

SCOREBOARD

Basketball

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EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Boston	29	6	.829
Philadelphia	14	21	.400
Washington	18	15	.545
New York	14	19	.423
New Jersey	10	24	.294
Miami	9	25	.265
Central Division			
Chicago	20	11	.646
Detroit	20	11	.646
Minnesota	15	16	.484
Atlanta	10	21	.323
Charlotte	11	20	.353
Cleveland	10	20	.333
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Midwest Division			
San Antonio	11	19	.364
Utah	24	6	.800
Phoenix	12	18	.400
Portland	12	18	.400
Denver	10	20	.333
Pacific Division			
Phoenix	23	11	.676
Los Angeles	18	16	.529
Golden State	18	16	.529
LA Clippers	13	21	.386
Sacramento	12	22	.353

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Chicago 110, Milwaukee 87	LA Clippers 135, Houston 126
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Heading for Gulf War: A Special Report

Saddam takes direct military control

By DILIP GANGULY
The Associated Press

BAHGDAD, Iraq — Saddam Hussein showed no signs of backing down today, taking direct command of the army after telling his troops in a radio broadcast that the country is ready to fight.

In an editorial, the authoritative army newspaper al-Qadisiya proclaimed Saddam's troops poised for "the most honorable war in history," as the U.N. deadline expired for Iraq to pull out of Kuwait.

"President Saddam Hussein will from now on direct the battle, but he will be assisted by his commanders," National Assembly Speaker Sadi Mehdi Saleh said in an interview.

Saddam holds the rank of field marshal and routinely controls Iraq's highly centralized military machine even in peacetime so Saleh's announcement appeared intended for the psychological effect as the country moved to a war footing.

Saleh also reiterated that Iraq would use chemical weapons if attacked, and added Baghdad expects an attack from Israel if war breaks out.

The speaker said Iraq is still ready for talks with the United States if President Bush withdraws his forces

from the area: "Bush will not lose anything if he agrees to talk instead of going to war."

Shortly before the U.N. deadline passed this morning for Iraq to pull out of Kuwait or face possible attack, Saddam told his forces over Baghdad radio that Iraq is ready to take on the U.S.-led multinational force.

"This will not be a picnic war for the Americans," said a Popular Army volunteer as he climbed aboard a four-wheeled patrol vehicle.

"When a nation believes that slavery and oppression are dictating the course of its future, it must join hands in the defense of its dignity and sovereignty... Only then will it be able to raise their heads high."

"Anyone new coming to Baghdad to stop war?" asked an Iraqi hotel staffer in Baghdad's al-Rashed Hotel, which lodged the foreign political leaders who flocked to the city in recent weeks to urge Saddam to pull out of

Kuwait.

The city woke up today to a heavy fog that reduced visibility to 20 feet.

Soldiers stood behind anti-aircraft batteries atop tall buildings as thousands of Popular Army militia roamed city streets armed with AK-47 rifles.

"The time for battle has come. There is no place for false threats and unjust arrogances. The Iraqi people will fight to end the black era in the history of the Arabs and humanity by extracting the canine teeth of the American beast," the editorial said.

In another editorial, the Baghdad Observer attacked Bush and called the United States "the No. 1 Bully who has a long history of aggression against Cuba, Grenada, Panama, Indochina and other parts of our globe."

"A military victory isn't going to mean that things are going to work

politically for us," said Jeffrey Lefebvre, an associate professor of political science at the University of Connecticut.

There is the potential for a repeat of the aftermath of two past conflicts in the Middle East, Lefebvre said. Following the 1956 Suez crisis, there was a tremendous instability in the region that led to the downfall of several governments.

"The result of a war will be a big mess in the Middle East for years and years to come," Daultel said.

U.S.-Israeli relations could also be "shaken to the core" whether or not there is a war, both professors said. Any settlement, be it before the shooting starts or after, will have to

U.S. could damage self with shooting war

By BRIAN M. TROTTA
Manchester Herald

If the U.S. begins a war in the Middle East, it could be shooting itself in the foot, limiting its political self to the region once the shooting stops, according to several local experts on the U.S. foreign policy and the Middle East.

Relations with both the Arab world and the Israelis would be seriously damaged for many years to come by military action.

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Operation Desert Shield future costs uncertain

By FINLAY LEWIS
Copley News Service

WASHINGTON — Along with their armed forces, American taxpayers are embarking on uncertain terrain as opposing allied and Iraqi armies await the start of a possible full scale war in the Persian Gulf.

According to recent Bush Administration estimates, the deployment of more than 400,000 American servicemen to the Gulf has cost about \$10 billion through Dec. 31, with about 80 percent of that amount — \$8 billion — recoverable through contributions and pledges from allies in support of Operation Desert Shield.

However, projections of future costs remain highly uncertain, in large part because actual outlays hinge on the future course of an unpredictable crisis in which hopes for peace have been increasingly obscured by preparations for war.

If Monday's midnight deadline for Iraq's peaceful withdrawal from Kuwait ushers in a genuine relaxation of tensions, the potential costs of the U.S. share of Desert Shield could amount to \$30 billion for the current fiscal year, according to a recent General Accounting Office (GAO) estimate.

An administration official disputed that estimate on Tuesday, calling it "way too high," while a congressional military affairs expert said, "The shorter answer is, nobody knows."

Lawrence J. Korb, a former assistant secretary of defense for manpower, for example, told the House Budget Committee earlier this month that the cost for the current fiscal year that started on Oct. 1 could amount to \$2.5 billion.

However, if war erupts, cost estimates skyrocket

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France committed to battle

PARIS (AP) — President Francois Mitterrand said today that the use of armed force to drive Iraq out of Kuwait was now legitimate and it would not help in a military strike.

In a message addressed to a special session of Parliament to culminate in a vote on French military engagement, Mitterrand said he would order the use of military force, when the time came, so that

U.N. resolutions be respected.

"The hour has come for us... to apply the principles we stand for," the president said in a written message to lawmakers.

Saddam Hussein "has not said one word that would have changed my mind," Mitterrand said earlier at a Cabinet meeting before the parliamentary session.

Parliamentary approval endorsing the commitment of French forces to

involve the Palestinian problem.

The Bush Administration has steadfastly refused to link any resolution of the Gulf conflict with the Palestinian situation because the president does not want Hussein to take the credit for solving the problem, Lefebvre said.

"The root of the problem is the rage that the Iraqi people feel because of the double standard that the U.S. imposes on the Arabs," Daultel said.

"Why for 42 years has there been no demand for justice for the Palestinians and now the U.S. demands immediate justice for Kuwait?"

In addition to the political problems that a war could cause, there could also be serious economic consequences.

"A war will wound and collapse the American economy," Daultel said. "A full-scale war will cost a couple of billion dollars a day. Where will that come from?"

The potential economic consequences of a war, which Daultel said could include a depression, are the reasons why the German and the Japanese governments have been staying out of the conflict.

The professors agreed that there is still a chance for peace, but the tone of the rhetoric from President Bush has limited U.S. options. "When you put Saddam Hussein down, he is willing to sacrifice his entire country to save face," she said.

Equating Hussein with Hitler, as President Bush has done, is a "gross exaggeration" of reality, Daultel said.

Lefebvre said the situation is now similar to the war between Iran and Iraq, where the two leaders' personalities fueled the war for more than eight years. "Saddam Hussein and Ayatollah Khomeini despised each other," he said.



PAST THE DEADLINE — The "news ribbon" on the side of the One Times Square building in New York City spells out the situation as the midnight United Nations deadline passed with no changes on the diplomatic front.

Pizza: a crisis indicator

SPRINGFIELD, Va. (AP) — For a quick read on the state of world affairs, one need only look at pizza deliveries to the Pentagon, the White House and the CIA.

"The news media doesn't always know when something big is going to happen because they're in bed, but our deliveries are out there at 2 in the morning," said Frank Meeks, owner of the 43 Domino's outlets in the Washington area.

Since Jan. 7, late-night deliveries to the Pentagon have increased steadily, from three to 20 Sunday night, he said. At the White House, 28 pizzas were delivered Sunday between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m., Meeks said.

Meeks said the demand for pizzas coincided with the build-up in tensions as the deadline approached for Iraqi troops to withdraw from

buildings soared.

The one-night record for late-night deliveries at the CIA — 21 pizzas — was set Aug. 1, the night before Iraq invaded Kuwait, Meeks said. However, deliveries after 10 p.m. have dropped since Jan. 9, when they reached 15.

He said he has traced the trend through the invasions of Panama and Grenada, the fall of Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippines and previous Persian Gulf crises. In every case, pizza orders to the three government

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Schools shut, Israel gov't urges calm

By SERGEI SHARGORODSKY
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The government closed all grammar schools and high schools in Israel and the occupied territories today to keep children close to home in case of an attack by Iraq.

Officials urged calm as the U.N. deadline passed for Iraq to get out of Kuwait or face a military strike by the U.S.-dominated multinational force in the Persian Gulf.

Iraq has said that if it is attacked by the allied forces, Israel will be its first target.

Maj. Gen. Avihu Bin-Nun, Israel's air force commander, said on Tuesday that U.S. forces were not coordinating with the Israeli military, but that he expected "complete coordination" should Israel enter a Gulf war.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said on Israel radio today that the Jewish state would take "harsh and aggressive steps" if it attacked.

Foreign Minister David Levy told army radio that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein represented "terror with no balance."

"What is the national interest? It is the destruction of his arsenal," he said.

The Defense and Education Ministries ordered all schools except universities closed until Sunday. An army spokesman called the action "an additional means of security for the Israeli population."

Parents have expressed fears that if Iraq attacked with chemical weapons, children in school might be caught without their gas masks.

The army announcement urged youngsters to "stay close to home."

"Don't panic," Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer said in an announcement broadcast on state-owned radio.

Jordan braces for war

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Jordanians stayed close to radios today, fearing the country could be engulfed in war at any time following the expiration of the U.N. deadline for Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait.

Anxiety was heightened following the partial call-up of the 100,000

The army also ordered a curfew on the occupied Gaza Strip and widespread areas in the occupied West Bank, apparently to make it easier to control the 1.7 million Palestinians of the occupied territories.

Many people stayed home today in Israel, and streets in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv were unusually quiet.

Newspaper headlines reflected fears that Israel could be a target.

"The 'Fateful Hour'" said the daily Maariv above a story telling people what to do if emergency sirens go off.

Most Israelis have been given gas masks, and the government has urged them to seal at least one room in case of a chemical weapons attack.

The national television broadcast chemical defense instructions that also included a Russian translation for the nearly 200,000 Soviet Jews who arrived in the country in 1990.

Under a Supreme Court ruling, the army began distributing gas masks on Tuesday to Palestinians in the West Bank. It had argued the Palestinians were an unlikely target for Iraq, but the court ruled that Israel, as the occupying power, must protect the territories.

The army so far has only about 170,000 masks for residents of the occupied lands, and most were given to employees of the military government in the territories and Arab emergency service workers.

The United States has urged Israel to exercise restraint in the event of an attack on the Jewish state.

Israel on Tuesday stressed its ability to retaliate for any strike.

"If we are attacked we will respond. I do not want to describe how we will respond but we will respond," Defense Minister Moshe Arens said.

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FRIENDS — Sgt. Rachel Forehand of Brooklyn, N.Y., rests her head on a stuffed bear as the U.N. deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait approached Wednesday morning. She's a nurse with the 28th Combat Support Hospital.

Major oil facility damage unlikely

By DIRK BEVERIDGE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Iraqis fighting to keep Kuwait could take aim at the machinery used to extract, refine and ship oil abroad, but industry experts don't expect any lasting damage.

They point to the Iraq-Iran war of the 1980s, when neither side could deliver a knockout blow, or even a very good punch, to the other's oil business.

"Although Saddam Hussein threatens to put the Persian Gulf on fire, he couldn't do it for eight years," said Christian Gohler, an oil broker with Merrill Lynch Energy Futures.

The Iraqis may be able to sabotage Kuwaiti facilities seized in the August invasion, but this time Saddam is up against a considerably

more formidable foe that should be able to protect vital Saudi oil installations, analysts said Tuesday.

Still, an Iraqi attack on Saudi oil facilities could turn out to be more effective than some have predicted.

"You never know what kind of weapons these people have," said Peter Beutel, an oil analyst with Pegasus Econometric Group Inc. in Hoboken, N.J. "They could make life tough for a while."

The oil fields themselves are safe, thousands of feet below the Earth's surface. And damaging Saudi oil facilities on the ground would be difficult, said John Lichtblau, president of the Petroleum Industry Research Foundation.

"Oil wells are not all that big," Lichtblau said. "To target your missile on an oil well, that kind of precision, I don't think anybody has. Oil wells cannot be easily damaged.

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New studies threaten theory of universe evolution

By PAUL REICER
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A survey of the heavens by an international X-ray satellite discovered large clusters of galaxies that cast new doubt on a basic theory of how the universe evolved.

At a meeting of the American Astronomical Society on Tuesday, scientists reported that instruments on the Rosat satellite found vast arrays of galaxies about 10 billion light years away.

Since such great distances in space can also be a measure of time, the finding places the clusters at a point only a few billion years later than the "big bang" that many theorists say started the universe.

Rosat scientist Gunter Hasinger of the Max Planck Institute in Germany said the satellite detected "what may be the first glimpse of the structure of the universe" at such an early point.

He said the satellite detected X-rays streaming from quasars at the center of great galaxy groupings.

"The quasars may not be distributed randomly, but are in structures," Hasinger said. "The mere existence of such structures (at this distance) is not compatible to some theories."

Discovery of the quasar groups adds to earlier findings of immense clusters of galaxies, each with billions of stars, including one structure called the "great wall" that extends about 500 million light years across.

Additionally, the journal Nature reported last week that the Infrared Astronomy Satellite has found super-clusters on a very large scale.

Scientists attending the astronomical society meeting said the discovery of structures doesn't destroy the big-bang theory, but it creates great difficulties for sub-theories that have developed to support the big bang.

First published in 1927, the big-bang theory posits that the universe began when a superdense conglomerate

exploded some 10 to 20 billion years ago. Since that instant, all matter has been expanding in all directions, like shrapnel from an exploded bomb.

Although many observations have supported the basic big-bang theory, scientists have yet to reach a consensus on how matter expanding from the bang was able to clump together and form stars, galaxies, clusters and vast groupings such as the great wall.

To explain the stellar formers, scientists developed what is called the cold, dark matter theory. This holds that 90 percent or more of the universe is dark matter that can't be seen, but which is believed to exist because of its dynamic effects on galaxies.

The dark matter, the theory holds, would provide the gravitational energy that would cause stellar bodies to form.

But experts now say the theory does not account for the immense galaxy clusters that now are being found

within a few billion years after the big bang. Some say there may not have been time for such large structures to form, and that a mechanism other than cold, dark matter is needed to explain it.

Scientists at the meeting agreed that the cold, dark matter theory "is in trouble" but say it may be revised and yet endure.

Alan Dressler, a cosmologist at the Carnegie Institute in California, said that discovery of structures alone does not kill the theory.

"Just the formation of clusters does not contradict it. It depends on how much (is formed)," he said. "They do have time to grow into the structures" that have been so far discovered.

Paul Steinhardt of the University of Pennsylvania said the cold, dark matter theory has stood up well by a number of measures and that corollaries may be found that will strengthen it.

Uncertainty keeps Baltics on the edge

VILNIUS, U.S.S.R. (AP) — A funeral procession carried the 10 victims of a Soviet military assault through the streets of Vilnius today, and there were fears of a widening crackdown on the secessionist Baltic republics.

Tough rhetoric from Moscow hard-liners and pro-Kremlin rallies in Baltic capitals had separatist supporters fortifying buildings and preparing for attack.

Lithuania is first, then Estonia and Latvia and then the rest of that huge country, Lithuania's foreign minister, Algirdas Saudargas, said in London, where he will form an exile government if the republic's independence movement is crushed.

Some Baltic leaders, however, predicted Moscow would not try to repeat the tactics that left at least 14 people dead and 230 injured in Lithuania on Sunday in a military takeover of the republic's broadcast center.

"The most dangerous moment is past," Latvian Prime Minister Ivars Godmanis said Tuesday.

For the second day in a row at the Supreme Soviet legislature in Moscow, President Mikhail S. Gorbachev defended his policies in the Baltic republics that led to the death of crackdown in Lithuania.

He criticized political rival Boris Yeltsin, president of the Russian republic, Yeltsin has tried to rally opposition to the Kremlin's strong-arm tactics in trying to hold on to the Baltics, which Stalin annexed in 1940.

Yeltsin appealed to Russian soldiers to disobey any orders to attack peaceful civilians and suggested that his republic form its own police force and army units.

Gorbachev also differed with military hardliners who demanded even harsher measures against the Baltics, noting that independence activists were well-armed and that an army offensive could begin "a slaughter."

Early today, organ dirges blared from loudspeakers outside Lithuania's parliament, which is barricaded to protect against a feared attack. Soviet troops seized at least seven key buildings in the republic over the weekend.

Church bells pealed and thousands of mourners bowed their heads in silent tribute as a funeral procession carrying the nine men and one woman wound through the streets of Vilnius. Their open caskets were put on display Monday.

The other four known killed in the military crackdown are being buried separately.

The Soviet military commandant installed in Vilnius on Sunday apparently suspended the 10 p.m.-6 a.m. curfew today to allow the march.

Makeshift shrines have sprung up where the dead fell. Near the hilltop television transmitter stood for Soviets on Sunday, mourners knelt before the smashed fender of a car and adorned it with flowers and candles.

Cartel leader surrenders; no extradition

By STEVEN GUTKIN
The Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia — A second major figure in the powerful Medellin cocaine cartel has chosen to face justice in exchange for the government's promise not to allow extradition to the United States, U.S. officials said.

The surrender of Jorge Luis Ochoa on Tuesday and his brother's arrest last month have topped the cartel of two of its top leaders, authorities said.

President Cesar Gaviria offered the partial amnesty to end a bloody confrontation between the drug dealers and the government that has left at least 550 people dead.

Ochoa, 41, reportedly the No. 2 man in the cartel, turned himself in at Caidas, 10 miles south of Medellin. He was jailed in the Medellin suburb of Itagi, court officials said.

He could face up to 30 years in prison, but authorities have promised to be lenient with dealers who turn themselves in.

"I turned myself in because I believe in justice and the Colombian government," local television



DEFACED GORBACHEV — Angry Lithuanians have pinned their Soviet passports on the railings in which a poster of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev was posted Tuesday at the Parliament.

Subway graffiti makes comeback

By RICK HAMPSON
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — "We've come back, so you come back!" proclaimed for the subway system. And, less than two years after it was pronounced dead, graffiti seems to be coming back, too.

"You're seeing a lot of 'Dick Loves Mary' kind of stuff, or a kid on the way home from school writing his 'tag' on a wall," Lt. John Romero of the transit police vandalism squad said this week.

Subway car graffiti "hits" doubled in 1990 to 46,000, according to Dick Goodlane, the Transit Authority's chief mechanical officer. Transit police made 372 arrests for graffiti writing in the first 11 months last year, compared with 160 in 1989.

Last week after a series of major hits forced several cars out of service at rush hour, the TA's anti-graffiti task force met for the first time in 18 months.

"Everyone agreed it's getting worse," Goodlane said. "But no one was sure why."

If the TA has lost ground since May 12, 1989, when it ceremoniously retired the last graffiti-covered car, it still has come a long way from the days when hundreds of youths regularly spray-painted the system's 6,000 cars, usually while the cars were at train yards.

"Our major hits are not what they used to be," Romero said. He estimated that only two dozen writers still attempt "major pieces."

When graffiti first appeared around 1970, some welcomed it as a vital new art form, and teen-age writers with tags such as TAKI 183 became folk heroes. There was an art gallery, where his work fetched thousands of dollars.

Former enemies heal together

BOACO, Nicaragua (AP) — Former combatants from both sides of Nicaragua's nine-year civil war are learning to live and heal together at a rehab center, training for a job in a hard-won peace.

The Ernesto Che Guevara Rehabilitation Center, in the cool, lush hills outside Boaco, 56 miles northeast of Managua, is the only one in the country where former fighters from Sandinistas and the Contra rebels are together.

About 45 ex-combatants are involved in the government-funded experiment that began in November, seven months after the conservative administration of President Violeta Chamorro succeeded the leftist Sandinistas and negotiated an end to the fighting.

There was more than a bit of apprehension from the beginning of the program that some of the ex-fighters might want to settle old scores.

"At first we had to sleep with them, because we were afraid there would be clashes," said Maria Cristina Dominguez Montes, the center's director.

"It has cost us quite an effort and many moments of tension. But finally, they are learning to live together," she said.

Five Contras and six Sandinistas live at the center in an airy, spartan warehouse-like building. Their homes are too far to commute. The rest live in Boaco or nearby.

Teacher Ovidio Ortiz, who helped design the program, said the rules were set early: No weapons, and anybody caught stealing, lying, fighting or showing disrespect for the staff is out.

The former fighters chose among courses in carpentry, appliance repair or metal work. Courses end April 19.

In the beginning, the Contra boys would taunt the Sandinistas; they would challenge each other to fights and threaten each other," said Ms. Ortiz.

"But we called them together and told them that the common objective was to study and learn a trade. Now they have become friends."

Some found they have met before.

Nestor Suarez, 20, a former Contra fighter, and Carlos Alfaro, 22, who fought for the Sandinistas, were in the same battle in the fall of 1987. Both are recovering from leg wounds.

Alfaro was wounded in three places during his 15 months as a Sandinista soldier. When it is damp, his ankle becomes so painful he cannot walk.

"I remember it well," says Suarez. "I have to accept they beat us that time. But they had an army; we were guerrillas. We had to hit and run."

Now Alfaro takes Suarez out to the movies on weekends in Boaco. Alfaro can do that because the government pays him a \$15 monthly pension as a wounded veteran.

Peru prison inmates face hunger, diseases, murder

(AP) LIMA, Peru — Guards armed with machine guns patrol the gray perimeter wall of Lurigancho prison but rarely venture inside, where incarcerated inmates in rags spend their days picking through garbage for food.

The prisoners who populate the prison's brown, barren grounds are too violent and too diseased, the guards say.

Many are dying from tuberculosis.

Conditions in Lurigancho have always been notoriously bad. Then President Alberto Fujimori slashed government spending, and life became more tenuous.

Five of the prisoners in Lurigancho haven't even been convicted of a crime. Eight of 10 people in Lurigancho are still awaiting trial and some have been waiting as long as eight years.

Others completed their sentences long ago but have not been released.

Lurigancho is sometimes seen "as a Nazi-like problem, something like the final solution ... for the poor," said Carlos Caparo Madrid, former director of the National Penitentiary Institute, the agency that runs the prison.

Many of the inmates are held, and often call the prison a concentration camp.

Lurigancho, built to hold 2,800 prisoners, has about 5,500 inmates but no one knows the exact number.

An average of two prisoners a day die from violence or sickness, especially tuberculosis.

"It's terrible here. You can get credit on as many drugs as you want. But there's no medicine. There's no food. All there is are guns, bullets and drugs," said Charles Weclon, 43.

Weclon, a British citizen, has served six years of a 10-year sentence for cocaine possession. He lives in Pavilion 7, the cell block where about 30 foreigners are kept.

Lacking beds, many prisoners sleep in the open. By day, they squat in garbage piles looking for food, or hunch over small fires cooking in tin cans and worn pots. Most of the hundreds of dogs, cats and rats that once roamed Lurigancho have been eaten.

Critics of Peru's troubled, overcrowded penal system say lasting change will occur only if the system gets enough money to upgrade its every aspect.

But Peru is struggling with its worst economic crisis this century, and relief seems distant.

At one point, the daily budget to feed a Lurigancho prisoner fell below 10 cents per prisoner. Thousands of prisoners went on a hunger strike, forgoing the one bowl of this gruel the government offered. Nothing changed.

Inmates are allowed to receive food from family members and friends, but much of the food is stolen by other prisoners or the guards.

Guards, who make about \$100 a month, also sell food. Prisoners say bribes and kickbacks are common at every step.

Drug use is rampant. The most common drug used by the prisoners is "pasta basica," semi-refined cocaine that's rolled with tobacco and smoked.

"The only thing that keeps the prison more or less peaceful is the pasta basica," says the Rev. Hubert Lansiers, a Belgian priest who has been working with prisoners for 15 years. "It makes them sleep, and puts them in a constant dream of resignation."

Even so, the prison is not peaceful. Many inmates carry long knives made of metal bed slats. Fights often claim inmate lives.

Dentist gave AIDS to three

MIAMI (AP) — A young woman who caught AIDS from her dentist says genetic tests believe two other patients were infected the same way.

A report from the Centers for Disease Control says genetic tests indicate a 99.4 percent probability that Dr. David Acer infected three patients, a 22-year-old Kimberly Bergalis.

The CDC announced in August that Bergalis was believed to be the first person to contract AIDS from a health-care worker.

She read a final draft of the CDC report with her lawyers Tuesday after being shown the document by Florida's Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services. The CDC is expected to publish the report on Friday.

"Now they finally believe me, but where were they when I was standing by myself?" she asked. "Whether they apologize or not, it's still not going to change the fact that what happened to me could have been prevented."

CDC spokesman Kent Taylor declined to comment on the report.

Details of the CDC's conclusions were first reported Friday in the Los Angeles Times.

The CDC report identified the two other infected patients as an elderly woman married for 20 years and a young man, and said all three patients had no other risk factors for the disease, said Bergalis' attorney, Robert Montgomery.

Man sentenced to prison, caning

By HARI S. MANIAM
The Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — A U.S. citizen who had faced a possible death penalty on a drug trafficking charge was sentenced today to five years in prison and 10 strokes with a cane for possession of marijuana.

Kerry Lane Wiley, 38, of Sacramento, Calif., was very upset with the decision and planned to appeal to the Supreme Court, said his lawyer, Muhammad Shafee Abdullah.

Deputy Public Prosecutor Abdul Alim Abdullah also planned to appeal. He said that Wiley should be given the maximum sentence for possession of marijuana — a life in prison and 20 strokes with a cane.

High Court Judge Shaik Daud Iman said he found no evidence the 9.3 ounces of marijuana Wiley was charged with trafficking had been for sale. Malaysian law requires that convicted drug traffickers be sentenced to death.



BOMB SCARE — New York City police block off part of 47th Street as they prepare to send a bomb robot into the back of a building after receiving a bomb threat late Tuesday night. There were several bomb threats in the New York area.

Bush officials say recession will be short

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush reviewed the state of the economy on Tuesday with his top economic advisers and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan. Afterwards, the administration again voiced a belief that the recession will be a short one.

In addition to the overall health of the economy, the discussion covered the problems facing the nation's banking system, presidential spokesman Martin Fitzwater said.

While many economists believe the economy contracted at a sharp annual rate of about 4 percent in the final three months of the year, Fitzwater said the administration did not expect the contraction in the January-March quarter to be "quite as bad."

"We in the administration feel that the recession will be relatively short-lived, but nevertheless we are going to be in a significant slowdown for a number of months," Fitzwater said.

On Capitol Hill, the Congressional Budget Office planned to report Thursday that the economy contracted by 2.3 percent in the final quarter of 1990 and will shrink by a projected 1.8 percent in the first three months of this year, an official who asked not to be identified said Tuesday.

But the CBO was projecting the economy to rebound quickly, growing by 0.8 percent in the second quarter of 1991 and by more than that thereafter, the official said.

In addition to Greenspan, the meeting with Bush was attended by Comptroller of the Currency Robert Clarke and by Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady and Michael Boskin, chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisers.

Fitzwater conceded the banking system was "feeling a number of strains" including a so-called credit crunch, the term used to describe a slowdown in lending as bankers grow more cautious because of increased regulatory oversight in the wake of the saving and loan crisis.

The administration has raised objections before that regulatory oversight was chocking off legitimate business loans.

But Greenspan and Clarke have both contended the lending slowdown reflects current weak loan demand rather than overcautious bank examiners.

Fitzwater refused to discuss reports that Taiwan, one of the world's largest holders of foreign currency reserves, has reduced its holdings in U.S. commercial banks because of concerns that a Persian Gulf war could exacerbate a recession and banking problems in the United States.

But Fitzwater did say the administration believed the banking system is "basically strong. It's safe for depositors and we encourage people to have full confidence in our banking system."

Bush has said his top domestic priority in 1991 will be an overhaul of the laws governing the banking system. The proposals will seek to bolster the federal deposit insurance system, which is under strain because of the large number of bank failures, while aiming to make U.S. financial institutions more efficient and better able to compete internationally.

Bush is scheduled to address the banking legislation as part of his State of the Union address on Jan. 29.

'Ezer' tax form coming

By JIM LUTHER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A year from now as many as 20 million Americans may be able to file their federal tax returns without making a single mathematical calculation.

About 3,000 Texans are getting a shot this filing season at the new, experimental Form 1040EZ-1. If the tests are successful, Internal Revenue Service officials say, EZ-1 could become a permanent fixture.

With the new half-page form, you:

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- Attach your W2 forms provided by your employer.
- Sign and date the return.

"That's all you need to do!" IRS Commissioner Fred T. Goldberg Jr. said in a letter to the test taxpayers dated today. "When we receive your information, we'll figure your tax and send you a refund in six to eight weeks, or bill you if you owe tax. We'll also send you a statement showing how we figured your tax."

The standard 1040EZ requires filers to total their income, compute their maximum standard deduction and personal exemption, figure taxable income, list the total tax with held, check IRS tables to determine tax liability and subtract to determine whether a refund is due.

The experimental 1040EZ-1 is being mailed to selected Texas taxpayers who have received their 1040EZ. They will be asked to choose between the two forms.

Like the original 1040EZ, the new version can be used only by single people with no dependents, income under \$30,000, no more than \$400 of interest and no itemized deductions.



OPINION

Open Forum Bolton building plan supported

To the Editor:
By leaving out some information, and by misrepresenting some facts, about the only thing that was correct and substantiated in Charles Holland's recent letter was that the referendum on the proposed school building project will be on January 28.

Mr. Holland infers that Bolton High School can accommodate 375 students as is. That figure, given to the Columbia Board of Education, assumed that both building projects would be approved and that the proposed auditorium could be divided into four separate lecture areas. If the auditorium portion of the referendum does not pass then the current portable classroom at Bolton High would have to remain to accommodate the 375 students.

He goes on to write that Bolton High School could accommodate the eighth grade or both the seventh- and eighth-grade students based on the projection that there will only be 180 students at Bolton High School in two years. What he fails to state is that enrollment projections indicate that there will be approximately 300 students in grades 9-12 at Bolton High School before the year 2000. Moving the seventh and eighth grade students to BHS, if feasible, would, at best, be only a short-term measure, not a long-term solution to the problem.

Mr. Holland mentions that BHS was "originally built as a 7-12 school." Others have said that the school's designed capacity was 450-500 students. The design goal of 450-500 students, used in the early 1980's, is not relevant to today's educational needs. The curriculum has been broadened and improved to meet the needs of all students. State-mandated programs, which require space, have increased tremendously in the 25-plus years that BHS has been in existence.

Using state standard space specifications, BHS capacity as it exists today is only 235 students (portable classroom not included). The Burch/Brown study estimated that the functional capacity of BHS is 311 students. Burch/Brown, along with many others, recommended that a music room and cafeteria be constructed, and that the industrial technology area be upgraded and expanded. That is precisely what the Board of Education is recommending at BHS.

Mr. Holland wrote about the total cost of the project, but neglected to mention the fact that the state reimbursement on the main building project is 59.5 percent and approximately 47.5 percent on the auditorium. He also states in one part of his letter that the "taxpayers have not been provided with information regarding the full impact of the auditorium" and in another states what he claims the program will cost the average taxpayer "in the first year for both school buildings and the auditorium."

Mr. Holland's tax figures are incorrect. Prior to the printing of his letter Mr. Holland attended meetings where the tax impact was discussed and the data upon which Mr. Holland's numbers are based was shown to be wrong. Members of the Board of Finance presented information that, by issuing bonds in a certain way and by using the estimated \$700,000 in interest that will be earned on those bonds during construction, the actual tax impact will be drastically reduced during the first three years and will not ever reach the number that Mr. Holland used.

Mr. Holland also suggests, by misquoting both the architect and a BOE member, that it would be less expensive to continue to use the S-8 building as a school. In fact, approximately two years ago the architect presented cost estimates that show that it will cost more to use the S-8 building than the proposed BOE plan that calls for abandoning it.

Mr. Holland's distortion and misrepresentation of the facts is not in the best interest of Bolton no matter what he claims. He constantly offers short-term solutions with little or no substantiated data to back him up.

The BOE has presented a long-term solution with plenty of hard facts to back it up at two public hearings to date. Neither of these were very well attended. On Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Bolton High School the last of the scheduled public hearings on these projects will be held. I urge all taxpayers of Bolton to attend and become informed, responsible voters. I believe that after hearing all of the facts and getting answers to any and all of their questions that the voters will be able to make an informed, responsible decision.

Vote 'yes' on Jan. 28 and insure our future by providing the most cost effective way as well as the best education possible to the students of Bolton.

Barry E. Stearns
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Bolton

To the Editor:
I urge the citizens of Bolton to support the school building referendum.

Examine the project. What is proposed is a practical solution to the problems of space and building code violations which have long been cited. The proposal is a no-frills approach to the educational needs of Bolton. It is my hope that this time the residents of Bolton will vote for a needed project on schedule, rather than delay our decision and ultimately build less space for more money later. It will never be less expensive than right now to build these school additions. State reimbursement is in place and construction costs are competitive. Please vote 'yes' for the school referendum on January 28.

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Are ethnic criticisms taboo?

The following three remarks may or may not offend you. Test your threshold of indignation.

(1) "The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approves Norplant, a contraceptive that can keep a woman from getting pregnant for five years. A black research organization reports that nearly half the nation's black children are living in poverty... Dare we mention those two stories in the same breath?... To do so, (raises) the specter of eugenics."

(2) "There are a lot of people — Jews and other people — who want to take over our city, and we cannot allow that."

(3) "There is a grave family problem in the Puerto Rican ghettos of the United States, where there are thousands of single mothers, very young, who try to escape poverty through welfare or through new partners who then leave and leave behind other children to worsen the problem."

All three of these remarks recently ignited a firestorm of criticism within the ethnic community who were the targets.

The first set of remarks is from a Philadelphia Inquirer editorial.

The second set is from a speech to a Muslim organization by a prominent black Philadelphia state representative, Dave Richardson.

The third set is from a broadcast by a Cuban-American television commentator, Carlos Alberto Montana, over a Spanish-language network.

The Inquirer's black editorial

Live from D.C., it's Congress!

A note to Keating Five Show addicts: I hope you videotaped the Senate ethics committee's hearings, because I doubt that we'll see the likes of them again for some time.

It's not that they came up short in the ratings. As contraire, from all indications they were popular fare. Carried live over the C-SPAN cable network, they stimulated hundreds of calls to congressional offices and thousands to radio call-in shows. Most citizens seemed to be saying the same thing: Congress is an ethical outback, a barren wasteland where morality long ago died of dehydration.

That's the reason we're not likely to see any more such hearings for a while. Too many of you got too good of an inside look at the sneaky way the system works. So Congress will probably apply the solution the South Africans have used to handle racial unrest: Keep the cameras out. If people can't see it, they soon forget it.

Listen to Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., a member of the ethics committee: "I think this is a disaster for the committee and for the institution." He was talking about the negative image the televised Keating Five hearings were creating for Congress.

Listen to a staffer who was involved in the hearings, as quoted by the Congressional Quarterly: "Gray was continually allowed to throw mud at the institution broadly." This insider was talking about the testimony of Ed Gray, former chief S&L regulator, who said the major cause of the S&L debacle was "too much money chasing too many politicians."

Gray was the enforcer who was called on the carpet in 1987 by the Keating Five senators — Alan Cranston, D-Calif.; Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz.; Donald Riegle, D-Mich.; John Glenn, D-Ohio; and John McCain, R-Ariz. Gray said the senators were trying to get him and his colleagues off the back of their "friend," S&L tycoon Charles Keating Jr.

The five senators had received a total of \$1.3 million in political contributions

employees were particularly bitter about the Norplant editorial because its author, Don Kimmel, is widely viewed as hostile to black aspirations.

Within the Puerto Rican community, few would deny the irresponsible behavior of many of its men in abandoning women after they become pregnant. A similar pattern exists in the black community. But to blame most of the community's ills on the victim and exculpate the victimizer (institutional racism) adds insult to injury.

Did all three sets of remarks contain a kernel of truth? They did.

Is freedom of speech compromised by ethnic or religious groups demanding an apology for remarks that offend them? It is.

Should individuals have the right to make statements offending ethnic groups? They should. The First Amendment makes no exceptions for free feelings.

What then is at issue? It can be summed up in one word: context.

Within any ethnic community, members can scathingly criticize the group's practices (or perceived practices) and not suffer retribution. Yet, let an outsider utter the same remarks, and he or she is condemned to purgatory.

The Inquirer's black editorial

Lowlights abounded. One odious scene unfolded when Alan Cranston showed up with TV props in the form of charts listing all senatorial staffers who specializing in raising campaign funds and argued that the senate is little more than a trading post. "If you decide that it's improper to take a lawful and proper action at any time in behalf of someone who has contributed legally and properly," said Cranston, "then every senator, including every member of this committee, had better run for cover — because every senator has done it."

And how about the procession of character witnesses Dennis DeConcini paraded before the committee? There was a former U.S. Customs commissioner, a disabled veteran, a drug-treatment worker, a sheriff and the governor of Arizona herself, Rose Mofford, who testified — try not to gag here — that she "first met Dennis when he was an altar boy at St. Gregory's church."

Plainly, too many hypocrites got too much exposure, and the South African solution will likely be employed. No more cameras. In this modern age, if it ain't on TV, it ain't real.

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Pension funds: The new S&Ls

By JACK ANDERSON and DALE VAN ATTA

WASHINGTON — In 1989, the acting inspector general of the Labor Department warned that mismanagement of private pension funds amounted to a "potential S&L." It's fashionable in Washington to say that every financial crisis could be the next equivalent of the savings and loan debacle, but Raymond Maria knew what he was talking about.

With only a handful of regulators policing nearly \$2 trillion in private pension plans, Maria felt there was a disaster in the making. He was accused of being overly alarmist and he was not appointed to keep the inspector general job.

Today pension funds are as vulnerable as ever. Outgoing Labor Secretary Elizabeth Dole last fall proposed to Congress a series of changes to toughen up the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, or ERISA, that governs pension plan enforcement.

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But when an apology is demanded or a boycott is threatened, the initial speaker loses his or her freedom. Fear of retaliation replaces fullness of expression.

The ultimate expression of free speech is not in the ideas with which we agree, but in those ideas that offend and irritate us. Protecting the right to savage a group's practices or ideals is a right all of us should cherish and protect.

To their credit, the proposed changes would allow attorneys' fees and expert witness fees for the workers who are suing over embezzlement and mismanagement. But they don't do the same for simple benefit dispute cases, which are far more common.

In sum, there aren't enough Labor Department investigators to stop fraud and mismanagement as it happens, and the punishment for those who get caught is mild. When workers sue after the fact to recover their money, they're handicapped by the law. If the government wants to leave the enforcement up to the average citizen, "It has to give them more tools to fight with," Ferguson said.

Congressional sources say that lawmakers will take up pension plan reform early in the session. Sen. Howard Mennenbaum, D-Ohio, will lead the battle to put more teeth in the law, but he will encounter stiff resistance from the business lobby and the administration.

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BUSINESS

Troubled airline downplays talk of grounded future

By DAN SEWELL
The Associated Press

MIAMI — Eastern Airlines downplayed reports that it is running out of cash and could be grounded within days, but it admitted the search for investors is bleak.

The airline, which is in Chapter 11 bankruptcy, has a reorganization plan but needs to sell assets or attract investors to raise cash to carry out the plan.

The New York Times reported today that the airline could stop flying within days; The Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday it could be grounded as early as next week.

"It's not unusual for rumors to emerge when a company in financial trouble works on a complete reorganization," President Robert Gould responded in a message to Eastern employees on Tuesday. "It's no secret that we continue to search for options which include a wide range of alternatives."

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SECURITY HEIGHTENED — A security guard at the New York Stock Exchange checks bags Tuesday as people enter the exchange. Security has been tightened due to the Persian Gulf Crisis.

Private deposit insurance for credit unions has a solid reputation following the collapse of Rhode Island's state-chartered insurance fund, which closed 11 credit unions and left depositors in financial turmoil.

Since the Jan. 1 Rhode Island crisis, one congressman has proposed a bill that would force 1,400 state-chartered credit unions in 20 states to switch from private to federal deposit insurance.

Analysts predicted a similar movement in state legislatures across the country, but that hasn't happened. The reason, supporters of private insurance say, is that they are safer. Some argue that they are in better shape than the federal government's insurance fund.

The beleaguered companies blame the recession and slumping consumer spending as some of the reasons behind their Chapter 11 filings. Securities analysts say industry-wide problems, including too

many stores and fallout from the 1980s buyout binge, are also to blame.

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New law targets price-gouging in phone booths

By DAVID E. KALISH
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stories of payphone calls costing up to 200 percent more than expected should start becoming a thing of the past.

A federal law that took effect Tuesday requires independent owners of phone booths to make it much easier for callers to find out rate information and to use operators other than those affiliated with the phone-booth owner.

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The new law applies to all providers of operator service, including American Telephone & Telegraph Co., but was prompted by complaints lodged mostly against small companies that sprang up after the 1984 breakup of AT&T.

These operators lease phone lines from long-distance carriers such as AT&T, MCI and US Sprint.

One company, U.S. Communications of Westchester Inc., was criticized by the New York City Consumer Affairs Department for charging anywhere from \$5.88 for a

one-minute call within New York state to \$16.52 for a 15-minute call. By contrast, rates at New York Telephone booths are \$1.75 for the first minute.

The federal law requires companies to identify themselves clearly to customers, post information on their phones on rates and the FCC complaint process and not bill for unanswered calls.

In addition, the law bars "call splashing," the practice in which a company is unable to complete a call and instead switches it to an operator in a distant city. The customer then gets a bill from a place he or she never called.

Also, consumers must be clearly informed of their right to access to the long-distance carrier of their choice.

Phone-booth owners are also subject to fines of \$100,000 for each violation for a maximum of \$1 million.

An FCC spot check of 1,000 phones last spring indicated pervasive over-charging and gave an impetus for Congress to pass the law last fall.

Such complaints average about 15 percent a month and are the "No. 1" area of complaint, although they are losing ground," said Mary Beth Richards, enforcement chief in the FCC common carrier bureau.

NBC spokesman Joe Rutledge, "This is an opportunity for all sides to win."

Any of the 12 locals to reject the contract are authorized to go on strike, while those that accept it can continue to work, union spokesman John Krieger said.

The agreement was reached after NBC made what the union called "modifications" in a wage package and provided guarantees for union members when layoffs are considered.

Krieger said the proposed contract provides for a 3 percent pay hike retroactive to Jan. 5, another 3 percent boost in August, a third-year jump-sum bonus of 5 percent and a 4 percent increase in the contract's final year.

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starting a war. Hazlett said she doesn't believe the American people are being told the full truth about the events and situation in the Middle East.

She wondered where the support is from countries that are more dependent on Saudi oil than the U.S., such as Germany and Japan. "These countries sit back while America picks up the bill," she said.

Linda Thomas, director of student activities at MCC, has a son in Saudi Arabia. "It's not necessary, but it's not necessary," she said. "Why can't we talk things out?"

Thomas views the conflict as a lack of communication, with Bush and Hussein as two bulls. "When two bulls get together, they will inevitably butt heads."

Thomas wondered how anyone can put a deadline on human life, and questioned what happened to patience. She said that it would take a miracle to avoid a war at this point.

But Nick Angel, 25, a communications major, said he is from Wethersfield. "It's the war necessary. I have full confidence in President Bush's ability."

While Angel doesn't favor war, he said something must be done to deter Iraq's aggression.

Angel said that if he were called to duty, he would leave without

hesitation. "It's my country," he said.

Joe Carilli, 31, a veteran from Coventry said, "We should be there to stop aggression in a defensive posture, give the sanctions more time to work and then go to war as a last resort."

Carilli said that the reality of war is hard when his brother, who is in the reserves but has not been called to active duty yet, had to make out his will last week.

Frank Zocco, 23, a business major from Rocky Hill, said, "I hope this will send out a signal that aggression will not be tolerated."

While Zocco does not see war as the best diplomatic solution, he said he hopes that this war will be short and our troops will come home soon.

"I hope that Iraq will pull out of Kuwait because of the air strikes, and that it will not become a ground war," he said.

Zocco also questioned why we did not interfere in other incidents around the world, such as Afghanistan, and wondered what made this crisis different.

Zocco said that America should send a unified signal showing our support to the troops.

Jacquita, director of student minority programs at MCC, is

anxious about an impending war, but believes that we should deal with Hussein now or we may have to deal with him later.

Mesquita is concerned that it is demoralizing to the troops if we do not show our support for them directly, regardless of our personal views. He suggests that people should discuss the crisis with family and friends and try to come to some type of understanding.

Lauren Foley, 19, originally from St. Croix and now a Manchester resident, thinks war should never be an option. "The cost in human lives — it just isn't worth it. But we cannot allow someone to violate someone else's rights."

Ian Sobaczewski, 20, a liberal arts major from Glastonbury, wonders if this is the end of the world.

Sobaczewski is impressed with the unified response against Iraq. "The practical thing to do is go ahead to war and then pull out as soon as possible."

When asked how he would react to being drafted, if he did indeed have a choice, Sobaczewski said, after a long pause: "I would ride a horse rather than fight for oil to drive my car. I love America, but it doesn't mean that I agree with every policy the government enacts."

War

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Baghdad's military vowing to "fight the most honorable war in history," Iraqi President Saddam Hussein took personal command of the nation's armed forces.

In France, President Francois Mitterrand asked Parliament for authorization to order his nation's forces to join an offensive.

The chairman of the House Armed Services Committee said U.S. forces were not targeting Saddam himself as part of any offensive.

"That is not one of the targets," Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., said on the ABC show "Good Morning America." Aspin said that Saddam could be a casualty if he were in the command headquarters during a strike.

"If, on the other hand, he's at the summer palace, the summer residence, he won't get hurt," said the congressman.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., a Vietnam war veteran who ended up leading opposition to that conflict, said, "I'm going to back the president if it is a direct strike against the resolution authorizing use of force in the Persian Gulf and not a strike against Iraq."

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abroad, are considering changes to their foreign study programs.

"If war does break out against Iraq, everyone will expect the fighting to go on in the Middle East, but

the threat of a terrorist bomb explosion or sniper attack here is just as real," a Capitol police officer explained. "War really knows no boundaries."

While the White House had underscored Bush's warning that war could come "sooner rather than later," it issued a statement minutes after midnight that said "Jan. 15 was a day for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait. It was not a deadline for

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U.N. action."

In a sign of diplomacy's failure in the Gulf crisis, the Iraqi ambassador to the United States, Mohamed Sadiq al-Mashat, and a half-dozen aides left Washington for Baghdad on Tuesday night. The ambassador was recalled by President Saddam Hussein, although the Iraqi embassy was not closed.

Bush left the Oval Office at his usual time of about 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, and the White House gave no indication that he was reconsidering using force in the Gulf.

Pentagon officials said U.S. armed forces were ready to roll if need be.

"The Department of Defense is ready to execute any order we might receive from the president," said Pete Williams, chief spokesman for Cheney.

Bush had U.N.-sanctioned authority to launch a military offensive against Iraq's dug-in troops in Kuwait as of 12:01 a.m. EST today, which was 8:01 a.m. in Kuwait.

On Tuesday, Saddam appeared to be increasing the size and firepower of his forces in the area, Williams said.

"We don't see any evidence that they are in any way pulling out of Kuwait. He said the number of Iraqi troops in and around Kuwait had reached 545,000, about 5,000 more than five days ago.

The Iraqis also have added several hundred tanks, armored personnel carriers and artillery pieces, the Pentagon spokesman said.

American forces in Saudi Arabia and the surrounding seas continued intensive training, Williams said.

NBC News reported Tuesday night that B-52 bombers had been moved to bases in a Gulf country it did not identify. The Air Force has

never acknowledged publicly that B-52s have been assigned to Operation Desert Shield, but a detachment is known to have been based at Diego Garcia, an island in the Indian Ocean about 2,500 miles from Kuwait.

Lt. Col. Stuart Wagner, a Pentagon spokesman, said, "I can't talk about B-52s."

The Navy has four carriers — the USS America, USS Theodore Roosevelt, USS Saratoga and USS John F. Kennedy — in the Red Sea, while two others — the USS Midway and USS Ranger — are in the Persian Gulf, the spokesman said.

Aboard the carriers are more than 450 warplanes, including bombers, fighters and electronic warfare planes, that could be launched in an attack on Iraq.

Williams said he couldn't comment on the alert status of U.S. forces in the Gulf region, but he strongly hinted that the troops had been placed on "heightened alert" as the U.N. deadline approached.

"We're taking prudent actions," he said.

The Pentagon also has declined to discuss its estimates of how many American troops might be killed or wounded in an offensive against Iraq, but on Tuesday a private defense analyst published his own study on the human cost of a Middle East war.

Chimielecki acknowledged that once a state of war is declared, he has been deemed to be controlling or abutting property owners, they would be responsible for upkeep of the sidewalk.

Area sidewalk contractors indicate the average sidewalk should last at least 20 years and can last much longer if maintained well, including the application of sealer every few years and measures to keep salt, which erodes the surface, off the sidewalk.

The cost to repair sidewalks ranges from approximately \$22 to \$26 per linear foot, assuming the width of the sidewalk is 4 feet, according to the contractors. The state has authorized towns to do this and the board rejected it in 1988, going against Naab's wishes then.

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Besides cost for repairs, members of the board expressed other concerns regarding Chimielecki's proposal, including the level of insurance coverage necessary for homeowners' policies to include provisions for sidewalk liability.

Chimielecki said she would defer to any of the insurance experts on the board, but added she understands that virtually all homeowners' insurance policies do include coverage for injury claims.

When she presented a proposed ordinance to the board in March or April, she will have more information about insurance as requested by Oella.

And Fogarty questioned whether insurance companies would begin to increase rates as more towns consider coverage for injury claims.

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Democrats support reevaluation phase-in

RE-EVALUATION

The Democrats' recommendation for a phase-in of the reevaluation includes a further recommendation that area delegates to the Connecticut General Assembly lobby for the reinstatement of legislation that allows municipalities to do phase-ins. The bill — first adopted in 1978 — has been reinstated several times since then, but has expired.

Democratic Director Peter P. DiRosa Jr. and Stephen T. Cassano, minority leader of the board, said they support a phase-in because it eases the burden of revalued assessments for the poorer taxpayers.

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Board, union: workers to pay for medical

By RICK SANTOS
Manchester Herald

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The settlement, which provides about 28 to 30 middle-level managers with salary increases of 5.8 percent and 5.5 percent for the next two years, requires the employees to pay \$250 per year to the cost of their employee health insurance plans.

"I would hope it would send a

message to other unions that contributions are something that will have to be made," Assistant General Manager Steven K. Werber, the town's chief negotiator for the settlement, said after it had been approved.

Werber indicated that a statewide trend is developing in that municipal employees unions begin-

ning to acknowledge the budgetary woes which towns are facing.

The union, Chapter 106 of the Connecticut Civil Service Affiliates, approved the settlement Monday by a vote of 17 to 4, according to a letter to Werber from John Raymond, president of the local chapter of the residual employee unit.

Werber noted also that the contract provides for salary increases

that are reasonable considering economic conditions. The 5.8 percent raise is effective July 1, and the 5.5 percent raise is effective July 1 of next year. The contract expires June 30, 1993.

The annual salaries of the union members board by the contract amount to about \$30,000, Werber said.

After the board's meeting, Republican Deputy Mayor Ronald Oella said he was happy with the settlement because it holds the employees to increases of less than 6 percent and demands that employees contribute to their insurance costs.

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Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Members of the town's Board of Directors unanimously approved a contract with a municipal employees' union on Tuesday, marking the first settlement in which town employees have agreed to contribute to the cost of their medical benefits.

The settlement, which provides about 28 to 30 middle-level managers with salary increases of 5.8 percent and 5.5 percent for the next two years, requires the employees to pay \$250 per year to the cost of their employee health insurance plans.

"I would hope it would send a

message to other unions that contributions are something that will have to be made," Assistant General Manager Steven K. Werber, the town's chief negotiator for the settlement, said after it had been approved.

Werber indicated that a statewide trend is developing in that municipal employees unions begin-

ning to acknowledge the budgetary woes which towns are facing.

The union, Chapter 106 of the Connecticut Civil Service Affiliates, approved the settlement Monday by a vote of 17 to 4, according to a letter to Werber from John Raymond, president of the local chapter of the residual employee unit.

Werber noted also that the contract provides for salary increases

that are reasonable considering economic conditions. The 5.8 percent raise is effective July 1, and the 5.5 percent raise is effective July 1 of next year. The contract expires June 30, 1993.

The annual salaries of the union members board by the contract amount to about \$30,000, Werber said.

After the board's meeting, Republican Deputy Mayor Ronald Oella said he was happy with the settlement because it holds the employees to increases of less than 6 percent and demands that employees contribute to their insurance costs.

"In today's tough economy, everybody's got to share," Oella said.

Terror

now nervously glancing around, taking note of other passengers.

Deliveries, many for years have routinely carried packages in and out of office buildings, must now stop at security desks to have their parcels checked.

"The glass elevators will only serve floors T, F and 2," the press building letter advises tenants.

Anyone having business elsewhere in the building or at the Nations Press Club is asked to use the main bank of elevators near the security desk in the lobby.

As in other major Washington office complexes, the press building's security desks, which are manned from about 5 p.m. to 8 a.m., is now staffed "at all times." While security personnel admit there have been no threats to the (press) building or its tenants, they say "extra caution right now can't hurt."

Security has been tightened at all federal buildings, the airports and nearby military bases.

The Capitol Police civil disturbance unit has been working overtime since Congress first began debating Persian Gulf resolutions last week.

A spokesman for the unit says officers are under special alert. Even their bomb-sniffing dogs are doing random checks of cars parked in House and Senate garages.

House Sergeant at Arms Jack Russ says a special security plan has been developed for Capitol Hill in times of war, but it must be approved by the Speaker of the House and Senate Majority Leader before it can go into effect.

Photo identification cards issued to all federal workers and those with special building access, like reporters, are not new to Washington, but under normal conditions, security personnel rarely ask to see them. All cards are scrutinized now.

Airport skycaps are worrying about losing their jobs. If war breaks out, airport officials says passengers will no longer be able to check luggage at curbside. Armed police officers and other security officials — walkie-talkies in constant use — patrol the corridors.

An unattended briefcase, a teddy bear left behind in a passenger waiting area or an unusual box or bag stuffed into a trash can are the kinds of things that could arouse suspicion, one of the officers explained.

Meanwhile local school board officials, worried about possible attacks on American students studying

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abroad, are considering changes to their foreign study programs.

"If war does break out against Iraq, everyone will expect the fighting to go on in the Middle East, but

the threat of a terrorist bomb explosion or sniper attack here is just as real," a Capitol police officer explained. "War really knows no boundaries."

While the White House had underscored Bush's warning that war could come "sooner rather than later," it issued a statement minutes after midnight that said "Jan. 15 was a day for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait. It was not a deadline for

U.N. action."

In a sign of diplomacy's failure in the Gulf crisis, the Iraqi ambassador to the United States, Mohamed Sadiq al-Mashat, and a half-dozen aides left Washington for Baghdad on Tuesday night. The ambassador was recalled by President Saddam Hussein, although the Iraqi embassy was not closed.

Bush left the Oval Office at his usual time of about 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, and the White House gave no indication that he was reconsidering using force in the Gulf.

Pentagon officials said U.S. armed forces were ready to roll if need be.

"The Department of Defense is ready to execute any order we might receive from the president," said Pete Williams, chief spokesman for Cheney.

Bush had U.N.-sanctioned authority to launch a military offensive against Iraq's dug-in troops in Kuwait as of 12:01 a.m. EST today, which was 8:01 a.m. in Kuwait.

On Tuesday, Saddam appeared to be increasing the size and firepower of his forces in the area, Williams said.

"We don't see any evidence that they are in any way pulling out of Kuwait. He said the number of Iraqi troops in and around Kuwait had reached 545,000, about 5,000 more than five days ago.

The Iraqis also have added several hundred tanks, armored personnel carriers and artillery pieces, the Pentagon spokesman said.

American forces in Saudi Arabia and the surrounding seas continued intensive training, Williams said.

NBC News reported Tuesday night that B-52 bombers had been moved to bases in a Gulf country it did not identify. The Air Force has

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Democrats support reevaluation phase-in

RE-EVALUATION

The Democrats' recommendation for a phase-in of the reevaluation includes a further recommendation that area delegates to the Connecticut General Assembly lobby for the reinstatement of legislation that allows municipalities to do phase-ins. The bill — first adopted in 1978 — has been reinstated several times since then, but has expired.

Democratic Director Peter P. DiRosa Jr. and Stephen T. Cassano, minority leader of the board, said they support a phase-in because it eases the burden of revalued assessments for the poorer taxpayers.

They said they think the

Republican majority of the board would not obstruct a phase-in.

When informed of the Democratic proposal, Republican Deputy Mayor Ronald Oella offered no commitment, saying there is plenty of time to review such a proposal before tax bills go out.

FIRE SERVICES STUDY

During the board meeting, the Republicans expressed displeasure with a report by the consultants who recently completed a study of the town's fire services, requesting that the group amend the report with explanations for many recommendations made in it.

"What disturbs me the most about this report is its brevity, its lack of depth, and its lack of documentation to support the recommendations," Oella said to the consultants, MMA Consulting Group Inc., of Boston, Mass.

And Republican Director Wally Irish, formerly a firefighter with the Eighth Utilities District, indicated he also was quite displeased, especially because elected officials were not invited to meetings with the consultants to review their progress. The meetings, Irish said, were to be attended by elected officials, according to the consultants' orders.

Oella and Irish had pushed for the study last spring.

The consultants said they would

MANCHESTER — Democratic members of the town's Board of Directors announced Tuesday that they will support a phase-in for this year's property tax reevaluation.

They made the announcement at a news conference held before the board's meeting at which the directors requested additional information on the recently completed fire study, gave consent to a plan for an access road to a proposed golf course, and debated the regulations pertaining to lawyers representing anyone appearing before the board.

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STATE

Blumenthal says no price-gouging

By PETER VILES
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — State Attorney General Richard Blumenthal says a state regulation and a "more than adequate" supply of gasoline and heating oil should protect consumers from rapid price increases if war breaks out in the Persian Gulf.

"The situation in the Gulf creates the kind of crisis atmosphere that could be exploited," he said at a news conference Tuesday. "We hope it will not be."

An emergency regulation that took effect last August in Connecticut makes it illegal for wholesalers or retailers of gas and oil to charge "unconscionably excessive prices during any period of abnormal market disruption."

"This regulation prohibits price gouging," he said. "And I want to emphasize that we will not tolerate profiteering by the oil and gasoline industries."

Blumenthal, in office just six days, said prices of gas and heating oil at some wholesale terminals had



PRESIDENT TESTIFIES — University of Bridgeport President Janet Greenfield makes a point as she spoke at a meeting of the state Board of Governors of Higher Education in Hartford Tuesday.

Major cocaine haul

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — For the second time in less than four months, federal authorities have recovered a huge multimillion-dollar shipment of cocaine from the underside of a banana boat docked at Bridgeport Harbor.

The latest seizure occurred Monday, when authorities confiscated 141 pounds of cocaine from the Pocantico, which was docked at the Clico Terminal.

"Just over 145 pounds of cocaine were recovered Sept. 18 from the underside of the Pocantico's sister ship, the Potomac, the largest cocaine seizure in state history. Those drugs were estimated to have a street value of up to \$65 million."

Surveillance early Tuesday morning of the Pocantico led to the arrest of two Colombians, and a Cuban national from Florida, on charges of conspiracy to import cocaine, authorities said.

The latest cocaine haul shows that the port of Bridgeport has become a major drug entry point for the Colombians, said Acting U.S. Attorney Richard Palmer.

"It's probably the case it's been going on for some time," he said.

Sixty-one brick-shaped packages of cocaine were found inside a 4-foot-long fiberglass container hidden inside a water exhaust chamber, the government said.

The arrests came after a Colombian later identified as Alvaro Bocanegra-Serna, 30, was spotted running from the waterfront area 1:45 a.m. in a diver's wet suit.

Scuba diving gear, including an underwater light, also was found near the water's edge.

The Colombian told agents he had been in the water practicing for a triathlon.

"Through information he provided investigators, authorities were able to make the additional arrests, prosecutors said.

The other two men arrested were Jose Fernando Foidan, 36, of Colombia, and Jaime Jesus Sola, 33, a resident alien Cuban national from Florida.

UB granted 2-year extension of accreditation

By ANDREW FRASER
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Saying it has shown progress in addressing its problems, the state has extended the University of Bridgeport's accreditation for two years.

The Board of Governors for Higher Education's decision Tuesday is short of the maximum five-year extension the board normally grants institutions in good standing. It comes on the heels of a recommendation by a New England Association of Schools and Colleges accrediting team that the university be placed on probation.

The university's financial situation has been

deteriorating and the board expressed concern about its effect on the school's academic standards. But the board also said the university has shown significant signs of improvement and needed a vote of confidence.

"We're saying let's extend their existing accreditation for two years and give them some time to pull out of their problems. And that's a vote of confidence," said Thomas A. Aquila, chairman of the board's subcommittee on academic affairs.

In its evaluation, the NEASC said the university financial problems were so bad that there were serious questions whether it has sufficient financial resources to support its mission.

—And that some teachers hired to replace striking professors may not be properly qualified.

"serious concerns relating to standards in areas of financial resources, planning and evaluation, academic programs, faculty, library and student services."

A board of governors advisory committee, after reviewing the NEASC evaluation as well as the university's response, said it felt the university had made sufficient progress in addressing its problems.

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Among the concerns cited by NEASC were: —That the university has borrowed \$4 million of its \$13 million endowment to continue operations and expects to spend another \$2.2 million from the endowment this year;

—That the university, which is heavily dependent on tuition to support its budget, has seen enrollment decrease over the past five years;

—That the university's financial situation could have a negative effect on the quality of academic programs because of cutbacks in faculty, staff and administration;

—That some teachers hired to replace striking professors may not be properly qualified.

Thrift cuts 30 jobs

DANBURY (AP) — Danbury Savings & Loan, which reported a \$13 million annual loss, has laid off 30 employees and plans to close two branches next month.

Branches on Main St. in Southbury and New England Plaza in Danbury will close Feb. 15, DS&L President Peter Filous said Tuesday.

"I can't say to you there won't be any more branch closings," Filous said. "There's a possibility of that."

The layoffs of 30 people will cut about 28 percent of DS&L's payroll. The action Tuesday marks the second round of job cuts for DS&L in six months. In June, the bank cut 10 workers, citing its plan to dissolve its development subsidiary, N.E. Development Corp.

The branch closings were recommended by KMGK Peter Marwick, the accounting firm which was brought in last fall to examine possible cost cuts.

DS&L will have eight offices remaining, including the main office on Main Street and two others in Danbury and branches in Bethel, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown and Ridgefield.



LISTEREN — Dr. Norman M. Canter listens to a meeting of the Connecticut Medical Examining Board in Hartford Tuesday. The board voted to let Canter retain his license to practice medicine, but barred him from performing surgery following an operation in which the patient bled to death after Canter accidentally cut the patient's bladder and prostate.

New clean-up saves

HARTFORD (AP) — State Treasurer Francisco L. Borges has announced plans to change the state's method of financing water clean-up programs that he said could save the state nearly \$340 million in debt-service payments over the next 20 years.

The state now pays for water clean-up programs such as improved sewage plants under a direct loan program in which federal grants and general obligation bonds issued by the state are used directly to make loans to cities and towns.

Borges' plan, announced Tuesday, reduces the cost to the state in which federal and state monies would support those loans, enabling Borges' office to sell revenue bonds to investors that would be used for low-interest loans to cities and towns.

"That arrangement would substantially reduce the cost to the state in debt service, Borges said.

"The new Clean Water Fund program has good news for everyone," Borges said. For investors, he said, the program offers a safe investment secured by a diversified pool of municipal loans.

"The good news for the public is that needed environmental clean-up will be accomplished at substantially less cost to Connecticut taxpayers," he said.

Borges said he plans to promote the program by spending three days talking to potential investors.

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About Town

Library closings
The Manchester Public Libraries (Mary Cheney, Whitton Memorial and the Bookmobile) announce the following closings: All libraries will be closed Monday, Jan. 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

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 P. Parker
420 Summit St.
Everett "Bill" Pine
Lawton Road

Death Notices

Marta (Berzina) Nagelis

Marta (Berzina) Nagelis, 87, of 5 Columbus Street, Manchester, widow of Rudolf Nagelis, died Tuesday, January 15, 1991, at a local convalescent home. Born in Malaps, Latvia, October 8, 1903, she had resided in Manchester since 1952 and was a member of the Latvian Lutheran Church of Manchester. Mrs. Nagelis is survived by two sons, Ojars Nagelis of Manchester and George Nagelis of Vermont; a daughter, Oana Miznickis of Barrington, Illinois; six grandchildren, three great grandchildren; three sisters in Toronto, Canada, and several nieces and nephews. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, 11:00 A.M. at the Latvian Lutheran Church, 21 Garden Street, Manchester. Burial will be in East Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to the Latvian Lutheran Church, Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main Street, Manchester, in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy P. Parker

Dorothy P. Parker, 74, of 420 Summit Street, Manchester, wife of Otis W. Parker, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 1991, at Manchester Memorial Hospital after a long illness. She was born in Guilford, Maine, June 16, 1916 and had been a resident of Manchester for over 35 years. Burial will be in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill, Conn. on Saturday, Jan. 20, 1991, at 10:00 A.M. Friends may call at the funeral home Friday from 12:00 Noon until the time of the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Greater Enfield Parkinson's Support Group, c/o John Fluckiger, Treasurer, 43 Grandview Circle, Storrs, CT. 06268.

Everett "Bill" Pine

Everett "Bill" Pine, 76 of Lawton Road, Manchester, husband of Agnes (Francoline) Pine, died Monday, Jan. 14, at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was born in Providence, R.I., son of the late William and Gyneth (Crandall) Pine, and lived in Manchester for the past 21 years. He was employed as a vice president at Union Electric, Georgetown, Mass., for 15 years, Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics for four years, and was an analyst for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, Division United Technologies for ten years, retiring in 1976. He was a member of the Pratt & Whitney Retirement Club, the Manchester Senior Citizens, and AARP. Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, E. Wayne Pine of Dover, N.H.; four grandchildren, and three nieces. He was predeceased by a stepbrother, Elliot Dickey. Funeral service will be Thursday, 9:15 a.m., from the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., Manchester, followed by a mass of Christian burial, 10 a.m., at the Church of the Assumption, 100 Main St., Manchester. Burial will be in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Friends may call at the funeral home today, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the Manchester Visiting Nurse Association, 545 N. Main St., Manchester, 06040.

Today In History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 16, the 16th day of 1991. There are 349 days left in the year.

Today's Birthdays:
Author-editor Norman Podhoretz is 61. Opera singer Marilyn Horne is 57. Auto racer A.J. Foyt is 56. Country singer Rennie Milgrom is 47. Movie director John Carpenter is 43. Actress-dancer Debbie Allen is 41.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 16, 1920, America went "dry" as the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect, and Prohibition became the law of the land.

Police Roundup

Man robs Subway shop
Police say a robbery at the Subway sandwich shop on Center Street Tuesday could be related to a string of thefts in Manchester, East Hartford and Vernon.

Police say that shortly after 6 p.m., a man walked into the 288 Center St. store and told the clerk to give him the money in the register. The thief implied that he had a gun, though no weapon was shown.

The clerk handed over \$262 in cash and the thief fled the store on foot.

The suspect is described as a white male, 30-35 years old, 6 feet, 2 inches tall with short blond hair which is longer in the back like a "tail." The man is described as having a scar over his left eye and is said to speak with a New York accent.

The suspect was wearing a green shirt, jeans, a denim hat and black shoes at the time of the robbery.

Police are linking the robbery to the other thefts because of the similar sequence of events during the thefts.

College Notes

Pursuing acting career
Jordana L. West of 131 Hartford Road, Manchester, graduated cum laude from the University of Connecticut. In the fall she will be attending the Neighborhood Playhouse in New York City to continue her theatrical career.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 17:

MANCHESTER
Budget Workshop, 45 North School St., 7 p.m.
Fair Rent Commission, Lincoln Center gold room, 7 p.m.
Building Committee, Municipal Building coffee room, 7:30 p.m.
Advisory Park and Recreation Commission, Center Springs Park, 7:30 p.m.

BOLTON
Republican Town Committee Caucus, Herrick Park, 7 p.m.
Special Town Meeting, Bolton High School, 8 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals, Community Hall, 7 p.m.

COVENTRY
Special Public Meeting, Town Office Building, 7 p.m.

HEBRON
Hebron Building Committee #2, Superintendent's Building, 6 p.m.
Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Thoughts

As we expose ourselves to the spiritual depth of God's joyous nature, we become more like Him everyday. We will never attain perfection, but we will be transformed by His Spirit that dwells within the lives of His followers (2 Cor. 3:18). Jesus reflected upon this transformation as He continued His sermon on the mountain.

The ultimate quality of God is forgiveness. If it were not for forgiveness, then we would be alienated from the life of joy forever. The abundant life that was promised (John 10:10) can be ours because of His forgiveness. As we realize this forgiveness, it will motivate our own lives to be gracious and merciful. We can then live our lives free of bitterness and disappointment.

The spiritual nature of God transcends our own mortality. He is void of evil and evil desire. We could say that God is the purest of all beings. Jesus disciples can fellowship in that purity as we trust in the cleansing nature of His sacrifice (1 John 1:7). Our own purity is the extension of God's holiness. Rather than live in darkness we can live in the pure light of the Father.

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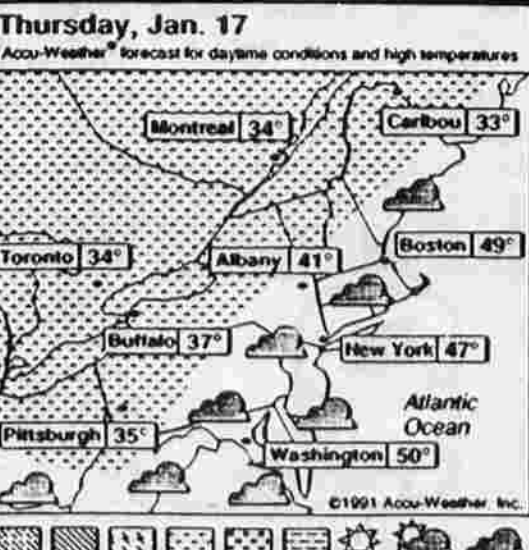
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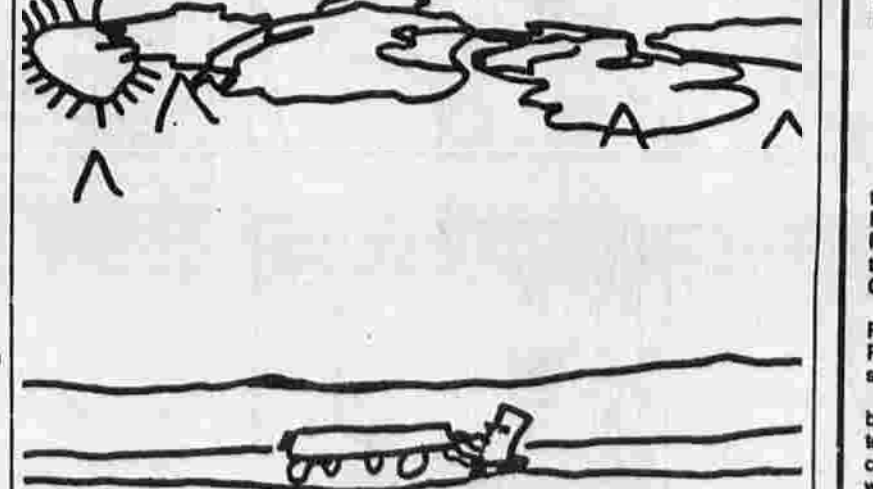
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Mostly cloudy

The weather tonight in the greater Manchester area: rain ending early, remaining cloudy. Low in the mid 30s. Wind becoming southwest 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 80 percent. Thursday, mostly cloudy and breezy. High in the mid 40s. Outlook: Friday, partly sunny. High 35 to 40.

A developing low over the Ohio Valley this morning will redevelopment off the mid Atlantic coast and then move north to New England later today, reaching northern Maine by Thursday morning.



Today's weather picture was drawn by Joshua Rogers, a fourth-grader at Bowers School in Manchester.

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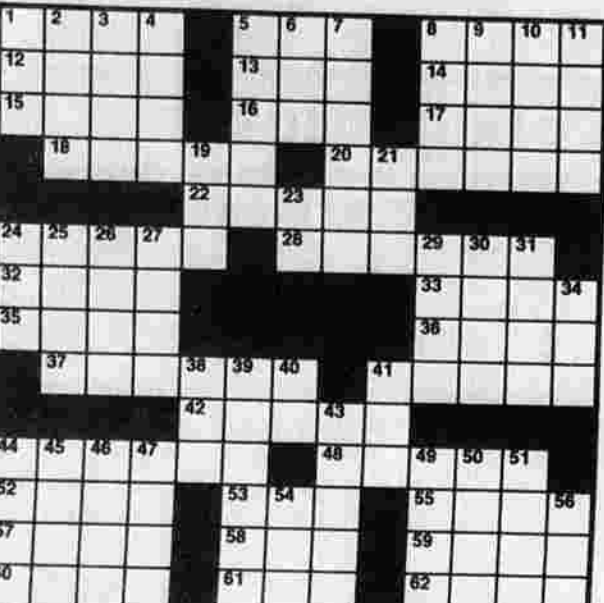
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SLUTES

Print answer here: _____

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THE PHANTOM by Leo Falk & By Barry

THEY DIE... OR THEY DESTROY US... DECIPHER US... AND OUR SACRED ELEPHANTS.

"WE BURY THEM IN THE PIT NEXT TO OUR ANCESTOR'S TOMB. IT IS FITTING."

"HE SAID YOU MUST ALL DIE."

"NO, CHIEF, PLEASE... NOT ME. IT WAS THEIR IDEA. I'LL NEVER COME BACK... I PROMISE!"

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Dick Brown

"NOW I LIKE YOUR HAIR!"

"HERE! TAKE IT! IT'S YOURS!"

"WHAT A NICE GUY!"

ALLEY OOP by Dave Greiss

WHAT'S THE NEW JOB YOU'VE GOT? CALL FROM A LINED UP FEW DAYS AGO AND... OH, HECK, YOU TELL ME. WELL, TO BE BRIEF, I'VE GOT A WITNESS WHO'S GOING TO TESTIFY AGAINST ME IN COURT. AND THEY NEED A SAFE PLACE TO HIDE THIS INDIVIDUAL UNTIL THE TRIAL!

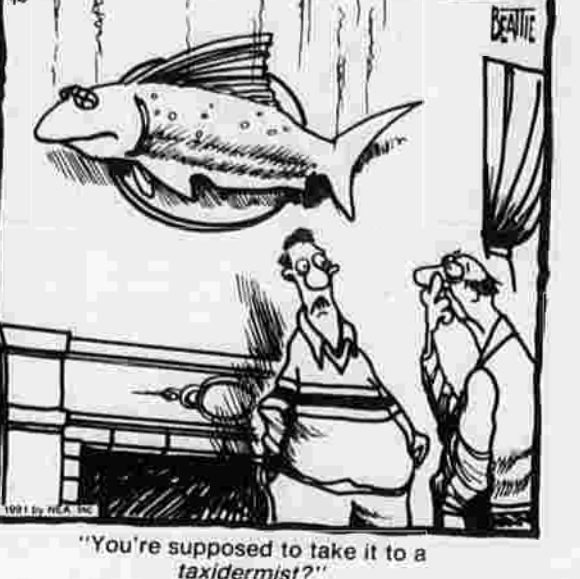
ROBTIMAN by Jim Meddick

HEY YOU! CAN YOU HEAR ME? I'M BEING HELD PRISONER IN HERE!

COULD YOU STOP WHISTLING A MINUTE AND HELP ME OUT? HEY! PAY ATTENTION!

I'VE GOT A CRUEL CANINE MORN ON MY HANDS!

THE NEW BREED



JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CUTOS
ULIQT
CABEEM
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...AND I AM RANCO IN WEEBLEFESTER.

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IT'S GUARANTEED TO LEAVE SLAY BERNSIDE DEFENSELESS...

YEAH...

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FRANK AND ERNEST by Bob Thaves

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I KNOW JUST HOW IT FEELS.

PHOPPS by Joseph Ferris

BLONDIE by Dean Young & Stan Drake

"I CAN'T MAKE UP MY MIND WHAT TO HAVE."

"WHAT WOULD YOU GET IF YOU WERE ME?"

"I DON'T KNOW... IT'S HARD TO TELL."

"SOME OF YOUR DELICIOUS CALLS PLEASE AND A SIDE ORDER OF FRIES."

ARLO AND JANIS by Jimmy Johnson

CARE TO JOIN US?

FOR WHAT?

WE'RE HAVING IRISH COFFEE.

IRISH COFFEE? SURE...

THOSE OF US WHO ARE ALLOWED TO DRINK WHISKEY COFFEE AND SUGAR!

BASTES LIKE HUE WATERY MILK!

SPIDER-MAN by Stan Lee

USE YOUR TELEPHOTO LENS! WHO'S THE WEB-SWINGER FIGHTING WITH?

"WOW! IT'S COLONEL CAMERON, THE ASTRONAUT!"

"THINK! WIN US AN EMMY! KEEP SHOOTING!"

"LOOK, CAN'T WE TALK THIS OVER?"

SURE, ONCE YOU'RE BEHIND BARS, WHERE YOU BELONG!

EK AND MEK by Howie Schneider

THERE MUST BE A WAY TO RUN FOR POLITICAL OFFICE...

WITHOUT BREAKING ANY CAMPAIGN FUNDING LAWS.

THERE IS...

IT'S CALLED LOSING!

WINTHROP by Dick Cavalli

I'M BRINGING A PIZZA HOME FOR OUR SUPPER.

I DON'T SEE ANY PIZZA.

IT'S IN HERE.

THEY ROLLED IT UP.

ERNE by Bud Gross

ANOTHER GOOD THING ERNE, WHEN YOU BUY THIS HOUSE, YOU'LL ONLY BE THE SECOND OWNER?

IT SAYS HERE THAT THIS HOUSE WAS BUILT IN 1898. YOU COULD BE THE PREVIOUS OWNER?

LEEZE!

IT WAS CONDEMNED IN 1927.

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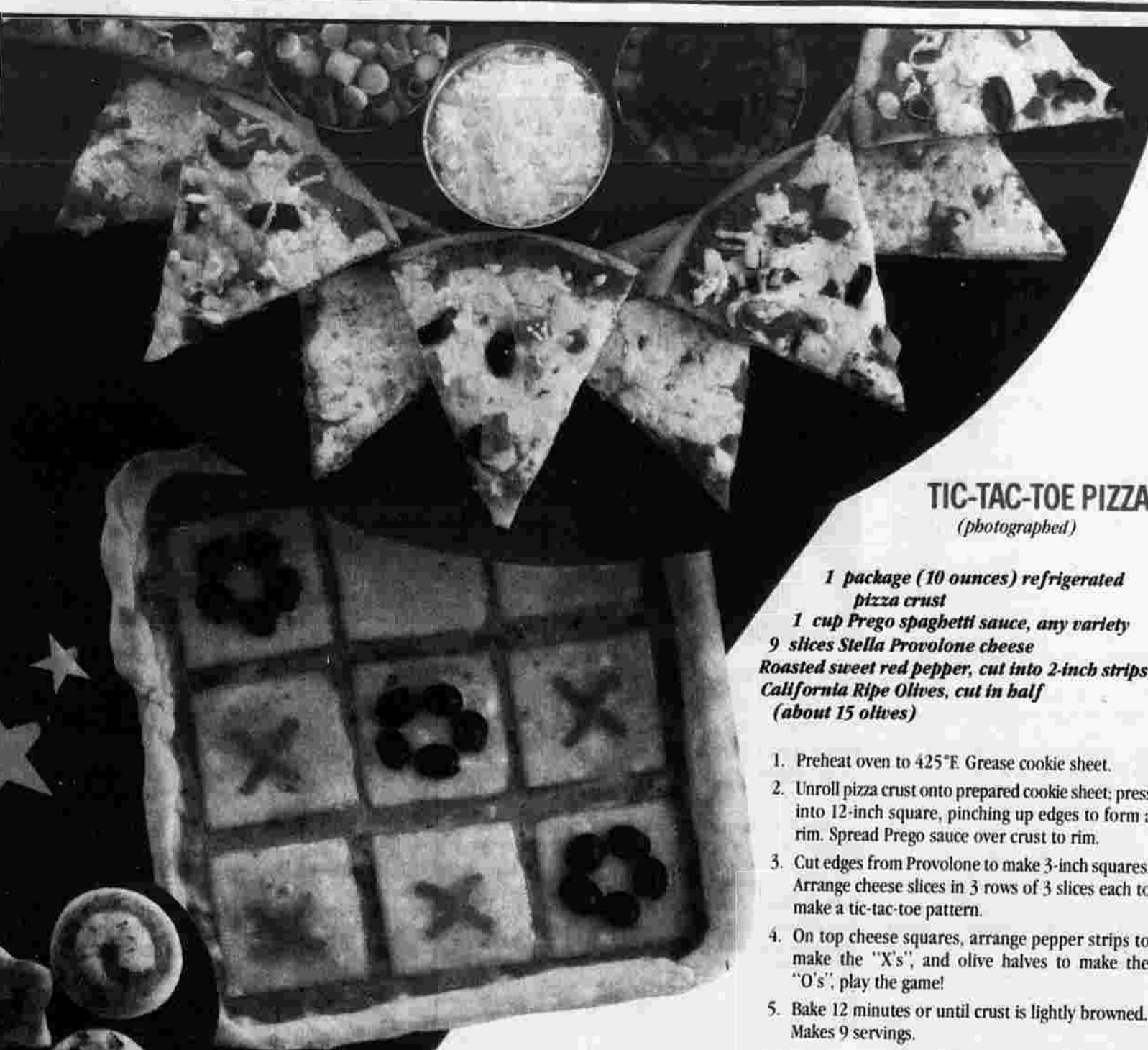
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FOOD



PARTY PIZZA

easy as pie and fun too!

TIC-TAC-TOE PIZZA
(photographed)

- 1 package (10 ounces) refrigerated pizza crust
 - 1 cup Prigo spaghetti sauce, any variety
 - 9 slices Stella Provolone cheese
 - Roasted sweet red pepper, cut into 2-inch strips
 - California Ripe Olives, cut in half (about 15 olives)
- Preheat oven to 425°F. Grease cookie sheet.
 - Unroll pizza crust onto prepared cookie sheet; press into 12-inch square, pinching up edges to form a rim. Spread Prigo sauce over crust to rim.
 - Cut edges from Provolone to make 3-inch squares. Arrange cheese slices in 3 rows of 3 slices each to make a tic-tac-toe pattern.
 - On top cheese squares, arrange pepper strips to make the "X's", and olive halves to make the "O's", play the game!
 - Bake 12 minutes or until crust is lightly browned. Makes 9 servings.

SUNBURST PIZZA
(photographed)

- 2 prepared 12-inch pizza crusts
 - 2 cups Prigo spaghetti sauce, any variety, divided
 - 2 cups shredded Stella Mozzarella cheese, divided
 - 1/2 cup grated Stella Parmesan cheese, divided
 - Wedge California Ripe Olives for garnish
 - Shredded Stella Asiago cheese for garnish
 - Sliced green onions for garnish
 - Diced sweet red and yellow peppers for garnish
- Preheat oven to 425°F. Grease 2 pizza pans or cookie sheets.
 - Arrange crusts on pizza pan. Top each pizza crust with 1 cup Prigo sauce, 1 cup Mozzarella and 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese. Bake 15 minutes or until browned. Cool slightly; cut each pizza into 8 wedges.
 - Arrange garnishes in small bowls in center of large round tray. Arrange pizza slices around garnishes with tips to outside forming points. Garnish pizza slices as desired. Makes 8 servings.

CELEBRATION PIZZA

- 1 prepared 12-inch pizza crust
 - 2/3 cup Prigo Extra Chunky spaghetti sauce, any variety
 - 1-1/2 cups shredded Stella Mozzarella cheese
 - 1/2 cup thinly sliced pepperoni
 - 1/3 cup thinly sliced red onion
 - 1/3 cup thinly sliced green pepper
 - 1/3 cup thinly sliced sweet red pepper
 - 1/4 cup shredded Stella Fontinella cheese
 - 1/3 cup sliced California Ripe Olives
 - 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano leaves, crushed
- Preheat oven to 425°F. Grease pizza pan or cookie sheet.
 - Arrange crust on pizza pan. With spoon, spread Prigo sauce to within 1 inch of edge of pizza crust. Sprinkle with Mozzarella.
 - Arrange pepperoni and vegetables on top of cheese. Top with pepperoni, Fontinella, olives and oregano.
 - Bake 10 minutes or until browned. Makes 4 servings.

PARTY HORS D'OEUVRE PIZZAS
(photographed)

- Can be made ahead and refrigerated until ready to bake
- 1 package (10 ounces) refrigerated pizza crust
 - 1/2 cup Prigo Extra Chunky spaghetti sauce, any variety
 - 1/2 cup shredded Stella Asiago cheese
 - 1/4 cup chopped California Ripe Olives
 - 1/4 cup capers
- Preheat oven to 425°F. Grease cookie sheet.
 - On lightly floured surface, unroll pizza crust. Press or roll to 15- by 10-inch rectangle. With 2-1/2-inch cookie cutters, cut into shapes such as stars, hearts and moons. Arrange on prepared cookie sheet.
 - Top each pizza with 1 teaspoon Prigo sauce and 1 teaspoon cheese. Sprinkle olives and capers on each.
 - Bake 8 minutes or until browned. Makes about 24 appetizers.
- Variations: In place of above seasonings use the following on the pizza crusts:
- Stella Go. Mozzarella cheese, blanched broccoli florettes and chopped California Ripe Olives.
 - Prigo spaghetti sauce, Stella Asiago cheese, diced prosciutto and sliced California Ripe Olives.
 - Prigo spaghetti sauce, Stella Asiago cheese, cooked shrimp, and red pepper flakes.

SAUSAGE & CHEESE CALZONE

- 1/2 pound sweet Italian sausage, casing removed
 - 1 small eggplant, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
 - 1 medium green pepper, coarsely chopped
 - 1 small zucchini, sliced
 - 1 cup Prigo spaghetti sauce, any variety
 - 1/2 cup shredded Stella Mozzarella cheese
 - 2 tablespoons grated Stella Parmesan cheese
 - 1/2 cup sliced California Ripe Olives
 - 1 package (16 ounces) hot roll mix
- Preheat oven to 400°F. Grease 2 cookie sheets.
 - In 10-inch skillet over medium heat, cook sausage until browned, stirring to separate meat. Spoon off fat.
 - Add eggplant and green pepper. Reduce heat to low. Cover; simmer 10 minutes or until vegetables are tender.
 - Stir in zucchini and Prigo sauce. Cook, uncovered, until zucchini is tender, stirring occasionally. Allow mixture to cool. Stir in cheeses and olives.
 - Meanwhile, prepare roll mix following package directions for pizza.
 - Divide dough into 6 pieces. Pat or roll each piece into 7-inch round. Spoon 1/2 cup sausage mixture on half of round. Fold over to form half circle. Pinch edges with fork on seal. Place on prepared cookie sheet. Repeat with remaining dough.
 - Bake 20 minutes or until browned. Makes 6 servings.

VEGETARIAN DEEP DISH PIZZA

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1 package (12 ounces) mushrooms, sliced (about 4 cups)
 - 1 medium onion, sliced
 - 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped broccoli
 - 1 large clove garlic, minced
 - 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano leaves, crushed
 - 1 loaf (1 pound) frozen bread dough, thawed
 - 2 cups shredded Stella Mozzarella cheese (8 ounces)
 - 1/4 cup grated Stella Fontinella cheese
 - 1/2 cup chopped California Ripe Olives
 - 1 cup Prigo Extra Chunky spaghetti sauce, any variety
 - 1/4 cup shredded Stella Asiago cheese
- Preheat oven to 400°F. Grease bottom of 10-inch springform pan.
 - In 10-inch skillet over medium heat, in hot oil, cook mushrooms and onion until tender, stirring occasionally. Add broccoli, garlic and oregano. Cook until broccoli is thawed and liquid has evaporated; set aside.
 - On floured surface, roll bread dough into 12-inch round. Line bottom of pan with dough; press dough about 2 inches up side of pan. Sprinkle bottom with Mozzarella, Fontinella and olives. Top with mushroom mixture. Spread Prigo over mushroom mixture. Sprinkle with Asiago.
 - Bake 40 minutes. Remove side of pan; bake 5 minutes more or until side is browned. Cool on wire rack 10 minutes. Makes 8 servings.

PIZZA PARTY TIPS

- Do as much preparation as possible the day before the party, including slicing pepper rings, onions and olives, and shredding or grating cheeses.
- Experiment with non-traditional pizza crusts, such as pita bread, English muffins and cornbread.
- For an easy get together, try a "Bring Your Own Toppings" party, where the host supplies the sauce-topped crust, and each guest brings a favorite pizza topping.
- Make pizza-making part of the entertainment by asking guests to join in the preparations.
- At your next birthday party, replace the traditional sweet cake with a birthday pizza pie topped with the appropriate number of candles.

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FOCUS

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Brother insists on black ties

DEAR ABBY: My brother's daughter will be married at 8 p.m. on a Saturday night. The invitation insert card has "black tie" written on it. Abby, my sons do not own tuxedos and cannot afford to rent them. When I explained this to my brother, he informed me that all men had to wear tuxedos, and if they did not, he would take it as a personal insult. Needless to say, I was shocked at my brother's attitude and told him so.

Abby, I want to know if it would be permissible for my sons to wear navy blue or black suits. I don't wish to offend my brother, so should my sons not attend their cousin's wedding unless they can come up with the money to rent tuxedos? My sons are very close to their cousin (the bride) and it would sadden me if they did not attend her wedding. What would you do?

SISTER

DEAR SISTER: I would advise my sons to wear white shirts and formal bow ties with their navy blue or black suits, which very often pass for tuxedos. I assure you, very few people would notice or even care — with the possible exception of your brother. And since he would take it as a personal insult if your sons dared to appear in anything but tuxedos, why doesn't this pompous snob offer to pay for the rentals?

DEAR ABBY: Please print this in your column. If it helps just one person, it is worth it.

I am currently serving a 13-year prison sentence in Texas for armed robbery. It all started when I was 15 and got into my brother's car to smoke a "joint" — marijuana. By the time I was 18, I was drinking every day and doing hard drugs. These last five years have been a living nightmare in my fight against alcohol and drugs, but I couldn't or wouldn't stop until I was locked up.

Abby, I am 31 years old. Prison life is very hard. Every ounce of freedom is taken from you. When your loved ones come to see you and you have to talk with a glass partition between you, it tears your heart out. I have a hard time trying to forgive myself for what I have done to my parents, my wife and kids.

A message for your readers: Please, if you are a young person, don't let peer pressure get to you. If you have to break the law to be "in" with your friends, find new friends. If you have already started to drink or do drugs, get help. Any kind of help, just get it. Don't say you can handle it. That's what I said.

SOMEWHERE IN THE TEXAS PRISON SYSTEM

DEAR SOMEWHERE: Maybe — just maybe — you turned someone's life around. Thanks for writing. Good luck and God bless.

TONIGHT

ASK DICK KLEINER



DICK KLEINER

Q. Please satisfy my curiosity! My husband thinks Frank Sinatra and Natalie Wood did the original "From Here to Eternity" in '79. I think it was much better done in the early '40s with Eleanor Parker and either William Holden or Robert Taylor. Please let me who is right. — L.H., Edinboro, Pa.

A. You both need some memory pills (or did you forget to take them?). The original "FRET" in Hollywood movie, was made in 1953, with Burt Lancaster, Deborah Kerr, Montgomery Clift, Donna Reed and Frank Sinatra. The 1979 version, a TV movie (and, briefly, a TV series), had Natalie Wood, William Devane, Roy Thomas and Steve Railsback.

Q. In the late '20s, I was taken to a movie and told it was the first talking one. The name "AHS Quiet on the Western Front" — B.S., Kalamazoo, Mich.

A. I don't know the right or wrong of whether you were taken to see that movie, but no, it wasn't the first talking movie. Movies had had sound for about three years when that film was released in 1929. It's often noted that the silent era ended with the premier of "The Jazz Singer" in 1927.

Q. Who is the actor who played the character who does not have to go to school on "Gory Days"? — K.P., Chicago, Ill.

A. Nicholas Kallen played Peter Trigg on "Gory Days." Send your questions to: Ask Dick Kleiner, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 500 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10166. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

PEOPLE

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Dr. Gott Baker's cyst causes swelling

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I am surprised you could not tolerate estrogen therapy, the presently accepted treatment for post-menopausal osteoporosis. Estrogen usually produces no side effects, although some women may react adversely to specific brands of hormone.

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To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Osteoporosis." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2.25 with their names and addresses to P. O. Box 915689, Cleveland, OH 44101-5360. Be sure to mention the title.

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Peter Gott, M.D.

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EXTRA PROBATION — Actor Kelsey Grammer, who plays Frazier Crane on "Cheers," was sentenced to an extra two years probation and ordered to undergo drug testing after admitting using cocaine.

The Associated Press

U.S. District Thomas A. Wiseman ruled that a lawsuit brought by Nashville's Acuff-Rose Music Inc. against a Live Crew is an anti-establishment rap group.

Wiseman said "This song derivatively demonstrates how bland and banal the Orison song seems to them."

The Orison classic depicts a pretty woman, "the kind I'd like to meet," while the rap version of the same name is about a "big, hairy, bald-headed, two-tinted woman" who "becomes akin to Cousin Itt, the Addams Family," Wiseman ruled Monday.

Acuff-Rose had charged that 2 Live Crew's "Pretty Woman" hurts the value of the original. The lawsuit sought unspecified damages and forfeiture of all copies of "As Nasty As They Wanna Be," the album on which the song appeared.

Orison died in 1989.

■ Add another item to Gov. Mario Cuomo's credentials: Girl Scout.

The Democrat was presented with a Girl Scout membership pin Tuesday in a state Capitol ceremony to announce state energy-saving programs.

"Do I have to sell cookies?" Cuomo asked.

The governor said he had paid for "at least 1,000 boxes of Girl Scout cookies" from his three daughters, who are now Girl Scouts.

"In my heart I'm a Girl Scout," he said.

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BOLTON — It is easy to present a detailed history, complete with dates, names, positions and other "facts," which purport to define the shaping of a town.

But what is lost is the people behind these "facts," the flesh and blood persons who lived and died so others could live today.

The truest history of a New England town may exist in its cemeteries.

Cemeteries are a window into the past. They offer us the best chance of a glimpse into the unique and special lives of long ago — people who were every bit as real as those living today, and probably felt that they would never die either.

Standing before a gravestone, we can read the bare facts of their existence. We can admire the skill of their artisans, men who carved delicate figures and designs out of solid rock. We can read the words of their learned men, and their poets.

And we can hear the people themselves, whispering: *Let not ye dead forgotten lie, least men forget that they must die.*

A STROLL THROUGH A CEMETERY
"You will not find poetry anywhere unless you bring some of it with you." — Joseph Joubert (1754-1824)

Driving south on Hebron Road, about a quarter mile past town hall, you will come to the crest of a hill. Immediately on the left hundreds of tombstones gradually rise from behind a low stone wall, standing shoulder to shoulder. This is the Bolton Center Cemetery.

The view stretches for miles. On a clear day one can see the towns of Hebron, Andover, Coventry, and even as far as Columbia and Mansfield.

There are stones of white, gray, brown, even red, standing in uneven rows like thin, crooked teeth. Several tall, dark monuments are scattered around, fossilized missiles pointed at the sky.

Step over to a stone and read the date. Here is one: "Dorothy Hammond, wife of Nathaniel Hammond, departed this life on Dec. 21, 1775 in the 35th year of her age."

You shove your hands into your pockets and gaze a little longer. The stone itself is carved with great care. Intricate designs and flourishes grace the borders. A blank, weather-beaten face stares back from the top of the stone.

And there is more written. A poem?

This earthy body sleeps in dust and must corruption see. But saints shall rise with all the just and ever blessed be.

Several questions come to mind, unanswered by the stone. Did she have children? Was she kind? Would you like her? Was she missed? And you move onto the next stone.

POETIC INSCRIPTIONS
Inscriptions spring up before the eye — benign greetings from the once-living.

Some are capsules of poignant economy: *How dear to his heart were the scenes of his childhood, on the back of a recent stone.*

There are others too. Most of the epitaphs are similar to Dorothy Hammond's — well-travelled epitaphs devised by the ministers and learned men of the day and handed around from church to church, from burial ground to burial ground, where they were then used with little or no variation. They are scattered around the cemetery like fallen leaves.

Often the inscriptions are polite warnings or reminders to the living.

Death is a debt to Nature due, which I have paid and so must you.

No age nor sex can Death deny, Think mortals what it is to die.

Those inscriptions can be found in virtually every cemetery in New England, and no doubt spawned the dozens of similar but more elaborate inscriptions to be found. For example, on the stone of Levi Loomis, who died in 1793 at 50:

Death leaves a melancholy gloom, It makes an empty seat, We living mortals all must come, And join this long retreat.

The not-too-subtle portents contained in these inscriptions are more compelling when read on the stone itself. But then, everything is more compelling in a cemetery.

THE HOPEFUL AND HELPFUL
There are, however, also inscriptions offering words of comfort and encouragement to those left behind in the world of the living.

From Mrs. Jared Cone's stone in 1801:
My friends your tears control, your grief suppress, My Father's will is done, and I have gone to rest.

The same sentiments of Mrs. Cone's stone is expressed in more demonstrative terms on Mr. Brigham's stone in 1808.

My foul death swallows up thy fears, My grave clothes wipe away all tears, Why should we fear this parting pain, Who die that we may live again.

A HARD LIFE
The marriage customs and habits of old New England are on full display in Bolton's cemetery. Apparently, people tended to marry in their early twenties or earlier, and widowers did not remain that way for very long.

In the Center Cemetery, Nathaniel Hubbard is buried alongside his four wives. Flora was his first betrothed. She died in 1788 only 27 years old. She was succeeded by Eunice who died in 1801; Sarah, who died in 1809, and lastly Ruth, who died in 1833 at 71.

As for Nathaniel himself — he outlived them all, dying in 1844 at the age of 86 — attesting, no doubt, to the healthy, robust life he led.

But many were not so lucky as Mr. Hubbard. Some had a hard life, it seems, suffering the rigors of a cruel climate, famine, and epidemics without the benefit of modern medicine and the other luxuries we enjoy today.

These hardships sometimes caused a bitterness that accompanied men and women into the grave.

What should I wish or wish for than, From Creatures Earth and dust, They make our Expectations vain, And dissipate our trust.

The cruel life is no more evident than in all the young children who are buried here. The carefree days of youth were a struggle which many did not survive. On a young girl's grave in 1807:

Behold fond parents as you pass, Learn how your dearest hopes are grass, Harriet Brown herself died in 1864 at 47, two months after her six-year-old daughter Hattie died.

GRAVESTONE TRENDS
There are general trends to be seen among the inscriptions and gravestones which are indicative of the religious and philosophical change of their day. From the early seventeenth century to the eighteenth, puritanical rigidity and religious guilt implied in inscriptions gave way to yearnings for a better, more comfortable existence. Painstakingly carved, symbolic stones gave way to simpler stones which gave way to large, ostentatious monuments which have since given way to marble markers with nothing but a name and a date.

Poetry of the dearly departed



In Memory of
Mrs. MARTHA wife of
Mr. SAUL ALVORD
who departed this life
Sep^r 16th 1794
in the 70th year
of her Age
*my Fleh shall Slumber in the Ground
till the last Trumpet Joy full sound
then Burst the Chains with Sweet
Surprise and in my Saviour shine*

Why are today's markers so plain and indifferent? Cost is one reason, of course. People of long ago didn't mind spending so much on a funeral and burial because it was an event unequalled in the day. They rarely celebrated holidays, or weekends, or other occasions such as we do today. A funeral was a real "happening" in which the entire town participated.

Or perhaps someone merely decided it was impossible to capture the essence of the deceased with a carved stone or a carefully worded inscription.

In any case, it is comforting to know that there was a time when people tried.

NAMES AND PLACES
Of the more than 1,000 people buried in Bolton, there are many familiar names to be found. Ever heard of a place called Talcottville? Or used a road called Watrouf?

And who does not use the post office? Or go to the library? Or pay local taxes? Who started these things so we can enjoy them today?

The original proprietors of Bolton comprised a total of forty-five men. Twelve of them are buried in the Center Cemetery: Daniel Dart, 1738; Rev. Thomas White, the town's first pastor, 1738; Timothy Elliott, 1754; John Church, 1754; Jonathan Strong, 1763; Cornelius Birge, 1763; Thomas Loomis, 1770; Jabez Loomis, the first landowner in Bolton, 1771; James Loomis, 1784; and Joel White, 1785.

In Quarryville, you may find Stephen Johns, 1736; John Bissell, 1771; and Benjamin Talcott, 1785, among many others.

Some citizens led pretty fast lives. At least, Luther Talcott did. He was killed when, according to an old news story, he "urged his horse at full speed in order to cross the railroad track ahead of the engine at the Notch. His death was immediate." Mr. Talcott's white stone,

For dust and ashes' lowliest preach, Man's frailty concern.

Rev. Colton died in 1812 after a pastorate of 49 years.

CRUMBLING MARKERS
It is difficult to tell how much the modern inventions of acid rain and air pollution have damaged the gravestones. But there is little doubt that aging has accelerated in the last century.

Hearing the incomprehensible act of cemetery vandalism — the fond pastime of many a vacuous youth — the condition of the stones mostly depends on the material from which they were carved.

The most common stone used in Bolton cemeteries before 1800 was the gray micaceous slate or mica schist mined from the local quarries. "Bolton Stone," as it is called in New England, was used by stonemasons all over the state and as far as Massachusetts and Vermont. In most cases, it has weathered marvelously over the years.

A brownish-red, almost chocolate-colored sandstone was also used for several stones in Bolton, but it has not held up as well. It tends to chip and crumble. Since the early 1800s, however, these types of stones were widely replaced by marble stones.

THE STONECUTTERS
As Harriette M. Forbes asserts in her book, the underpaid artisans were very likely creating the first true puritan art in early New England. But who were they? What were their names? Where did they come from? And how can we identify their work?

The best way to identify a stone's artisan is the signature or initials which can sometimes be found near the base of the stone.

Without doubt the most prolific stonemasons in Bolton before 1800 were the Manning brothers, Frederick and Rockwell, and another fellow who is known only as the "Hook and Eye Man."

After seeing one example of their work, it is easy to stand before a cemetery and point out their stones.

THE MANNINGS
The Manning brothers had a style distinct from other cutters, but like most stonemason families, it is nearly impossible to differentiate between them.

Frederick was from Windham, and Rockwell from Norwich, so one is tempted to conclude that Frederick carved the stones in Bolton due to his proximity. But that is mere speculation and probably untrue.

The brothers usually worked with tall stones, curved at the top, and carved intricate faces flanked by unfathered wings. The eyes are wide open and formed by two circles, so that they look almost like thick-rimmed glasses. The faces were often meant to be crude representations of the deceased.

Examples of their work in the Center Cemetery include the stones of Jeriah Loomis in 1800 and his wife in 1803. In Quarryville, look for the stones of Miss Eleanor Bartlet in 1796 and Martha Carver in 1781.

As talented as they were, the Manning brothers owed a great deal stylistically to their father, Josiah. The elder Manning died in the same year his sons did and worked during the middle to late eighteenth century. Unfortunately, his work is rare in Bolton.

Two fine examples do exist. They are the stones of Mary Hammond in 1776 and Dorothy Hammond in 1775 in the Center Cemetery. Josiah's style is similar to his sons, but his wings were feathered and his faces more fully realized.

THE HOOK AND EYE MAN
The Mannings may have been prolific in Bolton but they were no match for a fellow known only as "The Hook and Eye Man," for the way he carved his eyes and noses. Indeed, Mr. "Hook and Eye" was a busy man in Bolton. There are dozens of examples of his work here.

His work tends to be transitional, simple shapes and letters, ranging from the crude to the crudely elaborate. Every one of his stones has a bulbous, elongated face depicted near the top with an expression of what appears to be mild surprise.

See just one of his stones and you will be an instant "Hook and Eye" expert. Some examples in the Center Cemetery are the stones of Timothy Elliott, Thomas Pitkin, Rev. Thomas White, and John Church.

In Quarryville, the stones of Stephen Johns and his wife, as well as John Bissell in 1771, bear the work of Mr. "Hook and Eye."

OTHER BOLTON CARVERS
Benjamin Collins of Lebanon was a talented artisan who died in 1760. His stones are signified by their vaguely diamond-like shape and their flowery, gentle lettering.

There is one fine example of his work in the Center Cemetery. It is a short stone standing very near and facing the front wall — the grave of Deborah Kingsberry.

Mrs. Kingsberry died in 1745 at the age of 38. Her stone has a rising sun depicted on it, symbolizing the resurrection. The sun has a smile not unlike the Mona Lisa's.

Another possible carver was Isaac Sweetland from Hartford, who worked in the late eighteenth century.

And John Walden of Windham, who died in 1807, often signed his work. There are several stones in Quarryville which are probably his — similar in style to the Mannings, but with slanted eyes.

VISITING A CEMETERY
Today the town's cemeteries are maintained and supervised by the Bolton Cemetery Association, which was established in the early part of the century. Individual plots and stones are paid for by the families involved.

Carl Preece is the superintendent in charge of burials. He likes to say that his position is an important one, because he has hundreds of people under him.

Now, making "rubblings" is a popular pastime, and may be the best way to decipher faded stones. They are also representations of genuine art that you can take home with you.

Recommended rubbing materials, according to several books on the subject, are plain bonded paper, masking tape, a box of hard, dark crayons — that some recommend, liquid undercoat during the winter months. For a cemetery, like other open fields, can be a windy, chilly place.

You may have to clear away lichen or other matter on the stone surface, being careful not to damage the stone. Tape the paper tight to the stone and rub the crayon gently over the paper. Do not mark the stone itself.

Even if you are going just for a look, don't try to take in the entire place at once. Take your time and ponder each stone. Brush off the loose dirt that obscures the date. Search for the initials or signature of the stonemason. Admire the careful shaping of the stone, its fine details. Study the face engraved at the top — is it that of the deceased? Read the inscription and let it roll "triply from the tongue."

And remember, a cemetery is, in many ways, a private world. Be careful not to damage or disturb it. If a stone appears to be in bad condition, do not touch it. These stones are as irreplaceable as each unique and special person they represent.

Above all, forget the payment that is due or the troubling words someone said. Leave all unnecessary baggage behind. The courageous spirit of our proud ancestors would frown upon your petty cares.

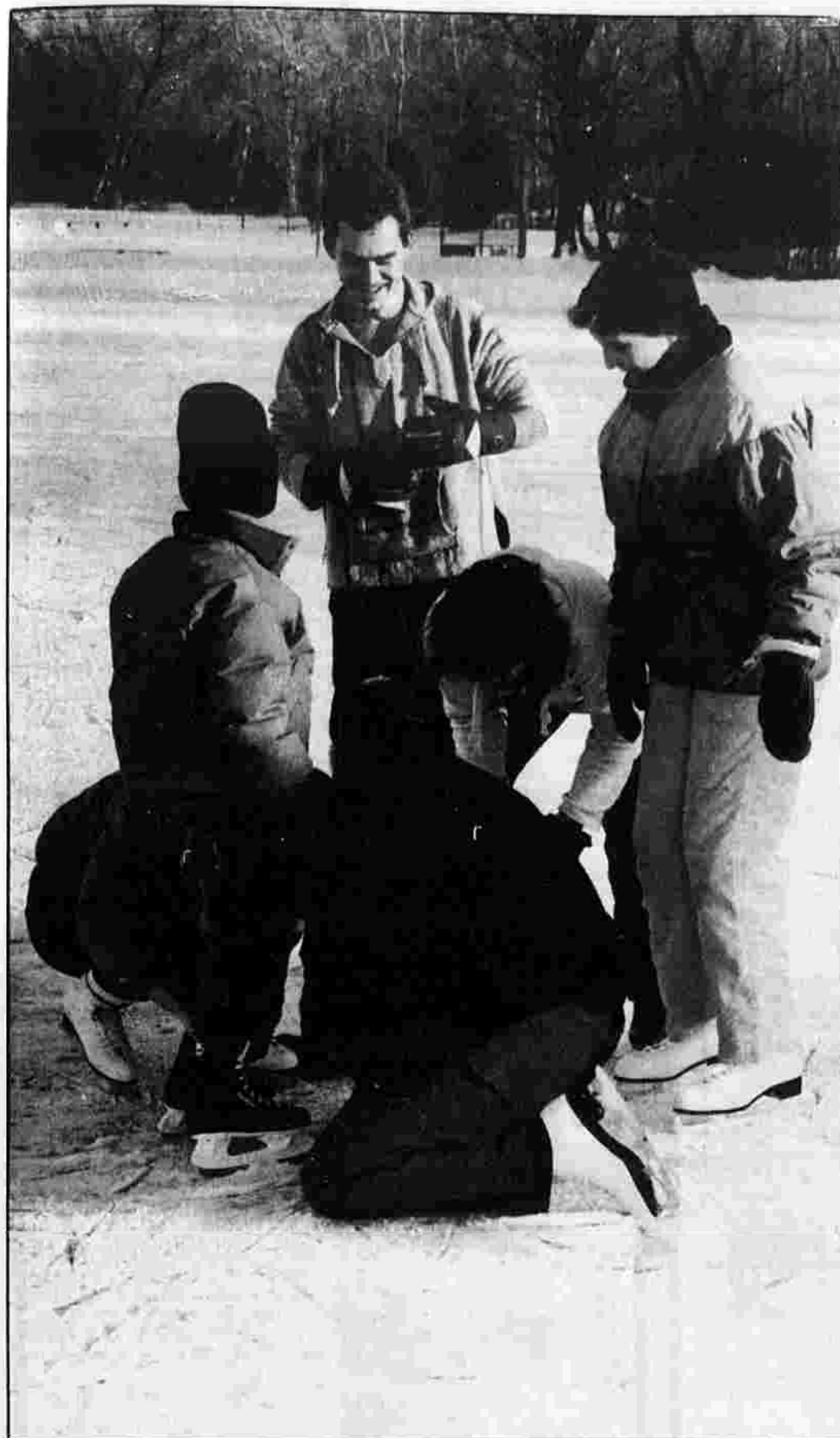
From the stone of Emily Andrews in 1868:
A few bright days and fleeting years, And we are past all hopes and fears.

THE REVEREND COLTON
Dr. Colton is certainly one of the most colorful figures in the town's history. He is buried in the Center Cemetery.

The second pastor of the Bolton Congregational Church was called the "high priest of Bolton" for his skyward stature of six foot seven inches. He was described by those who knew him as having a quick and quirky wit and a "saving sense of humor."

Rev. Colton's tall, rectangular slab near the front of the Center Cemetery has faded and is virtually unreadable. But his two wives, Martha and Rhoda, are buried on either side, and their stones have aged well. By that means we may identify his case as standing between them. It once read:

Here shall my monardring body teach, What now you all should reach.



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NEW YORK — You still can't make them believe in Palm Beach that one of the choicest pieces of property in the resort, a seven-acre spread from lake to ocean, was quietly bought for Queen Noor of Jordan by her representatives. Ostensibly the sale was made to an oil-rich sheikh, but only the gullible are buying that red herring.

Certain information has come out that convinces the seller, Wilson Lucom — and all the real estate people in town — that the real owner is the American-born Noor, the former Lisa Halaby of Fifth Avenue, New York.

As for seller Lucom, a Washington political strategist and president of Concerned Voters Inc., a conservative watchdog group, he's looking at some grand establishments to replace what he sold and getting ready to celebrate the publication next month of his bombastic literary effort, "Communists in the Democratic Party," supposedly filled with enough hard facts to shake the Washington status quo.

The cover depicts a Trojan hobby horse with a hammer and sickle superimposed over the tripod. What a world we live in.

Whatever, Palm Beach is certainly a known quantity to her spouse, King Hussein. He, a water-sports enthusiast, spent several winter vacations there as a guest of his good old friend Jim Kimberly, the Klencen heir. Hussein even brought along his late wife, Queen Alia, and, of course, his retinue.

Everybody knows Hussein has also bought a large tract outside Vienna. The family can always use that — and Palm Beach — as a vacation spot. Or even a retirement (exile?) spot if a war changes the topography of his kingdom and the beleaguered little king has to scuttle in a hurry.

Energy and Commerce Committee and the ballroom of the family: Hilary and Joe Califano; Sen. and Mrs. Brock Adams and Buffy Caffriz's sister from New York, Jan Chipman, who has her own "Wintertime" gala here Jan. 22.

ANNIVERSARY DO
The place to be last Sunday night, whether fresh from the country, fresh from the city or fresh from bed, was at Nan and Tommy Kemper's big buffet celebrating five years of wedded bliss for Peter Duchin and Brooke Hayward, his beguiling bride.

When Peter stood to proclaim his happiness and toast the beguiling one with words of praise — among other things he called her "a genius" — la belle Brooke hid her blushing face and most of the rest of her in the sofa cushions, the darling girl. How nice to see that rare avia, a marriage that really works.

Then there were Princess Lauro de Beauvoir-Craw, just off the plane from Paris; Shelley Wanger Mortimer, beautiful in head-to-toe black; Jean Harvey Vanderbilt; Joy Hendricks in tight black silk pants and a romantic white silk lace blouse by Yves Saint Laurent; Samuel Reed (he was with Joy); Mike Sarofim; Jane Hitchcock; Albert Eregan; Larry Lovett; writer William Wilson; Jerry Zipkin; Tom Guinzburg; Count Giovanni Volpi; Gene Hovis; Robert Silvers; Glenn Bonham; Ashton Hawkins; Kenneth Jay Lane, like that.

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