

Heading for Gulf War: A Special Report

Bush escalates effort to win Gulf war resolution

By DONNA CASSATA
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, taking "nothing for granted," today lobbied intensely for congressional approval to use military force to oust Iraq from Kuwait. The White House said it was unclear whether he had the needed votes in either chamber.

Bush pressed his case at a breakfast meeting with a large group of House members who traveled a traffic-jamming Washington snowstorm to accept the early morning invitation.

White House aides said that more than 100 House members in both parties, including many undecided, had been invited but that attendance was reduced because of the snow.

Faced with a close vote in the Senate, where Democrats hold a 56-44 majority, Bush had met with 17 senators Thursday, lobbying furiously the seven Democrats among the bipartisan group in attendance.

Bush's congressional supporters said they believed they had the votes to prevail, particularly in the House. But headcounters said the margin of victory would be very slim and could go either way.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, who earlier in the week predicted victory on the use-of-force resolution, said that the president would continue to try to build support in both chambers.

Asked why Bush had only invited House members to today's session, Fitzwater said: "We don't have the

Democrat Thursday. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas announced his support for a resolution calling on the president to use economic sanctions and diplomacy more time.

The non-binding measure, sponsored by Sen. Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, and Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., also asserts that if and when the time comes for force, only Congress can grant approval.

General (Dwight) Eisenhower spoke about the courage of patience, and I think it's time for that. This is not just a test of manhood. This is a test of judgment," Bentsen said.

The debate, described by several lawmakers as the most important of their lives, was carried live on public television and produced a heavy influx of telephone calls to the Capitol that overloaded the switchboard.

"There is a real understanding that this is a moment of profound decision... affecting... the whole planet. There's a sense that this truly matters," said House Republican Whip Newt Gingrich of Georgia.

House GOP Leader Robert Michel, a decorated infantryman who was wounded during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II, argued Bush's case that force is the only answer to wrest Kuwait from Iraq.

"Those of our generation know from bloody experience that unchecked aggression against a small nation is a prelude to international disaster," the Illinois lawmaker said in an impassioned speech on the House floor.

An ABC-Washington Post poll reported Thursday that 68 percent of 511 American adults surveyed Wednesday night believed the United States should attack Iraq if it doesn't get out of Kuwait by Tuesday. That was an increase from 58 percent a month earlier. The likely margin of uncertainty in the poll was 5 percentage points.

Congressional proponents of the resolution supported by the president said their measure was tantamount to a declaration of war.

The resolution cites Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait, Baghdad's nuclear and chemical weapons programs and the international consensus against Saddam, concluding that Bush should be authorized to use military force.

Death toll dominates debate over Gulf policy

By DONALD M. ROTHEBERG
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For members of Congress bucking their president, there was only one argument: a critical question: "How many young Americans will die?"

On the opening day of congressional debate on President Bush's Persian Gulf policy, there was talk of the legal and constitutional issues, of diplomacy and economic sanctions.

But it quickly became clear Thursday that advocates of slowing the rush toward war had only one politically viable argument at this tense point in the armed confrontation between Iraq and the U.S.-led international force: "But prematurely abandoning the sanctions and immediately going to war also involves risk," he said. "The risk there is not in human life. How many people will die? How many young Americans will die?"

In the light of Iraqi intransigence despite U.S. diplomatic efforts, few members of Congress expect any outcome from the debate other than approval of resolutions supporting the use of force.

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STIFFENING THE DEFENSES — Staff Sgt. Michael Martans, a member of the 103rd Tactical Air Command, fills oil drums with sand to form hardened bunkers on the flight line at "Carnel Lot," the largest air base in Saudi Arabia.

U.S. to reassure Israel of support if Iraq attacks

By RUTH SINAI
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WASHINGTON — President Bush is sending a senior diplomat to Israel to reassure its leaders about U.S. support in case of an Iraqi attack and to coordinate positions on the Persian Gulf crisis.

Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger will travel to Israel soon, possibly Saturday, said officials familiar with his plans.

The decision to send him followed Wednesday's unsuccessful talks in Geneva between Secretary of State James A. Baker III and Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, the sources said Thursday. They spoke on condition of anonymity.

Neither the State Department nor the Israeli Embassy would confirm the trip.

Eagleburger will brief the Israelis on the Geneva talks and assure them that Baker had held firm against Iraq's attempts to link its pullout from Kuwait with a settlement of the Israeli-Arab dispute.

Baker described this stand to reporters after the meeting, and the administration wants to make sure none of its allies think any secret deal was made with Aziz.

Baker himself was making that point to Arab leaders in the Gulf.

Israel, for years the main U.S. ally in the Mideast, has been pushed to the sidelines of the Gulf crisis because the United States didn't want to anger its Arab partners in the anti-Iraq coalition.

Some of those partners, such as Syria and Saudi Arabia, are technically in a state of war with the Jewish state and have long resented the close U.S.-Israeli relationship.

U.S. officials have worried that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein might try to crack the coalition by attacking Israel, a move that would put pressure on the Arab partners to withhold support from the United States.

Eagleburger's visit to Israel would be the first by a senior U.S. official since Iraq invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2. By contrast, top U.S. officials including President Bush have visited Saudi Arabia and Egypt several times. Bush even met with Syrian President Hafiz Assad, whose government is on a U.S. list of countries that support terrorism.

To ease the strain in ties with Israel, Bush invited Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to the White House last month while the Israeli leader was on a private visit to the United States.

Bush wrested a pledge from Shamir to refrain from launching a pre-emptive attack against Iraq, and to keep a low profile in the crisis.

In return, he reportedly promised that the United States would come to Israel's help in case of an Iraqi attack.

The two leaders also agreed to coordinate positions between the two countries on the Persian Gulf, and a suggestion was made that a senior U.S. envoy would visit Israel, said one source.

Plans were made for the chief of Baker's policy planning staff, Dennis Ross, to travel to Israel.

But the decision to send a higher-ranking official was made after the apparent failure of Wednesday's talks, and a threat from Aziz to attack Israel.

Asked by reporters whether his country would attack Israel if the United States launched war, the Iraqi minister responded, "Yes, absolutely yes."

Eagleburger called Israeli Ambassador Zalman Shoval to the State Department on Thursday, and informed him of his plans, said the source.

Israeli anxieties have grown in recent days with the approach of Jan. 15 — the U.N. deadline after which the United States and its allies can use force to remove Iraq from Kuwait.

Israel's air force commander, Maj. Gen. Avihu Bin Nun, made a rare television appearance Thursday to assure Israelis that his pilots could thwart any Iraqi attack. Shamir also took to the airwaves to urge calm.



BAKER IN THE GULF — Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister, Prince Saud Al Faysal, greets U.S. Secretary of State James Baker upon his arrival at the Royal Terminal Airport in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia Thursday.

Pentagon sued by media

NEW YORK (AP) — Authors William Styron and E.L. Doctorow, a Pulitzer Prize-winning war correspondent and nine news organizations filed a lawsuit challenging the Pentagon's control of news coverage in the Persian Gulf crisis.

The lawsuit filed Thursday in U.S. District Court seeks a court order blocking the government from enforcing the rules — which establish pool coverage, restrict descriptions of combat and require military review of combat dispatches — unless the Pentagon shows a "bona fide security justification."

Included in the suit are the Pacific News Service and eight publications often critical of government policy: The Nation, Harper's, in These Times, The Guardian, The Progressive Magazine, Mother Jones Magazine, The L.A. Weekly and The Village Voice.

Doctorow, author of "Billy Bathgate" and "World's Fair," and Styron, who wrote "The Confessions of Nat Turner" and "Sophie's Choice," say they plan to write about the Gulf crisis for The Nation.

Also suing are Newsday columnist Sydney H. Schanberg, who won a Pulitzer for reporting from Cambodia and Vietnam for The New York Times, and Michael Klare, defense correspondent for The Nation.

The lawsuit claims that the Pentagon's military review of combat dispatches, have been criticized by other news organizations.

The national television networks ABC, CBS, NBC and CNN complained about the rules in a letter to Cheney.

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TV stations turn down ad

WASHINGTON (AP) — A television ad that contends American troops are being asked to die for a Middle East ruler's oil is too sensational and controversial to air, Cable News Network and five TV stations say.

The broadcast outlets rejected the 30-second ad, financed by the Military Families Support Network, which says the war in Kuwait "is waiting for Americans to shed our blood for his oil."

"Don't send our husbands, wives and our children to their deaths," the ad begs President Bush.

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Soviets seize building; protesters shot, beaten

By DEBORAH SEWARD
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VILNIUS, U.S.S.R. — Soviet troops seized the Lithuanian national guard headquarters and the republic's main printing plant today, and the Lithuanian government said soldiers fired over a crowd outside the printing plant.

Troops at the printing plant shot one young man in the face, said Aidas Palubinskas, a Lithuanian parliament spokesman. Three other people were shot and three suffered broken bones, said ELTA, the Lithuanian state news agency.

Neither the Soviet Constitution nor national laws define what measures could be taken under presidential rule, but they could include disbarring the parliament and banning demonstrators and political groups.

In its first report on today's confrontation, the official Tass news agency issued a three-paragraph dispatch saying troops occupied the printing plant so they could return it to the Communist Party. Independence supporters had claimed ownership.

In the clash outside the plant, soldiers used an irritant gas on the crowd. Britain's Independent Television News said one of its cameramen, Paul Ewen, was punched, knocked to the ground and kicked by paratroopers he was filming.

ITN's Moscow bureau chief, Tim Ewart, said Ewen was able to return to work and his videotape was not seized.

Soviet troops also occupied an officers school in Kaunas, the republic's second-largest city, said ELTA, the Lithuanian state news agency. It was unclear what the building was being used for.

Employees of the national guard building, formally known as the National Security Department, and Press House, where newspapers and other publications are printed, said troops ordered them to leave their offices.

Witnesses said eight armored vehicles stood guard in front of the press building, including two tanks.

Two public buses and several private cars blocked the road leading to the television tower, preventing troops from reaching it. About 200 people formed a human ring around the building.

Tensions have been building in the Baltic republic since Monday, when the Defense Ministry announced that crack paratroopers would be used in Lithuania and six other rebellious republics.



BALTIC PROTEST — Joseph Molnar of Boston burns a placard of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev during a protest Thursday in Boston. 50 people picketed against the Soviet military presence in the Baltic region.

Former Contras named to Cabinet

By DORALISA PILARTE
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MANAGUA, Nicaragua — President Violeta Chamorro named two former Contra leaders to Cabinet posts Thursday but left herself as defense minister.

She also replaced the education minister but otherwise made few changes in her government after her traditional January review of the Cabinet.

It had been rumored she would name a hard-line defense minister following the admission by the Sandinista People's Army that four officers had sold 28 Soviet-made heat-seeking missiles to the leftist rebels in El Salvador.

The Nicaraguan army is led by many of the same officers installed during the leftist Sandinista administration of President Daniel Ortega, who was voted out of office last year.

Mrs. Chamorro's U.S.-backed government has ended the Nicaraguan government's own civil war with the Contra rebels, who were long supported by Washington.

However, she has faced a wave of unrest from labor organizations that remain under Sandinista control. In addition, former rebels have mounted protests to pressure the government to make good on promises for their resettlement.

In the Cabinet changes, Sofonias Cisneros, who led the changes in Nicaragua's public education system from its leftist Sandinista orientation, was replaced by his deputy minister, Humberto Bello.

Cisneros was named to head the National Technological Institute, which Mrs. Chamorro created to provide training in trades such as carpentry.

Boanerges Matus, a longtime adviser to the now-disbanded Sandinista government, was named deputy minister of Agrarian Reform, a Cabinet-level post.

Jaime Cuadra, a former Interior Ministry official, was named director of the Nicaragua Reparation Institute. The body is in charge of resettling returning Nicaraguan refugees, mostly relatives of Contra fighters. Cuadra replaces Roberto Ferrey, a former member of the Contra Directorate.

Oscar Sovalbarro, the former Contra second-in-command known as "Commander Ruben," was named as Cuadra's deputy minister, also a Cabinet-level spot.

In the traditional annual state of the nation speech before the National Assembly, Mrs. Chamorro said Thursday the violence that plagued her first eight months in power was slowly giving way to a more democratic attitude among Nicaraguans.

"Many would like me to regress with toughness many demonstrations or unlawful acts," Mrs. Chamorro said in the nationally broadcast speech.

Wholesale prices rise 5.6 percent in 1990

By DAVE SKIDMORE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Wholesale prices ended 1990 with a surprisingly steep drop of 0.6 percent in December, but for the year prices rose at the fastest pace since 1981, the government said today.

The decline in the Labor Department's Wholesale Price Index was the sharpest for a single month in more than four years. Energy prices plummeted 4.8 percent, the biggest fall in 16 months.

In advance of the report, most economists were expecting only a 0.1 percent or 0.2 percent drop in December. The last time the index declined more was in July 1986, when it fell 0.7 percent.

For all of 1990, prices of finished goods one step short of retail climbed 5.6 percent, up from 4.9 percent in 1989. That was the greatest gain since prices rose 7.1 percent nine years ago.

However, excluding the volatile food and energy sectors, price rose 3.5 percent in 1990, down from 4.2 percent in 1989.

"I don't think 1990 was as bad as it might appear at first glance," said Ron Schreibman, vice president of the National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors. "Our members, who are paying the prices measured in the index, tell us they are not seeing significant price pressures. The economy is too weak and won't support it."

In 1991, most analysts expect much less inflation. The sluggish wholesale price economy should restrain both demand and prices, they say.

If war breaks out in the Persian Gulf, oil prices could soar again, as they did from August through October. But they would fall sharply as soon as the shooting is over unless the war is protracted and destroys Saudi Arabian oil production facilities, analysts predict.

"If you talk about a brief war, one in which

America emerges victorious, we think that oil prices can really plunge in the post-war aftermath," said economist Robert G. Dedrick of Northern Trust Co. in Chicago.

In December, the energy price decline was led by a 10.7 percent drop in fuel oil prices, the biggest since February, and a 7 percent decline in gasoline prices, the most in 13 months. The price of natural gas, however, rose 6.7 percent.

For the year, energy prices were up 29.8 percent, 45.2 percent for gasoline, 28.1 percent for home heating oil and 3.7 percent for natural gas.

Los Angeles (AP) — A Jewish school building where the Jewish Defense League chairman keeps an office was firebombed Thursday, but city officials and Jewish leaders rejected any direct link between the attack and the Middle East crisis.

The fire at the Aish Hatorah Institute, which damaged a building next to the Yad Abraham synagogue in North Hollywood, was under investigation as a hate crime, said police Sgt. George McCormick.

"All of us have concluded there is no connection that we know of to any event in the Middle East, nor anywhere else," Mayor Tom Bradley said at a news conference outside the burned building.

The building was gutted, but the synagogue was untouched, said Rabbi Zvi Block, dean of the school. He said two Torah scrolls, the five books of Moses, were saved.

The blaze was reported after midnight and was extinguished within 15 minutes, said Fire Department Capt. Edward Carlson.

"We're handling it as a hate crime, but there was not any message left or writing on walls or anything," McCormick said.

Irv Rubin, chairman of the militant JDL, maintained an office in the building, but authorities said he did not believe the fire was directed toward him.

The building was a meeting place for youth and housed a kitchen and dining hall used for religious celebrations.

Block said he believed the fire was a local hate crime, but suggested the deteriorating Persian Gulf situation could not be ignored.



BOVINE BLUES — Farmer Mark Purdy serenades his cow herd with a soulful tune on his saxophone at his farm in Eworthing, England. He says that the music increases the cows' milk output and the bovines are partial to the blues.

Barry may teach

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Mayor Marion Barry, convicted last year on a misdemeanor charge of possessing cocaine, may soon have a job teaching college students about criminal justice.

The University of the District of Columbia is planning to offer Barry a position in its Department of Criminal Justice teaching senior students studying public and social policy, says the department's chairman, Kelley Jones.

Jones said he has not spoken directly with Barry about the position, which would be a temporary, fulltime job with an annual salary of \$34,000, but only for one semester.

Barry, 54, was sentenced in November to six months in prison for a conviction on a misdemeanor charge of possessing cocaine. He has appealed the conviction. His term as mayor expired Jan. 2.

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Open Forum

Spending, tax cuts needed

To the Editor:
History is a great way to look into the future. Herbert Hoover raised taxes in a recession which led us into the Great Depression. Lowell Weicker said, "Raising taxes in a recession is like throwing gasoline on an open fire."

The new administration only has one choice and that is to cut government spending. We will never get efficiency in government unless we start with a zero budget and build from that point. To build a budget by cutting or adding to our present budget is foolish. State spending has to be cut to below \$5 billion. Taxes have to be cut to get the economy moving at least to pre-1986 levels.

The first step we must take is to determine the design and purpose of government. We have so much duplication and agencies working in direct opposition with each other. We have an economic development agency whose function is to get businesses to move into the state. This costs tax dollars which in turn raises state taxes to businesses in the state forcing them to move out of the state.

We have a housing agency which is trying to make housing more affordable, then we have another agency that is trying to preserve farm land. One helps developers buy property while the other, buys development rights, thus raising the cost of land. This is where the real cost of government is destroying society.

Taxpayers and businesses are being choked to death and our productivity is being destroyed. We have a moral obligation to keep government spending at a minimum. Spending has to be reformed and taxes need to be cut.

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Change the school year

To the Editor:
It is about time someone took steps to change a new and altogether ridiculous school schedule. After talking to many residents of Manchester, it seems obvious that most people want their summer vacations to continue right through August and hopefully through Labor Day as well. The existing schedule completely destroys any Labor Day plans that many families make.

Those last two weeks of August are key vacation weeks. We're one of the few towns that sends our kids back to school in August. If a few days have to be added to June, that doesn't seem to be an issue for most people. Last year, our kids got out on the 15th — that seemed early to me. And I don't know of anyone who vacations in June.

I just hope that the Board of Education is willing to listen to the people of Manchester and do what is in their best interest. They've been elected to represent us, haven't they? I hope there will be an impressive turnout at the next board meeting — Jan. 14 at 7:30, 45 North School St. Please consider attending the meeting if you are in favor of this proposal.

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Berry's World

I cannot recall a single instance in which the pollster, confronted with a "No," ever went on to ask the obvious next question: "In what way do you think he is mishandling it?" The media were quite content with the "No," and disinclined to paint the lily. We were left to assume, and if necessary were told, that a majority of Americans opposed our whole enterprise in Vietnam.

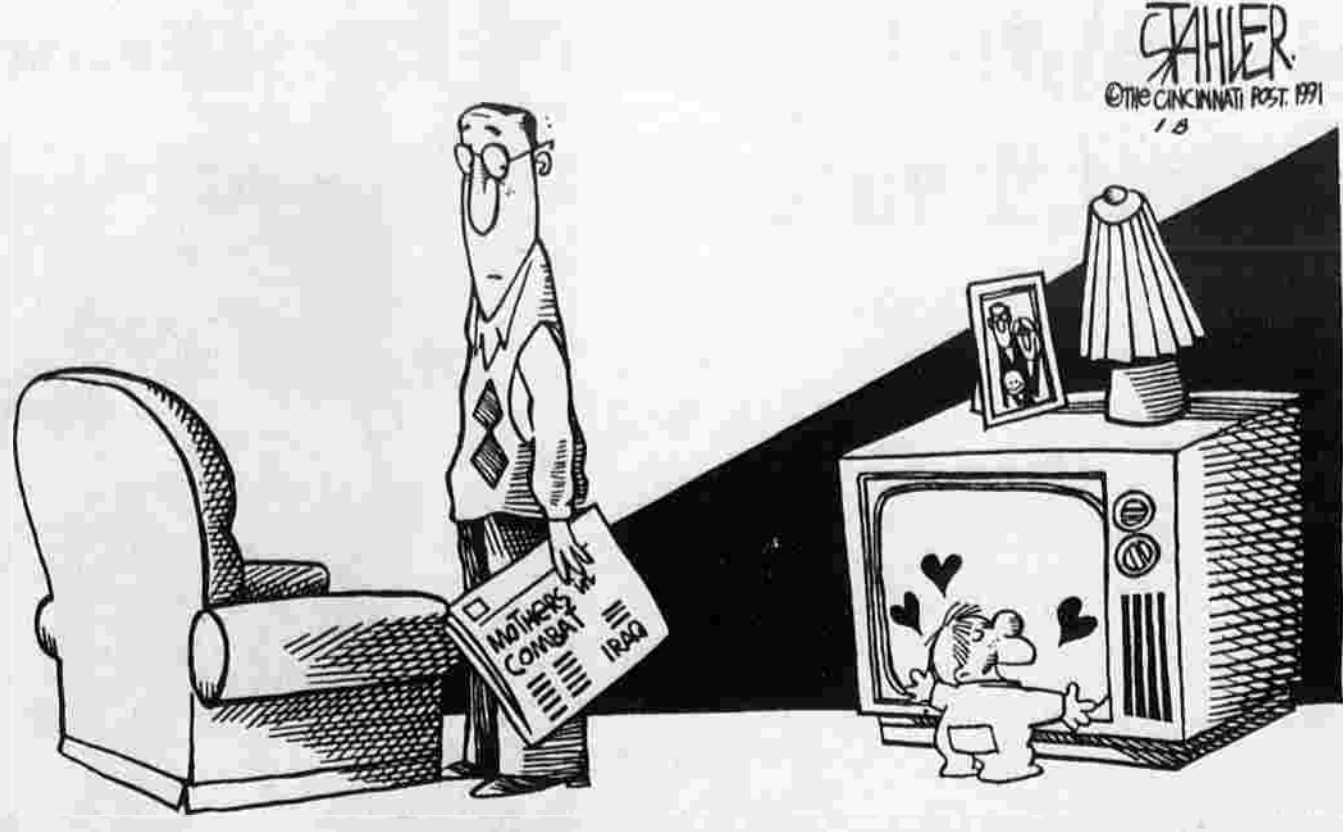
And yet, as other probes of public opinion made abundantly clear, there was never, from one end of the Vietnam War to the other, a majority of the American people in favor of the sort of bogout the left demanded and, with the help of the Democratic Congress, ultimately achieved. Holders of that view, who undeniably "disapproved of the way the president was handling the war," had to be confused with another, very different current of opinion before majority status was acquired.

This second current of opinion consisted of that substantial group of people who had no objection whatever to America's military presence in Vietnam, but opposed dragging the war out to interminable lengths while our leaders tried to think of some way to win it without invading the North or obliterating it with bombs. These people, too, thoroughly disapproved of "the way the president was handling the war," but there was not a dove among them.

A recent issue of The New Yorker displayed a similar misunderstanding of our country's popular opinion. Pollsters are fond of asking people whether "you think the country is headed in the wrong direction," or "is pretty seriously off on the wrong track," or something of that

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Aziz stuck to his script

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WASHINGTON — From the moment Secretary of State James Baker and Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz sat down at their respective sides of the table Wednesday, the world should have realized the stage was set for nothing more than a well-rehearsed regurgitation of a carefully prepared speech.

Once the room was cleared and the faces and limp handshakes — which came at a photographer's suggestion — we probably all could have guessed the outcome of the meeting, but the desire for a peaceful end to the Persian Gulf crisis fueled a sense of watchful hope.

When Aziz was cleared and the doors closed, giving Baker and Aziz a chance to finally talk, something completely unexpected happened. The meeting, which many thought might last only minutes, stretched into hours. They broke for lunch and met again. In all, the two men spoke for more than six hours, again, fueling our hopes for some kind of peaceful settlement.

Anxiously the world waited. When the talks were finally over, the slip of a single word from Baker's lips told the whole story.

"Regrettably," Baker said, as he began his post-meeting press conference. But the words that followed weren't necessary. We all knew how the sentence would end.

"Regrettably, I heard nothing today that suggested to me any Iraqi flexibility" on a withdrawal from Kuwait, he announced. From that moment on, once again we should have known we were watching nothing more than unfolding scenes of a carefully rehearsed drama.

Then came Baker's announcement that Aziz would not accept, and that he would deliver a letter from President Bush to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Why? Because it was all part of Aziz's script. There is no way Aziz or any other foreign minister would refuse to deliver a letter from one head of state to another unless, of course, he and his boss had previously agreed to the refusal.

When asked why he refused the letter, Aziz said it contained language "inappropriate" for an exchange between heads of state.

What does that mean? Bush admitted the letter was direct, but denied that it was "rude." What could Bush have said to make the letter inappropriate?

Could he have called Saddam a jerk or something worse? No. The letter was nothing more than an attempt by Bush to make sure Saddam clearly understood U.S. position.

Aziz didn't once bring up the subject of Kuwait during his post-meeting press conference. Instead, he outlined Iraq's call for a conference to address the rights of Palestinians — another indication that Aziz was just following his script.

It's doubtful the meeting between Baker and Aziz would have lasted more than six hours if the two men discussed Palestinian rights instead of Iraq's occupation of Kuwait.

Telephone calls, or the lack of them, should have been another signal to the world. Baker phoned Bush both during and after the meeting, presumably to seek counsel from the president and alert him of the outcome.

It appears that Saddam and Aziz had previously agreed to the meeting script, so there was no need for communication. The situation in the Gulf has not evolved because of a disagreement between the U.S. and Iraq. It's a disagreement over the occupation of Kuwait by Iraq and the world community.

Hat law is no joking matter

By JACK ANDERSON and DALE VAN ATTA

WASHINGTON — In these days of lawlessness and rampant street crime, it's nice to know that at least one federal law is strictly enforced — the unauthorized wearing of a U.S. Forest Service hat.

Reno, Nev.-resident Merion T. Eaves can testify to that. His hat was grabbed by the long arm of the Forest Service.

Eaves was playing dollar slot machines in a Reno casino last summer when a man approached him and asked him, "Do you work for the U.S. Forest Service?"

Eaves doesn't, but his hat bore an emblem that looked like a Forest Service logo. Eaves got the hat as a gift from his boss, a hat collector of sorts, and he liked it.

But the man who approached him didn't. He was an area special agent from the Toyabe National Forest headquarters in Sparks, Nev., and was attending a convention in the hotel where Eaves was gambling. The agent told Eaves he was breaking the law by wearing the Forest Service emblem and that he could go to jail if he didn't surrender the hat.

The agent was telling the truth, Title 18 of the U.S. Code makes it illegal to "possess any insignia of the design prescribed by the head of any department or agency of the United States." The offense is punishable by a fine of \$250 and six months in jail.

Eaves, a reasonable guy, didn't want to go to jail for a hat, so he turned it over to the agent and went back to playing the slots. But the agent wasn't finished. He launched into an inquisition, asking Eaves where he got the cap and why he was wearing it and whether he had any other items of clothing with a Forest Service emblem.

When the interrogation was over, the agent left with the hat. But the story doesn't end there. The agent was back at Eaves' side in a few minutes with an apology, and the hat. He had thought it over and decided that the hat was not contraband because it was only a knock-off and not the real thing. "As far as I can tell, you're not a criminal," the agent said.

Eaves knew when to hold 'em, and when to fold 'em. He accepted his hat and got out of there. But the story doesn't end there either.

The agent had another change of heart, and sooner had Eaves arrived home than there was a knock on his door. Yup, it was the agent in hot pursuit, and he wanted the hat back again. "I made a mistake," he said. "The rule says you can't wear 'any likeness thereof.'"

Eaves handed over the hat. But after a few months, the incident began to grow on him, and he wrote to us to see if we could help him get his hat back.

An spokesman for the Toyabe National Forest told our reporter Paul Parkinson that the agent was just doing his job. "Eaves is a Forest Service town. We try to keep a white-hat image around here," Staff Officer David Haney said. "And gambling is no way to do it."

Obviously the Forest Service can't afford to have people thinking its agents are sitting around, in uniform, playing the slots. Haney said foresters are good guys. "We do not specialize in being officious bureaucrats here, even though this smacks of it."

The cap carrier is far from over. The Forest Service insists it will keep the hat. After all, Title 18 gives the government that right. Meanwhile, the burned hat is collecting dust on a shelf in a federal storage warehouse in San Diego.

Night fighting
If war breaks out in the Persian Gulf, our Pentagon sources say the U.S. ground forces will do most of their fighting at night. Leading the assault will be the 24th Mechanized Infantry Division, which specializes in night fighting. The troops use night-vision goggles that provide highly successful results in the U.S. invasion of Panama. The goggles create an image by detecting the differences in temperatures between objects and their surroundings. The Iraqi army has only antiquated night equipment and little experience at combat in the dark.

Mini-editorial
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BUSINESS

Weicker: gloom about banks is unwarranted

By PETER VILES
The Associated Press

HARTFORD (AP) — Pledging on his first full day in office to help the region's banks "in any way I can," Gov. Lowell P. Weicker Jr. prepared to join his colleagues from other New England states for a quickly arranged summit on the banking crisis.

Weicker was scheduled to meet today in Boston with New England governors and federal bank regulators to discuss banking in the region in light of the federal takeover of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., the parent company of Connecticut Bank and Trust.

The chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., L. William Seidman, said he met with Weicker and the governors to explore ways to make more credit available in the region.

"How much of the role the governors can play, I don't know," Weicker told reporters Thursday during his first news briefing.

"Right now there seems to be a lack of confidence in the ability of the banking community to play a proper role. I think that's unwarranted."

Eaves was playing dollar slot machines in a Reno casino last summer when a man approached him and asked him, "Do you work for the U.S. Forest Service?"

Eaves doesn't, but his hat bore an emblem that looked like a Forest Service logo. Eaves got the hat as a gift from his boss, a hat collector of sorts, and he liked it.

But the man who approached him didn't. He was an area special agent from the Toyabe National Forest headquarters in Sparks, Nev., and was attending a convention in the hotel where Eaves was gambling. The agent told Eaves he was breaking the law by wearing the Forest Service emblem and that he could go to jail if he didn't surrender the hat.

The agent was telling the truth, Title 18 of the U.S. Code makes it illegal to "possess any insignia of the design prescribed by the head of any department or agency of the United States." The offense is punishable by a fine of \$250 and six months in jail.

Eaves, a reasonable guy, didn't want to go to jail for a hat, so he turned it over to the agent and went back to playing the slots. But the agent wasn't finished. He launched into an inquisition, asking Eaves where he got the cap and why he was wearing it and whether he had any other items of clothing with a Forest Service emblem.

When the interrogation was over, the agent left with the hat. But the story doesn't end there. The agent was back at Eaves' side in a few minutes with an apology, and the hat. He had thought it over and decided that the hat was not contraband because it was only a knock-off and not the real thing. "As far as I can tell, you're not a criminal," the agent said.

Eaves knew when to hold 'em, and when to fold 'em. He accepted his hat and got out of there. But the story doesn't end there either.

The agent had another change of heart, and sooner had Eaves arrived home than there was a knock on his door. Yup, it was the agent in hot pursuit, and he wanted the hat back again. "I made a mistake," he said. "The rule says you can't wear 'any likeness thereof.'"

Eaves handed over the hat. But after a few months, the incident began to grow on him, and he wrote to us to see if we could help him get his hat back.

An spokesman for the Toyabe National Forest told our reporter Paul Parkinson that the agent was just doing his job. "Eaves is a Forest Service town. We try to keep a white-hat image around here," Staff Officer David Haney said. "And gambling is no way to do it."

Obviously the Forest Service can't afford to have people thinking its agents are sitting around, in uniform, playing the slots. Haney said foresters are good guys. "We do not specialize in being officious bureaucrats here, even though this smacks of it."

The cap carrier is far from over. The Forest Service insists it will keep the hat. After all, Title 18 gives the government that right. Meanwhile, the burned hat is collecting dust on a shelf in a federal storage warehouse in San Diego.

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Pols cool toward bailout of banks by taxpayers

By DAVE SKIDMORE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Many members of Congress want to restrict the practice of bailing out all depositors in large failed banks but are leery of a plan to discourage such rescues by forcing taxpayers to share the cost.

The Bush administration, aiming to make bailouts that protect uninsured depositors much less common, wants to involve top officials in bailout decisions.

It also is considering requiring taxpayers to bear part of the expense as a way of making so-called "too-big-to-fail" rescues politically difficult, and still rarer.

For the record, the Treasury Department said no options had been ruled out, but Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said word circulated Thursday that the agency no longer was actively considering the taxpayer option.

"I think that something has to be done with the too-big-to-fail doctrine... but it's going to be difficult to put taxpayer money into this," Schumer said.

Another option would have the Federal Reserve limit the added expense of exceeding the insurance limit.

However, because the central bank forwards its earnings to the Treasury each year, diverting that revenue also would increase the burden on taxpayers.

A third choice would be to continue the practice of having the industry-financed Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. bear the entire cost.

Regardless of how large rescues are financed, administration policymakers would like to raise the responsibility for making the decision to the top levels of government.

Currently, the FDIC's five-member board makes the decision, usually after consulting with Federal Reserve and Treasury officials. The proposal under consideration would shift the responsibility to the Treasury and the central bank. The FDIC, however, would still be consulted.

The administration has rejected the notion of completely forbidding the bailout of uninsured depositors. That would put U.S. banks at a disadvantage with their foreign competitors.

The banking industry's biggest trade group, the American Bankers Association, is pushing to eliminate too-big-to-fail entirely, arguing that it encourages unsound banking.

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The EPA said it could not provide the exact date of "beginning" because the information is treated as confidential business information.

Companies are intended to notify the EPA when they seek to manufacture or import a chemical not on the federal government's inventory of toxic substances distributed in commerce in the United States.

The review allows the EPA to impose measures to mitigate the potential harm before a new chemical becomes commercially available.

Failure to comply with the notification requirements is a "very serious" violation, EPA said. Identifying new chemical hazards and instituting means to minimize potential risks, Kough said.

No special requirements were added by the EPA to the company's success in approving its import of the chemical, said Suzanne M. Parent, an environmental scientist with the federal agency.



ACTION IN THE PIT — Traders wave their arms as they surround the oil trading pit at the New York Mercantile Exchange Thursday.

State firm fined \$688k

By LARRY ROSENTHAL
The Associated Press

WALLINGFORD — A manufacturer of paint and plastics additives is facing a \$688,125 fine for importing a toxic chemical before it was cleared for use in the United States.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency levied the penalty against Alana Inc. of Melville, N.Y., for violating its BYK-Chemie USA division in Wallingford. Alana is owned by a German company, Alana AG.

BYK-Chemie said it would contest the fine, as is imported under EPA regulations.

The company began importing a new plastic additive from West Germany in the early 1980s after falsely certifying to U.S. Customs Service that it complied with the Toxic Substances Control Act, the EPA said.

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The video game makers also were conservative Thursday about projections for 1991.

But they said new products, especially hand-held systems and more sophisticated high-powered machines, should keep their industry healthy.

Legislators reacted negatively to a plan under consideration by the Bush administration that for the first time would force taxpayers to share the cost of future large bank rescues.

"How can the administration even think of asking the nation's taxpayers to dig... into their pockets to bail out the banks?" Rep. Frank Annunzio, D-Ill., said Thursday.

The plan, which requires Congressional approval, could become part of a sweeping set of banking reforms President Bush will include in his Jan. 29 State of the Union address.

The stock market recorded its first gain of 1991 Thursday. The Dow Jones industrial average, down 163.36 points over the year's first six sessions, rebounded 28.46 to 2,498.76.

The dollar slipped against most major foreign currencies and bond prices shot up on speculation that U.S. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar's trip to Baghdad might avert war in the Persian Gulf.

Energy futures showed modest losses as precious metals fell, livestock and pork futures were mixed, and grains and soybean futures advanced.

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Stress

months or longer. "Everyone finds a job sooner or later, but I'm encouraging people to plan on later," the placement director said. To cope, many of the unemployed are working part time in fields such as retail and food service just to make ends meet until they find a job within their desired field, Ochionio said.

The placement director stressed that people seeking new jobs need the appropriate skills.

"It's not always the best candidate who gets the job," he said, adding that MCC offers free assistance and advice concerning job searches. Upcoming workshops include "resume writing" on Feb. 4, "cover letter writing" on Feb. 11 and "interviewing" on Feb. 18. Workshops run from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and are free. (To register call 647-6067.)

Less disposable income means that area residents are shouldering stress increases on their own. Local stressors note that people who would benefit by treatment for stress are opting to forego that cost in favor of paying other bills.

"We are seeing a steady curtailing of treatment due to its cost," said MME's Grillo. To help out with the crisis, the hospital in December reduced its out-patient fees from \$97 per hour to \$73 per hour. Also, the fees are adjusted on a sliding scale according to an individual's income. For instance, a person who makes between \$10,400 and \$12,500 per year pays only 27 percent of the overall treatment cost.

Manchester physician Dr. Paddam Jain, who specializes in stress management, offers the following advice to people who might be in need of treatment but are afraid of the expense.

"If you are in need of prescription drugs to fight depression and anxiety, go to your community hospital. The mental health unit there will provide treatment and medicine on a sliding fee scale and a social worker there can help you find the appropriate government assistance.

Join a support group, such as Depression Anonymous, which specializes in your area of concern. People under intense stress sometimes become uncommunicative, which worsens the effects. For information on support groups in the Manchester area call 647-6600 or 643-1223.

Take care of yourself. Eat right, exercise and engage in leisure activities, such as reading or watching movies. If you're being thinking about trying something different, such as changing your daily routine in some way, do it now. Make the steps necessary to change aspects of your life. That can help reverse the negative cycle caused by stress.

Arlene Norman, a clinical social worker with her own practice in Manchester, said she is worried because some of her patients can no longer afford treatment.

"When times get tough, paying for other things becomes more important than seeing a therapist," said Norman, who said she charges about the same fee per hour as MME. The recent holidays were especially stressful for area residents, Norman said. Anxiety levels of some of her patients increased noticeably and caused problems other than financial ones.

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Since then, figures have been calculated using a more realistic interest rate of 7 percent — which might yet be high, according to Campbell.

Also, the new figures were calculated using two bond issues of \$5 million and \$5.75 million over 20 years, thus taking into account interest that will be earned on the bonds and applied against the total cost of the project.

Previous calculations did not account for this interest, Campbell said, because the bank had assumed a project completion time of only one year.

Thus the previously announced figures of a \$19 million total cost and a maximum 2.18 mill rate increase were overestimates, Campbell said.

Instead, the maximum mill rate increase will be 1.8 in the fourth year of bonding, he said, and the total cost will be \$18,659,000.

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During a break in a Sept. 11 Board of Directors meeting, Landers told Acting Chief Henry Minor that she had a problem with the truthfulness of a report filed by the officer who arrested her client. Two days later, Minor wrote a memorandum starting an internal investigation into the charges by Landers.

Gulf

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Still, the senator said the results of Wednesday's meeting in Geneva between Secretary of State James Baker and Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Rabin left little room for optimism that the crisis will be resolved diplomatically.

"If the facts are faced, as they are, across the desert by the strongest military force in the world, and still they come to the meeting in Geneva and insult the United States by not even accepting a letter by any other body known by local officials, Penny said, 'Any citizen that's at all cognizant of his citizen responsibility is not going to take two years — is short enough to provide voters with a system to exercise their will frequently. Also, he said limiting the number of terms would take authority away from voters who may want to elect a candidate with experience.'

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chief to investigate the charges because of her position as a director. Daley said the investigation might not have ever taken place had the allegation of impropriety come from anyone other than a town director.

"The union is questioning if this is affecting her ability to vote," Daley said. "Is the voting with a clear view or is it clouded because of her charges?"

Charter

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6 to 3. The three dissenting votes were cast by Eleanor Coleman, Scott Choudaniel, and Kevin O'Brien.

Even though the tone of the meeting was light, the commissioners got much work done, unanimously adopting several other final recommendations, including the following:

Not to limit the number of terms which one can serve on the Board of Directors nor provide for a recall vote to replace any member of that board. O'Brien, who faced no opposition, said his committee agreed the length of the terms — two years — is short enough to provide voters with a system to exercise their will frequently. Also, he said limiting the number of terms would take authority away from voters who may want to elect a candidate with experience.

Not to permit the general manager to reorganize town departments and divisions, which in many cases do not conform with designations in the charter.

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Malinowski said the supervisor's union requested the clause because employees might refuse testing.

"Why would someone refuse and what's our recourse?," said Malinowski, adding that to comply with the federal law the workplace must be drug free and asking who that could be proven without testing.

He also said funds can be withheld by the government if the workplace is not drug free.

But Flaherty said the policy has provisions to put an employee on immediate leave if there is probable cause of a violation. Testing could then be an option an employee might choose to opt out of.

To make testing mandatory, Flaherty said, would need more in-depth legal counsel with a detailed prescription of just cause.

"These are sensitive issues, a lot of civil rights are involved here," admitted Malinowski.

Chateau said he had been working on the policy with Malinowski and last spoke with him about it Tuesday. The clause was apparently added that afternoon, Chateau said.

Chateau said he plans to consult with the union attorney and will attend the next board meeting when the policy may be adopted, even though at Flaherty's insistence the clause is supposed to be dropped.

Chateau said he believes adding such a requirement without negotiating it with the teacher's union violates both a Labor Relations Board ruling and a Supreme Court ruling.

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Wal-Mart, which plans to open a Sam's Club discount outlet on the site, has paid \$5 million to developer John Figueroa for the 13-acre tract, according to records in the town clerk's office.

STATE Weicker goes easy on first day as governor

By JUDD EVERHART
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Gov. Lowell P. Weicker Jr. took it easy on his first full day in office. He didn't get to the Capitol until 11:30 a.m. and was gone by 3 p.m. Today, he heads for Boston for a meeting with other New England governors to talk about banks. On Thursday, he signed a bill, the first passed by the General Assembly, signed some extradition papers and canceled a work order for repairs on the swimming pool at the Governor's Mansion. He had a fund-raiser in Torrington Thursday night. Weicker, inaugurated Wednesday, obliged reporters who staked out his office Thursday morning, inviting them in and answering questions as he leaned against the front of his desk. He playfully shooed away two of his sons, Sonny and Tre, before the questioning began. He said he expects to

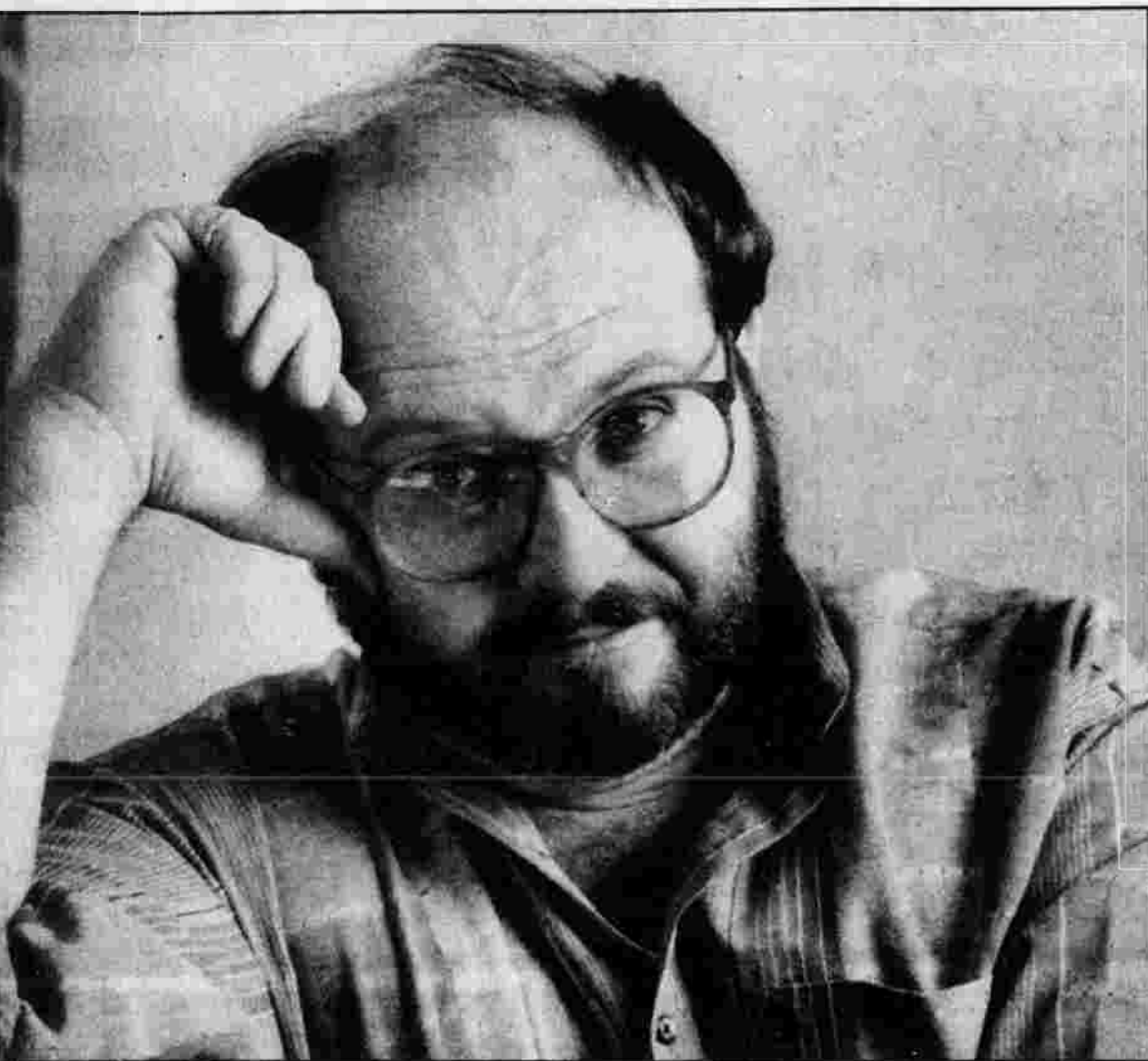
be available to the media each day he's in Hartford. He wouldn't give any more clues about how he intends to address the state's mounting budget deficit, which he said could be \$2.5 billion by the time the next budget year ends. He said only that he would call for spending cuts and revenue increases, his strongest statement to date on the need for additional money to balance the budget. He delivers his budget address on Feb. 20. His budget chief, William J. Cibes Jr., was sworn in Thursday. Weicker said he gave Cibes no special instructions on preparing the 1991-92 budget. He said he would be meeting with Cibes for several hours each day on the budget, starting next week. "I have some ideas, but the fact is, we have to use the next month to put together the budget message," the new governor said. "We're not going to go with a series of snippets and bits and pieces to where we are going to arrive ... in February."

"The time has come to sharpen the pencil and for me to make decisions," he said. "We're well on track. "Do I think it's very obvious to everybody that whatever is involved is going to require both reductions in spending and revenue raising? The answer is, 'Yes.' That's easy," he said. "What do you cut? How much do you raise? And how do you raise it? Those are the tough ones. And we're nowhere near a decision on that." Weicker said he canceled the work order on the swimming pool because, with the state's budget problems, that kind of thing can wait. He did say, however, that work was proceeding at the Governor's Mansion on wiring, plumbing and the living room ceiling, because they are more urgent. He and his wife Claudia, along with some of their children, planned to spend the night Thursday at the mansion. But they won't officially move in until next month, after the work is complete. Until then, they'll stay sometimes in Hartford and the rest of the time at their home in Greenwich, Applejack Farm. The bill Weicker signed was passed by the General Assembly on Wednesday, the opening day of the 1991 session, as a courtesy to the new governor. It allows the people Weicker has chosen as commissioners to assume their positions before they are formally confirmed by the legislature. Weicker staffers were busy mastering the Capitol phone system on Thursday and moving boxes and files in and out of offices.

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By LARRY ROSENTHAL
The Associated Press

NEW HAVEN — Like the man he will succeed, the newly selected dean of Yale's drama school and artistic director of the Yale Repertory Theater, Stan Wojewodski Jr., believes in the importance of nurturing a core group of writers. "I think that the idea of identifying a handful of writers and sustaining support for them, as opposed to doing script search, is really a model for me. I think that is the way to do it," he said. But Wojewodski, artistic director of Baltimore's Center Stage for the past 13 years, said he would also bring his own strong opinions and agenda to Yale. "One would be silly to accept (such an appointment) if one didn't," he said. The appointment was announced Thursday by Yale President Benno C. Schmidt Jr., who described Wojewodski as a "leader of the American theater with a passionate dedication to young artists and creativity in drama." "We have found a new dean and artistic director who can build on Yale's great tradition of distinguished instruction and theatrical excellence," Schmidt said. Wojewodski (pronounced VOY-VOODSKY), 42, will begin his five-year appointment July 1. "I certainly feel honored and challenged by the appointment," he said in a telephone interview from Baltimore. "There is a long tradition of excellence at Yale for doing important theater and training important artists."



NEW DIRECTOR — Stan Wojewodski Jr. has been named the new dean of the Yale School of Drama, and artistic director of the Yale Repertory Theater.

Lloyd Richards has held the position of dean and artistic director since 1979. Deanships are limited to 10-year terms, but Richards was asked to stay two additional years. "The decision to accept the appointment had everything to do with the fact that Yale has a first-rate theater in combination with first-rate conservatory training," Wojewodski said. "That has been my ideal for as long as I can remember having strong ideas about how good theater is made," he said. He said he had a number of specific plans and recommendations in mind, but that it would be premature to describe them in any detail. Richards said his successor would bring to the Yale Rep a passion for the text and an "astute directorial vision." Schmidt said he would also bring a proven ability as a first-rate administrator.

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Weicker: mansion's caving in

By PETER VILES
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Gov. Lowell P. Weicker Jr. says he inherited at least one pressing problem in addition to a huge budget deficit: an 81-year-old house that is "caving in" and needs extensive repairs. Weicker said Thursday the executive residence in Hartford's West End, built in 1909, needs work on "everything structural," including the electrical and plumbing systems. Repairs to the outdoor swimming pool can wait, he said, but other problems must be taken care of before his family moves in. "Like everything structural in that place, it's caving in," he said of the pool. "It can wait — it has to wait. On the other hand, the plumbing, the electricity, the structural work, that's considerable, and that can't wait." The Weicker administration had no estimate of the cost of the repairs Thursday, but the new plumbing system alone will cost nearly \$80,000, a spokesman for the

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Bankruptcy out as option for troubled city

By JANET L. CAPPIELLO
The Associated Press

BRIDGEPORT — A state board charged with overseeing Bridgeport's finances has barred the city from seeking federal bankruptcy protection to escape its fiscal troubles. During a stormy meeting Thursday of Bridgeport's Financial Review Board, state officials told Mayor Mary C. Moran the city did not have the legal authority to file for bankruptcy protection. "This city is not bankrupt, it is not approaching bankruptcy, it is not in a position to declare bankruptcy," the board said. The city's acting budget director, "The city does not have power to declare bankruptcy." The city faces a deficit of approximately \$7.6 million for the fiscal year that ends June 30. City officials say tax revenues are down and expenses, such as welfare payments, have skyrocketed. The Review Board was created in 1988 by the state Legislature after the city sought state aid for a mounting deficit. As long as the Review Board was in place, the state agreed to guarantee bonds the city needed to sell to cover an accumulated deficit of \$58.3 million. Since then the city has been struggling to put its financial house in order under the watchful eyes of the Review Board. Moran disclosed earlier this week that city officials were researching the possibility of filing for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 9 of the federal bankruptcy code. If Bridgeport filed for such protection, it would be the first large city in the United States to do so, legal experts

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in a voice vote, the 11-member state board passed a resolution barring the city from filing a petition for bankruptcy protection. Federal law requires Bridgeport to get the Review Board's consent before filing for Chapter 9 protection, said Richard Sigal, the board's attorney. "The state is in charge of the city and its affairs," Sigal said. Sigal also said Bridgeport would have to be insolvent to consider filing for bankruptcy protection. Richard V. Robinson, Bridgeport's finance director, told the board the city had an average of \$24.5 million in cash on hand every day and was able to pay its bills on time. "There is clear indication that the city is not insolvent at this point," Sigal said. Moran said repeatedly that the city will not reduce services or raise taxes to trim the deficit. The city presented one plan to reduce the deficit by about \$4.7 million. The proposal, which was flatly rejected by the board, included collecting parking fines and freezing some city salaries. The Review Board said it would present its own plan at the next monthly meeting. It would have to be implemented immediately. State Treasurer Francisco L. Borges, chairman of the board, chastised Moran for the deficit-reduction plan, saying he was disappointed it didn't address the entire amount. "The clock is running against the city," Borges said. Moran defended the city's plan, saying it tried to "realistically address the problem."

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About Town

Widow Club meets
The Widows and Widowers Associated Chapter 11 will hold its general business meeting on Jan. 13 at 2 p.m. in the Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Church Street in Manchester.

All widowed persons are cordially invited to visit and join. For further information, please call 643-7976 or 649-0544.

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Beyond dieting
A new weight management program that addresses issues other than dieting which affect weight control is being offered at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

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Police Roundup

Robbers sought
MANCHESTER — Manchester police are looking for two white men, one from Manchester, on drug charges after a raid that netted more than four pounds of marijuana. One is described as 5 feet-8 inches tall, about 150 pounds, with brown hair, a moustache, and wearing a jean jacket. The other is 5 feet-5 inches tall, about 130 pounds, with a scruffy beard, a light brown knit hat, and a brown plaid jacket. The tall one kept his hand in his pocket during the robbery, the clerk told police, but he did not mention having a weapon.

Drug raid nets arrests
Members of the Tri-Town Narcotics task force have arrested two men, one from Manchester, on drug charges after a raid that netted more than four pounds of marijuana. Police say they received a tip that there would be a drug transaction at the K-Mart Plaza on Route 30 in Vernon Wednesday night. At 7:45 p.m., police found Angol J. Repton, 24, of 89 Spring Street in Hartford and Stuart C. Heavisdale, 15 Timber Trail, Manchester, in a 1982 Datsun. Police arrested the two men, and seized drugs which have a street value of over \$15,000. Both men were charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell, possession of marijuana, possession of more than a kilo of marijuana and possession of a weapon in a motor vehicle. Repton is being held on \$50,000 cash bond, while Heavisdale was released on a \$25,000 non-surety bond. Both men are due in court on Jan. 22.

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In 1984, Chief Warrant Officer Jeffrey (G) Schwab, a U.S. Army pilot, was killed by Sandinista fire as his helicopter was shot down along the Nicaragua-Honduran border.
In 1989, President Reagan bade the nation farewell in a nationally broadcast address from the Oval Office.
Ten years ago: The Philadelphia Eagles and the Oakland Raiders won their respective conference championships to earn berths in Super Bowl XVI (The Eagles, of the National Conference, defeated the Dallas Cowboys, 20-7, while the Raiders, of the American Conference, beat the San Diego Chargers 34-27).
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In 1977, France set off an international uproar by releasing Abu Daoud, a Palestinian suspected of involvement in the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics.
In 1978, two Soviet cosmonauts aboard the Soyuz XXVII capsule linked up with the Salyut VI orbiting space station, where the Soyuz XXVI capsule was already docked.
In 1984, Chief Warrant Officer Jeffrey (G) Schwab, a U.S. Army pilot, was killed by Sandinista fire as his helicopter was shot down along the Nicaragua-Honduran border.
In 1989, President Reagan bade the nation farewell in a nationally broadcast address from the Oval Office.
Ten years ago: The Philadelphia Eagles and the Oakland Raiders won their respective conference championships to earn berths in Super Bowl XVI (The Eagles, of the National Conference, defeated the Dallas Cowboys, 20-7, while the Raiders, of the American Conference, beat the San Diego Chargers 34-27).
Five years ago: The first black to be elected lieutenant governor of a state since Reconstruction, L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia, was sworn into office along with Governor-elect Gerald L. Baliles.

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FOCUS

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Joining hands may not be clean

DEAR ABBY: A letter in your column addressed a problem I have worried about for years. It's the practice of joining hands at the table to say "grace" — and then everyone eats.

I support religious freedom and I am not phobic about germs, but every time I have a meal at which we are asked to "join hands" in prayer, I wait a few seconds, and after the "amen," I excuse myself to go and wash my hands. I do this because I could not enjoy my meal wondering whether — or how well — the person beside me had washed, or if he/she had coughed into that hand before holding mine in prayer.

Abby, could we ask the devout among us to reconsider this very unhygienic practice, and rely on our sitting shoulder-to-shoulder to provide the sense of brotherhood they're hoping for?

If I bring this up in my family, I'll be reminded sharply that I am the family heathen. Abby, please help to spread the word — not disease.

DEAR FAMILY HEATHEN: Sitting shoulder-to-shoulder might be a little too close for comfort. Would you settle for just a token "hooking of little fingers"?

Seriously, we in this part of the world are a friendly, hand-shaking, hand-holding people. Fine. But let us also become a more hand-washing people.

DEAR ABBY: Recently you published a letter from a serviceman in the Persian Gulf bemoaning that high school students writing to him lacked writing skills. I am a high school teacher, and I was not surprised at his comments. Let me tell you why Johnny can't write.

Johnny is in a class of 45 average students. I see Johnny only 50 minutes each day, during which time I must take roll, deal with discipline problems, correct papers, try to quiet disturbances in the hall, fill out forms and try to teach. Johnny, like most average students, hates school, so it's hard to teach. I will try to get him to learn anyway, but he never has a pen, paper or textbook with him. If he does manage to borrow supplies from another student, I must stand over him and try to get him going. Then, I must move on to the other 44 students.

Too soon, the bell will ring, and Johnny will write nothing on his paper. Well, tomorrow's another day, and I'll try again to get Johnny to write. Somebody's got to do this job.

A DISILLUSIONED TEACHER IN CHATSWORTH, CALIF.

PEOPLE

First Lady Barbara Bush joined several professional basketball stars at an NBA-sponsored rally urging students to stay in school.

"I can hardly wait to get home and tell my four sons what kind of crowd I was with today. I know I was asked to come because I'm the family jock," Mrs. Bush said Thursday.

She was surrounded by former National Basketball Association great Bob Lanier of the Detroit Pistons and current players Ralph Sampson of the Sacramento Kings and Tyrone "Muggsy" Bogues and Johnny Newman of the Charlotte Hornets.

The visit to Freedom Open Middle School was part of an NBA program promoting education. Students who haven't missed a day of school are invited to a "Stay in School Jamboozie" before the NBA All-Star game Feb. 10 in Charlotte.

Bogues, at 5-foot-3 the shortest player in the NBA, told students that confidence is the key to success. "People were always telling me I can't play basketball," he said. "I always believed in myself. Basketball was my dream."

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

Diet may help irritable colon

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from spastic colon. While I'm on Lomotil and Anaspaz, the combination doesn't seem to help completely. I originally moved my bowels seven to 14 times per day; however, during the last 20 years, this has decreased to about three to five movements per day. Does the movement of small, marble-like feces indicate the presence of a problem I should pursue?

DEAR READER: In my opinion, the nature of your bowel movements is not as important as their chronic frequency. Evidently, the contents of your intestine move through the bowel too quickly, resulting in frequent evacuations. Anti-diarrheal agents, such as Lomotil, and anti-spasmodics, such as Anaspaz (hyoscyamine), may help, but I suspect you'll continue to have problems until the cause of this "rapid transit" is discovered.

Spastic bowel (irritable colon) is a diagnosis of exclusion, meaning that other conditions have to be ruled out before the diagnosis is established. For example, you should have a stool analysis for infection or parasites, a sigmoidoscopic examination to look for polyps or inflammation and a complete blood analysis to make sure you don't have another affliction, such as pancreatic deficiency or hyperthyroidism, to explain your frequent stools.

If everything checks out, you may be helped by a strict diet (no roughage, beans or cabbage), Metamucil (a stool-softening agent), stress counseling (because emotional upset can worsen irritable colon), and other more effective anti-spasmodics, such as propantheline. In some cases, hypnosis or biofeedback may be useful in controlling symptoms.

Irritable colon is a common disorder that does not cause ill-health. It is a nuisance to its sufferers, not only because of bowel frequency but also because of the gas, bloating and abdominal discomfort. If your doctor cannot control your symptoms using the methods I described, ask for a referral to a gastroenterologist who may be able to offer further advice.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Irritable Bowel Syndrome." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their names and addresses to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

MARIO BROTHER?

Actor Danny Devito may become one of the hopping heroes in the production "Super Mario Bros.: The Movie."



The Associated Press

The 87-year-old entertainer, who visited U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf region over Christmas, canceled shows scheduled for Wednesday in St. Joseph and Thursday in Dubuque, Iowa.

"When these dates were planned and set, he wasn't going to Saudi Arabia," said Hope's spokesman, Ward Grant. "With the editing and everything with this show, he's been working about about the clock."

The television special, "Bob Hope's Christmas Cheer from Saudi Arabia," is to air Saturday on NBC.

It was the second time in two months that Hope canceled an appearance on St. Joseph.

Geraldo Rivera's \$30,000 car was stolen from outside his office while he used his nationally syndicated talk show, a spokesman said.

"I now plan to do a program about what happens to stolen cars and how people can better protect themselves from going through the misery that I find myself in right now," Rivera said in a statement.

The Toyota Land Cruiser was stolen Wednesday evening from near the CBS Broadcast Center on West 57th Street, said spokesman Jeff Eidel.

Hundreds of giant yellow umbrellas are blossoming in a San Joaquin Valley warehouse as the artist Christo prepares his latest work.

In October, 1,760 yellow umbrellas will stretch 18 miles long and 2 1/2 miles wide along Southern California's Tejon Pass, and 1,340 more — in blue — will be erected in the rice fields of Japan.

The \$26 million project was funded by sales of the Bulgarian-born artist's drawings and collages.

A native of Poland, Kudekci developed the Nagra Award, the first self-contained portable audio recorder, a device that allowed precise synchronization of audio tape with film.

Oscar-winning inventor Stefan Kudekci is being honored again for developing a recorder that provided filmmakers with studio-quality sound on location.

Kudekci will become the eighth recipient of the Gordon E. Sawyer Award at a ceremony March 2, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced Thursday. The presentation will be broadcast as part of the Academy Awards show March 25.

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TONIGHT

ASK DICK KLEINER

DICK KLEINER

Q. Could you please tell us what has happened to David Hartman? We used to enjoy him so much on ABC's "Good Morning America." — A.H.N., Mesa, Az.

A. Nowadays, Hartman only does projects that intrigue him. You may have seen him as the host of a recent ABC special "Winds of Freedom," which dealt with the role of European churches in last year's fall of communist rule.

Q. I have been trying to find the title of a movie for several years. It is about an old man in a wheelchair and his grandson, and they trap death in a tree. What is it and is it available on videocassettes? — B.S., Lawton, Okla.

A. That was a charming film, released in 1939, called "On Borrowed Time." Cedric Hardwicke was dead, trapped in the tree by Lionel Barrymore and Bob Wagner. No VCR.

Q. I think it was Broderick Crawford we watched on Thursday nights in 1958 in a detective-type TV show. What was his name? Was it Crawford? What is he doing these days? — M.S., Amarillo, Texas.

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New McFerrin album is a crafty followup

By GEORGE WARGA
Copley News Service

NEW YORK — Don't hurry, be crafty. That's the unspoken motto Bobby McFerrin followed when recording "Medicine Magic," the superb sequel to his multi-platinum 1988 album, "Simple Pleasures," which earned him the Grammy Award and yielded pop music's first chart-topping cappella song, "Don't Worry Be Happy."

"This one took a lot longer to make," said the singer hailed by German critics as Stimmwunder ("Wonder Voice") during an interview in the office of his Manhattan publicist.

"I loved working on this record. I love the process of work, I love problem-solving and brainstorming, and I love not giving up on something."

Recently released on EMI Records, "Medicine Magic" is eminently worthy of McFerrin's enthusiasm. Meticulously conceived and executed, it is his most daring, subtle and sophisticated work yet. It also is his best.

A dozen songs long, the album showcases perhaps the most intricate compositions of McFerrin's career and features the hearted singer's double-tracked voice performing as many as 20 different parts on a single number. That's not including his now-patented body and mouth percussion parts, which find McFerrin drumming on his chest, clucking his tongue and engaging in similar acts to provide simultaneous rhythmic accompaniment to his singing.

Moreover, the album extends his previous jazz/pop soul base to include stunning forays into African, Indian and other World Music styles.

"Medicine Magic" also includes one contemporary choral work that was inspired by the 23rd Psalm and two tracks featuring Voicestra, the 10-piece a cappella ensemble McFerrin formed last year to bring his ambitious, multi-voice music to life on concert stages. In addition, the album marks the first collaboration between him and his father, Robert McFerrin Sr., the former Metropolitan Opera baritone who dubbed Sidney Poitier's vocals in the film version of "Foxy and Bess."

What results is provocative, richly rewarding music that is universal in both scope and appeal. Having devoted more time to recording "Medicine Magic" than he spent on any of his previous four releases, McFerrin rightly regards his new album as one of the two most satisfying he has made.

"I am very, very happy with this record," he affirmed. "This record has given me the most satisfaction since my second record, 'The Voice' was the one I recorded in Europe. The reason for that is because I worked hard on this, all the material is mine and it was the first record I produced myself."

"Emotionally, I felt very close to each piece, and I really nurtured them. With 'Simple Pleasures' sometimes I could do two songs in one day, and half of them were cover versions, which was a relatively easy process compared to this one, which took a lot longer."

To the likely surprise of his new fans and the probable dismay of his record company, "Medicine Magic" does not contain a "Don't Worry, Be Happy," the whimsical, feel-good anthem that two years ago became his first million-selling record.

In fact, to hear the bespectacled singer tell it, producing a second "Don't Worry, Be Happy" was the last thing on his mind.

Never mind that the song made him a household name after six years of relative obscurity recording excellent albums that established him as a one-man vocal orchestra but failed to catch on commercially.

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Never mind that the song's success led to McFerrin's popular TV commercials for Levi's 501 blue jeans and Ocean Spray Cranapple Juice, in addition to earning him a slew of offers to endorse other products — offers he rejected. ("I won't do a commercial if I don't use the product," he said.)

And never mind that McFerrin's large new following would probably embrace an entire album of similar, happy-go-lucky ditties, had only he been inclined to present them with one.

"I couldn't give them 'Don't Worry, Part II,'" he declared emphatically.

"I was never about that. I was never about duplicating my hits. And it's so one-sided. I'm not happy all the time, although it's a wonderful thing to be remembered for something positive, rather than something negative."

"But I'm not so positive that I don't make mistakes and that I don't have anger and I don't worry about my children. I'm your basic human being, like everyone else."

McFerrin smiled.

"You know, this is really funny," he said. "Because, personally, on the one hand I understand why the public wants you to do it over again — because they liked what you did in the first place. I mean, I'll buy a person's album because what they did before was so happening. You know, 'I want you to do it to me again!'"

"But that's why Weather Report and Keith Jarrett are my favorite artists, because they are consistently surprising me all the time. They always produced something new, so I would always go out and buy their albums. I'll buy an album, which I love. But when I buy the new stuff, I want new stuff."

"What I think will happen with a lot of artists is that, even though their audience think they want the same you give them the same thing. Well, this is just like the old thing. 'I'm that way. I want to see somebody grow, I want some new information about them.'"

With "Medicine Magic," McFerrin presents his listless with a wealth of new information. Alas, in large part because it has thus far failed to produce a hit single, the album has failed to make much of a commercial impact.

After four weeks on the national charts, it ranked at No. 174, which is actually a formidable achievement considering that — "Don't Worry, Be Happy" notwithstanding — most radio programmers continue to shun virtually all a cappella music.

While McFerrin would be happy if radio would embrace his new record, he isn't about to make any compromises to achieve airplay. This also holds true for his forthcoming live album with pianist Chick Corea, a daring, jazz-inspired collaboration tentatively scheduled for late March release on Blue Note Records.

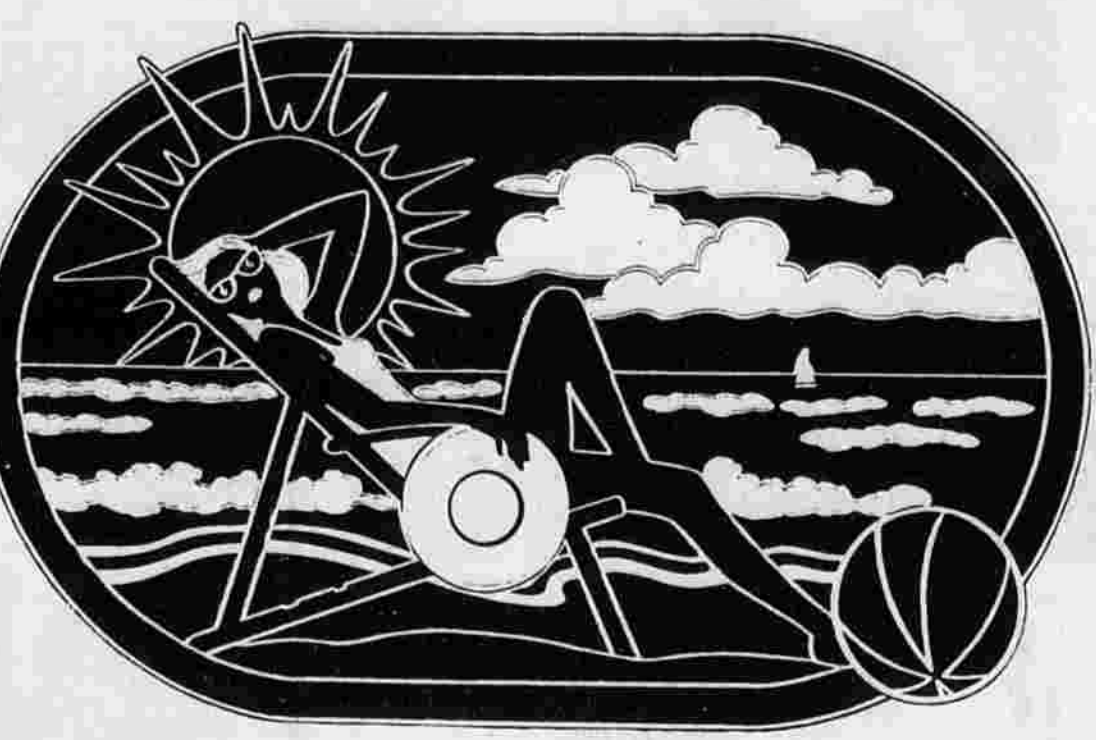
"If I don't get emotionally attached to it, then I really can't produce something that is genuine," said McFerrin, who clearly values his muse over his pocketbook.

"Even when my manager and I and company prod me by saying, 'We want a product, we need a product,' my answer is usually, 'Well, I'm not in the recording space yet. You're just going to have to wait.' And I have to wait. I can't force it. I could never force it. I started working on it in 1986, before 'Simple Pleasures.' And nothing really happened so I had to scratch it and start over again."

Now on tour with his Voicestra to promote "Medicine Magic," McFerrin plans to devote as much as one month per year to guest conducting with various symphony orchestras. To date, he has conducted the San Francisco and Boston Pops orchestras. He is also considering conducting his good friend and regular collaborator Yo Yo Ma in a cello concerto.

Whatever direction he goes in, though, McFerrin says it clear that his music will always look, in particular, to his African heritage.

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Community colleges boom in tough economic times

By LEE MITGANG
The Associated Press

The guidebooks ignore them. They lack the prestige of a Harvard or Yale.

But community colleges are soaring in popularity as students find the low tuition, convenience and personal attention appealing in tough times.

Community colleges have always done well in recessions. For 18-year-olds, they offer bargain tuition, small classes and a way to stay home and save on living costs.

For unemployed or underemployed adult learners, community colleges offer flexible class hours and a second chance to gain a college degree or new job skills in one or two years, instead of four.

For students who cannot afford a four-year college, community colleges offer a path to a bachelor's degree or a two-year degree or new job skills in one or two years, instead of four.

After a decade-long string of tuition increases that sent costs at prestigious four-year institutions to \$20,000 and beyond, even academically able students who once looked down their noses at community colleges are growing more cost-conscious than status-conscious.

"We are seeing students who wouldn't have gone to a community college even five years ago," said Joy Graham, assistant chancellor for public affairs of the 35-campus Virginia Community College System.

She and other community college representatives insist, however, that improved academic quality and the stress on teaching over research are at least as important as cost in explaining the new-found appeal of their schools.

"We teach. We don't profess to be researchers or writers. You don't get graduate assistants in freshman clas-

ses," she said.

Enrollments at the nation's 1,211 public and private two-year colleges are up 5 percent to 6 percent this year to about 6 million, according to preliminary estimates by the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges. A federal estimate is somewhat lower, about 5.5 million.

Fall gains at four-year public and private institutions, by contrast, averaged about 1 percent to 2 percent.

Community colleges now enroll about 43 percent of the nearly 14 million students attending U.S. colleges and universities; in 1980, they enrolled 37.4 percent.

Gains at some have been spectacular: 15 percent this year at Lexington (Ky.) Community College, which is training workers for a new Toyota plant, and 62 percent over the last two years at Delgado Community College in New Orleans, which has added new programs in nursing and allied health fields.

"Our colleges have taken a turn toward working with business and industry in the community, and we are using our colleges for training," said James Gollustschek, executive vice president of the Washington-based community college group.

"And we deal with a large group of mature students. The declining number of 18-year-olds has affected us, but far less than four-year schools. The average age at two-year colleges is 29," he said.

States seeing the biggest overall increases include California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee and Texas, according to preliminary estimates by the community college association.

Annual tuitions at two-year public colleges this fall averaged \$884, up 10 percent from 1989, according to the College Board. Four-year public colleges rose 7 percent to an average of \$1,809. Private four-year schools average far more: \$9,391. The most selective charge more than double that.

More prospective freshmen seem to be asking themselves: Why pay \$10,000-\$20,000 a year for the honor of living in student housing and being ignored by preoccupied professors at a more prestigious four-year school, when you can get small classes at a community college, be taught by a teacher who cares about teaching, and save a bundle in the bargain?

One such student is Gerald Shields. His B-plus high school average and strong ACT college entrance test score of 27 out of a possible 36 could easily have gained him admission to four-year colleges. Instead, Shields has been attending Delgado in New Orleans for the past two years, studying computer programming. Like others, he raves about the low cost — \$90 a year — small classes and easy accessibility of teachers.

"It's cheaper. Why should I spend all that money on a four-year college when I can spend two years here?" he said, adding that he expects to transfer to the University of New Orleans for his junior and senior years.

"Community colleges have always organized programs for the benefit of students. They schedule classes for people who have to work school in with jobs. They adjust to students and the other way around," said Ernest L. Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

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High School Roundup

Davis and company keep Patriots rolling along

HERBON — Jen Davis and Jen Kirchherr each had career highs in points for Coventry High in Monday's victory over Portland High.

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Kings just miss futility mark

By DICK BRINSTER The Associated Press

It was of little consolation to Sacramento coach Dick Motta that his Kings were two points better than the NBA record for futility.

"I would have hated to go to the lowest-scoring game," Motta said Thursday night after Sacramento was beaten by Charlotte 101-59.

Only the Milwaukee Hawks scored fewer points — in a 62-57 loss to Boston on Feb. 27, 1985, at Providence.

"What went wrong? Shooting, passing, dribbling. It was all ugly," Motta said. "I just wanted the floor to open up so we could just disappear."

The Kings shot 29.7 percent, had two 12-point quarters and went 9-16 into the fourth quarter before scoring a basket in that period.

The Kings had three baskets in the final quarter and their 22 for the game was the fourth-lowest total in league history.

Kings would not surpass their own franchise low — set since the shot clock was introduced in the 1954-55 season — of 69 points. Motta decided a goal was needed.

"I really wanted to get to 60," he said. "That's why I called a late timeout."

"I told them to get to 60. We couldn't even do that."

The Kings' franchise low of 69 was set by the Cincinnati Royals against Detroit on Jan. 10, 1959. The NBA does not recognize record lows set prior to the adoption of the shot clock.

"I've never had a worse experience in the NBA," said Antonio Carr, who led the Kings with 21 points and 11 rebounds. "We've got to do whatever we can to make sure this never happens again."

Johnny Newman led the Hornets with 29 points.

Rockets 156, Nuggets 133: Houston, playing without leading scorer Akeem Olatunji, spotted hapless Denver a 15-point lead, then rallied from behind with a 94-point second half.

That was three points short of the league record for a second half, set by Atlanta in 1970.

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Youth soccer sign-ups set

MANCHESTER REC Department will conduct the second of three youth summer soccer registrations on Monday (Jan. 14) from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Illing Junior High cafeteria.

There are four divisions: Pee Wee (ages 6-7), Midget (ages 8-9), junior (ages 10-11) and intermediate (ages 12-14). Age is determined as of Dec. 31, 1990.

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There is a maximum number of participants that will be involved in the program and once that number is reached, registration will close. There will be no sign-ups after Jan. 28.

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