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Baker probes Saudis on Gulf peace prospects

By BARRY SCHWEID
The Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — On the first leg of a 10-day trip, Secretary of State James A. Baker III is sounding out Saudi Arabia on how it stands on prospects for peace between the Arabs and Israel.

Baker is also taking up with King Fahd and the foreign minister, Prince Saud, an eight-nation Arab plan for a permanent security force in the Persian Gulf.

The outline is set, but not the operational details. The idea is to guard against the kind of threat to Western oil interests posed by Iraq's conquest of Kuwait last August.

Baker's trip to the Middle East is based on the assumption that the allies' victory over Iraq can be a springboard to settling the Arab-Israeli dispute.

The Saudis' influence, based on their oil wealth and control of major Muslim holy sites, could be pivotal.

A senior U.S. official said that after helping to eject Iraqi forces

from Kuwait, the Saudis may be ready to consider an accommodation with Israel and take an active role in defending the gulf.

"In the aftermath of this crisis they are positioned to play a greater role," the official said. "It would be my hope that's what they will conclude that they want to do, I hope that they will conclude that."

This week in Damascus the Saudis and seven other Arab nations agreed that Egyptian and Syrian troops should form the core of a permanent security force in the gulf.

President Bush said Wednesday night that U.S. air and ground forces would hold joint exercises with Iraq's army and that the Arab force would be backed by a capable U.S. naval presence.

Flying here from Washington, Baker said Thursday "we are pleased" with the decisions taken in Damascus.

"We have said in the past that we think that the states in the region should be in the forefront of regional security arrangements," Baker said.

Israel pushes its peace plan

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel, countering Western pressure to trade land for peace with the Arabs, today tried to revive its stalled plan to grant only limited autonomy to Palestinians.

Officials mapped out their stand as Western nations launched a postwar diplomatic offensive to settle the Israel's conflict with the Palestinians and neighboring Arab states.

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JUBILANT REFUGEES — Police cordon off a section of the port at Bindefid, southern Italy, Thursday, after thousands of Albanian refugees arrived on two ships and a barge. The Albanian government has placed Albania's port of Durres under military control to prevent citizens from seizing ships to emigrate to Italy.

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Albania today faced a demand from Italy to staunch the flow of thousands of refugees, release its political prisoners and pledge more aid to Europe's poorest nation. It said most refugees would not qualify for asylum and threatened to ship them home.

But Slobodan Milosevic, president of Yugoslavia's Communist republic of Serbia, demanded in a message to Albanian President Ramiz Alia that ethnic Serbs and Montenegrins be allowed to leave Albania.

Yugoslavia says Albania's 3.2 million people include tens of thousands of ethnic Yugoslavs. Serbia faces its own problems with an ethnic Albanian minority in the Kosovo province which is resisting tightening Serbian control.

The official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said the message was delivered to Albania's ambassador in Belgrade.

Tanjung also reported today that a boat carrying about 30 Albanian refugees, mostly women and children, reached Yugoslavia's Palagruza Island.

Tanjung said the refugees were hungry and exhausted when they reached the island, little more than an outcrop of rocks with a lighthouse on the Adriatic. A strong wind had apparently pushed the boat off course on its way to Italy.

At least one person was killed and eight others injured Wednesday when riot police used guns and water cannons to disperse crowds of people trying to storm foreign embassies in Tirana. They had been drawn by rumors of visa giveaways.

In July, 5,000 Albanians sought asylum in foreign embassies in Tirana and obtained safe passage.

The returning Kuwaitis said Iraqi soldiers captured most of them from their homes between Feb. 21-23. They were taken to police stations and then moved to Iraq in trucks.

By early March, the 1,180 men were transferred to a military base outside Basra. They said they were placed in three rooms, each measuring about 100 square yards.

"We were packed like sardines," said Fahad Ladhali, a 27-year-old accountant. "Many people went to the bathroom on themselves and then had to sleep with others. The Iraqi soldiers just laughed."

As he spoke, a red dawn broke on the horizon. Oil well fires set by Iraqis flared in the distance. Behind him, several hundred of his newly freed countrymen moved in rows for their morning prayers.

"This is our first free prayer in weeks," said Adel al-Saghyer, a 31-year-old aircraft maintenance engineer. "I can't wait to return to my homeland."

Hundreds of the men huddled together, shivering in the cold as a Kuwaiti military officer checked their papers. Those who approved bounded 19 school buses that were expected to bring them to Kuwait City.

"All men who don't have Kuwaiti accents or sufficient proof will be put aside and investigated," the Kuwaiti officer said.

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L.A. cops fired

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The police chief wants felony assault charges filed against three officers whom a bystander videotaped beating a motorist. Daryl Gates hopes people won't lose faith in his police force.

The nationalities of the two were not immediately known. CBS had reported Wednesday that the two were missing. Most of the other missing journalists were believed held by Iraqi authorities near Basra.

The Kuwaitis, who returned home late Thursday, were among thousands taken away by Iraqi soldiers. Kuwaiti officials estimate that 50,000 of their countrymen were seized during the 6 1/2-month occupation of this country.

Timothy Dickey, a technician, and Chris Eversom, a cameraman, were found wandering in the Iraqi desert by U.S. Army units. Iraqi gunmen had stolen their four-wheeled drive vehicle and equipment carrier in the week.

The incident is under federal and local investigation and brought calls for the chief to resign. But Gates said he won't quit and Mayor Tom Bradley, who has voiced outrage over the beating, said he's satisfied by the department's response so far.

The three officers likely to face charges and their sergeant, present during the beating, were relieved of their duties.

Bystander George Holliday shot the video of Rodney King's beating Sunday while trying out a new camera. He showed several officers repeatedly clubbing and kicking King, who had been stopped for speeding, and King pleading for mercy. The video has been broadcast repeatedly on national television.

Gates acknowledged Thursday that King was hit with batons more than 50 times, kicked at least seven times and shocked with a stun device.

"We've got a lot of police officers out there whose morale has been harmed seriously by this," Gates said at a news conference. "They look at those tapes too. They are outraged, as you are."

In fact, we are painting 8,300 additional officers with this broad brush," Gates said. "They do not deserve to be painted with this brush."

Gates said charges against the officers involved most likely would be filed Tuesday.

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Survey: principals' pay averages nearly \$60,000

By JOHN POMFRET
The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — High school principals are earning an average of \$59,106 this school year, an annual survey found. In a few suburban districts, pay exceeds \$90,000.

Average pay rose 6.1 percent over 1989-90, according to a nationwide survey released Thursday by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, which is meeting in Orlando, Fla.

Salaries range from \$34,175 to \$94,682, according to information collected from 1,041 school districts across the country.

Junior high-middle school principal pay averaged \$55,083, up 5.6 percent from 1989-90, while elementary principals earned an average of \$51,453, a gain of 6.2 percent over the previous year.

Salaries in an economic downturn, but there is also a massive interest in improving schools," said Paul W. Hersey, the association's director of professional assistance.

The increases reflect a trend toward "school-based management," which holds that principals, teachers and parents should have a larger role in setting educational policies, he said.

The survey did not identify salary levels in specific schools or states. But Hersey said Far West states tend to pay the most, while Southern states are at the low end.

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Board expels four-year-old

By JOHN POMFRET
The Associated Press

PHARR, Texas (AP) — A school board refused to waive the dress code for a 4-year-old boy whose parents say they promised God they wouldn't cut his shoulder-length hair until they're certain he's free of cancer.

Joshua Garcia was barred from class starting today under the ruling Thursday night. Attorneys said federal courts now will decide the issue.

Board members cited a need to maintain classroom discipline when they voted against the exception.

"We have decided tonight that he has to cut his hair," said Jaime Ruiz, president of the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District board.

The only dissenting vote came from board member Robert Contreras. He questioned why the district should expel the boy in the middle of the school year when his hair has violated the dress code since the year started.

The boy's mother, Sandra Garcia, appeared at the meeting and appealed for an exception. The district's dress code prohibits male students' hair from falling below the collar.

Several secondary school principals at the meeting spoke in favor of strict enforcement of the dress code, beginning in early grades.

They said the code created in 1987 has helped reduce disruptive gang activity in the district.

"It leads to discipline," junior high school Principal Eliazar Romero told the board. "Without discipline, you cannot have any learning take place."

Joshua had attended pre-kindergarten at Carnahan Elementary in Pharr.

Mrs. Garcia said principal Sofia Valdez told her Feb. 4 that Joshua's hair violated the dress code. The parents then filed a lawsuit against the district. Their attorney, Aaron Pena Jr., won a temporary restraining order Feb. 6 barring the district from expelling the boy.

OPINION

Open Forum

Police absence will be missed

To The Editor:
The United Irish Societies have chosen to dedicate this year's Greater Hartford Saint Patrick's Day parade, to be held on March 9, 1991, to our troops serving in the Persian Gulf.

They also invite the families of the troops to march with their town in the parade. It is unfortunate that the families of the troops from Manchester will not see a contingent missing from our town's participation in this parade.

The Manchester Police Union has decided not to participate in this annual parade, where Manchester has always been well represented. Their stated reason is because their contract was rejected and that they are involved in binding arbitration.

I can only hope that this childish get-even attitude only represents the opinion of the union leadership, and not the majority of the membership, and most certainly, not the official policy of the Manchester Police Department.

Those of us who are marching to represent Manchester in this parade will miss them and hope they will attend next year.

Thomas E. Landers Jr.
Manchester

Reply to column

To The Editor:
This is an open letter to veterinarian Allan Leventhal, who writes your "Pet Forum" column.

Dear Dr. Leventhal:
You have been my veterinarian for over 10 years, so you know that I am against biomedical research on animals, and that I support the right of all living creatures to live free and uncontrolled by humans. When I read your article titled "Research Aids Humans — and Animals" in Friday's Manchester Herald, I felt compelled to reply.

I hope you are not upset or insulted that I take exception to the many points you've raised in your article. Certainly I believe that anyone has a right to his or her opinion. However, statements such as, "There are no horrid situations of pain being attached and sent to research facilities. Researchers are much too sensitive to such scenarios," and "The (the animals) health, care, nutrition and facilities have high standards and are well supervised" are absolutely false. Perhaps in your experience you have only worked with the most ethical and compassionate scientists, in the best research facilities, where concern for the animals' well-being was paramount. Unfortunately, that is not always the case. There is compelling, indeed irrefutable evidence to the contrary (such as incidents, convictions, and revocations of research grants) and such statements do nothing to foster intelligent discussion and creative solutions to these problems.

The myth that all major medical advances have come from animal research is nonsense. In fact, much medical progress has been impeded by a reliance on antiquated research methods based on unreliable animal models. The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine and the Medical Research Modernization Committee offer compelling evidence that key discoveries in research on cancer, heart disease, diabetes, polio, and AIDS, to name a few, were made through epidemiology (studies of human populations) and clinical techniques (observations of human patients). In fact, much animal research in these areas and many others has been conducted simply to reproduce in the animal model the same symptoms that have already been found through clinical studies. In humans, this is particularly true in AIDS studies. It is impossible to say where medical research would be today if we had refused to experiment on animals, since few or no resources have ever been allocated to developing non-animal alternatives. Who can say for sure that we wouldn't have already found a cure for cancer or AIDS or any of the other diseases that continue to plague us in spite of the \$6 billion that we spend on research each year?

Everyone wants to believe that anesthetics are always used and that the researchers, many of whom are pet owners themselves, care about the animals they experiment on. The idea that animals could be routinely tortured in the name of science is so distasteful to most people that they refuse to even consider the possibility, often in spite of overwhelming evidence. However, torture is one of the fundamental characteristics of experimental psychology, and is used as an acceptable technique. Animals are routinely mutilated, starved, dehydrated, burned and exposed to electric shock. Both intense pain and psychological deprivation are intentionally inflicted on animals and are intended to be an integral part of the research protocol. And the animals involved in acute toxicity testing suffer equally — no anesthetics are given as they could influence the outcome of the experiment.

In spite of claims to the contrary, animal rights advocates are not "terrorists." The first anti-vivisection movement was started in Great Britain over a century ago by a former animal researcher who was sickened by the horror and uselessness of the experiments he had witnessed. The movement quickly spread to France, then the rest of the world, and proudly boasted among its members some of the most prominent thinkers of their (or any) generation. This tradition continues today, with thousands of people from the medical, scientific and research communities joining the battle to revamp the research "industry" so that it better serves the interests of all people. The "publish or perish" mentality that is so prevalent in today's scientific and university communities has created an environment in which studies that are invalid, duplicative, and of questionable value to human health are routinely approved. No one profits from this except the researchers themselves. Animal activists, who are often called "anti-human" and "anti-science," work for the day when those precious research dollars will be spent not to make animals sick, but to make humans well.

In closing, I would like to take the opportunity to tell you that, in spite of our ethical differences, I think you are a terrific veterinarian, and thank you for every effort you've made on behalf of me and my cats. At times, you've held their lives in your hands, and there's no one I would trust more.

Sue Ganther
Manchester



Who pays for Medicare?

By JULIE ROVNER
Congressional Quarterly

WASHINGTON — Should the well-to-do pay more for their Medicare coverage than other Americans? President Bush says yes; congressional Democrats are not so sure.

Bush wants Congress to triple premiums for individuals earning more than \$123,000 a year. Supporters say it is inappropriate for a deficit-ridden federal government to subsidize the cost of health insurance for the wealthy.

Opponents say that requiring some people to pay more than others for the same coverage could jeopardize the universal nature of Medicare and undermine its political support.

Others worry that the plan could be a Trojan horse designed to lure unwary Democrats, who might be inclined to endorse the plan on "fairness" grounds, to the wrong side of a potential political issue.

The Bush proposal would affect only about 600,000 of Medicare's 34 million beneficiaries in fiscal 1992. That number could grow dramatically in the future, however, as the population of older Americans balloons.

Medicare is actually two programs in one. Part A, which covers hospital stays, is financed by a 1.45 percent payroll tax paid by workers and their employers along with the tax for Social Security.

Troops won't miss Gulf

By JACK ANDERSON
and DALE VAN ATTA

WITH U.S. FORCES IN SAUDI ARABIA — Ask the soldiers here for a list of things they will miss about the Persian Gulf, and they will need a ream of paper. Besides the sand and the sun, here are the things U.S. troops will be happy to leave behind:

• MREs, the ubiquitous Meals Ready to Eat, served in a pouch, sometimes hot or cold. We thought they were passable, but we didn't have to eat them for six months.

The meals come in a dozen varieties with tiny bottles of Tabasco sauce to give them some bite. Swaps were the order of the day, and the covered meal was the one with a little packet of M&M candies.

The soldiers tried to be creative with their rations. Some added cheese and crushed crackers to their tuna and called it a "casserole," but it was not like Mom's home cooking. Others made makeshift butter by mixing the "beef slices" entree with something dubiously called the "bean component" and Tabasco sauce. Instead, butter was made by coating two cocoa packets, four coffee creamers, one envelope of peanut butter and a little water.

Some Americans even tried to trade their food for the French, but the French turned up their noses.

Slow mail — The 300 tons of daily mail came slower and slower en route as trucks were diverted for shipping the more vital supplies. Still fresh in their minds is the pasting Congress took over the 1988 Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act.

That law called for the largest expansion of Medicare in the program's history. Given that deficit, Congress has refused to repeat the act in 1989.

BUSINESS

Congress moves on more funds for S&L rescues

By JIM LUTHER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With every day of delay costing an extra \$7 million or more, Congress is finally moving a long-stalled bill to pump an additional \$30 billion into the bailout of failed savings and loan associations.

The legislation would raise to \$80 billion the total of taxpayer money earmarked for reimbursing depositors in the failed thrifts. That does not include \$100 billion that the bailout agency, the Resolution Trust Corp., will borrow and then repay after selling assets of the shut-down thrifts.

The Senate approved the \$30 billion supplement Thursday on a 69-30 vote. That climaxed a six-day debate in which members showed little enthusiasm for even discussing the S&L problems, which have resulted in the biggest financial breakdown in the nation's history.

"This is probably about as unpleasant a vote as any senator will have to cast this year," said Sen. Steven Symms, R-Idaho. "But there's no choice. We should hold our noses if that's what it takes and vote for the bill."

Sen. Donald Riegle, D-Mich., chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, quoted auditors' estimates that bailout costs grow by between \$7 million and \$9 million each day Congress delays approving the new money.

The RTC has said it will have to stop the bailout within a few days unless new funds are forthcoming. The money is necessary because the failure of hundreds of S&Ls bankrupted the federal fund that insured deposits.

The House Banking Committee, which a week earlier had rejected a \$30 billion bill that had been laden with amendments, took the easy way out Thursday and tossed the whole fight to the full House.

On a 36-13 vote, the committee approved a bill similar to the Senate measure. A 38-13 vote approved a plan that includes several amendments backed by Chairman Henry Gonzalez, D-Texas.

When the House takes up the issue next week, it will choose between the two bills and then decide whether to accept a politically explosive provision. It would require the Bush administration to recommend whether future bailout costs should be paid by raising taxes or cutting other spending, rather than by worsening the budget deficit.



NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE — British publisher Robert Maxwell, right, speaks to the media in New York Thursday as New York Daily News union leader George McDonald listens at left. "I am satisfied the unions are determined to do their utmost to save the paper," said Maxwell on the first day of round-the-clock negotiations with the nine unions.

Reward offered by drug firm

By PETER ALAN HARPER
The Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Burroughs Wellcome Co., the manufacturer of Sulfadiazine 12 Hour decongestant capsules, offered a \$100,000 reward Thursday for information leading to a convict in a cyanide tampering case that caused two deaths.

Philip Tracy, president and chief executive officer of the North Carolina-based company announced the reward at a news conference in Seattle.

Also Thursday, the FBI reported laboratory tests found cyanide in one of three altered capsules recovered after the tampering were announced and a nationwide recall of Sulfadiazine 12 Hour capsules was issued.

Food and Drug Administration commissioner Dr. William Kessler visited the FDA regional office in suburban Boothell where workers have examined 124,000 Sulfadiazine capsules pulled from area store shelves.

Two people died of cyanide poisoning and one fell seriously ill last month in Washington state after taking Sulfadiazine capsules.

The three suspicious capsules were being analyzed by the FBI in Washington, D.C. Results weren't back on the other two capsules by last Thursday.

Spending, debt drop in Jan.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The twin traumas of war and recession set only slanted consumers' spending in January but also sharply curbed their appetite for new debt to finance the purchases, a government report shows.

The Federal Reserve said Thursday that consumer installment debts, which seldom declines, plunged at an annual rate of 5 percent in January, the steepest drop since a 3 percent annualized decline four years ago.

The report followed earlier accounts showing a significant cutback in spending by consumers, whose confidence plummeted to a 10-year low in January and the end of the Persian Gulf War and confirmation of a recession.

Consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of the nation's economic activity. Consumer credit includes all consumer loans except mortgages and home-equity loans.

Still, analysts believe anecdotal evidence indicates that weakness in some areas of the economy has been bottoming out recently.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress on Wednesday that following the end of the Gulf War, customer traffic picked up in real estate offices and auto showrooms, raising "the possibility that strong consumer demand may be emerging."

But that demand was not in evidence in January. The Commerce Department reported earlier that consumer spending fell 1.6 percent in January 1987. It also said retail sales were down 0.9 percent, including the second consecutive 4.4 percent monthly drop in automobile sales.

And in Thursday's report, the Fed said consumer installment debt fell by a seasonally adjusted \$2.44 billion following a revised 0.6 percent decline in December.

The December-January tumble was the first back-to-back monthly declines since consumer credit skidded for three straight months in December 1986 and January and February 1987.

The December 1990 fall, the first since a 0.2 percent dip in February 1989, was not as sharp as the 2.3 percent rate, to \$1.45 billion, first reported last month.

Reflecting the month-long weakness in the auto industry, the Fed said auto loans dropped at a sharp 8.2 percent rate, or a seasonally adjusted \$1.95 billion, in January.

In Brief . . .

Entertainment giant Time Warner Inc. said its cable television division is taking steps to give subscribers "limitless program choices" ranging from the hottest movies to neighborhood news shows.

The parent of the Warner Bros. film and television company and the HBO pay-cable service said Thursday the moves will give viewers more power over what they can watch and when they see it.

Media analysts said it should stimulate the company's cable revenue growth at a time of resistance to basic rate hikes, and may doom potential competing efforts to deliver programs direct to home by satellite.

Publisher to slash jobs if he buys Daily News

By PETER ALAN HARPER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — British publisher Robert Maxwell said more than a third of Daily News union employees could lose their jobs if he buys the struggling Tribune Co. of Chicago to buy what was until recently the biggest-selling tabloid in the nation.

Maxwell has until March 15 to strike a deal with the Tribune Co. of Chicago to buy what was until recently the biggest-selling tabloid in the nation.

Newspaper James Hoge said the News would close on that date if no buyer is found. All nine unions met with Maxwell, who has said he plans to negotiate with them non-stop until his self-imposed deadline of 10 a.m. Monday.

Later Thursday, Maxwell and McDonald took a break at a party for the Newspaper Guild. There, McDonald said of the talks, "We have the mechanics of the deal in place. . . . We are at least a quarter of the way there."

A smiling, joking Maxwell told partygoers, "Tonight, subject to unforeseen circumstances, we are in danger of saving the News."

He declined to discuss Maxwell's proposed cuts. "I am satisfied the unions are determined to do their utmost to save the paper," said Maxwell, standing beside McDonald at a joint news conference.

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STATE

Senior citizens blast drug program changes

By JUDD EVERHART
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Gov. Lowell P. Weicker says he's just using common sense as he tries to rein in costs of the state's prescription program for the elderly poor. But senior citizens say his proposed changes could force them to choose between food and the medicine they need.

About 500 seniors flooded the Capitol on Thursday to urge the Human Services Committee to reject Weicker's plan for the so-called CompPACE program.

Weicker maintains the changes are needed to rein in an "open-ended" program and "restore the semblance of just plain common sense." He said the changes would

save the state \$14 million a year. Under the current law, there is no registration fee for the program and the maximum cost for any prescription is \$6. Under Weicker's plan a \$15 registration fee, abolished in 1987, would be reinstated and the senior citizen would have to pay half the cost of any prescription, up to a maximum of \$20.

In addition, Weicker would increase the annual income eligibility levels from \$13,300 to \$13,800 for single people and \$16,000 to \$16,600 for couples.

"If the CompPACE program did not exist, many seniors I know would have to choose between food and medicine," said Charles Johnson, 77, of Hartford. "We cannot let this happen."

At the conclusion of her testimony, Genny Lubinski of New Britain, broke into a song and was joined by the others in the House, singing to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne."

"It's not fair to balance your budget," she said. "On the backs of poor old folks. To you it may seem cut and dried."

"But to us it is no joke," they sang.

Lubinski said Weicker's proposed changes would "mean that we will go back to the days when many of us skipped taking pills in order to stretch the prescription out."

Authorities investigate series of suspicious fires

NEW BRITAIN (AP) — New Britain authorities have no solid leads in their investigation of an outbreak of suspicious fires that have terrorized this city since January.

Five rear-porch fires were reported here in less than 24 hours Thursday. They appeared to be similar to other suspicious fires that have plagued the city in the past two months.

"Does somebody have to get killed before they catch this guy?" asked John Bernardo, a resident in the working-class neighborhood where some of the fires have been set.

"When does this end? I've got a daughter up in the house who's crying because she's scared to death."

At 10:20 p.m. Thursday, firefighters were called out to the third blaze in less than three hours.

"Incredible," said a voice over a police radio.

The three fires, two of them within 300 yards of each other, came hours after the two fires early Thursday morning severely damaged two multifamily houses, leaving 39 people homeless.

Officials believe those fires were the work of the same individual who may be responsible for as many as 12 fires, said Capt. John Dinda of the New Britain Fire Marshal's Office.

Authorities also are investigating another series of suspicious fires in another area of the city.

"I think I would have killed him and then called police, as simple as that," Jones said.

Although authorities are not officially linking the fires Thursday and the seven others that have been set

in the neighborhood since early January, DeFronzo seemed to be appealing to one person at a news conference Thursday afternoon.

"Come forward and turn yourself in," DeFronzo said. "Let us help you. We think we can help you overcome this problem."

"You gotta catch this guy," one man screamed. "And string him up."

Most of the fires have been started in early morning while residents were asleep. DeFronzo, who has denounced the fires as "urban terrorism," said many city residents are now afraid of sleeping at night.

David Heckman, who lives with his girlfriend and her two daughters near on Thursday night's fires, said he's getting nervous.

"It's getting a little bit too close for comfort; this is right next to my house," Heckman said. "My house is in bad shape. All we have is smoke detectors. I'm going to have to call my landlord tonight."

"The guy's got to be a real sick person," he said. "If he needs some kind of special help, he should give himself up."

Tom Turantella said, "You can't get to sleep without being scared. My wife is terrified. Whoever catches this guy, I feel sorry for him."

Allen Jones, who was driven from his home Thursday and watched as his possessions were destroyed, said the arsonist would be better off if police catch him.

"I think I would have killed him and then called police, as simple as that," Jones said.

Although authorities are not officially linking the fires Thursday and the seven others that have been set



CHERNOBYL VICTIM ARRIVES — Eleven-year-old Marianka Romantych is mobbed after she arrives at Bradley International Airport Thursday. She will receive treatment at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Soviet child seeks treatment

WINSDOR LOCKS (AP) — Eleven-year-old Marianka Romantych looked overwhelmed by it all as she landed at Bradley International Airport in the world's largest plane, and then was greeted by the largest crowd that's ever stared her in the face.

Romantych, a victim of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, landed at Bradley on Thursday to receive medical treatment for leukemia.

The little girl, who spoke only a few words of English, smiled shyly and clutched a big gray teddy bear as she tried to answer questions.

"I am very glad to be here," she said through an interpreter. "It was a very long trip."

With a wing span of 290 feet, the Antonov-225 weighs about 560 tons, according to the 1991 Guinness Book of Records. It can carry a payload of 551,155 pounds, more than twice the payload of the largest U.S. plane, the Lockheed C-5A Galaxy, which has been used to transport troops and supplies to Saudi Arabia.

The sleek white plane, garlanded only by a line of red paint along its body, made a gentle landing at Bradley just before noon Thursday.

It is expected to return to the Ukraine March 18 or 19, carrying 200 tons of donated medical supplies and equipment to other victims of Chernobyl.

Romantych's arrival was met by a crush of reporters and more than 50 members of the Children of Chernobyl Relief Fund, a New Jersey-based humanitarian group that sponsored the trip.

RECORD

About Town

Cholesterol challenge
Manchester Memorial Hospital is sponsoring its HealthSource Cholesterol Challenge on Tuesday from 3 to 6 p.m. It will be held in the HealthSource Resource Room on the Hospital's basement level at 71 Hayes St. Cost is \$8, and an appointment necessary. Call 643-1223 or 647-6600.

Lodge to meet
Manchester Lodge, No. 73 A.F. & A.M. will hold a presentation on academic lodges of Massachusetts on Tuesday. All master masons are invited to attend.

Jukido classes
The YWCA of Manchester is offering self-defense courses for all ages which incorporate practical principles of Judo, Aikido, and Karate, all emphasizing safety. Ages 6-14, Fri., 6:30-7:30 p.m., 4/12, 8 wks., \$40. Ages 15 and up, Fri., 7:30-8:30 p.m., 4/12, 8 wks., \$40.

Andover society
The Andover Historical Society will meet Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Andover Elementary School, in the music room. The public is invited. For more information, call 743-3078.

Atlantic City
Bolton Limes Club is sponsoring an overnight Atlantic City bus trip for March 23 and 24. Departure from the Bolton commuter lot is 6:30 a.m., Saturday, with departure from Atlantic City at 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Games and prizes and two hotel rebates given. Call Marilyn Washington at 644-1579 (home) or 293-0773 (business) for reservations and tickets. All profits are donated to local needs funds.

Tulip festival
Manchester Community College Older Adults Association is sponsoring a four-day bus trip to Ottawa, Canada, for the Tulip Festival, May 8 to 11. Rates are \$519 for single, \$379 for twin, and \$369 for triple. Deadline for reservations is March 25. Call Edna Schuetz at 647-6155.

Deaths
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Bolton
Joseph J. Kurys
Joseph J. Kurys, 69, of Bolton, died Thursday (March 7, 1991) in Bolton. He was born December 19, 1921 in Bolton and was a lifelong resident, operating a vegetable farm for many years. He was a parishioner of St. Maurice Church. He is survived by two brothers, Andrew Kurys and Casimir Kurys, both of Bolton; three sisters, Agnes Murphy, Catherine Leiner, and Theresa Claxon, all of Bolton; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be Saturday, 7:30 AM at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main Street, Manchester with a Mass of Christian Burial, 8:30 AM at St. Maurice Church, 22 Hebron Road, Bolton. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery, Manchester. Friends may call at the funeral home today from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Series continues
"An Evening With Fuima Anwar" will be the fifth offering of MCC's annual six-part Dinner-Lecture Series. Erwin Pluse, chairman of the college's Cheney Dining Room on Tuesday at 6 p.m. For more information, call 647-6043 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Panel discussion
"The New Germany," a panel discussion between two Fulbright Scholars, will be held at the Lower Program Center of Manchester Community College on Monday, March 11, 7 p.m. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 647-6125.

WAIT project
Project WAIT (Westley Alcohol Informational Theater) will perform at the Lower Program Center on Wednesday at 8 p.m. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 647-6235.

Sugar festival
On Sunday, The Inn on Lake Waramaug, Coventry, will host its annual Maple Sugaring Festival. Food and beverages will be served during the event. Brunch is served from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and dinner is served from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Reservations are suggested. For more information, call 868-4063.

In Memoriam
In sad and loving memory of Joseph M. Lubeck, who passed away on March 8, 1991.

You are still beside us in all we do
Your memories will guide us
And we see us through
Life must go on, we know it's true,
But we miss you,
Since we lost you.

Sadly Missed with Love,
Marlene, Anna Marie, David,
Linnelle and Rickie

Cinema
HARTFORD
Cinema City — Closed Land (R) Fr 7:20, 9:50; Sat and Sun 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40; — Mr. and Mrs. Boggs (PG-13) Fr 7:40; Sat and Sun 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40; — The Fall (PG-13) Fr 7:10, 9:45; Sat and Sun 1:30, 3:30, 7:10, 9:45; Cynre de Burgines (PG) Fr 8:50, 9:30; Sat and Sun 1:10, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50.
EAST HARTFORD
Buster's Pub & Cinema — Edward Scissorhands (PG) Fr-Sun 7:30, 9:30.
Showcase Cinema 110 — Dances with Wolves (PG-13) Fr and Sat 12:30, 3:30, 7:15, 10:30; Sun 12:30, 3:30, 7:15, — Screen From a Man (R) Fr and Sat 11:15, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55, 12:30; Sun 1:15, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55, — Sleeping With the Enemy (R) Fr and Sat 1:35, 4:10, 7:05, 9:55, 12:30; Sun 1:35, 4:10, 7:05, 9:55, 12:30, — The Silence of the Lambs (R) Fr and Sat 12:30, 3:30, 6:15, 7:40, 10:10, 12:25; Sun 12:30, 2:35, 4:15, 7:40, 10:10, — New Jack City (R) Fr and Sat 12:30, 3:30, 7:30, 9:45, 1:15; Sun 12:30, 3:30, 7:30, 9:45, — Dispersed (PG) Fr and Sat 12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 7:45, 9:15, 11:30; Sun 12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 7:45, 9:15, — LA Story (PG-13) Fr 9:30, 9:35, 10:10, 12:10; Sat 9:30, 9:35, 10:15, 12:15; Sun 9:30, 9:35, 10:15, — By Night (R) Fr and Sat 11:40, 4:20.

Current Quote
"I could not believe it. This thing went on all afternoon. There was no justification from the outset." — Robert Renner, lawyer for Rodney King, victim of the videotaped beating in Los Angeles.

Lottery
Here are Thursday's lottery results from around New England:
Daily Lottery: 0-5-9, Play 4: 6-1-0-2.
Connecticut
Daily Lottery: 6-2-9-1.
Massachusetts
Daily Lottery: 6-2-9-1.
Northern New England
Pick 3: 5-6-0, Pick 4: 9-0-7-5.
Rhode Island
Daily Lottery: 4-1-3-6, Lot-O-Bucks: 6-11-19-34-38.

Weather
REGIONAL WEATHER
Saturday, March 9
Tonight's weather in the greater Manchester area: Clear and cold. Low 15 to 20. Northwest wind 10 to 20 mph. Saturday, sunny. High 35 to 40. Outlook for Sunday, sunny. High in the mid 30s.
Low pressure over Nova Scotia will move northeast today allowing high pressure build over the region from the west tonight and Saturday.
Weather summary for Thursday, March 7, 1991: Temperature: high of 59 low of 31, mean of 45. The normal is 53.
Precipitation: 0.24 inches for the day, 2.16 inches for the month, 6.39 inches for the year. Normal for year to date: 7.60.
Heating degree data: 20 for the day, 139 for the month, 4046 for the season. Normal for the season is 4826.



DAR names winners of its citizenship awards
Lauren Hickey James LeBlanc Terri Malin Rebecca Carrier

MANCHESTER — Daughters of the American Revolution, Orford Parish Chapter, has announced its selections for the 1991 Good Citizenship Awards. The awards will be presented Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ on Lyford Street.

Those chosen are:
• Lauren Hickey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hickey of 92 Butler Road, Manchester, and a senior at Manchester High School. Besides being vice-president of the senior class, Hickey ran the school's blood drive for the American Red Cross and is a SafeRiders volunteer. She also came away with the top award at the 51st Model Congress held earlier this year at American International College in Springfield, Mass., and is a volunteer for Special Olympics.

• James C. LeBlanc, son of Mr. and Mrs. John LeBlanc of East Hartford, and a senior at Howell Cheney Regional Vocational Technical School, LeBlanc, the second ranked student in his class, is both a member of the National Honor Society and the Pre-Tech program for gifted students at Cheney Tech. He also runs cross country and plays basketball and baseball for Cheney Tech, and will compete with the school's Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS) when it competes at the University of New Haven on March 13.

• Terri Malin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Malin of Vernon, and a student at East Catholic High School, Malin is member of East Catholic's Social Action Club, Ski Club, French Club and Spirit Club. She also plays javayce soccer and is involved with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. She is an employee at JC Penney Outlet Store.

• Rebecca Carrier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carrier of 34 Lori Road, Bolton, and a senior at Bolton High School. Besides working on the school's newspaper, Carrier is a member of the National Honor Society, the Future Business Leaders of America and the varsity soccer and cheer leading squads. This year, she received the Coach's award for her performance on the soccer team, and was a National Merit Scholar semi-finalist.

Hickey also has volunteered for a day care center in New Zealand.
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Obituaries
James 'Cool Papa' Bell
ST. LOUIS (AP) — James "Cool Papa" Bell, a Hall of Famer who was once considered the fastest player in the Negro Leagues, died early today. He was 89.
He died in St. Louis University Hospital after a brief illness, hospital officials said.
Bell, slowed in his later years and blind in one eye because of glaucoma at the time of his death, was rumored to be the highest-paid player in the Negro Leagues with a top salary of \$90 a month. Barnstorming across the country, he played two and sometimes three times a day for 29 season seasons and 21 winter seasons.
He batted .407 in 1946, his final season. But he was denied access to the major leagues, retiring a year before Jackie Robinson became the first black player in this century.
Bell was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1974. His plaque reads: "Combined speed, daring and hitting skill to rank among best players in Negro Leagues. Contemporaries rated him fastest man on base paths."
After his baseball career was over, for 21 years he was a custodian and night watchman. But his north St. Louis address, 3034 Cool Papa Bell Avenue — was a constant reminder that he was somebody special.

Wayne Lubenow
FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Newspaper columnist and author Wayne Lubenow died Wednesday from injuries suffered during a fall. He was 64.
Lubenow's wife, Rosemary, found him unconscious at the bottom of a flight of stairs at their home Tuesday. He died at a nearby hospital.
His weekly column was syndicated in more than 40 newspapers in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota.
Lubenow began his newspaper career as a wire editor with The Bismarck Tribune.
In the 1950s he worked for the Forum of Fargo as night editor and as a reporter in Moorhead, Minn.

Police Roundup

Armed robbery
COVENTRY — Town police are investigating an early morning armed robbery at Jasper's gas station and convenience store on Route 44, police said today.

The incident is the first armed-robbery in the rural town in recent memory, police said. The robbers remain at large.

The suspects, identified by store clerks as two men, one black and one white, were fleeing in a car when police arrived just before 3 a.m. Officers briefly chased the culprits west on Route 44, and the car was last seen as it approached the Bolton town line, which is about a quarter mile from Jasper's.

The robbers, one of whom brandished a revolver, made off with an undetermined amount of cash, police said. But while making their escape, the robbers apparently dropped another undetermined sum of money, which police recovered.

Police do not know which of the robbers had the gun. Other than the information that the suspects are black and white men, police have no descriptions of them or the car they fled in.

Fake cocaine bust
MANCHESTER — Manchester police Thursday arrested two East Hartford residents who attempted to sell a friend baking soda which they said was cocaine.

Mark A. Babineau, 29, of 210 Main St., and Joy Ann Charbonneau, 29, of 54 Cherry St., were arrested after an informant told police the two would be attempting to sell her cocaine.

At the time the buy was scheduled, a police officer was hidden with the informant at Manchester apartment several more were waiting outside. When the suspects arrived, the informant told Babineau and Charbonneau that she did not have enough money to pay for the "cocaine" and would have to purchase it at a later time.

As they left the apartment, police arrested Babineau and Charbonneau and seized an aluminum foil packet with one gram of suspected cocaine. Charbonneau later told police that the substance was actually baking soda and that she and Babineau were trying to get even with the informant because of an earlier argument.

Both were charged with misrepresentation of a substance as a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Babineau also faces charges of operating a motor vehicle while his license was suspended.

Both are being held on a \$500 cash bond pending a court appearance on Tuesday.

Today In History

Today is Friday, March 8, the 67th day of 1991. There are 298 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
One hundred and fifty years ago, on March 8, 1841, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., the "Great Dissenter," was born in Boston.

On this date:
1792, England's Queen Anne ascended the throne upon the death of William III.

In 1982, the Graduation massacre took place as some 90 Indians who had converted to Christianity were slain by militiamen in Ohio in retaliation for raids carried out by other Indians.

Thoughts

Jesus said, "The time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God has come near."
The announcement that the Kingdom of God has come near carries a very personal implication: Our King, the Lord Jesus Christ, comes to bring life abundant to you. Canon Peter Green said, "There is no emotion so necessary to a true religion, nor any so fundamental to it, as the sense of belonging to God."

"The time is fulfilled" is a relevant announcement for today. The scriptures tell us that today is the day of salvation. Today is the time for you to respond to God! Not yesterday — not tomorrow — BUT TODAY! Today, will you surrender your life to the Kingdom of Jesus?
Paul S. Johannsson, Pastor
Emanuel Lutheran Church

Weicker makes nominations

HARTFORD (AP) — Former U.S. Rep. Lawrence J. DeNardis is among the five people Gov. Lowell P. Weicker Jr. has nominated to the state Board of Governors for Higher Education.

Weicker also on Thursday nominated five people to the state Council on Environmental Quality, which advises the state on environmental matters and investigates complaints from residents.

DeNardis of Hamden, a Republican congressman in the 3rd District from 1980 to 1982, was nominated to the 11-member Board of Governors for Higher Education, a policy and planning agency for Connecticut's public colleges and universities.

A former political science professor, DeNardis was assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from 1985 to 1987. DeNardis also has served as president of Connecticut Public Expenditure Council Inc., an agency that monitors state spending.

He succeeds Edwin A. Goldberg of Danbury on the higher education board.
Weicker's other selections were Belton Copp of Old Lyme; Thomas Mondani of Hamden; Helen Wasserman of Fairfield; and Joseph Chiarri of Woodbridge.
Copp practiced law for 40 years and was Connecticut's Fish and Game commissioner in the 1950s. A retired Navy lieutenant commander,

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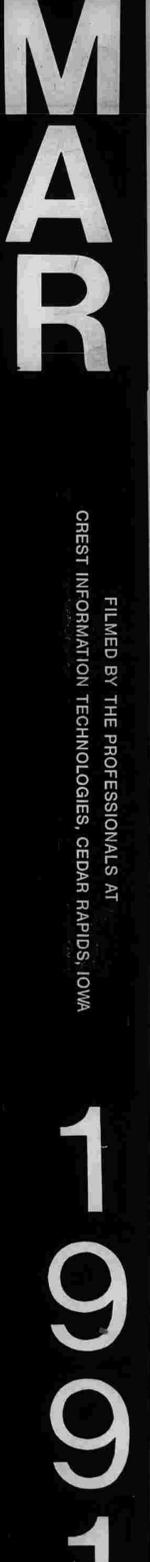
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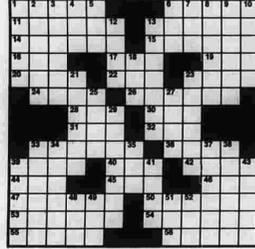
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20 Row seat

DOWN

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Courtship is to marriage as a very witty prologue to a very dull play." — William Congreve.

THE PHANTOM by Lee Falk & Sy Barry

"TWO MEN, LITTLE JUNGLE GUYS, FIERCE BANGOR GUARDS, THE PHOENIX...
LITTLE JUNGLE GUYS, FIERCE BANGOR GUARDS, THE PHOENIX...
JUST KIDS AND ADVENTURE, NO PROBLEMS TO TAKE THIS PLACE, OH OH!"

MAJOR HORRIBLE by Dan Brown

"I KNOW YOUR INTENTIONS ARE GOOD, BUT BELIEVE ME...
CHANGE TABBYS ARE NOT AN ENDANGERED SPECIES!"

ALLEY OOP by Dave Gross

"WHAT ABOUT IT, COOLAT? YEAN YOU AND WITTA...
"I GUESS IT'S I'M G'ME...
"OKAY, THEN...
"I'M AFRAID IF I GIVE AN INCH...
"THEY'LL TAKE A FOOT...
"AND BEFORE YOU KNOW IT I WON'T HAVE A LEG TO STAND ON."

ROBOTMAN by Jim Fiedlick

"BEHIND ME IS THE LOWEST LEVEL OF THE SEA PLACE...
"UM, COULD YOU TELL US A LITTLE MORE ABOUT WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT?"

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"BROTHER, I TELL YOU I HEARD GROOBY...
"NOW GO INVESTIGATE...
"BUT IF THAT... THING...
"ME AND YOU LOOK AROUND AND DON'T SEE ANYBODY...
"THAT'S ME!"

THE ORWELLS by Bill Sobor

"I HATE TO EAT AND RUN...
"SO I EAT AND NAP INSTEAD..."

PHANTOM by Lee Falk & Sy Barry

"I'M AFRAID IF I GIVE AN INCH...
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PHIPPS by Joseph Farris

"IN THE FRONT WE HAVE A SKELETON IN A TREASURE CHEST...
"A LITTLE MAN IN A SWING SALT."



FROM CONSUMER REPORTS
Volksagen Vanagon. Surprised? So was Jack Gillis, consumer advocate and author of the 11th edition of the book that has become the savvy car buyers' bible.

"The great improvement of this year's domestic cars was a big and welcome surprise," Gillis said from his Washington office. "Don't misunderstand. We still haven't closed the gap with the Japanese-built cars, and probably never will. They still make the most fuel-efficient cars and are in a class by themselves when it comes to subcompact."

"But, after looking at this year's domestic line, that gap is getting much smaller."

Millions of U.S. automakers' dollars have been spent this year on safety features, better-quality construction and advertising with an emphasis on the consumer.

"U.S. auto manufacturers haven't suddenly become non-safety advocates," Gillis said. "They're simply good business people who have figured out what the buyer wants and do their best to provide it. But I don't really care what their motive is. The important thing is, cars are getting safer."

The book's ratings are based on information collected and developed by Gillis' staff, auto engineering firms, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the private Center for Auto Safety. Everything is compared, from crash-test results and fuel economy to maintenance costs and warranty coverage. The book also ranks autos according to how many consumer complaints were filed about them in the last 15 years — information withheld from the public until two years ago.

"Consumers are crying out for this kind of information. Safety and quality (are) very important to them and it's become clear that they're willing to pay for it," Gillis said. "It took a while, especially for auto manufacturers in this country, but they're finally starting to realize this."

Car makers weren't always so cooperative.

In the early 1980s, the Reagan administration kept its promise to get the government off the back of automakers, Gillis said. Safety recalls were few and defect investigations all but ceased.

Gillis was responsible for the first "Car Book" in 1981, when he worked for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The first edition revealed that many American cars were unsafe and poorly constructed, compared with the imports.

When the government canceled the publication the next year, Gillis developed the guide independently. Since its introduction, more than 2.5 million copies have been sold.

In the 11 years that Gillis has been publishing the book, he has seen a complete reversal in U.S. automakers' attitude.

"At first they tried to kill the book. Then they just ignored me. Then they tried to discredit me. Then, very gradually, they started to cooperate," Gillis said. "Now, most of them respond quite well to me and have started to change the way they make cars."

Gillis has a term for the automakers' sudden motivation for product improvement: "regulation by information."

AT HOME

Domestic autos better

Getting ready to go car shopping? Before you head out to your favorite import dealer, consider this:

After a year of comparing safety, quality and costs of all 1991 cars, 16 of the 27 cars recommended in "The Car Book" (Harper Perennial) are American-made.

That means the Pontiac Gran Am performed better than the Mazda MX-6.

The Dodge Spirit ranked higher than the Mercedes 300E.

The Cadillac Eldorado scored better than the Mercedes 300E.

And the Chevy Lumina APV minivan was chosen over the

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Memories of East Center Street

By GLADYS S. ADAMS
Special to the Herald

Elwood S. Ela married Jennie M. Chapman, daughter of Maro and Lucy (Woodbridge) Chapman, Lucy was the daughter of Francis and Lucy (Goodwin) Woodbridge, who lived on East Center Street near the present site of the Community Baptist Church.

Jennie (Chapman) Ela, who was born in 1860, died in 1953. During the last years of her long life she wrote a series of articles based on her childhood on East Center Street. They were published in the Herald in 1947 and 1948. One went like this:

East Center Street Many Years Ago

Church played an important part in our lives and many of our activities were connected with it. As were those of other East Center Street residents. Many of my early memories, consequently, have to do with church occasions. Like this one:

"It is Sunday morning in June. The south windows in our dining room are open and a gentle breeze brings in the delicate fragrance of the roses climbing over the arches in our garden. We are gathered about our breakfast table, once more a united family with my father, who has returned from the Civil War. My grandfather is in his usual place at the head of the table with my

grandmother opposite him. My father is there, and mother and I are not too far away. I am no longer sitting in my high chair, but have been promoted to sitting on the family Bible, which has been placed on a dining chair for my convenience.

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"An hour later, grandfather drove to the front door in his rockaway, a light four-wheeled carriage with two or three seats and a standing top. He is dressed in his Sunday black broadcloth suit, black satin stock, and "Soon after breakfast we followed grandfather into our cheerful sitting room. He was already seated near the center table of his easy chair and had opened the small Bible. We were very quiet as grandfather read slowly one of his favorite chapters. This was followed by a brief prayer, and the Lord's prayer in which we all joined in, a simple service but one long to be remembered.

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Your home ■ money ■ recreation

Kitchen needs seating

Q. Our kitchen is quite large with a center island. I even have space for a restaurant-type stove and refrigerator, but we manage big mistake when we remodeled by not building in a place for comfortable seating.

Since we both like to cook, we often have guests in the kitchen, but they have to perch around tanking uncomfortable on wooden stools. What can we do short of another remodeling? — J.G.

A. Take inspiration from interior designer Florence Karasik, who worked many of your same special fixtures into the large kitchen-sit-

Decor Score

ting-dining room (part of which we show here — the photographer had here the dining table, beyond which are French doors and the terrace).

Karasik designed the room for a show house sponsored by the New Jersey Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers, so she crammed every inch with good ideas.

One you'll like is the built-in seating banquette that backs up to the island work area. Plumped with cushions (which blend with the fabric-covered table in the unseen dining area), the shallow seat offers comfort to the "sidewalk superintendents" every kitchen seems to gather today.

It also mellows the "strictly business" attitude of a kitchen that contains such no-nonsense appliances as a restaurant stove and glass-fronted refrigerator/freezer unit.

Other softening touches that contribute to the room's hospitable ambience:

The patterned tiles used as splash-back and around the hood over the range.

An Oriental rug runner laid over large quarry tile pavers.

An assortment of cushion "clutter" hung on a wrought-iron rack over the island work space.

Hand-painted cabinets that display a "collection" of trompe l'oeil possessions — just for fun.

Karasik's winning room typifies a trend toward warmth and friendliness that has been gaining momentum ever since the country look hit home a decade or so ago.

Actually, it brings us full circle, back to the "keeping room," where our Colonial forebears cooked, relaxed, entertained, everything but slept. Victorians ended all that. Kitchens were "downstairs," for the help only. Status was not having to go in there.

Today, of course, everyone's in the kitchen, including Dinah, so you might as well add someplace for them to sit.

Q. When I was growing up (in Cleveland's Shaker Heights), my mother absolutely refused to have a floor lamp in the house. She always said they were in bad taste. Lately I've been seeing floor lamps — including those brass apothecary lamps, especially — in all the decorative magazines. What brought them back in style? — A.G.

A. I had to give your question some thought because I grew up in a house that had no floor lamps (in Richmond, Va.). Why — and whether — they were considered bad taste, I simply don't know (nor did the handful of interior designers I queried).

But it seems likely that their spurt in popularity is due to the arrival of modular seating in our homes. Since the modulars have no logical place to put a traditional lamp table, the over-the-shoulder standing lamp makes great sense.

Rose Bennett Gilbert is the author of "Manhattan Style" and associate editor of Country Decorating Ideas.

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Modernism is often misunderstood

By BARBARA MAYER
The Associated Press

With the countdown to the 21st century, it's time for design scholars to come to grips with this century's main design theme, modernism.

They have their work cut out. It's difficult to think of a style with more contradictory descriptions.

"Modernism ranges from straightforward, steel-sheathed skyscrapers to softly-rounded, kidney-shape coffee tables. It is colorful and devoid of color, machine-made and hand-crafted, understated and flamboyant, society's savior and its destroyer.

"The International Style, which reigned from the 1920s to the 1950s, was geared toward industrial production. Its most important contribution was to architecture rather than home furnishings. Objects were often of plastic or metal, and their design appeal was form rather than surface ornament. A typical piece is a curved, light-colored wood chair by Scandinavian designer Alvaro Siza.

"The Biomorphic Style comes out of the irrational and out of biological forms. It was deeply influenced by the art of the Surrealists. Perhaps its most famous designer was Isamu Noguchi, whose Biomorphic tables and lamps were highly prized and imitated.

Biomorphicism was particularly important as a design inspiration in the 1930s and 1940s. It filtered down and out to a much wider public in the 1950s when it identified many home decorating products.

It was especially important in dogs that experience reduced blood calcium levels due to the demands of pregnancy and milk production. Semi-solid food can be introduced at this 3 to 4 week stage to supplement the mother's milk and ease her burden.

Continual feeding (free access) usually results in greater food consumption by nursing pets. Reliability also ensures adequate intake. Adding one part water to two parts dry dog or cat food usually increases palatability although some pets like it dry. Beware of too much mixed liquid — this may decrease intake. Canned food is generally more palatable than dry. Adding gravy, broth or table scraps (not over 10 percent of the total diet) and warming the food, especially canned



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Nutrition and care of a pregnant pet

By DR. ALLAN LEVENTHAL
Bolton Veterinary Hospital

Since pregnancy puts a lot of stress on dogs and cats, loss of weight is common, and proper nutritional management is very important. The best method of ensuring the latter is to make sure the expectant mother in good physical condition before mating and throughout pregnancy. Good prenatal care includes maintaining the pet's ideal weight giving it a physical exam by a veterinarian, keeping it parasite free and up to date on vaccinations.

Just because weight loss is important during lactation is no reason for the opposite. Obesity can cause problems in delivery. No extra food is necessary until the last trimester

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FOCUS

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Mother-in-law's loan's a pain

DEAR ABBY: I have a family problem that I don't know how to handle. My daughter and her husband and children live in another state. They both have good jobs and are decent, reliable people. Last year, my daughter and her husband got into a financial bind and borrowed money from my mother-in-law, who is also my daughter's grandmother. (I'll call her Nell.) My daughter and her husband asked Nell to please keep the loan confidential, as they didn't want anyone else in the family to know about their financial setback. Nell is financially secure. Well, Nell phoned me immediately to tell me about the loan. I never did tell my daughter that Nell told me about it. Now Nell keeps calling me to raise my daughter over the case if she is late with a payment! Abby, it upsets me terribly to hear her complain about what a terrible daughter I have. What should I do?

DEAR UPSET: Either write a letter or telephone Nell and convey the following message: "I do not want to hear any more about my daughter and her husband's loan — that is between them and you, so please do not mention it again."

And if Nell calls you and brings it up, tell her you are busy and cannot listen to her. Then hang up. Your daughter and son-in-law have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: You had a letter in your column about a girl whose friend was nearly hit by a car because she was jogging with a headset on and couldn't hear the car coming.

My twin sister, Jackie Poole Roach, wasn't that lucky. She was killed in January 1988. She was jogging with a headset on while listening to the Super Bowl. She was struck by a car driven by a 21-year-old man who left the scene of the accident. She lived four hours after she was found. I pray she never knew what hit her. She left a husband, son and daughter, as well as 800 students, teachers, family and friends who filled the United Methodist Church in Lebanon, Ohio, the day of her funeral.

DEAR JILL: JILL POOLE, ZANESVILLE, OHIO. My profound sympathy at the loss of your beloved twin. It would be generous if everyone who saw a jogger wearing a headset in traffic would stop that jogger and warn him or her of the inherent danger of that risky practice.

TONIGHT

ASK DICK KLEINER

DICK KLEINER

Q. When I was very young, in 1944, I saw a tazy and can't forget. I think the title was "The Way of All Flesh." Can you tell me anything about it? — C.H.T., Nederland, Texas.

A. That film was actually released in 1940. It starred Kim Tammoff and Gladys George. It was a remake of a famous silent movie with Emil Jennings. It is the story of an immigrant and his troubles, and bears little resemblance to the Samuel Butler novel of that title.

Q. One of my favorite musicals is "The King and I" with Yul Brynner. I am sorry, but I can't remember the name of the actress. I have been unable to find a copy of this in my video library. Is it on tape? — V.B., Grove, Okla.

A. Yes, that 1956 musical is on a cassette — with Yul Brynner (in an Oscar-winning role) and his marvelous costar, Deborah Kerr.

Q. Can you please tell me who is the spokesperson for the Ultrasec commercials. I say it is Linda Evans, but my husband says, "No way!" — Mrs. C.A.G., Anderson, Mo.

A. Tell the brute to keep his "No way" to himself, that you know what you are talking about. In fact, you do.

Send your questions to: Ask Dick Kleiner, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10106. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

PEOPLE

ATLANTA (AP) — Heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield could find himself back in court for a new fight with his estranged wife.

Paulette Holyfield's lawyer has filed to have her divorce petition dismissed. Her new attorney, Frederic W. Tokars, says he plans to file a new petition seeking more than the estimated \$4 million the couple had agreed upon.

Mrs. Holyfield filed for divorce in September. Acting without attorneys, the couple signed a settlement Dec. 31 and within a month transferred \$4 million in cash and property to Mrs. Holyfield. But a judge wouldn't sign the divorce decree, citing the lack of lawyers.

Tokars filed the dismissal motion Tuesday in Atlanta, Ga., claiming Holyfield "conned" his wife into signing the agreement.

Tokars says the request was based on a law that voids a divorce petition if the parties continue to have sex with each other. Mrs. Holyfield said she had sex with her husband last week, Tokars said.

Holyfield, in Houston training for his title defense against George Foreman April 19, did not deny the report but said he had no desire to reconcile with his wife.

"I don't feel it's right where she goes back and lets some lawyer tell her. 'Since it happened, now you can get out of the divorce,'" Holyfield said. "This whole thing is about money."

A frail Peggy Lee recalled the highlights of her career for a jury trying to decide whether the jazz singer deserved royalties from videocassette sales of "Lady and the Tramp."

In a darkened courtroom Thursday, jurors chuckled as they watched the 1955 animated classic about a high-class cocker spaniel who falls in love with a mutt. Miss Lee wore several songs and performed voices of four characters.

Miss Lee said Disney Co., saying she is entitled to some profits from the videocassette issued in 1987.

A judge already denied permission for his 1952 contract with her by not seeking violation for use of her voice and songs when the videocassette was released. The jury is to decide whether she deserves damages.

Her lawyer is seeking \$35 million. The movie has earned more than \$140 million, including \$90 million from videocassettes. Miss Lee was paid \$3,500 when the film was made and received unspecified royalties over the years.

Jurors also watched a video of Walt Disney's 1950s television show. Disney paid tribute to Miss Lee, who appeared on the show, and her contribution to "Lady and the Tramp."

The platinum-haired, 70-year-old singer came to court in a wheelchair. She suffers many ailments, including diabetes and a heart condition, but still sings. She was nominated for a Grammy this year.

Miss Lee described her rise from a North Dakota ranch singer to her million-selling records, including "When or When," "The Way You Look Tonight," "Fever" and "I'm That All There Is."

The rap group 2 Live Crew won't perform Saturday in Cincinnati, but Riverfront Coliseum officials say it's a matter of insurance, not morals or slow ticket sales.

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

Coping with constipation

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from constipation all the time. I've undergone a colonoscopy and take Metamucil or Citrucel. Is there a specific diet I should follow or something I should do to alleviate this aggravating condition?

DEAR READER: Constipation is one of mankind's most ubiquitous ailments. It normally accompanies aging but also is a common consequence of many diseases, including thyroid deficiency, kidney disorders, Parkinson's disease, stroke and irritable bowel syndrome. It is caused by a vast array of medicines, potent sedatives, cocaine and calcium-channel blockers (for hypertension and heart disease).

It is associated with dehydration, bowel obstruction and intestinal infection (such as diverticulitis). It can result from inactivity (thus from any chronic, debilitating disease). It may follow a change in diet, especially in elderly patients who eat sparingly and tend to prefer soft, digestible foods. Depression and other emotional maladjustments can lead to constipation.

Therefore, if you suffer chronic constipation, you should have a medical exam and blood tests because a hidden, undetected and curable ailment may be at the root of your problem.

If you check out normally and there is no treatable, underlying cause for your constipation, I suggest the following:

Increase fiber and bran in your diet. Raw fruits and vegetables, bran cereals and salads will help stimulate peristalsis (bowel contractions). Also, these foods are rich in vitamins and minerals.

Increase your intake of fruit juices and dried fruits. Pectin, a bowel stimulant and vital body mineral, is plentiful in fruit, especially prunes, apricots and raisins. Eight ounces of prune juice is a good natural laxative and, for reasons I've never understood, works better when taken hot.

Try stool-bulking agents, such as Metamucil (hydrophilic pectin mucilloid). This natural fiber stimulant eliminates by increasing bulk and softening the stool. Recently, Kellogg's has begun marketing a breakfast cereal, Heartwise, which contains pectin — and tastes good.

As a last resort, turn to laxatives. Glycerine suppositories, Citrate of Magnesia and Milk of Magnesia are the safest. Avoid laxatives containing mineral oil; they are not appropriate for long-term use because they can lead to vitamin deficiencies. Remember that all laxatives are, to one degree or another, habit forming.

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Here's a new spare tire motorists can count on

By GARY LARKIN
The Associated Press

MIDDLEBURY — The frustration of being stopped by a flat tire only to find your spare is also flat may one day be a thing of the past, thanks to a new type of tire developed by a Litchfield inventor.

Richard L. Palukas is an engineer with Uniroyal Goodrich Tire Co. in Middlebury. General Motors Corp. issued a challenge to tire companies in 1983, and Uniroyal Goodrich met the challenge with the invention of the first maintenance-free, non-pneumatic, or airless spare tire by Palukas. Gil Page, a combustion engineer from New Brunswick, N.J., also helped develop the tire. The tire, which was patented in 1987, would replace the mini-spares or "donut" tires that are currently found in new cars' trunks. It is made of the same polyurethane that is used in mattresses, automobile bumpers and skateboards.

Last month, Palukas, along with dozens of other inventors from around the state, showed off his invention at an exhibit at the Mattuck Museum in Waterbury. It may be three years before the tire is fully developed by Uniroyal Goodrich and approved by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Palukas said. "It all started when GM asked tire companies to develop a non-pneumatic spare tire," Palukas said. "Generally, spares lose 1 1/2 percent of their pressure per month. Sixty p.s.i. (pounds per square inch) is an extremely safe number. Below 30 p.s.i., it's a liability. "A lot of times, people are ready to use the tire and it is flat. The urethane ages extremely well. It will be in use 10 years from now."

Palukas, who has worked for Uniroyal for about 24 years, takes his job at the Uniroyal Chemical Co. four-product development team seriously, but he said the resin used in the "four-person team" was formed to perfect the resin used in Palukas' invention.

"It's not tough to make a non-pneumatic tire," Palukas said. "You want a smooth tire. When it hits a

sharp object or pot hole, the tire collapses around it. "If it didn't, you would knock your whole (front end) suspension out. That structure, without synergism, is a rough ride, compared to other tires."

The technology behind the tire took a while to develop, Palukas said. "It was a year and a half to get it to the point where we knew we had something," he said. "There's still development going on. We're still working on developing the resin."

The tire has been tested over the past two years by GM and also by consumer reporters, such as NBC-TV reporter David Horowitz of the Today Show.

Horowitz drove the tire over rocks, broken glass and mountain roads. He also used an electric drill to make a hole in it. The tire still held up after these tests.

Palukas said the resin's technology and application was given over to Scott Palukas, a senior development engineer with Uniroyal Goodrich in Troy, Mich., in 1985. That coincided with the merger of Uniroyal with B.F. Goodrich.

Palukas is still working to perfect the chemicals used in the tire. He explained that the tire consists of a steel wheel, or rim, that is bonded to an elastomeric polyurethane tire body that is molded into a web-and-spoke design to resemble a turbine fan. A rubber tread is bonded to the outside of the tire body.

The steel rim is bonded on to the tire body through a liquid cast process in which it is placed into a mold. The polyurethane is poured into the mold and bonded to the rim. The last step is the bonding of the rubber tread to the tire body.

The synergism of the polyurethane with the bonding agent allows the tire to absorb such road hazards like potholes, rocks or bottles, Palukas said. The tire's flexibility and resistance to punctures give it a much longer life than a conventional spare tire, he said.

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Memories

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reached the top of the short, crooked right. We stood speechless for a minute or two. Far below we could see the quiet fields, Talcott Mountain and in two places we could see the Connecticut River then very high for it was only the middle of May.

"Somebody is driving up this hill in a buggy," said Henry. Was the driver going to pass the Academy and continue on to Porter Street? "What are we to do if they decide to come into the Academy?" I asked. "Oh, we will just sit on the top stair, and we must not talk though or even whisper. Soon, we heard footsteps

below and then deep silence. "It seemed a long time to two restless children before our unwanted visitors decided to return to their buggy, but at last we were alone and soon left the cupola and returned home as quickly as possible.

"Mother and grandmother were beginning to be anxious as my long absence and when I explained where Henry and I had been grandmother and mother exchanged glances. Said mother, "You must promise me, dear, never to go into the Academy again, or into any other deserted building. Supposing the visitors had

closed that heavy door. You children could not have opened it again and then it might have been hours or even days before you were found." I gave mother the promise and never entered that ancient building again. Not many years after, it was taken down.

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Bridge

A routine slam, or is it?

By James Jacoby

North and South were using the two-over-one force to game, a system that can get one's side too high. But if there are no wasted cards, the method gives a partnership a good chance of arriving at the right spot. Since North and South knew they were behind in their match, they bid aggressively to the slam.

Declarer won dummy's king of spades and played back the six of hearts, covered by the 10 and Jack. He was happy to see West's queen win. Another spade was led, the ace winning from dummy. Another heart was led from dummy, and declarer's expectations were rewarded when the king of hearts hit the table. Now the king and ace of clubs and a club ruff in dummy set up the rest of South's clubs.

Although it looks as if six hearts can be made routinely, in an expert game many Easts came up with a winning defensive play at trick two to hold declarer to only 11 tricks. Work it out for yourself. If East puts up the king of hearts when trumps are first led from dummy, there is now no way for declarer to come to 12 tricks. Oh, a declarer with X-ray eyes might still fit hearts against West's jack of clubs, but that play would be against percentages.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Gerald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Phyllis Books.

Astrograph

Your Birthday

March 8, 1991

Endeavor you share with close friends could have promising possibilities for all concerned this year ahead. In addition to being worthwhile, they should also be fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your possibilities for realizing your hopes and expectations are a bit better than most other signs, because your aspirations will be practical. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker will make minor adjustments which you may have overlooked. Do not be too romantically perfect for your mate. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

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SPORTS

All is calm at Clemens' debut

By DAVE O'HARA
The Associated Press

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — There were no beefs with the umpires. No gripes over a couple of costly errors by teammates.

And Roger Clemens graciously held court with the media Thursday for the first time after an exhibition game in Florida since 1988.

Five months after his angry encounter with umpire Terry Cooney in Game 4 of the AL Playoffs in Oakland, the three-time, 20-game winner returned to the mound for the 1991 preseason opener against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Clemens breezed through the first inning, throwing just 11 pitches, eight of them for strikes. Then, he was tagged for five runs, two unearned, on five hits and errors by Carlos Quintana and Luis Rivera in the second.

He threw 24 pitches, all but two for strikes, before getting out of the second and retiring.

The five runs didn't bother Clemens a bit, even though he allowed a season-high six just twice in 31 starts in 1990. And in one of 30 strikes, in a meeting between the major leagues' 1990 East Division champions.

"So far, so good," said Clemens, whose primary goal this spring is to start the AL opener against the Blue Jays in Toronto on April 7.

Clemens threw as many as 81 pitches in batting practice last week, but he was happy with just 35, and the fourth of fifth start, I'll begin getting balls a little more on the edge, start pitching more," he added. "Right now my velocity is OK, but I don't want to overthrow."

"About four starts down the road, my velocity will be where I'll try to shove it into the low 90s (m.p.h.) and try to put the ball on the plate."

"I'll probably have six or seven starts down here and when I get to the fourth of fifth start, I'll begin getting balls a little more on the edge, start pitching more. Right now my velocity is OK, but I don't want to overthrow."

— Roger Clemens



TOUGH DAY — Boston pitcher Roger Clemens, right, lifts his cap as he talks with Manager Joe Morgan after giving up five runs in two innings in his spring training debut Thursday against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Unbeaten Bolton hoop squad to be honored

By LEN AUSTER
Manchester Herald

BOLTON — Neither the Bolton High boys nor girls' basketball teams had positive results in the course of the 1990-91 campaign.

Coach Craig Phillips' club just missed qualifying for the state tournament at 7-13, while Coach Dave Lete's girls had trouble scoring, and finished with just three wins in 21 outings.

There was one team in town, however, who did experience the sweet taste of victory time and again.

That was the Bolton Center School boys' basketball team, which posted a perfect 15-0 mark.

It will be honored Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck dinner at the high school.

Coach Ray Boyd, who is the Bolton High boys' soccer coach in the fall, gives credit to the town's recreation program for the team's success.

"It was a good overall workout," he said. "I thought I threw more than I did because the second inning went longer than what you want, but my next start will be the same."

He said right now he is working on "a lot of mechanics" and trying to throw "a lot of strikes."

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Less may find more in Big East tourney

By JIM O'CONNELL
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — St. John's has always been synonymous with Madison Square Garden, and it seems the Redmen should have a convenient hometown advantage in the Big East tournament which is played there in 21 outings.

The 20th-ranked Redmen face Providence tonight in the third of the quarterfinal games, and Friars coach Rick Barnes isn't buying any talk of a slump which has seen St. John's drop 12 places in The Associated Press college basketball poll over the last month.

"People told me they haven't been playing well, but they won three of four, and the wins were all at Madison Square Garden," Barnes said Thursday.

The Redmen are 282-160 since they started playing in the country in 6-9 Junior Billy Owens, they also could very well lose to Villanova today's quarterfinal at Madison Square Garden.

No. 8 Villanova, which knocked off BC, 74-73, in the 8-9 game Thursday night, always plays the Orangemen tough. The Wildcats beat Syracuse in the cavernous Carrier Dome earlier this season, the Orangemen's lone home loss of the season.

While Villanova, the 1985 NCAA champion, has never won the Big East tourney, it makes a habit of at least advancing to the Saturday semifinals. In 10 previous Big East tourneys, the Wildcats has only made the semis eight times.

Villanova, realizing that its only chance of making the NCAA tourney is via a Big East tourney championship, won't bow down to the Orangemen.

In this year's wide open tourney, less may find more. Seeds five through eight — Pittsburgh, Georgetown, Providence and Villanova — could very well be in the nation's spotlight come Saturday's semis and Sunday's final.

Each game is very tough to call.

As for UConn's chances of defending?

The Huskies, perhaps the hottest Big East team, must face the Hoyas in tonight's quarterfinal nightcap. The pair split during the regular season with each winning at home. Working against UConn is the fact the Hoyas are indeed an NCAA Tournament "bubble" team because of their 12-11 record against Division I teams.

The Hoyas need a win over UConn. They know it and the Huskies know it.

It's not the best of positions for the Huskies.

Containing the Hoyas' "Twist Towers" of 7-3 Dickembe Mutombo and 6-10 Alorou Mournung will, again, be the Huskies' main chore.

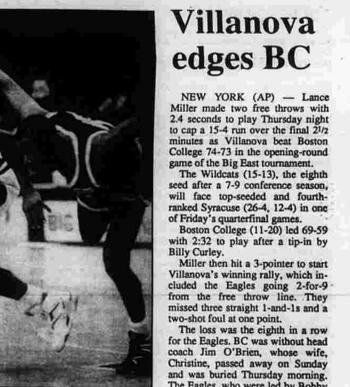
Pittsburgh will beat Seton Hall in today's first game. Villanova will spring the upset of the tourney by beating Syracuse.

Tonight, Providence will upset St. John's while Georgetown will knock off the Huskies.

In Saturday's semifinals, Villanova will beat Pittsburgh and Georgetown will beat Providence.

Villanova will beat Georgetown, in a rematch of the 1985 NCAA final, in Sunday's final and get the automatic NCAA bid which goes along with it.

Jim Tierney is a sports writer for the Manchester Herald.



HEY, THAT'S MINE — Villanova's Chris Walker, left, fights for the basketball with BC's Bobby Moran in their Big East Tournament clash Thursday night at Madison Square Garden. The Wildcats won, 74-73.

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Bird dead on 3-pointers

By HOWARD ULMAN
The Associated Press

BOSTON — He looks down at his toes like a dainty ballerina. He looks up at the basket like a cold-blooded marksman. Others just look at him in amazement.

Larry Bird is launching 3-pointers again. And again and again and again.

After an atrocious shooting stretch, he has found his comfort zone behind the 3-point line. If his toes are nudging it, he merely steps back and fires. His shots often go through without ever scraping the rim.

"Playing against him is more or less a dream," wide-eyed Miami rookie Willie Burton said after Bird hit 5 of 8 from 3-point range in Wednesday night's 126-117 victory over the Heat. "Your whole life you watch (the top players), you imitate them, you shoot their way on Sunday and you're back on the court" as a youngster.

He doesn't take shots like Bird. Few people do.

In his last five games, Bird is 24-for-40 on 3-pointers. In the four games before that he made only 24 of 73 field goals attempts from all distances.

His recovery has softened concerns that back problems that sidelined him for 15 games had ruined his shooting ability.



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