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U.S. bank bailout heads to taxpayers

By DAVE SKIDMORE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Step by step, the taxpayer is being drawn into paying for bank failures. On one front, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. wants Congress to expand its line of credit at the Treasury in case the cost of bank failures exhausts the deposit insurance fund. Theoretically, banks would repay the loan through an increase in their insurance premiums. But if the industry continues to deteriorate, taxpayers are at risk. Separately, support is growing for having taxpayers, rather than the banking industry, bear the extra cost of bailing out uninsured depositors in institutions whose failure could unravel the banking system.

Sen. Donald W. Riegle Jr., D-Mich., chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, on Tuesday introduced a broad banking overhaul bill. One provision, in effect, would have taxpayers share the cost of the biggest bank rescues.

His bill is intended to prevent bank failures with tougher regulation and would bar the FDIC, which

is financed by the banking industry, from protecting deposits in excess of the \$100,000 insurance limit after 1991. However, the Federal Reserve could pay off uninsured depositors if it believed that was necessary to prevent a contagious run on other banks' deposits or some other extreme financial emergency. Any money the central bank gets would have to be deducted from the annual revenues it forwards to the Treasury. So, in effect, general taxpayers would bear the cost. The argument for spreading the cost of such bailouts is that the entire financial system and everyone who uses it benefits, not just banks. "If what you're really talking about is an institution that's gotten so far out of bounds that it threatens to bring down the whole system, then maybe the cost of intervening there ought not to necessarily go against the insurance fund per se but ought to be charged against the government generally," Riegle said.

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Government halts relief

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Sudan's government has grounded U.N. flights to that country's drought-stricken south, hampering a relief operation to help millions of hungry people, international aid officials say. In northern sections of Sudan, where the government has banned all major overland and air relief aid workers fear that up to 1 million people could die by the end of the year.

A drought of varying severity has affected almost all of Sudan, threatening up to 11 million people, according to relief officials. Most victims are in the north, but relief officials say up to 2 million people in the south are also affected.

The East African nation, long ravaged by a civil war in the south, has a total population of about 25 million.

The government halted flights to the south on Feb. 15, according to the relief officials. That same day, James Jonah, a senior U.N. official, arrived in Sudan's capital, Khartoum, on a three-day mission related to the relief program.

He had said he guided the government's full cooperation, the relief

officials said Tuesday. However, there has been no evidence of such cooperation. The government refused to acknowledge the famine or declare an emergency.

A declaration of famine would necessitate an appeal for help, Sudan's leader, Lt. Gen. Omar Hassan el-Bashir, appears ready to accept starvation among his people, rather than ask outsiders to bail out his government.

Many of those fleeing the hard-hit northern regions of Darfur, Kordofan and Red Sea Hills in search of food are dying en route, relief officials have said.

One official told The Associated Press in January that because of the government's intransigence and delay in relief efforts, tens of thousands of people will die.

Though the situation is less dire in the south, it is still serious. Eight years of civil war and intermittent drought have left the region's food supply chronically perilous.

The United Nations and aid groups working under the umbrella of its Operation Lifeline Sudan are trying to deliver 150,000 tons of food and supplies into the region to avert widespread suffering this year.

Proposal stops noisy planes

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — The nation's oldest and noisiest jetliners would go into retirement a decade early under the government's new aviation noise-reduction plan, the Transportation Department's No. 2 official says.

Deputy Secretary Elaine L. Chao said Tuesday that the proposed regulation is balanced, permitting expansion of commercial air service while helping communities seeking relief from erspilling noise near airports.

Speaking at a public hearing on the proposal, Miss Chao called the plan to phase out noisy "Stage 2" aircraft by the end of the century and replace them with quieter planes "strong and sensible" despite its estimated \$4.4 billion price tag.

But spokesman for the airline industry said more flexibility is needed to help weaker airlines make the adjustment. Representatives of noise-reduction groups expressed disappointment, saying they want swifter and more decisive action.

Major ice storm paralyzes towns

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Hundreds of people without heat or electricity Tuesday because of a major ice storm took refuge in Red Cross shelters, and jammed hotels turned away hundreds of would-be guests.

Utility crews worked to restore service to more than 160,000 homes and businesses left without power in the wake of Monday's storm in western and northern New York, but officials said it could be days before all customers get electricity back. Power was restored to about 90,000 customers earlier in the day.

Ice and broken tree limbs littered streets and lawns. "In my 70 years of life in Monroe

County, I've been through a lot of ice storms but nothing like this," said Tony Brescia of Gates, a suburb of Rochester.

"We had some crippling experiences. But I don't think any as crippling as this," said former Rochester historian Blake McKelvey, 86.

Schools and many businesses in the Rochester area remained closed and mail was not delivered for a second day in some hard-hit areas. Students at Nazareth College in Rochester, which has been without electricity, heat and hot water since early Monday, were asked to leave the campus until next week.

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Kuwaitis patch back their lives

By JOHN POMFRET
The Associated Press

KUWAIT CITY — The connection made, Kuwaitis spoke for the first time in months with loved ones who had fled the Iraqi occupation, learning of births, deaths, collapsed investments and lost love.

Their capital was back in telephone contact with the rest of the world for the first time since the Iraqis invaded, and they were waiting for hours in the rain for their turn in a phone booth.

"It's like living in a time warp. I missed seven months of life. My wife gave birth to a baby boy. My aunt died and I knew nothing, just nothing," Ahmed Al-Yaqou, a pilot with Kuwait Airways, said after calling his wife.

"I felt cheated out of this time. Talking to her, she sounds so different. It was our first year."

Al-Yaqou, 34, was one of thousands who lined up Tuesday to call relatives and friends abroad in a phone service provided free by AT&T.

Like his government, which is struggling to begin reconstruction, Al-Yaqou and others on Tuesday labored to rebuild personal lives, ambushed by the Iraqi attack on

Kuwait seven months ago. Calls were limited to about six minutes.

While the government worked on restoring water and electricity, Al-Yaqou woke up his wife in Chevy Chase, Md., and exchanged his first words with her since she fled Iraq, three weeks after the Aug. 2 invasion.

"She didn't believe it was me," he said. "Then she yelled at me and then she told me we had to pick a name for the boy. How can you pick a name in six minutes? We decided on one name, Bush, for George Bush. We'll figure out other names later."

The phone service was set up on Sunday, with 52 lines. By the end of the week, officials say they hope to have 220 lines operating. Gary Gearhart, an AT&T employee, said 12,000 phone calls were made in the first 24 hours.

Several lines snaked around a communications building — one for the military, one for civilian men and one for civilian women.

In the women's line, Nada Zaid, a 25-year-old secretary, said she was going to call her boyfriend in Syria who left Kuwait last year. She'd been waiting for five hours.

Police accused

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police reportedly clubbed and kicked a motorist lying on the ground, and a bystander caught it on videotape. Now the FBI and the district attorney are considering whether to charge the officers.

Civil rights activists Tuesday branded the beating part of a pattern of police misconduct in the nation's second-largest city.

Police Chief Darly Gates said if the officers' actions prove to be out of line, it could not be considered representative of his department.

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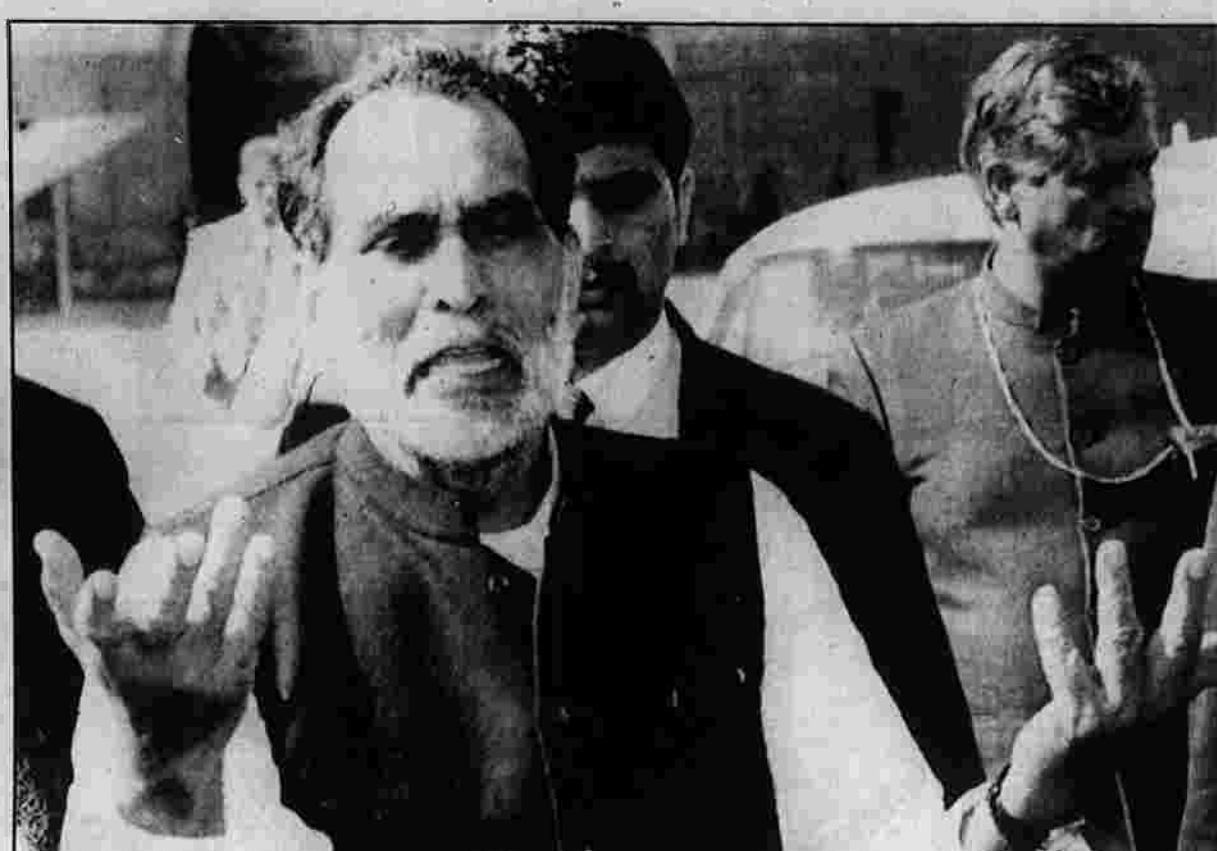
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RESIGNATION ACCEPTED — Indian Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar gestures to reporters as he leaves the Presidential Palace in New Delhi Wednesday, after his resignation as Indian Prime Minister was accepted by the president.

Prime minister resigns

By VIJAY JOSHI
The Associated Press

NEW DELHI, India — Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar resigned today, saying he can no longer run his minority government because of manipulation by former Indian leader Rajiv Gandhi.

Chandra Shekhar's dramatic declaration in Parliament touched off an immediate political uproar. Even some opposition politicians who had criticized the prime minister in the past today upbraided Gandhi's Congress Party, India's largest.

Gandhi has made a series of ill-disguised power plays in recent weeks. His party boycotted Parliament on Tuesday and today in a dispute over alleged police surveillance of his official residence on the outskirts of the capital.

Chandra Shekhar said he asked President Ramaswamy Venkataraman, who accepted his resignation, to arrange for new elections, instead of trying to patch together another minority government. The prime minister said he would continue in office until new arrangements are made.

"The president has assured me that he will take a decision within 24 hours," Chandra Shekhar told reporters outside the presidential palace.

Chandra Shekhar, 63, took office Nov. 10 after helping to engineer the downfall of V.P. Singh, the prime minister from the Janata Dal party who succeeded Gandhi.

In his minority coalition government, Chandra Shekhar needed the support of the Congress Party to remain in power. Without that backing, Chandra Shekhar's Janata Dal-Socialist party, a faction of Janata Dal, was given no chance of passing any legislation in parliament.

Before his announcement, opposition members bitterly criticized him for running a "puppet" government controlled by "puppeteer" Gandhi. Afterward, some opposition members echoed his sentiments.

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Illness spreads

By AP

LIMA, Peru (AP) — The Peruvian cholera epidemic is approaching 55,000 cases, and officials in Ecuador report the first death in a neighboring country.

The death toll for the epidemic, now in its sixth week, rose Tuesday to 258 in Peru, with 65 deaths reported in the first days of March.

Health officials around the country indicate that while the number of new cases had been declining, there has been a surge in recent days.

"The number of cases arriving is reaching the levels that we had at the beginning of the epidemic," said Dr. Sigifredo Cassiano, of Lima's Dos de Mayo hospital.

Health Ministry figures released Tuesday showed 54,977 cases since Jan. 23. Nearly 13,000 people have been hospitalized.

In Ecuador, Health Minister Plutarco Naranjo said a 55-year-old woman who died Sunday was among about 20 people who had the disease in the village of Bajo Alto. The others were treated and are out of danger, he said.

It was the first report of a cholera death in any neighboring country since the epidemic began. Officials in Chile, Bolivia and Argentina have denied news reports that cholera cases have been recorded in those countries.

Naranjo said Peruvian fishermen who traveled to Bajo Alto from the frontier city of Tumbes apparently carried cholera into Ecuador.

Health officials also confirmed Monday that the disease has appeared in Ecuador's largest city, Guayaquil, which has a population of 2 million.

Peruvian Health Ministry spokesman Raul Fernandez said the actual number of people carrying cholera is much higher than the number of cases reported, since many people could be infected for every person who registers symptoms.

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OPINION

Open Forum

Cannon wrong

To The Editor:
This paper recently published a letter from Ivi Cannon, a candidate for Bolton's Board of Education on the "Common Sense" coalition.
I hope Ms. Cannon's letter won't set the tone for her upcoming campaign, because it was outrageous. The letter included not only a number of wholly unsubstantiated allegations (which were untrue) but also some claims that, at best, are completely illogical (and, again, untrue).
Ms. Cannon claims that she was the target of CASE's "wrath" recently at a town meeting where her salary as welfare director was put to a vote. To summarize her argument, she accused Pam Sawyer, a Board of Education member, of requesting that the vote to add \$2,150 to her salary be cast by a paper ballot (presumably to make it easier to defile).

Pam Sawyer made no such request! As a member of the Board of Education team that was negotiating salaries with Bolton's teachers, she was put to a vote on one night, she inquired at Town Hall about procedures to be followed at the meeting. When told that the teachers' contract would be cast by a paper ballot, Sawyer asked why one salary vote would be by paper and one by hand (or voice) vote. Town employees explained that a hand or voice vote was the usual procedure but a paper ballot could be requested by obtaining the required number of signatures on a petition, and such a petition had been submitted for the vote on the teachers' contract. Sawyer got the answer to her question, Sawyer simply dropped the matter. She made no effort to pursue a petition for a paper ballot on Cannon's salary — nor did anybody in CASE.

The ludicrous nature of Cannon's claim that CASE had targeted her appropriation can be seen in what actually happened that night. She says at the conclusion of her letter that the appropriation passed by a voice vote, but she doesn't get specific enough. In a crowd of over 400 people, only one person voted against her appropriation. Since that crowd included many, many CASE members, only a very twisted logic can see in that vote evidence of any kind of conspiracy. (For all we know, that one dissenting vote could have come from a TNT member who wanted to keep taxes down.) The fact is that, whatever their disagreements with Cannon over school issues, most people, including most CASE members, see the value of what she does as welfare director and were prepared to support her.

But Cannon's letter ended with an even more ridiculous allegation: i.e., that "it seems probable that some 'individual members' of CASE are behind the firing of Charlie Holland just as they had a hand in the move against me." Cannon's letter is not the first time that charge has been made, either openly or by implication, but never has it been backed by the slightest shred of evidence. I am co-chairperson of CASE and I am aware of any CASE member who has contacted Ted Sawkowski, the high sheriff of Tolland County who fired Holland. Last week, I called him to ask if anyone from Bolton had attempted to pressure him to fire Mr. Holland. His answer? Nobody — not a single person — even contacted him to request Holland's dismissal, or to even register a complaint. The termination of Holland's status as a deputy sheriff is a matter that is between Holland and Sawkowski, and CASE hasn't had, and doesn't want to have anything to do with it. We are a group that supports excellence in our schools, and we're not interested in carrying on personal vendettas.

A political campaign is coming up that will probably be characterized by some sharp disagreements about some of the issues. There's nothing wrong with that. Our system of government is intended to provide a forum for the airing of differing views. What is wrong is to make highly inflammatory statements without any evidence supporting them (or with faulty evidence). The allegations in Cannon's letter come out of thin air. If she and other members of the "Common Sense" coalition continue to present arguments along similar lines, I suspect they will soon be known as the "Nonsense" coalition.
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THE DEMOCRATIC GUARD

U.S. plans reconstruction

WASHINGTON — How do you rebuild a modern country and economy from the ground up? The Emir of Kuwait has a plan — drawn up by the U.S. Army. It will take a decade and more than \$100 billion to accomplish. But the Emir says that his people have the job done, and hopefully the cash, to get the job done.

The biggest initial problems:
• Locating and dismantling the tens of thousands of mines and booby-traps left by fleeing Iraqis.
• Putting out the hundreds of raging oil well fires.
The initial rebuilding plan was drawn up by the U.S. Army's 352nd Civil Affairs Command, stationed in suburban Washington, D.C. Many members of the unit have been in Saudi Arabia working daily with the government-in-exile of Emir Jabir Ahmed Sabah to draft the plan that is now being put into effect.
According to Pentagon sources who have read the plan, the initial phase is scheduled to take three months. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers signed a contract with the Kuwaiti government for \$46 million to supervise this first phase.

Immediately, military engineers will attempt to restore water supplies, electricity and sanitary facilities in Kuwait's city and nearby areas. Rubble will be removed from streets. The international airport will be put back into regular service, and international communications networks will be restored. The plan calls for several thousand U.S. military personnel to be initially involved. Several hundred civil affairs specialists will work within all levels of the Kuwaiti government getting the restoration started. The remainder will be

A Constitutional uproar

(CNS) During this bicentennial year of the Bill of Rights, it's too bad that public television hasn't been shooting a documentary of what has been happening in Amherst, Mass., in recent months. This is a place where the Constitution never sleeps because there are so many loud arguments over what it means.

Last fall, for instance, Amherst's Citizens Review Commission proposed a new bylaw that would forbid the public use of "fighting words" that "by their very utterance inflict injury" on the person or group addressed and "which tend to incite an immediate breach of the peace."
But the bylaw did not specify which particular offensive words would be punished. In an editorial, the Daily Hampshire Gazette reminded the townfolk of what many colleges around the country have forgotten: "The First Amendment protects even offensive speech." And an attorney, Alan Rubin, testified before the commission that the proposed bylaw "makes me fighting mad." (Presumably, if the bylaw had been in effect, the commissioners might thereby have found guilty of committing "fighting words.")

William Newman, an American Civil Liberties lawyer, warned that this proposed care for racism, sexism and other verbal assaults "was not a cure but in fact a disease." But William Norris, representing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, asked: "Why should 'fags' be protected? What threatened First Amendment right are you expressing when you use that word?"
The proposed bylaw has been laid aside — unhappily by some — to be

Finding a way in the Gulf

By JACK ANDERSON and DALE VAN ATTA

WASHINGTON — With few, if any landmarks in the Saudi desert, one of the major hazards of the six-month buildup to the war was getting lost. Some U.S. armored vehicle crews had to pop the hatch, climb out and get a crude compass reading for their bearings in the desert.

The problem is the Pentagon never bothered to develop an adequate built-in navigational system for the M-1 Abrams tank and the M-2 Bradley fighting vehicle.
In the days leading up to the ground offensive, the Bradleys were used as scouting vehicles for tank and infantry units, probing enemy positions to make sure there would be no surprises for the troops who followed. On a mission like that, the last thing a man wants to do is show his head to find out which way is which.
FMC Corp. manufactures the Bradley. A spokesman told us that the vehicle was designed for fighting in Europe with landmarks, roads and varied terrain. The Iraqi desert has no such conveniences. In Europe, a map makes more sense than a high-tech navigational system. But the chances of having to use the M-1s and Bradleys in Europe are not as great as the chances that they will be used again in the unstable Middle East.

A lost armored vehicle, or one that shows up where it isn't supposed to, is a major embarrassment for the military. Hughes Aircraft Co. has a contract with the Pentagon to build a system that allows commanders to track the location of their armored units on the battlefield, but it will not be available in large numbers for years. A lack of coordination with allied aircraft on the whereabouts of friendly ground units resulted in "friendly fire" casualties in the Persian Gulf War.
To compensate for the lack of built-in gadgetry, the Pentagon ordered thousands of portable receivers that use the Global Positioning System — a network of 16 satellites used for sea navigation. Trimble Navigation and Magellan Systems Corp. make the hand-held devices called Small Lightweight GPS Receivers (SLGRs), nicknamed "sluggers." They pick up signals from the GPS satellites and can pinpoint the user's location within 50 feet.
The 16 GPS satellites can't give 24-hour-a-day coverage, but the hand-held receivers get raw reviews from U.S. troops who have been better than nothing.

The units that got "sluggers" before the invasion were few and far between. The Pentagon won't give out numbers, but our sources estimate there were between 2,000 and 5,000 of the hand-held receivers available for use during combat. Ideally, the troops could have used about 50,000 of them.
A spokesman for the Air Force Space Systems Division, which buys the receivers, told us the companies couldn't keep up with the demand. "These are small companies. They can't pop these things out like TVs."
But officials at Magellan Systems told our associate Dean Boyd that the Pentagon has been too prudent in its orders for the "sluggers." The Pentagon is considering replacing the existing models with a new system in 1993 that would have greater military capabilities and may be less reluctant to stockpile. The sluggers have been ordered in relatively small increments. Within the ground war began, Trimble Navigation was booked up through May with Pentagon orders. But Magellan Systems had excess sluggers in stock.
The receivers were in such high demand on the front that some soldiers wrote home to their families asking them to buy one. "We have mothers here in the states making credit card orders to us on behalf of their sons over there," one Magellan Systems official told us.
Why were the Reagan and Bush administrations so soft-headed about Saddam Hussein before he invaded Kuwait? They were under pressure from American industrialists and wanted to do business with Iraq, and those corporations needed friendly relations between the two countries. Saddam met with American industrialists and waved the prospect of oil money under their noses. That was all they needed to form an influential pro-Iraq lobby in Washington, and the White House listened. U.S. leaders coddled Saddam, and he became convinced that he had nothing to fear from Washington.

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Showdown set for strike bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration today threatened to veto legislation that would ban the hiring of permanent replacement workers during strikes, saying it would give labor unions too much power and promote labor strife.

The veto threat sets the stage for a showdown with organized labor's Democratic supporters in Congress and union officials who consider the measure critical to ensuring that American workers maintain their decades-old legal right to strike.

Labor Secretary Lynn Martin staked out the administration's opposition to the so-called "strikebreaker" legislation at a House hearing today, before the White House had not yet decided whether to veto the bill.

Labor leaders, who long have held the Republican administration

Budget

proposed.

Krawcheck said the alternative tax plan developed by DiBella's committee is "a smokescreen to try and frighten people into feeling that they have no alternative to an income tax."

DiBella and state Rep. Richard Maloney, D-West Hartford, the co-chairman of the Finance Committee, are both supporters of a state income tax. But they agreed to draft a budget balanced without an income tax so that members of their committee can consider the alternatives.

DiBella insisted that the alternative is a "good faith" attempt to give legislators a choice.

"We did not try to load it up with the ugliest items we could find," he said.

Under the plan, DiBella said,

Walk

One day in the early spring of 1987, after waking up, he noticed he had double vision in his left eye, he said. Three days later, he woke up "wall-eyed" with both eyes turned uncontrollably in the opposite direction, unable to see unless he closed an eye.

His legs responded in a similar manner shortly after, and soon he was diagnosed as having MS.

After a while, the disease went into remission, but returned in full force a few years later.

Now, with a cane to help him balance, Patten can span a room in a few seconds.

An estimated 250,000 people have multiple sclerosis, a disease which causes the body's immune system to mistakenly attack nerve tissue.

And although Patten has not put a limit on how much he expects to raise, he hopes to do far better than the \$500 he raised last year.

"I'm not setting a limit for myself, but I'd love to raise \$5,000," he said.

People who wish to make pledges to Patten can send them to: Richard Patten, 869 Main St., Manchester, CT 06040.

Golf

Work on the system is expected to take eight-to-ten weeks and would be completed by July 1. However, the work may be postponed to the fall to limit the inconvenience to golfers, said Robert Brown, vice president of Manchester Country Club Inc.

Brown said that the club will not charge golfers the increased fees right away if the work is delayed.

The system is being installed because the current sprinkler system is deteriorating rapidly and does not reach all areas of the course, course officials said.

Director Joyce Epstein questioned the desirability of building the watering system at a time when there is no long-term lease on the club, Manchester Country Club Inc. is operating the club under a two-year lease which expires in 1993.

"I'm not so sure that this won't put us at a disadvantage when it comes time to negotiate a new lease," she said. "It may give [potential leasees] leverage in negotiations."

The town, meanwhile, has begun early plans for the possible construction of a second 18-hole course near the Country Club.

Gulf

Republican Guard would be given a \$300-a-month pay raise. It said that was in recognition of their "heroic stands in the mother of all battles."

The measure "would eliminate a major check on precipitous striking, promote increased labor unrest, and disrupt the flow of commerce," Martin told the House Education and Labor subcommittee on labor-management relations.

"If the bill were presented to the president, his senior advisers would recommend a veto," she said.

"Everyone of them's a hero," Schwarzkopf said after greeting the freed POWs. "It's almost over."

Several of the former POWs were bandaged and one had a cast on his leg. Another, identified as an American F-16 pilot, was carried from the plane on a stretcher. The only woman, U.S. Army Maj. Rhonda L. Cornum, had both arms bandaged and in slings. She smiled as she left the plane.

But leaders of the 142-million member AFL-CIO consider the measure a burning issue because of what's happened to unionized workers who choose to strike and then, in essence, find themselves fired because the companies have given their jobs away to strikebreakers.

groceries would remain exempt from the sales tax, and the rate of the sales tax and the corporations tax would remain unchanged.

Even before releasing the plan, DiBella said he had reservations about it because the sales tax has proven an unreliable generator of revenue, and Connecticut's sales tax is already the highest in the nation at 8 percent.

"The whole question of volatility and competitiveness creates a competitive disadvantage for business in general," he said.

In addition to the 15 American,

the freed captives included nine Britons, nine Saudis, an Italian and a Kuwaiti. The release of the prisoners was among peace terms laid down by the victorious allies.

Iraq, which released 10 other allied POWs on Monday, said the 35 released today were the last prisoners it held. If this is true, that would leave 29 Americans unaccounted for in the fighting. The Pentagon now puts the U.S. casualty toll in the 42-day war at 115 dead and 330 wounded.

Fourteen of the Americans listed as missing were aboard an Air Force AC-130 gunship that disappeared Jan. 31 after radioing a terse "mayday." Wreckage of the plane has been discovered in the Persian Gulf, a spokesman at the Heriburt Field, Fla., air base said today.

No official casualty figures were released by the Baghdad government, but tens of thousands of Iraqis were believed killed in the war.

With the war over, Saddam's government was busy coping with the outbreak of a rebellion at home.

The southern Iraqi city of Basra, where heavy fighting had been reported, was said to be back under the control of pro-Saddam forces today. But continuing unrest was reported in other southern cities, and in northern Iraq, Kurdish guerrillas claimed to have seized at least five towns.

A U.S. military official in Saudi Arabia, speaking on condition of anonymity, said although "active resistance" had died out in Basra, the situation remained "fluid" elsewhere in the south.

The official said there were indications of unrest in Karbala, a

shrine city to the north, and that a unit of the pro-Saddam Republican Guard was moving in.

Kurdish rebels, who have long fought for an autonomous homeland, claimed to have seized the provincial capital of Erbil, about 80 miles south of the Turkish frontier. There was no way to independently verify the claim.

Also today, Iraq's government-controlled al-Basrah newspaper carried an article signed by Saddam's son Uday, in which he denied reports that he was killed in Basra.

President Bush is to summarize the lessons of the Persian Gulf War tonight in a nationally televised address to a joint session of Congress, his aides said. They said Bush will describe his vision for the future security of the region and for curbing weapons proliferation.

More Western journalists were reported missing today in southern Iraq, and an Iraqi opposition group said at least five foreign reporters were seen in the custody of Iraqi government forces.

On Monday, 28 journalists were reported missing after heading toward Basra to cover the turmoil there. But today, journalists based in Saudi Arabia said they knew of six colleagues who also were missing.

In Damascus, Syria, a spokesman for Iraqi Shiiite Muslims opposed to Saddam said his group was told that five foreign journalists were seen Monday being led out of Basra by Iraqi soldiers. Bryan Jabe said he did not know the journalists' nationalities. French media reports said a substantial number of the missing journalists might be held by the Republican Guard.

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Parking fines increase

By RICK SANTOS
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Fines for violating the town's handicapped parking ordinance have increased from \$25 to \$50, almost four times the previous \$25 penalty.

The increase is part of a series of changes to an ordinance that members of the Board of Directors unanimously approved Tuesday.

One of the changes, as recommended by the Commission for Disabled People, was to change the word "physically disabled" to "handicapped." The reason for the change could not be made, according to Assistant General Manager Steven R. Werber, is the state uses the word "handicapped" and the town's designation must comply with the state.

Besides making the changes to bring the town's handicapped parking ordinance up to the standard of state statutes — which are no less than \$85 — the increase is meant to deter potential violators.

"I think this is good for the town and will help to make sure the spaces are available for disabled people," said Commission Chairman Robert Albert, who attended Tuesday's meeting.

The changes also affect 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.

The new regulations are effective immediately for any spaces yet to be made. For existing spaces, the revisions will have to be adhered to when the spaces are repainted, repaved, or by Jan. 1, 1992, whichever comes first.

The changes allow the town to fine the owner of any parking area for not having enough handicapped spaces or not posting adequate markings and signs to identify the spaces.

For lot owners, the mandatory minimum number of handicapped spaces is a function of the total number of spaces in any parking area; the proportion is about one per 25 for smaller lots and gradually decreases as lot sizes increase.

Handicapped spaces must be at least 15 feet wide, including a three-foot, cross-hatched border unless the markings would not conform with other regulations. And the spaces must be identifiable with appropriate above-grade signs.

The fines for non-complying parking areas, like parking violations, are \$90 and would be levied if proper signs and markings are not installed within 30 days of written request by the traffic authority. The fine can be reassessed each day that the owner is in violation.

The regulations do allow the town to create handicapped spaces if the owner fails to do so, and bill the owner. That portion of the rules is not proposed for change.



IT'S NOT ROVER — Anna Krupen, in wheelchair, and Zabel O'Hanessian, bending down in front, take turns petting the one-and-a-half-week-old calf "Baby." The calf, which lives on Al Piaseczny's Back Achers Farm in Bolton, toured the Westside Multicare Center on Bidwell Street in Manchester Tuesday.

Coventry charter plan OK'd for public hearing

By JACQUELINE BENNETT
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — The Town Council Monday night embraced the proposals of the Charter Revision Commission and also made a gentleman's agreement with a firm that wants to restore the Loomis House.

"I applaud the commission for the nature of your recommendations and your prompt work," council member Peter Halverson said during the meeting at the Town Office Building, addressing Charter Revision Commission members.

The council set a public hearing on the proposals for March 25 at 7:30 p.m. It is likely to be held at the Central Loomis House.

Nine changes are proposed:

- The annual town budget can be acted on at the annual town meeting. The budget then goes to an automatic referendum 10 days later. No limit was set on the number of referendums allowed.
- To insure that the Town Council will always be able to muster a quorum, if the council falls below five members, two voters could confirm a new council appointment in the case of a 2-2 tie vote, in accordance with Roberts Rules, the affirmative vote wins.
- The Town Council chairman will be designated chief elected officer.
- A summary of ordinances will be published in a local newspaper rather than the entire ordinance to save money.
- Designation of the town manager as the chief executive officer was reinforced.

■ The town manager will be required to include a fifth column in his budget showing approved budget figures for the current fiscal year. The manager must also present the Town Council a budget 100 days before the end of the fiscal year (to accommodate a change in the date of the Annual Town Meeting).

■ The Annual Town Meeting will be moved from a Friday in May to the fourth Saturday morning in April.

■ Referendums on appropriations of \$100,000 or more could be held along with regular elections, to save money.

In another matter, the council agreed to give R.C. Foss and Son, Inc. of Pittsfield, N.H., one month to come up with a cost analysis for restoring the 19th century Loomis House on Route 44 that was donated to the town.

"You've got a building that really deserves to be restored," said Peter Stimmell, a construction manager for the firm.

Stimmell said times are tough for builders, but his company is devoted to quality work, therefore likes restoration projects because quality craftsmanship is a must.

Stimmell said currently the company is working on a project for the University of Connecticut's agriculture department.

Cross said the firm wants the time also to see if a tenant can be found willing to go along with the strict preservation on requirements of the town, and also to investigate federal grants for the project.

Town directors approve water treatment plans

By RICK SANTOS
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Members of the town's Board of Directors Tuesday approved a \$240,000 plan for the engineering and design of two water-treatment facilities for four wells on New State Road and Parker Street.

The Rocky Hill engineering firm of Malcom Pirnie Inc., the lowest of 14 bidders, has been selected to design the facilities, Young said.

The money is fully reimbursable by the state and the cost to construct the treatment facilities is to be reimbursed at about 65 percent, town Manager Richard J. Sierter told board members before the unanimous vote.

Water and Sewer Administrator Robert J. Young said the construction cost cannot be determined because the town has not selected a method of treating the well water.

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Menus

The following lunches will be served the week of March 11-15:

Westhill & Mayfair Gardens
Monday: Orange juice, Salisbury steak, parmesan noodles, carrot coins, green beans, corn; Chicken sandwich, fruit, milk. Tuesday: Leg of veal with gravy, baked potato, war beans, Egg salad sandwich, fruit, milk. Wednesday: Chicken alfredo, carrot, carrot; Turkey sandwich, fruit, milk. Thursday: Pot roast with gravy, whipped potatoes, peas; chicken salad sandwich, fruit, milk. Friday: Chicken croquettes with poofette sauce, zucchini, broccoli; Tuna salad sandwich, fruit, milk.

Meals on Wheels
The hot noon meal is listed first and the cool evening meal, second: Monday: American chop suey, green beans, corn; Chicken sandwich, fruit, milk. Tuesday: Leg of veal with gravy, baked potato, war beans, Egg salad sandwich, fruit, milk. Wednesday: Chicken alfredo, carrot, carrot; Turkey sandwich, fruit, milk. Thursday: Pot roast with gravy, whipped potatoes, peas; chicken salad sandwich, fruit, milk. Friday: Chicken croquettes with poofette sauce, zucchini, broccoli; Tuna salad sandwich, fruit, milk.

Manchester elementary schools
Monday & Tuesday: Half day, no lunch. Wednesday: Beefburger or cheeseburger on roll, corn niblets, choice of fruit, milk. Thursday:

Report: School deficit shrinks

By BRIAN M. TROTTA
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — In a complete turnaround from its position just four months ago, the Board of Directors Tuesday applauded the Board of Education for its management of school cafeterias.

In accepting the report from the Cafeteria Study Committee, which was formed after it was discovered that there was a \$90,000 deficit in the cafeteria fund, the directors apologized for their harsh criticism last October.

At the time, Director Ronald Oella blasted School Superintendent James Kennedy, calling the deficit "a clear case of mismanagement."

Oella led a successful Republican effort to limit the amount of the deficit that the directors would cover. The directors voted to pay \$65,000 of the \$90,000 deficit and let the Board of Education cover the rest on its own.

But Assistant Superintendent of Schools Wilson Deakin warned the directors that there may still be problems with this year's budget because the revenue from the first two months of the school year had to be applied to the remaining deficit from the previous year.

"This current year can't be penalized by the payment of two months' revenue to last year's deficit," said Democratic Director Stephen Cassano. "If this year's loss is less than \$30,000, then we've made some progress."



BALANCING ACT — Amy Schiera, 10, of 128 Oak Grove St., Manchester, walks along the Oak Grove Street curb while going home from the Highland Park School Tuesday afternoon.

In Brief . . .

MANCHESTER — The Manchester St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee selected Patrick Joseph Clancy, of 167 Highland St., to be the parade marshal for the Manchester contingent in this year's Greater Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Clancy, born in Ballycumber, County Offaly, Ireland, to a family of eight children, served in the Irish Army for four years, and played on the Offaly championship football team in 1948. Later that year, Clancy emigrated to the United States eventually settling in Manchester.

Coventry elementary schools
Monday: Waffles, sausage, juice, fruit. Tuesday: Grinders, chips, salad, fruit. Wednesday: Cheese pizza, green beans, juice bars. Thursday: Steak sandwich, french fries, peas, chocolate chip cake. Friday: Chicken soup, grilled cheese, cole slaw, peaches.

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State to decide on fourth Lomax trial

HARTFORD (AP) — Hartford State's Attorney John Bailey says he has made the "agonizing" decision of whether to retry Joe Lomax for a fourth time in the murder of a 24-year-old newspaper reporter.

Lomax's third trial ended Monday when the jury declared itself hopelessly deadlocked. Lomax was charged with murder, felony murder and burglary in the October 1987 strangulation of Kara Laczynski, a reporter for the Journal Inquirer newspaper of Manchester.

Bailey said he planned to announce his decision today after a 2 p.m. court hearing. The hearing, which was originally scheduled for Friday, was moved up at Bailey's request.

The session could Lomax's last appearance in a case that has

brought him to court hundreds of times since his arrest in Dec. 24, 1987. Or it could be the start of a long legal odyssey.

Lomax's lawyer, Joseph A. Moniz, has made it clear that he would appeal to higher courts if the state seeks a fourth trial. Apparently, only once before, in North Carolina, has a murder case gone to a fourth trial after three ended in hung juries.

Todd D. Fernow, an assistant professor at the Connecticut School of Law who has researched the issue, said it is unclear how higher courts would rule because there is so little precedent.

In an 1824 decision that set the standard in the issue, Fernow said, the U.S. Supreme Court said cases should be retried "when the ends of public justice would otherwise be

Labor dept. figures show weak economy

By KIM S. MARTIN
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — The latest economic figures released by the state show more bad news for Connecticut's weak and economy, with unemployment on the rise and other major indicators declining.

According to figures released Tuesday by the state Labor Department, Connecticut's unemployment rate rose to 5.1 percent in January. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was up from 4.9 percent in December.

But the jobless rate remained

below the national rate of 6.2 percent in January.

The number of unemployed people in the state in January was 98,000, up from 83,900 in December, the Labor Department said. In January 1990, unemployment stood at 4.5 percent with 88,700 people not working.

Unemployment was highest in Danvers (9.0 percent), Waterbury (8.6 percent) and Bristol (8.2 percent). The jobless rate was lowest in Stamford (3.8 percent), Norwalk (3.9 percent) and Danbury (4.0 percent).

Unemployment benefits paid out in January shot up 35 percent from December, from \$42 million to \$56.9 million.

The state's construction industry was down 12 percent from December, dropping from 59,600 jobs to 52,400.

Auto registrations, housing permits and manufacturing all went down the first month of 1991.

According to the state Department of Housing, housing permits plunged 34.7 percent in January to their lowest monthly total since the last recession nine years ago. Only 271 new residential housing units were authorized in January, compared with 415 issued in December.

Weicker defends budget before business leaders

By JUDD EVERHART
The Associated Press

HARTFORD (AP) — Gov. Lowell P. Weicker Jr. sounds increasingly impatient with the legislative budget process. He'd like to get the budget approved in the next couple of weeks so the state can "get on to other issues."

During an hour-long speech and question-and-answer session with business leaders on Tuesday, Weicker said some lawmakers seem more interested in "a little political dance" than getting a budget approved.

He told the group they should be up at the Capitol

pushing for his budget, which is premised on an overhaul of the state tax system and imposition of a personal income tax. If he were a businessman looking at his budget, he said, "I'd say 'Hallelujah!'"

Legislators have had three weeks to "look at the numbers," he said, and now "I'd like to have this budget passed in the next couple of weeks and get on to other issues."

He got defensive when they said they wanted bigger budget cuts.

"This budget is 2.3 percent minus growth (compared with 1990-91)," Weicker told about 400 men and women attending "Business Day" at the Capitol. "It's

been between 10 and 14 percent growth a year.

"Now somebody comes along and gives you 2.3 percent minus growth (and I hear) 'We want more'" in budget cuts, the governor belittled.

"Yes! Yes!" Some of the business leaders cried in support of additional reductions.

"Fine," Weicker said. "Then I don't think you want the exchange that has to be made."

The governor said he had cut spending by \$1.2 billion. What he actually did in preparing his 1991-92 budget was reduce state agency requests by that amount. The total proposed budget is \$7.48 billion, a 2.3 percent, or \$170 million, reduction from this year's spending

level of \$7.65 billion.

Weicker notes that his is the first budget in modern history that total less than the previous year's. Weicker said he didn't think the business leaders or the public in general yet appreciated that fact.

Weicker also said his budget calls for reductions in the state work force by 1,100 to 1,800. Actually, the net reduction from the current year in his proposed 1991-92 budget is 674 workers. He did reduce agency requests by 1,855 workers in some areas while adding 1,181 in other areas, for the 674 difference, according to the Senate. Murray, who the governor has assigned to work with labor unions to get \$400 million in concessions.

State board denies police officer's earring rights

HARTFORD (AP) — A 44-year-old Vernon police officer who fought the right to wear an earring to his department's ban on the practice.

Clark Fisher, a 20-year veteran of the police force, said the earring had nothing to do with his left ear and did not hamper his performance on the job.

"The people on the street wear earrings, and they like it," he said. "It helped me do my job."

A state arbitration board voted 2-1 on Friday to reject

Fisher's grievance, describing his fight to wear an earring as an example of "the sustained and mindless pursuit of egalitarianism over the recent decades."

Fisher said he did not buy the board's tacit argument that his earring might undermine what it described as "the long and proud traditional standards to which most police departments in the United States have adhered."

"If you were in trouble and I were the police officer coming up to you, and I was wearing an earring, would you just say, 'Forget it,' or would you say, 'Can you help me?'" Fisher said. "East Hartford has been wearing

them for years with no problems from John Q. Public."

The board said police officers stand apart from the public.

"As a police officer (Fisher) cannot be viewed or treated as is the average citizen, with respect to personal liberty," the ruling said. "His professional responsibility involves, when appropriate, restricting the personal liberty of some individuals so that all of us, collectively, may enjoy as much personal liberty as is permissible under law."

Agreeing with the department's argument that a

police force qualifies as a paramilitary organization, the state Board of Mediation and Arbitration stressed the importance of strict uniforms both for soldiers and police officers.

"The uniforms set both groups apart, they establish important distinctions between them and all others," the ruling said. "If (the uniform) lends itself to cohesion and heightened camaraderie, factors quite important to the mission of dealing with hostile forces, wherever the battlefield."

Veterans' fund cuts benefits

HARTFORD (AP) — When Connecticut veterans of the Persian Gulf War return home, they likely will find less financial aid from a state trust fund that is succumbing to economic strain, the administrator of the fund said.

The Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Fund, established in 1919 to help veterans stay off welfare, has cut benefits to the lowest level in 16 years, according to Edward Barry, the fund's administrator.

Meanwhile, Barry said, applications for assistance have sharply increased in the past four months — from 63 in October to 113 last week.

Although the state's economy has been slumping for some time, Barry said demand for help from the trust fund increased only recently.

"People don't feel (the need) until they've been laid off for a while and they start running out of unemployment or the health benefits start to run out," he said.

Until January, single applicants were eligible for \$120 a week for up to 20 weeks. Married couples could get \$100 a week, plus another \$25

for each child and a weekly rent allowance of \$116. The fund also paid one full month's rent for needy families, Barry said.

On Jan. 1, Barry cut the allowance period to 13 weeks. Although the benefit period has always fluctuated, this is the shortest it has been since 1974, when it was 10 weeks. The record was during the Depression, when veterans were limited to an eight-week allowance, and fund administrators had to seek extra money from the General Assembly.

The fund now distributes the interest on about \$42 million that was invested by the General Assembly after the two world wars and the Korean War. No money has been invested since, and the fund has about \$3.4 million available annually.

To be eligible for help from the fund, veterans must be state residents who served in the military for at least three months during wartime.

Barry said veterans who served during the Persian Gulf crisis will be eligible for help after discharge from active duty.

Chief of police promises action

HARTFORD (AP) — Police Chief Ronald L. Loranger said he will take administrative action against an officer who was recorded on videotape striking a handcuffed student at a riot at the University of Hartford.

"After reviewing the film, I'm disgusted," Loranger said Tuesday night.

The videotape was not provided to police, but an investigator from the department's internal affairs division recorded the footage from a television news broadcast, Loranger said. Police were able to tentatively identify the officer from the tape, he said.

Loranger said he planned to notify the officer involved before deciding what action to take or releasing the officer's name.

The videotape was taken by a student while Hartford officers and security guards tried to break up an unauthorized keg party on the campus early Sunday morning.

Nine students and seven police officers were injured in the melee, which involved as many as 1,000 students, police said. Thirteen students were also arrested.

Two sergeants and a lieutenant from internal affairs have been assigned to investigate complaints of brutality and excessive force, even though the department has received no formal complaints, Loranger said.

Loranger and University of Hartford President Humphrey Tonkin talked Tuesday morning about keeping lines of communication open between the university, the city and the police department.

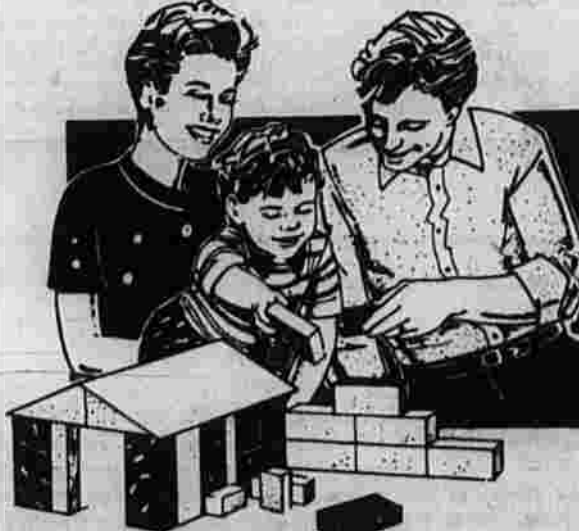
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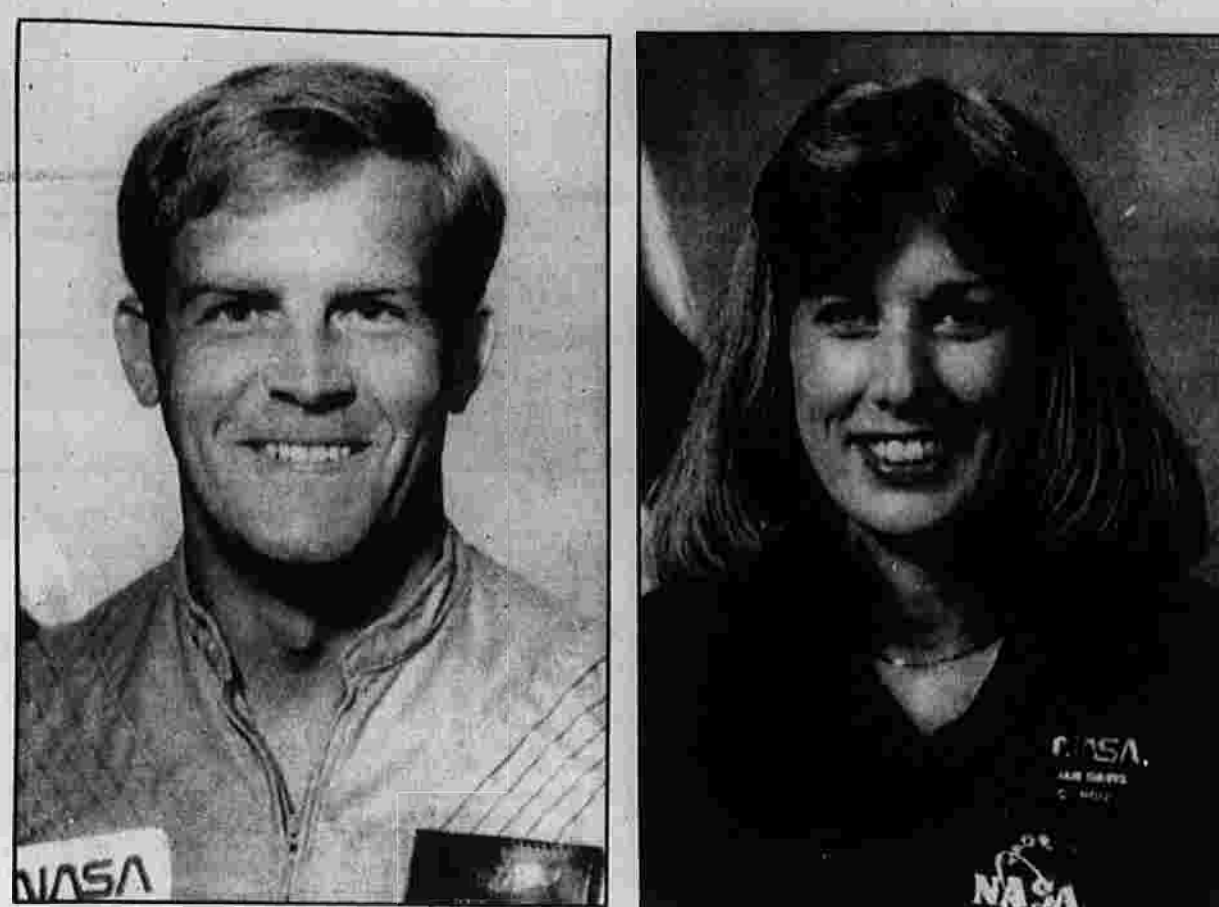
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OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD HONEYMOON — After much debate, NASA is allowing newlyweds Mark Lee and Jan Davis to become the first married couple to fly on the same space shuttle mission. The astronauts were married in early January and are scheduled to fly together on a September 1992 assignment.

Newlywed astronauts plan to fly together

By MARCIA DUNN
The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — For astronauts Mark Lee and Jan Davis, it's a wedding gift that's out of this world. After much debate, NASA is letting the newlyweds become the first couple to fly together in space.

NASA normally avoids putting husbands and wives on the same shuttle flights. But because Lee and Davis got married after being assigned to a 1992 scientific research mission, the agency decided against splitting them up.

Lee and Davis are the third married couple among about 80 current astronauts and 23 astronauts in training.

"It's good to think the space program is becoming like the real world," said astronaut M. Rhea Seddon, wife of astronaut Robert "Hoot" Gibson. The other astronaut in training.

Lee and Davis were married in January, 1 1/2 years after being assigned to a September 1992 mission aboard the new shuttle Endeavour.

NASA officials spent nearly two months deciding what to do.

"You can worry about a lot of things with married people flying together," Seddon said. "Will a spouse show their mate preference of some sort, or will it be a problem if they're having disagreements at home? But I think all of those are kind of far-fetched."

NASA spokeswoman Barbara Schwartz said Tuesday an exception was made for Lee and Davis. "It does not change policy," she said.

NASA believes each crew member should be an equal interacting with the others, and couples could upset the balance. Also, if the couple have children, NASA doesn't want both parents on the same flight in case of an accident, Schwartz said.

Lee, 38, an Air Force lieutenant colonel, will serve as commander of the Shuttle's mission, a joint U.S.-Japanese venture. He has flown in space once

before.

It will be the first shuttle flight for Davis, 37, an engineer.

Lee and Davis have refused interview requests regarding their marriage. But Schwartz said they are thrilled about flying together.

Seddon and Gibson would have jumped at such an opportunity after they were married in May 1981, but not now that they have children. One son is 8 years old, the other is almost 2.

"You don't want to leave the kids as orphans," Gibson said.

Because of the risk, Seddon and Gibson also refuse to fly together in training jets. They even avoid traveling on the same commercial airliner.

Gibson, 44, a Navy commander, is more nervous watching his wife being launched into space than he is when he's going up, and she feels the same way about him. Seddon has an added worry — her husband is a self-described "hopeless flying addict."

Gibson was racing a single-engine plane in a Texas air show in July when he collided with another plane. He landed safely, but the other pilot was killed. NASA grounded Gibson for violating a policy that restricts high-risk recreational activities for astronauts assigned to shuttle flights.

Free to fly for pleasure during his one-year shuttle suspension, Gibson set a world altitude record for small piston-engine aircraft on Jan. 31. He flew to 27,040 feet in his home-built plane.

"You would think with the jobs we have ... perhaps he would want to minimize risks in other parts of our lives," said Seddon, 43, who is trained as a surgeon. "There are times when I wish he were sitting at home watching a football game other than out flying his racing plane. But I know this when I married him."

Gibson said there's nothing extraordinary or particularly glamorous about being an astronaut married to an astronaut.

Seddon agreed: "We're not like the 'Right Stuff' guys, who were really different."

Hazards of nuke dump in Nevada are debated

By LEE SIEGEL
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The government is spending \$4 billion to learn if volcanoes, earthquakes, rising ground water or other problems could cause radioactive disaster at the proposed national nuclear waste dump in Nevada.

But some scientists close to the project say there is so much uncertainty about volcanic eruptions and other geological hazards that no amount of research will ever provide enough evidence the Yucca Mountain site is safe.

"We should start looking now for a new site, and it should not be in a volcanic and earthquake area," said Charles Archambeau, a geophysicist at the University of Colorado. "Yucca Mountain is going to be impossible to certify as a safe site."

Scientists who want Yucca Mountain abandoned include Nuclear Regulatory Commission geologist John Trapp, who believes volcanic eruptions might release nuclear waste to the environment, and Energy Department geologist Jerry Szymanski, who fears ground water might flood the dump and cause environmental calamity.

Other scientists and officials at both federal agencies say it is far too soon to reach a verdict. They say the Energy Department's research should be able to show if tunnels at Yucca Mountain could safely contain nuclear waste for tens of thousands of years.

"We make no pretense that we have enough data at this time to

make a determination that Yucca Mountain is safe," said Carl Gertz, the Energy Department's project manager in Las Vegas. "If it's not suitable, we don't want to build a repository there. We just need to conduct the studies to see if it is safe."

The critics "are by no means kooks, but they do represent a distinct minority of the scientific community," said Clarence Allen, a geologist-geophysicist at the California Institute of Technology and a member of the government's Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.

In 1987, Congress picked Yucca Mountain over sites in Texas and Washington for a \$15 billion-dump for America's most dangerous nuclear garbage.

Nevada officials oppose putting the dump 100 miles northwest of Las Vegas and contend the choice was dictated by the sparsely populated state's lack of political clout.

Supporters say the site is attractive because it is remote and would keep nuclear wastes a third of a mile above the water table.

Most of the Energy Department's decade-long study is on hold while the agency and the state fight in court over Nevada's refusal to issue permits for further research.

So far, the government has spent \$1 billion on the study, which is expected ultimately to cost \$3 billion to \$4 billion.

If research showed the site reasonably safe, the Energy Department would apply in 2001 for a Nuclear Regulatory Commission license allowing construction of the



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About Town

Jaycees present citizen award

The Manchester Jaycees will host a dinner honoring Donna R. Mercier Friday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Bolton's Restaurant, 275 Boston Turnpike, Bolton. Mercier will be given the "Citizen's Recognition Award" for 1991. All interested in attending should contact Barzotini at 646-1210 during the day and 645-7488 in the evening.

Support group

The Bolton Support Group of Family and Friends will meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Tedford's Real Estate, Rt. 44-A, Bolton. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call Edie Clark at 643-5251 after 5 p.m.

Health lecture

A program on "Consumerism and Health" will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Lowe Program Center of Manchester Community College. Pharmacist Ralph Stanzone of Manchester, a lecturer in MCC's Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Counselor Program, will discuss different topics as part of National Collegiate Drug Awareness Week.

Art association

The Tolland County Art Association will hold its March meeting on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Lortie Flak Building, Henry Park, Vernon. Guests and new members welcome. Please bring work for the Picture of the Month.

Britannia chapter

Britannia Chapter, Daughters of the British Empire, will meet Thursday at 11 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Robert Walker, 54 Tiffany Rd., East Hartford.

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Daffodil festival

Thursday, March 21, is the first day of spring and Daffodil Festival time at 253 East Center Street, the office of the American Cancer Society's Manchester-North Unit. There will be 96,000 freshly cut daffodils to be sold for \$4 per bunch of 10 flowers. If desired, orders for 10 or more bunches will receive free delivery if going to the same address. Call 643-2168 by March 12 to place your order.

Blood pressure screening

The Visiting Nurse and Home Care of Manchester, Inc. will conduct a Blood Pressure Screening at the Bolton Pharmacy on Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. The service is part of the ongoing Health Promotion Programs offered by the VNA in association with the Bolton Board of Health. For more information call 647-1481.

Births

THOMPSON, Miriam Louise, daughter of Dan and Nancy Lewandowski. Thompson of 191 Briarwood Drive, Manchester, was born Feb. 17, 1991 at Hartford Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Norbert and Dorothy Lewandowski, Buffalo, N.Y. Her paternal grandparents are Dan and Helen Thompson, Evanston, Ill. She has a brother Brian, 2.

GIARD, Theresa Marie, daughter of Edward J. and Frances O'Neil of 17 Green Road, Manchester, was born Jan. 30, 1991 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Connie and Joe Schuster of 22 Cumberland St., Manchester. Her paternal grandparents are Kay and Edward Giard of South Windsor. She has three brothers, Chris, 15, John, 9 and Gregory, 6 and a sister Elizabeth, 12. Her great-grandmother is Mrs. John Giard of South Windsor.

HENRY, Sean Patrick, son of Alanmont H. and Lorraine Edgar Henry of Tipton, Fla., formerly of Manchester, was born Jan. 22, 1991 at Palm Beach Gardens Hospital, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William D. Edgar, 353 Hackmatack St., Manchester. His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alanmont G. Henry, South Windsor.

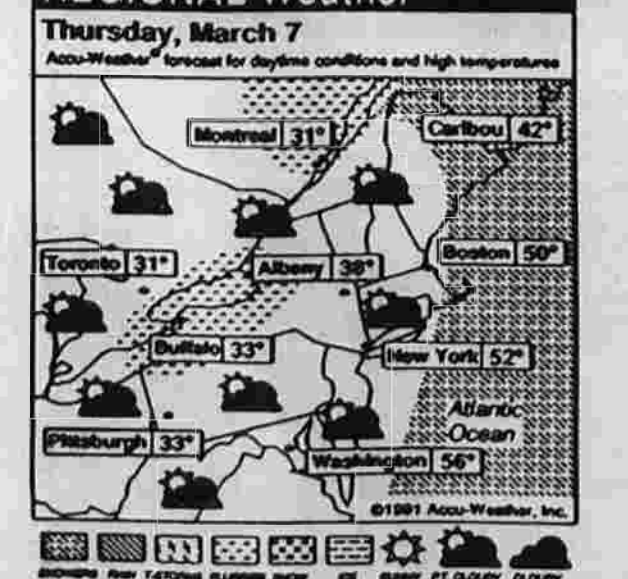
Lottery

Here are the latest lottery results from around New England:

Connecticut
Daily Lottery: 8-3-0. Play 4: 3-2-0-7. Lotto: 12-17-22-29-33-43.
Massachusetts
Daily Lottery: 9-9-2-7.
Northern New England
Pick 3: 5-9-7. Pick 4: 6-6-8-9.
Rhode Island
Daily Lottery: 6-0-6-7. Lot-O-Bucks: 4-13-23-38-39.

Weather

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Deaths

This town listing of deaths is offered free of charge by the Manchester Herald. Paid announcements of death and obituaries appear under the Death Notices heading.

Manchester

Alice F. Crowley
John Gabalins
62 McDivitt Dr.

Death Notices

John Gabalins

John Gabalins, 82, of 62 McDivitt Drive, Manchester, husband of Anna (Stalme) Gabalins, died Tuesday, March 5, 1991 at his home. Born in Liepaja, Latvia on June 14, 1908, he spent 3 years in Germany, coming to the United States in 1947, settling in Hartford and moving to Manchester in 1973. Prior to his retirement in June, 1973, he was a lathe operator at the Hartford Special Machinery. He was a founding member of the American Lutheran Church of Manchester. Besides his wife, he is survived by twin daughters, Mara Furnace of Jupiter, Florida and Inara Larson of South Windsor; three grand children, and many dear friends. Funeral service will be Saturday at 11:00 A.M. at the American Lutheran Church, 21 Garden Street, Manchester. Burial will be in the East Cemetery. Calling hours are Friday 7-9 P.M. at the American Lutheran Church, 21 Garden St., Manchester. Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse and Home Care of Manchester, 345 No. Main St., Manchester, CT 06040. Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., Manchester, is in charge of the arrangements.

Sophie F. (Falkowski) Loder

Sophie F. (Falkowski) Loder, 71, of West Hartford, widow of Vernon J. Loder, died Saturday (March 2, 1991) at a local convalescent home. Born in Coalport, Pa., she lived in West Hartford for most of her life. Prior to her retirement, she was employed for many years as a secretary at St. Bridget School, West Hartford. A communicant of St. Bridget's Church, she was a member of the Ladies Guild as well as a Eucharistic Minister. She was also a member of the Elmwood Senior Center. She is survived by a son, William V. Loder of Newmarket, N.H.; a daughter, Patricia Mallane of Westford, Mass.; five sisters, Rose Crydz, Catherine Moriarty, Ann Delaney, and Barbara Falkowski, all of Manchester, and Sister Mary Felicia of the Sisters of Mercy, West Hartford; four grand children, Mark Mallane of Westford, Mass., Katie and Amy Loder of Pelham, Mass., and Heath Loder of Newmarket, N.H. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday, 10 a.m. at St. Bridget Church. Burial will be private. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Bridget's School, The Sheehan-Hillborn-Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, has charge of arrangements.

Alice (Fox) Crowley

Alice (Fox) Crowley, 85, of 57 Gerard Street, Manchester, departed this life Tuesday, March 5, 1991 at the Manchester Memorial Hospital. She was the wife of Frank J. Crowley. Mrs. Crowley was born October 10, 1905 in Peabody, Mass., and came to Manchester in 1935. She was a communicant of St. Bartholomew Church and a member of the St. Agnes Guild. Besides her husband, she is survived by her brother, Charles Fox of Salem, Mass.; two sisters, Ruth F. Ring of Peabody, Mass., and Catherine F. Moore of Marblehead, Mass. She also has several nieces and nephews in the Peabody area. Calling hours will be Friday from 8:30 to 10:30 A.M. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 A.M. at St. Bartholomew Church, 741 East Middle Turnpike. Burial will be at that afternoon at 2:30 P.M. at St. Mary's Cemetery in Peabody, Mass.

College Notes

O'Neill

Susan E. O'Neill of 525 Gardner St., Manchester, has been named to the dean's list at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y. She is a junior majoring in civil engineering.

Several pass exam

Several area residents have recently passed the National Uniform Certified Public Accountants exam, the second major step in the process leading to certification and licensure as a certified public accountant. Manchester residents passing are: Joseph C. Kukulic, 144 Vernon St.; Michele A. Najjar, 150 Pine St.; and Wendy J. Wiegand, 52 Breton Road. Also passing were Daniel G. Dwyer, 100 Old Andover Road, Hebron; and Michael S. Hassett, 17 South Road, Bolton.

Chance of rain

Tonight's weather in the greater Manchester area: Rain. Chance of a thunderstorm. Low in the mid 30s. South wind 15 to 25 mph. Chance of rain 80 percent. Thursday, a chance of rain in the morning, then gradual clearing. High in the middle 40s. Chance of rain 50 percent. Outlook for Friday, fair. High around 40. High pressure will move east of New England, allowing low pressure to move in from the west. The associated cold front will pass across the area Thursday morning, ushering in cooler air. Weather summary for Tuesday, March 5, 1991: Temperature: high of 47, low of 32, mean of 40.

Obituaries

Lord Penney

LONDON (AP) — Lord Penney, who worked on the Manhattan Project to build the atomic bomb and later created Britain's A-bomb in the 1950s, died Sunday at 81.

No cause of death was given. In 1944, Penney became principal scientific officer of the British team involved in the atomic bomb development project at Los Alamos, N.M. He helped assemble the bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945.

On Oct. 5, 1952, he directed the test explosion of Britain's first atomic bomb in the Monte Bello Islands off the northwestern coast of Western Australia. He was knighted for his services.

Penney was director of the government's Atomic Weapons Research Establishment from 1953 to 1959. In 1954, he also became responsible for weapons research at the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority.

In 1959, he became the authority's member for scientific research, concentrating on long-term research into peaceful uses of nuclear energy, including projects to develop cheap electricity.

Johnny Revolta

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Johnny Revolta, who taught himself to play golf with a homemade club and won more than 40 tournaments, died Sunday at age 79. Revolta joined the pro tour in 1933 and played against such greats as Walter Hagen, Byron Nelson and Gene Sarazen. He went on to win 19 events on the Professional Golfers Association tour and 22 state tournaments before leaving the circuit in 1952.

Revolta later became head pro at Evanston Golf Club in Skokie, Ill., and taught golf at the Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Robert Pearson

ST. PAUL (AP) — Robert E. Pearson, who became a tour guide at the state Capitol after losing his sight in 1975, died Monday of a heart attack at 67. Pearson and his guide dog, Faba, were a familiar sight at the Capitol from the late 1970s until he retired about three years ago.

Pearson learned his way around the building when he worked as a doorkeeper for the House in the 1950s. He was a police inspector for the state Agriculture Department for 20 years before losing his eyesight because of diabetes.

Elmer Bischoff

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Elmer Bischoff, a prominent figure on the San Francisco Bay area art scene for decades, died Saturday of cancer at age 74. Bischoff after World War II was one of several influential instructors at the California School of Fine Arts, now the San Francisco Art Institute. His colleagues included Clyfford Still, Mark Rothko, Ad Reinhardt and Hassel Smith.

Bischoff and his colleagues were instrumental in bringing Abstract Impressionism to the West Coast. His work is displayed at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and other museums around the country.

Frank Barry

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Frank Barry, former solicitor general to the U.S. Interior Department, died Friday at age 78.

Barry was appointed by President Kennedy and served for seven years before leaving to teach law at the University of Oregon. He helped establish the first Arizona chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Jack Jones

MERION, Pa. (AP) — Jack Jones, a weekend anchorman on Philadelphia's KYW-TV, died Tuesday of pancreatic cancer at age 41.

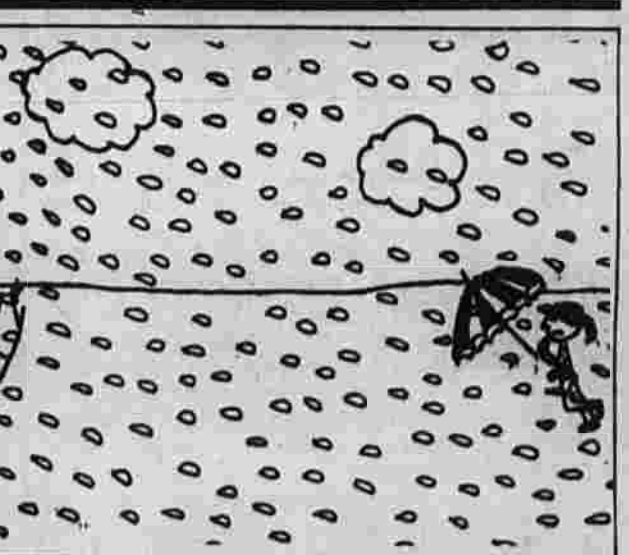
He worked at KYW from 1976 to 1979, then moved to WLS-TV in Chicago, returning to KYW in 1984. He was a local Emmy in 1985 for a firsthand report on the famine in Ethiopia.

Students make Dean's

The following area students have been named to the dean's list at Bates College, Lewiston, Maine: Helen B. Call, daughter of David and Marian Call; Erik N. Lindland, son of John and Bonnie Lindland; and Jodi E. Widmer, daughter of Randolph and Pauline Widmer, all of Manchester. Also, Stacie L. Renfro, daughter of James and Karen Renfro of Coventry.

Stephens

Michelle Stephens, daughter of Edward S. Stephens of 211 S. Main St., Manchester, has been named to the dean's list at the University of Vermont. She is a junior at the College of Allied Health and is attending the university on a gymnastic scholarship. She's a graduate of East Catholic High School.



Today's weather picture was drawn by Katherine Lezon, a fifth-grader at the Highland Park School, Manchester.

Today In History

Today is Wednesday, March 6, the 65th day of 1991. There are 300 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 6, 1836, the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, fell to Mexican forces after a 13-day siege. All 187 defenders of the mission compound — including Davy Crockett and James Bowie — were killed.

On this date: In 1806, poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning was born in Durham, England.

In 1834, the city of York in Upper Canada was incorporated as Toronto.

In 1853, Verdi's opera "La Traviata" premiered in Venice, Italy.

In 1857, in its "Dred Scott" decision, the U.S. Supreme Court held that Scott, a slave, could not sue for his freedom in a federal court.

In 1933, a nationwide bank holiday declared by President Franklin D. Roosevelt went into effect.

In 1935, retired Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Junior died in Washington.

In 1944, U.S. bombers staged a daylight raid against Berlin during World War II.

In 1957, the former British African colonies of the Gold Coast and Togoland became the independent state of Ghana.

In 1967, the daughter of Josef Stalin, Svetlana Aliluyeva, appeared at the U.S. embassy in India and announced her intention to defect to the West.

In 1983, in a case that drew much notoriety, a woman in New Bedford, Mass., reported that she had been gang-raped atop a pool table in a tavern called Big Dan's.

Ten years ago: Walter Cronkite signed off for the last time as anchorman of "The CBS Evening News" after 19 years on the job. President Reagan held a news conference in which questioners had already been chosen by lot. ("Reagan roulette," as it was nicknamed, was quickly abandoned.)

Public Meetings

Manchester
Thursday
Chemistry National Historical District, Lincoln Center hearing room, 4:30 p.m.
Building Committee, Municipal Building coffee room, 7:30 p.m.

Andover
Thursday
Board of Finance, Andover Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Bolton
Thursday
Board of Library Directors, Bolton Library, 7:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Coventry
Thursday
Board of Education, Coventry High School, 7:30 p.m.
Rehabilitation, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.

Hebron
Thursday
Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Economic Development, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Central Office Board, Superintendent's Office, 7:30 p.m.

Thoughts

Jesus said, "For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?" What is of supreme value in your life? What is most precious to you?

Our world is replete with stories of people who have given themselves to the attainment of power, wealth, popularity, success and pleasure — only to realize that they were grasping for shadows. Christ helps us to develop a proper perspective on the value of temporary goods of this world. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Paul S. Johansson, Pastor
Emanuel Lutheran Church

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SEAFOOD STUFFED POTATOES

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- 1 package (8 oz.) pasteurized process cheese spread
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon white pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 4 drops bottled hot pepper sauce
- 1 package (10 oz.) frozen broccoli spears, thawed
- 1 package (8 oz.) Louis Kemp Crab Delights flakes or chunks
- 4 large potatoes, baked or microwaved

- Heat first six ingredients in saucepan on medium; cook and stir until cheese melts.
- Cut broccoli spears into 1-inch chunks. Add broccoli and Crab Delights to cheese mixture; cook and stir 5 minutes more.
- Cut potatoes down center almost all the way through. Spoon about 1/2 cup mixture over each cut potato.

Nutrition Information Per Serving:
470 Calories, 23 g Protein, 68 g Carbohydrates, 13 g Fat, 45 mg Cholesterol and 1,370 mg Sodium.

SUPER SEAFOOD SALAD

This versatile salad can be a main dish or sandwich filler. (Makes 4 servings)

- 1 package (8 oz.) Louis Kemp Crab Delights flakes or chunks
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup sliced celery
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion or green onion
- Lettuce leaves

- Cut Crab Delights in half or shred.
- Combine with mayonnaise, celery and onion. Serve on lettuce or as a sandwich filling.

Nutrition Information Per Serving:
200 Calories, 7 g Protein, 9 g Carbohydrates, 16 g Fat, 15 mg Cholesterol and 680 mg Sodium.

For additional recipe ideas call the Louis Kemp Recipe Line 1-800-522-1421, toll-free, 9-4 p.m. CST.

ORIENTAL CRAB STIR-FRY

Serve over rice for a meal in minutes. (Makes 3 servings)

- 1 package (8 oz.) Louis Kemp Crab Delights flakes or chunks
- 1 package (10 oz.) frozen oriental-style vegetables with seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon each garlic powder and ground ginger
- Soy sauce, optional

- Combine Crab Delights, vegetables with seasoning, garlic and ginger. Heat according to directions on vegetable package.
- Stir and serve. Season with soy sauce, if desired.

Nutrition Information Per Serving:
145 Calories, 11 g Protein, 22 g Carbohydrates, 2 g Fat, 15 mg Cholesterol and 805 mg Sodium.

SEAFOOD BROCCOLI DIVAN

(not pictured)
Here's a seafood variation on a French classic. (Makes 4 servings)

- 2 packages (10 oz. each) frozen broccoli spears, thawed
- 1 package (8 oz.) Louis Kemp Crab Delights flakes or chunks
- 1/2 cup milk
- 8 ounces process American cheese
- 4 ounces cream cheese
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil leaves
- Paprika, optional

- Place broccoli spears, with the flowers toward outside edge, in 12 x 8-inch baking dish. Arrange Crab Delights down center over broccoli.
- Combine remaining ingredients except paprika in small saucepan. Heat on medium 5 minutes or until cheeses are melted, stirring often. Pour sauce over Crab Delights.
- Bake in 400°F oven 15 minutes. Sprinkle with paprika if desired.

Nutrition Information Per Serving:
425 Calories, 26 g Protein, 18 g Carbohydrates, 29 g Fat, 95 mg Cholesterol and 1,500 mg Sodium.

LOBSTER PASTA SCAMPI

You'll find this an entree worthy of company. (Makes 4 servings)

- 1/2 cup margarine
- 1 medium onion, cut into 8 wedges
- 1 green pepper, cut into 1/2" x 2" strips
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon pepper
- 1 can (4 oz.) sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon pepper
- 6 ounces fettuccini noodles, cooked and drained

- Melt margarine in large skillet on medium-high. Add onion, green pepper and garlic. Cook and stir 3 minutes or until vegetables are tender-crisp, stirring frequently.
- Add remaining ingredients except noodles. Cook and stir 3 minutes. Add fettuccini; toss and heat through.

Nutrition Information Per Serving:
300 Calories, 12 g Protein, 35 g Carbohydrates, 13 g Fat, 55 mg Cholesterol and 720 mg Sodium.

CREAMY CRAB ALFREDO

(not pictured)
Savor succulent seafood in a rich Parmesan sauce. (Makes 4 servings)

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 4 teaspoons flour
- 1/4 cups half-and-half cream
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 packages (8 oz. each) Louis Kemp Crab Delights flakes or chunks
- 6 ounces fettuccini noodles, cooked and drained
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley

- Melt butter in saucepan on medium; stir in flour. Gradually add cream, stirring until thickened.
- Add Parmesan; cook and stir until smooth. Fold in Crab Delights; heat 3 minutes more, stirring occasionally. Toss sauce with fettuccini.
- Thin with 2 to 4 tablespoons milk if desired or as needed.
- Sprinkle with parsley and serve.

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410 Calories, 22 g Protein, 41 g Carbohydrates, 18 g Fat, 95 mg Cholesterol and 1,350 mg Sodium.

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