

In Brief . . .

Player cops Caribbean Classic

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Gary Player overcame a stiff wind, occasional rain and surgery by Bob Charles and Lee Trevino to win the Royal Caribbean Classic by two shots with a 3-under-par 68 Sunday.

Mallon holds onto her lead

LAKE WORTH, Fla. (AP) — Meg Mallon held onto her two-stroke lead on Sunday when heavy rains halted play during the fourth round of the \$400,000 LPGA Classic, pushing the final round back to Monday.

ESPN's Pete Axthelm dies

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pete Axthelm, a commentator on ESPN's football coverage and a newspaper and broadcast reporter on football and horse racing, died Saturday at a Pittsburgh hospital of liver failure. He was 47.

Becker to the rescue

NEW YORK (AP) — Boris Becker and Michael Stich rescued Germany for a 3-2 victory on Sunday over Belgium in a World Group first-round match. The Aussies defeated Australia 4-1 and will meet the winner of the United States-Mexico match scheduled for March 29-31. The opening match for the US, the defending champs, was delayed because of the Gulf war.

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Kelly's MVP award a week too late

By KEN PETERS The Associated Press

HONOLULU — The Buffalo Bills had a super Sunday. They could only wish it had come a week earlier.

Turning the Pro Bowl into a Bills showcase, Jim Kelly, Thurman Thomas and Andre Reed and Bruce Smith led the AFC to a 23-21 victory over the NFC in a well-played contest that went down to the wire.



ON THE MOVE — Buffalo quarterback Jim Kelly runs for yardage during the first quarter of Sunday's Pro Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii. The NFL's Mike Singletary (50) moves in to take the tackle. Kelly was named the game's most valuable player after leading the AFC to a come-from-behind 23-21 victory.

Miami defensive end Jeff Cross horned in on the Bills' show at the end, preserving the victory by blocking a 46-yard field goal try by the Saints' Morten Andersen with seven seconds remaining.

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■ Golf school supporters sign petition.
■ OK sought for hiring of director.
■ Bolton school project study extended.

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Huge changes proposed for bank industry

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration today proposed a sweeping overhaul of the nation's financial system aimed at stemming a mounting tide of bank and savings institution failures.

For the first time since the establishment of federal deposit insurance in 1934, government guarantees to bank customers would shrink rather than expand.

Longstanding laws barring commercial and industrial companies from owning banks would crumble, as would the division of banking from the insurance and securities industries.

"Our goal has been to develop practical proposals to reform and strengthen the federal deposit insurance system; modernize our

Principals win in arbitration

COVENTRY — A state arbitration panel has ruled in favor of school administrators awarding them a 6.8 percent salary increase in a decision issued Monday.

"I think the board did a very good job of pursuing the taxpayers' interest," Board of Education Chairman Patrick Flaherty said in an interview at the Town Office Building Monday night.

Flaherty said he does not begrudge the administrators their raise of this victory, noting there was only about a one-quarter mill difference between the offers. But Flaherty said he is worried about the impact it may have on upcoming budget procedures, noting it took five referendums to get a budget approved four months into the current fiscal year.

Flaherty has already vowed to present an "approvable budget" to the school board, and he said he would not increase the school's operating budget this year.

4-year teacher contract OK'd

BOLTON — With strong debates preceding the town's vote on the teachers' contract Monday night, there was a sense of relief when town voters accepted the teacher's contract by 124 to 111, thus avoiding potentially expensive arbitration proceedings.

The loudest sigh, however, probably came from the Board of Education and the Bolton Education Association. If the voters had rejected the four-year contract, which stipulates a 7.25 percent wage increase in the first year and 6.9 in the second, the BOE and the BEA would have been forced to submit contract proposals to a state-assigned arbitrating team, which would have then chosen between the contract and the BOE's offer.

Nearly all the seats were taken at the special meeting and several dozen late-comers stood in the back or along the side walls to listen to the forceful debates.

Manchester Herald

Manchester's Award-Winning Newspaper



PATRIOT DIET — U.S. soldiers, on duty manning Patriot missile batteries in the Tel Aviv area, are served their hot meal at lunch Monday. The troops remain on alert for Iraqi launched Scud missiles into Israel. Names cannot be given due to censorship regulations.

Allies hammer troops; Iraq threatens terror

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — U.S. warplanes today struck deep inside Iraq, hunting down missile launchers and hammering Saddam Hussein's crack troops. Iraq vowed vengeance, calling for terror attacks on allied targets worldwide.

The USS Missouri's 16-inch guns boomed again overnight, silencing a troublesome Iraqi artillery battery in Kuwait with six 2,000-pound shells, the U.S. military said. On Sunday, the battleship's big guns were used in combat for the first time since the Korean War.

Baghdad was rocked during the night by another allied bombardment, AP correspondent Salah Nasawi reported from the Iraqi capital. He said smoke and fire reached into the sky and terrified residents led to bomb shelters.

Nasawi quoted travelers as saying Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, 90 miles north of Baghdad, had also been under intense attack.

Baghdad radio said heating oil, gasoline, cooking gas and other fuels were no longer being sold to civilians. The halt in heating oil sales this week apparently allowed residents no chance to stock up against the winter cold.

Iran's Foreign Minister Tariz Aziz, in a letter to Iraq newspapers today, said Iraq's civilian casualties have risen to 428 killed and more than 650 wounded. Official Iraqi reports said 373 more air raids Monday, and said residential areas were among those hit.

Baghdad radio declared that the allies must pay for the destruction they have rained on Iraq. "Do not spare any interest of any of the countries taking part in the aggression against our brethren," an announcer said. "Fight them with all your force, in all their dens, wherever they are."

The radio broadcast a series of cryptic messages that sounded like coded instructions for terror attacks by agents abroad. It was impossible to tell if they were genuine.

What's News

Feb. 5, 1991

Ethics panel date cancelled

An Ethics Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday has been cancelled because a party involved wants to re-examine its position, officials said today.

The meeting had been scheduled after the Board of Education wanted the commission to issue an advisory opinion as to whether there would be any conflict of interest if a teacher, Michael Norman, sold computer equipment to be used in town schools.

Board of Education Business Manager Raymond E. Demers said he had received a letter from Norman's lawyer indicating that he wanted to postpone the meeting, probably to review the facts of the matter more closely.

However, the commission does not permit the postponement of cases, so the request was withdrawn, Demers said.

Norman, a teacher at Keeney Street elementary school, has been employed in his company, Edu*Comp Inc., which sells computer furniture and software.

He wanted to know if the incorporating of the company would change a previous commission opinion that there would be a conflict if he did business with the school.

Aetna layoffs HARTFORD (AP) — Aetna Life & Casualty Co. has begun layoffs that will lead to 2,600 job cutbacks as part of a major company reorganization announced in October.

Aetna, which confirmed the start of layoffs Monday, said most of the positions will involve layoffs instead of attrition, but the number is not known, according to spokesman John Hawkins.

Managers of some of Aetna's units began notifying officers and level employees in Connecticut late last week that they will lose their jobs, Hawkins said.

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Eagles killed TULSA, Okla. — The remains of 14 slaughtered bald eagles have been found on the prairie in northern Oklahoma.

Cowboys inspecting fence along an Osage County ranch found four carcasses of America's symbolic bird and 28 bald eagle feet, most of them missing two claws.

"We are seeking the help of anyone who has information that will help us in the investigation of this... horrible, horrible act," U.S. Attorney Tony Graham said Monday. "I don't know who in the world would want to buy an eagle foot, but there is apparently some market for it."

Awards of \$14,500, through federal acts and wildlife groups, have been offered for information.

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NATION/WORLD

Congressional Democrats criticize budget

By BENJAMIN SHORE
Copley News Service

WASHINGTON — Freshdawning what may be a contentious political debate, the Democratic chairman of the House and Senate budget committees Monday denounced President Bush's proposed budget for fiscal 1992 as lacking ideas to lift the nation out of recession and to improve the quality of American life.

Date still open for ground war

By ROBERT BURNS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration says there is no "drop-dead date" by which it must begin a ground offensive against Iraq, and that U.S. military chiefs have not recommended a timetable to President Bush.

"No one knows today the precise date on which we might begin a ground campaign," Defense Secretary Dick Cheney told reporters Monday. "That decision simply hasn't been made yet and it will await developments."

Cheney said Bush wants to take "maximum advantage" of the waning effects of allied aerial bombardments on Iraq's offensive military capabilities before starting a land war to liberate Kuwait. The air campaign began Jan. 17.

"There is no drop-dead date out there by which we feel we have to act," Cheney said.

Bush gave a positive assessment of the war Monday and said the United States will not be lured prematurely into a land battle, where American and allied casualties are expected to be far higher than those occurring during the lopsided allied air campaign.

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hunger and homelessness." Their comments suggest a budget battle in Congress that may establish the issues for the 1992 presidential and congressional election campaigns.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., ranking Republican on the Senate Budget Committee, called the budget proposal "a very significant effort to limit spending."

Other Republican leaders in Congress did not immediately comment on the overall budget proposal. Panetta said that in facing domestic needs, the budget contains "no commitment of resources, and there is no vision about where this country needs to go for the future."

Sasser said he was not proposing that the Democratic-controlled Congress "spend money that we simply don't have... We find ourselves with really very limited means to deal with the very serious problems that we have facing us now. At the very time we need to act (on domestic problems), we find ourselves fiscally paralyzed."

Sasser was critical of Bush's proposals to boost funding for B-2 bombers, increase spending on a Strategic Defense Initiative and pay for a supercollider research facility, while there is no increase for unemployment insurance and nothing proposed "for the 32 million Americans who are without minimal health care today."

Sasser called Bush's budget "paying lip service to domestic programs and then doing little to solve them."

Added Panetta, "What all of us must understand is ABC-TV that governors 'have to manage.' Congress doesn't, but typically Congress... likes to micromanage."

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California Republican Gov. Pete Wilson said on ABC-TV that governors "have to manage." Congress doesn't, but typically Congress... likes to micromanage."

Loan defaults under attack in Bush budget

By W. DALE NELSON
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — People who default on federal student loans could face government action to withhold the money from their wages, under a proposal in President Bush's budget.

Prospective first-time homebuyers who have Individual Retirement Accounts could withdraw up to \$10,000 for a down payment without paying the usual penalty.

And people who like to hike national forests could be required to pay more for the trails' upkeep. The wage garnishment, IRA withdrawal and recreational fee proposals are among the more direct ways that the \$145 billion budget proposal for fiscal 1992 would affect the average American.

The Bush administration sent its budget to Congress on Monday.

The budget comes home to citizens in countless ways, from cuts in strategic weapons and crop insurance to plans for shifting a variety of federal programs to the states. But the impact on an individual is hard to measure.

Student loans, home-buying and the cost of going camping, on the other hand, are pretty tangible.

At the end of 1990, outstanding student loans under the government-guaranteed program totaled nearly \$53 billion, roughly double the amount in 1982. Gross default rates also increased, from 12.5 percent in 1980 to 16 percent last year.

The president's proposal would authorize wage garnishment of defaulters and enable state and federal agencies to trade information to locate them. It would also require debtors to show hardship before having their default discharged by declaring bankruptcy.

Funds for student loans would be decreased.

The budget would expand user fees at Corps of Engineers sites to include day use of developed recreational sites, such as boat-launching ramps, and all overnight camping. Some fees are already charged for overnight camping, averaging \$6 a night, but each site has a fee camping area, corps spokesman Dave Hewitt said.

The budget would also expand the types of recreational facilities and services for which the Forest Service could charge fees. The money would go for rehabilitation and reconstruction of trails and facilities.

Programs for the needy would receive modest increases. There would be more money for health care for women and young children and to help public housing tenants pay their homes.

The budget includes proposals to help reduce illness and death from preventable diseases, and to reverse the long-term trend of underinvestment in children, Bush said.

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, however, said the budget "would confer large new benefits on the very wealthy... and risk sizable reductions in assistance for the poor in future years."

Robert Greenstein, executive director of the liberal think tank, said 80 percent of the programs that would be turned over to the states are intended to help low-income people, who he said are weaker politically in many state capitals than in Washington.

Previously thought it would be. You don't lightly cut the dividend," said Ron Glantz, analyst with Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. in San Francisco.

GM will cut its salary work force of about 99,000 people by 15 percent by 1993, mostly through attrition and early retirement, GM spokesman Terrence Sullivan said.

"I hate to use the term lean and mean, but we really have to have it better balanced," Sullivan said.

Early retirement would be offered to salaried employees aged 53 to 61, Sullivan said. He did not know how many of the affected employees were in that age group.

GM, Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. are expected to report losses for the last three months of 1990. GM is expected to post about a \$1.4-billion loss, compared with earnings of \$700.2 million in the fourth quarter of 1989.

Ford's board decided last month to keep its dividend at 75 cents per share, and Chrysler's board will consider its 30-cent dividend in March. The automakers know that the Big Three are to report their fourth-quarter and 1990 earnings later this month.

The board has cut GM's dividend twice before, in the first quarter of 1975, reinstating it 15 months later, and in the second quarter of 1980 until the fourth quarter of 1983.

GM also plans to reduce capital spending by \$500 million annually to about \$7 billion during the next five years.

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OPINION

Saddam's POW misstep

What is scary is that Saddam Hussein may be delusional enough actually to believe that Americans, or maybe even most of the rest of the world, would buy those obviously coerced statements made on TV by the downed and apparently roughed-up American and other allied airmen.

If he does, it's only further confirmation of what everyone already knew: There's no predicting where he might take this war and to what grotesque lengths he is willing to go.

The gassing of his own population, the missile attacks on Israeli civilian population centers and the threats of chemical warfare already point to a man who has no concept of right and wrong.

So now comes the brutal treatment of prisoners of war, an act that, as President Bush correctly observes, angers Americans. But if the purpose of this barbaric show is to scare Americans from the fight, Hussein has badly miscalculated. It has only strengthened American public opinion in support of the war.

Nor will Americans turn on these courageous airmen. Americans have had enough experience with this kind of inhuman treatment of U.S. prisoners of war in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts to know that POWs cannot be held to the old, strictest standards of the military code of conduct.

When they return home — and they will return home — they will be treated not as traitors or collaborators. Rather, they will be honored for going beyond the limits of what the vast majority of us can endure. And they will be praised for having willingly risked their lives when their country, duty and honor called.

We had opposed this war before it began, but this latest episode only demonstrates another reason that once in it we must unite behind those who are courageously waging the war so that it may be ended quickly and successfully.

Chicago Sun-Times

The politics of RU-486

Science invariably presents us with political questions for which there are no easy answers. Darwin's evolutionary tenets set off a debate which even now remains largely political in nature. The question of using nuclear energy is often as much in the political field as in the scientific. A recent example in medicine is provided by the French-made medication called RU-486.

The substance provides a promising treatment for a number of disorders, such as breast cancer, uterine disorders, a strain of brain cancer and an adrenal gland disorder. But of course the chief attention on RU-486 that the FDA now raises is against its primary function of inducing abortion. But however FDA authorities may feel about this extremely divisive issue, it is not their function to dictate American social policy.

Perhaps more than anything else, the debate reveals what can happen when a government agency oversteps regulatory bounds in an attempt to ordain social policy. The substance should never have been banned in the first place. The FDA should move immediately to correct its mistake.

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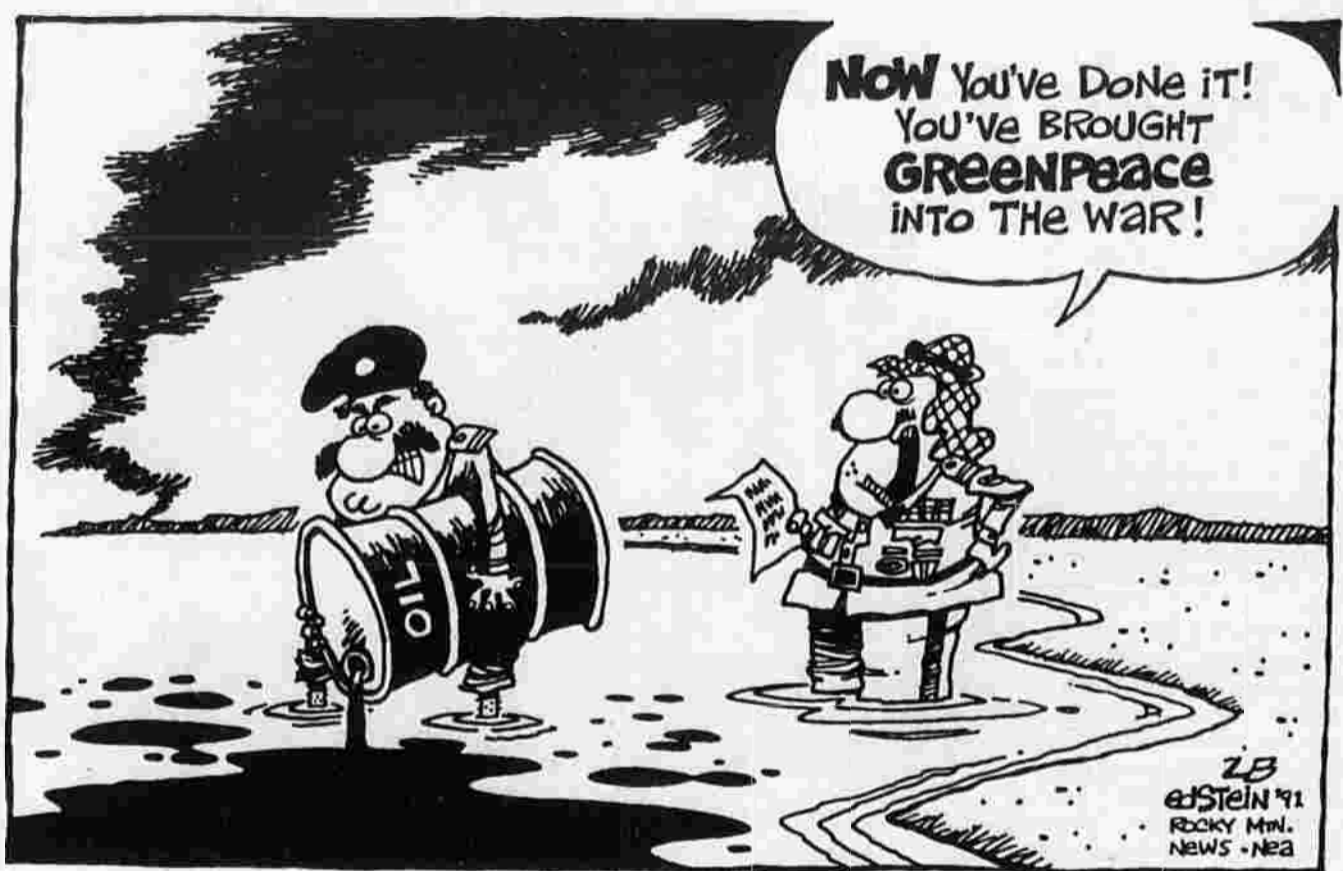


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Climate affects Gulf timing

People who favor continuing the air war against Iraq indefinitely are failing to take into account one major problem: the weather.

No doubt our military spokesmen will deny it, but average temperatures in the Kuwaiti theater of operations make it virtually impossible for American soldiers and many forms of American military equipment to function effectively in ground combat much after the beginning of April.

That is the nether millstone against which time is pushing American commanders, and which makes it essential to commence ground operations before long.

According to the World Weather Guide (Times Books), maximum temperatures in Kuwait during January, February and March average 61, 65, and 72 degrees respectively. But in April the average maximum jumps to 83, in May to 94; and in June to 98. In July and August the average high is 103, and even the average low is a brutal 86.

On top of everything else (to quote the Guide), "On the coast temperatures are a little lower than inland but the heat is rendered even more uncomfortable by the high humidity."

Can you picture an American soldier, decked out in his protective gear and wearing a gas mask, lugging a rifle or driving a tank across the desert landscape of Kuwait as the thermometer crawls upward toward its daily rendezvous with the high humidity?

When buttons were buttons

Remember when a man could feel proud that he could bust his buttons? It was an exaggeration, a hyperbole.

A man could not actually swell up enough to bust his buttons, except in the comic strips, where it happened occasionally, providing a graphic illustration of just how proud a man would have to be, to bust his buttons.

Those were the good old days. Nowadays, to bust his buttons, a man doesn't have to do much more than register mild approval.

Nowadays, men say, "I'd smile, but I'm afraid I'll bust my buttons."

The old, rollicking days of three-button lunch puffers are past. Businessmen now sit at lunch with their hands folded quietly, hoping to heaven that all their shirt buttons don't fall off in their laps before coffee.

I crumble a lot of button-down-collar buttons because my fingers are fat and the buttonhole is small and I can't see what I am doing in the mirror and the quality of the button itself is on the decline. Once that button is broken, I can't

fastener, you would hope for a little relief. If a man happens to have 40 shirts in his closet, and they average, say, 14 buttons each, that means 560 buttons on which he must depend. Many of those buttons are ornamental, but that doesn't matter.

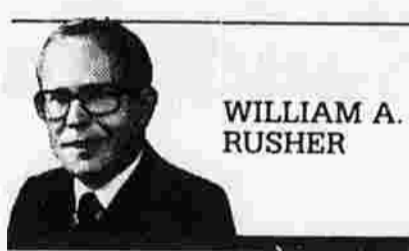
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the 80s, 90s or 100s?

Not even the temperatures in South Vietnam averaged that high, and there our troops didn't usually have to dress for possible chemical or biological attacks.

That is why the Pentagon's timetable for the liberation of Kuwait, though flexible up to a point, must always provide that, if an attack can't do the job alone, major ground operations will have to begin fairly soon — probably by the first half of February. That will give our ground forces nearly two months to clear Kuwait of an Iraqi army that has been softened up by three or four weeks of air bombardment.

There's no need to be unduly dogmatic about such a deadline, or (on the other hand) too upset by it. If absolutely necessary, our troops will of course fight hard, whatever the temperature may be. But there is no ignoring the effect of unbearably high temperatures on human — and mechanical — efficiency. And you can be sure the Pentagon planners will upward toward its daily rendezvous with the high humidity.

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Michael Grant

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Customs balks on charges

By JACK ANDERSON and DALE WAN ATTA

WASHINGTON — There are weak spots in the Texas-Mexico border big enough to smuggle large quantities of drugs through. But the U.S. Customs Service doesn't want to hear about the holes, especially from whistleblowers who say those holes are kept open by corrupt Customs officials.

Customs has been hearing those complaints privately from its own employees and from other law enforcement agencies for months. But the frustrated whistleblowers say they are harassed and the alleged culprits are tipped off.

"I've been harassed anywhere here," one former Customs agent told our associate Dean Boyd. "The other agencies don't even trust us."

Credibility is not a strong suit for Customs offices in Texas these days. In two prior columns we have reported on allegations of corruption among Customs workers.

One Customs employee wrote to the Treasury Department Inspector General in September. The employee described how Customs internal affairs people reacted when they were informed of alleged close relationships between Customs workers and known drug smugglers: "I had the evidence on the table right under their noses. They apparently knew already and I assume that either they didn't care or just were not intending to support their own staff."

The employee continued: "It's really a situation where no one cares or are there too many people who have worked their way up (in Customs management and internal affairs positions) and are in collusion to sabotage any investigation?"

Even an assistant attorney general in Texas has complained. In a March 1990 memo, he described his meeting with Customs workers or battered briefcases plopped them on the desk and smiled weakly, as if to say, "All years, I've kept my tax records so you'll be able to keep my taxes low."

Such collections usually bulge with scraps of paper, crumpled charge card receipts, soiled restaurant bills, primary auto repair workbooks and an odds and ends assortment of notes about charitable contributions and auto mileage.

Wallace Head, a tax partner for Arthur Andersen & Co., the international accounting firm, says such clients rarely think to ask how many extra dollars it will cost them for the firm to sort through the scraps, organize them by category, make lists and total them — then revise the numbers after the clients make the expected scoured return a few weeks later with more loose pieces of "records" they had forgotten.

But, as Head notes, at least these clients had records. Many taxpayers don't keep such papers, despite everything that's written about this most basic tax-planning step," he says. "They end up paying for it in higher taxes when they fail to remember details about tax-deductible expenditures."

Head points out that even items remembered may be disallowed if the Internal Revenue Service makes a call on the taxpayer and insists on seeing proof of deductions.

Remember, he cautions, "without records, you may lose certain deductions, resulting in an assessment for back taxes plus interest and possible penalties."

Organization is at the heart of tax planning, something that's much talked about and little practiced, at least not in the most practical way. Too bad, because good income tax planning could lead to savings of 33 percent — the top federal marginal rate, says Joseph Kovar, a principal in Sweeney Kovar, a Walnut Creek, Calif., CPA firm.

"Good estate tax planning may result in savings of at least 37 percent, and perhaps as much as 55 percent, depending on your estate size," he notes. "Make it a point," he advises, "to review your estate plan in conjunction with your income tax planning."

With the beginning of a new year, many taxpayers begin their annual band-wagging about gathering their personal and business tax information for the year just ended. Actual, most tax advisers recommend, January and February are the time to begin the planning process for the current year.

"Now" is the best time to begin tax planning for the new year "and beyond," suggests Deloitte & Touche, one of the nation's largest accounting practices, in a review newsletter it publishes (P.O. Box 820, Wilton, CT 06097).

Another tip: Tax projections that span two or more years will help determine yearly marginal tax brackets and assist in the effective timing of income and deductions.

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With that kind of dependence on fasteners, you would hope for a little relief. If a man happens to have 40 shirts in his closet, and they average, say, 14 buttons each, that means 560 buttons on which he must depend. Many of those buttons are ornamental, but that doesn't matter.

I suppose it is pointless, in a society that is no longer a customer's market, to ask who is responsible. Probably it can be blamed on deregulation. If I thought I could get through the "Government Information" busy signal, I might call and ask which agency (Commerce? Treasury?) was responsible for buttons before deregulation, and what restoration chances there might be. It sounds silly, the government regulating buttons, but it would give them something more constructive to do than regulate foreign policy.

One Texas agent told us, "When the allegations involve management, internal affairs only pays lip service to investigations. It's an 'ol' boy network gone cock-eyed."

Help yourself
Iraq's invasion of Kuwait produced an unusual moment of cooperation between the two Chinas. The People's Republic of China has an embassy in Kuwait, but Taiwan does not. So when Taiwanese workers were stranded in Kuwait after the invasion, they appealed to the Chinese Embassy for help, and were evacuated. We have since learned that the gesture did not prompt any thank-you notes in Taiwan. The Taiwanese foreign minister bluntly refused to acknowledge the good deed, and the Taiwanese man who encouraged the cooperation was reprimanded by his government.

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BUSINESS

Fiber-optic system shows Achilles' heel

By CHARLES W. ROSS
Copley News Service

Cost-conscious phone companies are jamming more and more telephone calls into tiny high-tech, super-efficient plastic telephone cables.

But several recent accidents on these fiber-optic lines have made business executives nervously aware that with the new technology, their entire communications networks are far more vulnerable to accidental shutdowns than those using the old-fashioned copper lines.

A handful of these marvellous plastics can carry hundreds of thousands more calls — voice, video and data — than could the monstrous, foot-thick copper cables of old. And because of that, more and more fiber is being concentrated in old communications tunnels, ducts and wall openings.

"Accidentally cut a fiber line and it impacts a far broader customer segment," said a retired AT&T officer. "The problem with fiber is that when a mistake is made it's a big one, and when there's a lot of fiber in one place, well, it's vulnerable to accidents."

It is also far more difficult to find the break, and 10 times more difficult to repair it than before.

That point was driven home Jan. 4 when an AT&T technician cut one of the company's 10 busiest cables by mistake. Three-fifths of all calls placed to and from New York City on AT&T's network during business hours that Friday were not completed.

The Jan. 4 snafu occurred even though AT&T had received an unmistakable warning of its vulnerability on Nov. 18, 1988, when a construction accident severed the same cable about 20 miles away. That failure — far more serious — blocked millions of East Coast calls for more than nine hours.

AT&T has always had a good reputation for reliability, and boasts of it in television advertisements. But industry telecommunications managers are now wondering whether AT&T, Sprint, MCI and all the rest are just putting too many fiber lines in one place and not

more long-distance phone companies.

The problem worsened because of the absence of redundant routing. New York's three airports lost their long-range radar for almost two hours while many calls were being rerouted within 15 minutes. Hundreds of flights were delayed or canceled.

Because the exchange depended on AT&T for all its communications, it was forced to halt trading for most of the day. Companies that had redundancy plans, of emergency fall-back systems of their own, fared far worse than those that had divided their business among two or

its competitors have been retiring and laying off workers in an effort to cut costs. Some experts say those cuts, coupled with insufficient investment in new equipment, are limiting the performance and reliability of the nation's basic telephone network.

Compounding the issue is the fact that state and federal regulatory agencies are largely uninterested, a far cry from the days when the public's representatives expressed immediate anger and demanded quick solutions from Ma Bell.

AT&T's problems began on Jan. 4 when an employee used a pair of large wire cutters to sever a fiber-optic cable, a bundle of hair-thin filaments that normally carries 100,000 to 200,000 telephone conversations.

The worker had no way to discover he had cut the wrong cable. No light was visible from the severed ends because the wire cutters crimped them shut.

AT&T executives told the New York Times that its network managers do not know when such work is in progress because the company has decided it is no longer cost-effective to keep track. The managers instead use a sonar-like device that sends a light beam down a fiber-optic filament and records how long it takes for a reflection to come back from the severed end. The device then calculates the distance to the break.

Cost-cutting and industry competitiveness are also affecting public safety, as indicated by the latest New York incident, some say.

AT&T's computers in New York were not programmed to automatically give priority rerouting to air-traffic data transmissions after the break. The reason: The Federal Aviation Administration chose not to pay a special fee for such premium treatment.

MANCHESTER POLICE UNION

P.O. Box 306
Manchester, CT 06040

January 23, 1991

Mayor Theunis Werkhoven
Municipal Building
41 Center Street
Manchester, CT 06040

Mayor Werkhoven,

We, the undersigned members of the Manchester Police Union, write you this letter in response to statements attributed to you by the Press Journal Inquirer, Friday, January 18, 1991, page 20, and The Hartford Courant, Saturday, January 19, 1991, page E3 regarding the Ruth Stautm Investigation, Manchester Police Department case number C90-40545.

Our American society has as its basis law. Chief among these laws is the U.S. Constitution, often referred to as the "Supreme Law of the Land". The Constitution provides that all persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty and that no warrant for arrest shall be issued except on probable cause.

As professional police officers, we are sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, and the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, and the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Manchester.

As members of a police agency accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, we have achieved national recognition for our competence and professionalism.

The Stautm Investigation was conducted by a qualified member of the Manchester Police Department, under the supervision of experienced officers. The report is comprised of fourteen typed pages of narrative detailing the investigative process, the statements of nine witnesses, and includes in their entirety seventeen documents related to the case. The completed investigation was reviewed by Assistant State's Attorney Cornelius Shea of the Connecticut Superior Court, Geographical Area 12. The conclusion of trained and experienced police officers and a knowledgeable and experienced Assistant State's Attorney was that no probable cause existed for an arrest warrant to be issued in this matter. The results of the investigation were conveyed to the Manchester Board of Directors, which had requested the investigation.

The facts being thus established, you — with a background in engineering, not law — have publicly ridiculed the competence of the investigation. In doing so, you have maligned the reputation of the officers involved in the case and tarnished the reputation of all the dedicated professionals of the Manchester Police Department. And, you — a public official — have denied an accused person the right to due process.

We, the men and women of the Manchester Police Department — police professionals, feel that a public apology for your statements to the press is called for.

Sincerely,
William Daley, President
Lawrence Wilson
Michael J. Smith
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St. Anthony Review
St. Ignace Review
St. Joseph Review
St. Michael Review
St. Raphael Review
St. Vincent Review
St. Elizabeth Review
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War

bers to be based in Britain for missions in the gulf arrived today at Fairford, an air base 70 miles northwest of London.

In addition to targeting Guard positions, bomb-laden U.S. warplanes flew deeper missions into Iraq today, Homburg said, seeking launchers Iraq has used to hurt Scud rockets at Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

The allies are flying combat and support sorties at the rate of more than one a minute, Marine Maj. Gen. Robert Johnston told reporters on Monday. Since the war began, the air forces of nine nations have flown more than 44,000 missions, he said.

When the allied assault might shift from an air blitz to a ground war is still an open question, according to Defense Secretary Dick Cheney.

"There is no drop-dead date out there by which we feel we have to act," Cheney told a news conference in

Washington on Monday. "No one knows today the precise date on which we might begin a ground campaign."

Iraq's army newspaper today boasted its forces would triumph when that day comes. "The ground battle will result in rivers of enemy blood after the Iraqi armed forces cover the battlefield with fires," said the paper, Al-Qadisiya.

Since the start of the air war, the United States has insisted military and strategic targets in Iraq and Kuwait are carefully pinpointed. But Iraq has repeatedly insisted that civilian areas are being indiscriminately blasted.

"Take revenge for every drop of blood spilled by an Iraqi child, for every baby that fell off the head of a little girl and for every grieving mother crying over her child ... searching for her children beneath the rubble," Baghdad radio said today.

Lawsuit

lower court ruling that declared Old Saybrook's interim tax rate illegal and halted the town from collecting property taxes until a town budget was approved by voters.

When he heard that the Old Saybrook case was overturned, GOP Vice Chairman Phillip Bouchard said he was surprised at the ruling and did not know what that would mean for the committee's case.

The difference between the two cases will determine whether the GOP will refile the suit, Bouchard said, adding that he thought any further action would "probably not be worth the effort." He added that the committee will await Kroeger's advice.

Coverity GOP attorney Henry Kroeger had said he was waiting for a decision in the Old Saybrook case before deciding what the next step against the town would be. He could not be reached for comment this morning.

Town Council Chairman Joan Lewis, a Democrat, said he was very pleased with the ruling.

"It's the people in office that have

the most knowledge about the budget," Lewis said, noting that town governments are sometimes forced to take such measures as raising the mill rate without an approved budget in order to maintain town services.

"Obviously, [raising the mill rate in that fashion] has to be done with discretion," he said.

The GOP fell differently about the Town Council's actions last summer.

In August, the committee filed a lawsuit against the town after the Democratic majority on the Town Council increased the mill rate before a town budget was approved by residents.

In September, the suit was dismissed in the Superior Court in Vernon when it was argued that the suit was not legal because the committee was not a taxpayer, so the GOP then considered refiling the suit in the name of Chairman Blanche Stratton, but never did so.

Last month, the GOP decided that its decision to pursue the lawsuit would depend on the result of the

Old Saybrook case.

On Monday, Old Saybrook officials immediately praised the ruling as a victory, not only for them, but also for municipal officials throughout the state.

"It's not only of benefit to us, but it benefits other communities that are faced with questions like this in difficult and austere times," said First Selectman Roger W. Goodnow.

Resident William R. Moshier, who brought the lawsuit, said he was disappointed by the ruling, but still glad he challenged the town.

"I think it did have some sort of an impact," he said.

Moshier said he is already preparing for the next stage in the battle: pressing the Legislature to change state laws concerning the setting of municipal tax rates.

The state Supreme Court ruling was published today in the weekly Connecticut Law Journal.

In an 11-page ruling written by Chief Justice Ellen A. Peters, the court said municipal taxing agencies are generally accorded broad discre-

tion in setting tax rates. The court rejected an argument by Lydia B. Munro, Moshier's attorney, that a 1977 amendment to state tax law was an attempt by the Legislature to limit the authority of municipal officials in setting tax rates.

The Old Saybrook case had been filed by residents and officials in many other towns as well, including New Hartford, where a similar action was either planned in response to the Old Saybrook case.

New Hartford selectman Robert F. Granoquist said the ruling was a victory for municipal officials.

"I think we must remember (that) in all the towns, it's not trying to run the town as presently is possible," Granoquist said, "and when you have to go to referendum several times without a budget, you have to get some kind of (tax) rate to keep the town running and paying its bills."

Munro, who had called the lower court ruling a victory for the principle, said she was disappointed in the ruling, but she believes a selectman ignored the wishes of

voters in setting a 13.5-mill tax rate in July. Town voters did not approve a budget until Oct. 15 for the fiscal year that started July 1.

Moshier filed a classic action lawsuit against the town in September, arguing that the 13.5-mill tax rate was too high. Instead of using an estimate based on a spending figure proposed by the board of finance for

the fiscal year beginning July 1, Moshier said, selectmen should have computed the tax rate from spending during the fiscal year that ended June 30.

But Donovan and other town officials argued that selectmen needed to use an up-to-date spending figure to collect enough taxes to keep the town running.

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Accounting reforms set by town manager

By BRIAN M. TROTTER
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Town General Manager Richard Sartor has set a June 30 deadline for implementation of reforms that will address some of the many weaknesses found in the town's accounting system.

An audit of the town's finances, which was performed by Michael J. Thibodeau at a cost of \$95,000,

revealed that the town was in good fiscal shape, but in many cases, there was a lack of control over income, inventories and accounts which could make it difficult to determine if there was anything missing.

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has ordered Finance Director Boyce Spinelli to inform department heads of the deficiencies in their departments and create a plan for reform.

Some of the biggest problems have occurred in the general government funds. There, the auditor found inadequate control and safeguarding of daily cash receipts. In several instances, the auditor found that justifying unattended on employee's desks.

The report also found that there

was a lack of proper documentation for revenues generated by the various agencies in the town. Many departments did not use pre-numbered invoices to track incoming funds.

Thibodeau also faulted several departments for failing to maintain adequate control over their supply of checks. In some instances, the report said, the checks were left out in the open.

In many departments, including

the treasury, tax collector, water and sewer and the Board of Education, it was noted that either the monthly statements were not properly reconciled or were reconciled by the same person who collected the revenues.

The auditor also found that many departments did not have a written manual of accounting procedures. Most policies and procedures have evolved through practice and had to be given to the auditor orally.

The Board of Education and the

Golf school support shown

By BRIAN M. TROTTER
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — In a dual of petitions, supporters of a local golf instructor made a strong pitch for a golf school on Hillstown Road.

On Monday, an attorney for Donald Gilha presented the Planning and Zoning Commission with a petition containing the signatures of 184 residents who support his plans.

Gilha had been running the school for about two years at the site on his mother's farm on Hillstown Road. But he did not know that he needed permission to operate the business until he was informed by town Zoning Enforcement Officer Thomas O'Mara.

Five years ago, Gilha had proposed building a large driving range on the 15.3 acre lot. That proposal would have included 35 tees, and parking for 70 cars. It would have required the cutting of several acres of trees. The zoning commission denied the request because it was not in keeping with the character of the neighborhood.

The new proposal includes only five tees and parking for 10 cars. Gilha also said he has plans for a putting green at a site below the driving range.

"There is no comparison with what was denied by the commission," said Gilha's attorney Dominic Squitro. "This is an unobtrusive use of the land."

Under the new proposal, the only changes that will have to be made to the property will be widening the driveway to 12 feet and shoring-up the foundation of the driveway to support the weight of any emergency vehicles that have to use it.

In addition to the petition, eight of Gilha's friends and neighbors spoke to the commission in favor of the school.

"This is a totally non-obnoxious use of the property," said Scott Clendaniel of 441 South Main St. "I've been there 30 or 40 times and there's never been more than four people there."

Jerry Blanchard, the golf coach at Howell Cheney Regional Vocational Technical School, said that Gilha has been instrumental in helping his school maintain a team.

"Many of our students know nothing about golf," Blanchard said. "If it wasn't for Don, I don't know if we would have done as well or kept the interest of our students."

But not everyone who spoke was in favor of the golf school. Joyce Mackowsky, of 76 Woodside St., has led the opposition to the school in the past. On Monday she presented the commission with a petition containing 81 signatures of residents who are opposed to the plan. The petition claims that the plan is similar to Gilha's first proposal.

"The petition also states that the driveway to the school is a hazard to the nearby golf course," Mackowsky said. "But I must say that Mr. Gilha had a lot of traffic in his driveway on Sunday."



READERS GATHER — Nicholas Zilo, 12, of 302 Spruce St., Manchester, reads aloud at the Pavilions at Buckland Hills.

Mail during a recent "Connecticut Loves to Read" program. Jeremy Charlier, 7, listens to the reading.

School project study extended

By DAVID LAMMEY
Manchester Herald

BOLTON — The Board of Selectmen has agreed to submit to the Public Building Commission a school board request for further architectural study of a K-9-12 school building project.

The Board of Education building project subcommittee is studying various project options including revision of the original plan, which was defeated at the Jan. 28 referendum.

To assist in its study, the school board is requesting that the building commission retain

Lawrence Associates, the original project architectural firm, and offered \$3,500 from their 1990-91 budget for that purpose.

Burly Sears of the school board said the board is "hoping to get the project back to referendum as soon as possible so as not to jeopardize the current [financially favorable] building climate."

However, concern was raised that the commission would not act promptly enough to satisfy the school board because the commission has been slow to move on other projects.

The selectmen cited the case of the town garage project, which was submitted to the commission

on July 1.

"That garage should be completed by November or we're in deep [financial] trouble," First Selectman Robert Morris said, "but they haven't even got into construction yet."

"All they had to do was say 'Yes — do it,' but they haven't done a thing," said Helen Kemp, executive assistant to the selectmen.

The selectmen urged the school board to contact Commission Chairman Art Manning to expedite matters, promising that they would do the same.

Police: Mayor should apologize

By RICK SANTOS
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Members of the Manchester Police Union are asking Republican Mayor Terry Werkhoven to apologize for publicly criticizing a police department investigation of a town employee.

In an advertisement in today's Manchester Herald, the union members state that Werkhoven's comments that appeared in the press tarnished the reputation of the department and the reputation of a colleague involved in the case and urged that the police must operate on the basis that all persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty and that no warrant for arrest shall be issued unless there is probable cause.

Werkhoven was quoted in area newspapers on Jan. 18 and 19 as saying the investigation of the activities of Ruth Staim, the assistant treasurer, was faulty because it concluded that there was no probable cause to charge Staim. The investigation focused on alleged improprieties with her mileage vouchers and compensatory work records.

Werkhoven could not be reached for comment this morning.

Last month, he and fellow Republican Director Wally Irish abstained from voting on a resolution to apologize to Staim. The vote was 6 to 0.

Members of the board said the apology was necessary because of comments they made in public.



SLIDING ALONG — Burton H. Hicock, a retired member of the Hockanum River Linea Park Committee, skis along Laurel Marsh trail in Manchester. The 3.4-mile trail around Laurel Marsh begins across from Howell Cheney Regional Vocational School and ends at West Middle Turpike adjacent to exit 60 from I-84. There is parking in the Cheney School parking lot.

Town awaits union reply to new policy

By RICK SANTOS
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — The town administration is waiting for responses from four union representatives about the adoption of a military leave policy for employees ordered into service for Operation Desert Storm, Assistant General Manager Steven R. Werber said Monday.

A representative from one of the five unions of town employees has responded to the proposed policy, generally accepting it, but with the condition that if the Gulf war continues for more than 90 days, then time-limited provisions in the policy could be extended, Werber said.

"Right now, we're all operating with the as-

sumption that the conflict won't last more than 90 days," he said.

The policy is scheduled to be considered for adoption by the Board of Directors at its meeting on Feb. 11, but could come up tonight. Currently, one town employee has been called for active duty and there are about six others on standby status.

The proposed policy, which was developed by surveying area communities that have already set forth such programs, addresses the issues of re-employment, compensation, medical and dental insurance, and sick leave, holiday, and vacation time.

Regarding re-employment, the policy — in accordance with state and federal law — says

Hiring plan OK sought

By RICK SANTOS
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — The town administration is asking the Board of Directors to approve a plan to recruit and hire a personnel director who will be working by May.

The proposal is scheduled to be discussed at the Feb. 11 board meeting. The directors are also scheduled to meet at 7:30 tonight in the hearing room of the Lincoln Center.

Republican Deputy Mayor Ronald Oella said Monday that he would support the personnel department reorganization, which he and a fellow Republican rejected in adopting the current budget last May.

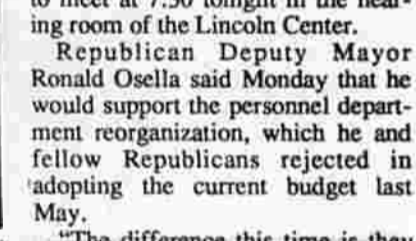
The difference this time is they offset the staff increase with the reduction of another position in another department," Oella said. "I had no real strong objections to the previous recommendation."

The reduction of a position in another department will be identified later, according to a memo by General Manager Richard J. Sartor.

The cost of the reorganization is estimated to be more than \$58,000 for May and June of this year and all of the next fiscal year. The money includes the salary for the new position, salary increases for existing positions, and fringe benefits for the new position.

Since the adoption of last year's budget, the personnel officer left the town and was replaced by her assistant, who is currently on maternity leave. She has been replacing her position, which is currently on maternity leave.

"During these stressful changes, it has become more apparent than ever that the Personnel Department is in need of restructuring," Sartor's memo reads.



Council rejects funding

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By RICK SANTOS
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — The Town Council Monday voted not to fund \$8,000 toward the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day slated for April, recommended by the town's Solid Waste Management Committee.

Council member Frederick Johnson cited the high cost of participating and last year's low turnout, noting that last year, the town also had a state grant to help pay for the project.

Also, Town Manager John Blaeser told the council the Grand list increase is estimated at 5 percent. "That [increase] will generate \$387,000 at the current mill rate," Blaeser said. The council has given all town boards and agencies a 5 percent budget increase guideline for the coming fiscal year.

Banks

financial system to make banks safer and more competitive, both domestically and internationally, and streamline the bank regulatory structure," Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady said in a letter to Congress accompanying the reform package.

The administration also would relax decades-old restrictions on interstate banking within three years, making it easier for giants like Citicorp and Bank of America to establish branches competing with local institutions.

It would prune a complex thicket of independent regulatory agencies and, in the process, give the administration far more control of financial regulation.

Today's recommendations focus on long-term changes whose full effects would not be felt for years. Specific proposals for curing banking's most pressing short-term problem, the weakness of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. fund insuring bank deposits, have been postponed.

The fund has been depleted by more than 800 failures over the past four years, and banking trade groups are discussing ways to replenish it without turning to the taxpayers.

Advocates of the Bush plan say it is long overdue. Innovations in the delivery of financial services have cut banks off from some of their best customers, forcing them to make riskier loans. Wealthy depositors open money market accounts with brokerage houses. Large companies issue their own commercial paper rather than borrowing from banks.

Opponents, however, say it could lead to a dangerous concentration of financial power, depriving local

communities of control of their financial institutions. They also fear conflicts of interest as commercial and financial firms merge. And they say retail customers may confuse uninsured securities offered by banks with insured deposits.

Changes in the deposit insurance system are potentially the most far-reaching, although they are crafted to minimize disruption to existing depositors.

We can and should place prudent limits on taxpayer exposure by returning the scope of deposit insurance to its historical purpose — protecting small, un sophisticated savers," said the study. "Modernizing the Financial System: Recommendations for Safer, More Competitive Banks."

At the last minute, the Treasury Department backed away from a proposal that would have limited depositors to \$100,000 in insurance no matter how many accounts or banks they used.

Instead, the administration advocated a mid-tier limiting insurance after two years to \$200,000 per institution, \$100,000 for retirement accounts and \$100,000 for other accounts.

Depositors could obtain virtually limitless insurance by splitting their money among several banks. Still, it's somewhat more restrictive than current rules permitting a couple with one child to insure up to \$1.2 million as a single institution.

More significantly, the proposal will attempt to discourage regulators' practice of hauling out uninsured depositors in most failed institutions. By giving large depositors a reason to scrutinize banks, the idea is to prodd banks into

avoiding the risky investments that have gotten so many into trouble.

The FDIC would lose its discretion to reimburse uninsured depositors. In the rare instance when protecting all depositors is crucial to confidence in the financial system, the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve could authorize such a bailout.

In that case, the Federal Reserve would contribute the extra amount required, with later reimbursement to come from the industry-funded FDIC. Potentially, this could affect general taxpayers if the bank insurances fund were to seek to repay the Fed. A loss by the central bank means it would have fewer profits to forward to the Treasury.

Finally, one citizen among the restless crowd called for the vote.

A new organization within the Treasury Department, the Federal Banking Agency, would supervise both nationally-chartered banks and all savings institutions.

Other elements of the proposal would charge higher deposit insurance premiums to riskier institutions and offer higher regulation and easier access to new powers as a reward to bank owners who invest more of their own capital.

The ambitious program faces considerable obstacles in Congress. Wary legislators may seek to shore up the FDIC fund and enact deposit insurance reform, but avoid the structural changes the administration says are needed to bolster bank profits.

Bolton

Grant Davis spoke with success against high taxes. His comments were met with murmurs and rumbles of approval.

"The problem with this town is the 7 percent commercial base for the BOE and the BEA were on opposite sides of the issue. The BEA and the school board are the same. Jim Marshall is a teacher," he said.

They're on the same team."

But James Marshall denied that firmly. "I have served on the board since 1976 and we've worked to bring some gains ahead of students, or the citizens."

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Coventry

likely to propose a budget close to the 5 percent guideline increase given by the Town Council. However, Flaherty fears the timing of the salary raise award for administrators might be used as a weapon by budget opponents.

"The fear I have is that psychologically it might be used as an excuse to oppose the budget," Flaherty said.

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feared that the debate could turn into an "attack on personalities."

Afterward, board member Barry Sears said, "I think the [anti-tax sentiment] is a revolt against high taxes, and people feel that the only taxes they can affect are the ones in town. Maybe someday they will find a way to affect taxes on the state level."

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Lawmakers respond to Bush's budget plans

By JOHN DIAMOND
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Connecticut Democrats voiced concern Monday over proposed cuts in health care and other human services programs, and Gov. Lowell P. Weicker Jr. said President Bush's budget does little to help a region in economic distress.

Lawmakers from Connecticut praised the sentiments voiced in the President's budget message for the fiscal year beginning next Oct. 1. But they said the numbers Bush proposed cut vital programs.

"The budget really is a blow to seniors and the middle class," said freshman Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn. She cited cuts in highway

funding, home heating aid and higher education grants to middle class families as examples of damaging proposals.

With the overall budget parameters for next year set by last fall's budget summit and subsequent congressional spending plan, the debate comes down to spending priorities. That was what lawmakers and officials focused on as they reviewed the 2,025-page document.

Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., lumped the presidential budget proposal in with others of past years: an opening gambit that will emerge from Congress much changed.

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Work contracts blamed for Hamilton's layoffs

WINDSOR LOCKS (AP) — The union representing hourly workers at Hamilton Standard blamed the company's financial problems on its policy of contracting out some work to outside vendors.

Hamilton Standard, citing increased competition in the aerospace industry, announced plans Monday to lay off about 450 workers, and said it hopes to eliminate another 100 jobs through early retirements. The moves would reduce the company's work force by 5 percent.

"This layoff is particularly painful because it may have been avoided," Andrew D. Romagnoli, an official with District 91 of the Machinists union, said in a statement. "Working out and cutting corners may increase profits in the short term, but no company can survive in the long run if it does not have the trust of its own employees."

Peter Kowalchuk, a spokesman for Hamilton Standard, said outside vendors make a "small percentage" of the components used in some Hamilton Standard products, as part of the company's overall strategy to reduce costs. But he said that was not the reason for the layoffs.

"The driver for this... is the need to be competitive," Hamilton Standard said in a letter to the aviation and aerospace industry since the early 1980s," Hamilton

N.E. waits for Bush's quick fix

By JOHN DIAMOND
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — New England officials say they are waiting for the Bush administration to deliver on a promised quick fix at banking regulations.

As the Treasury Department today presented details of its banking reform plan, lawmakers and governors of New England states continued to push behind the scenes for regulatory reform.

The aim of the regulatory changes supported by New Englanders is to get credit flowing again in the economically stagnant Northeast. Some, like Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., say there will be no more money for savings and loan bailouts until the administration delivers.

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A bad loan provision: Weld is seeking would help in a situation where a developer who borrowed money to build an office building could no longer keep up with payments but could make good on it.

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"The only way I know how to get their attention is to send the message that I'm not going to support a \$30 billion budget item for the RTC when they're showing no indication of dealing with the commercial banking industry any differently than they have with the S&L crisis," Dodd said.

The governors of Massachusetts and Rhode Island said Monday they are making some progress in winning federal help with the banking problems besetting the region.

Massachusetts Gov. William Weld said Treasury Department officials assured him that new regulations would be drafted within three weeks to help ease a nationwide "credit crunch" that is most intense in the Northeast.

And Rhode Island Gov. Bruce G. Sundlin said a key federal regulator promised to quickly review the proposed takeover of several closed credit unions by an unnamed, federally insured bank.

Standard President Terry D. Stinson said in a statement. "Now, in the face of increasing global competition, we must reduce our operating costs while improving our technologies and manufacturing processes," Stinson said.

Hamilton Standard, an aerospace and aviation division of United Technologies Corp., has approximately 10,500 employees in Connecticut and a work force of 13,000 worldwide. It has facilities in Windsor Locks, Farmington and Windsor in Connecticut.

The layoffs will be effective around mid-February, Kowalchuk said. Most of the workers to be laid off are in Connecticut, although about 10 work at Hamilton Standard operations across the country, he said. Of the 550 jobs being eliminated, 250 are salaried and 300 are hourly, he said.

Hamilton Standard designs and manufactures propellers, engine controls, aircraft data systems and other equipment for the aerospace marketplace.

The company laid off about 190 jobs in 1990, Kowalchuk said; about 100 at its electronics manufacturing operation in Connecticut; about 80 at its optical systems facility in West Palm Beach, Fla.; and another 10 at a facility in Pennsylvania.

They put in a line item to tear down the Washington Monument, as the analogy goes. And then, of course, Congress has to restore the funding and then it's Congress that's spending the money."

The budget provided a mixed bag of good and bad news for supporters of programs aimed at the needy. The Head Start program for preschool children got a \$100 million increase. Pell grants to college students also increased sharply, with the maximum available grant jumping 54 percent to \$3,700 per student.

But community services block grants were eliminated; the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LHEAP) was slashed by 41 percent; and the federal energy conservation programs were cut entirely.

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Family marks 10th year of Grasso death

By JUDD EVERHART
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Connecticut marks a solemn occasion today: the 10th anniversary of the death of Gov. Ella T. Grasso, the state's first woman governor, who resigned the office she loved rather than stay on when she couldn't serve wholly.

Grasso, who died Feb. 5, 1981, was among the state's most popular governors in recent history and developed a caring, almost maternal, reputation among voters. Politicians found her as tough and determined.

Her family will quietly observe the occasion in a private get-together. Unlike past years, there will be no public Mass or other event to mark the anniversary.

James Grasso, now 39, says he is constantly touched by the number of people who remember his mother and don't hesitate to say so. They range from senior citizens who voted for her over the years, to young check-out people who see his name on a credit card.

"It's hard to pin that emotion down," Grasso said last week. "A feeling that someone remembers your mother and a governor who tried to do the best job she could."

"It's my mother, it's the governor, it's one of my friends," he said, almost wistfully.

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Fazio once said that Grasso dedication to the highest quality of public service was so great that she chose to leave the office she loved and revered rather than perform inadequately in it.

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But she had a reputation as a hard-worker and no-nonsense administrator who wouldn't hesitate to pick up the phone and hawl someone out or answer the phone at her storm headquarters during a blizzard in 1978.

It was her take-charge approach during that storm that many credit for securing her re-election that year. She shut the state down for three days while crews cleared huge drifts of snow blanketing state highways.

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ELLA GRASSO

used to remain are morally committed to carry on the ideals and principles for which she lived and died," her son said.

"I still miss her," said U.S. Rep. Barbara B. Kennelly, D-Conn., whose father, the late and legendary Democratic National Chairman John M. Bailey, was Grasso's mentor. "She really was a role model for me."

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About Town

Cub scout badges awarded
Cub Scout Pack 126 held its monthly meeting on Jan. 21 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Manchester. Fifteen various badges were awarded that evening. Those scouts earning the Webelos Engineer Activity Badge were: Dan Lidetti, Josh Kane, Doug Cosimi, Scott Hare, Cameron Beers and Jason Daniels. Jason was also awarded the Webelos Handyman Activity Badge. Also earning his Webelos Communicator and Fitness Activity Badges and a Basketball Sports Belt Loop was Ken O'Connor. Scott Carson received his Webelos Scholar, Fitness and Artist Activity Badges, and Adam Shaw earned his Bobcat Badge along with the Webelos Communicator Activity Badge.

Manchester
Sylvia A. Cheikin
55 Hampton Drive
George W. Ludlow
14 Kennedy Road
Joseph R. Lupacchino Jr.
Giacchino "Jack" Gesmundo

Death Notices
George W. Ludlow
Joseph R. Lupacchino Jr.

West Side Ladies Night
The 23rd Annual West Side Ladies Night will be held at Willie's Steak House on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. For more information, call Jon Green at 649-5003.

Scandia lodge meeting
Scandia Lodge #23 Vasa Order of America will have a meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Janiche Akeley, a Norwegian Lutheran church, will present a slide show. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Herb Bengston at 649-2502.

Desert Storm Shoe Box
A special program, Desert Storm Shoe Box, will be at the Grange Hall, 205 Oleet St., on Wednesday at 8 p.m. All items should be individual sized, therefore the leader, Mrs. Elisabeth Thrall, has named it Shoe Box. Items may be addressed to individuals or for general distribution for Desert Storm Forces. Items you can give include tissues, canned fruit, hard or roll candy, chewing gum, unsharpened pencils, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, shaving cream, shampoo, soap, roll-on deodorant, sun screen, sweat bands, finger nail files and clippers, writing paper and envelopes. Do not use glass bottle containers. Remember to make a funny or cute handmade Valentine for our party, items for the auction table and punny bags. Refreshments conclude the evening.

Emblem Club meets
The Manchester Emblem Club will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday at the Elks Lodge on Bigelow Street, Manchester, at 6:30 p.m. It will be a potluck dinner. A donation was made to the GI Bill Pac for hospital-ized veterans and servicemen serving in Desert Shield. A donation was also presented to the Connecticut Law Enforcement Memorial in Meriden.

Sylvia A. Cheikin
Sylvia A. Cheikin, 44, beloved wife of Meyer Cheikin, of 55 Hampton Drive, Manchester, died Monday (Feb. 4, 1991) at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Cheikin was a member of Temple Beth Shalom of Manchester. She was a graduate with a Masters Degree in Psychology from the University of Connecticut. Mrs. Cheikin was employed as a counseling psychologist at the University of Connecticut, and conducted a group for the seriously ill people in Manchester. She was a member of the American Mental Health Counselors Association and was named to the National Distinguished Service Registry for Counseling and Development. She leaves besides her husband and parents, Samuel and Miriam Carson of Norwich, Conn., two daughters, Deborah and Susan, and three grandchildren, Donna F. Lupacchino of Providence, R.I., Mara F. Lupacchino and Nicole F. Lupacchino, both of Glastonbury, a brother, Ralph B. Lupacchino, Manchester, a sister, Ann L. Mulazzi of East Hartford, two nieces, and three nephews. The funeral will be Thursday, 9 a.m., from the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 West Center St., Manchester, followed by a Mass of Christian burial, 10 a.m., at the St. Dunstan's Church, Manchester Road, Glastonbury. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery, Manchester. His family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the Harry and Helen Gray Cancer Center, c/o Hartford Hospital Radiation Therapy Dept., attn: Dr. Salner, 80 Seymour St., Hartford 06115, or the American Cancer Society, 670 Prospect Ave., Hartford.

Rev. Richard O. Fontaine
In Norwich, Conn., February 3, 1991, Rev. Richard O. Fontaine, 57, retired pastor of St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church in New London, a parish Mass for the repose of his soul will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 6, at St. Mary's Church. At 4:00 p.m., his body will be received in Sacred Heart Church, 52 West St., Norwich, when calling hours will be held. On Thursday, February 7, at 10:30 a.m., a funeral Mass will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church, Norwich. The Most Rev. Daniel P. Reilly, Bishop of Norwich will be principal celebrant. Burial will follow in the Priest's Plot of St. Joseph Cemetery, Norwich. Gifts may be made in his memory to the special charities of the Bishop of Norwich, P.O. Box 587, Norwich, Conn. 06360. The Rev. Thomas J. Neilan is Funeral Home, 12 Ocean Ave., New London is in charge of arrangements.

Mabel (Jones) Grimes
Mabel (Jones) Grimes, 69, of 11 Sunset Lane, Bolton died Saturday, February 2, 1991 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. She was the wife of James B. Grimes Sr. Born in Jefferson, Maine, she had lived in Bolton for many years. Prior to retiring in 1982, she had been employed at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford for 30 years. Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, James B. Grimes, Jr. of Manchester; two daughters, Sandra L. Mistretta of Manchester and Kathleen F. Smith of Amston; two brothers; three sisters; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. The funeral was held today, February 5, 1991, with a Mass at St. Bartholomew's Church. Burial was in the East Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the U-CO Health Center, 263 Farmington Ave., Farmington, c/o Development Research/Lever Research. The John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 West Center Street, Manchester was in charge of arrangements.

Lottery
Here are Monday's lottery results from around New England:
Connecticut
Daily: 8-1-9. Play Four: 3-0-2-9
Massachusetts
Daily: 8-4-8-1
Northern New England
Pick Three: 8-7-6. Pick Four: 2-4-2-0
Rhode Island
Daily: 8-0-7-7

Weather
REGIONAL Weather
Wednesday, Feb. 6
A weak cold front will enter New England this afternoon from the west and exit by early evening. Colder air will filter into the region behind the front tonight and Wednesday.

Cloudy, cooler
The weather tonight in the greater Manchester area: cloudy with the low in the mid 30s. Wind north light. Wednesday, considerable cloudiness and cooler. High in the mid 40s. Outlook for Thursday, a chance of rain late. High in the mid 40s.

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Today's weather picture was drawn by Jessica Forthingham, a fourth-grader at Washington School in Manchester.

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Today In History

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 5, the 36th day of 1991. There are 329 days left in the year.

Today's Birthdays:
Comedian actor Red Buttons is 72. New York Times publisher Arthur Ochs Sulzberger is 65. The Rev. Andrew M. Greeley is 63. Baseball hall-of-famer Hank Aaron is 57. Actor Stuart Damon is 54. Financial writer Jane Bryant Quinn is 52. Football hall-of-famer Roger Staubach is 49. Actress Charlotte Rampling is 45. Actress Barbara Hershey is 43.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 5, 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed adding up to six more justices to the U.S. Supreme Court, resulting in accusations that he was trying to pack the court with judges who would side with his New Deal legislation. (The Senate defeated the proposal the following July.)

On this date:
In 1631, the founder of Rhode Island, Roger Williams, and his wife arrived in Boston from England.

In 1785, Sweden recognized the independence of the United States.

In 1881, Phoenix, Ariz., was incorporated.

In 1887, Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Otello," based on the tragedy by William Shakespeare, premiered at La Scala in Italy.

In 1917, Congress passed, over President Wilson's veto, an immigration act sharply curtailing the influx of Asians to America.

In 1917, Mexico adopted its constitution.

In 1940, Glenn Miller and his orchestra recorded "Tuxedo Junction," by Jenkins Henson, William Johnson, Julius Dash and Buddy Feyre, for RCA Victor's Bluebird label.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 6:
MANCHESTER
Redevelopment Agency, Lincoln Center hearing room, 7:15 p.m.
Library Board, Whiton Library, 7:30 p.m.
Hockmarr River near Park Committee, Lincoln Center hearing room, 8:30 p.m.
Board of Education, 45 North School St., 7:30 p.m.

BOLTON
Board of Library Directors, Andover Library, 7:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Education, Center School, 7:30 p.m.

COVENTRY
Charter Revision Commission, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.
Parks and Recreation Commission, Patriot's Park, 7:30 p.m.
School Building Committee, Coventry Grammar School, 7:30 p.m.

HEBRON
Amston Lake/Hebron Tax District, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Historical District, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Thoughts
President Bush recently said something to the effect "that prayer changes things." There is something about prayer. Even the Lord's disciples ask him, "Lord teach us to pray." There is a power in prayer, a power that can soothe the weary mind, that can put to rest the troubled soul. Let not our prayers be repetitious, remembrances without feeling, but certain words spoken from the heart. One would say prayer is for the weak and feeble. I would dare say that prayer is for all. One's strength or might is not determined because one prays, but prayer strengthens one's character and enhances one's dignity. We must understand as President Bush does that "Prayer Changes Things."

Kurt Stefanovic
United Pentecostal Church

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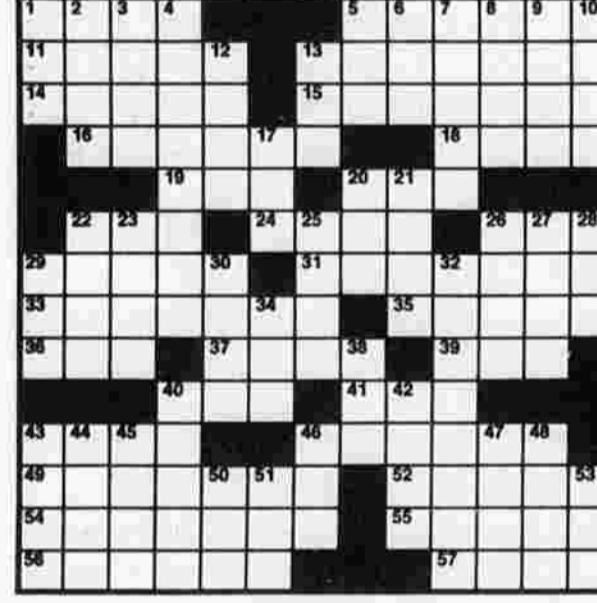
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Stumped? Get answers to clues by calling "Dial-A-Word" 611-900-454-3535 and entering access code number 104. 95c per minute. Touch-Tone or rotary phones.

CELEBRITY CIPHER
Identify celebrities from cryptic clues by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher equals one letter in the celebrity's name.
Author: Today's Child Equipe et al.

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R F P Z L J . . . N A L
D X G G C R .

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "There is no record in history of a happy philosopher." — H.L. Mencken.

THE PHANTOM by Lee Falk & By Barry



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Dick Browne



ALLEY OOP by Dave Coverly



ROBOTMAN by Jim Meddick



THE NEW BREED



SNAPU by Bruce Beattie



JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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

AVVLE
WRONC
MIENER
LEMDEY

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

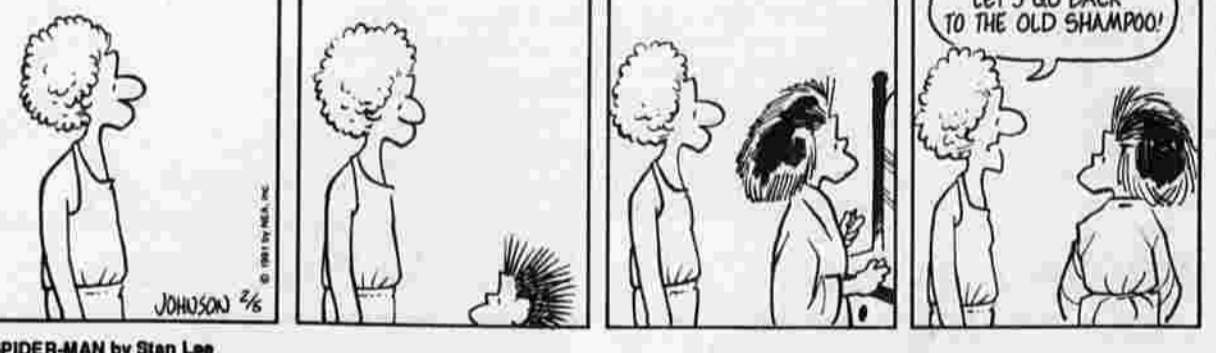
Answer here: _____ (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumble: **FUNNY PUPPY BEETLE** GOOGLY
Answer: She wore a bikini because she enjoyed getting this "OUT IN THE OPEN."

BLONDIE by Dean Young & Brian Drake



ARLO AND JANIS by Jimmy Johnson



SPIDER-MAN by Stan Lee



EK AND MEK by Howie Schneider



WINTHROP by Dick Cavalli



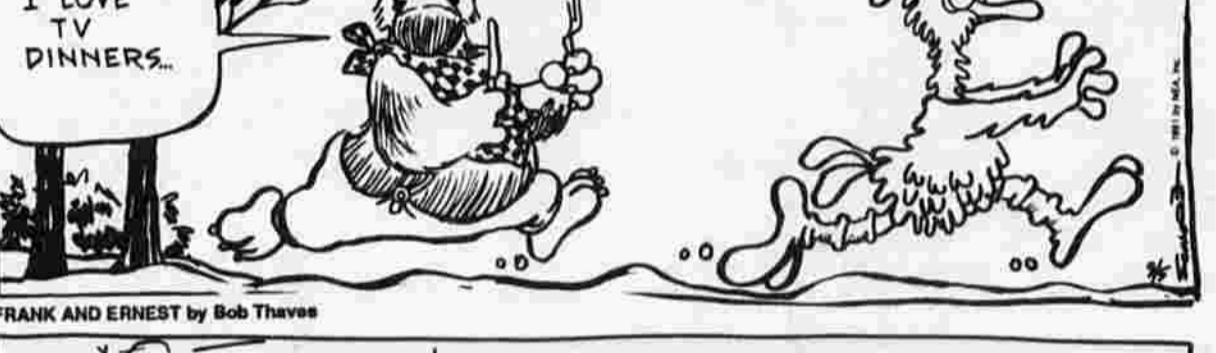
ERINIE by Bud Grove



THE BORN LOSER by Art Scaife



THE GRIZWELLS by Bill Scher



FRANK AND ERNEST by Bob Thaves



PHIPPS by Joseph Farris



FAMILY

Too real toys

Over the years I have collected a fairly long list of the items that have amazed, confused and flustered airline employees whose job it is to prevent weapons of any sort from being taken aboard a flight.

Topping the list right now may be an incident that happened over the holidays when a grandson almost had to leave his toy camel behind because the airline people didn't know what to make of it.

But I can remember a time in Vietnam when a small German boy's toy pistol was confiscated by the airline folks.

This doesn't sound so far-fetched.



John Sinor

When you say it like that, a toy pistol can, indeed, look like a real one, and they have been used countless times in real holidays.

But this was a water pistol, and it was yellow and transparent.

I doubt if there is anybody in the world who would be confused by a see-through, yellow water pistol if waved around by a hijacker.

Still, the boy was not allowed to take the "weapon" aboard.

Since the toy was obviously a favorite with the child, I expect that leg of the flight would have been considerably more peaceful if he had been allowed to keep it.

He cried for more than an hour. And, though he did not speak a word of English, I understood him perfectly.

There was the time when my wife was not allowed to take a pair of scissors aboard a plane to London.

The stewardess said she would have to take them from her and they would be returned to her at the end of the flight.

The scissors were not very big. The blade on the Swiss army knife I carried in my little overnight bag was considerably bigger and sharper.

Besides that, there were something like 27 other tools on the knife that could probably be used for something devious.

But the airline wasn't interested in that. Only in the scissors.

They were returned to my wife at Heathrow Airport.

The strangest thing I have ever had trouble carrying on board an airplane was a crawfish trap.

There simply is no way to pack a crawfish trap. It is made of wire net in an unusual way.

There is also no easy way to explain how it works. The man at the airline could hardly believe I baited it with a can of dog food with holes punched in the side.

This was at Los Angeles International Airport, and it took three airline people to finally decide in my favor and let me bring it home.

The camel that little Rafi almost didn't get to take was a hobbycamel. It was a Christmas present from an uncle.

A hobbycamel is just what it sounds like, a stick with a fake camel's head on it. Small children can ride it around the house.

Rafi made it go by galloping on it from room to room, shouting, "Giddyup, giddyup!"

I don't have any idea what kind of havoc airline officials suspected he might be able to create with such a thing on board an airline from San Diego to Tucson, Ariz.

They finally let him and his mother board with it after long consideration.

John Sinor is a syndicated columnist who writes on family and moral issues. His column appears weekly in the Herald.

The child care question: Its benefits versus its costs

By DIANNA M. TALBOT
Herald Features Editor

In many families today two incomes are needed to pay the household bills. But having both parents working during the day often leads to another major family expense: child care.

That cost in the Manchester area can be as much as \$650 per month for one child, enough to cover the rent on a one- or two-bedroom apartment or the payments on two average-priced cars.

"You reach a point where you start to wonder: Is it really worth it to have both parents work?" asked Tom Ferizzo, a Manchester resident with two children enrolled in local day care services. The four-year-old goes to Sunshine Day Care Center at Trinity Covenant Church for \$85 per week, while the one-year-old goes to a private sitter, who charges the same.

The answer to the question depends on which family is asked. Parents who subscribe to child care services say the advantages far outweigh the costs. Child care benefits, work clothes costs and transportation expenses are all factors which need to be considered when deciding who will care for the children.

Ferizzo said that health insurance and other benefits offered by his and his wife's employers make it worthwhile to have both parents work. Other parents say that if their spouse did not make a certain amount of money, they don't feel it would be worthwhile to purchase child care services, and one spouse should stay at home. That amount varies, according to family circumstances.

For instance, Manchester resident

DAY-CARE FARE
The five most expensive and the least expensive metropolitan areas for weekly day-care costs in 1990

MOST EXPENSIVE	LEAST EXPENSIVE
1. Boston, MA \$109	1. Ogden, UT \$38
2. New York, NY 95	2. Mobile, AL 42
3. Anchorage, AK 91	3. Jackson, MS 44
4. Manchester, NH 90	4. Huntington, WV 45
5. Washington, DC 87	5. Columbia, SC 46

Note: Costs are based on a 3-year-old who spends 40 hours a week in a for-profit day-care center in a suburban community surrounding the central city. NEA Graphics

Weekly day-care costs for a 3-year-old in suburban Boston — the U.S. metropolitan area where such for-profit services are the most expensive — average \$109. That's almost three times what it costs in the suburbs of Ogden, Utah, where day care is the least expensive.

Marybeth Reinholdt, a business analyst for a large insurance company, is the main provider in her family. Her four-year-old son attends Kinder-Care Learning Center in Manchester for \$106 per week. Reinholdt said she thinks her husband, Scott, an inspector for a motor vehicle station, needs to bring home at least \$10,000 per year after taxes in order to provide some extra household spending money and balance the expense of child care. But, she said, that amount would be more if her husband did not wear a uniform and needed to buy clothes for work, or if he needed to travel far to get to his job and pay for parking.

Like many parents, Reinholdt expressed some regret about leaving her child to be cared for by someone else.

"If I had my heart's desire, I'd

Weddings, engagements, anniversaries

Murdock-Pino
Stacey Halloran Pino, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip A. Pino of 45 Mt. Summer Drive, Bolton, and David Peter Murdock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Murdock of 88 South Road, Bolton, were married Nov. 3, 1990 at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, Hartford.

The Reverends Bill Charbonneau and Dawson D. Trenchard officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Terril Clark Stallone was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Clara Giannetto, Robin Murdock-Meggers, Susan Murdock Pagan, Mizz Genovesi Pallotta and Wendy Williams.

Russell Antonovich Jr. was best man. Ushers were Brian Antonovich, John Graves, Thomas Meggers, Dan Ober, Mark Pagan, Todd Pino and Charles Russo. Peter Meggers was ringbearer.

After a reception at the Hartford Club, Hartford, the couple went on a wedding trip to Italy, Austria and Germany. They are making their home in Manchester.

The bride is a 1983 graduate of

Golden anniversary
Brigadier and Mrs. Walter G. Hooper of 185 E. Center St., Manchester, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. They were married on Jan. 9, 1941.

The anniversary celebration was at the Senior Citizen Conference Center at Camp COCNR in Ashford and was attended by friends and relatives. The couple was presented with an all-expense paid trip to New Foundland which they will take the first week of June.

Mrs. Hooper is the former Beatrice M. Arnold of Manchester. The couple met when she was selling tags for the Salvation Army and was planning to enter the Salvation Army Training College, Bronx, N.Y.

She attended Nathan Hale School and worked at Cheney's Mills before entering training. She was commissioned as an officer in 1940 and Brigadier Hooper was commissioned in 1937.

The couple has three daughters, Faith Joy of Fairfax, Va., who has just returned from Russia where she worked to initiate methods of helping the homeless.

Another daughter, Mrs. Major

Holmes-Mirucki
Lori A. Mirucki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mirucki, 165 Oak St., Manchester, and Mark C. Holmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Holmes of 128 Henry St., Manchester, were married Oct. 13, 1990 at St. James Church, Manchester.

The Rev. Frank Kruskowski officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Linda Jordan, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kelley Dubois, Michelle Aubert, Sarah Maloney, Bonnie Lukasz and Karen Holmes. Lindsay Boots was flower girl.

Greg Holmes, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Phil Madore, Al Jezouli, Scott Holmes, Bill Jordan and Dan Maloney.

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Wynn-DelSignore
Frances and Bruce W. Wynn of Rocky Hill announce the engagement of their daughter, Shari Ann Wynn, to Christopher E. DelSignore, son of Eileen and Edward DelSignore of 17 Laurelwood Drive, Bolton.

The bride-elect is a graduate of The University of Connecticut. She is employed by The Travelers Insurance Co.

The prospective bridegroom is also a graduate of the University of Connecticut. He is employed by Connecticut Bank and Trust.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark C. Holmes
Path Junior College, Longmeadow, Mass. She is a travel agent with US Travel Systems in Hartford.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Manchester High School and New England Institute, Boston, Mass. He is a funeral director with Holmes-Watkins Funeral Home, Manchester.

Social ■ children ■ family concerns

Parent needs help

Q. I would like your advice about my relationship with my 13-year-old son. I have always had a stormy attitude toward him, and this last year it has worsened. I call him names, jump him for everything, even for what isn't his fault, and tell him to leave, to live somewhere else.

He did something that angered me, although it was very normal for his age. His younger brother is afraid to sleep in the same room with him because of what the older brother says, like scary things.

I love my sons, and I see that



Our Children

my attitude can cause trouble in their relationship, too. How can I stop hurting him for what isn't his fault, and start acting like I love him?

A. Although how you act toward him is probably correctable, you really need to need more help than I can provide through this column. However, I'd like to offer two kinds of suggestions for you.

If there is a counselor at his school, ask him or her to recommend a competent family type of psychologist with whom you can talk about this situation.

Two books that may be helpful to you (and there are many others) are "P.E.T.: Parent Effectiveness Training" by Thomas Gordon and "Between Parents & Teenagers" by Haim Ginott. Both have been in print for quite a while, but still offer many practical suggestions.

I hope you will seek aid very soon. Please try to get it, for your son's sake and your own, too.

Q. I am a widow with grown children, but I worry about other people's younger ones. Let me tell you one reason why.

I live near a beautiful park on which our large apartment building borders. Some of the neighborhood kids come to the park and a quiet, shallow creek that goes through it. They are only 6 or 7 years old, but no parents accompany them.

They are very friendly, and so am I, so they often come over and talk to me. I'm a stranger, and of course know they should be careful of strangers.

Should I turn them off (which would be unpleasant for me and probably for them, too), or continue talking to them but warn them of dangers with some others? I'd appreciate your help.

A. Because you know that they are safe with you and probably will respect your opinions now that they know you, this seems to be an excellent time for their learning something very important, with your help.

Your warnings can be very helpful.

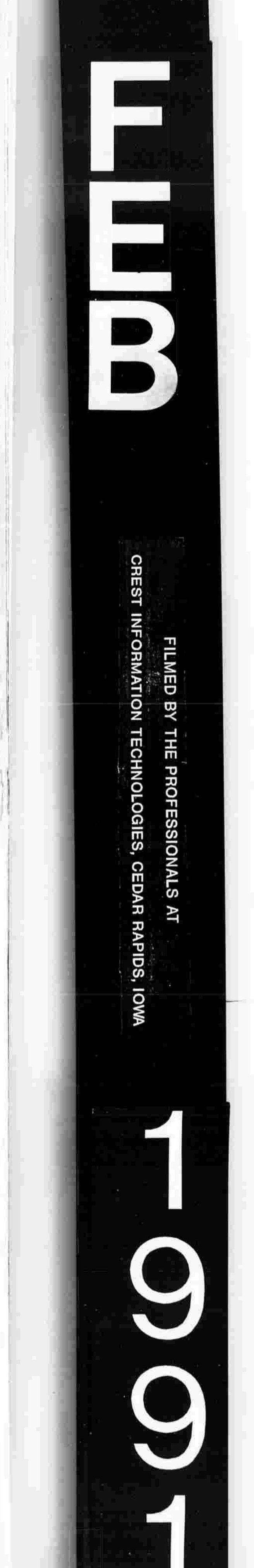
Q. My wife and I are on totally different wavelengths about an issue related to our 4-month-old baby. We both are basically so happy with her, but one thing has us in an almost constant argument because of her.

Whenever she cries my wife insists on our ignoring her; to do otherwise she says will spoil her. I think that when babies cry they generally have a good reason, and it shouldn't be ignored.

Which side are you on? I sure hope it's mine.

A. Yes, I'm on your side because I think that hunger, thirst, a diaper that needs changing, illness, cold or heat are among the major reasons for infant discomfort and should be cared for. When they are not, the crying may be associated with neglect, which isn't a good condition in which to involve children of any age.

Letters may be sent to Dr. William Altvater, Our Children, P.O. Box 572, Scottsdale, AZ 85252.



FOCUS

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Older man needs to play it safe

DEAR ABBY: I am a 64-year-old man, but I look, feel and act like a man of 50. I play tennis three times a week and keep myself in excellent physical condition. I am engaged to marry a wonderful 40-year-old woman. It is the second time around for both of us. I have three grown sons. The lady I'm marrying is childless by choice and she's made it very clear that she wants no children. Abby, does a man my age need a vasectomy?

DEAR LOVER: Any man who is young enough to be a lover is not too old to need a vasectomy.

DEAR ABBY: Last December, we invited some out-of-town friends to spend the holidays with us. They have children and two dogs, which they take everywhere. We are not very fond of having animals in our house, but we really wanted to see them, so we told them to come and bring their dogs on the condition that the dogs be put out on the patio while we use our meals. (If you don't, the dogs are under your feet at the table.) Well, the dogs were put out only during the Christmas meal — otherwise they were under our feet during breakfast, lunch and dinner. They also got up on the furniture, and even slept in bed with our friends!

I do not dislike animals, but I had a couple of childhood incidents with dogs that left me uncomfortable around them. I didn't say anything to my guests at the time, but we would like them to visit again — without their dogs. How can I get them to understand our feelings?

DEAR BAFLED: By not reinforcing your conditions, you have almost set a precedent. Why not tell them what you told me? You can even show them this letter, but don't expect them to understand your feelings. People whose pets sleep with them regard their pets as their children.

DEAR ABBY: Your suggestion to "Ruth" to take her 3-year-old, beautiful, bright, friendly and loud-talking daughter to an audiologist was good advice and brought forth a chuckle as well as a memory.

As a concerned father, I took my beautiful, bright, friendly 3-year-old to a hearing specialist who, after testing her, looked me in the eye and said, "You've just got a L.O.U.D. kid!"

Nineteen years later, my daughter, a Wellesley graduate, remains beautiful, bright, friendly — and loud! HER DADDY IN TUCSON

PEOPLE

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A Quaker organization has nominated former President Carter for the Nobel Peace Prize, praising him for his devotion to "public service on a global scale" since leaving office.

The American Friends Service Committee, as a 1947 Peace Prize co-winner with its British counterpart, can offer a nominee every year.

In the letter to the Norwegian Nobel Committee, AFSC Executive Secretary Asia A. Bennett praised Carter's mediation efforts in Ethiopia, the Middle East, Sri Lanka and Somalia as well as his work on the Nicaragua, Haitian and Panamanian elections.

Bennett also said the 66-year-old former peanut farmer is a board member and volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, spending one week each year helping build homes for homeless people.

The AFSC said Carter's presidency from 1977 to 1981 was "deeply flawed by his intensification of the arms race and by other Cold War policies," but stated there were "indications of the concerns that would be the focus of his work as a private citizen later."

The AFSC cited Carter's concern for human rights, the Panama Canal treaty and the Camp David accords negotiated with Israel and Egypt.

Only two presidents, Woodrow Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt, have won Nobel Peace Prizes. Both were in office at the time.

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Debbie Reynolds, who had no formal dance training before her debut in the classic film musical "Singin' in the Rain," has received the fifth annual Gypsy Award for excellence in dance.

Reynolds, 58, seemed as she was handed the sculpted glass plaque Sunday by her daughter, writer-actress Carrie Fisher, at a luncheon at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

Reynolds' other films include "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," "Tammy and the Bachelor" and "The Singing Nun."

The Professional Dancers Society has previously honored Sammy Davis, Jr., "Singin' in the Rain" costar Donald O'Connor and choreographers Hermes Pan and Louis Dolron.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actress Isabel Sanford, who played Louise Jefferson for 11 years on the CBS-TV series "The Jeffersons," is in good condition after undergoing quadruple heart bypass surgery last week.

"She's doing great and looking forward to going home at the end of the week," Brad Lemack, spokesman for the 68-year-old actress, said Monday. Miss Sanford underwent surgery last Thursday at a Los Angeles hospital. Lemack declined to name the

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"The Jeffersons" debuted in 1975 as a spinoff of "All in the Family" and had an 11-year run. Miss Sanford won an Emmy Award for her portrayal of the wise and tolerant Louise Jefferson.

She was also in the films "Stand Up and Be Counted," "The New Centurions," "Love at First Bite" and "Cuzes Who's Coming to Dinner?"

BOSTON (AP) — Stephen Smith was a Kennedy clan member by marriage and an important adviser to the political family. And in honor of Smith, who died last August, the family has named a wing in his memory at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library.

"He was the cornerstone to our family as he was the cornerstone to our campaigns and our lives," Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said Monday at the ribbon-cutting ceremony opening the Stephen E. Smith Center.

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NEW YORK — What's in a name? A lot if it's Harriman. And a lot more if it's Pamela Harriman.

Literary insiders claim — and it was printed in New York magazine's "Intelligence column" — that Sally Bedell Smith, whose riveting biography of the late Bill Paley created such a stir, may now be set to immortalize in all her glory the beautiful Pamela, a world-class Washington social leader.

Sally Bedell Smith has said it is just one of many ideas she and her publishers have tossed around. Nothing definite at all.

The concept of a book on Pamela is not new. It has been kicking around in publishers' offices for three years or more. A femme fatale of the first order, campy to men, a fascinating woman who has been loved by some of the world's most powerful men, she would make a delicious, page-turning subject.

Should Sally Bedell Smith select Pamela, she should know that Kofi Ngyuen, a hostess sleuth on the staff of People magazine, has been assembling a book proposal on the lady since October and that is practically ready for marketing.

Khoi (pronounced "koy"), 28, is a Vietnamese-born, Cornell-educated journalist who has lived and worked in Paris, London and Central America before settling in New York and joining Time-Life, where he has contributed to blockbuster covers.

According to his agent, Marianne Strong, Khoi considers Pamela Harriman a person of great substance with highly developed political intelligence, not to mention one of the Democratic Party's classiest assets.

Breaks there a celebrity-watcher anywhere who does not know that Pamela, born in England as the daughter of Lord and Lady Digby, married Sir Winston Churchill's son, Randolph who they were divorced in 1945), by whom she had a son, also named Winston Churchill, a longtime member of Parliament?

Pamela then married the legendary Hollywood agent-producer Leland Hayward. Following his death in 1970, she married the ambassador and senior statesman W. Averell Harriman, who died in 1986, leaving his widow an enormous, well-known fortune. She has a Virginia farm and a place in Harriman, N.Y., plus a fine art collection.

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According to Young and other child care providers, child care is expensive because of the costs it takes to run a child care center. Expenses at The Children's Place, which is licensed for 125 children, include salaries for 50 staff members, insurance costs, food and sanitary needs.

The state requires a ratio of four children to one staff member if children are under two years and nine months old; 10-to-1 for children older than that.

"Occasionally, I have trouble with parents who cannot pay their child care bill, said Diane Pitt, director of ECLC Learning Center, which is licensed to care for 144 children.

Child care costs there range from \$345 per month for a two-year-old to attend weekdays for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and \$495 per month for the same child to attend during extended hours from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

When a parent has problems, Pitt says she tries to work with the family to devise an easier payment plan, such as paying per week instead of per month.

Pitt also said the center is looking into establishing a sliding scale fee based on a family's income, but she is unsure if the center will adopt it.

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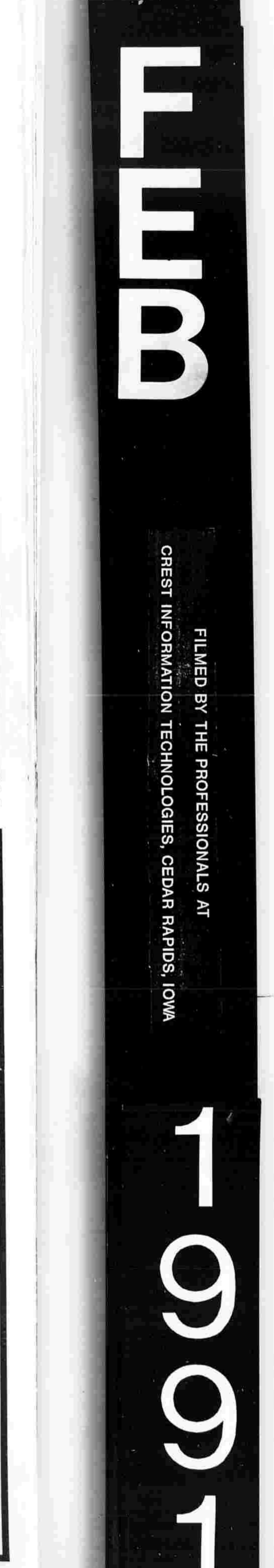
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'Born actress' Tennant starring in L.A. Story

By FRANK SANELLO
Newspaper Enterprise Association

Victoria Tennant was Robert Michum's great love in the epic mini-series "Winds of War" and "War and Remembrance." Off screen, the British-born actress has been the great love of Steve Martin's life. The acting couple have been together for seven years, since they met on the set of "All of Me." They married four years ago.

On screen, Tennant and her husband are starring in the offbeat comedy "L.A. Story." In a tale made-up of Robert Michum's life, Tennant plays a British journalist who falls in love with a Los Angeles TV weatherman, played by Martin. The film may do for the Big Orange what Woody Allen's work has done for the Big Apple.

Tennant's career in the entertainment industry almost seems predestined. She grew up in a family with long artistic roots. Her father, the late agent Cecil Tennant, represented, among others, Laurence Olivier, who was also Victoria's godfather.

Her grandparents, wealthy aristocrats, fled Russia to America during the revolution of 1917. Before taking up a second career as a costume designer, her grandfather had to work in a factory to support the family. Tennant's mother was the great prima ballerina Irina Baranova.

Q: What's it like working with your husband, Steve Martin?
A: He's easy to work with, but you can't take it with him. He knows me too well. He can tell if my laughter is phony.

Q: You share the same references. We communicate in a kind of shorthand that two other actors, just meeting for the first time on the set, never experience.

Former singer recalls days with Goodman band

By JANICE CORCORAN
The News-Times

SOUTHBURY — Let others tell their tales about how stubborn, coarse and overbearing Benny Goodman was with musicians in his jazz bands. Maggie Simone has only fond memories of the "King of Swing."

"Benny never gave me a hard time. I think I'm one of the few," says Simone, who sang with Goodman's orchestra under the name Margaret McCravy for about 18 months during the height of the Swing era.

"They called him 'The Eye' because he would just glare at them. Everybody else has complained about him, but I can't. I have to say he was nice to me. He was as nice as can be," says Simone, a slender woman with blond hair, hazel-blue eyes and a penchant for stylish dresses and high-heeled shoes.

Singing with Goodman's orchestra from early 1937 to the middle of 1938 was the highlight of Simone's career, but it wasn't the start and it wasn't the finish. A native of Laurens, S.C., Simone, born Margaret McCravy, started singing professionally with her two brothers, Frank and Jim McCravy, well-known gospel singers who were more than 20 years her senior. The trio went to Washington, D.C., to perform on a radio program. Simone soon entered and won a national contest sponsored by Eddy Duchin's orchestra.

"That gave me the incentive to branch out," she said. Claiming to "sing anything that came my way that paid anything," she quickly found her niche in New York City. In 1936, she auditioned for a staff singing position with CBS radio, and was hired, though they insisted she shorten her name from McCravy to McCrae.

The following year, she auditioned for Goodman's orchestra, beating 15 others, including Dinah Shore, and found herself — at 19 — at the front of the band. In those days, it had a standing gig six nights a week at the Manhattan Room in what was then the Pennsylvania Hotel.

"It was sophisticated and the realization of all my little Southern-girl dreams," she says with a smile. She recorded several numbers as a soloist, including "This Year's Crop of Kisses" and "Never Should Have Told You."

Members of the Goodman band at the time included Jess Stacy, Adrien Rollini, Gene Krupa, Chris Griffin, Vido Musso and the first two black musicians hired by a white orchestra leader — Lionel Hampton and Teddy Wilson, who were with Goodman for years.

"I don't think he was trying to break any barriers,"

by American standards, scandalous. But by Chinese standards, it breaks a long-standing taboo." The annual festival began Saturday and runs to Feb. 10 with more than 25 films.

World events have also kept down the number of films from Eastern Europe this year, Bowles said. The reason is that region's infant market economy, he said. Last year, the festival had various selections from Poland and Romania. Most of those films, including entries from the Soviet Union, were state-funded. This year's festival-goers will see

major art collectors in Los Angeles. Do you have an artwork that is a special favorite?
A: That's like asking a parent which is your favorite child. This isn't "Sophie's Choice." You can't say I like Jimmy more than Suzy.

Q: OK, if your house were burning down, which painting would you save?
A: I'd probably grab the cat if the house were on fire!

Q: Why did you originally want to be a costume designer?
A: There were gorgeous pictures of costumes drawn by my grandfather hanging on the walls in our house. I always thought I could do that. I was forced to take ballet lessons from the age of 8, and I hated it. My mother was a great prima ballerina, and I was constantly compared to her.

Q: How did your mother become a ballerina?
A: Her mother came from a wealthy, conservative family in pre-revolution Russia. When she told her parents she wanted to be a ballerina, they were so shocked they never let her go to the ballet again.

Q: Are you consumed by your acting career?
A: Not at all. I have such a busy life — interrupted by phone calls from my agent with job offers. I don't sit by the phone waiting for it to ring. Roles for women are so awful I've written two screenplays myself I've never met. OK, it's not the most stimulating place intellectually, but it definitely is the friendliest place.

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Youth should be taught how to wash clothes

By NANCY MILLER LEWIS
Copley News Service

Who taught you how to do the laundry? Perhaps that question should be rephrased: Did anyone ever teach you how to laundry?
While some people had mothers who took them through the fine points of presoaking and gentle cycles with the water (so to speak) until they left home for the first time. Before that, the closest they came to doing the wash was watching the talking bear on the Snuggly commercial.

Without a care, and without heeding the care labels on their garments, these novices threw their black socks and their white underwear together in the Maytag tossed in a little detergent — remember that "I Love Lucy" episode where she put in too many soap flakes? — and then filled up the machine with super-hot water. Ah, what a dirty mess that created.

Now, if that weren't bad enough, technology has further agitated the laundering process.
"There's been a revolution in the textile industry," observes Leslie Marks, fashion director for Robinson's department stores. According to Marks, this revolution has brought many new fabric blends and finishes into the market.

"There's been a renewed interest in washable silks and rayon in the last four years. Now there's no rhyme or reason about what's washable or 'dry clean only.' Some garments call for machine washing, others for hand-washing and still others for dry cleaning. You just have to read the label," she said, citing an apparel line called Go Silk for kicking off the "washable" trend with its so-called sueded silks.

"You probably remember your mother telling you that 'you can always wash silks — but you have to know how.' Actually, the special care needed for silk didn't have as much to do with the silk fibers as with the color process (silks tend to bleed and fade easily) and construction of the garment," Marks notes.

Marks says that washable fabrics are no more expensive than those that must be dry-cleaned and that the line of washable fabrics has expanded even into washable leather. A caution on the washable leather, though: Chances are, any leather garment you have is not washable. And even while more and more sneakers feature washable leather, don't try cleaning them yourself before reading the label.

First — and this is the most important laundry rule of all — read the care label of each garment. This tag will tell you exactly how to care for the garment.
Then make three basic piles: one for items that have to go to the dry cleaners, one for hand washables and the final one for anything that is machine washable.
The pile of machine washables then should be sorted by color and the amount of soil.

"Things that are very heavily soiled should be washed separately so that other garments do not pick up the dirt," Meyer says.
Next, try to group the wash loads so that small items are mixed in with large items.
"This will help the wash to tumble better," Meyer notes, cautioning that delicate — fabrics that are loosely woven or feature exotic trims or stitching — and items that give up lint (such as towels) should be washed alone.

Hint: For women who wonder whether they can machine-wash bras, the well-known British lingerie company Rigby and Peller not only says it's OK to clean them that way, but actually suggests it. Bras should be hooked closed, then placed in a lingerie bag. The lingerie bag then should be placed in the washer on the gentle cycle. A cleaner such as Woolite then should be added. Then bras should be line-dried — never put into the dryer. (Heat destroys the elastic fibers.)

Before any item goes into the washing machine, it should be checked for stains.
"If you've got a fresh stain and you get to it right away, you may not need to presoak it. But the longer it sits, the more chance you'll have to presoak," Meyer says.
There are several presoaking products on the market. Some are especially for presoaking, and others are simple detergents that can be used full-strength on the stain. Again, it's essential to read the product's label and the garment's label before proceeding.

Next, piles should be made according to water temperature — cool, warm, hot.
Interestingly enough, "the overall most common problem is that people don't use enough detergent. You'd normally think it would be the opposite," Meyer notes.
Not using as much detergent as is needed is a big problem in areas with hard water.

"Hard water means you probably have to increase the amount of detergent you use. You usually do this by trial and error. You read the product's directions first, and that will tell you what you should be using for average washing conditions — that's the starting point. Then, bit by bit, you add more detergent until you get the results you want. But don't overdo it," Meyer cautions.

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High School Roundup

Bolton High girls put an end to their losing streak

BOLTON — It was a long time between victories as Bolton High registered its first win since early January with a 41-18 decision over Rocky Hill High Monday night in COC girls' basketball action.

The Bulldogs, who last won on Jan. 4 when they beat Suffield, are now 3-14 overall and 1-11 in the COC East. Rocky Hill dips to 2-15, 2-11. Bolton has a make-up game Wednesday at home against Bacon Academy.

The 41 points is the most Bolton has scored in a game this year. The Bulldogs' previous high was in a 52-35 loss to Portland.

"We played hard and well as a team," Bolton coach Dave Lente said. "For the first time, everyone did some good things. And that was the first time they all did it in the same game."

Bolton led at every turn, 9-2, 19-10 and 28-15. Danielle Curylo had 12 points, Dawn Bedard 10 to go along with 11 rebounds and five steals and Maureen Griffin added six points, nine rebounds and four steals. "We had a lot of steals (28)," Lente offered. "They couldn't beat our press."

BOLTON (41) — Leah Carrasco 2-1-5, Jan Cook 2-0-2, Sharon Deon 0-2-0, Matt Wainwright 2-0-2, Dawn Bedard 2-0-1, Danielle Curylo 2-0-2, Maureen Griffin 2-0-6, Krista Swales 0-0-0, Nicole Hill 1-0-0, Kara Piccola 3-0-3, Tina Aaro 2-4-7, Melissa LaPorte 3-2-6, Kim Vignora 0-0-0, Stephanie Figure 0-0-0, Carmela Press 0-0-0, Lisa DeRosa 0-0-0, Totals 22-24-34. 3-point goals: 0. Rebounds: 19 to Bolton.



ON THE MOVE — Bolton High's Julie Cook, left, tries to drive past RHAM's Heather Johnson while the Sachems felt to Bacon Academy.

looked back as it beat Coventry High, 22-54. Monday night in Charter Oak Conference girls' basketball action.

PORTLAND — Racing to an 11-0 lead, Portland High never

lost as it beat Coventry High, 22-54. Monday night in Charter Oak Conference girls' basketball action. The loss leaves the Patriots 10-3 in the COC East, 14-4 overall while

Dimmock said. "We got it back to three (14-11) at the end of the quarter. But then we had a poor second quarter. We got 14 points, which isn't poor, but we gave up 25 which is poor."

Portland moved its lead to 57-36 after three periods. "Portland just had a strong game. It outrebounded us and beat us to almost every loose ball. They handled our press quite well. We didn't get as many steals as we normally do."

Peters was fired by 1989 coach Jerry Burns last month. At the time, Burns said that a change was needed after the Vikings' 6-10 season.

Taylor faces misdemeanor charge HONOLULU (AP) — New York Giants linebacker Lawrence Taylor faces a misdemeanor charge of criminal property damage for allegedly damaging a taxi during an altercation a few hours after Sunday's Pro Bowl, police said.

Taylor's rental car collided with the cab near Honolulu Airport at 9:45 p.m. Sunday, police spokesmen said. Taylor's taxi driver got out of his car, kicked Taylor's car, climbed onto the hood of Taylor's car and threatened him with a metal pipe, Motaoyama said.

Taylor got out of his car, wrestled the pipe from the man and hit the rear end of the cab, Motaoyama said. Taylor then threw the pipe into nearby bushes, she said.

Grant Furr is reinstated MONTREAL (AP) — Edmonton goaltender Grant Furr, suspended for one year by the NHL last September for drug use, was reinstated by league president John Ziegler. Furr is eligible to return to the Oilers on Feb. 18 after having served almost five months of the suspension. For conditioning purposes, he will be allowed to join the Oilers' AHL team in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, on Feb. 12.

In Brief . . .

Bernstein among the honorees

BRANFORD — Manchester High's Barry Bernstein will be one of the honorees at the Connecticut High School Coaches' Association High School Recognition Day on Thursday, May 8.

Illing Invitational set

MANCHESTER — The sixth annual Illing Junior High Basketball Invitational will be held Thursday and Friday, Feb. 21-22, at the school.

Vaughn Scholarship information

MANCHESTER — Anyone wishing to make donations to the Tom Vaughn Scholarship Fund may make checks payable to the Tom Vaughn Scholarship Fund, and forward them to Manchester High School, 134 E. Middle Turnpike, Manchester, CT, 06040, c/o of head basketball coach Frank Kined.

Hartford five steps Delaware

WEST HARTFORD (AP) — Vin Baker scored 23 points and Ren Mays added 22 as Hartford romped over Delaware 82-68 for their fifth straight home victory.

NBA fines Green, Maxwell

NEW YORK (AP) — Sidney Green of the San Antonio Spurs and Vernon Maxwell of the Houston Rockets have been fined by the NBA for fighting, the league announced Monday.

BU and BC in Beanpot final

BOSTON (AP) — Boston University continued its dominance over Harvard in the Beanpot Hockey Tournament and will meet Boston College, the early favorite to beat the Terriers in next week's championship final.

WHAT A PAIR — Doubles partners Andre Agassi, left, and John McEnroe wipe their faces during their doubles match against Neil Broad and Kevin Curren in the first round of the Volvo Tennis Tournament in San Francisco Monday night.

McEnroe and Agassi, who had a 4-1 record in doubles play, were defeated by the pair of Broad and Curren, 6-4, 6-3. Agassi and McEnroe were the top seeds in the tournament.

In Brief . . .

Timeout does works wonders as Kings clip the Red Wings

DETROIT (AP) — The scene was straight from any basketball game. The home team had just rallied from behind to tie the score, the crowd was going wild, and the visiting coach wanted a timeout.

NHL Roundup

"We really settled down during the timeout," Robitaille said. "After that, we were a lot more patient, and that helps us play better."

Maple Leafs 6, Blues 5: Dave Hanson's goal at 3:59 of overtime lifted Toronto over St. Louis and sent the Blues to the NHL basement.

Bucs select Williamson

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The more the Tampa Bay Buccaneers change, the more they seem to stay the same.

Owner Hugh Culverhouse, in what some consider a risky move, on Monday handed Richard Williamson and Phil Krueger the responsibility of leading the losingest NFL franchise of the '80s out of the wilderness.

Williamson, interim coach since Dec. 3, was given a two-year contract as Ray Perkins' successor, while Krueger, a 15-year Buc employee, becomes the team's first general manager.

Skeptics believe the club could have done better, in both cases, by looking outside the organization.

In choosing the 49-year-old Williamson, Culverhouse passed over a proven NFL winner in former Philadelphia Eagles coach Buddy Ryan as well as two assistants thought to have excellent head coaching potential.

Perkins, who handled all personnel decisions, was fired with one year left on a contract that will pay him \$800,000 in 1991. Williamson took over with three games left in the season and led the Bucs to a 1-2 record.

In Brief . . .

New league can open some doors

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A Big East football league means visions of television, bowl bids and secure schedules — and hope the league's image-making magic works as well as it has in basketball.

Thorpe NBA player of week

NEW YORK (AP) — Forward Otis Thorpe, who averaged 24.8 points, 11.3 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game while leading the Houston Rockets to a 3-1 record last week, was named NBA Player of the Week.

Owens Award to Greg LeMond NEW YORK (AP) — Cyclist Greg LeMond, winner of the Tour de France for the third time last year, was selected as winner of the 1991 Jesse Owens International Trophy.

Cliff Robinson keys Blazer win over Nets

PORTLAND (AP) — Cliff Robinson, who led the Portland Trail Blazers to a 117-102 victory over the New Jersey Nets, was named NBA Player of the Week.

Berman, Gammons honored

SALISBURY, N.C. (AP) — Chris Berman of ESPN was named the sportscaster of the year and Peter Gammons of the Boston Globe the sportswriter of the year, both for the second straight year, by the National Sportscenter and Sportswriters Association.

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Vikings appoint Monte Kiffin

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings picked past flamboyant candidate Mike Kiffin, who on Monday was named the team's defensive coordinator.

Bacon trims RHAM High

HEBRON — Two free throws from Marcia Stefanowicz in the closing minute ended Bacon Academy to escape with a 33-30 win over RHAM High Monday in COC girls' basketball action.

East swimmers just miss out

ENFIELD — It was a case of close, but not good enough as East swimmers lost to Bacon Academy, 88-80, Monday afternoon in boys' swimming action.

UNLV again unanimous choice

NEW YORK (AP) — UNLV was No. 1 in the Associated Press basketball poll for the 12th straight week, this time unanimous again.

Magic is expected to play

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Magic Johnson was released from Centinela Hospital Medical Center and is expected to play tonight when the Los Angeles Lakers try to extend their winning streak to 16 games.

Mallon wins LPGA Classic

LAKE WORTH, Fla. (AP) — Meg Mallon won the rain-interrupted LPGA Classic by a two-stroke over rookie Dana Loftand. Mallon finished the two-day round at 71 for a total of 276, 12 under. Loftand, who briefly tied for the lead with two holes to play, shot a 70 for a 278.

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Pitt gains 'must-win' over Pirates

By The Associated Press

There are games you need and there are games you NEED. Pittsburgh won one of the latter.

The 24th-ranked Panthers had lost three straight and four of five, and the latest loss was a 112-85 nationally televised humiliation at UCLA. They responded with an 86-80 victory over Seton Hall on Monday night to stay in the thick of the Big East title chase.

"I guess you could say we needed a win — badly," Pitt coach Paul Evans said. "You've got to give credit to the kids. They were demoralized after losing to UCLA and they had a long flight home, but I definitely wasn't going to give them Sunday night off."

They had a good practice and it carried over. Darelle (Porter) was really into it and had everybody up. His effort was exceptional."

Porter had 13 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists as the Panthers (16-7, 5-4) handed Seton Hall (13-7, 5-6) its

third straight loss and fourth in six games. "We went out there with a lot of intensity ... we didn't have that (against UCLA)," Porter said. "We had a team and let's forget about it."

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Pitt lost a seven-point halftime lead and Seton Hall took the lead early in the second half behind three 3-pointers by Terry Dehere. The Panthers got the lead for good at 54-53 on Porter's layup with 1:31 remaining.

They had 49 seconds left cut to four. Brian Shorter, who finished with 22 points and eight rebounds, then made one free throw with 34 seconds left and two more with 17 seconds left to ensure the win.

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Swann most intriguing underclassman eligible

By The Associated Press

Rocket Ismail and Todd Marinovich have gotten more attention, but the most interesting player among the 29 underclassmen eligible for the NFL draft might be Eric Swann.

The deadline for declaring for the April draft was Friday, although the league did not release the list until Monday. Swann's name, like Ed King, Herman Moore and Chuck Webb, were already known and well-recognized.

Other players, like Curvin Richards, were expected to turn pro. Richards, the second-leading rusher in Pitt's history, made it official when the list was announced.

Then there is Swann. Swann didn't go to college. He was supposed to attend North Carolina State, but became a Proportion 48 case when he filed nine times to get the necessary 700 score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

So Swann, 20, took his 6-foot-4, 300-pound build to football's minor leagues and spent last season playing as a backup line for the Bay State Titans in Massachusetts.

As a high school star in North Carolina, Swann was among the nation's most highly recruited prep stars. Recently, Swann showed NFL scouts speed by running the 40-yard dash in 4:19 seconds and his size and stature also impressed

them. But his lack of organized experience is working against him, and whether any team will take a chance on Swann remains uncertain.

Last year, the first in which underclassmen were allowed to declare themselves without mitigating circumstances, 38 players made themselves eligible. Just 18 of them, however, were selected in the first 12 rounds — although five players were among the first seven picks.

Penn State and Indiana each had two players on Monday's eligibility list. Wide receiver David Dornell and guard Sean Lovelace decided to leave early from Penn State and running back Ernie Thompson and wide receiver Rob Turner are leaving Indiana.

Among those who previously declared were wide receivers Rob Carpenter of Syracuse and Herman Moore of Virginia and running backs Randy Baldwin of Mississippi and Vin Vaughn of Michigan.

Ismail, Notre Dame's all-purpose back, starred as a junior last season and is considered by many to be the best player available in the draft. New England holds the No. 1 overall pick and could choose to take him or trade the rights to select him.

Marinovich, Southern Cal's talented-but-troubled quarterback, is skipping his last two seasons. Many scouts like his running, but are not sure about his leg and his size and stature also impressed

Fiesta Bowl loses Sunkist as sponsor

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Sunkist Growers Inc. officials said a damaging freeze has squeezed them out of the Fiesta Bowl, but organizers of the Jan. 1 college football game say it will go on.

"Without question we will be playing on NBC on Jan. 1, 1992, with or without a title sponsor," bowl president Chuck Johnson said Monday.

Johnson said bowl officials were in no hurry to find a replacement and that several companies had inquired about backing the game since Sunkist became its sponsor six years ago.

"We plan to take the next six months and be very active in a way of options," he said. "Even if we went forward with a game that paid less money, you'd do that rather than sign up a sponsor who didn't have a quality product."

Sunkist had backed Fiesta Bowl events since the first game in 1971 and became sponsor of the game in 1985. The non-profit cooperative will continue to sponsor the Fiesta Bowl Parade, said Sunkist spokesman Curt Anderson of Van Nuys, Calif.

He said a late-December freeze in California's San Joaquin Valley, which produces 90 percent of Sunkist's crop, forced the co-op to reduce everything from staff size to its advertising budget.

"Basically, it was the freeze devastation, the loss of revenue we're expecting, and really cutting back — that was the thing that tipped the scale," he said.

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