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Iraq test-fires missiles; Saddam urges dialogue

By ARTHUR ALLEN
The Associated Press

Saddam Hussein says he expects the Palestinian question to be on the agenda of talks with U.S. officials on preventing war, for which Iraq has shown itself to be preparing with the test-firing of medium-range missiles.

The surface-to-surface missiles, with a range of 400 miles, were fired and landed Sunday within Iraqi territory.

Iraq fitted similar weapons with conventional warheads during its eight-year war with Iran, but they could also be equipped with chemical weapons, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said in an interview on ABC-TV.

The U.S. military refused to confirm or deny reports that allied forces in the Persian Gulf were on alert after detecting the missiles, presumably with spy satellites or AWACS airborne early-warning radar planes.

"The flight path of the missiles was away from U.S. and coalition forces," according to a U.S. military statement in Saudi Arabia.

In an interview broadcast Sunday a French television network, Saddam said the changes of war in the Persian Gulf stand at "50-50," with the outcome depending on the discussions between his government and Secretary of State James A. Baker III.

Bush offered on Friday to send Baker to Baghdad and the Iraqis accepted.

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Some U.S. observers have said Bush's offer to hold talks with Iraq was lip service for critics who say his administration is moving too quickly toward war. The U.N. Security Council, in a resolution Thursday, authorized force against Iraq if Saddam does not withdraw his troops from Kuwait by Jan. 15.

Saddam did not respond to the French reporters' questions about the possibility of an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait.

But he said the "dialogue" with Baker would have to deal with Israel's withdrawal from the occupied territories. The United States has rejected any such linkage.

The United States now has about 240,000 troops among the 350,000 strong force in the region. By next month, the number of U.S. soldiers in the force is expected to swell to around 400,000.

U.S. Marines began a four-day amphibious exercise on Sunday, the fourth since Operation Desert Shield began in early August. Military officials refused to disclose the location of the practice landings, the number of Marines involved or whether force from other countries took part.

Also Sunday, U.S. Energy Secretary James Watkins met with Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer in the Saudi capital of Riyadh to discuss plans to expand Saudi oil production and to keep prices from skyrocketing in the case of war, sources said.

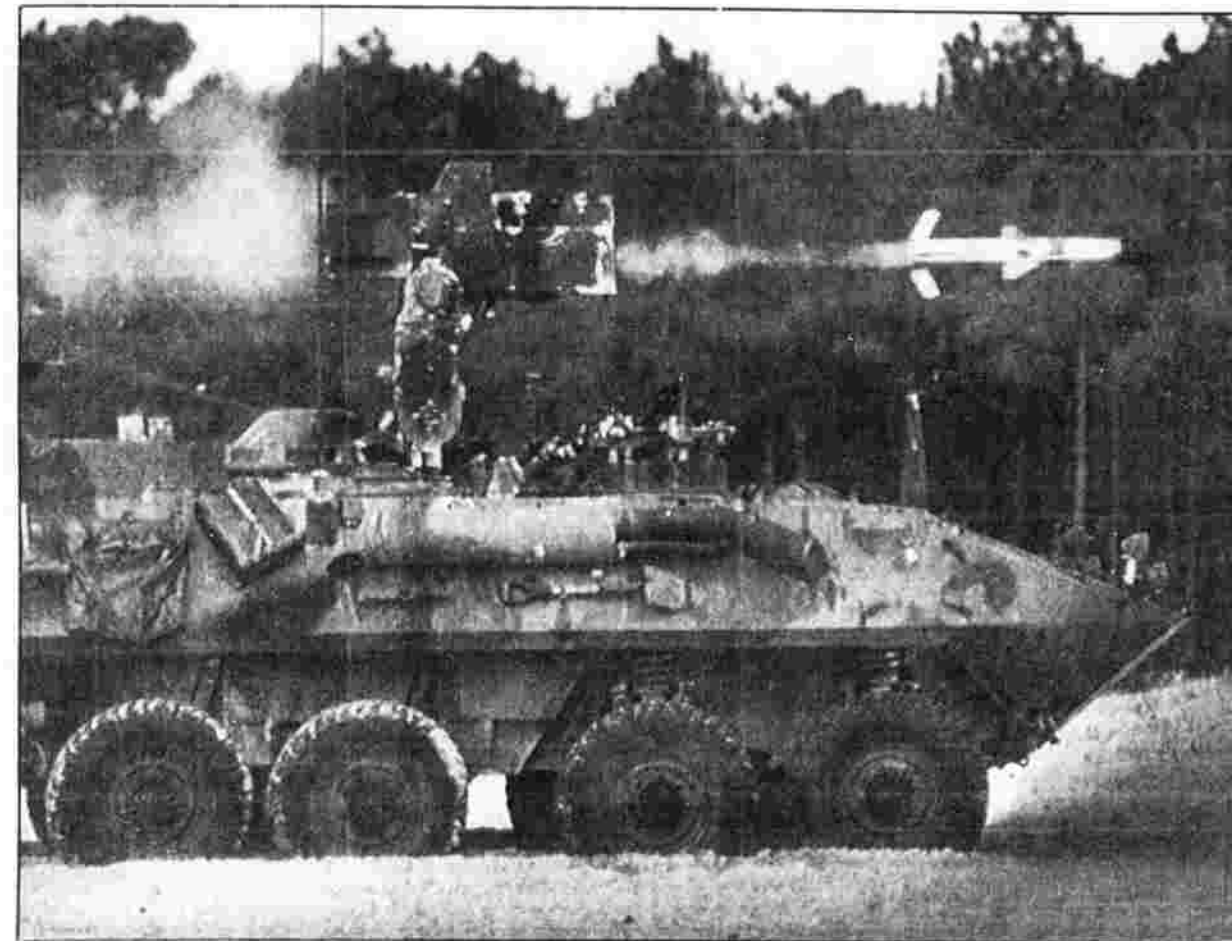
Saudi Aramco is now pumping nearly 8.5 million barrels of oil a day. Before the crisis, its OPEC quota was 5.38 million barrels a day.

Crude oil prices doubled to around \$40 a barrel soon after Iraq's invasion, but have fallen to as low as \$29 since. If war breaks out, they could shoot up as high as \$100 a barrel, according to estimates by oil figures.

The sources in Saudi Arabia, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the arrangement was under discussion in which the Americans would draw down strategic oil reserves to keep prices down if Gulf production were halted by war. The Saudis would later reimburse the United States, they said.

In other developments, Iraq issued a strong warning to the Soviet Union, whose Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said Thursday that Moscow "will not hesitate to use force" to protect the estimated 3,000 Soviet citizens still in Iraq.

An unidentified Iraqi Foreign Ministry spokesman, quoted by the Iraqi News Agency, said the Soviets would "lose the friendship of 200 million Arabs" if they sent troops to the Persian Gulf region.



MARINES FIRE TOW — Marines at Camp Lejeune, N.C., fire a Tube-launched Optically Guided Weapons missile as they prepare for duty in Saudi Arabia.

Report: FBI investigating Sens. Cranston, DeConcini

By WILLIAM M. WELCH
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A published report today says the FBI is conducting a criminal investigation that could lead to charges against two of the so-called "Keating Five" senators.

The Washington Times, quoting unidentified congressional and law enforcement sources, said the "wide-ranging" investigation involved allegations of vote trading and bribery against Sens. Alan Cranston and Dennis DeConcini.

The report comes as the Senate Ethics Committee this week shifts the focus of its hearings into the matter to Cranston, the majority beneficiary of \$1.3 million in Senate campaign contributions from savings and loan owner Charles H. Keating Jr.

The Times said also that an FBI source had confirmed for the newspaper that a federal grand jury sitting in California was reviewing evidence involving Cranston, DeConcini, and DeConcini.

DeConcini, recalled Sunday at his home in Tucson, Ariz., and a spokesman for Cranston told the Times they were unaware of any criminal probe.

The newspaper's sources said,

"I see nothing ethically, morally or legally wrong with amounts that were involved," he said.

Cranston, who has prostate cancer and has said he will not seek re-election, did say, however, that accepting the money "turned out to be politically stupid and unwise, because it's caused an uproar that I regret."

Committee special counsel Robert S. Bennett described DeConcini and Cranston as the most deeply in-



'THE DEAN' DIES — Composer Aaron Copland leans on the grand piano in the studio of his home at Ossining, N.Y. in a 1956 photo. Admired as "the dean of American music," Copland died Sunday, in North Tarrytown, N.Y., of complications from two strokes and respiratory problems.

Aaron Copland dies at 90

By VERENA DOBNIK
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Aaron Copland, the immigrants' son from Buskysville who used jazz rhythms of the South, folk songs of Appalachia and cowboy tunes of the prairie to create classical music that was unmistakably American, has died at 90.

The composer, who lived in Peekskill, died Sunday at Phelps Memorial Hospital in North Tarrytown of pneumonia. He had suffered two strokes recently.

"The dean of American music" created such classics as "Appalachian Spring," "Rodeo," "Billy the Kid" and "Lincoln Portrait." Leonard Bernstein once called Copland's 1942 orchestral composition "Fanfare for the Common Man" the "all-time top of the hit parade in American music."

The son of Eastern European immigrants, he strove to be more American than most Americans and sought to focus the international spotlight on his fellow American composers.

"He put American music on the map. He decided that there should be an American sound, a place for the American composer," Vivian Perlis, who collaborated with the composer on his 1984 memoir, "Copland," said Sunday.

Copland wrote two operas, six ballets and eight film scores, including his Oscar-winning music for William Wyler's "The Heiress" in 1948.

He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1945 for the ballet "Appalachian Spring," based on a Shaker melody played by a clarinet. It was choreographed by Martha Graham.

His ballets "Billy the Kid" in 1938 and "Rodeo" in 1942 make use of cowboy tunes and folk songs.

Other works included the score for "The Red Pony," the 1949 movie based on the novel by John Steinbeck, and "Lincoln Portrait," music performed with narration inspired by the writings of Lincoln biographer Carl Sandburg.

The Jewish boy from New York, who learned to write

cowboy-inspired classical music didn't even travel to the West until he was 28.

"I preferred to imagine being on a horse without actually getting on one!" he once said.

William Schuman, who with Bernstein and Copland formed what Schuman called a triumvirate of American composers, said, "Copland believed in the validity of American music, that we were not inferior to our European cousins."

"He created the American sound in symphonic music," said Schuman.

Both Bernstein and Copland "wanted to incorporate popular music into concert music. They always wanted the music to be in contact with people," said composer Elliott Carter.

Copland's storekeeper parents initially were reluctant to pay for music lessons. "My parents were of the opinion that enough money had been invested in the musical training of the four older children, with meager results," he recalled.

But his persistence prevailed, and Copland eventually studied in Paris with Nadia Boulanger and sold a composition, "The Cat and the Mouse," for \$32.50.

"To finally see my music printed means more to me than any debut in Carnegie Hall," he wrote home.

In 1925, Boulanger, on organ, premiered "Symphony for Organ and Orchestra" in New York as part of her U.S. debut.

Afterward, Copland recalled, conductor Walter Damrosch addressed the audience: "Ladies and gentlemen, I am sure you will agree that if a gifted young man can write a symphony like this at 23... within five years he will be ready to commit murder."

With such jazz-inspired creations as "Piano Concerto" in 1926, Copland once recalled, "I felt I had gone to the extreme of where jazz could take me, the audience, and critics in Boston all thought I had gone too far."

During a trip to the West, Copland heard the piece being heard during rehearsal and again in concert at the Hollywood Bowl.

Three times Gotti has appeared in New York City courts on other charges, and three times he has walked out a free man, earning the nickname "The Teflon Don."

The acquittals, combined with his reputation for violence and fine clothing, have given Gotti national notoriety.

Yet that image may bring his downfall, experts say. Castellano's approach — described by one as "much more sophisticated racketeering than Gotti's" — and therefore harder to detect and prosecute — is more conducive to a lengthy stay at the head of an organized crime family, they believe.

Unless, of course, somebody in the organization decides to kill you nine days before Christmas.

"Paul Castellano was a class act. He was the emerging racketeer of

the '90s. There's a great variance between Mr. Gotti and Mr. Castellano," said Fred Mattens, director of the Pennsylvania Crime Commission.

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U.S.: Saddam is considered long-term threat

By JOAN MOWER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration says Iraqi President Saddam Hussein poses a long-term threat to world peace and "has to be dealt with" even if he withdraws Iraqi troops from Kuwait and frees western hostages.

In television appearances Sunday, administration officials promised Iraq a peaceful way to end its occupation of Kuwait but still branded the Iraqi leader as a dangerous man whose larger military ambitions must be checked.

"There's never been any suggestion that force would be used if the U.N. resolutions were fully complied with," Secretary of State James A. Baker III said on NBC-TV's "Meet The Press."

"That would give some assurance, it seems to me, that if he complied with the resolutions, his reward for that would not be a military attack by the United States," Baker said.

The United Nations has called for Iraq to leave Kuwait, restore the legitimate government to that oil-rich emirate and free all Western hostages. Baker plans to travel to Baghdad between now and Jan. 15 to meet with Saddam.

But even if Iraq heeds the U.N. resolutions, "we still are going to be faced with an Iraq that has enormous military capability and has demonstrated a desire to develop even more nuclear weapons, ballistic missiles," Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said.

"He has to know, and I think the world knows, that we are very concerned about that capability and that we are prepared to try to find diplomatic ways to deal with it if possible, but it has to be dealt with," Cheney said on ABC-TV's "This Week With David Brinkley."

Perilous future for Mafia's Gotti

By LARRY MSHANE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The street hit from the pages of "The Godfather" allegedly transformed John Gotti into the nation's most powerful crime boss. But five years later, Gotti faces the mobster's fatal equalization: power plus prestige equals prosecution.

"Right now he is the No. 1 target of law enforcement. ... It's just a matter of time. He's going to go," said Jules Bonalovonta, head of the FBI's organized crime office in New York.

Bonalovonta has history on his side. From Al Capone to Joe Bonanno, godfathers have turned grandfathers while behind bars.

The heads of four of the city's five organized crime families were convicted and sentenced to 180 years in prison each in 1986. The fifth — Paul Castellano — was never heard those verdicts.

Gotti's attorney, Bruce Cutler, noted his client is often linked to the slaying, but asserted Gotti's innocence.

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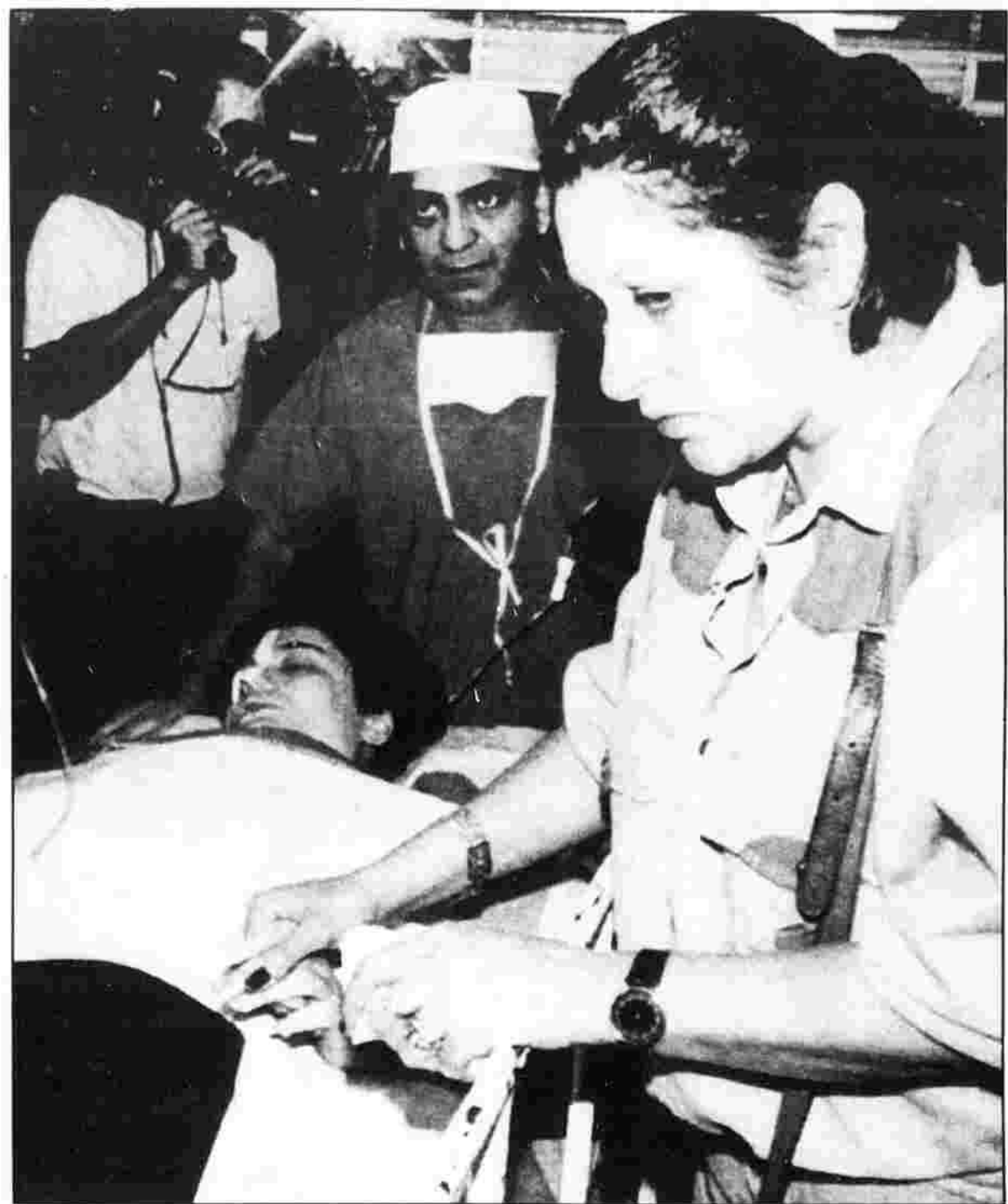
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A COMFORTING HAND — Israeli soldier Avishag Cohen, on stretcher, holds her sister's hand as she is wheeled out of the operating room of a Tel Aviv hospital Sunday after she was injured in a knife attack on a Tel Aviv bus earlier in the day. One Israeli passenger died of stab wounds and three others were injured. A Palestinian attacker was shot dead by security forces while two other Palestinians were injured and arrested.

Movie, television actor Robert Cummings dead

By ROSE ANA BERBEO
The Associated Press

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OPINION

Board of Ed criticism

To The Editor: The Bolton Board of Education is not seriously committed to soliciting community participation in education programs.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), Commission on Public Secondary Schools sets the standards for education in the New England region. This organization is the official accrediting agency of the United States Secretary of Education. The October 23-26, 1988 accreditation report on the Bolton High School by NEASC states the following standard: "The school shall solicit participation of community members and organizations in the support and development of school programs."

That same report was critical of the High School administration's interaction with the community and offered the following recommendation: "Establish and implement a consistent, on-going community relations program to include the communities of Bolton and Willington."

At the October 11 Board of Education meeting, the superintendent, Richard Packman, suggested that a survey concerning school performance be sent out to parents of Bolton students. A member of the Board, Thomas Manning, suggested that the survey include the entire community, not just the parents. Several members of the board objected to this, they felt that only the parents input was important.

At that same meeting it was suggested that a separate newsletter be sent out by the Board to inform the community on the proposed Bolton school building program. This appears to be consistent with the NEASC recommendations, but the building program has been in the planning stages for several years without full community involvement and now that community approval is required before the program can continue, the board feels it necessary to lobby for community support. Our Board of Education does not want the involvement of all community groups, only groups that openly support it's policies.

Another example of the Board's unwillingness to involve the community I attended a Board of Education meeting on October 9 regarding the final presentation of the building plans by the architect. I was asked to sign in and list the group I represented by Chairman James Marshall. After completing this I was informed by Mr. Marshall that I could not ask questions or participate as I was not invited to the meeting. This meeting was listed in the news media as a Board of Education public meeting and over 20 people attended. I was the only one not allowed to participate. If this is the way the Board of Education reaches out to all segments of the community, it appears they need some lessons in public relations. They seem to have forgotten (so soon) that the "Neglected Taxpayers" represent a large segment of this community.

Many people in Bolton feel that other building and program options should have been more fully reviewed and clearly presented to the community, not just one building option. Many members of the community and several elected officials have repeatedly requested the Board to investigate other options but the board has refused to do so.

The "Neglected Taxpayers" feel that this program is far too expensive for the taxpayers of Bolton to afford, it will certainly cost each household many thousands of dollars for the bonding period. All community groups should have been involved in the planning stages to ensure that an acceptable program was developed for the community. Taxpayers certainly support affordable quality education of the children of Bolton, however the Board of Education has not adequately considered an affordable cost for this program and for the education of Bolton's children.

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Did Bennett hurt drug war?

WASHINGTON — William Bennett is withdrawing from the war on drugs while declaring victory. However, despite glowing praise from President Bush, the consensus is that 20 months as drug czar Bennett completely failed to do the job Congress envisioned when it created the position.

The Office of National Drug Control Policy was created by Congress in 1987 after several years of bitter debate, and the very active opposition of the Reagan administration. Leading the fight against creation of the drug czar position was then-Vice President George Bush. He had been delegated the job of leading the war on drugs on the nation's southern border.

For years, as the nation's drug problem worsened, Congress complained that the federal government had no comprehensive strategy, no one person in overall charge who could be held accountable for success or failure. This resulted in a fast-growing duplication of effort among various federal agencies and an almost destructive level of inter-agency rivalry. So the drug czar was created.

But to overcome a threatened Reagan veto, several key components were made. It was left up to the president exactly how much power the office would actually have, and whether the officeholder would be a member of the Cabinet.

It was mandated that the new drug czar must come up with a comprehensive overall anti-drug strategy within six months of taking office. Congress wanted the position to have full Cabinet status with wide-ranging powers in hopes of ending inter-agency squabbling.

Pardon me, but could someone remind us again why the now-disgraced Milli Vanilli committed some great cultural crime? Surely the full story hasn't been told. Was this hapless duo really chosen as a Grammy just because they never sang a word on their own records?

And fans actually felt betrayed to discover their heroes were frauds? Touchy, touchy. Since when did we get so upset about being conned? Last time I looked, about half of the most heavily promoted books in this country were counterfeit. Ronald Reagan no more wrote his autobiography than Milli Vanilli's Rob and Fab — even the names seem to hint at the underlying hoax — composed or sang their songs. At least the public's "singling" did had to memorize the lyrics before mouthing them on stage. Reagan probably couldn't distinguish the contents of Chapter 4 in his book from, say, Chapter 8 — assuming he's read the finished product.

But let's not pick on Reagan, fat as that target might be. Ghostwriters, literary agents and publishing houses have been passing off marketing concoctions for years under the names of celebrities who couldn't string together five coherent sentences on their own. Not as quasiterrestrial luminaries the only ones who cheat the reading public. Even a few well-known journalists, presumably literate and responsible, presumably once researched articles for their own. An acquaintance of mine, who has since moved on to more lofty pursuits, once researched articles for a writer who appears today on cable TV talk shows. Usually, my acquaintance reports, the celebrity pundit would review any columns written by his assistants before sending them out under his name. But not always. Sometimes he'd only listen to a description of them before nodding approval.

Then there are the frauds in politics. Have you ever noticed those earnest aides who sit behind congressmen during televised hearings? They don't just research the issues and write the questions for their masters. Often they jump in and quietly bring their befuddled boss-

Science profits thanks to business

BALTIMORE — At the Johns Hopkins University here, a team of medical researchers headed by Dr. Solomon H. Snyder reports that it has, for the first time, grown human brain nerve cells in laboratory dishes.

On the other side of the country, a group of scientists at the University of California at San Diego under the direction of Dr. Fred H. Gage says it has achieved initial success in its attempts to stimulate the growth of damaged brain cells.

The two major camps are especially significant because it could lead to effective treatment of neurological afflictions including Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and Huntington's diseases. It also could eventually provide restorative treatment not now available to those who sustain brain damage in accidents and to others who suffer from psychiatric illnesses.

The two major research efforts have something else in common: They are primarily financed neither by the universities where they are being conducted nor by traditional funding sources within the federal government such as the National Institutes of Health or National Science Foundation.

That appeal has been evident on campaign stops across the country, from the slums of Port-au-Prince, the capital, to the northern city of

Free AIDS tests given to patients of dead doctor

BALTIMORE (AP) — Dozens of people called Johns Hopkins Hospital in response to its offer to test for AIDS about 1,800 patients who were operated on by a surgeon who more than 1,800 patients while on the staff.

While Johns Hopkins could not give the exact number of patients Almaraz operated on, Townsend estimated the figure at 300 a year. At that rate, he could have operated on more than 1,800 patients while on the staff.

AIDS most commonly is transmitted through sexual contact or the sharing of needles by intravenous drug users or exposure to tainted blood or other bodily fluids.

Dr. Gregory B. Buckley, a professor of surgery at the Hopkins Medical School, said a study has found that a doctor who pricks himself while operating on a person with AIDS has a 0.2 percent chance of picking up the virus.

The risk of a doctor transmitting AIDS to a patient is so small as to be immeasurable, he said.

There is only one case in which a patient is believed to have contracted the disease from a health-care provider.

Messianic priest leads in Haiti for presidency

By MICHAEL NORTON The Associated Press

JACMEL, Haiti — Church bells peal and a man with a megaphone mimics a crowing rooster as the Rev. Jean-Bertrand Aristide rides into town on horseback to be greeted by thousands of adoring supporters.

The fiery leftist priest, revered by the masses as a prophet, is taking his remarkable quest for the presidency across Haiti in a campaign imbued with messianic symbolism and patriotic fervor.

He calls the campaign Operation "Lavalas," or "Torrent," a biblical flood to cleanse Haiti of corruption and tyranny; its emblem is the fighting rooster, representing Haiti's coming sunrise.

"With Aristide, Lord, there will be honesty," the people chant as the slight, bespectacled cleric nicknamed "Titi" appears in their midst.

Aristide, 37, has survived at least three assassination attempts and was expelled from his Roman Catholic order in 1983 for preaching contempt for the state.

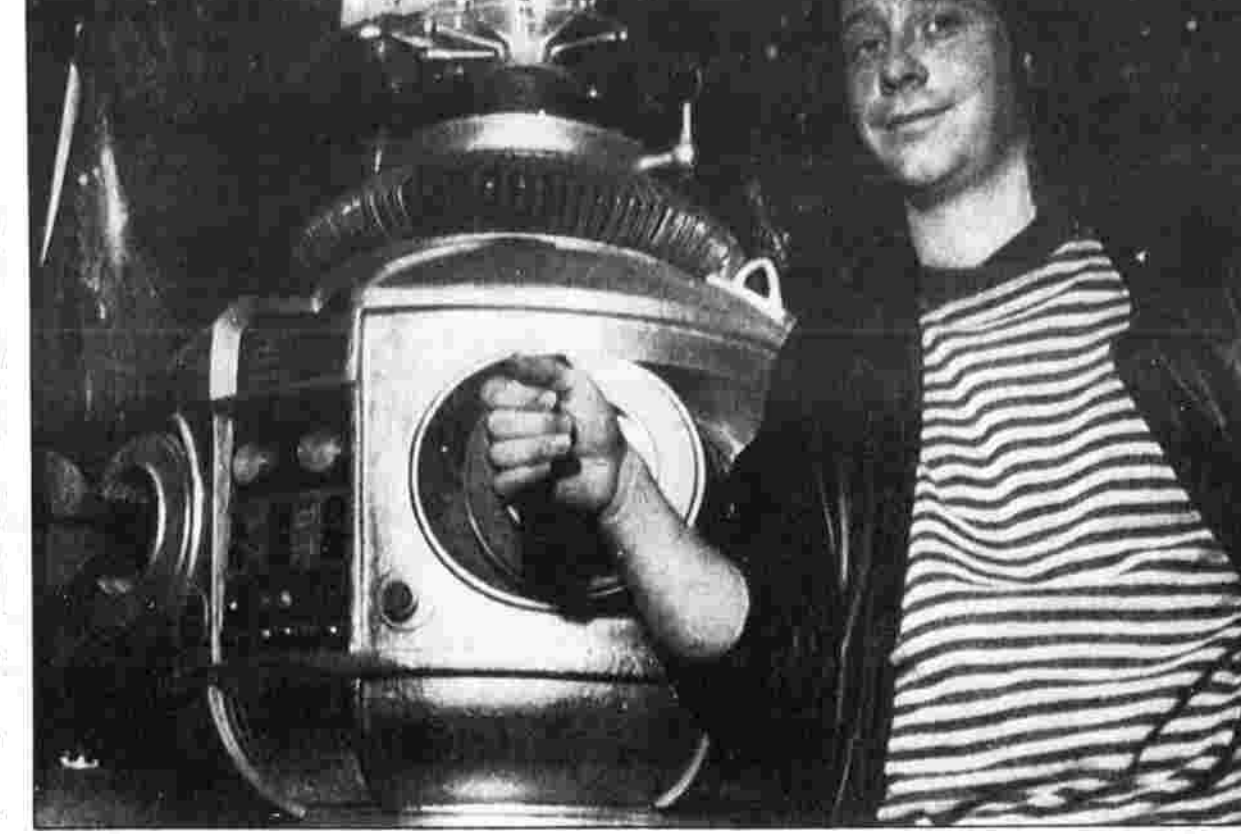
He is widely regarded as the frontrunner among 11 candidates in the Dec. 16 election.

Supporters say the charismatic priest offers the best hope of giving the impoverished Caribbean nation not only the first democratically elected president — his subaltern 186-year history, but the stability of a government with huge popular support.

Although no opinion polls have been published, the consensus among political observers is that Aristide commands much wider support than any of Haiti's veteran politicians.

Aristide is the figurehead of a messianic movement, the incarnation of a collective dream," says Lawrence Hurton, a specialist on religious movements in the Caribbean.

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FRIENDS IN SPACE REUNITED — Former child actor, Billy Mumy, right, of the popular 1960s television program "Lost in Space," holds an appendage of his former fellow cast member Robt. YMC last weekend in Boston, during a reunion of cast members celebrating the 25th anniversary of the show. Mumy portrayed Will Robinson in the program.

\$4.7m upgrade completed on U.S.-Soviet hot line

By DEB REICHMANN The Associated Press

FREDERICK, Md. — The Russians asking questions about basketball over the Moscow-Washington hot line? The Cold War really must be over.

Experts mulling the hot line, which was to be rededicated today after a \$4.7 million upgrade, see evidence of glasnost in test realizations from the Soviets. Routine, maintenance-related dispatches have actually become chatty.

"Could we ask an unofficial question about basketball?" the Soviets asked last February over the communications link set up after the Cuban missile crisis to avert the accidental outbreak of war.

The hot line, established in 1963, allows the superpower heads of state to circumvent normal diplomatic channels and exchange written messages. There never was a red phone

in the Oval Office, an "image popularized in many movies. The modernized operation includes updated transmitters and receivers, control consoles and two new saucer-shaped satellite dishes. Replacement parts were becoming scarce for the old dishes.

"At this station we never know when the president is using it. What we do make sure the hot line is available to him," Brothers said. "Our checks are to make sure the Earth station-to-Earth station link is OK."

By industry, the survey showed the steepest declines in expected hiring were in the construction and retail sectors. The survey projected a 9 percent advance in hiring in the service category, which suggested service jobs will account for much of the total U.S. job increase activity through early next year.

Manpower, based in Milwaukee, is the leading supplier of temporary help to businesses worldwide, providing jobs to nearly 1.5 million people annually through more than 1,600 offices in 34 countries.

Hiring will plunge sharply

(AP) Hiring by U.S. companies will drop steeply to recession levels in the first quarter of 1991, particularly in the economically battered Northeast, says a survey by the world's largest temporary help firm.

Manpower Inc. said Sunday its sampling of more than 15,000 American businesses showed that 15 percent plan to increase hiring while 16 percent plan to reduce their work forces, for a net hiring drop of 1 percent.

The firm said the net drop is the first shown by the survey since the first quarter of 1983, when the nation was still emerging from the last recession.

The firm said the 15 percent of firms intending to hire compares with 20 percent for the same period in 1990. The 16 percent planning work force cuts compares with 12 percent year earlier.

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It conducts the employment outlook survey on a quarterly basis, measuring employer intentions to increase or decrease the permanent work force.

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Whole grains	34%	45%	34%	46%
Poultry	34%	38%	37%	38%
Potatoes	21%	30%	36%	26%
Pasta	38%	32%	24%	31%
Red meat	16%	31%	28%	13%
Fish	21%	19%	22%	19%
Eggs	12%	15%	19%	17%
Sugar	10%	11%	19%	10%
Salt	10%	8%	19%	7%

Source: American Demographics
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Which foods do Americans like? People in the West eat the most vegetables, fresh fruit and whole grain products. Those in the South consume the most eggs, sugar and salt.

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Mall

Guerra said an employee in the mall's customer relations division received a call late in the afternoon from someone who said they left "a present" in the building for mall officials.

Guerra said someone interpreted the call to mean that a bomb was in the building and notified police and the fire department.

"The word 'bomb' was never used," Guerra said. "Someone felt the need to call the police and fire department."

He said he knew of no one specifically who would have had reason to make the call.

"It was orderly," he said. "It could be a disgruntled employee. It could be someone we had asked to leave the mall, or just someone who thought it would be a fun thing to do," Guerra said.

"Maintaining his sense of humor, he said, 'Tis the season, I guess.' It is unlikely the call can be traced, but Guerra said he hopes that the perpetrator is somehow caught, considering the serious nature of the crime. A Manchester police spokesman said the incident is not under investigation, because of the improbability of finding the caller.

Prague's shoe store, said she was annoyed by the incident. "It's the stupidest thing I've ever seen. By the hundreds, people just whoosh, were gone — told to leave. We lost so much business. I'm just furious," she said.

Merritt said she filed a complaint with the mall's management office regarding her store's lost sales. She thought the evacuation was a fire drill led by the fire department, she said.

Eighth District Fire Capt. Thomas O'Mara said firefighters assisted the mall's management in the evacuation, but he said the management made the decision.

Guerra said he did not consider the incident a bomb threat because there was no indication that a bomb was left in the mall from the telephone call.

The mall has received three bomb threats since it opened early this year. Sears also had a fire during the summer.

An Associated Press report was included in this story.

Kohl

atories for Kohl. The towering, heavy-set politician who championed the swift merger of the two Germanys and now begins a four-year term as president and confidant after his victory.

But Kohl, 60, considered that difficult challenges lie ahead, especially during unemployment and restructuring the economy in eastern Germany.

"I have never kept secret the problems that we have," Kohl said in a late-night television panel discussion that also included Lafontaine. "It is a difficult transition period."

He predicted, however, that within four years prosperity will exist across all of Germany, that "the strengths of the social market economy, reasonably applied, will create a huge, united, flourishing landscape."

Lafontaine acknowledged his party had misjudged the popularity Kohl won in uniting the two Germanys. He also conceded that "in the long term people will be better off" in what was East Germany.

A major force in forging the economic and monetary union of the two Germanys, Economics Minister Helmut Haussmann, quit the Cabinet today, according to sources in his party, the Free Democrats.

The reason was not immediately given. Kohl's Christian Democrats and their Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union, polled 43.8 percent for 313 seats in Parliament. That's down from the 44.3 percent they received in 1987 West German elections.

Their coalition partners, Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher's center Free Democrats, won 11 percent of the vote overall for 79 seats, up from 9.1 percent in the 1987 vote.

The Greens received just 3.9 percent of the nationwide vote. Under a special, one-time formula, parties needed to poll 5 percent in either the former West or East Germany to win representation in the all-German Parliament.

Because the Greens polled 4.7 percent in what was West Germany until Oct. 3, the only Greens who will take seats in the expanded 656-seat Bundestag will be eight from the former East Germany.

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Tax

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Central to that debate will be the old bugaboo of Connecticut politics: a state personal income tax.

Weicker has effectively ruled out an income tax during his first year in office and likes to say imposing one would be "like bringing gasoline to the fire" while Connecticut is in an economic slump.

He and the Democratic-controlled General Assembly could approve an income tax in the 1991 session and Weicker would be able to keep his campaign promise of no income tax in his first year by making it effective Jan. 1, 1992. Current tax rates could remain in place six months beyond that to bring in enough money to pay off the cumulative deficits for the 1989-90 and 1990-91 budget years, now approaching \$600 million.

Cibes, a retiring Democratic state representative from New London who championed an income tax during his 12 years in the House, says he doesn't yet know what advice he'll give to Weicker. But Cibes can hardly avoid considering an income tax and talking about it with the incoming governor.

"I don't think an income tax will be proposed right away by Weicker, but I do think the debate will eventually turn to that, particularly when they look at the alternatives, which are fairly limited," said Will McEachern, a respected economics professor from the University of Connecticut.

"The business taxes are the highest in the country, the sales tax is the highest in the country, the inheritance taxes are one of the highest," said McEachern, who headed a blue-ribbon tax study commission for the state almost a decade ago.

The sales tax base could be broadened without increasing the rate, which now stands at 8 percent. For example, the exemption on clothing costing up to \$75 could be reduced to \$50 or less. Another alternative would be to tax less than 8 percent on groceries, which are now not taxed.

Deputy House Majority Leader Jonathan Pello, who ran Cibes' unsuccessful campaign for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination this year, said he is drafting two income tax bills for the 1991 session.

Pello said the leader talk about making an income tax effective Jan. 1, 1992, and keeping current taxes in place until June 30, 1992, before cutting some of them represents "the first indication of the political reality of tax reform."

"People are now beginning to talk about the framework of comprehensive tax reform, as opposed to whether we do it or not," Pello said. "We are not going to get the present tax structure to produce the revenues we need."

In addition to the difficulty of stretching the current tax structure further, Pello said there are two other factors that make an income tax more feasible in the foreseeable future.

First, he said, is the retirement of Democratic Gov. William A. O'Neill, who built his two-decade-plus career on an income tax.

Second is the fact that "a much smaller number of legislators would plug this year" against an income tax, Pello said. "That makes a fundamental difference."

A notable example of a long-time tax reform opponent who now refuses to rule it out is House Speaker Richard J. Balducci, D-Newington.

Still, getting an income tax bill through the General Assembly would be very difficult. Many Democrats and virtually every Republican still oppose it.

Deputy House Minority Leader Richard O. Belden, R-Shelton, said the GOP will concentrate entirely on the spending side of the budget and hopes to avoid any kind of tax increase.

"My opinion is we certainly would have to exhaust all the areas we could to contain spending," Belden said. "The most optimistic estimates on spending cuts and other savings amount to no more than \$500 million — about a quarter of the hole Weicker and the General Assembly need to fill."

Belden said that imposing a salary freeze on state workers would save \$100 million right off the bat. Given the current mood of state employee unions, whose members feel they're already being squeezed, such a move is easier said than done.

Some Republicans and many Democrats are talking about an option Weicker has already said he'll oppose: borrowing money through the sale of bonds to cover the mounting deficit. The state hasn't done that since 1975, Belden was there.

"If we have a revenue shortfall of \$500-600 million, the state is going to run out of money sometime around May," Belden said. "I don't know where you come up with \$500-600 million unless you borrow it."

State Rep. Richard Mulready, D-West Hartford, vice chairman of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, said it was "not inconceivable" that the General Assembly would approve the sale of enough bonds to cover the deficit and pay them back in five years or so "on the next upswing" in the economy.

As for the tax reform debate, "I think it will be deadly serious," Mulready said, "because everything has to be considered."

Although he can't say what the tax and spending plan will look like by the time the 1991 session ends in June, Mulready said it would be a mistake to simply assume it will include an income tax.

"People in the past have said there wasn't any way other than tax reform, and we came up with ways. Experience has proven there is creativity there."

"An income tax makes everything else look good to most people's minds. The very real possibility of an income tax is what gives the state structure a new sense of looking at other taxes," McEachern said.

He said legislators may be tempted to vote for anything as long as it's not an income tax. They'll rationalize by saying, "We don't like it, but at least it's not an income tax. That thinking will continue to play very much into the debate."

"It reminds me of the judge who awarded the talent prize to the second runner-up contestant after only hearing the first," McEachern said.

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Proposed Monthly Rate	Quarterly Rate	Semi-Annual Rate	Annual Rate
Individual	\$199.47	\$598.41	\$1,196.82
Two Person	\$311.44	\$934.32	\$1,868.64
Family	\$211.44	\$634.32	\$1,268.64

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Proposed Monthly Rate	Quarterly Rate	Semi-Annual Rate	Annual Rate
Individual	\$216.09	\$648.27	\$1,296.54
Two Person	\$327.06	\$981.18	\$1,962.36
Family	\$227.06	\$681.18	\$1,362.36

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For Enrollment Effective Prior to January 1, 1985

Proposed Monthly Rate	Quarterly Rate	Semi-Annual Rate	Annual Rate
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Below 30	\$210.57	\$631.71	\$1,263.42	\$210.57	\$631.71	\$1,263.42	\$75.22	\$225.66	\$451.32
30-34	\$210.57	\$631.71	\$1,263.42	\$210.57	\$631.71	\$1,263.42	\$75.22	\$225.66	\$451.32
35-39	\$210.57	\$631.71	\$1,263.42	\$210.57	\$631.71	\$1,263.42	\$75.22	\$225.66	\$451.32
40-44	\$210.57	\$631.71	\$1,263.42	\$210.57	\$631.71	\$1,263.42	\$75.22	\$225.66	\$451.32
45-49	\$210.57	\$631.71	\$1,263.42	\$210.57	\$631.71	\$1,263.42	\$75.22	\$225.66	\$451.32
50-54	\$210.57	\$631.71	\$1,263.42	\$210.57	\$631.71	\$1,263.42	\$75.22	\$225.66	\$451.32
55-59	\$210.57	\$631.71	\$1,263.42	\$210.57	\$631.71	\$1,263.42	\$75.22	\$225.66	\$451.32
Over 60	\$210.57	\$631.71	\$1,263.42	\$210.57	\$631.71	\$1,263.42	\$75.22	\$225.66	\$451.32

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Age Group	MALE			FEMALE			CHILDREN		
	Monthly Premium Rate	Quarterly Premium Rate	Semi-Annual Premium Rate	Monthly Premium Rate	Quarterly Premium Rate	Semi-Annual Premium Rate	Monthly Premium Rate	Quarterly Premium Rate	Semi-Annual Premium Rate
Below 30	\$195.37	\$586.11	\$1,172.22	\$195.37	\$586.11	\$1,172.22	\$70.22	\$210.66	\$421.32
30-34	\$195.37	\$586.11	\$1,172.22	\$195.37	\$586.11	\$1,172.22	\$70.22	\$210.66	\$421.32
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55-59	\$195.37	\$586.11	\$1,172.22	\$195.37	\$586.11	\$1,172.22	\$70.22	\$210.66	\$421.32
Over 60	\$195.37	\$586.11	\$1,172.22	\$195.37	\$586.11	\$1,172.22	\$70.22	\$210.66	\$421.32

\$2,000 Deductible

Age Group	MALE			FEMALE			CHILDREN		
	Monthly Premium Rate	Quarterly Premium Rate	Semi-Annual Premium Rate	Monthly Premium Rate	Quarterly Premium Rate	Semi-Annual Premium Rate	Monthly Premium Rate	Quarterly Premium Rate	Semi-Annual Premium Rate
Below 30	\$111.91	\$335.73	\$671.46	\$111.91	\$335.73	\$671.46	\$35.22	\$105.66	\$211.32
30-34	\$111.91	\$335.73	\$671.46	\$111.91	\$335.73	\$671.46	\$35.22	\$105.66	\$211.32
35-39	\$111.91	\$335.73	\$671.46	\$111.91	\$335.73	\$671.46	\$35.22	\$105.66	\$211.32
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Over 60	\$111.91	\$335.73	\$671.46	\$111.91	\$335.73	\$671.46	\$35.22	\$105.66	\$211.32

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CANINE CAPERS — Manchester dog trainer Robin Roy trains L.B., a dog who is living with her for three weeks to correct some behavioral problems.

Trainer shows that it pays to think like a dog

By DIANNA M. TALBOT
Herald Features Editor

MANCHESTER — The large, slate-colored dog sat, staring at a dog treat in front of him and wriggling in tense anticipation. After a few seconds, he began to reach for the treat with his mouth, but quickly was cut off.

"No," said Manchester resident Robin Roy, the dog's trainer, in a stern tone of voice. She moved her hand out of the Weimaraner trainer's reach.

Roy, owner of Puppy Trust, a local firm which specializes in canine training and behavior correction, was trying to correct one of the dog's main behavioral problems: being too aggressive with food. His owner, who lives in Shelton, had complained that his pet often tried to tear food from the hands of the person who was feeding him.

Roy said she thinks the dog, who goes by the name of "L.B.," is a puppy to wait until the food, trainer's three-week, in-residence training program, acted in this manner because he was not trained as a puppy to wait until the food was offered. "He was treated as a human family member," she said.

Roy's goal as a trainer was to "desensitize" L.B. to food, at the same time making him obey the person who was feeding him.

Roy again ordered L.B. to "sit" and "stay" as she held the treat out to him in an open hand, repeating the exercise until the dog waited for a verbal command to get up and reach for the food.

"Good dog," said Roy in a pleasant voice, patting him and affectionately ruffling his long floppy ears. L.B. wagged his tail vigorously in return.

"He's getting better," said the 33-year-old, who has been studying and training dogs, including hearing dogs for the deaf, for the past four years. She received most of her training at the Connecticut K-9 Education Center in Rocky Hill, where she also worked for two years as a dog trainer.

Currently, Roy has five clients, including L.B., and is trying to establish herself as a respected dog trainer in Connecticut. She is listed in the yellow pages under "Puppy Trust" in the "dog training" section. Cost is \$45 for initial consultation; \$30 per hour after that, with package deals available; and \$400 for three-week resident training.

The cost of professionally training a dog is worth it in the long run, according to Manchester resident Laurie Eagelson. She said her boyfriend, Billy Oundson, brought his German Shepherd, "Zak," to Roy for training when the dog was

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In Brief ...

Fire damages vacant mansion

MIDDLETOWN (AP) — Fires dinged an abandoned 80-year-old mansion in Middletown and an apartment building in Waterbury, where 23 residents of the gutted building were forced to spend the night in a shelter.

A third fire in Connecticut over the weekend damaged a dormitory at the Rumsey Hall School in Washington, but no one was seriously injured in any of the blazes, fire officials said.

In Middletown, more than 125 firefighters from eight fire departments battled a fire at the vacant Wadsworth mansion. The building, which had also served as a convent, was burned to a shell, and fire officials said the blaze appeared to be intentional.

"Every indication that we've had right now shows that this was an arson-related fire," said Fire Chief George P. Dunn.

In Waterbury, a four-story wooden apartment building burned Saturday evening, leaving 23 people temporarily homeless, fire officials said. Residents of the gutted building were offered temporary shelter by the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Woman charged in shooting death

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Police have charged a 26-year-old woman in connection with the shooting death of two men last month.

Less than a week ago, police had arrested the woman's brothers for the shootings. But Saturday Eric Diaz was charged and ordered held without bail by chief commissioner Vincent Karas, said Detective Sgt. Stephen Bahagat.

She is the sister of Edwin and Sisto Diaz, who were arrested Wednesday in New Haven. They were released later that day because they had alibi for their whereabouts on Nov. 23, when Rafael Melillo-Pena, 29, and Dr. Jorge Luna Ayala were shot to death in the apartment in the city's Hartford neighborhood.

Franchise owners sue Aamco

HARTFORD (AP) — Five Connecticut businessmen who own Aamco transmission repair shops have teamed up in a federal lawsuit against the company, charging that it pressured franchise owners to promote unneeded repairs.

Meanwhile, Aamco Transmissions Inc., which has about 700 franchises across the nation, is suing the businessmen, alleging they are not to destroy the company's image.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court from a 1987 settlement in which Aamco agreed to pay \$500,000 to 14 states to settle a complaint that it promoted deceptive practices so that its franchisees could sell unneeded repairs. Aamco did not admit any wrongdoing, but agreed to stop several practices that had been characterized as deceptive.

Although Connecticut was not one of the 14 states where Aamco was accused of deceptive practices, the Connecticut shop owners now suing the company contend that negative publicity reduced consumer confidence in Aamco and hurt their businesses.

"We were fighting a battle that we couldn't overcome, as I see it now, because Aamco's reputation was becoming tarnished," said Michael A. Marino, one of the Connecticut plaintiffs.

He said sales dropped by 40 percent and eventually forced him to close his franchises in West Hartford and Manchester last year.

The five filed suit in U.S. District Court in Philadelphia and are seeking a judgment of \$54 million or more.

Priest angered by Disney toy

HARTFORD (AP) — An Episcopal priest, offended by a Disney action figure he feels is insensitive to the plight of the homeless, wants parents to make sure the toy is not included on their Christmas shopping lists.

The Rev. Christopher Rose on Sunday released his "Warped Toys for Christmas, an annual list of playthings he believes are offensive.

At the top of the list for 1990 was Steve the Tramp, licensed by the Walt Disney Co. The "Dick Tracy" action figure was described on the package as an "ignorant bum with cauliflower ears, dirty and scared from a life on the streets" who will "use and abuse any young helpless prey he comes across."

When children should be taught compassion toward the growing numbers of poor and homeless people, this kind of stereotype teaches children to fear them instead, said Rose, who is co-chairman of the city's commission on the homeless.

The Disney company stands by its toy as a fictional character long part of the Dick Tracy comic strip.

Mother vows to search for cure for son

By JANET L. CAPPILLO
The Associated Press

NEW CANAAN — Lisa Livingston stands over her son's crib and strokes his hair as a lullaby plays softly in the background. It's nap time for Brett Livingston. It's the victim of a disease so rare that doctors knew almost nothing about it until a decade ago.

Brett, now 3, was born with 4-hydroxybutyric aciduria, a hereditary disease in which a missing enzyme in the brain causes severe brain damage and loss of muscle control.

"For reasons that we don't fully understand, missing this enzyme interferes with normal early brain growth and development," said Dr. Darryl De Vivo, chief of pediatric neurology at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York. "He really is kind of in a chronic stage of sleep."

Fewer than two dozen children in the world have been diagnosed with the disease, De Vivo said.

Brett has the most severe case of the disease ever seen, De Vivo said. At an age when he should be running, playing and learning new words, Brett lies motionless in a stainless steel crib with a feeding tube in his nose. Round-the-clock nurses monitor his every breath.

She kissed him on the head and left the room as a nurse prepared to inject chloral hydrate into his feeding tube to allow him to drift off into his nap.

Brett was born a seemingly normal child. The only hint that something was wrong was his inability to crawl. Doctors told Livingston he was just slow to develop because he was a big baby.

Then when he was 11 months old, he slumped over in his high chair and fell into a coma.

Livingston found top-notch pediatric neurologists at Columbia-Presbyterian. There she met Dr. De Vivo, who has since become an authority on Brett's disease.

Both parents must carry the defective gene for a person to get the disease. But if they do, there is still only a 25 percent chance their child will have the disease, De Vivo said.

Brett's medical bills have been in the "hundreds of thousands of dollars," Livingston said. She has insurance, but that runs out in July and she is having trouble finding another carrier.

"I'm totally wiped out," said Livingston, a part-time elementary school teacher. She receives alimony from her ex-husband, The Colleen Giffin Memorial



RARE DISEASE VICTIM — Lisa Livingston of New Canaan holds her son, Brett, who is a victim of 4-hydroxybutyric aciduria, a genetic disease so rare that fewer than two dozen children in the world have been diagnosed as having it. The disease causes severe brain damage and loss of muscle control.

Foundation, a private charity that provides funds for research in pediatric neurology, has also helped. Livingston kicked off her own fund-raising effort at a local card and gift store, where the manager offered to put a jar on the counter to collect money.

RECORD

About Town

Depression Anonymous

Depression Anonymous, a support group for the depressed, meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Manchester Community College in the Lower Building, room 205-H. The group follows the 12-step program modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous. No dues or fees are required. For more information, call Ann K. at 289-3745 or Sherry D. at 644-0284.

Pinochle results

The Manchester Senior Pinochle players met on Thursday, Nov. 29, at the Army and Navy Club. Play is open to all senior members and starts at 9:30 a.m. Results were: Ed Royce, 647; Gert McKay, 636; Eleanor Jorgensen, 609; Ada Rojas, 592; Pete Casella, 581; Don Jorgensen, 575; Charlie Campbell, 575; Ernestine Donnelly, 570; Adolph Yeake, 569; Sam Schors, 569; Ann Fisher, 560; Hans Benschke, 557. Pinochle will be played on Dec. 5.

Special VBCA program

A special one-night program on VBAC (Vaginal Birth After Cesarean) and Cesarean deliveries will be offered to prospective parents by Manchester Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The program is free for families delivering at the Family Birthing Center of Manchester Memorial Hospital. There is a \$5 charge per family for others. To register, call HealthSource at MMH, 647-6600 or 643-1223.

Discussion on Middle East

A talk and discussion on today's situation in the Middle East, "Prospects for War, Possibilities for Peace," will be held at the Worcester Center of Manchester Community College on Tuesday, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 647-6065.

Walkers club on Tuesdays

The Coventry Recreation Department is sponsoring a walking club for interested walkers. People of all ages are invited to walk on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 2 p.m. No fee or pre-registration. Walkers meet at a different location each week. For more information, call the Coventry Recreation Department at 742-9074.

Caroling, Santa and ornaments

The Holiday Festival, sponsored by the Coventry Town Council, will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. The evening will include caroling at the Christmas tree, lighting of the Christmas tree, instrumental music played by the Coventry High School Brass Band and refreshments. All children are welcome to bring homemade, weatherproof ornaments to hang on the tree. Santa will arrive from the North Pole at 7 p.m. and talk to every child. No pre-registration or fee.

AARP meeting/trip schedule

The Connecticut North East Chapter #604, American Association of Retired Persons, will hold its next meeting with a Christmas Party on Dec. 5 at the Colony, behind the Steak House in Vernon. Doors will be open at 11:30 a.m., and dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m. Members should make reservations with Gert Andrews, 80 Oakwood Road, Manchester 06040, telephone 643-2019. On Dec. 14, there will be a day trip which includes luncheon at Salem Cross Inn in W. Brookfield, Mass. Be at Concordia Lutheran Church at 10 a.m. Departure time is 10:30 a.m. and return time will be about 7:30 p.m. Be sure to park cars on the grass.

CSS support group meets

The Connecticut Sjogren's Syndrome Support Group Inc. will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Function Room at the University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington. A question-and-answer period, social and support hour will follow the presentation. Patients, professionals, family and friends are welcome. For more information, call Phyllis Saich, 649-8352.

Lottery

Here are the weekend lottery results from around New England:

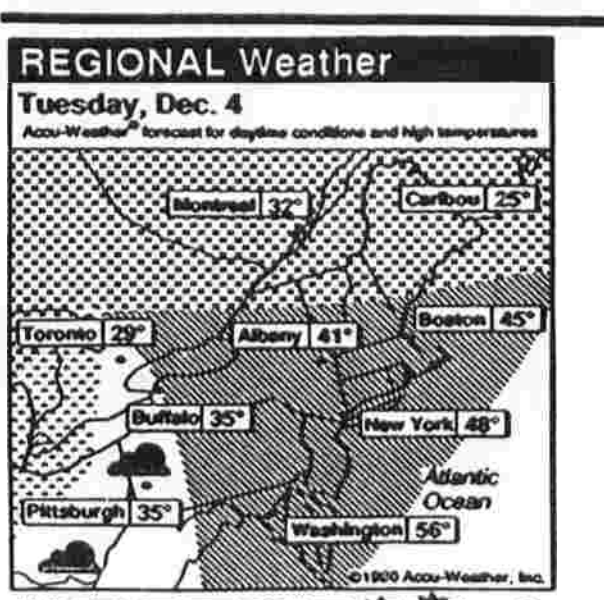
SATURDAY Connecticut
Daily: 5-0-4. Play Four: 4-5-4-5
Massachusetts
Daily: 7-6-3-0. Mass Megabucks: 11-16-17-28-31-34
Northern New England
Pick Three: 3-8-8. Pick Four: 6-5-9-2. Tri-State Megabucks: 2-6-27-33-34-35

Rhode Island
Daily: 8-7-8-3. Lot-O-Bucks: 7-14-21-28-29

SUNDAY Connecticut
Daily: 6-9-4. Play Four: 2-9-2-8
Massachusetts
Daily: 1-0-9-1
Rhode Island
Daily: 0-1-7-6

Weather

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HOLIDAY CHEER — Alex Cohen, 6, left; Jessica Richards, 5, center, and her twin sister Lisa, look over the variety of gifts at the Children's Holiday Fair at Bolton Elementary School, which was held last week.

Obituaries

Mary S. Andreksi

Mary S. Andreksi, 82, of Tolland, formerly of Stafford Springs, former employee of Manchester Modes, died Saturday (Dec. 1) at Rockville General Hospital.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Marion A.) Phelps; two grandsons; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral was held today, 9 a.m., at Intervive Funeral Home Inc., Stafford Springs, with a mass of Christian burial in St. Edward's Church, Stafford Springs, 10 a.m. Burial will be in St. Edward's Cemetery, Stafford Springs. Calling hours are Sunday, 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to Visiting Nurse and Community Care Inc., 26 Park St., Rockville 06066.

Suk Che Han

Suk Che Han, 72, of East Hartford, husband of Ja (Choi) Han, died Saturday (Dec. 1). He was born in Korea, and also lived in Manchester. He was a former businessman and a devoted member of the First Korean Presbyterian Church of East Hartford.

Besides his wife, he leaves four sisters in Korea; three sons and daughters-in-law; Taesung and Soonko Han of Manchester, Taikuk and Myungang Han of Springfield, Mass.; Taekuk and Kyung-Han of East Hartford; three daughters and sons-in-law; Jung Ja and Byungchun Cho in Korea; JungHee and Hong Bok Lee of East Hartford; and JungMi and Sunghan Yoon of New York; nine grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral will be Tuesday (Dec. 4), 11 a.m., at Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm St., Rocky Hill. Burial will be in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. Calling hours are today, 7 to 9 p.m., with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m.

Loretta Dora (LaBrie) Howard

Loretta Dora (LaBrie) Howard, 60, of East Windsor, wife of Alan Howard, died Saturday (Dec. 2) at an area convalescent home after a long illness. Born in Lowell, Mass., she was a Berlin resident for the past 25 years.

She is survived by her husband,

Nestor Bendza Jr.

Nestor Bendza Jr., of Rocky Hill, two other grandchildren, Eric Bendza and Stephanie Bendza, both of Rocky Hill; and three nephews. Funeral service will be Tuesday, 9:15 a.m., at Francis Funeral Home, 96 Main St., Kensington, with a mass of Christian burial, 10 a.m., in St. Paul's Church, Kensington. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Calling hours are tonight, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Alice Elizabeth (Palmer) Hampton

Alice Elizabeth (Palmer) Hampton, 77, of 165 Wheeling Road, Andover, formerly of Manchester, died Saturday (Dec. 1) at the Manchester Memorial Hospital. She was the widow of Herbert W. Hampton. Born in North Coventry, March 4, 1913, the daughter of the late Raymond C. and Alice (Johnson) Palmer, she had lived in Manchester for many years before moving to Andover in 1956. She was a member of the Andover Congregational Church and the Andover Grange.

She is survived by a daughter, Lorraine Aborn of Ellington; two sons, Herbert Aborn of Tolland, and Laurence Wilhelm of Andover; four brothers, Clarence Palmer of Andover, Walter Palmer of Tolland, Raymond Palmer of Vernon, and Donald Palmer of Andover; a sister, Dorothy Palmer of Vernon; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a son, Raymond P. Hampton Sr., and a grandson, Raymond P. Hampton Jr.

Funeral service will be Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., Manchester. Burial will be in the Townsend Cemetery, Andover. Friends may call at the funeral home Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Sophie B. Bendza

Sophie B. Bendza, 69, of Berlin, mother of Mrs. Barbara LeBlanc of Manchester, grandmother of Susanne LeBlanc of Manchester, died Sunday (Dec. 2) at an area convalescent home after a long illness. Born in Lowell, Mass., she was a Berlin resident for the past 25 years.

She is survived by her husband,

Police Roundup

Four injured in car crash

Three Manchester residents were taken to Manchester Memorial Hospital early Sunday morning after the car they were in went off the road, striking a utility pole, police said.

After being taken to the hospital, Shane A. Briggs, 23, of 52 McKee St., was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and operating an unregistered motor vehicle, police said. Briggs was treated and released from the hospital with facial lacerations.

Also treated and released from the hospital were Chris Fiore, 21, of 63 Elm St., and Lisa Dugas, 21, of 693 Hartford Road. Fiore suffered an injury to his right eye, while Dugas received treatment for a back injury, a spokesperson at the hospital said.

Briggs was driving the car, owned by Raymond Martineck of Marlborough, west on Hilliard Street when he drove it off the road.

Martineck was injured, but did not receive treatment at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Today In History

Today is Monday, Dec. 3, the 337th day of 1990. There are 28 days left in the year.

Today's Birthdays:
Country singer Ferlin Husky is 63. Movie director Jean Luc Godard is 60. Singer Jaye M. Morgan is 59. Rock singer Ozzy Osbourne is 42.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are scheduled for today:

MANCHESTER
Planning and Zoning Commission, Lincoln Center hearing room, 7 p.m.
Board of Education executive session, 45 North School St., 6:30 p.m.
Board of Education math workshop, 45 North School St., 7 p.m.
8th District Committee, Willis Hall, 6:30 p.m.

ANDOVER
Board of Selectmen, Town Office Building, 6 p.m.

BOLTON
Board of Selectmen, Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Housing Authority, Center School, 7 p.m.

COVENTRY
Town Council, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.
Drug and Alcohol Committee, 2nd Congregational Church, 7:30 p.m.

Thoughts

I started a new hobby this summer — bird watching. That may not sound very exciting to some people, but I realized that there are two reasons I have taken to it so well. The first is as a way to relax. I get out early in the morning, by myself, and everything slows down. I have had to learn to stand still and wait and be patient — a real contrast to the normal pace of life. Secondly, I have to look and listen to things I ignored before. I never realized how many different types of birds were all around me. Birds that I assumed were exotic, I now realize are relatively common, like falcons, herons, and humming birds — if you stop and look and listen. The same is true of the presence of God around us. The Bible encourages us to "Be still and know that I am God." Maybe a lot of people who have trouble believing in Him have trouble because they have never slowed down enough or learned to look and listen. They might find out that His presence and involvement in our lives are a lot more commonplace than was assumed.

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Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Mom challenged by big family

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "One Plus Seven" really got me where it hurts. It was from a woman with seven children whose abusive husband taunted her by saying, "You'll never find a man who will want you with all these children." I decided to go to beauty school, so if I got a job I could be home when my children left for school. I worked hard at beauty school and prayed a lot. I got a divorce when my eldest was a senior in high school. I was determined to give my kids a chance to have a decent life, although everyone said I could never support five children.

Well, Abby, today I'm the proud mother of a social worker (head of her department), a physician, a professional football player, and three kids in college. Oh yes, after the divorce I adopted a 14-year-old girl, knowing if I could feed her, I could feed six, and she desperately needed a home.

So, please tell "One Plus Seven" that with God's help, all things are possible. You may use my name.

DEAR BETTY: Beautiful. Read on for another "Dear Abby" column. I'm sure you'll enjoy it.

DEAR ABBY: "One Plus Seven" reminded me of my own situation — only I was the father of eight motherless kids under the age of 15. (Two sets of twins).

Soon after my wife died, a friend fixed me up with a young widow with five children ranging from 3 years old to 14. She had also been told that nobody would want her with "all that baggage."

As it turned out, 13 was our lucky number because we merged families, and between us we have 13 kids who get along great — for the most part.

Now we laugh because we both thought, "Who in their right mind would take on somebody with a household of kids?" The answer was, "Somebody else with a household of kids."

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People are eating them up! For Abby's favorite recipes, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cowles Inc., P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included).

Q. My husband says Barbara Mandrell's show ran on CBS. I say it was carried by TNN, a Nashville Network. Who is right, me or my husband? — Mrs. C.B., Richmond, Ind.

A. Neither. Barbara's show was carried by NBC.

Q. Who played Jim Phelps on "Mission: Impossible" around the year of 1965? — W.R.R., Bowling Green, Ky.

A. Nobody. The show didn't start until 1966. At that time, the group was led by Daniel Brigs (played by Steven Hill). Peter Graves is the only actor to have played Jim Phelps. He began in 1968.

Q. I want to know the name of the TV series, quite some time ago, featuring Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. — K.S., Monteville, Pa.

A. That was called "Life Is Worth Living."

Q. I heard a rumor that Kelly McGillis of "Top Gun" used to live here in Santa Maria, Calif., and went to high school. A \$20 fee says she did not. Please settle this for us. — T.H., Santa Maria, Calif.

A. Kelly McGillis comes from Newport Beach, a Los Angeles suburb. As far as I can determine, she never lived in northern California. Her father, a doctor, practiced in Los Angeles.

(Send your questions to: Ask Dick Kleiner, c/o Newspaper Association, 200 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10166. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

PEOPLE

Mark David Chapman says that he feels great remorse for killing John Lennon but that the slaying doesn't make him an evil person.

"You can't judge a man's life by one act. Before I became 'The man who murdered John Lennon,' I was basically a decent person," Chapman said from his isolation cell at Attica state prison, where he is serving 20 years to life.

In the interview in Sunday's Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, Chapman said he suffered mental distress for years before killing the former Beatle on Dec. 8, 1980 outside Lennon's apartment building in New York City.

"I'm not an evil person," said Chapman. "Like everybody, there's a small part within me that's evil, and that's what took over in my case. My energies turned foul and went toward something destructive."

Chapman said he looks upon Lennon as a "keeper of truth."

"It was an end of innocence for that time," Chapman said. "And I regret being the one that ended it."

Whoopee Goldberg was named Black Entertainer of the Year and won best supporting actress honors for her role in "Ghost" at the NAACP Image Awards.

Freeman was named best film actor for his role as a chauffeur in "Driving Miss Daisy" on Dec. 23 at the 23rd annual awards honoring black achievement.

No award was given this year for best female actress because of the paucity of roles for black women, the NAACP said. It said the lack of nominees was a sign of racial bias and irresponsibility of the film industry.

In the music category, Quincy Jones won the best album award for "Back on the Block," and Luther Vandross received best male recording artist.

Best vocal group honors went to the Whispers for their album "More of the Night," and Etta James won best blues artist for her singing on "Sister to My Guns." Best jazz artist was Jonathan Butler for "Deliverance."

Best rap group was M.C. Hammer for "Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em." Anita Baker won best female artist for "Compositions," and the Winans were named best gospel artists for "Return."

Hurt Lancaster remained in serious condition from a stroke that left him on his right side and affected his speech.

Lancaster was resting Sunday at Los Alamitos Medical Center, where nursing supervisor Andi Smith said the 77-year-old actor's condition was "basically unchanged."

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Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

Muscle spasm causes backache

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal agents have seized Eastern Airlines' records as part of an investigation into charges that the troubled carrier failed to properly inspect its airplanes as recently as last month, according to a published report.

Thirty federal agents entered Eastern's Miami headquarters Saturday after lawyers for Eastern unsuccessfully tried to block the raid, a federal grand jury in Brooklyn, the Long Island-based newspaper reported.

The charges allege that the airline and nine of its former and current managers participated in a money-making scheme that allowed unsafe planes to fly.

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An Eastern spokesman, Karen Coremski, said Sunday that allegations that Eastern's safety inspections have been made in the past and "none of those have ever come back."

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He blamed Gerber's slow sales on a reluctance among business owners to invest.

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Gerber spokesman Robert Lipira said 46 of the 56 layoffs were of financial consulting and problem solving for business.

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