

SCOREBOARD

Basketball

NBA standings

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Philadelphia	27	24	.528	11 1/2
Washington	22	31	.413	17 1/2
New York	20	33	.377	20
Miami	18	36	.333	23 1/2
Chicago	17	37	.311	25
Atlanta	16	38	.296	26 1/2
Indiana	15	39	.279	28
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Iraq readies for ground war

By MORT ROSENBLUM
The Associated Press

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By PETER VILES
The Associated Press

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NATION/WORLD

Night vision sensors believed sold to Iraq

By JOAN MOWER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Iraq obtained night vision equipment, built with American parts, from a Dutch firm that apparently sold it illegally, government and corporate officials say.

The Pentagon is investigating how Iraq got the equipment, key elements of which were supplied by Hughes Aircraft Co. in Los Angeles.

Richard Dore, a Hughes spokesman, said the company was "kind of hoodwinked" because it believed the infrared imaging sensors it agreed to sell Delft Instruments in Delft, Holland, were destined for the Dutch military.

But a U.S. official familiar with the case said a "considerable amount of night vision equipment" was shipped to Iraq through a Delft subsidiary in Belgium, as well as through other sources.

"We also know some of that equipment had a U.S. origin," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The imaging sensors, which detect the infrared rays given off by warm objects such as machines or troops, can be mounted on tanks or

missiles or can stand alone. Dore said Hughes sold the sensors to Delft, which made a range of end products.

The United States has suspended all weapons contracts between American suppliers and Delft Instruments pending the outcome of the investigation, according to officials at the State and Defense departments.

"We have informed the Dutch government that all munitions licenses to Delft have been suspended," the official said.

Dore said deliveries of sensors for troops include imaging systems to Delft

were halted in January, two months after Hughes learned of an investigation by the Pentagon's Defense Technology Security Agency. Hughes is cooperating with the probe and is not accused of any violations.

"Delft equipment was picked up at Khafji," the U.S. official said.

Neither Dore nor Rinze Kingma, president of Delft Instruments, would provide details of the contract between Hughes and Delft. They did not say how much it was worth or how many sensors were involved.

The State Department's Office of Defense Trade Controls, which issues munitions licenses, said such details were proprietary information.

Kingma said in a telephone interview that he had "heard rumors" about the suspension but has "not been officially informed of this."

He denied the company had done anything wrong. "We always obey the export license policies of our government," he said.

But the American official said the United States has "good reason" to believe the infrared technology was illegally exported before the United Nations slapped a total economic embargo on Iraq shortly after its troops invaded Kuwait last Aug. 2.



The Associated Press

BATTLE BRIEFING — Officers from the U.S. Army's 1st Armored Division's 1st Brigade gather around a table for an operational briefing in the Saudi desert. The threat of an impending ground offensive against the Iraqi army looms over allied forces in Saudi Arabia.

Difficult questions emerge from Gulf War

By JEFFREY ULBRICH
The Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Even in war there is law, and battlefield crimes will go unpunished, the Army's top lawyer in the Persian Gulf says.

Even in the carnage of battle, the crime of murder can be committed. What is permissible in combat may be a war crime just off the battlefield, and an enemy soldier is entitled to protection if he becomes a prisoner of war.

The Geneva and Hague Conventions, basic documents governing the conduct of war, set rules for the treatment of prisoners, types of weapons allowed, legitimate targets and conduct toward civilians in occupied areas.

On the U.S. side, Army lawyers

help enforce the law and will investigate any alleged war crimes committed against or by American soldiers.

"The case I dread is the case where U.S. soldiers are found with their hands tied behind their backs and shot in the head," said Col. Tona Toomepuu, staff judge advocate and the Army's chief lawyer in Operation Desert Storm.

"That's a war crime and would need a major investigation. It also would need a major investigation and we would have to prevent retribution."

While allied military officials have spoken of possible war crimes cases against Iraqi leaders, concern is primarily focused on battlefield crimes — on both sides.

"Someone can murder an enemy soldier, such as killing someone who has given up," said Toomepuu. "We will prosecute that."

The United States has adopted the traditional position that once a person has ceased being a soldier, he or she no longer has a role in the war. "He should by no means be an object of retribution," said Toomepuu.

The American forces have an 8,000-man brigade that will deal with enemy prisoners of war — called EPWs — by the military — and defectors. Four camps have been built to handle between 60,000 and 120,000 prisoners. Eventually, they would be under Saudi Arabian control, although they would remain the responsibility of the American forces.

Under the law, prisoners must be removed from the battlefield and given food, medical care, clothing, water and shelter. They also must be protected from hostile fire.

Gadhafi threatening an Arab 'Revolution'

By JANE SMITH
The Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Gadhafi on Wednesday threatened to declare a revolution in the Arab world that would spare no continent in the war of vengeance against Iraq continues.

Gadhafi said he opposed Iraq's Aug. 2 occupation of Kuwait but "now that Iraq has responded favorably to the demands of the international community, vengeance is not permitted."

He was referring to Iraq's proposal last week to withdraw its troops from Kuwait in exchange for a cease-fire. "All conditions would be the theater for acts of violence" if he

called these forces to battle, Gadhafi said.

U.S. warplanes bombed Libya in punitive raids in 1986 after U.S. officials claimed that Gadhafi had ordered the terrorist bombing of a West German disco frequented by American soldiers.

Libya was the site Wednesday of a special meeting of foreign ministers of the five nations of northern Africa — Algeria, Libya, Tunisia, Morocco and Mauritania.

The ministers, discussing the Gulf War, were reportedly meeting in the city of Benghazi.

President Alia promises new form of government

By GEORGE JAHN
The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — Tanks pulled out of Albania's capital and police patrols kept an uneasy peace today, after pro-democracy demonstrators toppled Stalinist monuments and forced concessions from the Communist leadership.

President Ramiz Alia bowed to pressure from the street late Wednesday, announcing he would take government into his own hands. He also met leaders of all three opposition parties in an apparent attempt to preserve peace and national unity.

But Sali Berisha, a leader of the opposition Democratic Party, said Alia did not offer participation in any form of new government.

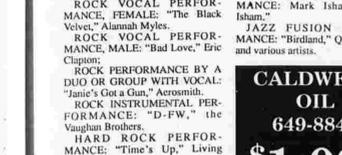
Berisha said the Democratic Party is unlikely to accept any invitation to join a coalition with the Communists.

Albania had been the last Stalinist holdout in Eastern Europe before Alia began reforms in December and set free elections for March 31.

But the tens of thousands of protesters in Tirana on Wednesday demanded a quicker pace of change in a country kept isolated and backward by 46 years of Communist

rule.

Officials have warned that the economy faces imminent collapse unless foreign credits are granted to boost dwindling supplies of food and raw materials. Many staples are rationed and often unavailable. Factories lacking raw materials are closed and workers idle.



The Associated Press

STATUE TOPPLED — A towering statue of Albania's late founder Enver Hoxha goes down during a massive anti-government demonstration in Tirania, capital of Albania, Wednesday.

Cities boomed in 1980s, but not heartland

By TIM BOVEE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans flocked to big metropolitan areas near the nation's coasts in the 1980s, at the expense of the heartland, census figures show.

The pattern reflected the economic shift from manufacturing to service economies and the appeal of such Sun Belt states as California, Texas and Florida.

Census Bureau figures released Wednesday show that 90 percent of America's urban centers got bigger in the 1980s, although most of that growth was in the suburbs, not the core cities.

And for the first time, more Americans live in big urban centers — those with 1 million people or more — than in smaller cities and rural localities.

There are 39 urban areas with a million or more residents. Those located within 100 miles of the Atlantic, Pacific or Gulf of Mexico grew by more than 14 percent in the 1980s.

The interior metro areas grew by 8.6 percent.

The changing shape of the economy accounts for much of the growth on the coasts and the decline of the interior, said William Frey, a research scientist at the University of Michigan Population Studies Center.

The interior cities depend on manufacturing and farming to earn a living and declined when those sectors fell on hard times in the 1980s. The erosion of auto-industry jobs in Detroit and the collapse of the steel industry in Pittsburgh are examples.

The coastal cities depend on the growing service economy — financial services and the like — and so grew.

The success of service industries also helps account for the concentration of Americans in the larger urban areas, said Tom Kingsley of the Urban Institute.

Service industries "have always been more concentrated in larger

cities, so when the structure of the economy expands, it's not surprising the larger cities would grow more," he said.

But more businesses are locating in the suburbs rather than downtown, and the core city has become just another shopping and office center among many, Kingsley said.

Five large metro areas lost population, all but one in the Midwest.

The Pittsburgh area's population declined by 7.4 percent to 2.2 million. Greater Buffalo, N.Y., was down 4.3 percent to 1.2 million; Cleveland, down 2.6 percent to 2.8 million; Detroit, down 1.8 percent to 4.7 million; and New Orleans, hurt by the oil bust, down 1.4 percent to 1.2 million.

New York and its suburbs remained the largest urban concentration, with 18.1 million people, a growth of 3.1 percent from 1980. By contrast, Hartford grew 7.1 percent, from 1,013,508 residents in 1980 to 1,085,837 in 1990.

Greater Los Angeles ranked second at 14.5 million, up from 11.5 million in 1980 for a 26 percent gain.

The Chicago area was third at 8.1 million, a slim increase from 7.9 million in 1980.

San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose and their suburbs grew by 16.5 percent to 6.3 million and took fourth place from Philadelphia.

And the metropolitan area created by Philadelphia, Wilmington, Del., Trenton, N.J., and their suburbs grew a scant 3.9 percent, to 5.9 million.

Two large metro areas exploded by more than 40 percent in the 1980s.

In Florida, greater Orlando's population grew by 53.3 percent to 1.1 million, largely due to tourism jobs spawned by nearby Walt Disney World.

Disease specialists consider AIDS tests

By ROBERT BYRD
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The national Centers for Disease Control has called together scores of experts and activists as it considers implementing a policy that would make as far as requiring AIDS tests for health-care workers.

In hearings today and Friday, the CDC was to seek testimony from nearly 100 representatives of such diverse groups as the guerrilla protest organization ACT UP and the American Medical Association.

The hearings follow the recent will be taken for several weeks. In addition to the hearing, the CDC said it will take written comments on the matter for the next month, then review all responses.

In a draft report prepared for

the hearings, CDC researchers estimated that between 13 and 128 Americans have been infected with the AIDS virus by their surgeons or dentists.

Only the three cases involving the Florida dentist, Dr. David Acer, who died last September, have been confirmed. Researchers said the estimate is based on the estimated number of AIDS-infected dentists and surgeons, and just have to sit through all clamoring about them," said Dr. Ruth Finkelstein of the Washington-based AIDS Action Council.

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Books on Gulf War are selling briskly

By RICK HAMPSON
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — They've seen the war, and now many Americans want to read the books. The why four paperback books about the Persian Gulf region last week's New York Times best-seller list.

No. 1 is "From Beirut to Jerusalem" by Thomas L. Friedman of The New York Times, a paperback best seller since it was published last August.

Anchor-Doubleday has issued 515,000 copies in nine printings, including 280,000 last month. "We

just keep going back to the printer," said Ellen Archer, spokeswoman for the publisher.

Dropping one place to No. 2 on the paperback list is "Saddam Hussein and the Crisis in the Gulf," by Judith Miller, a former Times Middle East correspondent, and Laurie Mylroie of Harvard University's Center for Middle Eastern Studies.

Unlike Friedman's book, which came out in hardcover long before Iraq invaded Kuwait, the Miller-Mylroie collaboration was "an instant book" designed to capitalize on

Six killed for thrills?

By RICK HAMPSON
The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A "thrill killer" who shot three people to death execution-style in a convenience store struck again a week later almost to the minute, killing three more in a pizza parlor, an investigator said.

Money was stolen from both businesses, but "the robberies were more or less a cover-up for the actual kill," sheriff's homicide Lt. Ray Biondi said Wednesday. "This individual likes to kill."

Sheriff Glen Clark assigned more

than 85 detectives to advise late-night stores and restaurants in Sacramento's northeastern suburbs to take extra precautions after three employees of a pizza parlor were shot Tuesday night.

Investigators said the victims were slain with the same handgun used to kill two employees and a customer a week earlier at a Quik Stop Market and got no answer. They went to the restaurant and found the three employees' bodies in a rear kitchen area.

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No new death row trial

By JEAN MAHAR
The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — The state's attorney general refused to seek a new trial for a former death-row inmate whose life Gov. L. Douglas Wilder spared.

Joseph M. Giarratano, supported by a range of celebrities who question his guilt, faces at least 13 more years in jail if his convictions aren't overturned in the 1979 murders of a Norfolk woman and her 15-year-old daughter.

Giarratano, who has written about

"It's not over," Gerald T. Zerkin said. "People told us we could never get this far. Don't count us out."

Zerkin said he didn't know what other options he could pursue, however.

Giarratano and his supporters had wanted Wilder to order a new trial but the governor said the state constitution forbids him from doing that.

Among Giarratano's backers were some Republican state legislators and conservative columnist James J. Kilpatrick. The inmate's liberal backers included entertainers Jack Lemmon, Joan Baez and "M-A-S-H" star Melvyn Frere.

In a statement, Terry said there's no new evidence or defect in Giarratano's conviction. She said she's convinced he's guilty.

Whales drag trainer to death

By RICK HAMPSON
The Associated Press

OAK BAY, British Columbia (AP) — Three killer whales dragged a trainer to her death before horrified spectators at a theme park.

The 20-year-old woman, whose name wasn't released, had ridden on the back of one of the whales during a show Wednesday at Sealand of the Pacific. Then she fell into the water as she walked along the edge of the whale pool, said Natalie Kallen, one of about 10 spectators.

As she was being helped out, one

of the whales grabbed her foot and pulled her back into the water, Kallen said.

For the next 10 minutes, the whales pulled the screaming woman about the pool and dragged her underwater as Sealand employees tried to get her out.

"The whale got her foot and pulled her in," Kallen said. "They were there the minute she fell in. They were bouncing her around the pool."

"She went up and down three times. They (Sealand employees) almost got her once with the hook pole, but they couldn't because the whales were moving so fast."

About 10 people, including a family with children and grandparents, watched in horror, Kallen said.

Corinne Cowell, a friend of Kallen's, said it appeared the whales were playing with the woman and weren't trying to hurt her.

"They were very gentle," she said. "They were just attracted to another object in the water."

Sealand manager Al Bolt agreed. "They were just playing. We feel she drowned," he said.

Police in this municipality adjacent to Victoria said the woman had been a part-time employee at Sealand for 18 months. Bolt said she was experienced with animals and had worked with elephants at a zoo before joining Sealand.

newspaper reported that tribal elders snatched the couple who had eloped from their home in the Khyber Pass and put them on trial for flouting tradition. Both were found guilty.

About 15,000 people watched as tribal leaders had the young man whipped 15 times, the report said. His wife received a similar sentence carried out in private.

The newspaper said the two were allowed to remain together but fined \$2,200.

Elopers flogged

By RICK HAMPSON
The Associated Press

FESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — Islamic tribal elders had two young lovers whipped for eloping in violation of an ancient tradition that dictates arranged marriages, a newspaper reported today.

By eloping with his bride-to-be, the loveliest suitor committed a crime in Northwest Frontier Province, where young women are hidden behind a veil and men risk death for "indiscretion."

In its report, the Frontier Post

Grammy winners

NEW YORK (AP) — Here is a partial list of winners of the 33rd Annual Grammy Awards held Wednesday at Radio City Music Hall:

RECORD OF THE YEAR: "Another Day in Paradise," Phil Collins.

ALBUM OF THE YEAR: "From a Distance," Julie Gold.

SONG OF THE YEAR: "Promises, Promises," Mariah Carey.

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POP VOCAL PERFORMANCE, FEMALE: "Compositions," Anita Baker.

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R&B PERFORMANCE BY A DUO OR GROUP WITH VOCAL: "I Can't Touch This," Ray Charles and Chaka Khan.

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POP VOCAL PERFORMANCE, MALE: "Oh, Pretty Woman," Roy Orbison.

POP PERFORMANCE BY A DUO OR GROUP WITH VOCAL: "All My Life," Linda Ronstadt with Aaron Neville.

POP INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE: "Twin Peaks Theme," Angelo Badalamenti.

ROCK VOCAL PERFORMANCE, FEMALE: "The Black Velvet," Alanah Myles.

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BEST NEW AGE PERFORMANCE: Mark Isham, "Mark Isham."

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ROCK PERFORMANCE BY A DUO OR GROUP WITH VOCAL: "Janie's Got a Gun," Aerosmith.

ROCK INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE: "D-F-W," the Vaughan Brothers.

HARD ROCK PERFORMANCE: "Time's Up," Living Colour.

METAL PERFORMANCE: "Stone Cold Crazy," Metallica.

ALTERNATIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCE: "I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got," Sinead



The Associated Press

BEST NEW ARTIST — Mariah Carey holds her Grammys she won for Best New Artist and Best Pop Vocal Performance backstage Wednesday night at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

Frantic passengers flee sinking plane after crash

By EDUARDO GALLARDO
The Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile — Passengers clung desperately to the wings and tail of a sinking Chilean jetliner that skidded off a runway into icy waters near Cape Horn, witnesses said today.

Authorities said 20 died and 17 were injured.

One Texas survivor of Wednesday's crash described a frantic struggle to get out of the plane as water rushed in and drowned her husband and others inside, a relative said.

Investigators were probing what caused the chartered jet, with 65 mostly American passengers on their way to an Antarctic cruise, to overshoot the

runway while trying to land at Puerro Williams during a light rain.

The British-made BAe-146, a small four-engine jet, crashed into Beagle Channel off Navarino Island, about 1,500 miles south of Santiago and 60 miles north of Cape Horn, said the Chilean airline LAN.

A U.S. diplomat, Lawrence Kerr, flew to Puerro Williams early today with an investigative group led by Chilean air force Cmdr. Hernan Barahona.

The Chilean navy said 20 passengers died, while the airline said 19 were killed. A list of the victims was not expected until later today. The seven crew members survived.

LAN said 17 people were "slightly injured" and were being treated at a navy hospital in Puerro Williams.

But Chilean press reports today said two of the injured were in serious condition, including an elderly American woman who suffered a heart attack. LAN did not immediately comment on the reports.

Passengers grabbed onto the plane's wings and tail and waited for rescuers, while others tried to swim to the beach 150 yards away, reporters said.

The aircraft started to sink, while the passengers emerged, many of them clinging to the wings, awaiting to be rescued, today. The seven crew members survived.

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OPINION

Gorbachev's smoke screen

Given the domestic crisis, it might seem odd that (Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev) should devote so much of his valuable time to trying to solve international affairs.

Perhaps he is gambling that, if he succeeds, the rest of the world will be so grateful that it will rush in with aid to help him at home. If that is the case, he is mistaken.

The international community has become extremely wary of helping the U.S.S.R. patch itself together. Last month's crackdown in Lithuania and Latvia alienated too many friends and well wishers. It left them sitting on the sidelines, preferring to see the way things develop rather than get involved.

Gorbachev is to be thanked for trying. If he succeeds, he may get a bit of the Nobel Peace Prize. But it will not save the Soviet Union. And in the long run, it probably will not even save him.

Arab News
Jiddah, Saudi Arabia

A policy of warning

Saddam Hussein has been making sure that Iraqi military command and communications centers are placed as close as possible to civilians — in schools, in hospitals and so on. Some of these facilities will have to be destroyed, but to minimize casualties, the allies should consider a policy of warning, whenever possible, that an attack is likely.

One appropriate target is Baghdad's al-Rashid Hotel, which apparently has a military communications center hidden under it. So far, allied pilots have avoided hitting the building because of the presence of foreign reporters and diplomats — including, just the other day, an emissary of Saddam's former and possibly current ally and armorer, the Soviet Union. Well, the al-Rashid's bombing exemption should be withdrawn since that protection is probably helping the Iraqi war effort.

By leaflets and electronically, the hotel's residents should be given 24 hours to check out and then the building should be destroyed. Obviously, the warning would enable the Iraqis to move military operations out of the hotel, but the disruption to their war communications would likely be worth the trouble. Of course, the career of Peter Arnett of Cable News Network would also be inconvenienced for a time, but viewers (and CNN's advertising managers) will have to grin and bear it. We can be certain that the ever-enterprising ... Arnett would still be provided with equally comfortable quarters, and equally one-sided tours of the damage by his Iraqi handlers.

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Open Forum

A right to drive

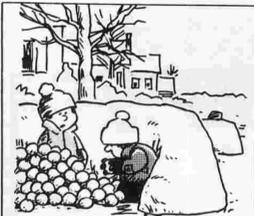
To the Editor:
Recently, within the past week I was a participant in our local "55 Alive" course — a sometime light, and then again a very serious discussion for us older adults. The course instructor, Harry Reinhorn, was excellent and quite tolerant of those who had occasion to interject opinions. All in all a very interesting and refreshing two days for me — because all of the folks were so pleasant.

On many days, I've listened with amusement, to two other generations of my family about the slow moving traffic resulting from "older adults." But like Harry stated, we've got all day. So we're not supposed to be driving? Perhaps? But here we're and many of us have been driving before our first grandsons were born.

This is just an opinion and a personal one at that. Many people, when behind the wheel, become obstinate, impatient and almost monstrous taking frustrations out through their driving. Don't try that type of driving! You might pass the "slow mover" and rightly so — some slow movers should be sitting at home — but they, too have a right to drive.

We all concluded at the end of our class, that we would reevaluate our personal driving habits. So can we all.

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New crops help farmers

CAVE CREEK, Ariz. — The name of the plant is joboba, but it's pronounced "ho-ho-ba." It grows wild and in abundance here in Cave Creek, but it's carefully cultivated in controlled quantities elsewhere in Arizona. Its versatile oil is used in consumer products ranging from hair shampoo to automotive lubricants.

Perhaps most important, joboba is typical of the non-traditional crops that offer the nation's farmers the prospect of diversifying their output, enhancing their productivity, competing more effectively in the international agricultural market and increasing their income.

Those opportunities could be especially timely because President Bush now is proposing — and Congress might well accept — substantial reductions in many of the subsidies the federal government long has paid farmers who grow traditional crops.

A recent and striking success with non-traditional production involves a crop with the unfortunate name of the rape plant. Although grown for its oil-rich seeds in Europe and Asia, it was long raised in North America primarily as a forage and cover crop.

Canadian farmers realized that rapeseed oil appealed to health-conscious consumers concerned about their blood cholesterol levels because it had the lowest level of saturated fats but the highest level of unsaturated fats of any edible vegetable oil.

Renamed canola and formally designated as safe for human consumption by the Food and Drug Administration in 1985, the oil quickly became a popular import item in this country. By 1988,

Holloway was reported to have offered \$7,500 to kill both mother and daughter, but negotiated a better price — \$2,500 — for the mother alone. Thanks to a confidante who blabbed to the cops, however, Holloway ended up giving the money to an undercover police officer.

At first glance, the story seems so loony that it could only be about a private obsession, not a universal one. Even in the fiercest competition, most people agree that bumping off an opponent's mother isn't fair play. But I think Holloway's desperate act is a reflection of something larger and more sinister than misplaced personal ambition. Holloway is the victim of the collective American obsession with winning.

It wasn't as if this crazy episode took place just any week in history. It happened when war had made the idea of killing not aberrant but commonplace. It happened when "The Godfather Part III" — a sales pitch for better living through violence — was doing a brisk business at the box office. And it happened within days of the Super Bowl when sportswriters and television commentators were pounding our collective psyche with Vince Lombardi's insidious mantra: "Winning isn't everything. It's the only thing."

Because the episode took place in Texas and involved people with wacky names like Wanda and Verna, urban

sophisticates could easily distance themselves from it: It was the sort of thing that might have taken place in an early Beth Henley play, not something that would tap around in an itty-bitty skirt and jiggle pom-poms on a football field. But Wanda Holloway must have touched some collective nerve: Her deed was the talk around many dinner tables thousands of miles from Chaneyview.

At those tables, people often expressed empathy for Wanda. They, too, remembered wanting accolades so badly that they considered using foul play to obtain them. Only the fear of punishment — which they interpreted as "Sammy" kept them from implementing their schemes.

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What, I wondered, had caused Wanda to overcome her fear of punishment? Had she noted a video of Woody Allen's "Crimes and Misdemeanors"? In the film, a prominent man hires a killer to rid him of his aging, whining mistress. But unlike Macbeth, a killer who was haunted by remorse, he feels refreshed and invigorated — revitalized by his bloody, immoral act.

Because competition is a big part of American life, children learn ruthlessness at an early age. In prosperous communities, parents who push their toddlers into cutthroat, Harvard-track preschools seem animated by the same wild-eyed achievement fixation that drove Holloway to flirt with homicide.

Dumping on the Indians

By JACK ANDERSON and DALE VAN ATTA

WASHINGTON — As the nation's landfills overflow, waste merchants are looking for ways to dump unwanted garbage on the land where America once dumped its unwanted people — Indian reservations.

Indian tribes have been bombarded with slick proposals and tempted with big advance payments, and all they have to do is turn their cherished land into dumps for household trash, and in some cases, toxic waste. Some trash firms offer as much as \$500,000 up front. The money stakes conflict on the reservations where unemployment runs higher than 50 percent.

Indian land appeals to the waste merchants because the environmental regulations are less rigid. Indian land is usually exempt from state law, and federal oversight is minimal.

The garbage god rush on Indian lands has even interested multi-national heavyweights like Bechtel Enterprises Inc., the San Francisco-based engineering and construction firm. Our associate editor, who could not afford to buy them and falsified investor financial statements to prove they were wealthy enough to invest. U.S. District Judge Jose A. Cabranes,

Other such crops range from cranberry, a plant grown in limited quantities in Indiana that can be a source of high-protein meal for beef cattle, to meadowfoam, a plant especially suited to the Northwest whose oil is similar to that of the joboba shrub.

The annual domestic production of oil from the joboba plant, native to the Mojave and Sonoran Deserts of Arizona and California, was only 5 metric tons as recently as the mid 1970s, but now it is approaching 600 metric tons.

Joboba farming boomed in the early 1980s when it was promoted as a tax shelter and the oil sold for \$200 per gallon. Today, with no tax advantages available, the oil's price ranges from \$25 to \$40 per gallon.

Commercial joboba farming operations in this country cover 40,000 cultivated acres, most of them in Arizona and more than 8,000 acres in the state's Hyder Valley. In addition, the plant grows naturally not only here in Cave Creek but in Mesa, Globe and other communities around the state.

The valuable oil — very similar in composition to sperm whale oil of an earlier era — is pressed from acorn-sized, coffee-colored berries. About 90 percent of it goes into shampoo, skin care and cosmetics products, but it also is used as an additive in automotive motor oil and transmission fluids.

A pattern of resistance is emerging. "People should not be surprised that once they find out the truth, they are not interested in poisoning their kids," says Bradley Angel of Greencape. "Indians are the original environmentalists."

But the owners of waste purveyors will not stop. A firm looking to buy a 483-acre landfill on Choctaw land in Mississippi has reportedly already paid the tribe \$500,000, and the tribal council has voted to go ahead with the project.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is now too pleased about the trend. A BIA spokesman told us that the agency would have to approve any dump, and that the Environmental Protection Agency would review it. But even the EPA admits it has limited power on Indian land.

The Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs is planning to look at environmental problems on reservations, and the waste merchants will likely be scrutinized at the same time.

The news of Saddam Hussein's environmental warfare has been eclipsed by other events in the war, and that's just fine with the Bush administration. The White House wants the world to think of Saddam as an environmental criminal, but does not want Americans to be so appalled by ecological damage that Operation Desert Storm gets a bad rap. Saddam dumped 420 million gallons of oil in the Persian Gulf and set several Kuwait oil fields on fire. "Black rain" from the air pollution has already started to fall on parts of Iran, millions of dead birds are washing up on the beaches of the Gulf and billions of brine shrimp are floating dead in the water. Those consequences can't be ignored for long.

Mini-editions of communism in Eastern Europe means Fidel Castro has to rent new digs in Washington. Since 1977, Cuban diplomats, who are not entitled to the perks of full diplomatic relations with the United States, have operated out of the Czechoslovakian Embassy. But there are fewer and fewer countries that Castro has anything in common with anymore. Czechoslovakia among them. So the Cubans are moving to the Swiss Embassy in April. If it doesn't work out, they'll return to the United States. Fidel might find himself with no friends at all.

BUSINESS

Colonial Realty Co. hit with big lawsuit

HARTFORD (AP) — Two lawsuits filed by investors in financially troubled Colonial Realty Co. have been combined into a mammoth 146-page complaint that seeks more than \$1 billion in damages.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in New Haven, is the consolidation of two separate cases filed last year by investors in various real estate limited partnerships sponsored by Colonial. U.S. District Judge Jose A. Cabranes, who was overseeing those cases, had ordered that they be consolidated to make administration of the case easier and to avoid duplication of attorneys' work and fees.

The lawsuit names as defendants Colonial; its partners, Jonathan Googel, Benjamin Sisti, Frank Shuch, William Candelori, Kevin Sisti and Kenneth Zak; three affiliated Colonial companies; 30 individuals or companies that have been partners in different Colonial projects; seven law firms; 11 real estate appraisal firms; and 42 limited partnerships and one trust fund that Colonial organized.

Tom Drohan, a spokesman for Colonial, said Wednesday the company had not received a copy of the lawsuit and could not comment on it. "We're inclined to weigh it first, but we're certainly going to study it," he said.

The lawsuit is only the latest legal problem the West Hartford-based company has faced since September, when six Connecticut banks forced the company and its partners into bankruptcy court.

Since then — in addition to the investor lawsuits — one of the company's partnerships has filed for bankruptcy and several banks have

Fed mulls more cuts to interest rates

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan is holding out the prospect of further interest rate reductions to resuscitate a stalled economy.

But some members of Congress are complaining that the central bank is moving too slowly and Greenspan bears some of the blame for the current recession, which ended nearly eight years of economic expansion.

"The Federal Reserve should stop acting like the cowardly lion and lower interest rates further," complained Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, D-N.Y.

Greenspan was likely to face further criticism today when he appears before the House Banking Committee to defend the Fed's handling of monetary policy.

Greenspan sounded a somber note in testimony Wednesday before the Senate Banking Committee, saying the economy at present faces a host of problems ranging from consumer uncertainty because of the Persian Gulf War to the weakness besetting the U.S. banking system.

"It would be most unwise to rule out the possibility that the recession may become more serious than already is apparent," Greenspan said.

While he did not specifically pledge to cut interest rates further, Greenspan promised that the central bank would "remain alert" to signs that the economic slide is intensifying and would respond promptly.

Analysts viewed Greenspan's comments as a clear signal that the central bank, which has been aggressively raising interest rates over the past three months, stands prepared to do more.

They predicted that the next round of cuts would likely occur following release of the February unemployment report, scheduled for March 5. More than 1 million people have been thrown out of work since last June and economists believe the current 6.2 percent unemployment rate could top 7 percent before long.

"Despite the hopes of many that the recession will be over soon, there are no economic indicators that point to a bottoming-out of the downturn, and Greenspan took note of that," said Bruce Steinberg, an economist with Merrill Lynch. "Greenspan is considerably more concerned about the economy deteriorating than he is about inflation right now."

Some analysts said Greenspan's comments were more pessimistic than statements the Fed chief made just last month, when he indicated he believed the worst of the downturn was coming to an end.

"The Fed chairman did what he had to do to indicate a lot of concern about the economy," said Allen Sinai, chief economist of the Boston Co. "In light of the economic data, I don't see how he could have done much else."

Analysts noted in particular a report Wednesday that new housing construction fell by 12.8 percent in January, posting its eleventh drop in the past year.

Since housing is normally one of the industries that leads the way out of recessions, analysts said the steep decline in January shows that further bad economic news is ahead.

Over the past three months, the central bank has slashed the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, by 1.75 percentage points and cut its discount rate twice to 6 percent. The most recent reductions occurred on Feb. 1, three days after President Bush took the unusual step of calling for lower interest rates in his State of the Union address.

Uncle Sam needs more and more of your money

NEW YORK (AP) — When you examine the way Uncle Sam spends more money year after year and then asks for even more, you wonder if a time will come when Americans will tell him to clean up his act.

Americans provided him with \$599.3 billion in tax receipts in 1991. Last year they gave him more than \$1 trillion and will give him even more this year.

But it hasn't been enough. In spite of that cash, the old codger has spent even more. In the past decade, yearly deficits averaged more than \$200 billion, and the national debt has more than tripled to exceed \$3.5 trillion.

Citizens For A Sound Economy, an independent nonprofit foundation to keep tabs on such things, calculates that the national debt now averages out to more than \$14,500 for every person in America, or \$58,000 for a family of four.

Difficult as it is to relate that to the family's weekly paycheck, it is not a mere statistical abstraction. It is real; each family pays to finance the debt in the form of interest rates

changing economic needs, too. In spite of double-income efforts, the American level of savings — that doesn't include home equity — has been lower than in almost all other industrialized nations, suggesting strained budgets.

Rather than working to finance a future good life, many families work to survive the present, and they seem weary of it. You hear it when they question political candidates; you read it in their letters to the editor.

Exploiting that feeling, President Bush's budget proposal for fiscal 1992, which begins this fall, seeks three ways for individuals to improve their lot, even if all three require that somehow they find money to set aside.

1. Use of Individual Retirement Accounts, or IRAs, for first-time home purchases. In this way, couples can speed their savings, since interest earned would be allowed to compound rather than be withdrawn to pay taxes.

2. Family savings accounts, allowing households with incomes below \$20,000 to deposit up to \$5,000 a year in seven-year, tax-free accounts.

3. Reduction of the capital gains tax to 19.6 percent on investments held for more than three years.

In spite of the intent — to put more money directly into the hands of the private sector for use by individuals rather than government — all three proposals are destined to be controversial.

The most obviously controversial is the proposal to reduce capital gains.

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Alaskans criticize Bush's energy plan

By JULIA RUBIN
The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A plan by President Bush to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil exploration has dismayed Alaskans on both sides of the development debate.

A coalition of environmental, fishing and native groups in Anchorage said Alaska is being picked on because it lacks the political clout of California or Florida, where public protests led Bush to close all but a tiny part of coastal areas to oil and gas exploration for 10 years.

"We feel that the state is being made a haven for oil development for the rest of the country," said Jon Zuck of the Bering Sea Fishermen's Association, which represents about 1,500 fishermen in western Alaska.

"Our members resent the fact that other areas of the country are shut out from this ... that there's more political clout in other parts of the country."

Officials who support opening the refuge for oil development want to share with Bush's proposal not to expand any revenues from the drilling with the state.

Gov. Walter Hickel and Alaska's three-member congressional delegation insist the state is guaranteed 90

percent of any revenue under the Alaska Statehood Act.

The energy plan released Wednesday by Bush says the 18-million-acre arctic refuge in Alaska's north-central corner "has the potential to produce the most significant future oil discoveries in the United States."

The plan also calls for development of five discovered oil fields on Alaska's North Slope: West Sak, Point Thompson, Seal Island-North Star, Gwydyr Bay and Sandpiper Island. And it relies on an Interior Department proposal for aggressive new lease sales for offshore drilling in the Beaufort and Chukchi seas.

Energy Secretary James D. Watkins said the plan was designed to reduce U.S. oil consumption by 3.4 million barrels a day by the year 2010 while increasing domestic production by 3.8 million barrels a day by that year.

Conservation groups say Alaska is being asked to bear an unfair burden in the effort to increase domestic oil resources.

"Certainly Alaska's waters are as worthy of protection as the waters off Florida," said Randall Weiner, executive director of the environmental law firm Trustees for Alaska.

The Arctic Ocean's frigid waters and shifting ice would make containment and cleanup of an oil spill or blowout impossible, he said. On-

shore and offshore drilling in the Arctic would threaten fragile ecosystems, fisheries and the subsistence lifestyle of people who live there, other conservationists said.

"It's not fair for Alaska natives," said Anna Phillip, director of the Alaska Indigenous Council for the Environment. "People in California and Florida won't be affected. ... How else are we going to survive?"

Zuck said he doesn't believe oil industry claims that drilling would have little effect on sea creatures.

"The fishermen throughout this state just saw quite an oil spill in Prince William Sound," he said. "It kind of has a devastating effect on commercial fishing and a way of life in that area. And that's in an area relatively calm and with conditions that are conducive to cleanup."

Nearly 11 million gallons of crude oil were spilled into Prince William Sound in March 1989 when the tanker Exxon Valdez struck a charred reef.

After meeting with Bush on Wednesday, Hickel said he would fight for a share of revenues with the federal government.

"He said there will be a lot of negotiations necessary, and I see that as a real opportunity," Hickel said.

War

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times the number reported the previous day.

The Iraqi military communique also claimed Iraqi forces inflicted "substantial losses" on the allies with missile strikes on front-line positions.

As of early afternoon, allied commanders in Saudi Arabia had not reported any information on new engagements, although the French said their Jaguar fighters targeted artillery units in Iraq and southern Kuwait today.

On Wednesday, the U.S. military reported intensified fighting along the Saudi frontier, including artillery duels and allied incursions into enemy territory.

In one clash, Iraq lost five tanks, 20 artillery pieces and an unspecified amount of men, while one American was killed and seven wounded, Iraqis reported.

In another action, four Army helicopters destroyed a complex of more than a dozen Iraqi bunkers north of the Saudi border on Wednesday, capturing 476 Iraqi soldiers, the command said. Iraq today claimed the mass surrender claim a lie, saying it was only a ruse to lure American commanders.

Some allied commanders have suggested it is difficult to keep troops at hair-trigger readiness for an extended period.

But the U.S. Central Command spokesman, Marine Brig. Gen. Richard Neal, said Wednesday his soldiers were "ready to go right now — or they can go in two weeks."

A U.S. military official in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity, said preparations for the assault were in place and all that was needed was an order to go.

"We are in the eye of Desert Storm," the official said. "There is something of a lull right at the moment."

In Moscow, Aziz was expected to arrive about 8 p.m. (noon EST) and to go directly to Gorbachev's Kremlin office with an answer to the Soviet peace plan, said officials at the Foreign Ministry and the president's office.

Terms of the Soviet proposal have not been disclosed, but the Washington Post reported that Bush told Gorbachev he should add three conditions: Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait within four days from the time it agrees to do so, disclosure of all minefields and release of all prisoners of war.

The four-day deadline was said to have been calculated to force the Iraqis to leave many of its tanks behind.

Some allied pilots flying missions over Kuwait reported continued steady steady knocking out Iraqi armor. Despite a month of round-the-clock bombing of Iraqi positions, U.S. ground forces still found a formidable, entrenched army, the airman said.

"Anyone who thinks it's going to be two days, or three days, or five days, I think is crazy, just because of the sheer numbers of people," said Capt. Bradley Seipel, a weapons system officer of an F-111. "It's kind of like the people saying the air war would last five days."

U.S. military officials said today about 300,000 Iraqi troops in the

Kuwait theater — 10 divisions, plus the 150,000-member Republican Guard — still appear to be in fighting form.

On the front lines, Sgt. Jose Roche, 28, whose Marine company is dug in within sight of border fortifications, said troops are expecting close combat.

"Biting, kicking, scratching, whatever it takes," he said. "When you're fighting hand-to-hand, it's just a street fight."

A grimmer scenario is Iraqi use of chemical weapons — which U.S. commanders say they expect once a ground assault begins.

"I pray to God it's not going to happen, but, yes, I'm convinced they're going to use chemicals," said Col. Samuel Raines, commander of the Army's 7th Engineer Brigade. His unit is expected to be among the first to go into battle.

Battlefield intelligence suggests Iraqis may fire rocket-propelled grenades filled with cyanide gas. Chemical weapons also could be connected to land mines or sprayed from helicopters, commanders said.

If a ground war is ordered, Bush plans to give his field commander, Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, a two-day or three-day window in which to launch it, at the general's discretion.

If the war goes on for much longer, hunger could be among Iraq's worst enemies. Agricultural experts say Iraq's spring harvest could be all but wiped out for lack of fuel and manpower.

In Iraq's hazy capital, Miary has deepened daily. "This is no longer a war, it's a struggle for survival," he said. "There is no food, no gasoline, no fuel."

"We don't want this," added a grocery owner. "We want to live."

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Residents turn out to criticize mall plan

By BRIAN M. TROTTA
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — About 40 residents from the Croft Drive neighborhood turned out Wednesday at a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to oppose a plan to build a 412,000 square-foot strip mall on Pleasant Valley Road.

The mall, to be called The Plaza at Buckland Hills, is being developed by Downeast Associates of Indianapolis. When completed, in the spring of 1992, it will contain eight anchor stores, ranging in size from 10,000 square feet to 86,000 square feet, and several smaller shops.

The residents complained to members of the commission that the mall would create tremendous traffic problems in the area, drainage from the site would exceed the capacity of the area and that light pollution from the mall would disturb their neighborhood.

But despite their concerns, the residents seemed resigned to the thought that the mall will be built with or without their consent.

"We need assurances that something is going to be done for us, so that we don't have to go back five years from now and correct the mistakes that were made," said Peggy Chico of 77 Croft Dr.

The biggest concern of the residents and the commission members was the traffic problems that the mall would create.

But John Collins, president of John Collins Engineers, which did a traffic study for Downeast Associates, said that the changes proposed in the roadways around the mall will keep traffic at acceptable levels.

"I wish I could tell you that this project does not generate traffic, but it will," he said. "But this project was not considered in isolation."

The developer plans to widen Pleasant Valley Road and Buckland Street in several locations and install or modify traffic signals at numerous intersections to keep traf-

fic flowing.

But residents want the developer to add another light and a left turn lane at the corner of Croft Drive and Pleasant Valley Road.

"We can't get out from Croft Drive to make a left turn onto Pleasant Valley Road now," said Lillian Little. "If you don't give us a light, how are we ever going to get out of there?"

The residents also said that the light pollution from the mall would be excessive if the developer is allowed to build the 50-foot stanchions that are included in the plans. They asked that the commission consider limiting the height of the lamps to 30 feet.

Peggy Smith, of 304 Windsor St.,

was concerned about the ability of a retention pond to handle the additional drainage created by the mall.

"At one of the meetings we had with the developer they said that one of the anchor stores would be Toys 'R Us," said Janice Ruggerio of 126 Croft Dr. "That's the one with the big, tall giraffe and the big neon colored signs. Would you want to live across the street from that?"

Mayer Terry Methkoven received an ovation from the residents when he told them that he would investigate their complaints about the agreement.

"If there is an obligation that the town has, then we will live up to it," he said.

That insurance regulations and state law might not allow such a program.

"Sometimes the legal things can kill the best ideas," he said.

But the authority's Counsel Mal-Gulf soon may be able to get help with household repairs under a proposal by a member of the Housing Authority.

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Town considers parking changes

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MANCHESTER — Members of the town's Commission for Disabled Persons unanimously agreed Wednesday to recommend a series of proposed changes in the handicapped parking ordinances, including raising fines for violators from the current \$25 to \$90.

Most of the discussion focused on when the proposed changes in the ordinances would be applied to the owners of parking lots, who will have to construct adequate above-grade signs and paint proper markings on the pavement for designating handicapped spaces.

Commission members agreed the new regulations would be effective immediately for any spaces made after the adoption of the ordinance. For existing spaces, the revisions would have to be adhered to when the spaces are repainted, repaved, or by Jan. 1, 1992, whichever comes first.

The proposed changes are to be written by Town Attorney Maureen A. Chmielecki and then reviewed by the commission again. Without any glitches, they could be adopted by the Board of Directors next month.

One director, Deputy Mayor Ronald Osella, has said the proposed fines are stiff, but he cannot foresee any public opposition. At Wednesday's meeting, he noted that the state statutes indicate fines should be no less than \$85.

The reevaluation, said Saldofski's and Smith's comments, had received nothing but good reviews.

"We want to quell any fears about the assessment process," Irish said.

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of phase-in last month, and Smith warned fellow Republicans they should not risk being voted out of office if they did not join the Democrats.

"I think it smacks of unfairness to make a decision before all the facts are in and before you know what the people want," said Director Ellen Burns-Landers.

It was in Landers' office on East Center Street where today's news conference was held.

Deputy Mayor Ronald Osella said the Republicans have not decided whether they will support a phase-in because they are without the necessary funding information, including such figures as the amount of aid the town is to get from the state, the total value of taxable property in town, and the general manager's recommended budget.

The Republicans, he said, are examining all of these areas closely.

"We're following a logical, national decision-making process," he said, and he noted his party members also want to hear the opinions of townshipwide regarding phase-in. A public hearing on the issue has been scheduled for March 14.

Osella said also that he personally opposes a phase-in, but, as a representative of citizens, he is obliged to consider their opinions with his vote.

"The whole purpose of the reevaluation is to make everybody equal," he said, saying that the phase-in distorts the ratio of where taxes are generated. It loads a heavier burden on those taxpayers who own cars and not real estate, such as tenants, because it lessens the amount of taxes for homeowners.

Osella accused Democrats of advocating phase-ins to garner votes because tenants are presumably less likely to vote than homeowners. Phase-ins, traditionally, are

Democratic procedures.

Director Wally Irish said, "In normal economic times, a phase-in is not something that is to the betterment of the rank-and-file taxpayers.... These are not normal economic times."

The Republicans addressed also the comments made earlier this week by Tax Review Board Chairwoman Rosemary J. Robert J. Smith, both Republicans. The two, who make up two-thirds of the board, said they were skeptical of the methodology used in determining the reevaluated assessments.

"It's very disheartening to me," Irish said. "The town has difficulty enforcing rules about markings and signs."

Because those fines are not in place, Osella said the town has difficulty enforcing rules about markings and signs.

In November, Osella asked Chmielecki to rewrite the ordinance.

MANCHESTER — Members of the town's Pension Board have referred to the school board and the Board of Education after explaining to him that they are unable to help him.

Because of injuries to his heels, the custodian, Albert Packer, can no longer perform the duties of his job, which involve hours of walking and standing each day.

However, Packer does not qualify for a disability pension because his doctor indicated for 30 years.

A letter to the board from Wilson E. Deakin Jr. advised them that he supported Packer's disability application and the school board had no work that he could do before they departed.

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FOCUS

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Memories of mom are happy ones

DEAR ABBY: Quite some time ago, you published a letter from someone who had lost his mother or father and had failed to communicate his love to them. Then it was too late.

I want you to know that I benefited from that letter and your response. Recently, I lost my mother. She was only 69 and died of a heart attack. She was such a sweetheart. Thanks to you, my sadness was not due to guilt, because for the last 10 or 12 years of her life I telephoned her regularly, wrote letters from time to time and remembered her on special occasions. I also visited her every three months although it was a 13-hour drive. On those occasions we had so many laughs and such a good time. While I feel that I would have tried to be a good son, your column reminded me that we are on this Earth such a short time, and after someone dies, it's too late to say, "I love you." Thank you.

If you want to use this letter, you may use my name.

THOMAS T. MENEAR, ATLANTA

DEAR MR. MENEAR: The letter that made a difference in your life is one that has been clipped and carried in two other letters than any other. And here it is:

DEAR ABBY: I am the most brokenhearted person in the world. I could always find the time to go everywhere else, but never time to visit Mom and Dad. They sat at home and loved me just the same. It's too late now to give them those few hours of happiness I was too selfish and busy to give.

Now when I go to their graves and see the green grass above them, I wonder if God will ever forgive me for the heartaches I must have caused them while they were alive. I pray to God that those who still have their parents visit, do so, and show their love and respect while there is still time, for it's later than you think.

TO LATE

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY CHINESE FRIENDS: Gung Hay Fat Cheoi (Translation: "Happy New Year") Since this is the Year of the Ram, let me wish it a good omen for that Los Angeles football team.

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Q. Please tell my husband I'm right! In an episode of "The Golden Girls," they won some tickets to see Bert Reynolds. Turns out Sophia is the only one who gets to go. At the end of the show, Bert comes to the door to pick her up. I say this wasn't really Bert Reynolds, but an impostor. My husband says it is. —L.E., Malvern, Ark.

A. Sorry, but Mr. E. is correct. Bert Reynolds is the one, only and original — played himself.

Q. On "Simon & Simon," who were the actors who played the leading roles? —M., Coos Bay, Ore.

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Q. We just watched "This Earth Is Mine," a 1959 movie with Cary Grant. Was the lady who played his mother the same lady who now plays the part of Lila Quatermaine on "General Hospital"?

—J.D.K., Kearney, Neb.

A. Yes. Lila is played by Anna Lee. Thirty years ago, she was in "This Earth Is Mine," a film about California vineyards in the 1930s. By the way, Rock Hudson was the leading man, not Cary Grant. An English actress, Anna Lee was once known as one of the great beauties of screen.

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

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PEOPLE

■ B.B. King says he'll play four times a year at his new nightclub on Beale Street in Memphis, Tenn., where the bluesman first gained fame and legend had its modern blues born.

B.B. King's Memphis Blues Club, a 350-seat restaurant and nightclub, will open May 3.

"Memphis has been good to me — my career started there, and my roots are still there," said King, 65, who began playing clubs on Beale Street in the late 1940s when paying customers took blues from the country into the city.

"This is the first club to have my name attached to it," King said Monday from New York. "I will have a say-so on the food and entertainment, but the club will have a manager. I'm no businessman. I play guitar."

Under terms of contracts signed Monday in New York, King will play four times a year at the club, whose three buildings have been renovated with \$550,000 in federal funds.

King, known for his red guitar Lucille and songs like "The Thrill Is Gone," got his name "Blues Boy" working as a Memphis disc jockey.

■ Former President Jimmy Carter urged nursing students and faculty at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., to help Haiti, one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere.

Carter said students could "in effect adopt Haiti," which he said was a "kind of basket case" with a per capita income of just \$1 a day.

Haitive people from Haiti who are responsible for nursing training, and let them be part of the Emory School of Nursing," he said.

Carter teaches occasionally at Emory, which has with the public-policy Carter Center. The center is involved with various Third World health care programs.

■ Police searched Wednesday for a man who persuaded several teen-age girls to pose nude for photographs by telling them they will be used in a music video for New Kids on the Block.

The police were inundated with calls about the man, who apparently told the girls that he represents the pop teens.

He convinces girls to pose for nude photographs

by telling them they will be used in an upcoming music video and that their costumes for the video will be added later by a computer.

The first case occurred Feb. 11 in Harris County and involved three girls, Sgt. Ralph Gonzalez said. Two other cases have been reported, but Gonzalez said authorities had not yet interviewed the girls.

Sgt. David Rieks said police also received a call from a shopkeeper in West Houston who said he talked recently with a group of five young girls, all dressed in similar outfits, who said they were going to be in a New Kids video.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In your column about celibacy not being harmful, you assumed that celibacy refers to abstention from sex. Wrong! Celibacy means being unmarried or living in a single state. The vow of celibacy means a vow not to marry. I believe a number of regular readers (myself included) were shocked to see you place their choice not to marry in a sexual context.

DEAR READER: I certainly don't take much to shock you. While celibacy is often defined as being unmarried, by common usage it has taken another primary meaning: abstention from sexual intercourse. The reader's question (to which I responded) implied this more modern interpretation — which, incidentally, is listed in Webster's Third New International Dictionary.

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1) Lamar Alexander, former governor of Tennessee, was recently appointed by the President to be the nation's next Secretary of...

PEOPLE/SPORTS

1) James Cleveland, considered by many to be the world's most renowned and respected (CHOICE ONE: jazz, gospel) artist, died recently of the age of 59.

NEWSNAME

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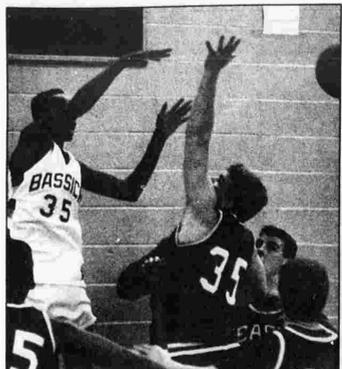
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High School Roundup

MHS girls finish undefeated in CCC East play



WHOSE BALL? — Baskick's J.J. Moore (35) tries a pass over the head of East Catholic's Rod Penders (35) during their game Wednesday night in Bridgport. The Eagles won, 66-63.

EAST HARTFORD — For a second straight season, the Manchester High girls' basketball team experienced an unbeaten campaign within the CCC East Division. The Indians capped a second consecutive 14-0 run Wednesday night with a hard-fought 49-46 victory over second-place East Hartford High.

The Indians wind up 16-4 and now await word of state tournament rankings and pairings which will be released Friday. The Hornets finish 11-3 in league play and 14-6 overall. Manchester had an 18-point (33-15) lead at the half, only to see the Hornets cut it to 37-32 after three quarters.

Rockville winds up the season 1-9 in the league, 3-15 overall. Rockville took a 3-2 lead on a Kevin Donovan goal 11 seconds into the third period. Manchester, however, tied it eight seconds later on a goal from Brian Wry. Wry, who missed Monday's win over Hall with the flu, had a goal and two assists for the Indians.

Dakin got the game-winner as he skated down the right wing on a 2-0-1 and put one at Rockville net-minder Kevin Miller. "He shot it at Miller and it went in," Farno described. Manchester's Mike Russo was in front of the net, partially screening Miller.

Senior Amy Shumaker added 13 points, seven rebounds, three steals and two blocked shots. Freshman Lynn Gaglioli had 19 points and Liza Bennetier 14 to pace East Hartford.

Manchester (49) — Amy Shumaker 5-5 15, Lynn Gaglioli 7-24 17, Kelly Hennessey 3-0-0 6, Beth Gardner 0-0-0 0, Mary Moriarty 2-4-4, Julie Brown 0-0-0 0, Jan Bradley 2-1-2. Total 18-11-15-46.

Senior Eric Crawford had five goals and one assist to show the way for East. Senior Jeff Larson added a three-goal hat trick while Jay Danforth chipped in with two goals and three assists and Tom Balamucki and senior Chris Labrie added three assists apiece for the Eagles.

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Crossman is dealt for defensive help

BY LEN AUSTER Manchester Herald

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North Stars stop Oilers

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (AP) — As a player, Bob Gainey was known for his defensive play. As a coach of the Minnesota North Stars, Gainey has emphasized defensive play.

So one might expect Gainey to bank in the glow of his team's performance Wednesday night, when the North Stars held the Edmonton Oilers without a shot in the second period en route to a 5-1 victory.

Instead, Gainey quietly complimented his team on its effort while pointing out that the Oilers weren't terribly sharp.

"It's an understatement to say they weren't on their game," Gainey said. "You don't see a period like that very often."

Whalers

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Men, women definitely have different preferences in sports

BY STEVE WILLIAMS The Associated Press

American men and women may work side by side in the office, fight together on the battlefield and share dishwashing duty at home. But when it comes to watching sports, they prefer to go their own ways.

In the man's world, football, baseball, basketball and boxing dominate. Women delight in ice skating and gymnastics.

So different are men's and women's tastes, in fact, that they disagree strongly about every 20 sport except the Olympics, swimming, skiing and thoroughbred racing.

Those are some of the findings of the most detailed survey ever of America's attitudes about sports, breaking down preferences by sex, age, income, race, job, household status, education and region to serve companies in the \$20 billion sports marketing industry.

The information may be just as valuable to the teams, television and radio networks and other business sponsors spending.

"There's so much money at stake in sports marketing and advertising, all kinds are being carefully scrutinized. We needed all the information we could get," said Nye Lallava, chairman of the Sports Marketing Group in Dallas, which released results of the survey Wednesday to The Associated Press after

Offer to Gooden said not good enough

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP) — It's clear that Frank Cashen doesn't like Boston's contract with Roger Clemens. It's not clear whether Gooden is happy with a similar deal.

The New York Mets on Wednesday offered to make Gooden the third highest paid pitcher in baseball history, but Gooden's agent said the offer isn't high enough.

"I'm hoping there might not be," Ramsey said. "I'm hoping there might not be," Ramsey said. "I'm hoping there might not be," Ramsey said.

SuperSonics acquire Benjamin — SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle SuperSonics made their third major trade of the season Wednesday, acquiring center Benoît Benjamin from Los Angeles Clippers for backup center Orlan Ogden and two draft choices.

The exchange of 7-foot centers was made a day after Benjamin said he intended to test the free-agent market before the season as an unrestricted free agent and a day before the NBA trading deadline.

"Absolutely, this is a major risk," Sonics president Bob Whitsitt said in a telephone interview from New York. "Next summer, Benoît can sign with anybody he wants."

Benjamin, 26, is in his sixth NBA season. He was the third player selected in the 1985 NBA draft after playing six seasons in the minor leagues.

The 260-pound Benjamin is averaging 14.9 points, 12 rebounds and 2.3 blocked shots in 39 games. He missed 11 games — eight because of oral surgery and three because of a separated shoulder.

49ers reverse their field — SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Calling the switch "a mistake," the San Francisco 49ers reversed their decision to modernize their helmet logo. As of Wednesday, it's back to the old, overlapping "SF" in a circle. That "49ers" emblazoned across the side of the helmet.

Team owner Edward J. DeBartolomeo Jr. said the overwhelmingly negative response to the switch was the reason for going back to its traditional emblem. So, without playing a game under the new emblem, the 49ers reversed field and went back to the helmets they've used since 1962.

NBA fines Ralph Sampson — NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA fined Sacramento Kings center Ralph Sampson \$5,000 for an "abrupt violation" against New Jersey's Chris Dudley.

The incident occurred during the final minute of the first quarter of the Nets' 97-83 victory Tuesday night at East Rutherford, N.J.

Ranked teams have an upsetting night

The Colorado Buffaloes know how Super Bowl New York Giants have promoted their long-time assistants and hired two coaches, reshuffling their staff on offense and defense.

Giants' head coach Bill Parcells created a new position for offensive coordinator Ron Eshart as assistant head coach. Running backs coach Ray Handley will assume Eshart's duties as offensive coordinator and linebacker coach Al Groh will replace Bill Belichick as defensive coordinator.

Jim Fassel, former coach at Utah, will take over in the new role of quarterbacks coach and Fred Bruney, assistant coach at Tampa Bay, will be the secondary coach, assisted by Belichick the last two years.

Parcells is also looking to replace wide receiver coach Tom Coughlin, who took the head coaching job at Boston College.

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Players must be age 9 as of May 31, 1991 and not reach age 14 before Aug. 1, 1991. There is an \$8 registration fee and all registrants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Practices for the 1991 season will start in early April with games starting the first week of May. Games will be Mondays and Thursday nights at 6 p.m. at the Martin School.

For further information, contact Charles Campbell at 875-5133.

Little League holding sign-ups — MANCHESTER — Manchester Little League is holding sign-ups for the 1991 season on Sunday and Saturday, March 3, at the American Legion Hall on Legion Drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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 Dentore (643-4482) or Bernie Lidetter (649-7072).

UConn women whip Huskies — STORRS (AP) — Kerry Backus scored a game-high 20 points and Wendy Davis added 16 to lead No. 14 Connecticut to an 86-55 non-conference victory over Northwestern.

Connecticut, 22-3, shot a season-high 62.1 percent from the field in the Huskies' seventh win in a row and their 13th consecutive home victory Wednesday night. Northwestern drops to 2-22.

After a 2-2 tie, Connecticut went on a 28-10 run in the next 9:30 to take an 18-point lead, 30-12, in the first half. The Huskies led by 24 points, 48-24, at halftime.

Connecticut led by as many as 34 points, 78-44, with 2:30 remaining.

Bascom now needs 13 points to surpass Tony Hanson (1,990 points) as UConn's all-time scoring leader.

Davis, who scored 2-3 pointers Wednesday and has hit 152 in her career, broke the previous Huskies' 3-point goal record of 151 set by Kris Lamb.

Kathy Ferrer added 12 points, Meghan Pattison 11, and Laura Lighthelm 10 for the Huskies.

Krygier said of Montreal's injuries. "Obviously it doesn't hurt," Verbeek said. "They have some key people out of the lineup. We have to capitalize on the chances we get. And we want to put some distance between us and Buffalo this weekend."

Clemens arraignment delayed — HOUSTON (AP) — An arraignment for Boston Red Sox pitcher Roger Clemens and his brother has been postponed pending the outcome of a grand jury investigation of charges the two wrestled with an off-duty officer at a nightclub last month.

State District Judge A.D. Azarov rescheduled the hearing for March 8 after prosecutors and defense attorneys agreed Wednesday to the delay.

Mike Ramsey, who represents both Clemens brothers, said there have been no indictments from the grand jury on the charges, but there could be action by the end of the week.

"I'm hoping there might not be," Ramsey said. "I'm hoping there might not be," Ramsey said. "I'm hoping there might not be," Ramsey said.

SuperSonics acquire Benjamin — SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle SuperSonics made their third major trade of the season Wednesday, acquiring center Benoît Benjamin from Los Angeles Clippers for backup center Orlan Ogden and two draft choices.

The exchange of 7-foot centers was made a day after Benjamin said he intended to test the free-agent market before the season as an unrestricted free agent and a day before the NBA trading deadline.

"Absolutely, this is a major risk," Sonics president Bob Whitsitt said in a telephone interview from New York. "Next summer, Benoît can sign with anybody he wants."

Benjamin, 26, is in his sixth NBA season. He was the third player selected in the 1985 NBA draft after playing six seasons in the minor leagues.

The 260-pound Benjamin is averaging 14.9 points, 12 rebounds and 2.3 blocked shots in 39 games. He missed 11 games — eight because of oral surgery and three because of a separated shoulder.

49ers reverse their field — SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Calling the switch "a mistake," the San Francisco 49ers reversed their decision to modernize their helmet logo. As of Wednesday, it's back to the old, overlapping "SF" in a circle. That "49ers" emblazoned across the side of the helmet.

Defense remains a constant with injury-riddled Pistons

By The Associated Press

While injuries continue to play havoc with Detroit's consistency on offense, the Pistons continue to win games with defense.

The defending NBA champions, 9-4 since Isaiah Thomas was sidelined after wrist surgery, beat the Atlanta Hawks 97-89 on Wednesday night, the 17th time this season the Pistons have held the opposition under 90 points.

Not surprisingly, the Pistons are 17-0 in those games.

Cowach, Chuck Daly's problems with Thomas have been compounded by John Salley's back problems. Against Atlanta, James Edwards and Dennis Rodman both got in early foul trouble.

"We're surviving. That's all you can say," Daly said. "A lot of guys are playing foul minutes. It will take us time to get it together. We'll just have to wait and see."

But Dumars scored 25 points in 37 minutes. Bill Laimbeer had 19 points and 14 rebounds in 43 minutes and Vinnie Johnson had 14 points in 45 minutes for the Pistons.

"Billy played really hard minutes," Daly said. "He and Joe Dumars both played well. I'd like to find Billy some relief, but it's just hard to do right now."

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Cleveland 118, Sacramento 104; Indiana 122, Orlando 120 in overtime; Golden State 108, Minnesota 105; and Phoenix 113, the Los Angeles Clippers 93.

The Hawks, who snapped an eight-game road losing streak Tuesday night when they beat the New York Knicks 110-102, were held to 39 percent shooting by Detroit, now 23-4 at home.

"It's a matter of time," Atlanta Coach Bob Weiss said. "They come down and set up. That's the way they play in the playoffs, so they figure they might as well do it all the time."

"Of course, when you shoot 39 percent like we did, that holds down the score, too."

Suns 113, Clippers 93: Phoenix took control with a 26-6 second-half burst, turning a six-point deficit into a 14-point lead at Los Angeles.

Tom Chambers had 26 points and 11 rebounds and Dan Majumbe scored 24 points for the Suns, while Ron Harper led the Clippers with 26 points.

"Nick Anderson led the Magic with 25 points, while Dennis Scott added 24.

Warriors 108, Timberwolves 105: Tim Hardaway, who nearly led the shot-clock run out, hit a desperation 3-pointer with 2.9 seconds left, giving Golden State a road victory over Minnesota.

The Warriors made only one of their first 11 3-point attempts, but Hardaway, who scored 14 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter, had two in the final 1:18.

Mitch Richmond led the Warriors with 25 points, while reserve forward Rod Higgins scored a season-high 24 and Chris Mullin had 21 for Golden State, giving the Warriors four players with more than 20.

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