of Detroit shortstop Alan Trammell for a double in the sixth inning of Wednesday night's game at the Metrodome. The Tigers won, 6-4.

# Gruber produces in clutch where other clubs fall flat

By Ben Walker  
The Associated Press

Baseball made simple: Get a big hit, like Kelly Gruber again did for Toronto, and win. Fall in the clutch, like Kansas City, Boston and New York did, and lose.

Gruber hit his seventh homer and drove in his 19th run, both major league highs, at the Blue Jays beat Cleveland 5-3 Wednesday night.

"Everything is falling in for me," said Gruber, now batting .375. "It's a combination of a couple of things. I'm not hitting the pitches I should be missing and I'm not wasting any swings on bad pitches."

Gruber went 4-for-5, including a two-run homer and RBI double. He is 8-for-11 in three games against the Indians.

Kansas City, Boston and New York could've used just one hit in the ninth spot.

Milwaukee held off the Royals 1-0 when relief ace Dan Plesac pitched a bases-loaded, none-out jam in the eighth. After throwing two balls, he retired Greg Brett on a pop and got Willie Wilson to ground into a double play.

"You don't get out of a bases-loaded, none-out situation very often. Any time you do, you have to get pretty lucky, especially falling be-

hind 2-0 to Brett," Plesac said. Boston squandered 13 hits and four walks, leading the bases three times and leaving 14 runners on base in a 3-1 loss to California. The Red Sox scored their only run on Bill Buckner's inside-the-park homer.

The Yankees fell to Seattle 5-2. The Yankees loaded the bases with one out in the seventh, but pinch hitter Luis Polonia grounded into a double play.

In Toronto, a blown tantrum caused a blackout downtown but did not interrupt the Blue Jays' game. There was no power shortage at the SkyDome, where Gruber, Glenallen Hill and Pat Borders hit home runs.

Gruber hit a two-run homer in the first inning and had an RBI double in the fourth that put the Blue Jays ahead for good at 4-3.

Toad and Stuntzner (2-2) got the victory and Duane Ward pitched three innings for his third save. Rod Nichols (0-1) took the loss.

Keith Hernandez hit his first American League homer, a two-run shot for the Indians.

Brewers 1, Royals 0: At Milwaukee, the Brewers pitched their

# McCaskill

innings before Mike Witt and Mark Eichhorn completed a 13-hitter.

Later, McCaskill, who has allowed 16 hits and 12 walks but only two earned runs in 17 innings this season, credited a new attitude and luck for two victories without a loss.

"Everything was a crisis situation before," he said. "I'm a little more indifferent now."

But, he added, "basically I was just lucky" against the Red Sox, who had 18 base runners, hit into two double plays and left 14 runners.

"I think I was extremely lucky," the right-hander said. "It was just luck. It wasn't really my pitching that got me out of it. It was their misfortune. Believe me, I'm not trying to get into those situations."

The Red Sox, who loaded the bases in the first, fifth and sixth innings, agreed.

"What can you say, wasted opportunities, that's it," Boston manager Joe Morgan said. "We didn't hit for beans when we needed to. We could've done them in any number of innings. We certainly could have croaked them in the first."

The Red Sox appeared ready to make short work of McCaskill. Wade Boggs and Jody Reed singled and Ellis Burks walked on four pitches, filling the bases with no outs.

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# Reds remain hot as Duncan takes over for Larkin

By Bill Barnard  
The Associated Press

Once Barry Larkin cooled off, Mariano Duncan kept the Cincinnati Reds hot.

Duncan took over the National League batting lead from his teammate Wednesday night, raising his average to .445 with three hits and clutching a three-run homer, and Todd

Benzinger drove in three runs in the Reds' 12-7 victory over Philadelphia.

Larkin hit .512 in Cincinnati's first 10 games, but is 1-for-9 in the last two, helping Duncan to surge past him.

"I'm just trying to make contact," said the second baseman said, "and when that happens, good things happen."

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By R.B. Fallstrom  
The Associated Press

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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Jumble word game grid with clues: YEMSS, SURVI, DOHOKE, CRESIB. Includes a cartoon illustration.

Astronauts keep eye on telescope

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Discovery trailed the Hubble Space Telescope 380 miles above the Earth today as the shuttle astronauts could watch the \$1.5 billion floating observatory and make sure it was working right. The telescope, which will gaze at the heavens during a 15-year search for new worlds, was released from the shuttle's cargo bay Wednesday afternoon after a last-minute snag that almost sent two astronauts on an emergency spacewalk.

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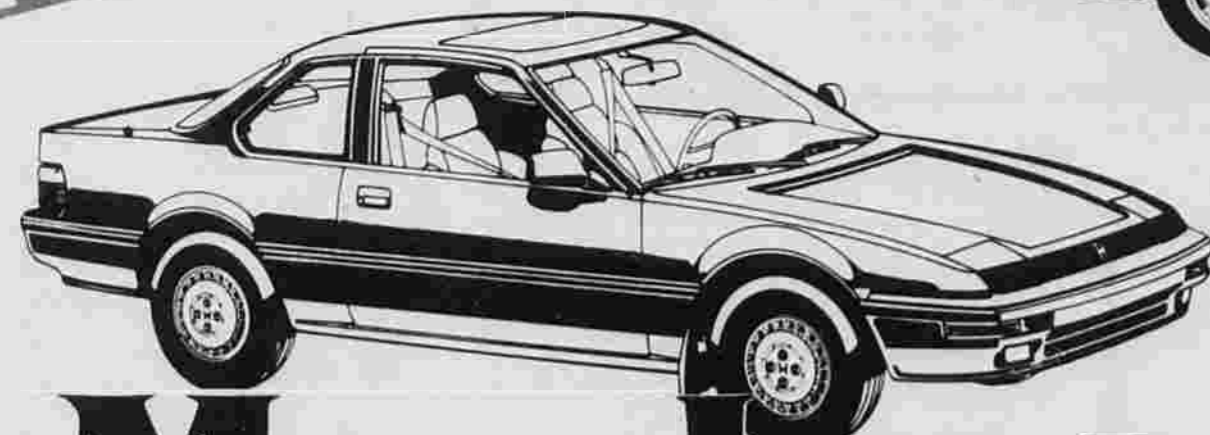




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**New deficit ups budget pressures**

By Judd Everhart  
 The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Buffeted by more bad news from the General Assembly's budget office, House Democrats may try again today to reach agreement on balancing a \$7.19 billion budget for 1990-91.

Last Thursday, the Office of Fiscal Analysis said its deficit estimate for 1989-90 was up another \$24.4 million and for 1990-91, \$78.1 million, taking into account planned tax-law changes.

Still later, House Democrats emerged from an eight-hour caucus and said they remained about five votes short of what they need to get a budget passed for the year beginning July 1.

"We think it's doable," said an exhausted House Speaker Richard I. Balducci, D-Newington, after the marathon closed-door meeting of

House Democrats.

Earlier Thursday, Senate Democrats said they had agreed on a combination of \$145 million in spending cuts and tax-law changes to balance the 1990-91 budget, including a \$65 million savings by ending a program designed to bring female state workers' salaries up to par with men doing similar work.

The proposed phasing out of the so-called pay-equity program angered leaders of the unions representing state employees, who said the program has not yet been extended to all classes of state workers and that disparity still exists.

But Senate Democratic leaders said the program had accomplished what it was created for 10 years ago and should be phased out by 1995. They said state workers were closing in on parity with private-sector workers.

Balducci said, however, that the pay-equity element of the plan had not been particularly well received in the 88-member House Democratic caucus.

"Anything can kill the deal," the speaker said.

Deputy House Speaker Ronald L. Smoko, D-Hamden, a fiscal conservative said many House members are especially concerned about proposals to use millions of dollars in one-shot revenue sources, like accelerated tax payments, that won't be available next year. He estimated that the next General Assembly could find itself looking for \$750 million for town residents.

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**TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF** — With temperatures today predicted to be in the 80s, Carol Ruff of 358 Spring St. Ext. had spring planting on her mind Thursday as she examined the selection at a local nursery on Hillstown Road.

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**TNT packs Bolton hall on budgets**

By Donna O'Leary  
 Manchester Herald

The Neglected Taxpayers filled town hall to its 160-person capacity Thursday night, offering help figuring tax bills, and seeking petition signatures to bring the town and school budgets to a referendum.

The proposed budgets could mean a new 21.6-mill rate for town residents.

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ways.

There appeared to be more than 175 people at town hall. Massolini confirmed that there were at least 150.

Charles Holland, TNT chairman, said he turned people away because the capacity limit had been reached.

Although he said he had not totaled up all the signatures, he said the group probably received more than 175 signatures Tuesday night.

Since people had to be turned away or did not find parking places, TNT is looking into setting

up petition-signing tables at Bolton Notch Plaza and Route 85. Holland also welcomes calls to his home, 646-3839, to make arrangements on signing petitions.

"We have no problem with the town budget. We wouldn't mind seeing some cuts put back into the town budget," said Holland.

"The school budget is not acceptable and must be cut. We feel they should cut back to a 5 percent increase," stated Holland. As proposed, the education budget would be cut by 5 percent.

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**Telescope lens is opened**

SPACE CENTER, Houston — The lens cover on the Hubble Space Telescope opened today after a morning of tortoise-like problems, eliminating the need for a spacewalk repair job by Discovery astronauts.

"We have confirmation from the Space Telescope Operations Control Center that the aperture door is open," said John Dumoulin of the Goddard Space Flight Center.

The space shuttle Discovery, which carried the telescope to orbit, was 50 miles behind the telescope, ready to lend a hand if needed.

"The Hubble is open for business," Mission Control told Discovery's astronauts. "A lot of people had a lot to do with it," was the reply from Discovery Commander Loren J. Shriver.

The relay of the good news to the crew had been briefly delayed because Discovery was out of touch with the ground while the commands to the telescope were being sent through the Tracking and Data Relay Satellite, which is also used for shuttle communications.

The lens cover, a 10-foot diameter "aperture door,"

covers the opening to the telescope's light shield. When it is closed, the telescope is blind.

Soon after the door opening, another problem developed.

Two of the four "rate gyros" that steady the telescope and lock it into position failed. When that happens, the telescope automatically goes into a safety mode to prevent sunlight from striking the lens.

But the Hubble was already in that position, giving controllers time to work on corrections.

The lens cover had been closed — except for a tiny wedge opening — ever since the \$1.5 billion telescope was dropped overboard by the Discovery crew on Wednesday.

Now that it is opened, sunlight can strike the lens for the first time and it can go about its business of photographing and analyzing the universe in ways and with sensitivity never before possible.

The door is made from honeycombed aluminum sheets

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**Controversial program restored**

By Jacqueline Bennet  
 Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — The Board of Education voted unanimously Thursday night on cuts of \$138,776, but restored a controversial program to serve children not ready for first grade.

The cuts reduced the proposed budget for the next fiscal year to \$10,010,542.

The amount cut is what the Town Council had cut from the education budget April 12. The board previously had cut \$400,000, including some staff, from Superintendent of Schools Michael Malinowski's initial proposed \$10.5 million budget — on his recommendation.

Although by state law the council

cannot tell the board where to make cuts, essentially it did follow the council's suggestions.

The board also restored some positions and the transitional program that had been cut in February, after those cuts drew public outcry.

A grade 1 teacher added for Coventry Grammar School was cut because of restoration of the transitional program, a \$29,472 cut.

Health insurance was cut \$56,502 based on a probable change in major medical coverage from Travelers Insurance Company to Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Connecticut, recommended by Town Manager John Eiseker for better coverage at lower cost.

Malinowski said he has talked

with the various union heads and is confident an agreement to make the coverage change in the contracts will be reached by May 11.

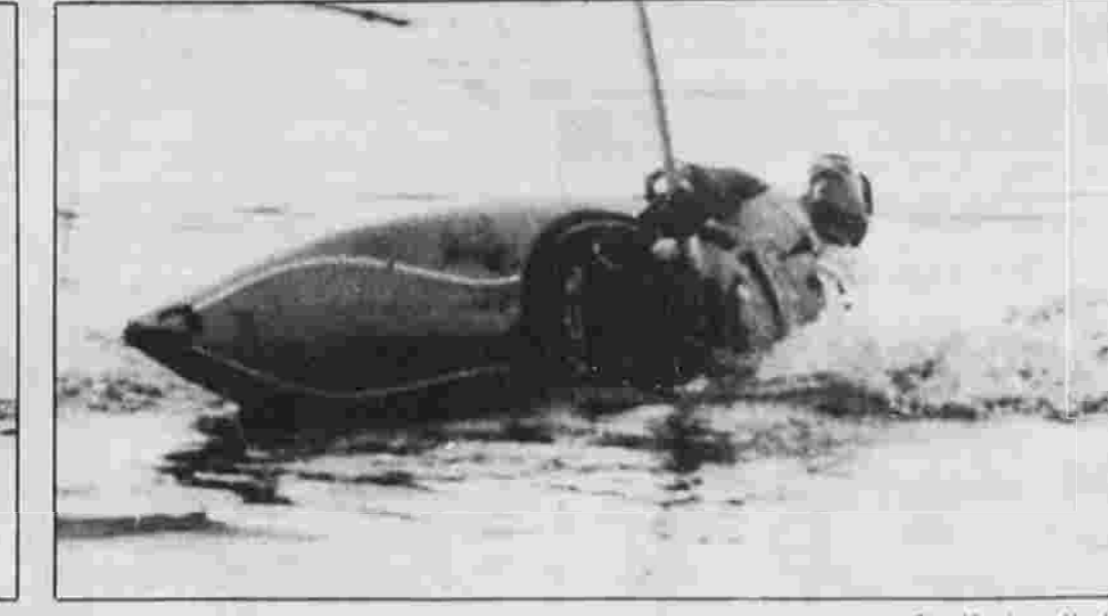
On that day, voters are scheduled to vote on the budget at the town's annual meeting. However, resident Roland Green has said he plans, as in many years past, to petition the meeting to an adjourned referendum because voter turnout is greater.

Other cuts made Thursday included: \$27,774 due to a salary error; \$30,000 in anticipation of staff turnover; \$31,126 in equipment and supplies; and \$5,000 from a special education teacher salary that will be covered by federal grant money.

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**I CAN, CAN YOU?** — Dominic and Diane Cutala of 16 Lawton Road took advantage of the spring weather Thursday to try out their kayaks on Bolton Lake, left photo. At right, Cutala attempts to do an Eskimo roll, spinning the boat 360 degrees and bringing it to an upright position again. The weatherman says the nice weather will continue today and tomorrow. See forecast on page 2.



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