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Iraq offers 'blood, souls' for battle

By SALAH NASRAWI The Associated Press

BAHIGHAD, Iraq — Iraqi legislators today swore allegiance to Saddam Hussein, saying they were prepared to follow their president into battle if that's what it takes to defend Arab rights and dignity.

Persian Gulf crisis now that war appears likely. "We are headed for heaven, and the road to heaven has always been through the shadow of swords," said one deputy, Muslim clericlyman Ad-dalwath al-Hilli. "It is either life with dignity or death."

The speaker of the 250-member National Assembly said the people also were prepared for any sacrifice to aid the Palestinian uprising against Israel, which has emerged as a central issue in the 5-month-old standoff in the gulf.

Saddam has repeatedly tried to link a solution of the Persian Gulf crisis to a resolution of the Palestinian problem, a linkage the Palestinian leadership has rejected.

The dispatcher for the state police barracks in Southbury said police were evacuating cars from both the eastbound and westbound sides of I-84 between exits 25 and 26 following a report of a truck fire on the highway at about 8:25 a.m. The fire occurred on the eastbound side of the highway.

The dispatcher said police did not know whether the truck was involved in an accident before it burst into flames. She said police were unaware of any injuries.

Body found near college

HARTFORD (AP) — Police were awaiting the results of an autopsy to determine the cause of death of a woman whose body was found near the University of Hartford.

Police said the death was being viewed as suspicious and it could be the city's first homicide of the year.

The woman was found Sunday at 4:55 a.m. by a police officer on patrol on Mark Twain Drive Extension, according to Lt. Frederick Lewis.

Lewis said police did not know the woman's identity, but said she was black and appeared to be in her early 20s.

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Prosecutors say drug law abused

HARTFORD (AP) — State prosecutors want a year-old state law amended because they say it's being abused by drug traffickers to receive lenient treatment.

The law — which allows free drug counseling and, in some cases, suspended prosecution — gives judges the discretion to grant drug-dependent suspects treatment before they are brought to trial. It was enacted to help addicted drug users.

Prosecutors say it makes it easier for drug dealers to show they are drug dependent and receive light treatment. They say many lie to social workers about their addiction.

Sharpton urges calm, reflection

NEW YORK (AP) — Supporters of the Rev. Al Sharpton marched peacefully through the neighborhood where a day earlier the black activist was stabbed, allegedly by a white man.

Sharpton, known for his confrontational style, appealed for calm and reflection Sunday from his hospital bed, saying revenge won't stop bigotry.

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U.N. chief: no hope

By PATRICK McDOWELL The Associated Press

PARIS — U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said Monday that he made no progress toward peace during his meetings with Iraqi leaders and no longer had hope for a diplomatic settlement to the Persian Gulf crisis.

"I'm going to speak to you frankly and clearly. Unfortunately I don't see any more reasons to be optimistic. I don't see any reason to hold real hope," he told reporters after a 45-minute meeting with President Francois Mitterrand.

"The hope that I had is already gone," he said. "I'm going to make a report to the Security Council. I'm a diplomat but as you can see, I'm going to be honest and direct."

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Murder suspect to plead not guilty

By BRIAN M. TROTTER Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Lance Valentine, who told police that an Ellington woman died during "rough" sex with him, will plead not guilty to murder charges when he is arraigned in court tomorrow.

Valentine was arrested Dec. 19 after police found the naked body of Evelyn Schmeckel, covered with wounds and bruises, only 60 yards from Valentine's apartment. He has been held on a \$500,000 bond at the Jennings Road Detention Center in Hartford since his arraignment Dec. 20.

Valentine's court-appointed attorney, Yvonne Rodriguez Schackel, said last week a hearing will be held on Wednesday to determine if she was no longer breathing and a small amount of blood was coming from her nose or mouth."

Valentine was questioned by Massachusetts authorities in connection with two similar deaths, but was ruled out as a suspect. Valentine is on probation for a drunken driving conviction. He has no other criminal record.

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Baltic blame fixed

By DEBORAH SEWARD The Associated Press

VILNIUS, U.S.S.R. — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev today said a Lithuanian military commander, not he himself, decided to use force in Lithuania, where an assault by Soviet troops on Sunday claimed 14 lives.

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More bank busts predicted in state

By PETER VILES The Associated Press

HARTFORD — As the state recovered from a week in which the banking crisis hit home, economists offered some sobering news: The growing recession will likely bring the failure of more Connecticut banks.

While most economists agree that the region's biggest banks are not in deep trouble, they say all banks have been weakened by the collapse of the real estate market, and the most aggressive lenders may not survive.

"I'm predicting a dozen more banks will fail in Connecticut before the year ends," Lewis Mandell, a professor of finance at the University of Connecticut and a former federal bank regulator, said last week. "Mostly smaller banks — a few savings banks and a few commercial banks."

Even before close of business Friday, Mandell's words proved prophetic. On Friday, two Connecticut financial institutions were declared insolvent by the federal government — Community National Bank of Glastonbury and Connecticut Savings and Loan of Glastonbury.

Those failures, coming five days after the collapse of Connecticut Bank and Trust Co., brought to nine the number of Connecticut financial institutions that have been declared insolvent or taken over by the federal government since February 1989.

The chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., L. William Seidman, is predicting that some 180 banks across the country will fail this year, up from 150 in 1990. He told a Senate committee last week.

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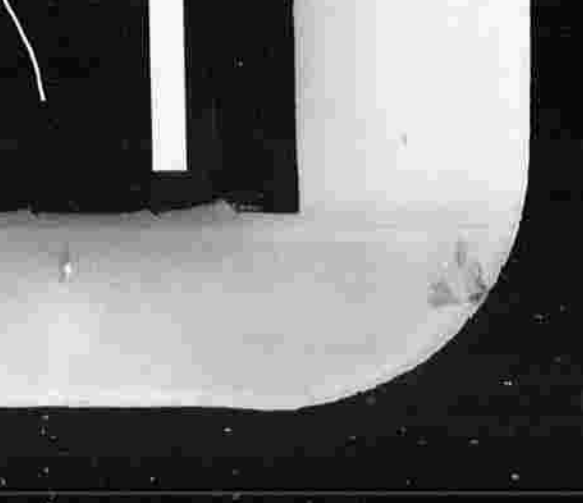
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Heading for Gulf War: A Special Report

Fear, faith, hope settle in over U.S.

By ARLENE LEVINSON
The Associated Press

Fear, faith, hope and yellow ribbons. That's what it's come down to as America enters the final hours before Tuesday's deadline in the Persian Gulf.

"Frightened" is a good, descriptive adjective, anti-war activist Bret Bursay said in Columbia, S.C. "The sense of reality is crashing in." Sunday morning many people across the country imploring for divine help to avert what men and women seem bound to do after the U.N. deadline for Iraq to leave Kuwait. Others turned out for some of the biggest anti-war rallies since the Vietnam era.

At the First United Methodist Church in Plano, Texas, based war was laid on the altar in a statement about the meaning of war.

A 24-hour weekend Prayer Vigil for Peace at Willamette University in Salem, Ore., drew about 200 people. Among them was Pat Gaffrey. She prayed and wept. Her daughter, Kimberly, 22, is serving in the Middle East as a security police officer.

"We can just pray. That's about all we can do right now," Gaffrey said.

New York's Roman Catholic Cardinal John J. O'Connor, participating in the nationwide prayer for peace, recalled watching five men

die in Vietnam and said it has haunted him since that war in the Persian Gulf began.

"War is not inevitable. Peace and honor and justice is possible. We must pray like we never prayed before and let us pray with our deepest sincerity," he said during Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

In Seattle, congressmen at University Baptist Church voted to give sanctuary to war resisters. "If the witness of our congregation is a sign of hope and empowers others to do something similar and speak out against war, then we have accomplished something important," said the Rev. Donovan Cook.

A peace rally overflowed at a 4,000-capacity auditorium at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, an event organizers said was the largest anti-war event in Minnesota since the Vietnam era.

Through three hours of speeches, the crowd sang and chanted, "No blood for oil!" and "Troops out now!"

Some 1,500 demonstrators marched through Santa Cruz in an anti-war protest organizers said was the largest in that city since the Vietnam War. "Don't stay home and watch it on the news" if war starts, Terry Teitelbaum told the gathering. "Hit the streets and make the news."

In other parts of the country, war anxiety found other, quieter outlets. On an evergreen tree in the square



BACK FROM BAGHDAD — U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar speaks to newsmen after he arrived at the Bourgat airport near Paris Monday from Baghdad. De Cuellar said possibilities for both peace and war still exist in the Gulf as hopes fade for a diplomatic settlement to the crisis.

Jeep on steroids gets rave reviews

By ROBERT DWORCHAK
The Associated Press

IN EASTERN SAUDI ARABIA — Forget the M1A1 main battle tank, the hi-tech Apache anti-tank tank helicopter, the fancy AWACs air control systems and laser-guided artillery shells.

Outside of a water bottle, the signature piece of equipment for Operation Desert Shield is an ugly, boxy contraption with a jaw-breaking name: high utility, multipurpose wheeled vehicle.

Officially, the Army calls it the M998 cargo-troop carrier. Service members call it the HUMVEE, also known as the son of jeep or a jeep on steroids, because it is faster, stronger, safer and more versatile than its ancestor, the Willys jeep.

A cross between a fat cat and a squat truck, it churns through desert sand dunes almost as easily as it scoots down highways. President Bush ate Thanksgiving turkey on the hood of one.

The machine gets universal raves in the motor pools.

"HUMVEEs are the best vehicle ever made," said Chief Warrant Officer Michael Sunderhaus, 32, of Cincinnati, who serves with the Army's 226th Maintenance Co. "I love that thing. It goes anywhere. I have not seen anything yet that can stop it."

Staff Sgt. Daniel Diaz, 31, of Cucamonga, Calif., paid it the ultimate compliment: "We always fight when we go to drive it."

In 1985, the Army switched to HUMVEEs from jeeps, and the venerable rattletrap that earned its stripes in World War II.

The HUMVEE offers four-wheel drive, independent suspension, power steering, a low profile and 16 inches of clearance. It climbs a 60 percent grade, is almost impossible to overturn and runs in ice, mud, sand and snow.

It has five basic modes: cargo or troop carrier, TOW missile or machine gun carrier, ambulance, shelter carrier and Humvee prime mover. The models can be configured 15 ways.

Desert Shield is its largest deployment, but the HUMVEE was battle tested a year ago in Panama. One infantry commander with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division became an instant fan because HUMVEEs go even when their tires are flat, thanks to magnesium doughnuts inside the tires.

"All four tires were shot out, (but) able to drive another two plus miles to safety — awesome vehicle. Saved the six soldiers riding in it," wrote the commander following an amphibious landing. The commander's name was not released.

His letter was passed on to the manufacturer, AM General Division of LTV Missiles and Electronics Group.

The average price for a HUMVEE is \$28,000, and the U.S. military has bought 78,000 so far, according to its manufacturer.

The HUMVEE is one of the most popular military exports, as much demand as AWACs and cruise missiles.

It has already been shipped to 18 countries, including Luxembourg, Djibouti, Abu Dhabi, Thailand and Saudi Arabia. China has five to haul oil exploration equipment in the desert.

"There's even one in Baghdad. The Middle East salesman for AM General was in Iraq on Aug. 2 with a demo model, and he escaped to Jordan without his HUMVEE after the invasion of Kuwait."

"As far as I know, it's still there," said Craig MacNab, spokesman for AM General.

HUMVEEs have been sold to non-military customers. Three were bought by the U.S. Forest Service, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources purchased one as a go-anywhere fire truck.

To meet demand, a civilian model may be available some day, MacNab said.

"We're looking at it. We're moving that way," he said.

Meanwhile, the HUMVEE has become the desert workhorse.

"Looks like damned. How it looks is part of its attractiveness," said Army Capt. Mike Wilber, 37, of Fort Carson, Colo.

Iraqi-Americans face identity crisis

By DENNIS GEORGATOS
The Associated Press

EL CAJON, Calif. — Amer Karmo feels caught in the middle by the Persian Gulf crisis.

"It is hurting as more than anybody else because we belong to two countries," said the Iraqi-American, who has relatives in the Iraqi army.

"America is our new country, Iraq our old country. I am concerned for Iraq as much as I am Iraq. It is a depressing situation."

Karmo, a real estate investor, is among more than 8,000 Iraqi-Americans living in San Diego County, where Detroit has the largest Iraqi community in the country. Virtually all have been touched by the standoff between Iraq and the United States over the invasion of Kuwait.

"We all have families still there," said restaurant owner Frank Najor, who left Iraq 28 years ago. "But I don't make the rules and regulations. We can only hope for peace."

Najor said he has a cousin in the Iraqi army. Karmo's two brothers-in-law, both doctors, serve in the Iraqi army, and one is in Kuwait. His mother-in-law and several aunts and cousins remain in Iraq. "They feel the same way we do. They want it to end peacefully," he said.

Most of the Iraqis living in San Diego County are Chaldean, Roman Catholics who in many cases left predominantly Muslim Iraq to work and worship in a more tolerant environment.

The Chaldeans trace their ancestry to ancient Babylon and speak Aramaic, the language Jesus Christ is believed to have spoken. They began moving to the United States at the turn of the century and the immigration increased through the 1950s.

"I don't think (Saddam) is as terrible as they think he is," Karmo said. "He's the same person America was dealing with before. We didn't see him that way in the past. I'm sure if America is willing to work a deal with him, he will agree."

The Mideast conflict also affects the Chaldeans in another way: They and other Arab-Americans are being questioned by the FBI.

FBI agent Gene Riehl said the interviews have a dual purpose: to assess the potential for terrorist activity and to lay the groundwork for civil rights protections should Arab-Americans become targets of a backlash in the event of war.

Riehl declined to say how many people would be interviewed, how they would be selected or how long the policy would last.

Karmo said he did not object to the FBI questioning. "We are loyal to America," he said.

"They were a minority in Iraq, anywhere from 10 percent to 20 percent. The opportunities just were not there," said Rudy Murillo, an immigration and naturalization service spokesman.

The exodus slowed in recent years because of the expansion of job and education opportunities under Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, whose Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait has brought their lives to a standstill.

"He did more for the Chaldean community than his predecessors did," Murillo said. "So they're torn between a very solid, firm allegiance to the United States and a degree of sympathy toward Hussein. He gave them entry to dental schools, medical schools."

Saddam's invasion of Kuwait was wrong, Karmo said, but should be put in perspective. A decade-long dispute over oil and territory that festered because of the lack of outside mediation.

Marines supported by international drivers

By S. LYNNE WALKER
Copley News Service

EASTERN SAUDI ARABIA — The desert sun rises, orange and warm, over bearded men chattering in clusters in a pitched parking lot.

A cacophony of laughing, arguing, complaining voices grows louder as the drivers from Pakistan, the Philippines, India and Indonesia shout to be heard over the din.

Just as it reaches a crescendo, the men are interrupted by a familiar, yet unfamiliar, sound.

"Yalla, Yalla," barks a Marine, sending the men ambulating rather than scrambling to their 18-wheeled rigs.

"Truck driving is a common language around the world," said Marine 1st Lt. William Nicholson, fleet manager of the motor pool. "You point at the truck and say, 'Go,' and they go."

"Yalla, Yalla," he tells them.

"Let's go."

The drivers fire up the engines of the huge trucks and "Saudi Motors" roars to life.

The early morning scene, described in interviews with Marine managers of "Saudi Motors," is repeated each day at the informal truck stop the drivers call home.

The men in brightly colored robes and scarves — immigrants from poverty-stricken nations — are enjoying a new status in this strange land as the backbone of the Marine Corps supply line.

The battalion-sized crew of civilian drivers works around the clock to move water, fuel and equipment to troops to the north.

They are an integral part of our ability to execute shipments," said Col. Jack Holly, operations officer for the 1st Force Service Support Group, which oversees "Saudi Motors."

"Keeping these drivers healthy

and their trucks running is every bit as important as looking after the rest of the Marines."

Most of the drivers send the money they earn home to support wives, children and aging parents.

"I make good money, but I would like to get more," said Khalid al-Khalife, a 40-year-old immigrant from Damascus, Syria, who supports a wife and four children with his earnings. "After I pay for my gas and my food, there is not much left."

Drivers began complaining recently that they were not being paid by their employers, Holly said.

Though the Marine Corps is not responsible for paying the drivers, Holly said the service will hand out rations rather than let the drivers go hungry.

"If those people are not eating because they're not being paid, we will make sure they are fed," he said. "We are not going to throw these people to the wolves."

The Marine Corps yesterday provided gas masks and chemical warfare training for drivers asked to work in the northernmost parts of the country after the Tuesday deadline for Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait, Holly said.

"Right now, our plan is to keep them as far removed from any contact with chemical agents as we possibly can," he said.

"But we certainly treat them as though they are part of our personnel, which means having a plan in place to issue the appropriate equipment."

As the deadline nears, the drivers are increasingly nervous about hauling U.S. military equipment north.

"If you say go north, they say, 'No, south,'" Nicholson said.

"We wonder when the 15th comes how many of them are going to bolt on us," Sgt. James Dick said.

Saleem Ahmed Khan said he "would not like to be here during a war period."



LISTENING TO RIFLE SAFETY BRIEFING — A group of unidentified Kuwaiti volunteer soldiers listen as a Drill Sgt. at the Kuwaitis will complete an eight-day basic training course today with graduation ceremonies, and then deploy to Saudi Arabia this evening.

"We would like to resolve this matter without a fight," said Khan.

From that working relationship, friendships have formed that bridge the cultural differences.

Dick, a supervisor of the operation, is greeted each morning by the laughter of drivers who refer to him alternately as "Captain" and "Mr. Jim."

Rushing for supplies, Pentagon skirts laws

By JOHN KING
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon at times is ignoring contracting rules and making multimillion-dollar handshake deals as it places rush orders for ammunition and spare parts for troops in the Persian Gulf region.

With war against Iraq possible any time after midnight Tuesday, the Army is scrambling to give armored divisions newly arrived in Saudi Arabia 30-day supplies of fuel, lubricants and parts most likely to wear out in combat.

"I'll have that in the air within a week," Maj. Gen. Charles M. Murray, the Army's deputy chief of staff for supply, maintenance and transportation, said in an interview Friday.

Although those shipments won't arrive by the deadline for Iraq's pull-

out from Kuwait, Murray said: "We can go to war on the 15th and we can sustain that war and we can get the pipeline going, both by surface and air, that will allow us to sustain a war for however long it takes."

Six months into the unprecedented deployment, Murray and others involved in supplying the troops say there have been few surprises in terms of equipment failures. But they said the harsh desert environment and pace of training is causing most parts to wear out far quicker than in normal peacetime training.

For example, most filters fail eight times faster, tires five times quicker. In general, the Army, based on past testing in desert conditions, has been procuring parts at 3.5 times its normal rate for systems deployed in the Gulf, "and it's proven to be

pretty damn accurate," Murray said.

"We've had failures because of the environment and ... because of the operational tempo, but the systems haven't failed," he said.

A review of major Pentagon ammunition, parts and hardware contracts awarded since mid-August shows large purchases of tires, track shoes for armored personnel carriers, helicopter rotor blades, 25mm and 120mm shells, tank batteries, lightweight desert airtank, tank shelters and scores of other supplies. The spending has provided a mini-warehouse for contractors expecting major defense spending cuts.

Ammunition plants that had expected to be shut down now are churning out bullets, shells and other items. Some are for direct shipment to the Gulf, the rest to rebuild stockpiles drawn down quickly after commanders in Saudi

Arabia realized their initial requests were far below expected combat needs.

Officials said the Army made an initial ammunition shipment based on a computer model. But ground commanders in Saudi Arabia decided use likely would be much higher in combat than projected by computer.

"They have established a desired level ... and that level is either in country now or on the water," said Maj. Gen. Joe W. Rigby, the Army's deputy chief of staff for development, engineering and acquisition.

He said classified improvements have been made to some ammunition because of the desert environment and the capabilities of Iraqi forces.

More than \$1 billion has been spent on food, clothing and medical

supplies for Operation Desert Shield. It is difficult to put an exact figure on the operator's costs in terms of new contracts for ammunition, parts and other hardware, although it is at least in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Most recent contracts for such goods are not specifically earmarked for the Persian Gulf deployment, but are to fill stocks depleted to supply the Mideast force, which is approaching 400,000 troops.

And many of the orders are filled by exercising options in contracts negotiated before the Gulf deployment that allow the Pentagon to order equipment as needed at a previously agreed price.

Murray and other Pentagon officials said the services also have made handshake deals with some suppliers without formal contracts,

deciding to violate contracting procedures and probably federal law because of emergency needs.

The number and value of these deals will not be known until the services formalize the agreements.

For example, the Army is buying hundreds of powerful engines needed for heavy equipment haulers from Roger Penske, the former race car driver who owns an automotive business, but has no formal contract with him.

"He was the salvor of our fleet over there," Murray said. "Penske immediately shut off all civilian buyers for the head engine and turned his entire production line over to us, several hundred engines very quickly ... That's a big-time, high-back operation — he did it on a handshake."



GET US OUT — A woman holds her head in her hands as she tries to buy an air ticket out of Israel at the Pan Am ticket counter at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport today.

U.S. hopes oil glut will head off shortage

By H. JOSEF HEBERT
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If war erupts in the Persian Gulf, the Bush administration is betting heavily on market forces, a current glut of oil and the use of government-owned emergency reserves to head off an energy crisis.

"We are prepared to respond rapidly to disruptions in the energy markets," Easton said. But he acknowledged that fighting in the Gulf could prompt market speculation, panic buying, hoarding and prices to jump sharply.

"To ease any oil shock, the administration plans to rely almost exclusively on assuring the markets that the current high level of inventory and the availability of the government-owned reserves will provide adequate supplies."

Figures from both the federal Energy Information Administration and the oil industry show that increased production worldwide over the last five months not only has replaced the 4.3 million barrels a day of oil lost from Iraq and Kuwait

but left stocks at a comfortable level of about 327 million barrels.

There also is an abundance of refined products, including gasoline and heating oil, because of increased production and a decline in demand over the last four months, largely attributed to higher prices, a declining economy and mild weather.

Officials say there may be as much as 100 million barrels of additional unsold oil in tankers at sea around the world.

"There is no reason to panic," says Charles DiBona, president of the oil industry's American Petroleum Institute, echoing the sentiments of senior Energy Department officials.

But some state energy officials, consumer advocates and members of Congress are not as optimistic.

They fear that while there may be adequate supplies, speculation in the oil markets will cause prices to soar, aggravating an already declining economy and bringing hardship to millions of families, especially the poor.

Military halts parcel delivery to troops

By S. LYNNE WALKER
Copley News Service

CENTRAL SAUDI ARABIA — Operation Desert Shield postal officials over the weekend decided plans to halt delivery of packages to military personnel if the United States goes to war with Iraq.

First-class letters and official mail would still be delivered during combat, but "we will stop all personal parcels," said Air Force Maj. Michael Whitaker, postmaster for the desert deployment.

Transporting equipment and supplies to troops on the battlefield during a war would take priority over personal packages, he said, so there would be fewer vehicles to haul the 2 million pounds of mail arriving weekly from the United States.

Though the package restriction would not go into effect unless war broke out, Whitaker said troops positioning their sleeping bags to carry a parcel have been ordered to get rid of bulky items that would hinder their ability to march north.

"When they're on the move, they don't have time to stop and eat cookies," he said.

Because of the great distances they may have to travel during a battle, the weight of their belongings also becomes a critical factor, said Whitaker.

"Those guys have only got so much room in their (back) packs," he said. "They're not going to sacrifice their sleeping bags to carry a parcel from home."

The types of items that have been mailed to military personnel during the past five months range from the mundane to the extraordinary.

"We've received portable TVs, microwaves, compact refrigerators, fans and an air-conditioning unit," said Master Sgt. Ray Rivera, postal chief for the Marine Main Post Office.

"We even saw a 1974 Chevy Camaro muffler go through here, if you can believe that."

Handing those types of packages would become considerably more difficult during a war, said Whitaker. "If it starts raining bullets, we've got to duck like everyone else." So soon as it clears up, "we'll start going again."

The Operation Desert Shield postal service has a combat contingency plan, he said.

"Just like the U.S. Postal Service, come rain or hail or sleet or snow — or war, for that matter — we'll deliver the mail," Whitaker said.

"We'll go by 18-wheeler, helicopter, jeep, Hum-Vee, motor scooter or even on foot. If there's a way, we'll get it there."

Since his arrival on Aug. 15, Whitaker has out of operation from one of 13 military postal workers into a team of 1,300 that operates 100 post offices in the theater.

The desert postal service handled about 4 million pounds of mail per month in December, when holiday packages and greetings pushed the volume to 4 million pounds a week.

About 400,000 fax messages transmitted by AT&T have also been delivered by the postal service.

One man got the news of the birth of his son when he received a faxed copy of the newborn's hand print.

"We're just like the regular U.S. Postal Service," said Whitaker. "We deliver anywhere and we sell everything short of philatelic items. The only difference is that we're 10,000 miles away."

The military postal workers "take personal pride in playing a daily Santa Claus," said Whitaker. "We may not have a gun in our hands, but our mission is just as important."

Israel balancing political and military objectives

By ARTHUR MAX
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Convinced it has an early target for Iraqi missiles, Israel is trying to balance U.S. pleas for restraint with its own need to maintain a credible deterrent.

Israel on Sunday insisted on the right to respond to an Iraqi attack, brushing aside American pleas for restraint in a statement issued Sunday after his final meeting with the U.S. official.

Underlining Israel's capability to strike back, Defense Minister Moshe Arens played host to Israeli and foreign reporters at a northern Air Force base. They watched ground crews arm two U.S.-supplied F-16 fighter-bombers with Sidewinder missiles and 6,000 pounds of explosives.

"We are prepared to defend ourselves and we will give a good account of ourselves," Arens said.

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OPINION

Open Forum No more war

To the Editor:
The people of the United States have made it clear that they do not support the war in the Persian Gulf. As for the men who are over there, many of them share similar sentiments, though I know they will serve their country as needed. The impending war in the Gulf is a direct result of President Bush's piggishness and lack of consideration for the American people and the Constitution of the United States. His actions threaten our way of life and our democracy.

The United States has serious problems right here at home. A war will destroy us socially, economically and morally. And for what? For a lot of politicians who have made the wrong choices. They won't pay for their errors, but young men and women on both sides will.

Saddam Hussein was wrong to take over Kuwait; Kuwait was wrong to have such a weak defense system and to be a self-serving monarchy. Bush is wrong for not seeking an early peaceful solution to the crisis. Congress is wrong for not forcing Bush to try a year of economic sanctions, and we are wrong to allow it.

Someone once wrote that America could never go to war unless the people supported it. The one way we all have of stopping this madness is by writing to our Congress people, our representatives and telling them to stop this madness before it destroys us all. Congress can refuse to allocate funds, refuse to impose extra military taxes on us, refuse to reinstate the draft and finally, if all else fails, Congress can begin impeachment against Bush and force a new election.

In judging Saddam Hussein, we must also judge our own American military intervention in Panama, Grenada, Nicaragua and other countries. Are we to be known as the warrior nation to the world? Or the peacemakers? If we survive, history will judge this era harshly. Instead of using our resources to solve problems or create new ones, it is time for rational thought, for diplomacy instead of war, for compromise instead of blood, for a trace instead of deadlines, for hope instead of despair.

War is against our way of life. Don't we teach children that fighting is not the solution to a problem, but that we should talk out our differences and find a compromise? Don't we encourage children to share? Don't we teach that "he who lives by the sword will die by the sword"? If we still believe in those things, then we must all make a stand and shout, "No more war!" Otherwise let's be honest and teach children that love, gentleness, and humanity don't matter. Power is all that counts. Let the children beat each other up in the school yards and applaud the victor. After all, isn't that the lesson our politicians are teaching?

K. Little
Manchester

A slippery issue

To the Editor:
My children were excited: School was delayed one hour recently due to the icy conditions. This meant that the residents of Manchester had until 8 a.m. to sand their sidewalks before the children began walking to school and/or bus stops. However, approximately most of the walks had not been sanded and were treacherous to walk upon (This was in a two-mile area of Hilling Jr. High School).

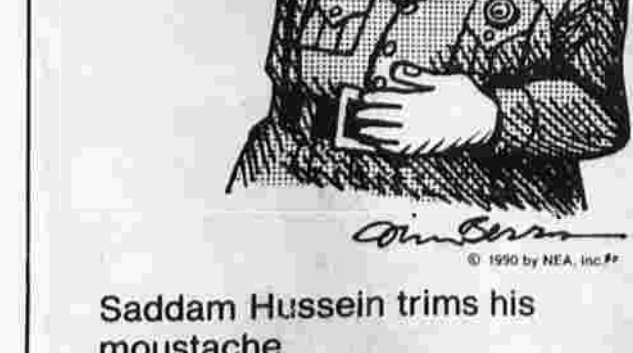
The people who did not sand or salt their walks must be very rich indeed with exorbitant insurance coverage to take such risks. However, I am very angry that these people would take such a risk with my children, who could be seriously injured by slipping on their icy sidewalk.

I suppose the worst offenders were the schools themselves, where some walks were not sanded, and other areas that had been sanded early had started to melt revealing more slippery ice again. I also saw students using playgrounds (unsanded of course) for skating rinks, many of them laughing at their friends who fell.

With more freezing rain due this winter, I urge everyone to stock up on sand and/or rock salt and keep your walkways and school grounds safer, please.

Betsy DeCormier
Manchester

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Saddam Hussein trims his moustache

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Dems fight over budget

By WALTER R. MEARS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Meanwhile, back in the fine print, there's an old problem lurking: the deficit is soaring and there is bitter political infighting over the budget deal that Americans were told would control it.

That chronic crisis will be around after the Persian Gulf confrontation ends, at least \$30 billion worse even if it is settled without war.

Only three months into the five-year deficit control plan that ended a long, politically embarrassing budget struggle, the Democratic-run House voted to change the rules and President Bush said he'd veto any bills written that way.

And the budget that Bush sends to Congress on Feb. 4 is going to project record deficits, anticipated but hardly advertised when the 1990 deal was made, and now worsened by the economic slump.

While nobody told the voters last fall that the deficit problem was solved, neither were they told that the numbers would get a lot worse before they got better.

But voters are getting that message now as the price of the budget settlement shows up at the gasoline pump and in tax deductions from 1991 paychecks.

If the deficit-control package does represent progress, but it was overruled. As Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., observes, that can only add to the level of public mistrust in both Congress and the administration.

For the year ended last Sept. 30, the budget deficit was \$220.4 billion, just under pressure has now agreed to sell the concessionary of seizing monopoly control of a national shrine.

The whole question is foreign ownership of a part of our heritage, Lujan opined. The secretary is conflating heritage with hot dogs. In Yosemite, the national treasure includes a wondrous valley, waterfalls and other natural scenery; it does not include snack bars and toilets.

Visitors do not much care — nor should they — who operates the concessions, so long as they go to the lowest bidder and the concessions is hardly the fault of Mat-sushita — an obvious point, it would seem.

The Interior secretary's latest gaudier should be his last. A man of little professional or intellectual distinction, he has repeatedly betrayed an appalling ignorance of his department's activities. Indeed, he even admitted this in success in the early months after his appointment. But now Lujan has gone too far. He has joined the ranks of those bigoted Japan-bashers whose tirades threaten to trash the system of free trade

that has generated so much worldwide prosperity during the postwar era. Many Americans share Lujan's fears, but they are not as easily frightened as he is. The benefits of free trade and investment in contemporary thought. Like previous cabinet officers in over their heads — from Earl Butz to James Watt — he should be forced to walk the plank.

Letters to the Editor
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Head injuries ignored by VA

By JACK ANDERSON
and DALE VAN ATTA

WASHINGTON — If war erupts in the Persian Gulf, those who play numbers games in the Pentagon say as many as 30,000 American soldiers could come home in boxes. Among the living could be 10,000 injured soldiers with serious head wounds. They will be given a hospital bed and precise title.

The U.S. military, which promises lifetime medical care for veterans, has no head injury rehabilitation units in its hospitals. There will be no therapy for the impairments that plague a soldier with Iraq lead in his or her skull.

The common American health insurance policy will cover head-injury rehabilitation for civilians, but a soldier risks life in the desert must simply lie in bed and hope for recovery.

Our associates Jim Lynch and Paul Parkinson examined this gap in medical coverage offered to American soldiers. The Pentagon is inexorably behind the times. Private hospitals have had head injury rehabilitation units in its hospitals. There will be no therapy for the impairments that plague a soldier with Iraq lead in his or her skull.

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NATION EPA rebuffs White House effort to weaken study

By PAUL RAEBURN
The Associated Press

A panel of outside scientists gathered to review today a draft Environmental Protection Agency report citing evidence of a link between household electromagnetic fields and brain cancer and leukemia in children.

In selecting the panel, the EPA rebuffed what researchers said was a White House attempt to weaken the report.

When the panel was being chosen last summer, White House science adviser D. Allan Bromley sent the EPA a memo urging it to select candidates from a list he provided of scientists who believe that electromagnetic

fields pose little or no risk. The Associated Press obtained a copy of the memorandum.

The researchers on Bromley's list "range from skeptics to vociferous disbelievers," said David Savitz, an epidemiologist at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill who has studied the health risks of electromagnetic fields.

"If they were picked exclusively, they would probably put less credence in the suggestions of adverse health effects from electromagnetic fields," Savitz said.

Robert Adair of Yale University, one of Bromley's candidates, agreed: "I think there's no question they would say this is a poor document."

"I find the EPA report an advocacy document, very poor scientifically," Adair said. "I feel that anybody who thinks that was a good document is a nitwit."

The panel at the three-day meeting in Washington will revise the report and produce a final version.

The report, which reviews existing studies, says studies finding evidence that electromagnetic fields cause cancer are biologically plausible.

Studies of cancer in children "have consistently found modestly elevated risks, some statistically significant, of leukemia, cancer of the nervous system and, to a lesser extent, lymphomas," it concludes.

The "consistent pattern of response ... suggests a causal link" between magnetic fields and cancer, the report says.

EPA officials emphasize, however, that the studies do not yet prove that electromagnetic fields — which are produced by all electrical wiring and electrical devices, including hair shavers, hair dryers and heaters — cause cancer.

Savitz, who read an earlier draft of the report, said, "I thought it was good. What they were concluding is what most people who read the literature conclude. There is credible evidence of adverse health effects from these exposures. Credible does not mean conclusive. It means that it is not dismissable."

Church group warns about racism threat

By WILLIAM M. WELCH
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In an effort to "sound a national alarm" and reinvigorate the civil rights movement, a major church group is issuing an unusual pastoral letter warning that racism is a deepening problem in America.

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Rape attempts decreasing in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Heightened sensitivity among men to the concerns of women over the past two decades is being cited by criminologists as a possible explanation for a dramatic decrease in rape attempts.

The rate of attempted rapes of girls and women in the United States declined 46 percent from 1973 to 1987, according to a study released Sunday by the Justice Department.

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics study, the rate of attempted rapes fell from 1.3 per 1,000 girls and women in 1973 to 0.7 per 1,000 in 1987.

However, the rate of completed rapes — 0.6 per 1,000 — held steady over the same time span.

Criminologist Alfred Blumstein theorized that the decline in attempted rapes could be attributable to heightened male sensitivity to concerns raised by women in the last 20 years.

But Blumstein, dean of the school of urban and public affairs at Pittsburgh's Carnegie-Mellon University, said he could only guess at the reasons. Many women still 22 times as likely to be raped, making statistics unreliable, he said.

Only 53 percent of rapes or attempted rapes are reported to police, the study said. But the report, compiled by extrapolating figures from a survey of 49,000 households, estimated there were 137,500 rapes and attempted rapes in 1987, down from 159,890 in 1973.

Women were more likely to call police if raped by a stranger than by someone they knew. Among women who were raped in or near their home, 48 percent said the attacker was someone they knew.

By contrast, only 3.9 percent of women subjected to such violence said they had been attacked by a close friend or relative.

The information for the study was collected from surveys of households conducted twice a year by the department's National Crime Survey. The survey is considered a more reliable indicator of crime than FBI statistics because the data includes crimes that victims didn't report to the police.

Teen-age girls and young women between the ages of 16 and 24 were three times more likely to be rape victims, the study said.

The survey found that women were six times as likely as men to be victims of violent crime by a current or former spouse or boyfriend.

"Men assault women far more than women assault men in relationships," Blumstein said. "Men are stronger and far more likely to be engaged in violence because it's much more associated with maleness."

Michigan and Ohio also had high death rates, and Florida's death rate was among the lowest.

NOTICE
Manchester Medical Associates would like to announce the temporary absence of DR. RUSSELL J. TONKIN from his practice due to his being called into active duty with the U.S. Navy due to Operation Desert Shield. His Associates Dr. Theresa M. Caputo and Dr. Jeffrey H. Katz, will continue to care for his patients until his return.

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Hussein and other Iraqi leaders. They contrasted sharply with more optimistic remarks he delivered on arriving in Paris hours earlier.

The United Nations has given Iraq until midnight Tuesday to withdraw from Kuwait or face the threat of attack by the U.S.-led multinational force gathered in the Saudi desert.

The secretary-general said he would meet with the Security Council later Monday, and "it will be up to the council to decide what they are going to do."

Asked if there was room for any new initiative, he said: "I don't think so. Perhaps there are some personalities with no government support who would like to take some initiative."

"But I don't think that from

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sault came after a group of what he called "workers and intellectuals" had asked the military commander in Vilnius, the Lithuanian capital, to "give us protection."

He appeared to be referring to opponents of Lithuanian independence who have formed a self-declared National Salvation Committee.

Sunday's deaths were the first in the 10-month-old standoff between the Kremlin and the republic of 3.7 million people, which was annexed by the Soviet Union at the start of World War II.

In his comments to reporters during a break at the Supreme Soviet legislature in Moscow, Gorbachev did not identify by name the military leaders who ordered the assault. Nor, during his 10-minute conversation with reporters, did he express regret for the deaths, or explain why he waited until today to comment on the violence.

"The manner of defense was decided by the commandant," he said. "He reported to a deputy commander of the military district... I learned only in the morning, when they got me up. When it happened, no one knew."

The other Baltic republics, Latvia and Estonia, braced today for possible crackdowns. Citizens set up barricades in the streets of Riga, the Latvian capital, and gathered to protect telephone and radio buildings. Latvia's parliament met through the night.

In Lithuania today, the streets were quiet, and the republic closed its schools to begin three days of official mourning.

Earlier today, Soviet Defense Minister Dmitry Yazov said the assault was requested by the National Sal-

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States, the leader of the anti-iraq coalition, has steadfastly rejected.

The emergency session, called by Saddam, was held on the eve of the U.N. deadline authorizing force to attempt to remove Iraq from Kuwait. Last week, the U.S. Congress passed a resolution giving President Bush authorization to use force to drive Iraq from Kuwait, which was overrun on Aug. 2.

In the Iraqi legislature today, deputies stood and shouted "with our blood, our souls, we are ready to sacrifice for Saddam."

The assembly, which has never gone against Saddam's wishes, voted to give Saddam the constitutional authority to take any action during the crisis "to maintain Iraq's and the Arab nation's rights and dignity."

By "Arab nation," Saddam was referring to all Arabs.

The resolution made no reference to starting or declaring war. Iraq has said on several occasions it would not initiate hostilities.

"We empowered the president to take whatever action he deems necessary to avert the scourges of war," Deputy Taha Furaij said after the vote.

The two-hour debate preceding the vote was opened by the speaker of the assembly, Saadi Mehdi Saleh. He asked deputies to give total allegiance to Saddam, whom he called

today, the 14th of January at 9 o'clock, there is much room for undertakings for diplomacy."

Perez de Cuellar met for 2 1/2 hours Sunday with Saddam. His meeting with Mitterrand here was being followed by a meeting with Jacques Poos, foreign minister of Luxembourg, which currently holds the EC presidency.

Asked about a French initiative, the U.N. chief said, "Listen, the French I know are part of the twelve," a reference to the European Community's members. He did not elaborate on the statement.

The French favor allowing Saddam to partially save face by linking an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait

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with a Middle East conference — a proposal rejected by the Bush administration. They were considered a possible last hope for a diplomatic solution to the crisis.

Asked about the substance of his talks with Saddam, and whether he mentioned the word withdrawal, or if he mentioned the word, it was not in the sense of being prepared to withdraw.

The secretary-general said he did not bring up the issue of a conference on the Palestinian question in his talks with Saddam. "It was not necessary to raise that question," he said.

"You know that our policy, the Security Council of the United Nations, is that the annexation of

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week that the banking system in New England is "under great stress."

The New England real estate market was more unstable than others," said Edward Deak, a professor of economics at Fairfield University and a member of the New England Economic Project. "It has collapsed first, and probably far deeper than the rest of the nation."

According to Sheehonoff Information Services Inc., a Texas firm that analyzes banks, 74 percent of all loans made by Connecticut banks were listed as non-performing in June 1990, the highest level of bad loans in the nation.

But Deak said, and other economists agreed, that the region's largest banks are not at risk, nor is the banking system in general.

"We're not looking at a shaky set of financial institutions in general. But there are some specific problems. CBT and maybe a couple of others that have yet to surface are exceptional in their aggressiveness," he said.

Economists and regulators are hesitant to mention specific banks in danger of failing, and with good reason: a federal law makes it a felony to put out information that results in a run on a bank.

Sheshonoff reported that seven Connecticut banks had non-performing loans that made up more than 10 percent of their gross loans in the second quarter of 1990, the most recent quarter the company has fully analyzed.

The banks, and their levels of non-performing loans, were: Merchants Bank and Trust (18.5 percent), Citytrust (13.4), Bank of Stamford (12.6), Connecticut Bank and Trust (12.4), Saybrook Bank and Trust (12.0), Westport Bank and Trust (11.0), and Baybank of Connecticut (11.0).

David Tedeschi, a spokesman for the state Banking Department, said state regulators are closely monitoring about 20 or 25 of the 157 banks chartered to do business in the state. He would not release the names of the banks.

"There is no 'watch list,'" he said. "There's simply a small group of banks being watched more closely than others."

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Kuwait is unacceptable."

The Iraqis have claimed in recent weeks that they seized Kuwait in order to push for a solution to the Palestinian question. The United States has called the claim baseless, accusing Saddam of seizing the emirate in the Aug. 2 attack purely for his own aggrandizement.

Perez de Cuellar's remarks seemed to dispel hope that any new initiative would reverse the growing probability of war.

Choosing his words carefully, he said: "Don't forget that I am the Secretary-General and that it is my job to avoid a war. It would be very difficult for me as Secretary-General to appear as inducing in our countries to start hostilities against another country."

Banks

Ms. Dapkus said the death toll from Sunday's assault rose to 14 when an injured man died in hospital today. She said 166 people were injured; the Interior Ministry said 163.

Thousands of Lithuanians defied the first curfew in Vilnius, staying past midnight in the city's central Freedom Square, where they had gathered throughout Sunday to pray, sing hymns and form a human shield around the parliament building.

After midnight, when Lithuanian leaders reached a truce with Soviet army officers, Landsbergis learned out of a window in the parliament building and urged the crowd to go home.

Gradually, most drifted away. But about 200 remained, waving Lithuanian flags, many huddled around bonfires to keep warm.

Landsbergis said the Soviet officials promised during the negotiations that if the crowd complied with the curfew and dispersed, the army would not try to seize the building.

"It would be good if this would end with no more suffering," Landsbergis said.

Banks

Perhaps more damaging to the economy than the spectre of bank failures is the continuing shortage of credit, brought on by the combination of bad loans and tougher federal regulation of banks. Some economists expect the credit crunch to get worse before it gets better.

"Our banking industry here is going to be less capable of responding to lower interest rates, less capable of reamending lending to turn the economy around," Deak said.

Mandell, the former head of research in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, said the credit crunch would not be this severe if the state Legislature had acted earlier to allow full interstate banking. That would have lessened the chances of a deep regional recession, he said. Full interstate banking beyond New England was approved in 1990.

"The fault is not with the federal regulators. It's with the Legislature," he said. "They could have allowed interstate banking in here a long time ago. They were just greedily protecting the in-state banks, trying to keep their value high."

"Three years ago, big national banks would have been delighted to come in here and buy branches."

Economists say state government, with its limited role in regulating banks, has little latitude in helping banks through difficult times. Mandell said the state's best option is to pressure the federal government to make emergency loans available to small businesses as soon as possible.

"Governor Weicker, when he was a senator, was one of the people who was most influential in building up the Small Business Administration. He and the state's congressional delegation should try to get special SBA funding put through to this region."

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New cemetery delay opposed by vets

By RICK SANTOS
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Public Works Director Peter P. Lozis Jr. has a plan that would delay for several years development of a cemetery on Hillstown Road, but he faces opposition from veterans because they want a large area designated for veterans' only.

Lozis estimates the expansion, which would include about 3,400 additional interment sites, could extend the life of the cemetery for an estimated 14 to 15 years. He calculated the delay based on the town's selling an average of 236 graves per year for the last 11 years.

"If we've got all this room, let's open up another area," he said. "Rather than go to Hillstown Road and open up that acreage, let's wait."

Currently, there are no veterans' graves available for purchase in the two veterans' fields at the East Cemetery and there are no veterans' fields at Buckland and West cemeteries, the only other town-managed cemeteries. And the plans proposed for a new Hillstown Road Cemetery include a veterans' field

School budget to be shown

By SCOTT B. BREDE
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — A big crowd is expected to be on hand as School Superintendent James P. Kennedy presents his recommended 1991-92 school budget at tonight's Board of Education meeting.

At last week's joint meeting between the school board and town directors, Kennedy said his budget goes beyond the Board of Directors' 5 percent spending cap, but added that it does not call for a double-digit increase over last year's school budget.

Kennedy has already said there will be no money for new programming for the coming school year.

Although the school budget will be the focus of tonight's meeting, a group of parents hoping to stop school from beginning in August is expected to voice their opinions during the meeting's public comment session.

More than 1,300 parents have signed a petition to get summer vacation pushed up a week, said Roberta McCormick, one of two parents organizing the calendar fight.

Board of Education members will also hear recommendations on how to improve the cost effectiveness of the school district's cafeteria.

Among other things, the cafeteria committee's recommendations include upgrading kitchen equipment to make food preparation swifter and forming a joint purchasing group with other towns.

The school board is expected to approve the dismissal of the sports eligibility policy at the junior high schools.

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Directors to handle billing

By SCOTT B. BREDE
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Eighth Utility District Directors voted to use the district's own computer system to handle the billing and collection of the district taxes, instead of relying on town facilities, at a special meeting called last week.

District directors voted unanimously, with District Director Thomas Ferguson abstaining, to have an in-house tax bureau, instead of depending on town facilities to carry out tax collection procedures.

Ferguson said he abstained from voting because he did not have enough time to review the options.

Relying on the town to collect its taxes would have saved the district time, but in the end, would have cost more money, District Director Mary Jane Summa said.

Having district personnel use the town's computer system for tax billing was another option looked at by the district, she said.

College-bound students get help

By SCOTT B. BREDE
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — High school seniors in need of money to attend college may be in luck.

Officials from the Manchester Scholarship Foundation, which in the past has awarded students with scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000, is looking to hand out scholarships to high school students in town.

Last week, foundation officials met with students at Manchester High School and East Catholic High School to discuss scholarship opportunities.

Officials were also to visit Howell Cheney Regional Vocational Technical School.

To qualify for a scholarship, students must live in Manchester for at least six months before the April 15 application deadline, and plan to enroll as full-time college students, according to a document explaining the scholarship. Manchester Community College students hoping to transfer to a four-year school are also eligible for foundation funding.

According to the document, a student's academic record, after-school activities, and on-the-job performances are all taken into consideration when foundation directors review an application.

A student's financial situation is also looked at before handing out a scholarship. All financial records must be received by the foundation's financial aid consultant before the April 15 deadline as well.

For the past 26 years, the foundation has been helping students go on to college with such scholarships. Last year, the foundation gave out \$100,000 to 40 students.

The scholarships are paid for by businesses, clubs, service groups, individuals and bequests.

Besides getting out to the high schools, the foundation financial consultant will meet with parents on March 3, at 2 p.m.

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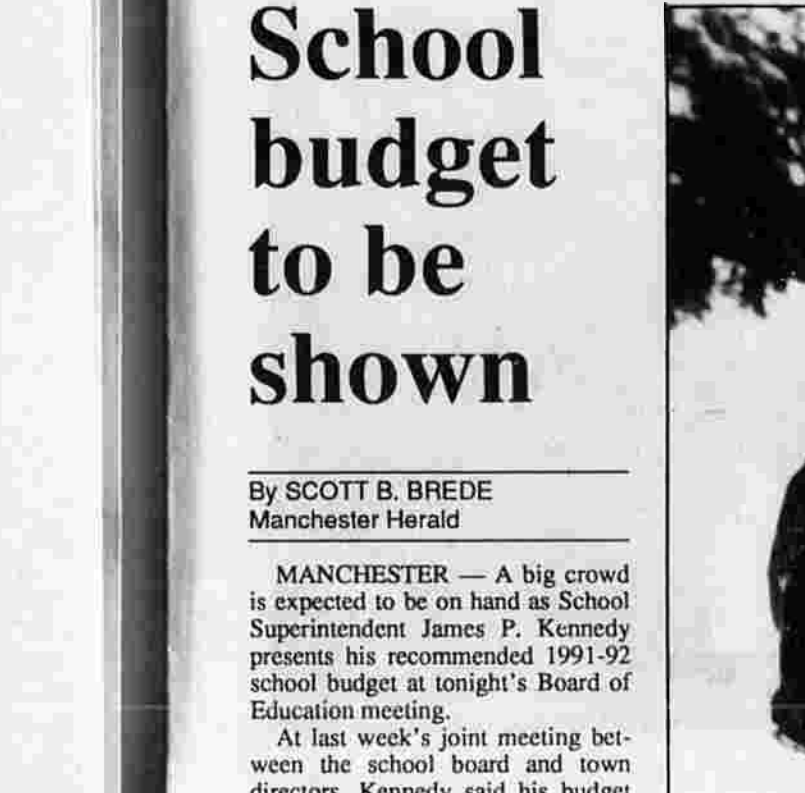
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STATE Examiners saw BNE problems 4 years ago

By JOHN DIAMOND
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal bank examiners raised "significant concerns" about the condition of the Bank of New England two years before their superiors launched a sweeping review of the now-defunct bank, regulatory documents show.

A summary of actions by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) indicates that regulators had strong indications in late 1987 that the bank was in trouble.

Those indications emerged two years before the OCC ordered regulators to establish a continuous presence at the bank and more than two years before regulators forced a change in top bank management.

As the region recovers from the shock of last week's federal takeover of the Bank of New

England, lawmakers in Washington are questioning why the comptroller acted so soon to prevent the third largest federal bank rescue in U.S. history.

"It is essential that we find out when the regulators discovered the problems, what remedies were attempted, and why the regulatory actions failed to stem the losses," said House Banking Committee Chairman Henry Gonzalez, D-Texas.

"What led regulators to believe that conditions would improve and what costs can be attributed to the long delay?"

Comptroller Robert L. Clarke defended his agency's actions but acknowledged that he should have been more firm with the management of the Bank of New England when there was still time to prevent disaster.

"Using that Monday morning hindsight, I'd go back and be more

aggressive with the Bank of New England management, who didn't seem to be getting the message, and fire a few more shots," Clarke told the Senate Banking Committee.

A week ago Sunday, Clarke approved the takeover of Bank of New England Corp. and its three subsidiary banks by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. The takeover will cost the insurance fund an estimated \$2.3 billion.

"This is one of the oldest institutions in the country," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., referring to the Connecticut Bank & Trust Co., one of BNE's subsidiaries which was founded in 1814. "It no longer exists today. It's a sad, sad day."

The reasons most often cited for the collapse are overly aggressive lending by the bank and the steep decline of the real estate economy.

But the documents released by the

comptroller's office raise questions about whether federal regulators should have rung the warning bell sooner. Those questions are a key focus of investigations under way by the House and Senate banking committees.

Clarke said that by the time the magnitude of the problems became clear it was too late to stop the slide into insolvency. According to Clarke, an aggressive move by his office in 1987 would have been required to steer Bank of New England on a more conservative lending course.

"It's difficult to walk into a board room when everything is going great ... and be a grinch," Clarke said.

Bank examinations in late 1986 and mid-1987 found the overall quality of BNE's construction lending satisfactory but warned of "negative trends" and asked the bank to improve its documentation

of real estate loans.

A bank examination dated Dec. 31, 1987, uncovered "Inaccuracies with the internal risk rating system." Although commercial real estate loans were judged satisfactory, "rapid growth coupled with weaknesses in administrative controls and market softening caused significant concern." And again the warning: "documentation deficiencies."

Still, regulators were unable to get the attention of bank management. Bank Chairman Walter Connelly remained in power for another two years before regulators forced the bank board to push for Connelly's resignation, which came on Jan. 26, 1990.

The turning point for Bank of New England was in 1988, according to the OCC documents.

The year-end 1988 examination found a "seriously deteriorating condition" at Bank of New England.

"Management has not been effective; previous criticisms have not been fully addressed." Six months later, the very survival of the bank was in doubt.

On December 7, 1989, regulators warned of "severe deterioration of asset quality." Six weeks later, Connelly resigned. From then on, Clarke said, regulators and bank managers worked cooperatively in the losing effort to save the bank.

"These efforts to salvage the bank ultimately failed in large part due to the length and severity of the economic downturn in New England," Clarke said. They did succeed in lowering the cost of the takeover by at least \$1.6 billion by forcing bank management to sell off profitable divisions to raise money and improve the bank's equity.

Whether Congress is satisfied with the actions of regulators remains to be seen.

Grandmother protests war in Middle East

By JANET L. CAPPIELLO
The Associated Press

WESTPORT — Cynthia Harrison stared glumly at the ground, speechless at the thought of the United States going to war with Iraq.

The 79-year-old grandmother, a veteran anti-war protester, was holding a peace vigil Saturday with about two dozen other activists when she heard the news that Congress had given President Bush authority to use force against Iraq after Tuesday's United Nations deadline for Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait.

As she stood shivering in the 31-degree weather, Mrs. Harrison recalled the weekly vigils she kept for eight years during the Vietnam era, protesting a war she called "horrible."

Mrs. Harrison and her husband Gerald revived those vigils six weeks ago to protest a possible war in the Persian Gulf.

"War is not the answer," she said. "I've felt that for years and years."

Around the state this weekend, residents held peace rallies, petition signings, protests and prayer services to voice their opposition to war in the Persian Gulf, said Patricia Wass, executive director of the Connecticut chapter of SANB-FREEZE, a national peace organization.

"So much of this has just sprung up spontaneously and it's going on in dozens of communities across the state," said Wass, whose group was acting as a clearinghouse for information about anti-war activities across the state. "In addition to the events ... hundreds and hundreds of people across the state are calling in to Congress."

Sites in Conn. step up security

GROTON (AP) — Faced with the growing possibility of war in the Persian Gulf, state officials have tightened security at facilities deemed to be possible targets for an Iraqi terrorist offensive.

At the Naval Submarine Base in Groton, the gate near the base hospital off Route 12 is closed, concrete barriers have been erected at the main gate and guards are being more vigilant.

At some industrial plants, security patrols have been added. Coast Guard ships are patrolling the Thames River and Long Island Sound more frequently. Groton-New London Airport has taken steps to protect travelers.

Hopefully, this is all for nothing — and if we do our job right it will be for nothing," said Lt. Cmdr. David Illuminate of the Coast Guard's New London station. "But obviously this area has a lot of vulnerable and prime targets."

Officials at some of the sites ordered to increase security measures were such as the Stratford Base in Groton and the nuclear plants in Waterford and Haddam — declined comment on the steps they have taken, citing policy.

Illuminate said the Coast Guard is concerned about other potential targets — such as the chemical plants



SAUDI BOUND — Connecticut Gov. Lowell P. Weicker Jr. talks with members of the 142nd Medical Company Sunday at a hangar at Westover Air Force Base. The company was preparing to fly to Europe and then on to Operation Desert Shield. The company is out of New Haven.

Weicker wishes guard unit well

CHICOPEE, Mass. (AP) — Gov. Lowell P. Weicker Jr. told members of Connecticut's first National Guard unit activated for Operation Desert Shield that they embodied the nation's resolve to stand up to the "murder of Saddam Hussein."

Weicker, who as governor is commander of the Connecticut National Guard, flew to Massachusetts Sunday morning to visit members of the 142nd Medical Company as they bid farewell to relatives and friends at Westover Air Force Base. The group left Westover for Saudi Arabia Sunday afternoon.

Weicker delivered a short speech to the group and presented it with the state flag. He told Maj. Ben Hogg, commander of the West Haven-based unit, to bring the flag and the 110 members of the unit back home safely.

"I wish you had you back in Connecticut," Weicker said in a five-minute speech. "But you ought to know we're very proud of what each of you is doing."

Weicker added that the prayers and admiration of Connecticut residents were with the unit.

The 142nd Medical Company was activated in November. The group had been training at Fort Devens in Ayer, Mass., since Nov. 25, said Capt. Bill Morris, a spokesman for the Connecticut National Guard.

Morris said there was some sadness as the group prepared to leave

for the uncertainty of war in the Gulf. But he added that the Governor's visit was comforting.

"The hardest thing they were facing was leaving their loved ones," Morris said. "The governor did a class act. He gave them a lot of comfort."

About 16 members of the group flew out of Westover Saturday night. The medical unit is expected to stop in Europe before heading to Saudi Arabia, Morris said. Their equipment already has been flown to the Gulf. He said.

The group is trained to serve as a medical clearing company, Morris said. They screen casualties from the field, transfer those needing more than 72 hours of hospitalization, and treat the others, he said.

Meanwhile, another group of Connecticut soldiers headed to the Gulf Saturday aboard military transport planes from Westover. They were members of the U.S. Army Reserve 499th Quartermaster Petroleum Company, which is based in New Haven.

The 67 members of the petroleum unit reported to duty Nov. 21 and had been training at Fort Devens. Their assignment is to refuel military vehicles. They are expected to set up a 200-million-gallon fuel station in the soaring Saudi desert.

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Staff-cut meeting tonight

Staff members from Howell Center Regional Technical School are inviting parents to attend a meeting about proposed staff cuts. The meeting is to be held at 7:30 tonight at the school. Staff members are concerned about a proposal to cut 23 teaching positions statewide at regional vocational schools, including two at Cheney.

Depression Anonymous

Depression Anonymous, a support group for the depressed, meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Manchester Community College in the Lower Building, room 205-H. The group follows the 12-step program modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous. No dues or fees are required. For more information, call Ann K. at 289-3745 or Sherry D. at 646-0284.

Pinochle results

The Manchester Senior Pinochle players met at the Army and Navy club on Jan. 10 at 9:30 a.m. Play is open to all senior members. Results were: Mary Twombly, 616; Don Anastasio, 569; Rene Mair, 565; Jess Daley, 559. Pinochle will be played on Jan. 17.

Bridge results

The Manchester AM Bridge players met on Thursday, Jan. 3, Monday, Jan. 7 and Thursday, Jan. 10. Results were respectively: N-S: 1) Ann DeMarin and Faye Lawrence, 2) John Greene and Al Berggren, 3) Roman Solski and Henry Samuelsen; E-W: 1) Mary Willibird and Pat Grigorou, 2) Carol Lucal and Bev Cochran, 3) Barry Campbell and Dale Harned. N-S: 1) Barry Campbell and Terry Daigle, 2) Linda Simmons and Bev Cochran, 3) Jim Baker and Ivy Carlson; E-W: 1) Mollie Timreck and Peg Dunfield, 2) Frankie Brown and Faye Lawrence, 3) Sally Hevessides and Pat Forstrom. N-S: 1) Linda Simmons and Mollie Timreck, 2) Eleanor Berggren and Louise Miller, 3) Terry Daigle and Barry Campbell; E-W: 1) Bev Cochran and Faye Lawrence, 2) Frankie Brown and Peg Dunfield, 3) Dale Harned and Deane McCarthy.

Program of Studies Night

A Program of Studies Night for parents and students who will be attending Manchester High School next year will take place on Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. in the MHS cafeteria. This annual event provides parents with opportunities to talk with members of the faculty about course selections for the 1991-92 school year. Students should plan to attend with their parents.

Smoking cessation program

The "Quit My Way" Smoking Cessation program offered by Manchester Memorial Hospital begins for the new year with a free introductory session on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Hospital. The program runs six weeks and costs \$125. For more information, call HealthSource, MMH's Community Health Education Department at 647-6600 or 643-1223.

Single parenting

Parents Without Partners, Manchester Chapter 4469, has activities just for all of us single parents and our children, regardless of custody. For more information on the chapter, please join us at the "Takeoutville Congregational Church, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Please call 875-7651 or 645-7722 for directions. Children are welcome.

Democratic caucus

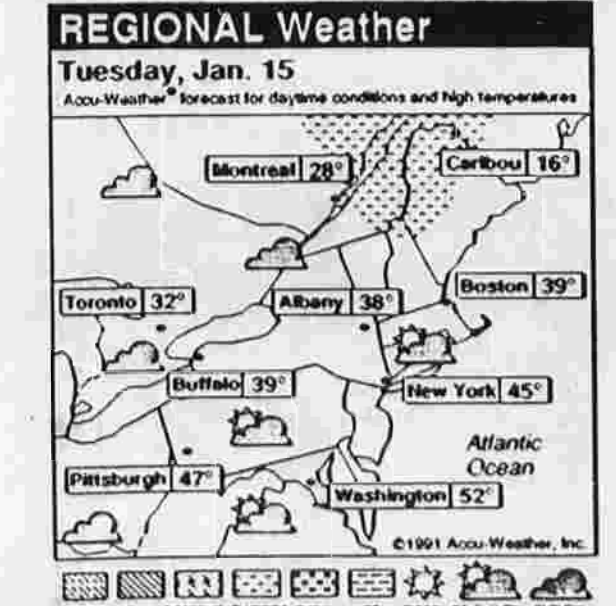
The Andover Democratic Party will hold its caucus on Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Andover Elementary School All Purpose Room (cafeteria). All registered Democrats are requested to attend and to vote for the nominees of their choice. A slate of party candidates will be presented and nominations from the floor will also be accepted. Candidates endorsed by the caucus will run in the Municipal Election in May.

Lottery

Here are the weekend lottery results from around New England:

SATURDAY	
Connecticut	Daily: 1-8-5; Play Four: 8-9-8-8
Massachusetts	Daily: 6-0-4-8; Mass Megabucks: 2-6-18-26-27-34
Northern New England	Pick Three: 4-1-3; Pick Four: 2-4-8-3; Tri-state Megabucks: 19-24-30-34-35-36
SUNDAY	
Connecticut	Daily: 3-2-6; Play Four: 9-4-0-2
Massachusetts	Daily: 6-0-1-3
Rhode Island	Daily: 5-6-8-5

Weather



Old guard meets

The Old Guard will meet on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Emanuel Lutheran Church, 60 Church St. Senior citizen members are welcome.

Parents without partners

An open dance sponsored by Parents Without Partners, Manchester Chapter 4469 will be held Jan. 26 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Ramada Inn, East Windsor. Tickets at the door are \$5 members, \$7 non-members. For more information on the chapter, please call 645-7722 or 875-7651. A special orientation will be held just prior to the dance at 8:30 p.m.

Garden club meeting

The January meeting of the Manchester Garden Club will be held Monday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Baptist Church. The program is entitled: "Fresh Floral Design" presented by Michael Orłowski of Park Hill Joyce Florist. Member design for the month is "Happy New Year."

Weight no more program

Two free introductory sessions for "Weight No More," a skills-oriented approach to weight loss and weight control, are scheduled for Monday, Jan. 14 and Wednesday, Jan. 16 at Manchester Memorial Hospital at 5:30 p.m. The program costs \$189 for 10-sessions and is offered throughout the month. For more information, call the register, call HealthSource at 647-6600 or 643-1223.

Deaths

This town listing of deaths is offered free of charge by the Manchester Herald. Paid announcements of death and Memorials appear under the Death Notices heading.

Manchester

Dorothy Garside Coventry Michael R. Kuchy

Death Notices

Dorothy (Stem) Garside
Dorothy (Stem) Garside, 63, of Manchester, died Friday, January 11, 1991 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. She was born on October 30, 1927 in Union Beach, N.J. and lived in Bolton and has resided in Manchester for the past 25 years. Before her retirement in Oct. 1989, she was Vice President of The Connecticut Bank and Trust Co., Large Currency Transaction Department. She was employed for 20 years and worked at the Manchester, Rockville, Groton, Hartford and East Hartford offices. Mrs. Garside is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Cynthia S. and Carter Harris, and Wendy S. Boney, all of Tolland; three brothers, William Stem of Bolton, Thomas Stem of Manchester, and a brother in New Jersey, four grandchildren, Sean Boney, Jason Boney, Holly Boney, Kira Harris, all of Tolland; and many nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 1 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 41 Park St., Manchester. There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to Rockville Visiting Nurse Community Care Association, 26 Park Street, Rockville, CT. 06066. In charge of funeral home, 400 Main St., Manchester, is Holmes Funeral Home.

Archie A. Kissouth

Archie A. Kissouth, 91 of East Hartford, husband of Helen (Gloede) Kissouth, died Saturday (Jan. 12) at Hartford Hospital. He was born in Narragansett, R.I., and lived in East Hartford for 40 years. He was retired from Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford after working there over 25 years. He was a member of South Congregational Church of Hartford, and was a U.S. Army World War I veteran. Besides his wife, he leaves a sister and brother-in-law, Emma and Harold F. Jones of Hartford; a nephew, Robert F. Jones, an niece, Cecelia Clark, both of East Hartford. Funeral and burial are private. Burial will be in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. There are no calling hours. Rose Hill Funeral Home has charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the South Congregational Church, 277 Main St., Hartford, 06106.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Alice Gagnon, who passed away on January 13, 1985. I think of you in silence and make no outward show. But, how I miss and love you, no one will ever know. To some, you may be forgotten; to others, part of the past; but, to one who loved you dearly, your memory will always last.

Sister, Anne

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Completes basic training
Pvt. Daniel D. Martin, son of Shirley D. and Daniel I. Martin of 53 Lakeview Drive, Coventry, has completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He is a 1990 graduate of Windham Technical Vocational High School in Willimantic.

Partly sunny

The weather tonight in the greater Manchester area partly cloudy, low in the 20s. Light west wind. Tuesday, partly sunny. High around 40. Outlook Wednesday: rain or snow likely. High around 40.

A very weak area of low pressure will move across Northern New England this afternoon and tonight, followed by a weak ridge of high pressure Tuesday.

Cub Scout badges awarded

At the December meeting of the Emanuel Lutheran Church's Cub Scouts Pack 126, 33 various badges were awarded to 21 individual scouts. Those earning the Bobcat Badge were: John Murdoch, Tyler Driscoll, James Mercier, Jason Bartlett, Jason Jones, Brian Edwards, Tom Haley and Michael Shaw.

Jonathan Peterson, Matthew Deiana, Adam Slomcinski and Jeffrey Behrmann were awarded Gold and Silver Arrow Points, and Eric Gilbert received his Wolf Badge along with a Gold Arrow Point.

Those scouts receiving various Webelos Activity Badges were: Chris Eldridge, Keith Ouellette, Matthew Frost, Mark Tasciore & Drew Driscoll.

Camron Beers, Doug Conmit and Scott Hare also received Webelos Activity Badges along with earning a Compass Point.

Telephone storytime

The Bentley Memorial Library, 206 Bolton Center Road, Bolton is offering a Telephone Storytime for children ages 4 to 7. Parents may register their child for one slot during the week of January 14 to 17, Monday through Thursday. Children will receive a special phone call and here a story over the phone. Parents may call the Library at 646-7349 for details of this new program. The library hours are as follows: Monday, Tuesday — 2-8 p.m.; Wednesday — 10-8 p.m.; Closed Friday and Sunday; Saturday — 10-2 p.m.

Current Quotes

"There is no justification for the use of force against peaceful and democratically elected governments. We condemn these actions. Legitimacy is not built by force." — President Bush reacting to the Soviet crackdown in Lithuania.

"They are driving their tanks right at people! They are beating people! They are beating women! — Edwardas Poashinskas, a worker at Lithuanian TV who watched Soviet troops seize broadcast facilities.

Obituaries

Alfrida (Wennerstrom) Tuthill
Alfrida (Wennerstrom) Tuthill, 90, formerly of New State Road, Manchester, died Friday evening, January 11th at a local convalescent home. She was born in Portland, Connecticut on August 14, 1900, and had lived most of her life in Manchester, and a few years in Hartford. She was a graduate of Manchester schools and Cambridge Secretarial School of Hartford, where she taught for over 20 years. Mrs. Tuthill is survived by two nieces, Mrs. Joseph (Barbara) Deganne, and Janet Hewitt, both of Manchester; four nephews; Kenneth Jackson of South Windsor, Donald Jackson and Donald Hewitt, both of Manchester; and Burton Hewitt of Rockville, Vermont. Services will be held Tuesday at 1:00 a.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main Street, Manchester. Burial will take place in the East Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until service time at 11:00 a.m.

Lawrence Welk singer

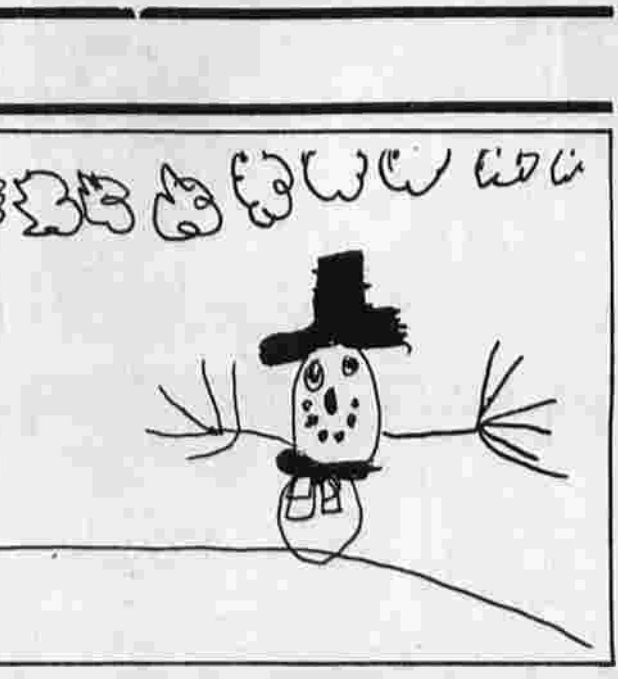
EDINA, Minn. (AP) — Fern F. Bugby, who sang with Lawrence Welk's first orchestra, died Thursday of heart failure at age 87.

Bugby, a former English and music teacher, was 19 when she met the accordion player and bandleader at a radio show through the Dakotas and at small-town dances.

She died at Fairview Southdale Hospital.

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Today's weather picture was drawn by Anna Killian, a first-grader at Bolton Elementary School.

Police Roundup

Drunken plowing charged
MANCHESTER — A Manchester snow plow driver was charged with driving while intoxicated after his truck struck a utility pole knocking it onto a parked car. David G. Moyer, of 74 Cannon Rd. in East Hartford, had turned onto High Street from North Fairfield Street when the accident occurred. Police say Moyer was backing the truck when he struck the pole, causing it to snap and fall on a parked car.

When police arrived, they smelled alcohol on Moyer's breath and performed a sobriety test which Moyer failed. Later tests at police headquarters revealed Moyer's blood alcohol content to be 0.216, more than two times the legal limit.

Moyer was released on a written promise to appear in court.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are scheduled for Monday, Jan. 14, and Tuesday, Jan. 15:

MANCHESTER Monday
Charter Revision Subcommittee, Lincoln Center gold room, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Education, 45 North School St., 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday
8th District Committee, Willis Hall, 7 p.m.
Human Relations Commission, Municipal Building coffee room, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Directors, Lincoln Center hearing room, 7:30 p.m.

BOLTON Monday
Bolton Republican, Herrick Park, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Finance, Center School, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Health, Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Public Building Commission, Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.
COVENTRY Monday
Planning and Zoning Commission, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.
Historical District Study Commission, Coventry High School, 7:30 p.m.

HERBON Monday
RHAM Program, RHAM High School, 7 p.m.

Tuesday
WPCA, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Thoughts

It is said of Jesus, "... who for the joy set before him endured the cross." This brief statement reflects the quality of life lived by the greatest person who ever existed. Why was he so joyful? His circumstances surely were not ideal — no permanent home, no steady income. He was ridiculed by fellow countrymen, accused of a crime never committed, forced to spend his last hours on a splintered cross, gasping for every breath. Yet, he was joyful.

"Jesus," says devotional writer Max Lucado, "emitted a stubborn joy. A joy that refused to bend in the wind of hard times. A joy that held its ground against pain. A joy whose roots extended deep into the bedrock of eternity." Such joy has been described as "sacred rapture."

The remarkable thing is that Jesus promises such delight to those who would be his followers. They are blessed in unusual ways: poor in spirit, mournful, meek, hungry and thirsty, merciful, pure in heart, peace loving and persecuted.

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Divac exploits Rockets' big gap

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Los Angeles Lakers center Vlade Divac felt his season-high 22 points against the Houston Rockets came cheaply because they didn't come against Akeem Olatunji.

James Worley saw it differently, however.

"It's always great to see a player exploit the weaknesses of another team," Worley said after the Lakers beat the Houston Rockets 116-97 Sunday night. "He's always had a tremendous amount of physical talent. It's always been there, and now he's feeling more comfortable and making the plays."

In the only other game Sunday night, Portland beat New Jersey 116-103.

Houston is 2-3 since losing Olatunji, the NBA's rebounding leader, and they won't have him back for at least another eight weeks. He was scheduled to undergo surgery today in Houston to repair an injury to his right eye socket.

"I'm upset because he didn't play," said Divac, who led the Lakers in scoring for the first time this season. "I like playing against Akeem. Their team is very hard to play with or without him in there."

Olatunji held Divac to seven points and six rebounds in 27 minutes of the Lakers' 108-103 overtime loss Nov. 15 at Houston in their only other meeting this season. But this time, against Larry Smith, Divac had 11 rebounds and shot 9-for-11 in 38 minutes.

"He played well and did everything we told him to do," teammate Byron Scott said. "He hit the boards and ran the floor well, and took advantage of his height and quickness on offense."

"It's still early in his career and he's improving, but he's got to be more consistent. Some games he comes ready to play and some games he doesn't. If he plays every night the way he did tonight, we'll be in good shape."

The Rockets outscored Los Angeles 12-0 after Magic Johnson went out for Larry Drew with 1:59 left in the third quarter. Thorpe's slam dunk with 10:50 to play followed a short hook by David Wood and a slam dunk by Kenneth Winchester and sliced the Rockets' 18-point margin to 82-76.

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ing. Houston never got closer than 13 points after that as Johnson finished with 17 points, 16 assists and nine rebounds.

Trail Blazers 116, Nets 103: Buck Williams scored 24 points, snagged 10 rebounds, started a first-quarter spurt and shut down Derrick Coleman as Portland sent New Jersey to its 10th straight loss.

The Trail Blazers, the NBA's winningest team, stopped a two-game skid. They have not lost three in a row this season.

Terry Porter had 26 points and 10 assists and Kevin Duckworth scored 22 points for Portland. Williams, formerly with the Nets, scored six points during a 12-0 run as the Trail Blazers overcame a 63-62 deficit midway through the third period.

Mookie Blaylock led the Nets with 23 points and 12 assists and Reggie Theus scored 22. Coleman, the top pick in last year's draft, had 13 points and only four rebounds before fouling out.

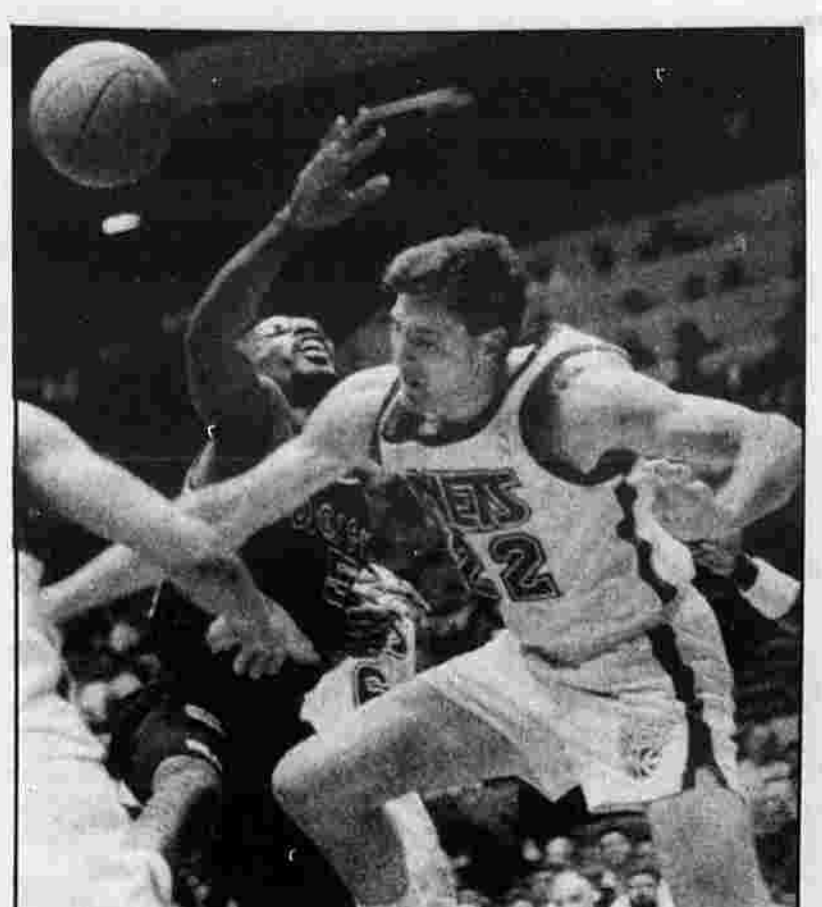
Portland all-star guard Clyde Drexler got two technical fouls from referee Jess Kersey and was ejected with 4:11 left in the game. Drexler got the first technical while running upcourt and got another when he continued to argue.

NBA Roundup

defense because he clogs up the middle, blocks shots, serves as an intimidator and helps us on our fast break. And we love his rebounding."

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CONTACT — Portland forward Buck Williams loses the ball as he collides with New Jersey's Chris Dudley in the first half of Sunday's game at the Meadowlands Arena. The Trail Blazers won, 116-103.

UConn

6-11 junior Robert Werdann (12 rebounds, 12 points).

"Werdann was truly a warrior in the paint," Calhoun said. "He just did the job he had to do."

The biggest lead for St. John's was 14 (60-46) before a 7-0 Husky run made it 60-53 with 2:22 remaining. But Sealy, Buchanan and Werdann helped close out the Huskies from the free throw line.

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HUSKY NOTES: UConn dedicated the Gampel Pavilion on Jan. 27, 1990, opening with a 72-58 win over the Redmen. Carmichael didn't put a lot of credence in handing UConn's first loss in Gampel after nine wins. "We only will really care five years from now," he said.

Calhoun was far from enamored by the officiating crew of Mickey Crowley, Bob Donato and Jim Howell. "Malik Sealy is a great basketball player. But if Chris Smith is a scorer then he's a scorer and he's not going to (win) a lot of games. That was awful," he said. Calhoun felt Smith should have had 25 foul shots. He was 1-of-2 from the foul line.

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Anderson ably carried the full burden yesterday, rushing 21 times for 80 yards.

Thanks to Anderson, Hostetler and a dominant offensive line, the Redskins put an end to the Bears' run for 38 of the game's 60 minutes. They ran 68 plays to the Bears' 52.

In the last two games, we had eight cylinders and were hitting on maybe seven," Hostetler said. "When you do that, you're not going to get a lot of things done. Today, everything was working."

The one play that stood out above the rest came on the opening series of the second quarter. Facing fourth-and-six on Chicago's 35, Hostetler dropped back, eluded the rush of defensive end Trace Armstrong and need to the outside. William "Refrigerator" Perry, the Bears 325-pound tackle, gave chase, but Hostetler beat him to the corner, gaining nine yards and a first down.

"That was a lot of human being chasing me there," Hostetler cracked.

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NFL's Final Four in place for championships

By The Associated Press

Finally, pro football's Final Four is just the way it should be.

For the first time since the AFL-NFL merger in 1970, the four teams with the best records during the regular season are the last four left.

No wild cards, no wildness. No surprises, either.

"They've said all year that the road to the Super Bowl goes through Buffalo," Los Angeles Raiders coach Art Shell said after Sunday's 20-10 victory over Cincinnati. "We're just happy to be taking that path."

The Raiders will show up in Buffalo, snow or not, on Sunday for the

APC championship. Then the New York Giants will play in San Francisco for the NFC title.

These teams have already met. The Bills overcame a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter and beat

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Kelly doesn't miss a step in triumphant return

By JOHN F. BONFATTI
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ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Hobbling onto the team bus after injuring his knee Dec. 15 against the New York Giants, Jim Kelly turned to Marv Levy and said, "I might miss Wednesday's practice."

Both men knew the reality. The ligament and cartilage damage in Kelly's left knee could very possibly signal the end of the season for the NFL's top-rated passer.

But Kelly's statement to Levy demonstrated to the Buffalo Bills coach one of Kelly's most dominant character traits — competitiveness.

"He's like the pitcher in baseball who wants the ball," Levy said Sunday after Kelly returned to the Bills lineup to guide Buffalo into the AFC Championship game against the Los Angeles Raiders. Buffalo beat Miami 44-34 on Saturday.

Kelly wanted the ball against the Dolphins and the results were impressive considering he hadn't played in a month: 19 of 29 for 339 yards and three touchdowns, and five rushes for 37 yards.



TRIUMPHANT RETURN — Buffalo quarterback Jim Kelly, who had not played for four weeks, signals No. 1 after tossing a touchdown pass during Saturday's AFC divisional playoff game against Miami at Rich Stadium in Orchard Park, N.Y. The Bills won, 44-34.

Hampton swan song ends at Meadowlands

By TOM CANAVAN
The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Dan Hampton isn't capping his NFL career with either a trip to Disneyland or a Disney-type ending.

No, the end for Dan Hampton came on a cold, windy afternoon playing in a stadium he doesn't like, near a city he cares for even less and by a score — 31-3 — that he liked least of all.

"I have no tears and no regrets," Hampton said Sunday after his 12-year career with the Bears by crushing Chicago in the NFC semifinal at Giants Stadium.

"I did all I could," said the off-injured Hampton, who is retiring. "I poured it all out. Now the bottle is empty."

If there was any disappointment for Hampton, it came in the closing minutes with New York ahead 24-3.

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Defense

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The win, coupled with No. 19 Providence's 97-92 home loss to St. John's, leaves Connecticut alone atop the Big East. UConn meets Providence for the first time this year Jan. 23 in Storrs.

Ston Hall (1-3, 11-4), with a decided height advantage, gave UConn problems for a half. "The first half we didn't shoot the ball that well," understated Husky guard Wendy Davis (17 points) of UConn's 10-for-36, 28 percent, performance. "They came out at us and we were a little apprehensive."

Still, UConn led at the half, 31-27, thanks to a closing 8-0 run. "He didn't really yell (at half-time)," senior guard Laura Lishness (career-high 25 points, school-record tying 13 assists) said of Auriemma. "He said we had to pick it up defensively. It was the worst we've played in awhile."

"We were up by four and so there's not a whole lot for me to be upset about," Auriemma said. "I felt we weren't aggressive enough on offense. We talked about how we wanted to guard them and about our offense."

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