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Probe of ex-HUD chief includes lying charges

By JAMES ROWLEY
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A special prosecutor's investigation of former HUD Secretary Samuel R. Pierce Jr. is being expanded to include allegations that the former Reagan administration official lied to Congress.

Atin M. Adams, the independent counsel appointed last March to investigate allegations that Pierce and his aides showed political favoritism in awarding lucrative subsidies to developers, was given the broader mandate by a special court that supervises special prosecutors.

The three-judge panel also added Pierce's handling of multifamily co-insurance to the roster of three other Department of Housing and Urban Development programs that already are the subject of Adams' inquiry.

Adams was also given authority to investigate allegations of political favoritism toward Pierce's former New York law firm of Battie, Fowler, Jaffin and Kheel.

The independent counsel was also empowered to investigate any dealings involving Pierce, the law firm and Lance Wilson, Pierce's one-time executive assistant at HUD who joined the Wall Street investment firm of Paine Webber Inc.

The House Government Operations committee and housing subcommittee forwarded the allegations of reprisal, favoritism and conflict-of-interest to Adams last July.

These leads form the basis of the expanded mandate that Adams received from the court at the re-

quest of Attorney General Dick Thornburgh, according to Thornburgh's Dec. 26 letter to the independent counsel.

Justice Department prosecutors reviewed evidence that Adams has collected since then to substantiate the allegations before Thornburgh agreed to expand the independent counsel's mandate, said one official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The subcommittee alleged that during a May 15, 1989, hearing, Pierce lied under oath when he denied that he ever ordered his HUD subordinates to approve government financing for specific programs.

The panel also charged in its July 24 letter to Adams that Pierce lied by saying he couldn't recall a Jan. 13, 1987, meeting during which he ordered aide Deborah Gore Dean and Assistant HUD Secretary Thomas Demery to give him information on all developers seeking to participate in the lucrative Moderate Rehabilitation Program.

Demery gave an account of the meeting during his testimony before the subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Tom Lantos, D-Calif.

The panel said it had evidence that "in numerous instances" Secretary Pierce approved and directed that mod rehab units be given to projects advocated by certain individuals.

The subcommittee also cited efforts by Battie, Fowler, Jaffin and Kheel, to secure assistance from HUD for developers that were seeking to participate in government housing programs.

The conflict-of-interest allega-

tions regarding Wilson involve the former HUD aide's dealings with HUD after he went to Paine Webber. The investment firm received a \$1.3 million contract in 1988 to sell foreclosed HUD mortgage loans.

The subcommittee heard testimony that Wilson urged underwriting firms to hire Battie, Fowler as legal counsel for the loan sales. The panel found 1983 phone messages to Pierce in which Wilson reported that Battie, Fowler had been retained for two of the deals.

Thomas Glynn, the managing partner of Battie, Fowler, denied the firm was guilty of wrongdoing. He said the subcommittee's findings were based on innuendo, not facts.

Robert Fiolkin, one of Pierce's lawyers, called the allegations "a rebash of things already well known to the public."

Adams was also authorized to investigate Pierce's handling of the multifamily co-insurance program, under which HUD guaranteed 80 percent of mortgages underwritten for housing couples for moderate and low-income residents.

This program was the focus of congressional testimony by U.S. Trade Representative Carla Hills, who as a private attorney in 1985 urged Pierce to overrule HUD bureaucrats and allow DRG Funding Corp. to participate in the program.

The subcommittee did not charge any wrongdoing by Hills, but Adams' broadened mandate will enable him to examine why Pierce lifted the suspension of DRG, which later defaulted on more than \$500 million worth of HUD-backed mortgages.



Will fight — PLO leader Yasser Arafat gestures during his speech at Baghdad's university, Monday. He announced that the Palestinians would fight along with Iraq if the U.S.-led allied coalition was to launch a military offensive in the Persian Gulf.

Group says moratorium wouldn't hurt security

U.S., Soviet test ban urged by 1995

By DONNA CASSATA
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Neither the United States nor the Soviet Union would suffer a risk to national security if they unilaterally imposed a moratorium on testing nuclear weapons, an arms-control advocacy group said today.

The International Foundation, in a report based on workshop discussions held in Washington and Moscow in March and May 1990, urged the United States and Soviet Union to adopt a comprehensive test ban by 1995. The nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty is slated for renewal that year.

A testing moratorium "would certainly increase the international credibility of that nation's willingness to join in a comprehensive test ban and would reduce the credibility of the 'threat' with which the other side justifies much of its own testing," the report said.

The 2-year-old group cited several reasons for the moratorium, including an end to wasteful military spending and limits imposed on a number of other nations that have not signed the Nonproliferation Treaty.

The foundation, responding to arguments against a comprehensive test ban, contended that interest in new types of nuclear weapons is waning in both the United

States and the Soviet Union.

"Since the opening of the Berlin Wall, a broad consensus has developed in both countries that existing types of nuclear weapons already provide the basis for more than adequate deterrence," the group said in its 56-page report.

"U.S. and Soviet technical elites have already pointed out relatively cheap non-nuclear countermeasures that would be more than adequate to defeat space-based defenses," the group said in criticizing the Strategic Defense Initiative. "Indeed, these countermeasures are so convincing that U.S. interest in such defense systems is waning rapidly."

The group said U.S. and Soviet nuclear warheads are quite safe. It noted that there has never been a U.S. accident that produced any nuclear yield from a warhead, and "we believe that same is true of Soviet warheads."

However, the International Foundation said the security surrounding nuclear weapons should be improved because a danger exists from an unauthorized launch.

The group suggested removing nuclear weapons from areas of potential instability, maintaining release codes for nuclear weapons more closely and equipping each nuclear missile with a "command-destruct" system so that it can be destroyed if launched without proper authorization.

U.S. worried about Iraqi-backed terrorism

By GEORGE GEDDA
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The State Department is increasingly concerned that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein may authorize terrorist activities against American interests if war erupts in the Persian Gulf.

Deputy spokesman Richard Boucher said Monday there have been "repeated examples" of planning for terrorist activities against American facilities since Iraq invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2.

As an example of such planning, other officials, insisting on anonymity, said suspected terrorists have been spotted making out U.S. embassies and other American facilities.

Although Boucher gave no details, analysts say Europe may be the most likely location for a terrorist strike.

Robert H. Kupperman, a terrorism specialist at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington research group, said in an interview that intelligence experts believe there are about 40 terrorist cells in Europe, perhaps a dozen in Germany.

As for the number of terrorists under the control of Saddam, Kupperman said they range from a few hundred to as many as 1,400. He added that the possibility of terrorist attacks within the United States is very low but should not be discounted.

Boucher recalled that President Bush had said last September that he would hold Saddam personally responsible for any Iraqi-sponsored terrorist attack on a U.S. facility.

The spokesman noted that the State Department has issued statements warning Americans about potential terrorist activities in the event of hostilities in the Gulf.

As an example of U.S. concern over terrorism, Americans connected to U.S. embassies in a number of Islamic countries have either been withdrawn or given the option of departing voluntarily in recent weeks.

At a meeting in Jordan in mid-September, radical Palestinians called for suicide car bombings against the United States if U.S. forces attacked Kuwait.

Officials also have said they are disturbed by the growing number of terrorist groups that are either based in Iraq or receive support from the Baghdad government.

Among others are the Abu Nidal Organization and the Palestine Liberation Front.

Kupperman said the demise of the Soviet bloc has made Europe a less attractive venue for terrorists than it was before.

He recalled that the secret police in countries such as East Germany and Czechoslovakia formerly gave shelter to terrorists when they were under communist rule.

"It's more difficult now than before," Kupperman said. But he added that the likelihood of Europe being used as a battlefield for terrorists is "extremely high."

Another uncertainty, Kupperman said, is the reaction of Iran if the United States attacks Iraq. "I don't know where Iran is going to end up," he said, recalling allegations that Iran masterminded the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Scotland two years ago. On the other hand, Iran is still extremely wary of Iraq following the eight-year war they fought during the past decade.

Survey says: stereotypes still persist

By STANLEY D. MILLER
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Most whites hold fast to negative stereotypes of blacks and Hispanics even while white support for racial equality is gaining ground, a survey found.

Three of four whites believe blacks and Hispanics are more likely than whites to prefer living on welfare, the General Social Survey by the National Opinion Research Center found. And most whites think blacks and Hispanics are more likely to be lazy, violence-prone, less intelligent and less patriotic.

Yet the survey also found increased support among whites for racial equality.

White support for school desegregation rose from 14 percent in 1972, the first year of the survey, to 29 percent in 1990. While disapproval of laws against interracial marriage rose from 48 percent to 77 percent.

"With all this positive change, one might have assumed there has been an equal breakdown of negative imagery," said Larry Bobo, who teaches sociology at the University of California at Los Angeles and helped design the survey questions.

"It's ironic, given that some other forms of negative attitudes toward minorities — favoring discrimination in housing, jobs, education — have basically disappeared."

The center conducted face-to-face interviews with 1,372 adults nationwide last year. The respondents were racially representative of the U.S. population, said survey director Tom W. Smith. The margin of error averaged 3.5 percent to 4 percent.

The General Social Survey has been conducted 17 times since 1972, but 1990 was the first year it included questions on stereotypes.

Respondents were asked to rate whites, blacks, Hispanics, Asians, Jews and Southern whites on a scale of 1 to 7 on six characteristics: rich or poor, hard-working or lazy, prone to violence or not, intelligent or not, self-supporting or on welfare, patriotic or not.

The survey found that among whites:

- 78 percent thought blacks more likely to prefer living on welfare and 74 percent thought Hispanics more likely to prefer welfare.
- 62 percent thought blacks less likely to be hard-working; 56 percent thought blacks more violence-prone; 53 percent thought blacks less intelligent; and 51 percent thought blacks less patriotic.
- 56 percent thought Hispanics more likely to be lazy; 50 percent thought Hispanics more likely to be violence-prone; 53 percent thought Hispanics less likely to be intelligent; and 61 percent thought Hispanics less patriotic.

There's as American as apple pie and mother," said Syd Finley, executive director of the Chicago chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "It's a lack of awareness of what an ethnic group is about, a naïveté."

"There's a tendency on the part of the media to overemphasize the violent nature of minority communities reflected out in surveys," said George Cantu, executive director of the League of United Latin American Citizens, based in Las Vegas. "People believe what they read."

Positive stereotypes can also be harmful, said Abraham H. Foxman, director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The survey found that many non-Jewish whites regard Jews as better than themselves in some respects.

"I don't want to be over-enthused, but Mr. Hitler said the Jews are hard-working, they're self-supporting, they're brighter, and then he said they want to control the world," he said.



Officer protects woman — A Miami police officer shields Marie Joseph from an angry crowd of demonstrators in Miami's Little Haiti Monday after she declared herself a supporter of falied Haitian coup leader Roger Lafontant. Officers in riot gear rescued her after the crowd had stripped her of her blouse and attacked her with bottles and broken glass.

Insurance revamp proposed

By DEBORAH MESCE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The National Association of Social Workers today proposed a national health insurance program for all Americans while raising the nation's health-care bill by at least \$40 billion.

The plan would phase out public health care programs, including Medicaid and Medicare, and institute a federally administered plan carried out by the states.

If the program contained a package of basic benefits for everyone, with limited co-payments required for some services and no long-term care coverage, the estimated 1990 U.S. health care bill of \$653 billion would rise to \$693 billion, the association said.

Long-term care benefits would

add about \$46 billion. With that included, the total would jump to \$740 billion, or 13 percent higher than the amount the nation currently spends on health care.

The bill could go as high as \$767 billion if co-payments were eliminated.

Mark Battie, the association's executive director, said that despite the high price tag, the plan makes sense because "it will save costs in the long run." His group did not estimate the savings or factor them into their cost projections.

"The immediate return would be comprehensive health care — including, prevention, mental health, vision and dental services — to millions of Americans who are either uninsured or underinsured," Battie said.

Estimates of the number of Americans who have no insurance range from 31 million to 37 million.

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Judge rules on mercy killing

Mount Vernon, Mo. (AP) — A judge on Monday dismissed a court order that temporarily prevented the father of a brain-damaged patient from moving her to a state where her feeding tube could be removed with less legal strife.

Pete Busalacchi says his 20-year-old daughter, Christine, who has spent 3 1/2 years in a vegetative state at the hospital where Nancy Cruzan was allowed to die after a court fight, should be allowed to die. But hospital officials contend that Ms. Busalacchi has mental functions and responds to commands.

Lawrence County Associate Circuit Judge Scott Sifferman ruled that a probate court in St. Louis County had jurisdiction in the case.

State Health Department spokesman Mark Roebuck said the court was expected to hold a hearing in the next couple of days to determine if Ms. Busalacchi may be transferred to Minnesota.

The Missouri Department of Health had obtained a 10-day temporary restraining order on Dec. 29 preventing Busalacchi from moving his daughter from Missouri Rehabilitation Center to a hospital in Minneapolis where her feeding tube likely would be removed.

Busalacchi maintained his daughter was in an irreversible vegetative condition like Ms. Cruzan, whose feeding tube had been removed 12 days before she died on Dec. 26. Ms. Cruzan became a focus of national debate and a landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the right to die.

Both young women suffered severe brain damage in car crashes. Their parents contended there was no sign of recognition, pain or emotion in either patient. And neither left written instructions about being kept alive in case of debilitating illness or injury.

The U.S. Supreme Court, ruling in its first right-to-die case, said June 25 that Missouri could require "clear and convincing" evidence that Ms. Cruzan, 33, would not want to be kept alive in her vegetative state.

Her relatives returned to state court with three witnesses whose testimony led to a judge's permission to remove Ms. Cruzan's feeding tube on Dec. 14.

Busalacchi said he wants his daughter evaluated by Dr. Ronald Cranford, a neurologist at the Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Little known about GOP chief

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With minimal political campaign experience, Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yuetter is an unknown quantity to Republican Party officials. But he's certain to get their support when they elect a new GOP chairman later this month.

"I don't know anything about him," said Norm Riffel, Republican chairman in Yuetter's home state of Nebraska.

The White House announced on Monday that the 60-year-old agriculture secretary is President Bush's choice to succeed the ailing Lee Atwater as party chairman.

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Peruvian hijacker slain

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Police dressed as baggage handlers fatally shot an armed rebel about a hijacked jetliner in Lima's airport authorities said. Fifty people were on board the plane at the time of the shooting.

Two passengers were injured by gunfire in the shootout. Radio and television news reports said it was unclear if the shots were fired by the hijacker or police. Neither did the reports say how police entered the plane.

The hijacking occurred two weeks after the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration issued a report saying Lima's Jorge Chavez International Airport was unsafe because it is vulnerable to terrorist attacks.

The hijacker, carrying a handgun and eight grenades, seized the Faucett Airlines DC-8 with 125 people aboard in the northern coastal city of Trujillo at 5 p.m. He ordered the plane flown to Lima, about 300 miles south, radio reports said. The flight took about an hour.

Unmanned rocket boosts NATO satellite into orbit

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A new NATO satellite to improve military and diplomatic communications within the 16-nation alliance orbited Earth after being carried aloft by a Delta rocket.

The rocket lifted off at 7:53 p.m. EST Monday, an hour late because of thick clouds. The satellite settled into an elliptical orbit up to 22,128 miles high. On-board motors will give it a circular orbit on Wednesday.

The \$110 million spacecraft will go into operation in April or May

and replace a NATO satellite stationed above the Atlantic about seven years ago.

It is the first of two advanced NATO 4 satellite built by British Aerospace for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The second satellite will be put in orbit by a Delta rocket in 1992 or 1993.

The satellites will link NATO officials spread over an area stretching from the United States to Turkey and increase capacity for secure communications.

"It takes an increased importance because conflicts nowadays could arise anywhere — in the Gulf, in South America, in Africa, anywhere," said Peter Corfield of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defense, which manages the NATO 4 program.

NATO undertook the advanced satellite program years before Iraq invaded Kuwait last summer.

The spacecraft was supposed to be carried aloft by the space shuttle, but managers switched to McDonnell Douglas Space Systems' commercial Delta after the 1986 Challenger accident.

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Gulf sealift in high gear

By NABILA MEGALLI
The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain — The sealift carrying tanks and heavy weapons for the U.S.-dominated multinational force in Saudi Arabia has intensified as next Tuesday's deadline for Iraq to quit Kuwait gets closer.

Western military sources say an average six or seven sealift ships are arriving in Saudi ports every day now.

"The sealift is at its peak now," said one of the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Maj. Gen. William Pagonis, commander of military logistics for the Operation Desert Shield, has said the sealift and accompanying airlift is "probably unheard of in history."

"In Vietnam, it took five or six years to have this many troops on the ground. Even in Korea, they never moved this amount of people and materiel this rapidly," Pagonis said.

The sealift began in August with the first-wave deployment of 230,000 U.S. troops. By December, more than 150 ships had transported more than 2 million tons of materiel, including hundreds of tanks, to Saudi Arabia along with thousands of troops.

Officials described it as the most concentrated operation of its kind since World War II.

Another 185,000 tons of materiel, and tens of thousands of troops, were airlifted from the United States and bases in Germany.

And the massive deployment — 430,000 U.S. military personnel are expected to be in the region by the end of the month — goes on.

Vast amounts of supplies and hardware have moved into the region, and U.S. defense contractors have been asked to increase production.

Among weapons transferred from Europe are Hellfire and TOW anti-tank missiles, 105mm artillery shells, machine-gun ammunition and some laser-guided weapons.

If war comes, the Defense Department estimates the U.S. deployment will need some 80,000 tons of materiel every month.

The U.S. Army's Abrams tanks alone, for instance, are expected to consume about 1 million gallons of gasoline a day.

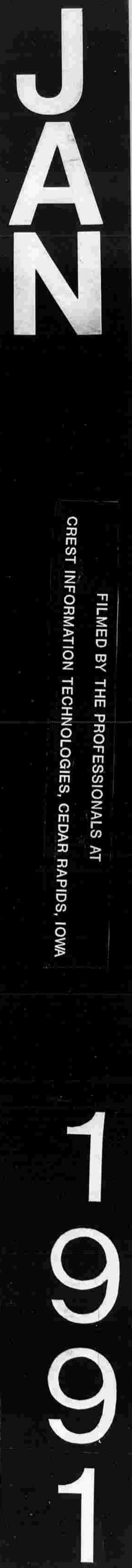
Operation Desert Shield's first deployment wave sailed 7,000 miles from the United States.

The second wave is mainly coming from Europe, with Antwerp, Rotterdam and Bremerhaven the busiest ports.

U.S. merchant vessels account for about 60 percent of the sealift.

Britain, France, Egypt and Syria, are the other principal nations in the multinational force and have also transported hundreds of thousands of tons of equipment.

While the Americans use Saudi ports in the Persian Gulf, France and Egypt mainly use the Red Sea ports near the Arabian peninsula's western coast.



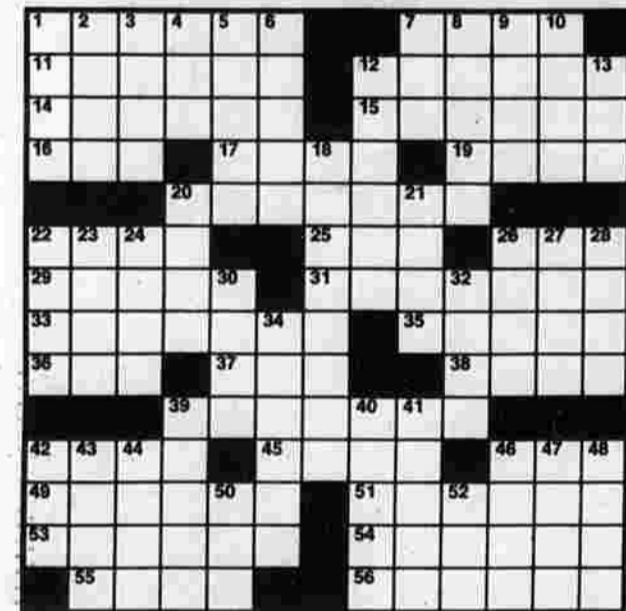
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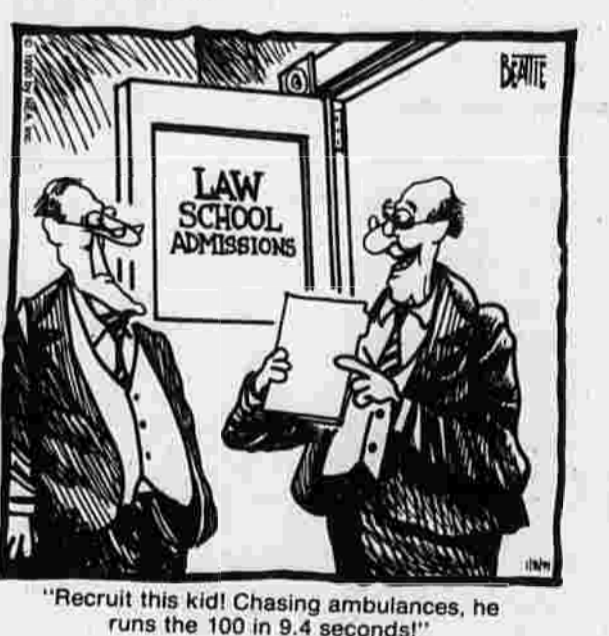
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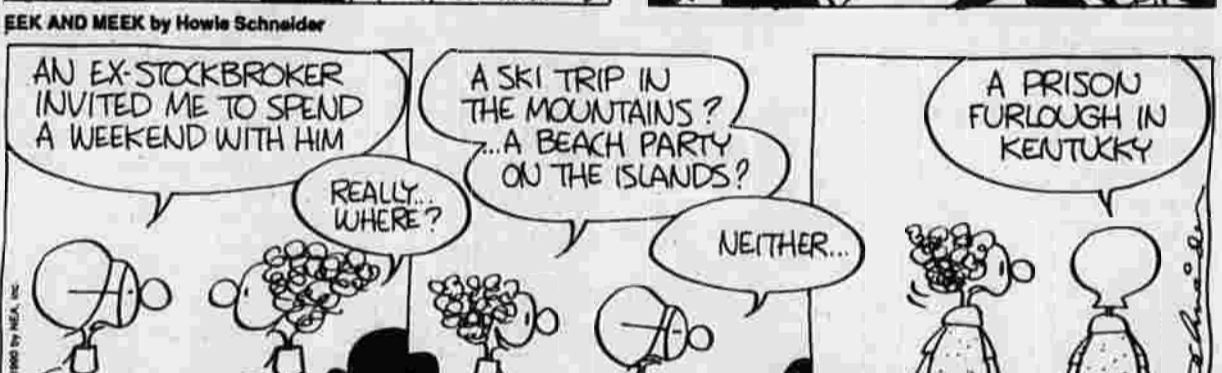
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Weddings and Engagements

Mozer-Merrigan

Amy Jeanne Merrigan, daughter of Anninette V. Merrigan of Vernon and Robert J. Merrigan of Glastonbury, and Todd Michael Mozer of 389 Summit St., Manchester, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Mozer of Vernon, were married Sept. 2, 1990 at St. Clements Estate, Portland.

The Rev. James Fung officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Tom Merrigan, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Tracy Bogner, Kerilyn Woykovsky, Melissa Molin, Susan Bognini, Susan Sullivan, Karen Sullivan and Eileen Goldsmith. Britney Woykovsky was flower girl.

Brian Mozer, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Warren Strickland, Eric Trudon, David Bognini, Glen Bognini, Mark Allen, Kenneth Moreau and Alex Britnell.

After a reception at St. Clements Estate, the couple went on a honeymoon to Palm Beach and Disney World in Florida. They are making their home in Manchester.

The bride is a graduate of



Mr. and Mrs. Todd M. Mozer
Rockville High School and Central Connecticut State University. She is employed at Jonathan Pasco's Restaurant in East Windsor.

Hagearty-Tierney

Mary Elizabeth Tierney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tierney of Rockwall, Texas, and Sean Thaddeus Hagearty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Hagearty of 8 Green Hill St., Manchester, were married Oct. 27, 1990 in Spring Lake, N.J.

The Rev. J.S. Dillon, a relative of the groom, officiated at the nuptial Mass. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Jennifer Tierney, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Maura Hagearty, Erin Hagearty, Cindy Huff, Alison Murmano and Courtney Smith.

John Morris was best man. Ushers were Charles O'Connell, John Sheehan, Gene Bolan, Sean Smith, Peter Tierney and Thomas Blauvelt.

After a reception at the Warren Hotel in Spring Lake, the couple went on a wedding trip to San Francisco, Calif. They are making their home in Vernon.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Texas in Austin. The bridegroom is a 1983 graduate of East Catholic High School and a 1987 graduate of Fairfield University. He is employed as a real estate appraiser for Charter Valuation Services Inc.



Mrs. Sean T. Hagearty



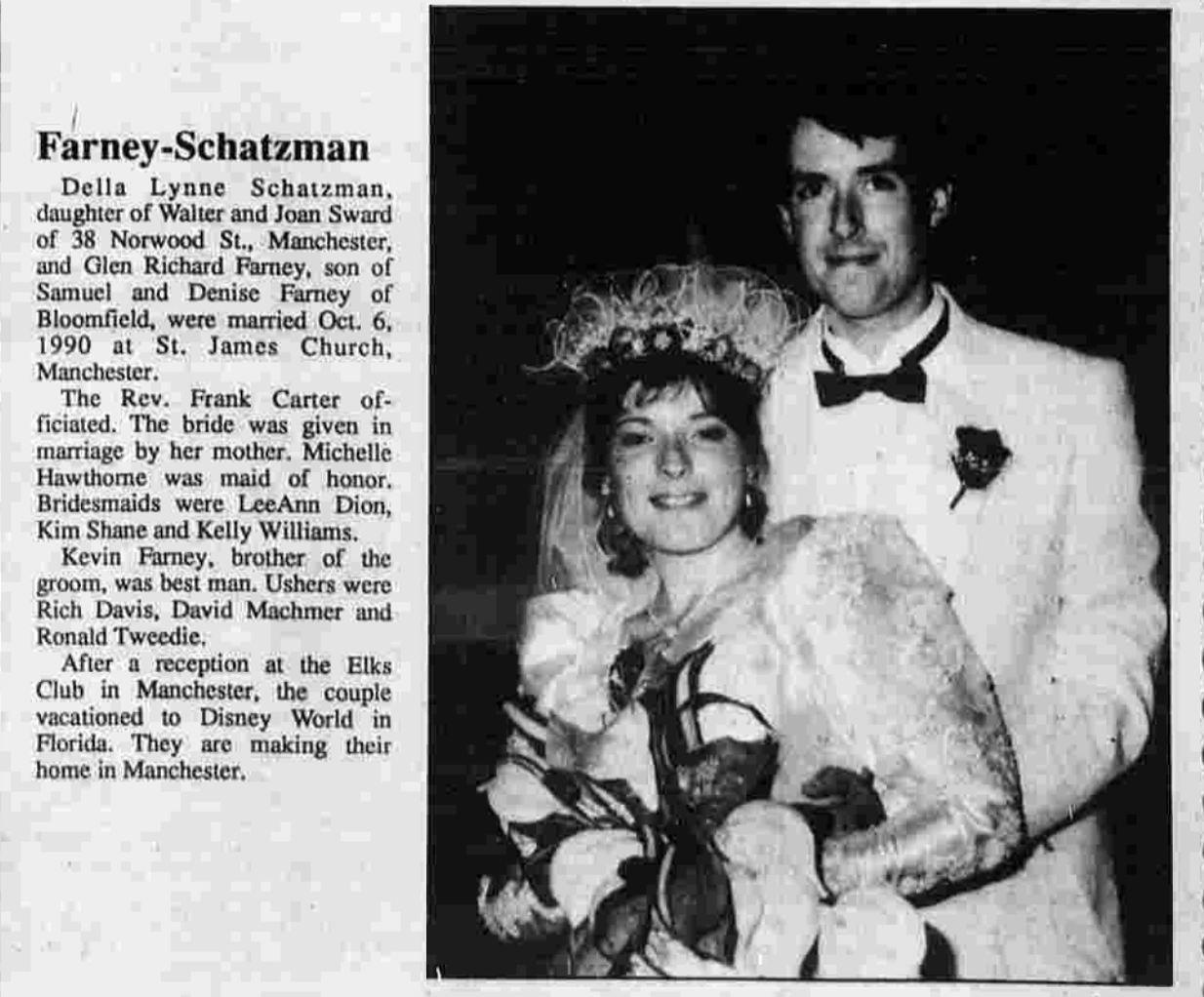
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Abigail Van Buren

Godmother visit less than heaven

DEAR ABBY: I have two adorable children, ages 1 and 2 1/2. My best friend and college roommate, "Judi," is their godmother...

My husband travels, and when he had a two-week road trip coming up, I called Judi and asked her if she would like to bring the children to visit her...

After a few days, I began to feel unwell. Judi seemed irritable, and the kids were restless and cranky in their unfamiliar surroundings...

DEAR MAMA: Since Judi was your best friend, your mistake was not asking her to be a godmother...

Next time, you may not ask Judi to visit you? That way, she can leave whenever she wants to, and nobody's feelings will be hurt...

DEAR ABBY: I cannot describe how happy you have made Thomas and me. We met through Operation Dear Abby...

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PEOPLE

Sinead O'Connor says the stress of stardom makes it easy to see why some musicians wind up taking drugs.

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Peter Gott, M.D.

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MARRIAGE MINDED — John Travolta proposed to actress Kelly Preston on New Year's Eve while on a romantic holiday in Gstaad, Switzerland.

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McCullough shows Romans had modern problems

By MARIO SZICHMAN The Associated Press

NEW YORK — After reading Colleen McCullough's "The First Man in Rome" (Morrow), the reader might ask, "Which empire is the writing about?"

Women GIs make presence felt

By STEVE RAYMER National Geographic

AL KHUBAR, Saudi Arabia — When 19-year-old Valerie Mitchell breezes into the local Safeway supermarket here one morning looking for "Afric perm" hair-care kits...

Wealthy Kuwaiti refugees stream into S. Arabia

By STEVE RAYMER National Geographic

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enthusiastic about war. And that is certainly non-Roman. The result of 13 years of meticulous research and a year of writing, "The First Man in Rome" is the history of two generals, Gaius Marius and Lucius Cornelius Sulla...

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Saudi women aren't allowed to drive cars. The government officially made it illegal in November after about 70 Saudi women staged a protest in Riyadh, the capital.

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The Australian author says that similar questions had been asked in other countries. "In fact, the first thing the Romans wanted to know was, how did I know so much about modern Italian government?"

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'The Dress' is back in various versions of short

Display of spring outfits taking a decidedly feminine flair

embroidery. Sexy back-baring styles are everywhere. Colors abound, from tropical brights to spun-sugar pastels to classic combinations of navy and white or black and white.

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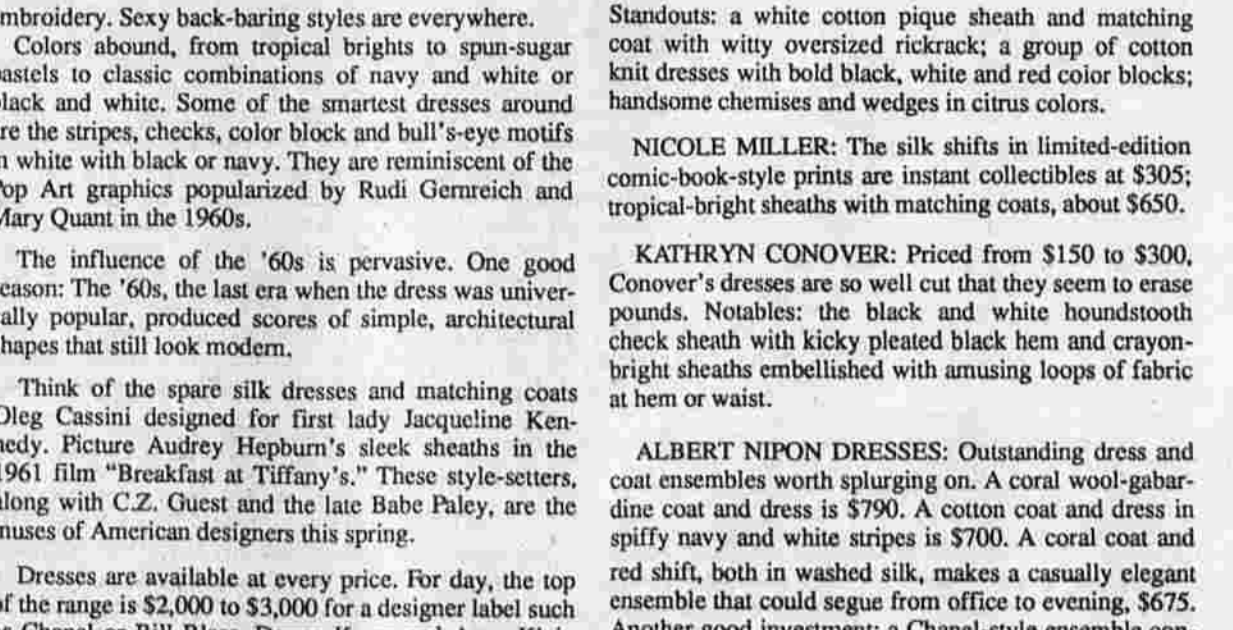
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ON THE MOVE — U.S. Army Sgt. Lisa Wycinski is one of thousands of women GIs stationed in Saudi Arabia.



weather forecaster and some doctors and nurses. Lisa Wycinski, 27, of Portland, Ore., her long brown ponytail Army-issue baseball cap, bursts orders at Pakistani drivers as she directs the latest arrivals from America, members of the Alabama National Guard, onto buses that will take them to the desert.

You really are what you eat

By NIKKI GODFREY and KEVIN MAHADY
Copley News Service

ON NUTRITION

People eat spicy food because it makes them macho, according to anthropologist Molly Schuchat. She says people eat whatever they want to be.

Schuchat claims macho pepper eaters do it for the image, but they've also acquired a taste for hot, spicy food. Eating lip-scorching food also gives people an exhilarating combination of pain and pleasure.

NEW AND OF NOTE

Lots of dogs like leaping for Frisbees and receiving a tasty treat as a reward. Now, the Frisbee may be the tasty treat itself. That's because of pet food company has come up with flying pet food biscuits for Frisbee-dogging dogs.

Quaker Oats is making beef-and-bacon-flavored edible Frisbees from whole-wheat pet food.

Spokesman Marc Schwimmer says they are half the size of your hand and as aerodynamic as real Frisbees. He says Ken-L Ration's Frisbees fly about 20 feet when thrown like a Frisbee — even the smallest Frisbee.

ABOUT CHILDREN

It seems Canadian kids are giving ice hockey the cold shoulder because participants in the national sport have declined 10 percent over the last five years.

According to the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, it's not that Canadian boys are becoming un-patriotic. It's just a matter of increased costs and competition from other sports, like soccer.

The group estimates it costs a financially freezing, cool \$1,000 to outfit a kid for ice hockey today.

And hockey programs are more demanding, too. Kids are expected to play 70 to 80 grueling games a season, up from 30 to 40 games.

But it's only the boys who are freezing their interest in ice hockey. Especially after the first world women's hockey championships held this past March.

OF THE MIND
American motorists would rather put up with a drunken driver than someone who doesn't use his turn signals.

A new study on driving says a quarter of all American drivers think people who don't signal are the most irritating thing on the road. Only 1 percent think boozers are the most annoying thing on four wheels.

The study also shows that eight out of 10 Americans say they really enjoy driving. Unfortunately, the poll also reveals that most of them don't know what they're doing. Only five out of 10 could pass a basic quiz on "intense" driving situations involving auto accidents and burn brakes.

The study also shows that 30 percent of Americans feel New York City has the worst drivers in the country.

OTHER WORDS
You don't need bug spray to kill cockroaches or traps to kill rats — just meditate them out of your home by forming a prayer circle with some friends.

That's the advice of an Ohio animal rights group that claims meditation is better than insecticide when it comes to bugs.

The Fruitarian Network says all you have to do is ask the spirits of the roaches and the rats to find a place outside your home.

Fruitarian spokesman Salom Shriver says if meditation doesn't rid your home of pests, you should try humane traps that won't kill the pests.

Then you can rehabilitate the rat or roach back to a life outside your home.

Nikki Godfrey and Kevin Mahady are editors for Copley Radio Network.



MARRIAGE BY TELEPHONE — Angela Hughes of Bauxite, Ark., speaks by telephone to her fiancé, U.S. Army Pvt. Charles Waltz Jr., who is stationed in Hawaii, moments before the wedding ceremony last week.

Fox's winter press tour: real life, or just parody?

By DEBORAH HASTINGS
The Associated Press
MARINA DEL REY, Calif. — It is the first day of the winter press tour for television critics.

This is the time, surrounded by 100 or so colleagues from across the nation, when TV reporters see their lives flash before their eyes and begin to feel nauseous.

This is not my beautiful life, they feverishly whisper to themselves. Perhaps it's not too late to join the Peace Corps, Or NBC.

Television, after all, is the lifeblood of most of the journalists assembled in the ballroom of the Ritz-Carlton here.

But at the twice yearly gatherings called "The Press Tour," the absurdities of covering the TV industry manifest themselves in sickening proportions.

On Friday, as Fox programming chief Peter Chernin stands before the nation's TV critics and asks them their precious little, many have their minds on something else.

Like kids in third-period algebra, the critics are quietly passing Xeroxed copies of a story in *Spy* magazine about the summer and winter television press tours.

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Zoologists striving hard to save rare species

EDITOR'S NOTE — Consider the California condor, the Arabian oryx, the Guam rail, the blue poison dart frog. They are among the endangered species that have been successfully bred in captivity as zoologists take the offensive to save many forms of wildlife from extinction. Such conservation programs have now spread to more than 150 zoos and aquariums.

By ALEX DOMINGUEZ
The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — No longer mere display cases for nature's creatures, the nation's zoos and aquariums are taking a more active role in trying to save species that are rapidly disappearing from the wild.

The American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums, headquartered in Bethesda, Md., coordinates a captive-breeding program for more than 50 endangered species at more than 150 zoos and aquariums.

"It's not the same old zoo anymore. It's not the little guy with a moustache pushing a broom around," says Michael Hutchins, director of science and conservation for the Phoenix Zoo in Arizona. "We have a responsibility to face up to in the next decade. It looks like we are going to be perpetual tools to these animals."

For example, in steamy cinderblock rooms next to the Rain Forest exhibit at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, curator Jack Cover heads the breeding of the threatened blue poison dart frog.

Herpetologists at the aquarium in 1988 became the first to breed the species.

"Some estimates are that 1 million species of animals and plants could go extinct in the next two decades. We don't know what kind of impact that is going to have."

Zoos may need to maintain captive populations for as long as 200 years, until world population growth can be controlled and native habitats restored, some biologists say.

In addition, zoologists may be forced in the future to move animals in the wild from place to place to maintain genetic diversity, and veterinarians may need to make jungle calls to keep wild populations healthy, Hutchins says.

"I tell people that zoos are going to have to change as much in the next 100 years as they have in the past 100 if they are to fulfill their role in conservation," Hutchins says.

"When you cut down a rain forest, you're not just cutting down trees," Cover says. "You're cutting down the environment for thousands of species."

To avoid extinction, an estimated 2,000 species of large invertebrates will need to be bred in the next two decades, says Michael Hutchins, director of science and conservation for the Phoenix Zoo in Arizona. However, only 900 species can be bred using current facilities, he says.

"Space is extremely limited. Decisions we make now will probably doom some species to extinction and save others," says Hutchins, who oversees the group's Species Survival Plan, which makes decisions on which species will have to be made for wild animals.

The Philadelphia Zoo has bred the Guam rail, a small tropical bird that resembles a sandpiper. The Cincinnati Zoo implanted an embryo from an endangered Indian desert cat into a surrogate mother — a domestic house cat that nursed the kitten as if it were her own.

At the aquarium in Baltimore's redeveloped Inner Harbor, still one of the most polluted areas of the Chesapeake Bay, a collection of crickets, wax worms, fruit flies and other insects are kept in rows of boxes on a shelf in a cramped, pungent work area behind the rain forest exhibit.

Above the bottles is a sign reading, "Time flies like an arrow, fruit flies like a banana."

"What blue poison dart frogs like is a diet high in calcium and phosphorus, humidity and privacy. The three-quarter-inch, black and black frog is so named because it secretes a deadly alkaloid similar to curare, which South American Indians use to make poison darts."

"In the wild they lay their eggs under large jungle leaves," Cover says. "The blue poison dart frog is a pest in the house and a good breeding bug. We put a plastic leaf in a pet dish and put the bottle over the top."

"The male does a courtship dance. The female, if receptive, follows him in an elaborate courtship dance with all kinds of strutting and spinning. Then she lays her eggs and 'I fertilize them."

Cover and his colleagues are still working on how to get the frogs to produce the toxin medical researchers want to study.

Herpetologists and others have tried several unorthodox methods.

Special diets didn't work, nor did daily handling of the frogs. They thought cold baths, which would simulate the dangers of the wild, might be the key.

"We actually tested that hypothesis," Cover says. "But in the wild the frog would already have to have the poison the first time a predator comes down. There wouldn't be a second chance. So, danger doesn't seem like it would stimulate production."

Perhaps the most well-known endangered species in the California condor, the largest land bird in North America, which has a wingspan of up to 10 feet. There are 40 California condors known to exist and all are in captivity — 21 at the San Diego Wild Animal Park and 19 at the Los Angeles Zoo.

The last condor known to exist in the wild was captured in 1987. Before 1985, scientists hoped to breed them in captivity and in the wild, but between 1984 and 1985, a pair of the last free breeding pair in the wild were lost and presumed dead. In 1985, federal officials decided to capture all remaining wild condors in a last-ditch effort to save the species.

"That effort drew criticism from several environmental groups, but it appears to have been the right choice."

"When we first hatched birds in captivity, it was pretty exciting," says Dr. Michael Wallace, curator of birds at the Los Angeles Zoo. "We were under a lot of pressure from outside groups to release the birds. It's good to see we could not only do it, but do it fairly well."

Four of the vulture-like chicks were hatched this year at the San Diego park and four at the Los Angeles Zoo. That success has enabled zoologists to consider reintroducing some of the condors into the wild as early as next year, several years ahead of schedule.

Despite their successes, zoologists are quick to remind that breeding programs are only part of the solution.

"Zoo's are looking at being part of a holistic program," Hutchins says. "If we are going to save species, we just can't save them in zoos. But at least having these populations in captivity provides us with the option of reintroducing them."

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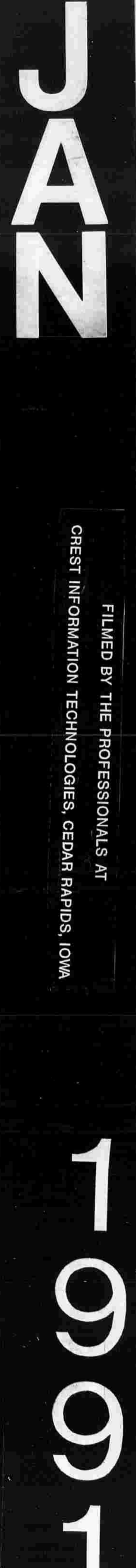
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By James Jacoby
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Patriots go for a new face in MacPherson

At last they didn't recycle a reed. When the New England Patriots named Dick MacPherson as head coach on Monday, new chief executive officer Sam Jankovich didn't follow the good ole boy school of hiring someone else's mistake. This time he went out and hired an old boy. But MacPherson, at 60 years of age, is not ready for the retirement home. Handy. If he's the same fleshy Dick MacPherson like when he was at the University of Massachusetts, the Patriots will have something.

MacPherson was head coach at UMass from 1971 through 1977. His teams were 45-27-1 and won four Yankee Conference titles. He has been at Syracuse from 1981 through 1990 and went 66-46-4 there. He led the Orangemen to a No. 4 ranking in 1987 when they went 11-0-1, tying Auburn in the Sugar Bowl.

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Pat Verbeek is named to the All-Star team

HARTFORD (AP) — Hartford Whalers right wing Pat Verbeek is one of 16 players named for the first time to play in the NHL All-Star Game. Verbeek was one of nine first-time all stars Boston Bruins coach Mike Milbury selected when naming the 14 additions to the Wales Conference roster on Monday.

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Montana may have led the 49ers to a 14-2 record, but he preferred to credit those around him for putting him in position to win the award. "An honor such as this one is really gratifying because it doubles as praise for the entire team, not just one player," he said. "I'm really happy for our offensive line, receivers and backs, since it definitely reflects on them."

MacPherson well aware of task ahead

By HOWARD ULMAN
The Associated Press
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