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IRAQ OKs PULLOUT; BUSH: CRUEL HOAX

By GEORGE ESPER The Associated Press

"There is nothing new here," Bush said of the Iraqi offer. He urged the Iraqi military and people to rise up against Saddam Hussein. "We thought we had a shot for peace; that is not the case," said a grim-faced Bush, speaking hours after the Baghdad offer. He said other coalition members shared that assessment.

In the desert airfields of Saudi Arabia, allied warplanes continued their onslaught against Iraq. In making the offer, the Baghdad government said any withdrawal of its forces "must" be linked to a pull-out of allied forces from the region — and "should" be tied to an Israeli withdrawal from the occupied lands.

Throughout the months of the gulf crisis, the United States steadfastly rejected any linkage of the two.

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SEEKING INFORMATION — Kuwaitis in Saudi Arabia tried to get more information today on Iraq's conditional offer to withdraw from Kuwait.

Public, politicians blast Weicker income tax plan

By JUDD EVERHART The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Gov. Lowell P. Weicker says the facts supporting his income tax proposal will help him sell it to the public. So far, the public doesn't seem convinced.

Weicker's office got more than 400 calls on his budget plan Thursday and they were running better than 5-1 against his tax plan. Partisan legislative offices also were deluged with calls expressing opposition.

Weicker doesn't sound worried.

"People are just now learning the details. I want people to study it," he said. "That's the great confidence I have, because the closer the scrutiny, the better. The more comparisons, the better."

Weicker said Thursday that neither he nor anyone else

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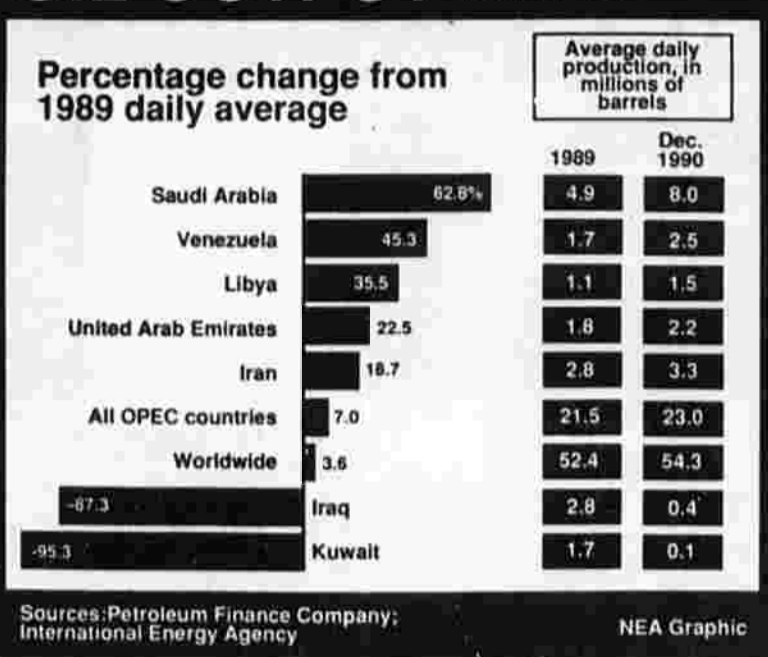
By BRIAN M. TROTTA Manchester Herald

Officials from local towns now participating in the Resident State Trooper Program say that a clause in Gov. Lowell Weicker's budget proposal may prompt them to look into forming their own police departments.

Under the proposal, towns with Resident State Troopers would pay 70 percent of the costs associated with the program. Towns now pay for 60 percent of the trooper's salary, benefits, vehicle maintenance and expenses.

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OIL OUTPUT



Car borrowers being gouged

Credit insurance priced too high

By VINCENT MICHAEL VALVO Manchester Herald

As consumers venture out to take advantage of automobile dealers' Presidents Day sales this weekend, it's not just the sticker price they have to be wary of, say consumer advocates and state officials.

Consumers financing their purchases are often offered the chance to buy credit life insurance, which pays off a loan in the case of death or disability of the borrower. The product is usually sold by either the car dealer or the company making the car loan.

But while the insurance products are legal, and are priced according to state limits, critics charge that the insurance is too costly, and that the insurance companies use the excess profits in part to reward car dealers to pressure buyers into purchasing the policies.

"We haven't amended our

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CHECKING IT OUT — Manchester resident Carol Odums inspects a car for sale with the help of Jim Flicker, a salesman for Morande Lincoln-Mercury-Mazda in Manchester.

Hard bargaining on new car buys

By CHANGING TIMES

Prices on the 1991 model cars are up 2 percent to 2.5 percent on average, but you shouldn't have to pay for the increase. In today's market, dealers expect to make a 7.5 percent markup over cost — more if the manufacturer gives them discounts. Hard bargaining can cut that margin in half.

First agree on the price, then settle the financing. Make it clear that the deal is contingent on getting favorable rates. To negotiate, you need the following information:

— The dealer cost. Tell the salesperson exactly what your price offer is, and stick to it. One Maryland woman walked out on a dealer who wouldn't meet her \$15,000 limit on a Toyota Celica equipped the way she wanted it. The second dealer said "no problem," but then claimed the

dealership couldn't get a similar Celica for at least two months. Wouldn't she take the fully loaded beauty that was on hand (with a \$21,500 sticker price) for \$16,800? Our shopper walked away.

The next day, she got a call from the second dealer with an offer she couldn't refuse: She got the Celica with all the extras for \$15,500 — \$6,000 under the sticker price.

Your target price should be close to the dealer cost. Dealer-cost figures for more than 500 1991 models are available in the December Changing Times. But there's a bargaining room here. The dealership's cost figure actually overstates its true cost since a typical 3 percent manufacturer's "holdback" on domestic cars and other special discounts haven't

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Ex-banker pleads guilty
HARTFORD (AP) — A former bank executive at Connecticut Bank and Trust Co. pleaded guilty to one charge of embezzlement. Federal prosecutors said.

William I. Kelly, 59, of Manchester, was vice-president and manager of CBT's correspondent banking department at an East Hartford branch.

U.S. Attorney Richard N. Palmer said Thursday that Kelly embezzled about \$437,000 in CBT funds for his personal use. He faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine.

Wholesale prices down in Jan.
WASHINGTON (AP) — Prices at the wholesale level edged down a tiny 0.1 percent in January as a big drop in energy costs helped produce a bright spot for an economy beset by war and recession.

The Labor Department reported that the decline in its Producer Price Index last month occurred in spite of a record jump in the cost of alcoholic beverages as producers used higher federal taxes as an excuse for boosting their prices.

Increases in the Producer Price Index normally show up with only a short lag in the Consumer Price Index, which measures price changes at the retail level.

The January decline in wholesale prices followed an even bigger 0.6 percent drop in December. Both months were heavily influenced by falling gasoline prices.

Trade deficit narrows sharply
WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. merchandise trade deficit narrowed sharply in December to \$6.3 billion, but the 1990 imbalance totaled more than \$100 billion for the seventh straight year, the government said today.

The Commerce Department said the 1990 deficit totaled \$101.0 billion, down 7.7 percent from 1989 and the slimmest since a \$52.4 billion gap in 1983. The deficit has declined each year since peaking at \$152.1 billion in 1987.

Commerce Secretary Robert Moshbacher said the deficit would have fallen to \$91.0 billion last year except for the increase in prices of imported petroleum after Iraq invaded Kuwait.

Four bodies recovered
ST. CHARLES, Va. (AP) — Workers hammered through huge chunks of slate a mile and a half below ground early today to recover the last victim of a rock fall that killed four coal miners.

Searchers recovered three bodies Thursday in the mine and the body of a fourth man was found before dawn, said Mike Akbar of the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy.

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NATION/WORLD

Iraqi military may be in serious jeopardy

By ROBERT BURNS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials are suggesting for the first time that allied bombers have pounded Iraq's military so hard that it may no longer be an effective fighting force.

"I would say its military position is precarious," Lt. Gen. Thomas Kelly, director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters Thursday.

The new assessment of Iraq's loss of combat power may be a sign that U.S.-led forces in Saudi Arabia are on the brink of launching a ground offensive to retake Kuwait. The allied commanders had said they would hold off on a land war until the air campaign had severely crippled Iraq's huge army.

Kelly said Iraq was suffering rapidly rising losses of heavy armor and artillery, increasing numbers of troop

casualties and desertions, a degrading chemical warfare capability and a growing shortage of spare parts and other supplies.

Kelly's characterization of Iraq's war-fighting strength was a striking departure from Pentagon assertions as recently as last week that despite around-the-clock allied aerial bombardments the Iraqi army remained largely intact.

In a sign of Bush administration confidence that U.S. and allied forces could quickly overwhelm Iraq's army, a senior administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity said a land battle would be "very violent, very quick."

In Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, U.S. Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Richard I. Neal told reporters Thursday that 1,300 Iraqi tanks had been destroyed. That's about one-third of Iraq's total tank force in and around Kuwait, according to Pentagon estimates.

Just three days ago U.S. officials said 750 Iraqi tanks

had been destroyed.

"What's changed is we've gotten better," Kelly said. "I'm not going to tell you how we got better because I don't want to tell them (the Iraqis) how we got better."

A Pentagon source said allied pilots recently discovered a more efficient mix of munitions to use against Iraqi armor. That, combined with a long stretch of clear weather and increased sorties against Iraqi ground positions, has dramatically improved the bombing results, said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Neal also said about one-third of Iraq's 3,100 artillery pieces had been destroyed, plus an equal portion of its 2,800 infantry fighting vehicles and armored personnel carriers.

Although that means Iraq still has most of its armor and artillery, a loss rate of about one-third is considered severe by military standards. Pentagon officials have said since the start of the war that the aim of the aerial campaign was not to totally eliminate Iraq's ground

force but to destroy enough of it — between 30 percent and 50 percent — to render it incapable of conducting a sustained and coordinated defense against an allied ground offensive.

Kelly went further in his estimate of the level of damage sustained by the Iraqi armored force. He said that in addition to the 1,300 tanks destroyed, another 400 to 600 or more are "just not operational" because they have atrophied in the sand.

The general said that by digging his tanks into the desert in order to shield them from allied bombers, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had exposed the tracked vehicles to maintenance problems that probably made many of them unusable.

"Those tanks of his have been sitting in holes for a long time, and a tank takes a lot of care and cleaning," he said. "It takes a full four-man crew working just about fulltime to keep that darn thing going. ... So, I would say its military position is precarious."

Ibuprofen may double ulcer risk

By A.J. HOSTETLER
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The widely used pain reliever ibuprofen doubles the risk of ulcers, a study published today said. But its lead author said ibuprofen still may be the best choice for people with severe arthritis.

The Vanderbilt University study confirms the increased risk of ulcers in people who used analgesics belonging to a class called non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs, many of which are available only by prescription.

It also found the overall risk increased with higher doses and was greatest in the first month of use.

Ibuprofen, available without a prescription since 1985, had the lowest ulcer risk among the dozen NSAIDs studied. Researchers said that for those suffering chronic pain and inflammation, ibuprofen may be the best choice.

The researchers did not study aspirin, also an NSAID, because it is not a prescription drug, but said it is at least as risky as ibuprofen. Acetaminophen, used in the pain reliever Tylenol, is not an NSAID and is not associated with ulcers.

One of the earliest investigators of the link between NSAIDs and ulcers, Dr. Sanford Roth of the Antrhitis Center in Phoenix, called the Vanderbilt study "an important paper" that "corroborates that lower doses do make a difference."

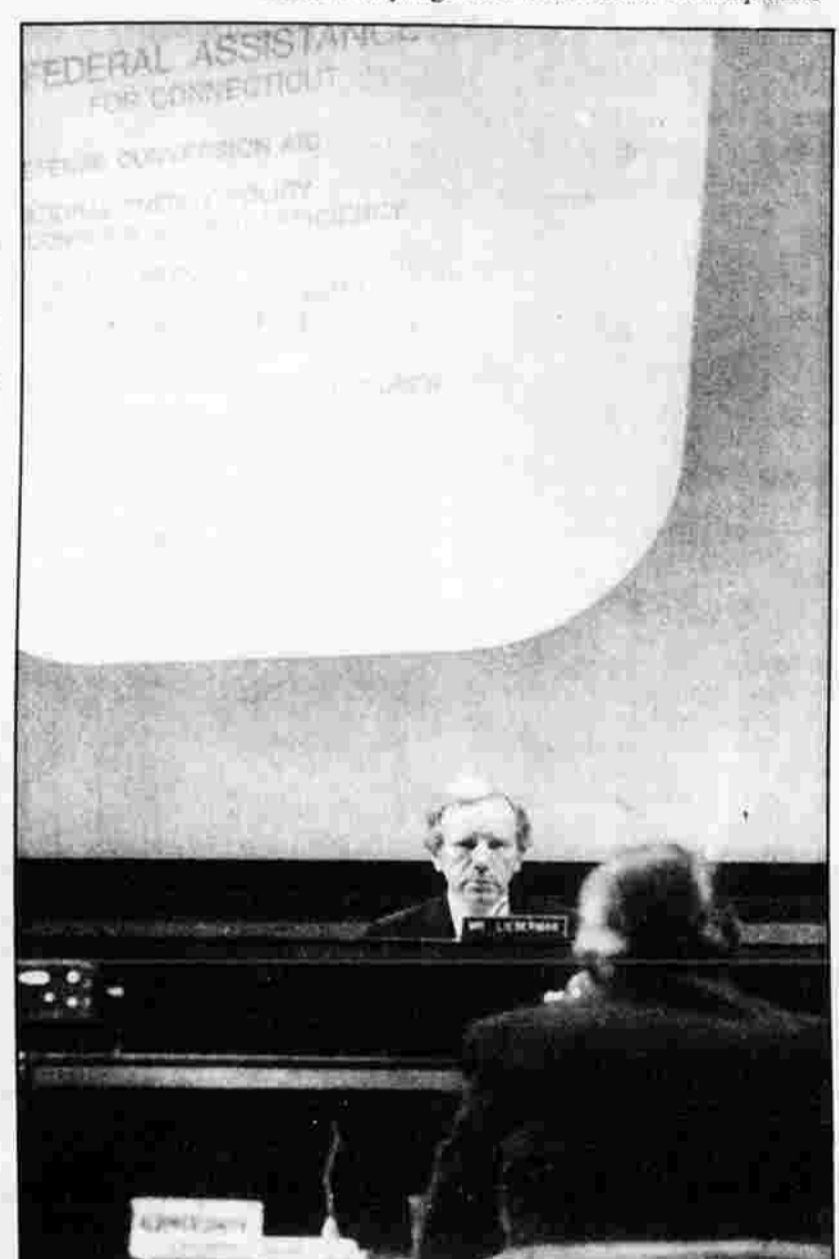
"These drugs should not be regarded casually," said Roth, a consultant to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration during its decision to let ibuprofen be sold without a prescription.

The study's lead author, Dr. Marie Griffin, said occasional users of low doses of ibuprofen should not be concerned about the increased risk. But she and other experts said some people taking NSAIDs may want reconsider what kind of pain reliever they take for chronic or occasional use.

"These drugs do have side effects," Griffin said.

People who have pain without inflammation may want to use an analgesic other than ibuprofen, she said. "But for people with severe chronic arthritis, there may not be a safer alternative. Consumers need to know about the risks."

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LIEBERMAN TAKES TESTIMONY — U.S. Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., listens to testimony in Hartford Thursday. Lieberman was conducting a hearing on the Connecticut economy.

Hotel explosion injures 17

OSAGE BEACH, Mo. (AP) — An explosion shattered windows and walls and started a fire at a resort hotel, injuring 17 people, three seriously, authorities said.

About 600 people were attending a state highway engineers conference at the Lodge of the Four Seasons, a resort area on the Lake of the Ozarks, when the blast occurred

Thursday night. The cause has not been determined, an official said.

Rob Lauer, an engineer with the Missouri Highway and Transportation Department, said he and several friends had returned from dinner and had gone into the hotel bar when "there was a very loud explosion and it instantly blew out the glass doors and windows."

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U.S. Philippine base lease negotiations being fought

By OLIVER TEVES
The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — U.S. and Philippine negotiators today extended talks on a new lease for U.S. military bases, backed by Philippine defense chief but opposed by many lawmakers in a chamber that must ratify any agreement.

The talks, which began last May, focus on the status of Clark Air Base, the Subic Bay naval base — two of the largest and oldest U.S. bases on foreign soil — along with four small installations. The current lease expires in September.

About 40,000 U.S. military personnel and dependents live in the Philippines.

U.S. officials consider the bases the linchpin of American defense of the Far East. Thousands of Filipinos have rallied to get the bases closed and an extension of national independence, while others depend on the installations for their livelihood.

Any agreement must be approved by two-thirds of the 23-member Senate. Sen. Wigberto Tanada, the leading bases opponent in the Senate, claims he has the votes to block any agreement.

Philippine government television has been broadcasting a statement by the negotiating panel saying its goal is the removal of all American combat forces.

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Peruvian prime minister resigns from government

By ALEX EMERY
The Associated Press

LIMA, Peru — Juan Hurtado Miller resigned both his positions Thursday as Peru's prime minister and economy minister, but President Alberto Fujimori pledged his government would press ahead with its austerity program.

Fujimori named economist Carlos Bolona to replace Hurtado as economy minister. He did not say who would take over as prime minister.

The government "will follow the line that has been drawn," Fujimori told a meeting of television and radio executives Thursday night. He added that the changes "do not mean the abandonment of the principal of austerity, of fiscal discipline or of our fight against mercantilism and monopolies."

Economically stricken Peru is buffeted by inflation, a guerrilla war waged by leftist rebels, and now a

outbreak of cholera — the first in a century — that has left at least 86 people dead.

Bolona told reporters that changes would be made in the economic austerity program first announced by Hurtado last Aug. 8. He said tax and fiscal policy reforms are needed to provide "something more stable" on which to base the economy.

Hurtado's resignation marks the fourth change in the Cabinet sworn in last July.

The measures he imposed last August were aimed at reducing annual inflation then running at 3,000 percent, and at eliminating a widening financial deficit.

Hurtado announced his resignation at a businessmen's lunch and broadcast on television and radio, ending weeks of speculation in the national press.

He gave no reason, but press reports have stressed a conflict between Hurtado and Industry Minister Guido Penman over competing

Pan Am, others, offer cheap fares

By DIRK BEVERIDGE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pan American World Airways cut air fares drastically Thursday, hoping to stimulate the troubled airline industry,

and some big competitors followed with discounts of their own.

Pan Am said it was offering a variety of roundtrip tickets, some to foreign destinations, for prices trimmed in many cases by more than half.

American Airlines and Northwest Airlines immediately said they were matching the promotion. Others airlines took a wait-and-see attitude.

"These are not going to be fares based on any possibility of a profit," said Delta Air Lines spokesman Neil Maurice said.

"Frivolousness is very much in the eye of the beholder," added Columbia University law Professor Maurice Rosenberg in a recent interview. For judges, he said, the issue

is "whether finding the golden needle in the haystack is worth the effort. You disable yourself from being fair to many if you are overly fair to one."

The Supreme Court recently confronted the problem in the case of Michael Sindram, a Silver Spring, Md., man who repeatedly asks the justices for help in his battle over a 1987 speeding ticket.

Washington — When Robert Heimbough was ordered not to play softball in a part of San Francisco's Golden Gate Park where the sport was prohibited, he responded as any red-blooded American might. He sued.

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VALENTINE WEDDINGS — 105 couples were married in a mass ceremony during the halftime of the Orlando Magic-Seattle Sonics basketball game Thursday night as part of a radio station promotion.

Justice Dept. seeking tighter cable standards

By MIKE ROBINSON
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department called Thursday for tightening standards that cable television operators must meet to keep their services beyond the reach of price controls.

The department recommendation envisioned junking the current test under which a cable system must compete with at least three over-the-air broadcast channels or be subject to price regulation.

"Abandonment of the three-signals standard is a significant step toward a more accurate test of effective competition," said James F. Rill, assistant attorney general in charge of the antitrust division, in a statement accompanying comments filed with the Federal Communica-

tions Commission.

The commission has been studying an array of possible ways to change the test of "effective competition" that local cable operators must meet to escape local regulation.

The department generally recommended an alternative currently being studied under which a cable system either would have to face competition from at least six broadcast channels to avoid regulation.

It also generally recommended exempting a cable system from price regulation if it faced competition from another multi-channel system.

But this choice needs additional study, the department said.

The department urged the commission to reject a proposal under which cable systems could escape price regulation.

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Opinion

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For the record

To the Editor:

As a recently announced petitioning candidate for the Board of Education in the May town election, I wish to make public some relevant biographical information about myself before the campaign begins. In the heat of a campaign charges are often made that cannot be verified and later explanations lose relevance. But the charges remain suspended in the air. Anticipating that the campaign might follow that unfortunate course, I want to make a couple of points now.

The first is that I appreciate the benefits of education as a personally understood its value more than most people. I say this because I started literally from nothing. When I arrived as an immigrant to this country from a post-war Europe where I had been a refugee, I did not even speak English. I was 13 years old. My only material possessions were the clothes that sheltered my frail body and an identification tag tied around my neck.

By what means can a person in such a situation become eventually a homeowner in Bolton and an active participant in contemporary community affairs? Only by means of an education. I pursued education in public schools and in private boarding schools. I graduated from high school and my degrees are from major universities, both from major order institutions. High standards have been my guiding principal and the same orientation will be consistent throughout my life.

Secondly, I will not use the hackneyed term "quality education" in the campaign, because it has become synonymous with mediocrity. As an example, I cite a teacher who repeatedly has referred to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania as "the Balkans" notwithstanding the fact that these countries and their geographical location in the Balkans are mentioned almost daily in the newspapers. This teacher is part of a system that has been praised for delivering "quality education" to our students.

In our country, every one of us is called upon to reform an educational system that prepares our young inadequately for the demands of today's global society. Let us discard the old slogans. Let us have the courage to look closely where the problems lie, admit them and correct them. Let us, therefore, have the courage to look at the power structure in our local educational system and challenge it.

I have sketched roughly the base of which my arguments will be drawn in the forthcoming campaign. My proposals will not be grandiose, nor will they approve the status quo. They will reflect common sense and, hopefully, they will challenge us to think about ourselves, our community and our country.

In: J. Cannon
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Mayor's comment unwarranted

To the Editor:

On January 9, 1991 Mayor Werkhoven called a special joint meeting of the Board of Education and the Board of Directors at the Center Springs Lodge. At that meeting he pledged a spirit of cooperation and continuous dialogue. He assured us that our boards would work together to continue to provide the best education possible for our children. I do not find his statements as quoted in the newspapers reflective of this spirit.

On February 6, the Board of Education held its last meeting at which it adopted the next year's education budget. The board listened to many citizens make final comments and last appeals. Then the board voted unanimously for a budget that reduced by \$790,665 the budget proposed by our superintendent. It was a difficult and painful decision for the board members to make such a sizable cut. It will result in a reduction in services to our students. We reached the budget decision after many deep discussions and lengthy budget workshops. We feel our budget is responsive to the present economic situation in Manchester while still maintaining our responsibility to provide a sound education to Manchester's children.

Although Mayor Werkhoven was present at the February 6 meeting, he did not express surprise that "the cut was bigger." In fact, he made no comment publicly or privately to the board regarding our budget. Instead, we had to wait to read his remarks in the newspapers. His statement that, "The Board of Education had gotten away with murder all these years," was at best inappropriate. It questioned the integrity of each member of the Board of Education.

If getting "away with murder" means having a school system whose schools, teachers, students and programs have consistently won both state and national recognition for excellence in education, then we are all guilty. I hope that Mayor Werkhoven will respect our efforts to provide a responsible budget for the school system. Together we can focus on our common concern — providing Manchester's children with a solid education.

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A moderate King Hussein

WASHINGTON — Everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask about the Middle East is all too apparent in the recent declaration by Jordan's King Hussein aligning himself with "brotherly Iraq" in the region's current military conflict.

King Hussein is the embodiment of the "moderate Arab" who the world's industrialized, oil-consuming nations long have promoted as requisite to providing stable political leadership (and stable petroleum prices) in the oil-producing region. He received his education from two of Britain's finer schools (Glasgow and the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst) and married a woman (Queen Noor, the former Elizabeth Halaby) who was born and raised in the United States.

But almost none of the values embraced by Hussein's educated, wealthy elite are shared by the dispossessed Palestinians living in Israeli-occupied territories, the vast masses of impoverished citizens of every country in the region (including Jordan) — and even the political leaders of destitute nations such as Syria and Yemen.

Indeed, their antagonism extends to members of the royal families of countries such as Kuwait and Saudi Arabia who have been adamantly unwilling to share most of the wealth and power that they acquired through crude oil sales.

Added the king: "Shouldn't the blood of Iraqi men, women and children be dear to our people in Iraq, just as the blood of Arab blood be split in this unjust war. The world has known cruel wars, but never one like this..."

Notwithstanding constant claims of "Arab unity," however, 22 hapless governments were unable to fashion the oft-promised "Arab solution" during the 51/2 months between early August 1990 and mid-January 1991, when the coalition forces and Iraq were headed for war.

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Soldier scams growing

By JACK ANDERSON and DALE VAN ATTA

WASHINGTON — Two men knock on the door of a family whose son is fighting in the Persian Gulf. The strangers give the impression of being emissaries from the military, and they are solemn. "Your son has been arrested for possession of marijuana in Saudi Arabia. The courts are rough over there. We might be able to get him out, but it will cost about \$5,000."

It's "Operation Desert Con" by the opportunists who scurry out of the woodwork to capitalize on wartime fears. The drug-bait hook is one of the boldest cons reported at a recent internal briefing of Army officials in Washington.

Families of service men and women are easy marks. They not only know exactly where their loved ones are. Letters and phone calls are spotty. The machinations of the Pentagon are a mystery. Overall, the Pentagon is the most clear-cut example of the general trend of increasing military population in Connecticut and slow growth of the white population, the Census Bureau reported Thursday.

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Death row inmates write for Law Journal

By DENISE LWOIE The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Law school reviews usually publish scholarly articles about esoteric legal topics. But The Yale Law Journal editors went to great lengths to get inside look into a much more grim subject — the death row inmate in Washington.

They turned to two experts — a Virginia inmate scheduled to die a few days before his essay is to appear in the February issue and a Pennsylvania inmate who has been on death row since 1982.

"There are one million Americans in jail and 2,400 Americans on death row that are not heard from in law journals and we thought they might have something to contribute to the dialogue," said Robert Gulsack, one of the student editors who solicited the essays for the New Haven law school.

"You don't see a firsthand account of death row very often, and that in itself, has value to scholars," said Jacqueline Charlesworth, another student editor.

It marks the first time in its 100-year history, the Journal is publishing work by convicted felons.

Joseph Giarratano, on death row in Virginia since his conviction for the 1979 rape and murder of a 15-year-old girl, wrote a scholarly article denouncing what he sees as an attempt by the courts to curb the rights of condemned inmates to appeal their convictions.

Mumia Abu-Jamal, who is appealing his conviction for killing a police officer, chose a more gritty approach, graphically describing day-to-day life on death row.

Giarratano, scheduled to die in Virginia's electric chair on Feb. 22, says he doesn't remember raping or stabbing 15-year-old Michelle Kline and her 44-year-old mother, Barbara Kline, on a cold February night in 1979, in the victims' Norfolk, Va., apartment.

He was a 21-year-old, high school dropout and drug addict working on a scallop boat at the time of the murders.

"Has our criminal justice system become so inflexible as to rule out the possibility of serious error?" Giarratano wrote in his detailed, seven-page article. "Have we outgrown the need for our traditional constitutional safeguards? Or is it possible that some of those we seek to execute are, in fact, innocent?"

Death penalty opponents in the United States, Canada and Europe have rallied behind Jamal, a former Black Panther and popular Philadelphia radio journalist, claiming his case is an example of racism in how the death penalty is applied.

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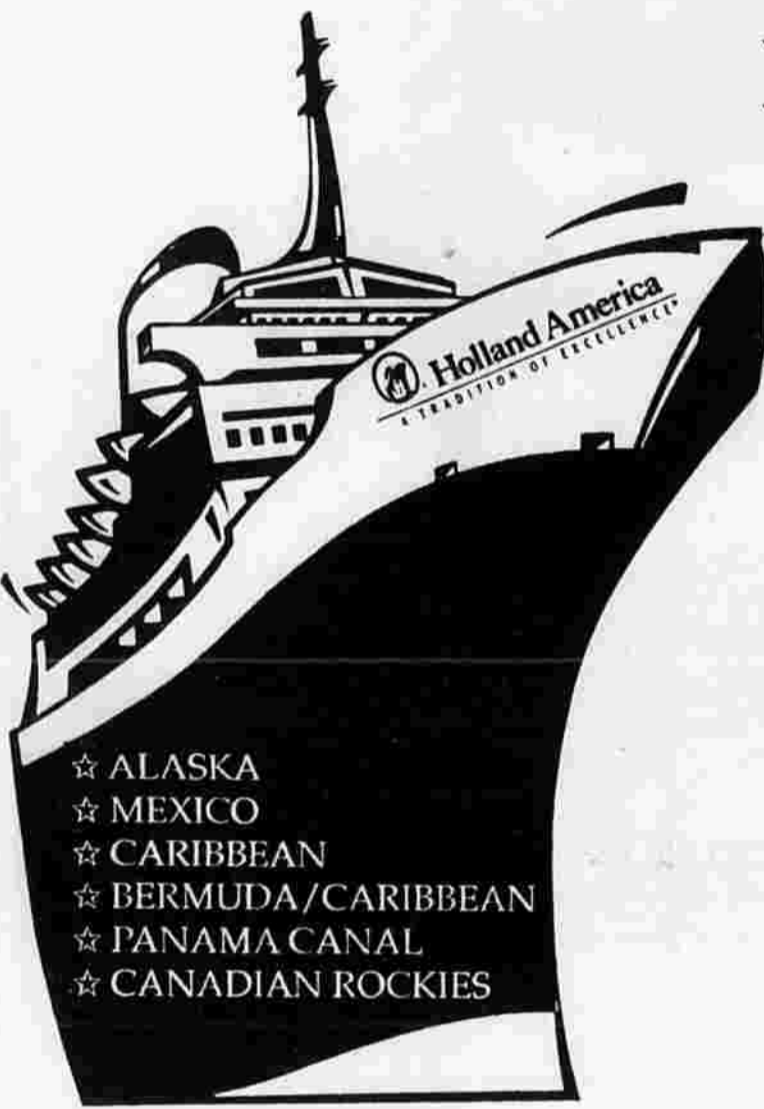
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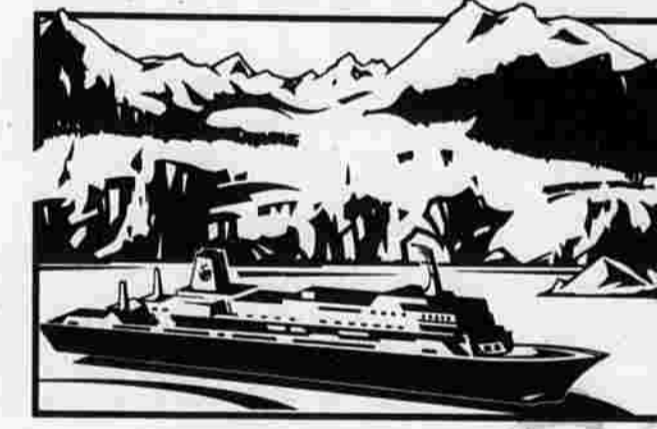

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Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Self-control is best birth control

DEAR ABBY: Last September I clipped a chart from McCall's magazine that certainly opened my eyes, and I think it will open the eyes of every sexually active female who reads your column — that's why I'm sending it. It appears that no matter what kind of birth control method is used, the failure rate is astonishing.

DEAR GRANDMOTHER: You're right, and I thank you for sending it. The failure rate for contraceptives, according to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, is as follows:

- IN THEORY IN REALITY
 - The Pill 1 percent 6 percent
 - Condom 2 percent 14 percent
 - Diaphragm 3 percent 16 percent
 - Spermicides 3-8 percent 26 percent
 - Rhythm 2-10 percent 16 percent
 - Sponge 10 percent 18-28 percent
- The reason for failure can be failure to follow instructions, carelessness or just "bad luck." But whatever the reason, the statistics are both frightening and enlightening.

"So, what method is 100 percent safe?" you ask. As the time-worn joke goes: "Eat an apple." Before or after?" you ask. "INSTEAD, silly!"

DEAR ABBY: I had to laugh about the letter from "Shocked on the U.S.S. O'Brien" in a recent column. In it, he complained that the kids today do not know how to spell.

Check his first paragraph in which he says his destroyer is presently in the Persian Gulf. He means his ship is CURRENTLY sailing there. "Presently" and "currently" are not interchangeable. "Presently" means something is about to happen. "Currently" means it is happening now.

DEAR SOUTHFIELD: According to both Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary (see the usage note) and my Random House Dictionary of the English Language, Second Edition, Unabridged, presently means "in a little while" AND "at the present time."

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TV TONIGHT



DICK KLEINER

Q. My sister and I have a \$5 bet riding on this: Was "Gene With the Wind" first seen in black and white or color? — B.A.P., Grand Rapids, Mich.

A. That was one of the most-frequently-asked questions of the latter half of the 20th century. The answer: GWTW was made in color originally.

Q. On the old Barbara Stanwyck series "The Big Valley," there was an actor named Peter Breck. Is he related to Roger Moore, of the James Bond films? They are look-alikes. — H.H., Kapapa, Hawaii

A. I see very little resemblance, but that is immaterial — the two are unrelated.

Q. I have always wondered why the producers and directors of movies and TV shows never come to Angleton, Texas, to shoot movies. They always go to the big cities but never Angleton, Texas. How come? — S.J.B., Angleton, Texas.

A. Maybe they just don't know how sensationally beautiful downtown Angleton can be in the evening, with the folks gathered in front of the convenience store and the moonlight shining on the motor-cycle handrails and the steers strutting, two by two, down Main Street.

(Send your questions to: Ask Dick Kleiner, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10166. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

PEOPLE

MIAMI — Baseball star Jose Canseco has gotten another speeding ticket, clocking in at 104 mph and telling the arresting officer his car was running on aviation fuel, the trooper said.

"I don't think it was a big deal to him," said Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Rafael Lora, who gave the Oakland Athletics slugger the ticket on Feb. 6. "You could say he was kind of cocky. When I told him he clocked in at 104 mph, he said, 'Oh, you're so generous.'"

Canseco also told Lora he had just put some special aviation fuel in his Porsche and wanted to test it out, the trooper said Thursday.

Lora said that when he chased down the car ripping down the 55-mph Tamiami Trail, "I knew who he was, but I didn't want him to know that I knew."

"I ran a computer check on him because I've known he has had a problem with the law before. It turned out (his license) was good. I was pretty surprised."

In an 18-month span in 1989 and 1990, Canseco was ticketed four times on charges of speeding and running a red light and was arrested in San Francisco on a charge of illegally possessing a pistol.

Canseco's Miami telephone number is unlisted. Calls to Canseco's agent in California, Dennis Gilbert, were unsuccessful late Thursday.

LOS ANGELES — Actress Tyne Daly was fined \$927.50 and ordered to attend a 90-day alcohol education program after pleading no contest to a misdemeanor drunken driving charge.

Daly, 43, who did not appear in court Thursday, also had her driver's license restricted for 90 days, letting her drive only to and from work and the alcohol education program.

The actress, who won an Emmy for her role as Policewoman Mary Beth Lacey in the TV series "Cagney and Lacey," also was placed on informal probation for three years.

She was stopped Jan. 14 after a California Highway Patrol officer saw her 1989 Toyota weaving just north of the Ventura Freeway.

Martin Vaniclar, head of the Van Nuys section of the Los Angeles City Attorney's office, said she had a blood alcohol count of .15 percent when she was stopped. The state's legal limit is .08 percent.

LOS ANGELES — NBC Entertainment Group president Brandon Tartikoff returned to work six weeks after sustaining serious injuries in a car crash.

Tartikoff's 8-year-old daughter, Calla, remains in satisfactory condition, a network spokesman said. The family returned to Los Angeles on Tuesday after staying in the Reno, Nev., area since the Jan. 1 accident near Tartikoff's Lake Tahoe resort home.

Tartikoff, whose injuries included a broken pelvis, was back at his desk Wednesday and walking the corridors of NBC's Burbank studios with no problems, the spokesman said.

No further information was released about Calla, who suffered serious head injuries and was in a coma following the accident.

NASHVILLE — Lead guitarist Bobby Randall has left the pop-country band Sawyer Brown to pursue other interests, including a cable TV show, a spokeswoman said.

Randall left the band during the past week to be a host of the show "Be a Star" on The Nashville Network. He is currently a spokesman for Capitol Records.

"There are no hard feelings," she said Thursday. "No replacement has been announced. The five-member band is known for hit records such as "Stop That Step," "The Race Is On" and "Leona."

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Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

Stress can make disorder worse

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 44-year-old female diagnosed with fibromyalgia. I'm being treated with Sulindac twice daily and still feel quite miserable. I also suffer from more fatigue than I feel a person my age should experience.

DEAR READER: Fibromyalgia is an affliction of unknown cause, marked by stiff, tender, painful muscles. "Trigger points" (discrete areas of particularly tender muscles) are usually present. The disorder may be induced or worsened by stress, virus infections (of any kind), exposure to cold and poor sleep. It is sometimes associated with chronic fatigue syndrome, a poorly understood condition characterized by periodic exhaustion and swollen glands.

Fibromyalgia often disappears spontaneously, although it may occur in cycles. Stretching exercises, heat, improved sleep, massage, pain medication (such as Sulindac) and local injections of Novocaine may relieve symptoms. The condition is not a health hazard. Chronic fatigue syndrome is more difficult to treat but may respond to counseling.

The main problem with these two afflictions is that they may represent an early stage of a treatable disease, as I mentioned above. Furthermore, blood tests for such a disease may not turn positive during the initial phase.

Inasmuch as you are still bothered by symptoms, I recommend that you be examined and tested by a specialist in internal medicine, who will review the investigation performed by your family doctor, perhaps order more tests and offer further advice. Don't give up on the search for help until your doctors have exhausted all the diagnostic possibilities.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Help 1 — Physical Illness." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their names and addresses to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3269. Be sure to mention the title.



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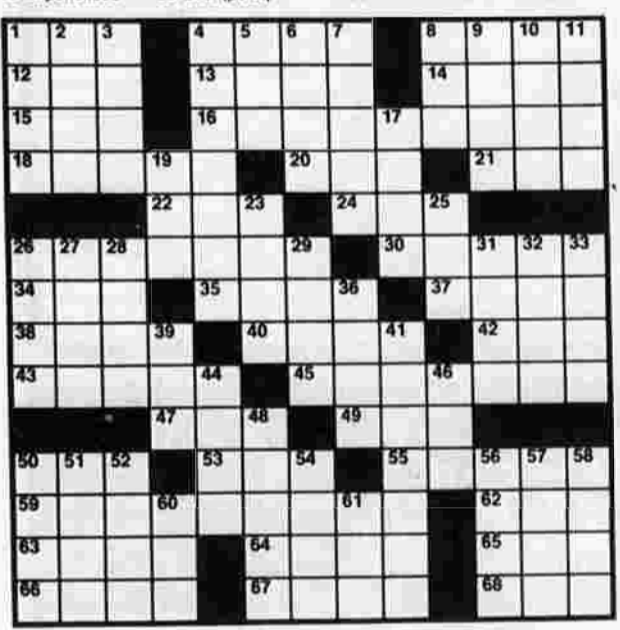
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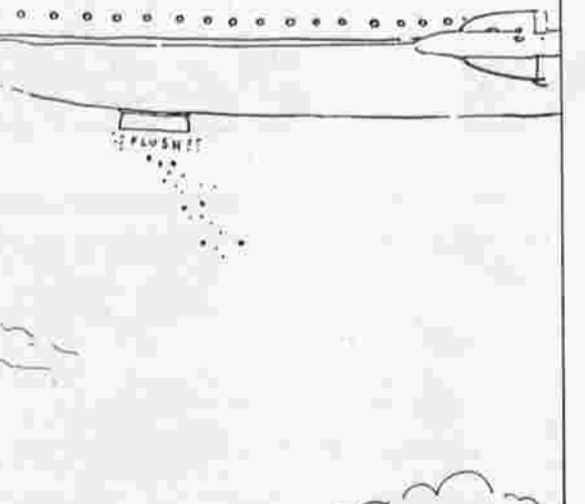
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Miami turns up the heat against woeful Nuggets

By The Associated Press

Now wait a second. Isn't Denver the team that's supposed to be scoring all those points? The Nuggets, who earlier in the season made a habit of piling up points (even though they usually lost), were the victims of an offensive show Thursday night as they were routed 141-112 by Miami.

"They score a lot of points and give up a lot. We took advantage of our open opportunities," Miami coach Ron Rothstein said.

It was a franchise-record scoring binge for the Heat, who on Tuesday scored their season low in a 94-78 loss to Cleveland.

"It's always great for a young team like us to be able to blow a team out," center Ron Seay said. "They've been playing pretty good basketball, so it's a good indication that we may be growing up."

Miami led 65-47 at halftime as Denver shot 19-of-50 in the first half. The Heat stretched the lead to 85-59 with 5:39 left in the third quarter following Glen Rice's dunk off an alley-oop pass from Sherman Douglas.

Consecutive steals and baskets by Bimbo Coles and Kevin Edwards helped Miami to a 106-80 lead after three periods. "We've been playing the system pretty well," Denver coach Paul Westhead said. "But the Heat came up and pressed and took us out of our flow."

In other games, Chicago beat New York 102-92, Seattle beat Or-

lando 102-90, Houston beat Washington 129-117, Detroit beat Milwaukee 102-94, Phoenix beat San Antonio 106-97, Boston topped Golden State 128-112, and Sacramento downed Philadelphia 98-81.

Denver, the NBA's worst defensive team, lost its third straight game.

Vernon Maxwell, with 26 points, and Kenny Smith, with 23, picked up the scoring in the second half. Larry Smith had 20 rebounds for the Rockets.

Bernard King led the Bulls with 29 points. He scored 15 points in the first half and 14 in the second.

Pistons 102, Bucks 94: Joe Dumars scored a season-high 31 points, including a key three-point play with 19 seconds left. Detroit is 31-4 when holding the opponent to less than 100 points.

Ricky Pierce's three-point play with 2:29 left gave the Bucks a 92-91 lead. But the Pistons regained the lead on Mark Aguirre's basket seconds later, and Dumars' three-point play sealed the victory.

Pierce, who is the center of trade rumors, had 18 points for Milwaukee. Aguirre had 19 for Detroit.

Suns 106, Spurs 97: Tom Chambers scored 37 points and Phoenix beat San Antonio without a field goal for more than eight minutes in the fourth quarter.

Phoenix trailed 82-80 with 11:45 left, but went on a 19-5 run over the next seven minutes to take a 12-point lead with 4:42 to go.

Kings 98, 76ers 81: Lionel Simmons had seven of a career-high 38 points in Sacramento's opening 17-

minutes. Sacramento held the Sixers scoreless during the first 3:05 of the third quarter and took an 81-64 lead going into the final period.

Kevin Swann scored 16 points, Al Williams 13 and Damian Johnson 12 for Central (4-19, 2-7).

Romine, a backup who was paid \$260,000 last season, was given a raise to \$355,000 after hitting .272 in 136 at bats. He had recorded \$395,000 in arbitration, while the team offered \$330,000.

The pitchers are Darryl Irvine, Derek Liversnis, Dave Owen and Jeff Plympton.

Romine's agent, announced Thursday, leaves center fielder Ellis Burks as the only Boston player still facing an arbitration hearing, set for next Monday. Eight Red Sox originally filed. Burks, whose base salary last season was \$475,000 last year, has asked for \$2 million. The team has offered \$1.5 million.

Lendl and McEnroe advance PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ivan Lendl overcame Gary Muller and John McEnroe outboxed Wally Masur Thursday as the top four seeds advanced to the quarterfinals of the U.S. Pro Indoor tennis tournament.

Lendl, the No. 1 seed, defeated the 150-seeded Muller 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 and McEnroe, seeded fourth, edged No. 13 Masur 7-6 (7-2), 6-4.

In earlier matches Thursday, defending champion and second-seeded Pete Sampras survived three set points to defeat Mali'Val Washington 6-3, 7-6 (9-7) and No. 3 Brad Gilbert shook off a bad start to beat No. 14 Paul Haarhuis of the Netherlands 7-6 (7-3), 6-1.

Partners want their money CINCINNATI (AP) — Several limited partners of the Cincinnati Reds contend that general partner Over the Hill has failed to disburse \$17.69 million to them over the last five years.

The revised figure is contained in a recently unsealed memorandum in Hamilton County Common Pleas Court, where four of the eight limited partners are suing Schott. The partners previously had demanded \$18.6 million from Schott, but now have adjusted the figure slightly lower to include the team's 1989 financial returns.

Schott denies any wrongdoing and has attempted to get a summary judgment in his favor. The case is scheduled for trial in April in Common Pleas Court.

Becker, Edberg in quarterfinals BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Top-seeded Boris Becker and second-seeded Stefan Edberg each fought off tough challenges before advancing to the quarterfinals of the Donnay Indoor championships.

Becker needed two tiebreakers to defeat Eric Jelen of Germany 7-6 (7-2), 7-6 (7-5), and Edberg was taken to three sets by Pat Cash of Australia before winning 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Drysdale pleads no contest LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hall of fame pitcher Don Drysdale pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor drunken driving charge and was fined \$2,500, prosecutors said.

Drysdale was ordered to attend a 90-day alcohol education program and perform 200 hours of community service with the Youth Sports Program of the Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation.

The charges stem from a traffic accident on Jan. 21 in which the car Drysdale was driving collided with another vehicle.

Rangers' Nicholls is suspended MONTREAL (AP) — New York Rangers forward Bernie Nicholls was suspended for three games for swinging his stick at Montreal Canadiens defenseman Jean-Jacques Daigneault during a game last Saturday.

The suspension was announced by the NHL two days after Nicholls attended a hearing in Montreal. Nicholls hit Daigneault on the bare hand with his stick after the Montreal player had dropped his gloves during an altercation.

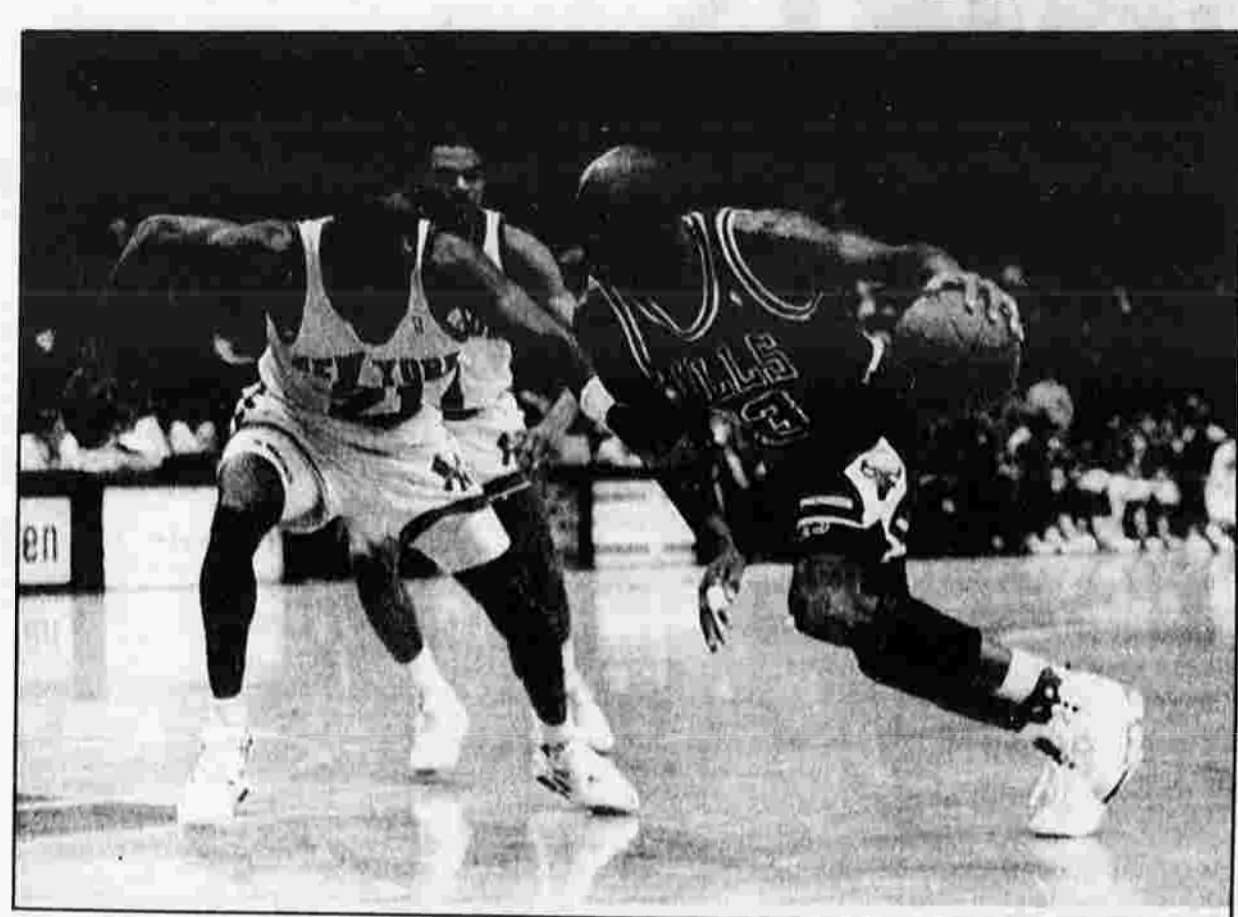
Tabbs offers an apology OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma coach Billy Tubbs apologized Thursday to an Oklahoma City television station cameraman for an alleged altercation that occurred after the Sooners fell to Oklahoma State on Wednesday.

While walking toward the locker room in Gallagher Arena after the 77-74 loss, Tubbs allegedly grabbed a camera lens, photographing with Boston and Kelly Gruber's \$11 million, three-year contract with the Toronto, and settled Chuck Finley's case. The four deals total \$38,356,000 over nine years, an average of \$2,461,778 per season.

Players and owners have split the eight cases decided by arbitrators, and 27 players remain scheduled for hearings.

Finley, a left-hander who had been scheduled for a hearing on Thursday, tripled his salary when the California Angels agreed to \$2.5 million, a \$1.7 million raise.

In other settlements, right-hander Jeff Robinson and Baltimore agreed to \$575,000, a \$165,000 raise, while outfielder Kevin Romine and Boston agreed to \$355,000, a \$95,000 raise.



HARD DRIVING MAN — Chicago's Michael Jordan, right, goes by New York's Gerald Wilkins in their game Thursday night at Madison Square Garden. The Bulls beat the Knicks, 102-92.

point run as the Kings topped Philadelphia. The Kings hit seven of their first 10 shots while the Sixers missed their first seven before Hershey Hawkins hit a 12-foot jumper 5:38 into the game. Simmons finished the first half with 25 points.

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Daly

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"I can only tell you it's a major, major announcement," Pistons public relations director Matt Dobek said Thursday night by telephone from Milwaukee where the Pistons defeated the Bucks 102-94. "It could either be that (Daly will coach the Olympic team) or a major trade."

The 1992 Olympics will be the first in which NBA players will be allowed to participate. The U.S. team is expected to have nine NBA players and three college players.

According to U.S. Olympic rules, the coach of the 1992 team must have at least eight years of head coaching experience and at least three of those must be in the NBA, where he has to have been coaching within three years of the Olympics.

It is believed that Cleveland Cavaliers coach Lenny Wilkins, Phoenix Suns coach Cotton Fitzsimmons and San Antonio Spurs coach Larry Brown were among other candidates who were considered.

Daly, who will turn 61 on July 20, thrives on the limelight and pressure. He won consecutive NBA championships with a team that probably wasn't as talented as the teams he defeated.

The Pistons led the NBA with a 63-19 record in 1988-89 and were 59-23 last season, the second-best in the league.

Daly, who has the longest tenure of any active NBA coach, has succeeded where others have failed in the league because he has managed to walk a precarious tightrope, exerting enough pressure to maintain control and discipline while allowing players like Isiah Thomas, Mark Aguirre, Bill Laimbeer and Joe Dumars the freedom to play their game and back in the gym.

He understands it's a players' game, but they play by Daly's rules because he knows how to deal with egos.

"We'll wait," Nest said. "We've seen her out of training and hurt and go on and come back."

"I was very surprised at first about Jill," Yamaguchi said. "I wish her recovery soon, but I still have to go."

She skated superbly in getting first-place votes of eight of nine judges. Tonya Harding of Portland, Ore., got the other top vote and was second, followed by Nancy Kerrigan of Stoneham, Mass.

Holly Cook of Beautiful, Utah, bronze medalist at the 1990 nationals and worlds, was fourth.

April Sargent and Russ Withney moved closer to their first national crown in ice dancing. The runners-up the last two years, Sargent-Withney added a victory in the original program Thursday to an earlier win in the compulsory.

Yamaguchi takes big step toward first national title

By BARRY WILNER The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Maybe it's maturity. Or a lighter workload. Or the absence of her main competitor. Whatever the cause, Kristi Yamaguchi skated like a champion Thursday night at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

Yamaguchi, the 19-year-old from Fremont, Calif., who finished second to Jill Trenary the last two years, won the original program with a flawless performance. Worth one-third of the total score, the original routine gave Yamaguchi a boost toward her first national championship.

"It was really strong from her first combination jump," said Christy Fremont, Calif., who finished second to Jill Trenary the last two years, won the original program with a flawless performance. Worth one-third of the total score, the original routine gave Yamaguchi a boost toward her first national championship.

"Yamaguchi appears to have taken a step in quality this year. Her points to 'Kriati' being stronger and matured. You're seeing a different performer out there."

Yamaguchi herself admits quiting pairs — she and Rudy Galindo were 1989-90 U.S. champions before splitting last summer — has given her more time to rest and train for singles.

"After worlds (last March), it pretty much hit me the decision would have to be made," she said. "I figured I would be able to handle it, but at the world championships I realized it was getting tougher to compete in both. In order to improve in either one dramatically, I had to stop the other."

Then, of course, there is the absence of Trenary, the 1990 world champion who is sidelined after ankle surgery.

In fact, the winner of this event figures to be favored for next month's worlds because Midori Ito of Japan, the 1989 world title and best jumper in the sport, is out of training after jaw surgery.

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She skated superbly in getting first-place votes of eight of nine judges. Tonya Harding of Portland, Ore., got the other top vote and was second, followed by Nancy Kerrigan of Stoneham, Mass.

Holly Cook of Beautiful, Utah, bronze medalist at the 1990 nationals and worlds, was fourth.

April Sargent and Russ Withney moved closer to their first national crown in ice dancing. The runners-up the last two years, Sargent-Withney added a victory in the original program Thursday to an earlier win in the compulsory.

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Ben Crenshaw has golf lead SAN DIEGO (AP) — Ben Crenshaw had the first-round lead in the Shearson Lehman Brothers Open, but Phil Mickelson had the spotlight.

The U.S. Amateur champion who became the fourth amateur in 37 years to win a PGA event, had a 66, one behind Crenshaw at the South Course at Torrey Pines. Also at 66 were Andy Bean, Lon Hinkle, Hal Sutton, Mike Standly and Bart Bryant.

Cory Pavin, who has finished second and first in his last two starts, led a group at 67 that included Steve James, Steve Pat, D.A. Webring, former U.S. Open champion Scott Simpson, Buddy Gardner, Nick Price and Jim McGovern.

Defending champion Dan Forstman led a large group at 68.

Martina reaches the semifinals CHICAGO (AP) — Top-seeded Martina Navratilova, vying for her 11th title at Chicago, overpowered Anne Smith 6-1, 6-2 and reached the semifinals of the Virginia Slims.

In second-round matches, Helena Sukova defeated Kathy Rinaldi 6-2, 6-2; Zina Garrison ousted Rosalyn Fairbank-Nideffer 6-2, 6-2; and Amy Frazier topped Brenda Schultz 6-3, 6-4.

No surprises seen at the Daytona 500

By DICK BRINSTER The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Neither Dale Earnhardt nor Davey Allison believes the other will spring any surprises during their anticipated shootout Sunday in the Daytona 500.

"That certainly figures if both drive according to the form they've set out of baseball in 1973," said Reggie Jackson, sixth on the sport's all-time home run list with 363. "He said his comments to himself were, 'I'm 12 years too young.'"

"I remember Willie Mays when he got out of baseball in 1973," said Reggie Jackson, sixth on the sport's all-time home run list with 363. "He said his comments to himself were, 'I'm 12 years too young.'"

"I don't think Davey was holding anything back, and I wasn't either," Earnhardt said after his victory in the 125-mile qualifier.

"When I saw Dale swerving in and out on the racetrack, blocking Ernie (Ivan), I figured there's nothing wrong with him."

So the hand seems to have been dealt for a battle of the two most dominant cars to wage a high-stakes battle at the Daytona International Speedway. But there may be a few jokers in the deck.

Ivan finished a strong second to Earnhardt in a battle of Chevrolet Lumina's, with Kyle Petty's Pontiac played in the major leagues for 23 years before retiring in 1985.

Jim Tierney is a sports writer for the Manchester Herald.

In Brief . . .

Softball umpire clinics set

EAST HARTFORD — The East Hartford Board of Amateur Softball Umpires will hold a clinic for prospective umpires at the Raymond Library, 840 Main St., East Hartford.

There will be six sessions scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. on the following dates: March 4, 6, 11, 13, 18 and 20. For further information, contact Frank Ciparelli at 568-0040.

Little League holding sign-ups MANCHESTER — Manchester Little League is holding sign-ups for the 1991 season on Sunday, Feb. 24, and Sunday, March 3, at the American Legion, 400 Main St., East Hartford.

Registration is for youngsters between the ages 7 through 12. Youth must be by July 31, 1991 and not turn 13 after that date.

Birth certificates are required at registration and youngsters must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Registration is \$20 per player with a maximum of \$30 per immediate family.

All returning players, regardless of level, must sign up. Tryouts are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 16-17. Anyone interested in coaching, umpiring or the league auxiliary is asked to be at the sign-ups.

For further information, contact Ed Detore (643-4482) or Bernie Lidzner (649-7072).

Rider trims Central five LAWRENCEVILLE, N.J. (AP) — Jim Cleveland's 14 points led New York's Riders to a 7-2 victory over the Central Connecticut State 70-61 Thursday.

Central Connecticut's only lead came on the first score of the game, a free throw. But Rider's Jim Bizyak hit a 3-pointer to put the Riders ahead for good. Bizyak finished with 10 points.

Rider (1-13, 4-6 East Coast Conference) widened the gap with a 9-2 run that gave the Riders a 41-33 lead with 14:21 left. The Riders used a 7-2 run to give the Broncs a 65-58 lead with 37 seconds left.

Kevin Swann scored 16 points, Al Williams 13 and Damian Johnson 12 for Central (4-19, 2-7).

Romine, a backup who was paid \$260,000 last season, was given a raise to \$355,000 after hitting .272 in 136 at bats. He had recorded \$395,000 in arbitration, while the team offered \$330,000.

The pitchers are Darryl Irvine, Derek Liversnis, Dave Owen and Jeff Plympton.

Romine's agent, announced Thursday, leaves center fielder Ellis Burks as the only Boston player still facing an arbitration hearing, set for next Monday. Eight Red Sox originally filed. Burks, whose base salary last season was \$475,000 last year, has asked for \$2 million. The team has offered \$1.5 million.

Lendl and McEnroe advance PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ivan Lendl overcame Gary Muller and John McEnroe outboxed Wally Masur Thursday as the top four seeds advanced to the quarterfinals of the U.S. Pro Indoor tennis tournament.

Lendl, the No. 1 seed, defeated the 150-seeded Muller 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 and McEnroe, seeded fourth, edged No. 13 Masur 7-6 (7-2), 6-4.

In earlier matches Thursday, defending champion and second-seeded Pete Sampras survived three set points to defeat Mali'Val Washington 6-3, 7-6 (9-7) and No. 3 Brad Gilbert shook off a bad start to beat No. 14 Paul Haarhuis of the Netherlands 7-6 (7-3), 6-1.

Partners want their money CINCINNATI (AP) — Several limited partners of the Cincinnati Reds contend that general partner Over the Hill has failed to disburse \$17.69 million to them over the last five years.

The revised figure is contained in a recently unsealed memorandum in Hamilton County Common Pleas Court, where four of the eight limited partners are suing Schott. The partners previously had demanded \$18.6 million from Schott, but now have adjusted the figure slightly lower to include the team's 1989 financial returns.

Schott denies any wrongdoing and has attempted to get a summary judgment in his favor. The case is scheduled for trial in April in Common Pleas Court.

Becker, Edberg in quarterfinals BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Top-seeded Boris Becker and second-seeded Stefan Edberg each fought off tough challenges before advancing to the quarterfinals of the Donnay Indoor championships.

Becker needed two tiebreakers to defeat Eric Jelen of Germany 7-6 (7-2), 7-6 (7-5), and Edberg was taken to three sets by Pat Cash of Australia before winning 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Drysdale pleads no contest LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hall of fame pitcher Don Drysdale pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor drunken driving charge and was fined \$2,500, prosecutors said.

Drysdale was ordered to attend a 90-day alcohol education program and perform 200 hours of community service with the Youth Sports Program of the Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation.

The charges stem from a traffic accident on Jan. 21 in which the car Drysdale was driving collided with another vehicle.

Rangers' Nicholls is suspended MONTREAL (AP) — New York Rangers forward Bernie Nicholls was suspended for three games for swinging his stick at Montreal Canadiens defenseman Jean-Jacques Daigneault during a game last Saturday.

The suspension was announced by the NHL two days after Nicholls attended a hearing in Montreal. Nicholls hit Daigneault on the bare hand with his stick after the Montreal player had dropped his gloves during an altercation.

Tabbs offers an apology OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma coach Billy Tubbs apologized Thursday to an Oklahoma City television station cameraman for an alleged altercation that occurred after the Sooners fell to Oklahoma State on Wednesday.

While walking toward the locker room in Gallagher Arena after the 77-74 loss, Tubbs allegedly grabbed a camera lens, photographing with Boston and Kelly Gruber's \$11 million, three-year contract with the Toronto, and settled Chuck Finley's case. The four deals total \$38,356,000 over nine years, an average of \$2,461,778 per season.

Players and owners have split the eight cases decided by arbitrators, and 27 players remain scheduled for hearings.

Finley, a left-hander who had been scheduled for a hearing on Thursday, tripled his salary when the California Angels agreed to \$2.5 million, a \$1.7 million raise.

In other settlements, right-hander Jeff Robinson and Baltimore agreed to \$575,000, a \$165,000 raise, while outfielder Kevin Romine and Boston agreed to \$355,000, a \$95,000 raise.

Ohio State continues special season

By The Associated Press

In those special seasons, teams always find a way to win close games, especially on the road and the players who aren't considered the stars have to step forward and contribute in a big way.

Consider this a special season for Ohio State.

The second-ranked Buckeyes won 73-71 at Wisconsin Thursday night after blowing a 14-point second-half lead. Oh, yes, the winning shot with one second to play — a banker in the lane following an impressive ballhandling exhibition — was hit by point guard Mark Baker, the one Buckeye not known for his scoring.

"You have to win some games like this if you're going to be a contender in this conference," Ohio State coach Randy Ayers said after his team improved to 21-1 overall and 11-1 in the Big Ten.

The Buckeyes play host to No. 4 Indiana on Sunday and the Hoosiers are just one-half game behind in the conference and 22-2 overall.

"We knew it would be tough to play in Madison," Ayers said. "They came out and shot the 3s and kept us off balance offensively. We just toughed it out for 40 minutes."

Wisconsin (11-10, 5-6) wiped out the 14-point deficit with a 24-9 run that featured three 3-pointers by Tim Lukum. The Badgers got their only lead of the second half at 61-60 with 4:35 left and they were tied 71-71 with 35 seconds to go on a three-point play by reserve center Lou Ely.

Ohio State called a timeout with 11 seconds left and no one else touched the ball after that besides Baker.

"We had two plays called, one for man-to-man and one for zone. I said to myself that I didn't feel I'd had one of my best games, so if it's man-to-man I'm going to hit the shot," said Baker, who finished with 12 points and eight assists. "It wasn't just any shot."

Baker dribbled through his legs, covered the ball in the lane and then double-clutch before hitting the sellout Western Athletic Conference title since 1977. Josh Grant scored 18 of his 24 points in the second half.

California 82, No. 15 UCLA 79: Billy Dreyer scored 24 points and made five of six jump shots in the final minute as California (11-11, 7-6) had to hold off the last-minute 3-point assault by UCLA's Tracy Murray. Murray, who had 25 points for the Bruins (17-7, 5-6), hit a 3-pointer with 27 seconds left to bring UCLA within 78-76. Dreyer then hit two free throws, but Murray struck again with 19 seconds left to make it 80-79. Dreyer then made two free throws with four seconds left.

No. 12 New Mexico State 90, Fullerton State 74: The Aggies (19-2, 11-1) won in the final 11 minutes as South Alabama (15-7, 8-3) was held to 19 points. The Sun Belt Conference leader at 8-2, took a 76-66 lead with 7:54 left.

Clarence Weatherspoon led Southern Mississippi (18-3) to a Metro Conference victory at 9-1, with 21 points.

No. 10 East Tennessee State 90, Liberty 49: Keith Jennings became East Tennessee State's all-time leading scorer as the Buccaneers (22-3) rebounded from a conference loss to South Alabama.

Jennings, a 5-foot-7 senior point guard, had 12 points against the Flames (4-19) and now has 1,811 points, 10 more than Tonya Clinton, 1988-91.

No. 14 Utah 77, Wyoming 72: The Utes (23-1, 11-1) won in a rout in a home game but were lusterless in the game preceding their weekend matchup with UNLV. Reggie Jordan scored 18 points and Randy Brown and Tracey Ware each had 16 for New Mexico State, which made four of four free throws in the final 1:37. Joe Smith led Utah State (13-10, 6-8) with 19 points.

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No. 1 UNLV 98, Cal Santa Barbara 71: The Runnin' Rebels won their 32nd

in a row and beat the last team to beat them. Larry Johnson scored 27 points and Greg Anthony added 20 as UNLV (21-0, 12-0) solidified its hold on first place in the country and in the Big West conference. The visiting Gauchos (10-12, 5-8), who beat UNLV last Feb. 26, trailed and contributed in a big way.

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