

IRAQ UNDER SIEGE: THE LIBERATION OF KUWAIT

Bush pleased with progress, warns of problems

By BENJAMIN SHORE
Copley News Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Wednesday night he was pleased with the progress of the first week of warfare against Iraq, but warned there will be problems and setbacks before Iraqi forces are driven from Kuwait.

In his first public speech since ordering the United States, backed by 30 other allied nations, into combat against Iraq, Bush said, "I am pleased to report that Operation Desert Storm is right on schedule... We will stay the course and we will succeed all the way."

However, Bush, dampening down the euphoria of the first two days

when allied aircraft bombed Iraq with impunity, said, "There will be problems, there will be setbacks and sacrifices. But let me say, I have every reason to be very pleased with our progress to date."

The president, addressing the annual convention of the Reserve Officers Association, said Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has "betrayed the world" with Iraqi Scud missile attacks on populated areas of Israel and Saudi Arabia.

Bush called the missiles "inaccurate bombs that indiscriminately strike cities and innocent civilians," and said they are "nothing more than tools of terror."

"We do nothing but strengthen our resolve to act against a dictator



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unmoved by human decency." Bush also attacked Saddam's "repulsive parade" of captured American pilots on Iraqi television, "one more proof of the savagery of Saddam."

Bush said he knew as the pilots "read their prepared statements criticizing this country that those were false words forced on them by their captors."

Hinting at a possible war-crimes trial if Saddam is defeated, Bush added, "No one should weep for this tyrant when he is brought to justice; no one, anywhere in the world."

The 13-minute speech, interrupted 12 times by the applause and lusty cheers of some 2,000 flag-waving reserve officers and their

spouses, was reworked by Bush himself up to the last minute to "reflect the President's personal views," White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater said.

Bush, echoing a Pentagon briefing earlier in the day, said the United States has "dealt a severe setback to Saddam's nuclear ambitions, (and) our pinpoint attacks have put Saddam out of the nuclear bomb-building business for a long time to come."

The president said the allies have air superiority, "and we are using that superiority to systematically degrade Saddam of his ability to wage war effectively."

After destroying airfields, radars and air defenses, Bush said, "The

main danger to allied aircraft now comes from some 20,000 anti-aircraft guns in the Baghdad area alone."

The President added, "Operation Desert Storm is working. There can be no pause now that Saddam has forced the world into war. We will stay the course, and we will succeed all the way."

Appearing to address the anti-war protests that have broken out from coast to coast this past week, Bush said, "When the brave men and women of Desert Storm return home, they will return to the love and respect of a grateful nation."

The President said, "We did not begin a war seven days ago. Rather, we began to end a war."

Regardless of outcome, Middle East will change

By DAVID CRARY
The Associated Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus — No matter how decisively the Persian Gulf war ends, turmoil and bloodshed are likely to persist in the Middle East unless the anti-Iraq alliance accepts the need for profound political change.

Experts of widely varying viewpoints agree on some basic challenges that will face the United States and its friends, Western and Arab, whenever they complete their onslaught on Saddam Hussein.

These include democratic reform in such countries as Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, redistribution of oil wealth to benefit the Arab world's recent have-nots and some sort of accommodation for the Palestinians.

"Nothing in the Middle East will return to the status quo," said Egypt's Tahseen Beshir, a former presidential spokesman.

"The key will be whether the Americans and their allies put the same effort into building the peace as they did in launching the war."

To many Arabs and Muslims, the war has elevated Saddam to the status of holy warrior, the only man willing to take on the might of the entire Western world. His defeat may not dilute this sentiment.

"A defeated Saddam, particularly a dead one, will take on a much more favorable image," Robert O'Neill, an Oxford University history professor, wrote in Britain's Financial Times.

"We should be prepared after a Gulf war to face a long and uncertain

period as a new system of regional security is built."

In Israel, there's hope that a victory over Iraq could lead to a new era of regional harmony, with the United States possibly having more influence due to its alliance with Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Syria.

"I think more opportunities are going to open up," said Itamar Rabinovich, rector of Tel Aviv University. "An American primary will have been established."

But Rabinovich, a professor of Middle Eastern studies, added in a telephone interview. "There will have to be some redistribution of wealth in the Arab world, and there will have to be political reform..."

The coalition should represent the triumph of democratic reform, not the return to oligarchy."

Rabinovich said Israel would have to address the Palestinian question, but not necessarily through talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"It's very important, in the aftermath of war, that those who backed on the wrong side will not be rewarded," he said. "It would be wise to deal with the Palestinians, yes. But the PLO was in the Iraqi camp."

A senior PLO official, Assad Abul Rahnan, says anti-Americanism has become a pervasive ideology in the Middle East and could erupt in widespread

violence after an Iraqi defeat. He said this anger could be defused only if the allies act swiftly on the issue of Palestinian statehood.

"The defeat of Saddam Hussein would create very deep, bitter feelings," Abul Rahnan said. "The more time you give, these feelings would materialize in an organization and active manner."

If President Bush delayed action on the Palestinians until after the 1992 presidential elections, Abul Rahnan said, "I believe this area would see a lot of bloodletting."

There is widespread concern about a possible post-war power vacuum. Iran, Syria and Turkey all have been mentioned as possibly interested in exploiting an Iraqi defeat, either territorially or politically.

Christine Holms, an American expert on the Middle East, wrote in the Journal of Defense and Diplomacy that if the allies were to crush Iraq's military, "the result will be a power vacuum, the consequences of which even the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse might shrink from considering."

The pro-Western nations of the Arabian peninsula — Saudi Arabia and the Emirates — already are discussing arrangements for post-war regional security after Western forces depart.

Officials in Cairo say Egypt likely would provide most of the soldiers for a regional deterrent force, the Saudis and Kuwaitis the money and the West the technology.



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BURIAL — Two Orthodox Jews carry the body of a man at his funeral on Wednesday in Tel Aviv. The man died of a heart attack after an Iraqi Scud missile attack. During the Tuesday attack, three people died and another 70 were injured.

Oil companies report huge Gulf-aided profits

By MARIANN CAPRINO
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fantastic leaps in earnings ordinarily thrill companies, but not big oil corporations squirming over their Persian Gulf windfall.

Not only do they want to convince investors the large gains are exceptional benefits of a bad situation, companies also hope to win over a cynical public that sees them as greedy gougers who should surrender the money to worthy causes.

The nation's nine largest oil companies are expected to tally \$7.2 billion in profits for the final quarter of 1990, up 69 percent from \$4.3 billion in the 1989 period, said Michael C. Young, an analyst with Smith Barney, Harris Upham & Co.

Texasco Inc. reported fourth-quarter profits on Wednesday of \$473 million, up from \$280 million a year ago. Even when special one-time accounting adjustments are considered, Texasco's fourth-quarter earnings soared 69 percent to \$538 million, while Mobil Corp. reported a 45 percent earnings jump to \$651 million.

Chevron Corp. Chairman Kenneth Derr jumped the gun earlier this month by indicating quarterly earnings will be in the \$700 million range. "They're going to be high, and they're going to create a lot of flack," Derr predicted, though he viewed the quarter as "an anomalous

circumstance." Bess Bezirgan, a spokeswoman for the Ralph Nader consumer group Buyers Up, has suggested oil companies contribute their enormous profits to the needy. Other consumer groups and some politicians have called for a return of the windfall profits tax.

Such numbers are not new to oil companies, which for years have endured scrutiny by consumers fied at gyrations in the cost of filling up their cars and basements heating tanks.

"Incorrectly... the consumer generally views the oil company as almost a semi-utility," said William Brown III, a senior vice president at Kidder Peabody & Co. "Just like water and electricity, consumers have the perception of the profit picture, and it's safe to say they're worried about it," Kidder's Brown said. "The industry has never had as good a public relations effort as it should."

But this time oil executives are making an effort to explain the results in a way to dampen expectations that such phenomenal growth can continue. Amoco Chairman Richard Morrow, for one, talked about the unusual set of circumstances influencing results.

Tax relief for Desert Shield will be approved today

By JIM LUTHER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Members of Congress are expected to approve the Persian Gulf war relief bill today, a measure that would allow military personnel to deduct expenses for the war.

The Senate is expected to approve the bill today and send it to President Bush, who supports the measure.

The bill expands the relief that President Bush granted when he signed an executive order Monday.

That order declared the region a combat zone, effective Jan. 17, 1991. The bill extends the filing deadline and assured that all the military pay of enlisted personnel and 600 a month of officers' pay will be exempt from tax.

The bill extends the filing deadline for troops who began serving in the Persian Gulf on or after Aug. 2, when Iraqi troops invaded Kuwait, and before the war started Jan. 17. But the tax-free treatment will remain available only to those in the war zone Jan. 17 or later.

The bill, which would cost about \$10 million for each year the war continues, would:

—Delay the tax-filing deadline for people in the region (and their spouses) until six months after they leave the area. There would be no penalty or interest charge for the delay. The usual filing deadline is April 15 and although present law grants an extra two months to troops stationed outside the United States, they are liable for interest on payments not made by April 15.

—Freeze Internal Revenue Service collection and enforcement measures for the same periods.

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Report: Iraq controls global terror network

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Western intelligence agencies say they have uncovered leads to what they believe is a network of terrorists trained in Baghdad, Iraq, and sent around the globe, the Los Angeles Times reported today.

Clues found in connection with a bombing near a U.S. library in Manila, Philippines, led to arrests Wednesday of two Iraqis and two Jordanians in Bangkok, Thailand.

Evidence also indicates the Iraqi Embassy in Manila directed the bombing, the Times said.

"It is clear that what has happened here (Manila) is part of a global deployment by the Iraqis," an unidentified Western official told the newspaper.

"This is a well-planned and extensive operation in which groups were sent out and pre-positioned all over the place."

In addition, it was learned that the Federal Aviation Administration told airlines Tuesday night that 140 Ethiopian passports were stolen and are thought to be in the hands of the Middle East terrorist organization.

An international alert was issued Wednesday for police and immigration officials to be on the lookout for Iraqis or other potential Arab terrorists, the Times said.

An unidentified official in Manila was quoted as saying Bangkok appears to be a logistics center for Iraqi terrorist attacks in Asia.

"They're bringing people in. They're bringing supplies in. They're expert at making fake passports," the official was quoted

as saying. Irregularities in passports used by two Iraqis involved in a botched bombing Saturday near a U.S. library in Manila provided a major break in the search for Iraqi terrorists, according to another unidentified official.

"Now we have something to go on, to look for in other countries," that official was quoted as saying.

The official said the search will be most intensive in countries with known concentrations of Iraqis, Lebanese and Palestinians, "places where they have a local community in which to hide."

He cited Greece and Italy, most of Central America, a dozen countries in West Africa, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia.

An unidentified intelligence official for a foreign government said he learned that the Iraqis might have employed "have a lot less support than they used to have. The East Germans, the Bulgarians, the KGB aren't there to support them the way they used to."

He added that terrorists "used to have Mideast money available to them that came, indirectly, from the Saudis. But that's dried up."

Police searched Wednesday for at least two more Iraqi suspects in the Manila bombing, as Philippine troops and armored personnel carriers were deployed outside several Western embassies, airline offices, international schools and the residential compounds of diplomats and other foreigners.



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PREPARING FOR COMBAT — At top, two U.S. Marines take part in hand-to-hand combat during training exercises in the Saudi Arabian desert. At bottom, two Marines practice running down a trench.



Officials spar with news media

By FINLAY LEWIS
Copley News Service

WASHINGTON — The White House claimed Wednesday that the Cable News Network (CNN) had passed along Iraqi "misinformation" by erroneously reporting that an alleged bombing raid on Baghdad had leveled an infant-milk formula factory.

The network defended the propriety of the account Wednesday by Peter Arnett, saying that his unique reporting role as the only western correspondent still in Baghdad constitutes a public service despite claims by the Bush administration that the facility was involved in the production of biological weapons.

The dispute appeared to add to the tension that has been building in recent days between the press and the government over the sketchy release by the Pentagon and the Bush Administration of damage assessments of bombing raids on Iraqi positions in the week old war.

Media experts said this controversy between the administration and CNN, like the argument over damage assessments, underscores the high stakes involved in a home front battle to shape public opinion.

In unusually blunt language, White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater implied that Arnett had assisted the Iraqi government by passing along what Fitzwater claimed was "a form of misinformation."

Fitzwater also warned that Arnett, a highly acclaimed and experienced war correspondent, had been placed in a professionally delicate situation.

"In saying that everything Peter Arnett reports is approved by and censored by and reviewed by, on the spot, the Iraqi government," Fitzwater told reporters at a White House briefing. "I just think it's fair to the American people to know that when they hear these reports — exactly what it is they're seeing."

In a statement, Ed Turner, CNN's executive vice president for news gathering, defended Arnett, saying that his report "neither confirmed nor denied the Iraqi government statement." He added, "CNN

believes it is in the interests of our viewers to maintain the only western journalist to watch and report from Baghdad."

Several students of the media's coverage of the war agreed with CNN but added that the dispute illustrates a natural tension between journalists, on one hand, and government and military officials on the other.

The experts noted that Pentagon officials had praised CNN when war erupted a week ago for its near exclusive coverage of the early raids on Baghdad. They said CNN's firm provided important intelligence, confirming the success of the raids.

Reporters and observers of the media also suggested that the administration used intelligence data to undercut the CNN report about the factory because it served its purpose, while in other instances it has withheld similar reports for security reasons.

"Inevitably, there's an adversarial standoff," observed Ellen Hume, executive director of the Shorenstein-Barone Center for Press and Politics at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. "It is in the interest of the U.S. military to have a particular story go out. And it is in the interest of the American public and therefore of the journalistic community to have a broader discussion of the pros and cons. Because those are two fundamentally different interests there will be clashes. It is inevitable."

So far, Operation Desert Storm — the assault launched by the most massive combat air strikes in history — has enjoyed high levels of support according to public opinion polls. The same surveys show that Bush's popularity has been boosted tremendously.

Despite widespread media misgivings about the basis for the military's claims of success from its some 10,000 air sorties, much of the reporting of the war's progress has been positive, contributing to the popular support for the war effort, political and media analysts say.

Combat wound survival unchanged since Vietnam

By PAUL RECER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The odds of survival for U.S. soldiers and Marines wounded in ground combat have improved little since the Vietnam war, even though medical science has made great strides in 25 years, military medical experts say.

Many of the new techniques, drugs and modern treatments that save thousands of civilian lives annually simply have no relevance for treating the wounded in a ground war, said Army Col. Ron Bellamy, a military doctor who helped prepare the medical plan for Operation Desert Storm.

"Ninety-five percent of the advances in medicine will have zero application in combat casualty care," Bellamy said in an interview this week.

Military medical personnel now are better trained and their equipment is modernized, but because of the very nature of today's ground combat, he said, "there aren't that many men from the front who will benefit."

Studies from Vietnam, he said, showed that death in ground combat was generally so quick that even if there was a hospital near to every footstep, there was little that medical science could have done to save lives.

"Eighty percent of those who die in combat will die within seconds," said Bellamy. Another 10 percent die within minutes, and the final 10 percent will die during evacuation or treatment.

And, despite the best military medical organization, training and equipment in the world, these percentages may not change, he said.

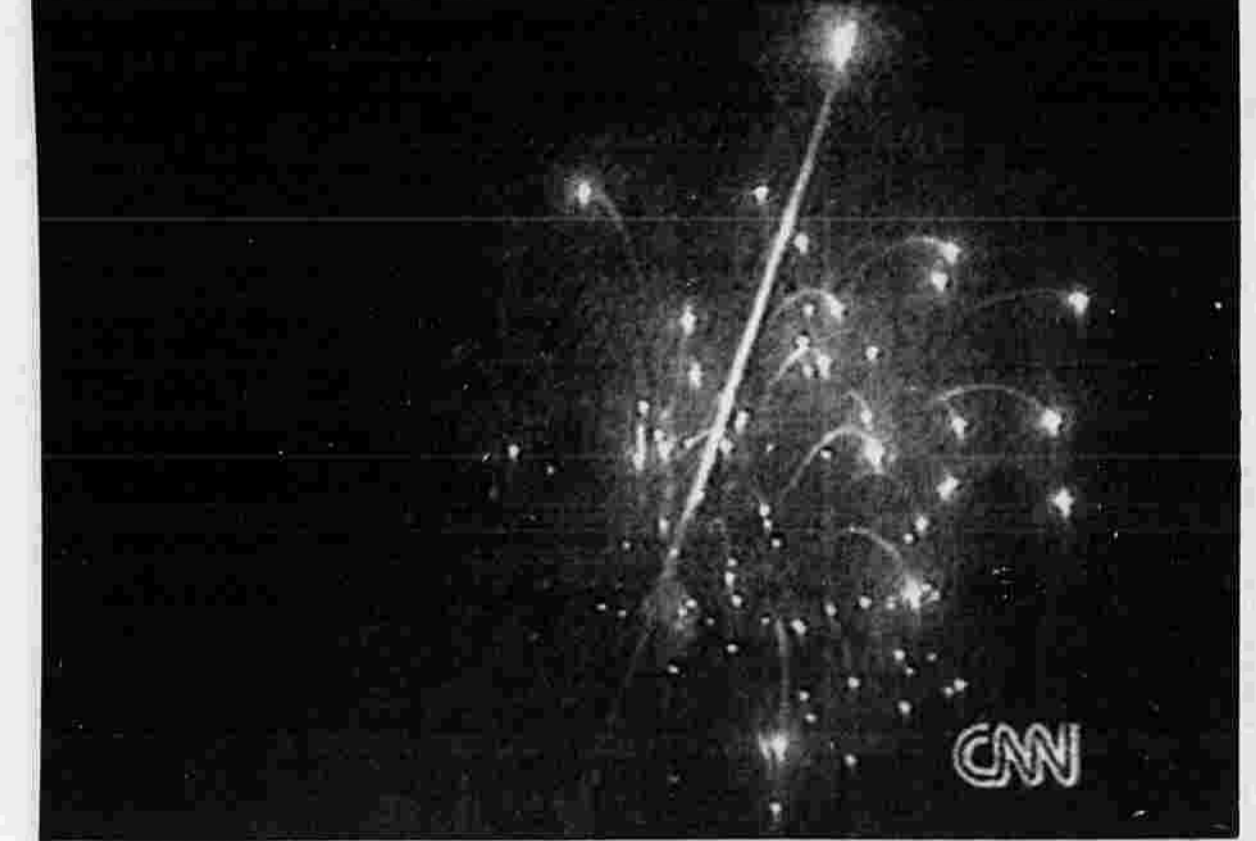
In civilian medicine, most injuries come from what is called blunt trauma. This would include bodies smashed in auto accidents or people hurt in falls.

Even the gunshot wounds and stabbings in civilian life are milder than those in combat. There's usually only a single wound and generally the weapons are less powerful than those in a war.

"In combat, most of the wounds come from high velocity penetrating missiles," said Bellamy. "Most people get hit by multiple rounds because the weapons are fully automatic."

A new level of first aid care also has been added, said Bellamy. There always have been at least one trained combat medic per platoon. Now, he said, "we've added an extra category of soldier, the combat life saver."

Full classes of combat medics are being trained at the Army's Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio and at Marine bases on both coasts.



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PATRIOT MISSILE LAUNCH — This photo, taken from Cable News Network, shows a Patriot missile launch streaking from bottom to top Wednesday night in Saudi Arabia. Subsequently, the Patriot appeared to intercept what was believed to be an incoming Scud missile, one of five successful interceptions in Saudi Arabia Wednesday night.

Demand soars for insurance

NEW YORK (AP) — Demand is skyrocketing for business insurance to cover employees against terrorism and war-related incidents since U.S.-led forces opened war on Iraq one week ago.

At the same time, premiums for the coverage, considered essential for overseas business insurance these days, has increased dramatically, insurers said.

Yet as the Persian Gulf conflict unfolded into its second week, the priority insurance filed a growing need.

Most travel policies sold through agents and insurance brokers exclude coverage of war-related acts and terrorism, industry officials said.

But Lloyd's of London and a handful of other large underwriters specializing in war-related coverage are offering special, high-risk insurance.

New York-based American International Underwriters says demand has escalated for its insurance covering expenses associated with kidnapping and ransom, wrongful detention by governments (including Iraq) and accidental death or dismemberment as a result of terrorism.

Cost of the coverage varies widely, depending on the type of company, locations of corporate branches and subsidiaries, revenues, company nationality and number of employees.

The cheapest coverage, for U.S. companies with no overseas operations, ranged from \$2,500 to \$50,000 a year at American International.

However, since U.S.-led forces went to war against Iraq on Jan. 16, the company has raised its rates and has reserved the right to change them every 24 or 48 hours, said David Samuel, vice president of the insurer's special services division.

On another business-insurance front, the cost of insuring ships and airplanes traveling to the Middle East has climbed as much as 1,000 percent since Iraq invaded Kuwait last August.

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OPINION

Open Forum Editorial slights Israel's courage

To the Editor:
Your editorial of Friday, January 18, entitled "Israel Should Lay Low" was, in my opinion, ill-considered. Rather than accusing Israel of wounded pride, Israel should have been praised for its courage in the face of unpunished attacks on its citizens.

You began with the statement that Israel feels wounded. Israel had reason to feel more than just wounded. It was in fact wounded. It was only by the grace of God, and thanks to the inaccuracy of Iraq's SCUD missiles, that casualties were as few as they were. Iraq was clearly aiming to kill civilians. In fact, it did succeed in doing so. The blame for the death of a three-year-old child and three elderly women who suffocated in their gas masks falls directly on Iraq and its threat of chemical attacks on Israel. To state that Israel "feels wounded" is to understate the moral repugnance of our enemy.



In the second paragraph you say, "If the Jewish homeland insists that it needs to launch a retaliatory strike of its own in response to Iraq's treacherous actions, it will be putting the desire for personal revenge in front of (6) clearheaded prudence." Very often, moral imperatives conflict with one another. Our sacred literature states "Who is truly mighty? He who conquers his impulse." Israel ably demonstrated one kind of might for six months by not making a preemptive attack on Iraq even after it was threatened with bombing. As was proven true, and Israel knew it to be so, Iraq meant its threat very seriously. But how can a staunch and dependable ally of the United States and therefore took no action. Now, another moral imperative comes into play: "Thou shalt not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor." How can Israel be expected to continue to stand idly by as its citizens are attacked, wounded and killed? To do so in the face of this evil would itself be immoral.

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My major objection to your editorial, and the wording of your article on the first page that day, was the emphasis on "revenge" rather than just retaliation. There is a significant difference and the use of one term rather than the other displays a certain bias.

You concluded, "Israel feels wounded in its national pride, and pride calls for it to defend itself rather than allow outsiders to do the task. But pride has not been called a deadly sin for nothing." This statement is outrageous. Israel has been wounded, and worse, in the flesh. To say that it feels wounded in its national pride is to say that it feels wounded in its national pride. Citizens are bleeding red blood in an insensitive understatement. Further, to blame blame to Israel for any retaliation is to shift the blame from the attacker to the victim. If Israel retaliates it will have no reason whatsoever to apologize. Senator Dodd said it well this past Sunday: "If Florida was attacked with missiles, how much restraint would the United States show?"

More on Bolton building plan

To the Editor:
On January 28, Bolton voters will have the opportunity to vote on appropriations of \$10.75 million for additions and renovations to the K-4 school and Bolton High School and \$17.5 million for an auditorium at Bolton High School.

The academic consequences of these proposed projects are difficult to assess except that they will enhance programs already in place and add a half-time home economics program for grades seven and eight. There is no doubt that there are space needs at the elementary school and a music room and a cafeteria at the high school are needed. If these proposals should pass, the town would continue to support a high school facility that could serve 375 high school students as reported to the Columbia Advisory Committee. The enrollment there will not reach 350 before 2010. In that same report the cost per pupil at Bolton High School increased 117 percent from 1985 to 1989. In comparison, during the same period the Lebanon High School cost per pupil increased 28 percent.

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Strict abortion bill passed

WASHINGTON — In every section of the country, Americans are feeling the effects of the recession as unemployment rises, unsold homes sit vacant and factories shut down production lines.

That picture of broad-based economic weakness emerged in the latest nationwide survey of economic conditions done by the Federal Reserve's 12 regional banking districts.

"The level of economic activity appears to be declining in most districts," the Fed said in releasing the survey Wednesday. "The Persian Gulf situation is frequently cited as a key determinant of both current and future economic activity."

Effects of recession spreading, survey says

Banking Committee on Wednesday said that the central bank was prepared to lower the funds rate further if needed to promote economic activity.

Greenspan's comments did not mollify some committee members, who accused the Fed of being slow to cut interest rates because of an over-concern about inflationary pressure.

Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., argued that the Fed's interest rate cuts had been "too little, too late" and told Greenspan, "People are going to starve out there, and you are going to be worried about inflation."

Sperm damage, smoking are linked

By PAUL RAEBURN
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Two new studies link parents' smoking to cancer and serious infectious diseases in children, and one suggests that the children's cancer may arise from the harmful effects of smoking on fathers' sperm.

In one study, researchers found that children whose parents smoke are three to four times as likely as other children to develop serious infectious diseases requiring hospitalization.

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A glimpse of Saudi justice

By JACK ANDERSON
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WASHINGTON — Scott Nelson knows firsthand the character of America's "friends" in the Persian Gulf. Five years ago Nelson was jailed and tortured in Saudi Arabia for blowing the whistle on dangerous conditions at a Saudi hospital where he worked. He went to Saudi Arabia looking for top wages and instead found himself on the wrong side of the royal family.

Nelson, an electrical engineer, took a job with the King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Saudi Arabia. His problems began in March 1984 when he spotted a hole in the wall of the hospital's oxygen and nitrous oxide lines. He reported the hazard to his supervisors, but was ignored.

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clarification. They have studied all of the options and will be happy to explain the project and more importantly the reasons for their decisions. If you have questions on how the project will affect your taxes, perhaps in view of the foregoing observations, it is time to take a much closer look at the ambitious projects of the B.O.E.

It seems safe to say that the people of Bolton understand the need for adequate educational facilities. It is also safe to say that most of us understand the needs of the other town operations. This brings us to the matter of the referendum. It is unfortunate that the questions, as put to the voters, will not reflect any distinction between the needs and the desires of the B.O.E. and its supporters.

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PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Gov. Bruce G. Sundland, saying the "day of reckoning" had arrived, released reports showing that Rhode Island's largest credit unions were deeply in debt and had millions of dollars in substandard loans before he closed them on New Year's Day.

The Marquette Credit Union "gambled with depositors' money and lost," Sundland said. The state's largest credit union was \$30.2 million in debt on Oct. 31, two months before Sundland closed it along with 44 other banks and credit unions that were left without insurance when their private insurers collapsed.

Nearly 97 percent of Marquette's loans were substandard — although a definition of that term was not offered — and at least 41 million over due, Sundland said.

The Woonsocket-based Marquette had \$362 million in assets, according to National Credit Union Administration reports provided by Sundland.

Marquette officials did not return phone calls. They have said their assets are \$249 million in the black.

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situations that remain closed were equally disparaging and also show inept management and sloppy record keeping, Sundland said.

The Davisville Credit Union, which claimed a \$12.2 million positive net worth, was about \$18 million in debt, Sundland said. He said the NCUA considered more than \$19 million of Davisville's loans to be substandard and \$10 million an outright loss.

Davisville, with \$167 million in assets, had \$23 million in delinquent loans, some overdue for more than a year, he said. Davisville President E.A. Washburn Jr. said this morning that he is not "officially allowed to comment" and board Chairman Louis DePonte did not return phone calls.

Rhode Island Central Credit Union in Warwick, the state's second largest with \$276 million in assets, was \$18.5 million in debt, Sundland said. John R. Lanfieri, the credit union's president, was in a meeting and did not return phone calls.

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The Iraqi News Agency said Saddam Hussein visited the southern front on Wednesday and met with commanders who briefed him on developments in the Persian Gulf war.

The commanders told Saddam the allies were cowards for avoiding a ground battle and waging an air war instead, the news agency said.

The allied air assault had a new weapon in its arsenal — the skies were clearing. Waves of U.S. warplanes took off from Saudi Arabia, and sources in the gulf state of Qatar said Canadian fighters struck targets in Iraq this morning.

Baghdad radio said allied warplanes staged 15 separate attacks by 7 a.m.

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For the year, Shawmut's results translated into a loss of \$1.84 per share, compared with a loss of \$128.9 million, or \$1.77 per share, in 1989.

For the last three months of 1990, Shawmut reported a loss of \$215.7 million, or \$2.94 per share, compared with a loss of \$326.8 million, or \$4.48 per share, during the same period a year earlier.

Earlier this month, the bank sold a credit card business, which is expected to yield \$68 million and will be included in the 1991 first quarter results.

The sale of that business will remove 250 positions from the bank's payroll. By year end, the bank will eliminate another 950 jobs through a combination of layoffs and attrition, Zehnder said.

He said it was not immediately known how many layoffs would be required. Shawmut currently employs about 12,000 people.

Zehnder said it was impossible to tell how many jobs would be lost at CNB versus the corporation's banks in Massachusetts and Rhode Island because so much of the reorganization would come through attrition over a long period of time.

"We're not dealing with attrition — there's no way to tell where that will come from," Zehnder said.

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enough latitude to lend money to businesses so the economy can begin moving again.

"This is a serious, serious situation," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., a member of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, and hemorrhaging severely on a daily basis.

Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., said the state's population, lost 5 percent of the nation's population, lost 254,000 jobs, or 20 percent of all jobs lost nationwide, over the past two years. Bank loans to businesses dropped by \$5 billion in 1990 after increasing by \$18.4 billion in 1989, and business failures rose by more than 190 percent, he said.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., stressed that regulators were correct to intervene with banks that had made too many risky real estate loans and did not have enough money to cover them. However, they went over too far, hurting the overall economy with overly strict, across-the-board lending restrictions, he said.

"Judgments are being made about capital standards and existing loans which are driving banks into a position where they simply can't lend in order to meet the

new requirements," said Kerry. "It is absurd to think that we are driving our own economy into the ground, if not in some cases the grave, by virtue of these misjudgments."

Although the Bush administration has been generally unresponsive to regional economic remedies, Dodd said the group senses "some willingness" on the part of officials to listen to the proposals.

The lawmakers also stressed that officials have existing authority to make the investments from the FDIC and do not need a new law.

Sheldon L. Pollock, chairman and chief executive officer of New American Bank and Trust Co. of Waterbury, stressed the solutions are viable because FDIC money would go only to banks that have been unjustly caught in the credit crunch. Pollock is the author of the two plans.

"There will be no incentive for unlimited growth, and it will not go to banks that have a history of mismanagement," he said. "It will really only go to the banks that have problems because of outside forces. If they invested in junk bonds, that's out."

Pratt

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Conn. "The Pratt & Whitney engines ... have been powering an enormous percentage of the planes being flown in the missions there."

"C-17 would be an example," said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Stamford. "In this rapid deployment force, you need to be able to move your troops; Pratt & Whitney happens to be the engine."

"It's a program that we just need to move forward on that's a program the country needs," said Shays. "It's logical we should be working on it."

The lawmakers' remarks may be seen as part of a recent trend among representatives and senators to use the war as a vehicle for praising the defense systems produced in their respective states.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., for example, issued a statement Wednesday that glowingly praised the gulf performance of the AH-67 Apache attack helicopter, made in Arizona, as "outstanding, and at a level that should silence the critics of the Apache for a very long time."

"The Apache performed exceptionally well in Panama during Operation Just Cause, and when its performance record in Desert Storm becomes known in detail, it will demonstrate to everyone that the Apache adds, in the Army's words,

an enormously important dimension in a land campaign," said McCain.

The comments come less than two weeks before President Bush is scheduled to unveil his budget request to Congress.

Lawmakers are likely laying the groundwork for what should be an arduous battle over limited funds. Moreover, spending may be more constrained than ever, considering the enormous expenditures needed to pay for the war and the savings and loan bailout alone.

Many analysts have noted that while the war may provide an immediate injection for defense-related industries, long-term defense spending is still bound to decrease, especially given the magnitude of the federal budget deficit.

"Nothing's ever guaranteed in perpetuity," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., who also noted that Congress will have to formally adopt a Declaration of War in order to be able to override the cap on defense spending included in the five-year budget resolution passed last year.

Still, some lawmakers maintained the outcome for defense spending should favor Connecticut, which is demonstrating the effects of the recession that has gripped New England and

raids on the capital.

Most of Iraq's 700 combat aircraft have remained in their protective bunkers. The number of sorties flown by Iraqi aircraft has dropped from an average of 235 daily to 30 to 40, Powell said, and air activity from 60 possible take-off sites has been reduced, with activity spotted during the preceding 24 hours from only five.

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Residents blast directors over assessments

By SCOTT B. BRIDE
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Irving Street-area residents, irate over their sewer assessments, blasted the district directors for changing the method of assessing sewer cost to include acreage of land with front footage as factors in determining assessments.

But, the nearly 35 residents who attended Wednesday's public hearing, said notification of all meetings are given in the Manchester Herald and stories on the assessment change appeared in the Herald and other newspapers. Labelle added that a schedule of meetings is posted in Willis Hall as well as Town Hall.

(An account of the district directors' decision to change the assessment method appeared in the Oct. 16 issue of the Manchester Herald.)

Owners of corner lots found their assessment rates particularly alarming.

Charlotte Hutchins, of 85 Broad St., a corner lot, said she was told by

a former Eighth District Board of Directors that her assessment would be based on her front footage alone. But, when she received her rate of assessment in the mail, the figure was based on an average of her front and side footage. The assessment was based on 103 feet — the average of the front and side lengths — instead of on her property's 61-foot front.

"What makes corner lots so holy that we have to pay more" than people with regular lots? Hutchins asked, adding that she has to pay more than her neighbors who have the same size lots.

Richard Lombardi, the engineer of the sewer project, said it is "customary" for both sides to be averaged together when determining assessments for corner lots.

Frances Cone, of 107 Irving St., asked why her assessment was based on her full front footage when the sewer pipes stop in the middle of her lot.

Cone said she had 20 feet of pipes installed in the front of her property, but still has to pay the same amount as those who had 60 feet of pipes put in their front yard.

Bolton H.S. project faces uncertain voters

By DAVID LANMEY
Manchester Herald

BOLTON — Although sometimes lost in the controversy surrounding the bigger and more costly K-12 school building project, the high school auditorium project is not one to ignore.

The second question on the Jan. 28 referendum will ask Bolton voters if they think the \$1.75 million auditorium project is necessary.

Several persons in town have already answered that question.

"I think it's a no-frills project that would serve a very important function for the schools and the community," says Mike Harney of the Citizens Alliance for School Excellence. "But it's not an absolute necessity like the K-12 project."

Charles Holland of The Neglected Taxpayers takes that one step further. "It is not a project that the town can afford at this time," he says. "We have reached a saturation point where each tax payer should be paying the most available space for large gatherings, and many say these facilities are inadequate."

For instance, the annual Center School Winter Concert was held last December in the high school gym. Even though the performers were on risers, the majority of the audience, seated in fold-up chairs, could not see them.

"The concert was excellent, but it would have been nicer if it had been held in a real auditorium," says Susan Nuss of the Citizens Alliance for School Excellence. "The auditorium could also be divided into at least four lecture areas."

"There is no place in town for a real townwide meeting," says Susan Nuss of the Citizens Alliance for School Excellence. "The auditorium would be the first real auditorium in Bolton which is a real townwide meeting."

The monthly cost to the average household in Bolton will be \$3.55 for the first three years, \$7.53 in the fourth year, and thereafter the cost will gradually decrease for the life of the bond.

Supporters say the 400-seat auditorium would be the first adequate facility for the school system's music programs, drama programs, and other school assemblies such as graduation.

As of now, the K-4 all-purpose room and the high school gym have been the only available spaces for large gatherings, and many say these



CHIMNEY FIRE — Manchester fire fighters were called to a minor chimney fire Tuesday afternoon at 181 Glenwood St. The fire was extinguished quickly, with only minor damage. Residents should keep their chimneys clean to avoid potential fires, officials said.

Hickey wins Model Congress award

By DIANNA M. TALBOT
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — She knew her debating skills were excellent for her age. But now the Manchester High School senior has proof — in the form of a three-foot-high, first-place trophy — that she is among the best.

Lauren T. Hickey, 18, nabbed the top award recently at the 51st Model Congress sponsored by American International College in Washington, D.C. She also won a four-year scholarship worth about \$50,000 to the college.

The 92 Burrill St. resident is the first Manchester High School student to win the award. She was chosen out of a pool of 310 students, including seven others also from MHS.

"I think it means a great deal," said state Rep. Paul Munn, R-Manchester. "It shows how involved our high school is in politics."

The Model Congress simulates the national Congress in that each participating school sponsors a mock bill. Members of the Model Congress debate the bill and try to have it passed into legislation.

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prevented her arguments clearly and logically.

"Her preparation was outstanding," Courmeyer said. "She did a lot of research and practice in parliamentary procedure. She had a great background to discuss the subjects."

Hickey has tremendous skills of logic and persuasive speaking," he continued. "She is an excellent lobbyist and has talent for bringing people together to seek common ground."

"I practiced a lot beforehand and read newspapers each day to keep up with current events," said Hickey, who regularly attends George Washington University in Washington, D.C., but if she doesn't, she will go to American International and use her scholarship. She plans to major in political science and history and after graduating wants to go to law school.

Hickey, who sports a watch with Uncle Sam on it, said that she would like to become president of the United States someday. She said she has been inspired especially by family members who have taught her the following motto: "Be a leader, not a follower; at least you'll know where you are going."

Coventry keeps tight rein on budget

By JACQUELINE BENNETT
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — The Town Council Wednesday asked both the Board of Education and town manager to keep budget increases within 5 percent for the next fiscal year.

"This year, more so than most, you must be sensitive to political implications to what you propose as well as educational goals," Council Member Lawrence Golden told Patrick Flaherty, school board chairman, and Michael Malinowski, superintendent of schools, during the meeting at the Town Office Building.

Golden alluded to the lesson of this year's budget fiasco, predicting that some political factions will use items like new programs to discredit the validity of increases in the budget and work to

defeat it.

It took five referendums for voters to approve a budget in October, four months into the fiscal year.

However, Flaherty said it was more than "resistance from the citizenry" that led to the five referendums. It was also the council's, "commitment" to stand fast on the budget.

"We applaud that commitment but it created chaos," Flaherty said, noting that schools opened without a budget, this staff positions were uncertain and materials like books could not be ordered.

Malinowski said it will be tough to meet the 5 percent ceiling due to costly state-mandated programs, cuts in state aid, and previously negotiated contracts, with teachers and other school staff representing overall about a 9 percent salary increase.

Malinowski said this year will be heavy in contract negotiations, noting teachers are in the third year of a three-year contract. The board will soon start negotiations with custodians, he said.

Currently, school administrators' contract is in pending arbitration and a decision is expected Feb. 1.

Council member Carl Hazekamp pushed for insurance co-pay to be increased in teacher contracts because the town was hit with a big insurance hike. She said, "We got hit with that; we can't sit back and say teachers are exempt."

Republican member Harvey Barrette said towns should unite in refusing to implement state mandates they can't afford.

But Flaherty said half the education money for the town comes from the state. "We're in no position to take on the state, all they'd have to do is not sign the check," Flaherty said.

MS&G sells plant to Windham firm

By BRIAN M. TROTTA
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Manchester Sand & Gravel has sold its Columbia concrete plant to a Windham-based company.

The \$265,000 sale to Windham Sand & Gravel includes only the equipment on the site that was used for making concrete. The Manchester company will retain ownership of the 37.3-acre site on Route 6, which is valued at \$1,086,000.

The sale agreement, which was approved last week by U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Robert Krechevsky, includes a restrictive covenant that prohibits MS&G Sand & Gravel from producing concrete on the site for the next 20 years.

The contract gives Windham Sand & Gravel one year to remove all of the equipment from the site as well as any debris or unwanted material left over or caused by the removal of the plant. However, structural foundations and underground storage tanks will be allowed to remain.

If the material and equipment are not removed within the year, Windham Sand & Gravel will have to pay Manchester Sand & Gravel a \$1,000-a-day storage charge until the site is cleared.

This is the second plant that MS&G has sold since filing for bankruptcy last July. Earlier this month the company sold its Enfield plant to Roncari Industries Inc. of East Granby for \$800,000. That agreement also included restrictive clauses that prohibits MS&G from selling concrete in the Enfield area for five years.

MS&G is also looking to sell its main plant Adams Street. At a Jan. 4 hearing, MS&G President Steven Thornton said the company was close to an agreement with an undisclosed purchaser. However, no motions to sell the plant have been filed with the court.

GOP committee drops its lawsuit

By JACQUELINE BENNETT
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — The Republican Town Committee has apparently decided not to pursue its lawsuit against the town for raising its tax rate without an approved budget.

GOP committee officers met in town hall Wednesday night in connection with the lawsuit. The meeting was an executive committee meeting held in closed session.

The lawsuit was filed by the committee after the Democratic majority on the Town Council set a mill rate in July 1990 over the previous year's without OK of the town manager.

The lawsuit was dismissed in September in Superior Court in Vermont when town attorney Abbot Schwebel said it was not legal because the committee was not a taxpayer.

Anyone needing additional information can contact the hospital's Community Health Department at 647-6600.

In Brief . . .

Manchester Memorial Hospital is sponsoring a support group for families with relatives on military duty in the Persian Gulf.

The group, which will be led by members of the counseling staff, will have its first meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in Conference Room A at the hospital.

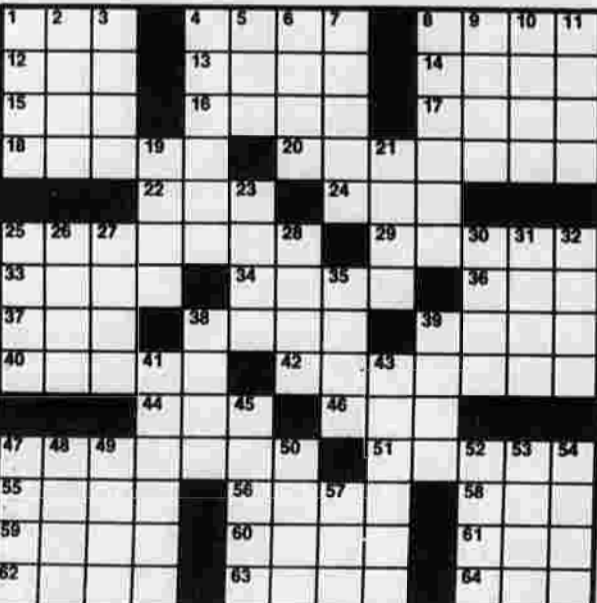
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 2 Fall to win
 3 Wood barrel
 4 Firing line
 5 Felt
 6 Leaf-cutting
 7 Agony
 8 Fly high
 9 Standard
 10 Contribute
 11 Actor
 12 Ditch
 13 Information
 14 Glance
 15 Day
 16 No time
 17 Business
 18 Falls behind
 19 Printing
 20 Machine
 21 Puddle
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 Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from questions by famous people. Each cryptogram has a unique code number for you to use. Today's clue: Q across 7.

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "When I write, I keep Tolstoy around because I want great limits. I want big thinking."
 —Mel Brooks

THE PHANTOM by Lee Falk & Barry
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 THEY'RE GOING TO KILL US... UNLESS...

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Bill Bly
 DID YOU EVER GET AROUND TO SIGNING THE COMPANY INSURANCE POLICY?

ALLEY OOP by Dave Coverly
 WELL, DOCTOR, SINCE WE'VE...
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 WELL, DOCTOR, SINCE WE'VE...

ROBOTMAN by Jim Medick
 EVERY COMPULSIVE SHOPPER'S...
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THE NEW BREED



JUMBLE by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee
 Unscramble these four jumbles. One letter to each square to form four ordinary words.

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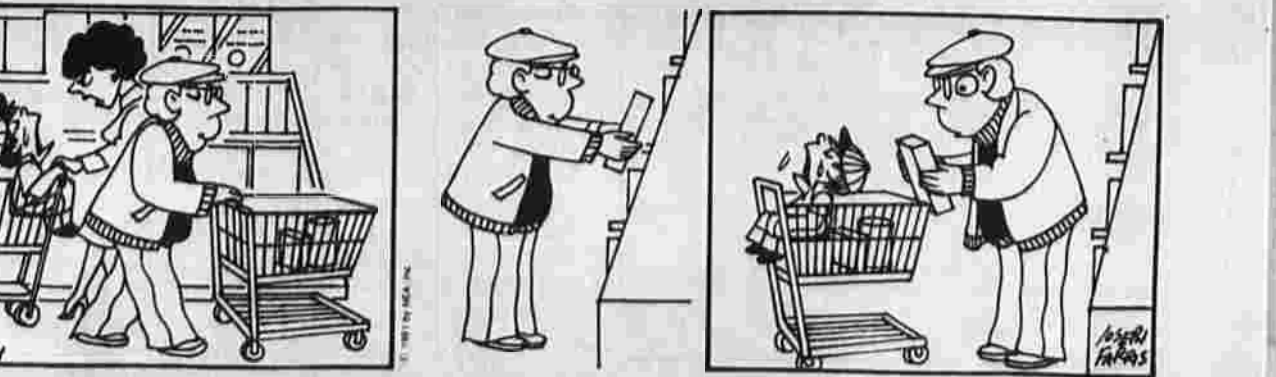
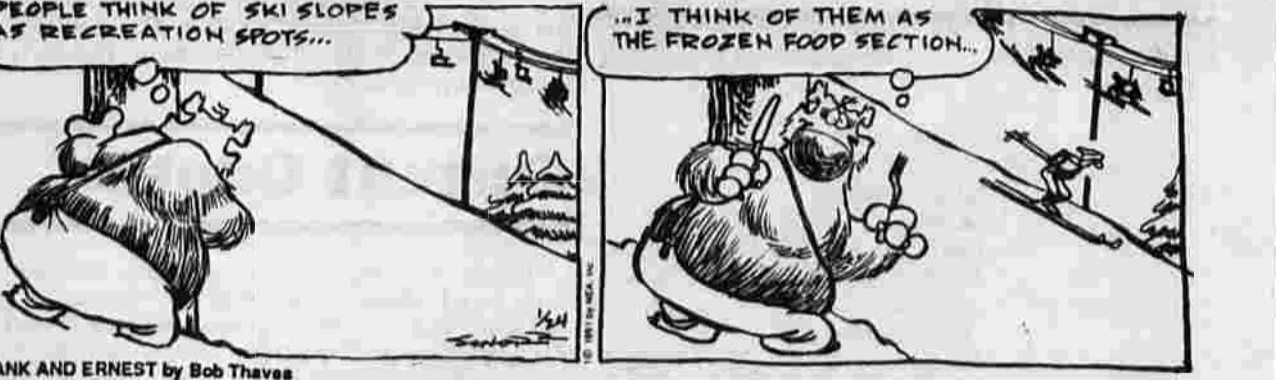
Answer here: FROM

THE BORN LOSER by Art Sisson
 I'M FANGLED. WHAT'S IDEAT?

THE GRIZWELLS by Bill Schorr
 PEOPLE THINK OF SKI SLOPES AS RECREATION SPOTS...

FRANK AND ERNEST by Bob Thaves
 TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT, FREEBLE, WE'RE GOING TO FLUSH OUT THE FLOW CHART.

PHIPPS by Joseph Farris
 I'LL CLIP MY HANDS KEEP SPRAYING UNTIL I SEE 'WHEN' AND NO FREE SAMPLES!



DISCOVER

FILMS IN FOCUS

Pursuing a dream



YOUNG CONDUCTOR — Manchester resident Russell Vinick, 22, conducted the Manchester Symphony Orchestra concert last weekend. He is the youngest conductor in the Greater Manchester area and has big plans for the future.

Local conductor seeks new challenges

By DIANNA M. TALBOT
 Herald Features Editor

MANCHESTER — Professional conductor, Russell Vinick, is just one of the many young musicians who have used to describe Russell Vinick's guest conducting performance at the Manchester Symphony Orchestra's concert last week.

It was the 22-year-old Manchester resident's biggest conducting job of his career. He led the 60-person orchestra through three long and complicated musical works for a two-hour concert at East Catholic High School.

"I thought he was great," said Manchester resident Mary McDonald, one of about 500 people who attended the event.

"We expected to see a small-time orchestra, but it was really good," she said. "I would have thought I was at a concert of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra. It was very professional."

"He showed a great deal of maturity for his age on the podium," said Betsy Henderson, the orchestra's manager.

Indeed, Vinick, who started his music career by learning the saxophone, is an ambitious young man with a promising conducting career ahead of him. He is one of two students nationwide who were accepted into the University of Southern California's graduate program in orchestra conducting.

And before he decided to attend graduate school, Vinick also was a candidate for the job of conductor for the Manchester orchestra, which has been without a permanent conductor since early last year. A permanent conductor will be selected from a pool of applicants in early February, according to Henderson.

The Manchester High School graduate says he has wanted to be a conductor since he was in junior high school. His goals after graduate school are high.

"Hopefully some doors will be opened through graduate school," Vinick said. "Eventually, I'd like to conduct a large orchestra of my own."

People close to Vinick think that goal is attainable.

"He certainly is one of the students I feel very positively about," said Paul Phillips, director of orchestral activities at the University of Connecticut, under whom Vinick has been taking conducting lessons for three years.

"Most people think that the ability to conduct is a gift, but that couldn't be further from the truth," continued Phillips. "You have to work very hard at it. Russell has worked at it for a long time. Now his hard work is paying off."

Vinick agrees that he works hard at his craft, which requires intense concentration.

Before concerts, he chooses the music to be played and then determines how it will be played. In concert, musicians depend on Vinick to guide them through each piece of music.

"I have been thinking or preparing a gesture a split second before I do it," he said. "When it happens, I am already planning my next move."

The amount of preparation — studying, memorizing and practicing — which a conductor does is key to a good performance, Vinick says. He, for instance, began preparing for the Manchester Symphony Orchestra concert last August. In between, he prepared for and conducted other concerts.

In addition, Vinick gives private saxophone lessons and fills in as guest conductor at area concerts, including performances at the University of Connecticut, where he obtained an undergraduate degree in music education. His upcoming performances include a UConn concert on April 24. He also has conducted the Old Lyme and Ledyard High School Wind Ensembles in concert as well as rehearsals with the Manchester High School Wind Ensemble, the Connecticut Youth Orchestra and Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra. He is also assistant director for the Connecticut Youth Symphony.

People to see ■ places to go ■ things to do

Sting's new album

"Well, it's not a great party record," laughs Sting about his new A&M solo album, "The Soul Cages." "If you want to kill a party, put this record on."

The new album by the 39-year-old ex-Police-man is, indeed, serious stuff. It's a passage-of-life exploration, music to ponder big issues: birth, death, spirituality. All these are pinned to Sting's image system of ships and the sea.

"If someone asked me what my first memory is, it's of a ship," says the singer, actor and savior of rainforests. "I was born underneath a shipyard, literally, and that's my first memory: a huge ship. Ships are a wonderful symbol."



ROCK ON
 ETHLIE ANN VARE

Sting will hit the road in February to promote his new record and plans to tour for a full year. After that, perhaps we'll see a return to the big screen.

"I like acting," he says, "but I don't particularly like the camera. I don't like being photographed."

BANNED VIDEO
 With all the hoopla surrounding Madonna's "Justify My Love," a couple of bands who went to the trouble of getting their videos banned from television didn't even get recognition for it. So, we'll recognize them now.

Metaheds Vhen was banned from the BBC and severely edited by MTV because its clip for "Love

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is a Killer" had too strong a sadomasochistic streak. Violence against women is (unfortunately) nothing new in metal videos; Vixen, however, is an all-female band.

Also deemed unacceptable for broadcast was "Wake Up" by Brand Nubian, an Islamic-influenced rap combo. Parody of the devil as a black man wearing wildface was banned. The video, directed by sometime "Yo! MTV Raps" host Fab Five Freddy, will resurface in an edited version.

And, in a similar vein, the unsuitable-for-broadcast videos of rock-comedian Sam Kinison have been compiled into a Giant Records home video titled "Banned." The hour-long cassette features uncensored versions of "Mississippi Queen," "Wild Thing" and excerpts from Kinison's Lenny Bruce Family benefit.

BYRDS BACK
 Dave Crosby and Chris Hillman celebrated the Byrds' 25th anniversary by making guest appearances on former bandmate Roger McGuinn's new album, "Back From Rio." The disc is McGuinn's first solo effort in more than a decade, and possibly the first time he's been in a room with those guys in at least a long.

BUFFET BONANZA
 Jimmy Buffett's fans are loyal to him — and he's pretty damn loyal to them. His latest album, "Feeding Frenzy," is a live greatest hits collection... and he lets his fans decide which hits were, in fact, the greatest. Album track selections were made by fan club vote.

ZINGER
 One Quote of the Week is Paul Simon's thoughtful zinger about the current rock censorship furor: "Not all of this is about freedom of expression. A lot of it is about making money."

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FOCUS

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Woman attracted to her doctor

DEAR ABBY: After breaking my engagement to a man with whom I had a five-year, on-again, off-again relationship, I went to a psychiatrist to get my head straight. I am a 35-year-old professional woman. After nearly a year in therapy, I find myself very much attracted to my psychiatrist. He is not married. I see him one week for an hour and find myself looking forward to our weekly sessions.

When I date other men, I compare them with my doctor, and none can equal him in intelligence, sensitivity and kindness. I realize that my feelings are inappropriate, but I don't want to stop seeing him. Is this sort of thing unusual, and how should I handle it?

FALLING IN LOVE DEAR FALLING: Be up-front with your doctor and tell him that you have a "crush" on him. No need to feel embarrassed—it's not uncommon. He will know how to act as best he can to help you deal with your feelings. If the feelings are mutual and he's an ethical doctor, he will refer you to another therapist.

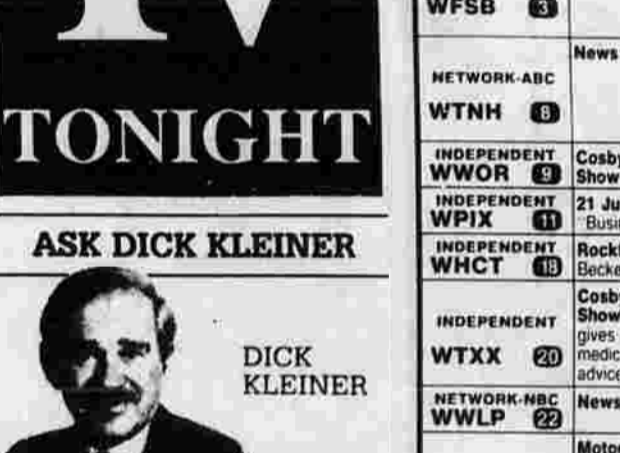
DEAR ABBY: Will you please settle a little dispute? My business hours are from noon to midnight (12 a.m. to 12 p.m.). I have been told it should be 12 p.m. to 12 a.m.—and I say no-noon!

I always thought "a.m." meant morning and "p.m." meant afternoon or night. Am I correct, or not? Please find out and let me know.

G. CURRAN IN BRUNSWICK, MAINE DEAR G. CURRAN: Noon to midnight is 12 p.m. to 12 a.m.—so you are incorrect. Eliminate all the "a.m." and "p.m." and simply matters by saying "12 o'clock noon—or 12 o'clock midnight."

DEAR ABBY: My 25-year-old daughter has been living with her 36-year-old boyfriend since November 1989. She had a baby girl (his) three months ago and wants to get married. They live in Ohio. Her boyfriend's divorce was final three months ago, and he told her that in Ohio you have to be divorced for six months before you can get married again. Is this true?

HER MOTHER DEAR MOTHER: No. According to Judge Ron Solove of the Domestic Relations Court (Franklin County, Ohio), after a divorce is final, there is no waiting period before a person is free to marry again. Your daughter's boyfriend is either stalling or is misinformed about Ohio law.



DICK KLEINER

Q. Years ago, I saw a movie called "Annie Get Your Gun," starring Betty Grable (or Gable). It was my favorite movie. What happened to her? And is that movie available on video?—L.K., Idaho Falls, Idaho

A. In the first place, the lady's name was Crable. In the second place, she wasn't in "Annie Get Your Gun"—Betty Hutton was. In the third place, Betty Grable has passed away. In the fourth place, no video.

Q. I am searching for the name of a movie from around 1954 or 1955, starring Jane Wyman and Rock Hudson. It's the story of an older woman and younger man falling in love. Her grown children object, so she stops seeing him.—E.B., Elter, Texas

A. That was "Magnificent Obsession." They don't make movies like that anymore.

Q. Who is responsible for choosing guests and topics for the talk shows such as Donahue, Sally Jessy, Geraldo or Oprah?—A.L.O., Mankato, Minn.

A. Each of the shows has a staff doing that work, headed by a person who generally is called "Person Coordinator." Ideas for guests and topics can come from that person, or from the star, or be suggested by a press agent who wants to get his client on the show, or from viewers who write in with ideas. There is no shortage of topics or guests. The trick is to find good ones.

(Send your questions to: Ask Dick Kleiner, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 280 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10109. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

PEOPLE

Singer Billy Joel says he considered touring U.S. troop bases in the Persian Gulf before he broke out there, but military officials told him it might not be a good idea.

"We asked if we could go to Saudi Arabia, and they said: 'When are you thinking of going?'" Joel said Wednesday. "We said: 'Well, the best time for us would be the middle of January,' and they said: 'Don't come.'" The United States and its allies began war with Iraq on Jan. 16.

Joel is in Australia on his 16-month Storm Front tour, named for his triple-platinum album.

He may have stayed away from the Operation Desert Storm front, but his tour is living up to its name anyway. A freak storm swept Sydney on Monday, and New South Wales state Premier Nick Greiner said many suburbs looked like a "war zone."

Rapper M.C. Hammer and the vocal ensemble En Vogue noched five Soul Train Music Award nominations each.

Awards in 12 categories embracing rhythm and blues, urban contemporary, jazz, gospel and rap music will be handed out on March 12 during a two-hour show at the Shrine Auditorium.

Nominations for the fifth annual event were announced Wednesday.

Hammer's album "Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em" was nominated for album of the year in two categories. His single "U Can't Touch This" received two nominations. His fifth nomination was for the video "U Can't Touch This."

En Vogue received nominations for single, song of the year, new artist and music video for "Hold On," and an album nomination for "Born To Sing."

Comedian Billy Crystal will host of the Academy Awards for the second consecutive year, show producer Gilbert Cates announced.

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The Travelers Companies Foundation, which sponsored the award, will divide \$25,000 among four Wild Bill Hickok winners.

Madison, 69, underwent surgery Tuesday at the University of California, Irvine, Medical Center to repair lung tissue damaged in a 1988 auto crash, she said.



The Associated Press

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Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

Relieve sciatica with acupuncture

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 79-year-old female with sciatica. After many doctors and no results, I tried Chinese acupuncture and am doing well. What's your opinion?

DEAR READER: Sciatica is sharp back pain that radiates into the buttock and, sometimes, into one leg. It is caused by pressure on nerves that exit between the lower spinal bones and supply the lower extremities. The most common cause of sciatica is a herniated disc, which slips out of place and pinches the nerves. Ordinarily, herniated discs are treated with rest and physical therapy; pain medication may be required.

If, after a course of this conservative therapy, the pain persists, patients usually consider other treatment options, such as surgery, chymopapain injections or acupuncture.

Given your age, I believe you have made a good choice, because aggressive therapy—such as surgery—is more hazardous in the elderly. Of course, acupuncture will not cure your sciatica; it may simply relieve your pain while your body heals the condition. Since you experienced relief from acupuncture, I suggest you continue with this therapy, should the pain recur. If and when the acupuncture loses effectiveness, you and your doctor can weigh the benefits of the other treatments I mentioned.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please provide information on skin tags. What causes them, and is there a remedy other than surgery for removal?

DEAR READER: As we age, our skin takes on several unpleasant characteristics: thinning, patches of pigmentation and areas of overgrowth. This latter phenomenon causes grayish, raised, irregular plaques called seborrheic keratoses—and skin tags: small, soft nubbins of skin that commonly appear on the face, neck and shoulders. The precise reasons why some people develop keratoses and skin tags—and others don't—is a mystery.

However, the trait appears to be inherited. Both kinds of lesions are benign; they are primarily a cosmetic nuisance. Therefore, treatment is not necessary unless the keratoses and skin tags are embarrassing. There are no creams or lotions to prevent or cure these blemishes, which can only be removed by a surgeon or a dermatologist.

STATE

Gov. nominates commissioners

By JUDD EVERHART
The Associated Press

HARTFORD (AP) — Emil H. Frankel, the governor's nominee as transportation commissioner, says the economic recovery and health of Connecticut depends on the renewal and maintenance of its road and bridge system.

Frankel, nominated Wednesday by Gov. Lowell P. Weicker Jr., said the Department of Transportation will continue its "significant role in promoting the well-being of the state."

Weicker also nominated John J.C. Herndon of Salisbury as commissioner of the Department of Agriculture.

Frankel goes back more than 20 years with Weicker, having worked on his 1970 congressional campaign. Herndon and Weicker were in the Class of 1953 at Yale.

A lawyer who also owns a real estate consulting firm, Frankel will succeed J. William Burns, who oversaw the implementation of Connecticut's \$7 billion road and bridge renewal program begun in 1984.

Weicker said Burns had "a fine mind" and said he seriously considered keeping him on.

But ultimately, the new governor said, he decided it was time for a new team. He said Burns was not under consideration for any other post in his administration.

Weicker said Frankel had made a career as a trouble shooter for his clients and said he would manage well the ongoing infrastructure renewal program.

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Weicker is expected to announce his nominees to head the department of insurance and labor on Friday. He said he hoped to name a banking commissioner soon after that, perhaps by next week.



The Associated Press

WAR BUG — John Hunter, a 45-year-old Viet Nam vet from Mystic, painted a mural of the first air attack over Baghdad as depicted on national television. Hunter, who supports the war effort in the Persian Gulf, took 10 hours to complete the painting on his 1973 Volkswagen bug.

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HARTFORD (AP) — Bridgeport Mayor Mary C. Moran said after a meeting with Gov. Lowell P. Weicker Jr. she has abandoned once and for all her idea of having the state's largest city file for federal bankruptcy protection.

Weicker met with Moran Wednesday to discuss ways of helping the financially strapped city, but he said he would not aid her.

The governor said he had rejected Moran's earlier suggestion that the state's largest city declare bankruptcy, and Moran said after her half-hour meeting with Weicker that the idea was dead.

Both of them said the tone of the meeting had been positive.

The city's finances are under the control of the state Financial Review Board, created in 1988 by the General Assembly to help the city gain control of its budget.

"I am not in a position to override the decisions of the review board," Weicker said he told Moran. "Every one of the other cities has difficulties... so anything I do can't be tailored to individual requests, but rather has to be taken in consideration of the whole."

Moran has been at odds with state officials since Jan. 7, when she said her city was exploring bankruptcy as a way out of its fiscal troubles.

State officials chastised her for the remark, which stunned the financial community and threatened to run Bridgeport's already low bond rating. But the defiant Moran refused to retract the statement, prompting the review board to ban the city from taking any such action.

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Judge orders workers rehired

By LARRY ROSENTHAL
The Associated Press

NEW HAVEN — A federal judge has ordered Circuit-Wise Inc. to rehire employees who struck 16 months ago and now want their old jobs back, ruling that the union workers had been subjected to unfair labor practices.

The company had claimed that the walkout constituted an economic strike, but Administrative Law Judge Raymond P. Green agreed with the United Electrical Workers union that the strike was over unfair labor practices.

In an economic strike, an employer can permanently replace those who walk off the job. But in an unfair labor practice strike, a company must rehire strikers if they make an unconditional offer to return to work, and if, necessary, must dismiss replacement workers.

Members of Local 299 of the United Electrical Workers union planned to meet today to discuss their options, according to Carol Lambias, an international representative for the union.

One decision facing the strikers will be whether to promptly take advantage of the ruling allowing them to return to work before any possible appeals by the company and several outstanding unfair labor practice complaints are decided, she said.

In a decision dated Jan. 17, Green found the manufacturer of circuit boards had engaged in a number of unfair labor practices, including discriminating against employees engaged in union activities and refusing to allow a union-designated expert to make a safety inspection of the plant.

The judge ordered the company to offer full reinstatement to two employees who were wrongfully fired and to pay them their lost wages and benefits, and to take action to rectify the other discriminatory treatment. Two firings challenged by the union were upheld.

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More people seek help with bills

By LARRY ROSENTHAL
The Associated Press

HARTFORD (AP) — The number of families in the region seeking help with their fuel bills has risen 15 to 20 percent this winter, primarily because of the recession and increased layoffs, according to state officials.

Louis Cuervo, spokesman for the state Office of Policy and Management, said that despite approximately \$58 million available for energy assistance from state and federal sources, the recession, the war in the Middle East and the weather have forced many families to seek assistance for the first time.

Claudette Bouleau, communications director for the state Department of Income Maintenance, attributes the increase to publicity surrounding events in the Middle East.

"Last year we had a total of about 30,000 applications for the season," Bouleau said. "This year we are projecting about 35,000. That's a 15 percent increase."

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OSHA cites agencies

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HARTFORD (AP) — The Metropolitan District Commission and the Hartford Housing Authority have been cited by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration for safety violations stemming from an accident that caused the death of a British man.

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SPORTS Reserve power helps lift UConn women

By LEY AUSTER Manchester Herald The women's basketball team from Storrs, Conn. was a little better at the end of the year. UConn coach Geno Auriemma said after his club's 14th consecutive victory, UConn is now 7-0 in Big East play, 15-2 overall.

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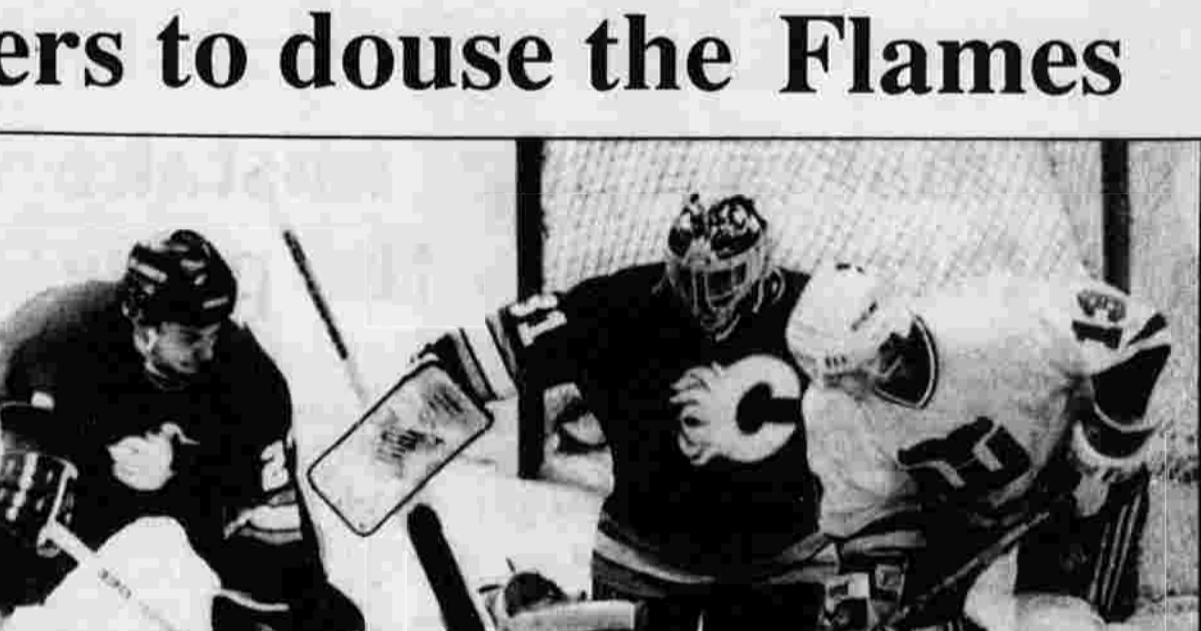
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Ford to see star service after win over Detroit

By DAVE O'HARA
The Associated Press

BOSTON — In his first year as head coach of the Boston Celtics, Chris Ford is following in the footsteps of Red Auerbach and other predecessors. The Celtics assured Ford the honor of coaching the Eastern Conference in the NBA All-Star Game on Feb. 10 in Charlotte with a 111-94 victory Wednesday night over the Detroit Pistons.

While ending a four-game losing streak and lifting their record to 30-9, the Celtics clinched the position for Ford as the New Jersey Nets beat the Chicago Bulls. That assured Boston of the best record at the All-Star break.

"It's a great honor and it's going to be a thrill," Ford said. "I'm particularly happy for (assistant coaches) Don Casey and Jon Jennings. "But we weren't going if it wasn't for the team. It's the players who got us there."

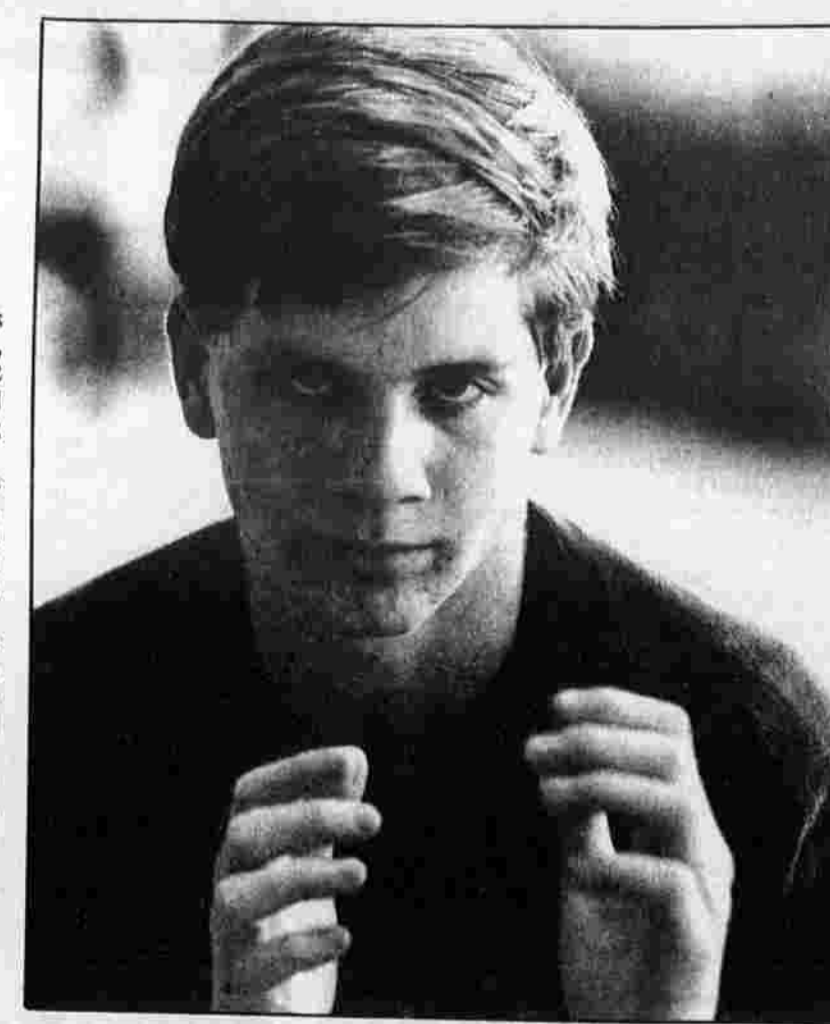
Kevin McHale, who scored 26 points, grabbed 8 rebounds and blocked 3 shots against Detroit, couldn't resist needing his former teammate and assistant coach on the Celtics.

"He's going to be hard to live with now," McHale said kiddingly. "We'll have to start calling his wife Kathy the first lady."

"Then, in a serious vein, McHale said he has done a great job for this team. All three coaches are a nice complement to each other."

"He's a player's coach," said Kevin Gamble, who scored 22 points and has won a starting job under Ford. "He gives you the ball and tells you to go out and play."

The Celtics broke away from an one-point lead with a 16-4 run in the fourth period in ending their longest losing streak of the season and evening their record 4-4 in eight games without injured Larry Bird, who played after the Pistons shot just 40.2 percent of the Celtics' 33.6 per cent. "You have to be offensively efficient, you don't have offensive efficiency, you're not going to win here."



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High School Roundup

MHS wrestlers in easy victory

MANCHESTER — The Manchester High wrestling team tuned up for its big battle with state-ranked Falmouth on Saturday with a 50-12 trouncing of Rockville High Wednesday night at Clark Arena.

The Indians are now 12-2 for the season, 2-0 in the CCC East. They travel to Enfield on Saturday to take on the No. 6 ranked Falcons at noon. A technical fall from John Tucker (112) followed by consecutive pins from Matt Theriault (119) and Dave Rohrbach (125) opened up a 23-0 lead for the Indians. They weren't looked back.

Manchester's Tom Provencal (171), averaging his loss in the championship match at the Manchester Invitational tournament held in December, edged Rockville's Brentley Thomas 12-11.

East Catholic High wrestling team dropped a pair of decisions Wednesday afternoon. The Eagles won by Sacred Heart, 54-10, and to Xavier, 66-8.

East 1-10, wrestles in a quadrangular meet Saturday against Grassroots, Farmington and host Killington at noon.

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Giants defense on call

By CHRIS CLAREY
Copley News Service

TAMPA, Fla. — The last time the New York Giants' top-ranked defense went strength-to-strength against Buffalo's no-huddle offense, it was no contest.

On Dec. 15 at Giants Stadium, the Bills drove 74 yards for a touchdown on their first possession and 78 for a touchdown on their second to take a 14-3 lead.

Fortunately for the Giants, the Bills never got a chance to use the no-huddle again. Buffalo quarterback Jim Kelly was injured on the next series. The Bills switched back to a standard offense and scored only three more points in a 17-3 victory.

"I guess the big problem with the no-huddle is that it doesn't give the defense a chance to get into any type of rhythm," Giants linebacker Lawrence Taylor said yesterday. "Usually, in a game, you can feel your way through and know when you have control or not. This no-huddle thing, you can stop a couple plays, and they hit a big play and you're back in the same thing again."

What remains to be seen is whether Bill Belichick, New York's 38-year-old coach of a defensive coordinator, will come up with a twist that restores order.

"The no-huddle puts a lot of stress on your defensive communication," said Belichick, who will soon interview for the head-coaching position at Cleveland. "You don't have very much time to recognize what the things they're doing like you would when you can stand over the ball."

It has been a marvelous season for Belichick and the Giants' defense. The only blemish on the screen was a 31-13 loss at Philadelphia. In their other 15 regular-season games, they allowed an average of 11 points.

The postseason has provided more relief appearances after spending nine years in the NFL. Belichick coached the Chicago Bears to three points and 27 rushing yards, San Francisco to 13 and 39.

The Giants have to spare with Taylor, outside linebacker Carl Banks, inside linebacker Pepper Marshall and cornerback Mark Collins.

They also are resourceful, altering their basic 3-4 alignment with relative ease. The most prominent example came against Chicago, when they used an eight-man front (a 4-3 plus a safety on the line) to completely stifle the Bears.

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Murdock a one-man show for Friars

By The Associated Press

For all the big stars who have played in the Big East, none ever had such a big game as Eric Murdock.

Not Patrick Ewing, not Chris Mullin, not Derrick Coleman, not any of the other 48 points in a conference game like Murdock did Wednesday night as his Providence Friars lost to 17 Pittsburgh 92-79.

"I can't imagine any player being any better than him," Providence coach Rick Barnes said. "If he isn't the most talked about player tomorrow East to West, I don't know who will be."

Said Pitt coach Paul Evans: "This is as good a performance as I've ever seen by a college player."

Murdock, however, was more nonchalant. After all, his team lost. "I take it in stride," the senior guard said. "There's a lot of games left. I didn't realize I had 48 points until the game was over."

Murdock, averaging 32 points per game, broke the conference record of 43 points set by Dana Barros of Boston College against Pitt. The Providence record is 52 points by Marvin Barnes, and Murdock's previous career-high was 45 this season against Arizona.

In other games, No. 7 Arkansas beat Texas A&M 113-88. No. 7 North Carolina defeated Wake Forest 91-81. No. 8 Kentucky downed Florida 81-65. North Carolina State stung No. 9 Duke 95-89. No. 18 Virginia beat Virginia Tech 86-61. Purdue topped No. 22 Michigan State 62-51. No. 24 New Orleans downed Central Florida 72-64 and No. 25 South Carolina beat 85-57.

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Following Novotna's quarterfinal elimination of defending champion Steffi Graf, the Melbourne women's tournament is over. The Australian Open is now a men's event.

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It is the story of the last two decades for the NHL's two oldest clubs — the Montreal Canadiens keeping winning and the Toronto Maple Leafs lose again.

It's always an emotional game when we play those guys — I'm not sure why. Montreal's Stephan Aubin said after the Canadiens' 7-3 victory over the Leafs Wednesday night. "They're always intense, always high-pressure games."

Elsewhere in a light NHL schedule, Hartford beat Calgary 5-4 and Vancouver beat Edmonton 6-5. It was skaters and shooters that won it for Montreal, but it was the Todd Ewen-Wendell Clark sidestroke that kept the 16,481 Forum fans howling.

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Bleier said that in the Gulf he was the last in Vietnam. "The worst thing is the wait, the anticipation. It's a crazy time, when they're in a war, but they're not really in a war. It's like a football game, waiting for that first hit. Until then, all they know is what they read and hear."

Bleier was a 160-round draft choice from Notre Dame trying to become an NFL job when the U.S. Army drafted him late in the 1968 season. Assigned to Vietnam as an assistant coach at the height of the conflict, he was injured by gunshot and a grenade blast in August 1969 and required extensive leg and foot surgery.

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The New York Knicks may have been confused for an expansion franchise at times this season and for the better part of six others during their visits to the Salt Palace. The Utah Jazz won't make that mistake again.

"Maybe we didn't think they were just going to come in here and lay down," Utah's Karl Malone said after a 109-94 loss Wednesday night. "We've done that a couple of times with expansion teams and were able to come back."

"But with a team like this, you can't get 20 points down and come back very often."

At least not this time, or at this stage of the season. The Knicks, only three games under 500 after a miserable start, are beginning to fix their shooting muscle.

The Knicks shot 77 percent (17 of 22) in the second quarter. "Utah coach Jerry Sloan said, 'That's tough on any team.'"

Especially one conditioned to victory at home against New York. The Knicks, winners of three straight games — one shot of their season-best streak — last beat the Jazz at the Salt Palace on Feb. 10, 1984.

They did it this time on the strength of a 41-22 second-quarter performance and an awesome showing by Patrick Ewing. He had 34 points, a career-high nine blocked shots and 11 rebounds while meshing well with point guard Mark Jackson.

"This was the best quarter we've played all year," Knicks coach Phil Jackson said of the second period. "We were in a good offensive rhythm and played the way we are capable of playing."

"Mark did a great job for us tonight," he said of Jackson. "He played 18 straight minutes there in the first half and got the job done."

DISH OFF — New York's Patrick Ewing looks for help from his team as Utah's Jeff Malone (24) and Mark Eaton trap him in the lane in their game Wednesday night at the Salt Palace.

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Young U.S. fighter planes in the air, wing pilots exit in finally being in the "big game."

The samples of nitrogen mixing go on and on — Lt. Col Randall Biggar, commander of a squadron of F-15Cs: "We're not letting down with war. We can't. The price is too high. There is a lot of speculation going on right now in classified circles about how his game plan might be, if he has one."

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