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USSOUTHCOM advises

Do not leave post without '89 plate

QUARRY HEIGHTS (US SOUTHCOM PAO) — U.S. military forces personnel without the required 1989 Panama vehicle license plates have been advised by USSOUTHCOM to continue efforts to obtain the illegally required Panamanian national tax clearance certificate (Paz y Salvo) and other documents, but have cautioned personnel about driving in vehicles with 1988 plates.

The Panama Defense Forces have not officially extended the period during which members of the U.S. Forces can drive using 1988 plates.

According to a protest letter dated Feb. 24, 1989 from the U.S. co-chairman of the Joint Committee to the Panamanian co-chairman of the Joint Committee the U.S. forces community "made a good faith effort" to comply with the vehicle registration requirements. However, the Panama Defense Forces (PDF) delayed and frustrated U.S. Forces efforts with a number of obstacles.

The PDF national traffic bureau (DNTT) did not certify the Panama

Canal Commission mechanical inspection site for vehicles until Dec. 13, 1988, well beyond the date established to service the U.S. Forces. According to the U.S. protest letter the complications caused by this late date were exacerbated by the "routine unavailability" of DNTT inspection forms.

During the inspection period, members of the U.S. Forces community were also "illegally precluded," according to the letter, from obtaining vehicle inspections for 13 days, further delaying the process. Also the computers used by Panama's Ministry of the Treasury to process the illegally required tax clearance certificates were routinely inoperative.

In that protest letter, the U.S. Joint Committee co-chairman insisted that for these reasons, members of the U.S. Forces should "not be held accountable for failure to acquire the 1989 license plates by the Feb. 28, 1989 deadline." To date, however, the U.S. Southern

Command has not received notification of an official extension of the 1988 vehicle license plates to assist U.S. Forces personnel who have been unable to obtain their 1989 plates.

U.S. military personnel have been cautioned that driving outside or between U.S. installations with 1988 Panama license plates, may subject them to harassment or other regime sanctions.

USSOUTHCOM officials expect the Panama Defense Forces are prepared to detain vehicles to check license plates and Paz y Salvos and will fine drivers with expired plates. U.S. Forces personnel have been advised to use a "buddy system" when possible or make use of U.S. military shuttle bus services.

U.S. officials here and in Washington have reviewed the Noriega regime's new requirement of national tax clearance certificates (Paz y Salvos) from U.S. Forces military and civilian personnel and have found it illegal and in violation of the Panama Canal Treaty.

One U.S. official said, "it totally violates both the letter and spirit of the Panama Canal Treaty, which unequivocally exempts members of

the U.S. Forces from paying Panamanian income taxes. Requiring a tax clearance certificate is obviously another attempt to harass U.S. personnel in Panama."

The Noriega regime is acting illegally according to international and Panamanian law, a top U.S. military officer said, adding, "It is unfortunate that while Noriega is busy implementing these petty harassments, we are busy keeping our serious commitment to the U.S. and Panamanian people, through the Panama Canal Treaty, to defend that strategic waterway. We know full well that an overwhelming majority of Panamanians do not support Noriega's policy of harassment of U.S. Forces."

U.S. officials in Panama are attempting to resolve this issue quickly, and have encouraged U.S. personnel to use the buddy system and continue efforts to obtain 1989 license plates.

There has been no extension of the 1988 license plates and personnel are cautioned not to drive vehicles with 1988 plates.



GUERRILLA GARB — An Afghan guerrilla wears a surplus U.S. Army camouflage uniform, adorned with an identification card, while standing guard at the site of an Afghan rebel council in Islamabad, Pakistan. (AP Laserphoto)

What to do if stopped by PDF

QUARRY HEIGHTS (USSOUTHCOM PAO) — The following steps should be followed if you are detained by Panama Defense Forces personnel in upcoming days for not having 1989 vehicle license plates or the newly and illegally required national tax-clearance certificate.

—Be respectful and courteous with PDF personnel. Disrespect to these officials is an offense under local law.

—Immediately provide your Panamanian driver's license.

—Provide other documentation only when specifically requested.

—Refuse any request to pay a bribe or make an on-the-spot payment of a traffic ticket.

—Make a note of all identifying

features, name tags, rank, vehicle color or license plate number of the detaining Panamanian officer.

—Do not sign anything you do not understand. Insist on your right to an interpreter.

—Immediately insist on contacting Army Military Police Liaison at 287-4300 or 289-8913/8914, or Air Force Security Police Liaison at 284-5555 and notify them.

—If you receive a ticket (boleta) you are authorized to use it as a license until scheduled for traffic court.

—Immediately report any incident you see between a member of the U.S. forces and the PDF, providing time, location, and any identifying features to the Provost Marshal's office 287-4707 (Pacific) and 289-5411 (Atlantic).

Group protests RP media closings

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — Hundreds of journalists and opposition politicians gathered Saturday in front of the closed newspaper La Prensa to protest the government's suppression of the media.

"The closure of the communications media has created the awareness that where there is no freedom of expression there is no liberty," said Migdalia Fuentes de Pineda, interim president of the Journalists' Union. The organization is not recognized by the government.

About 1,000 people lost their jobs when the government shut down three newspapers, three radio stations and a television channel in 1988.

The government crackdown came shortly after the Legislative Assembly dismissed President Eric

Delvalle Feb. 26. Delvalle was ousted because he had tried to fire Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, head of the nation's security forces and the nation's de-facto ruler.

Manuel Solis Palma, who had served as education minister, replaced Delvalle.

Still recognized by the U.S. government as Panama's head of state, Delvalle remains in hiding in Panama. He tried to fire Noriega because the general was accused of involvement in drug trafficking by a Florida grand jury.

Since then, the U.S. government has applied enormous financial pressure on Panama to try to force Noriega's removal.

The three newspapers, El Siglo; La Prensa and Extra, as well as the three radio stations, oppose Noriega. Delvalle owns the television station.

Alfredo Jimenez, director of information at La Prensa, said the future of these media is uncertain. "Maybe they will open tomorrow, or maybe never," he told The Associated Press.

Hundreds of people showed up for the protest, most of them members of political opposition parties and journalists.

Justice Minister Rodolfo Chiari said recently that the attorney general is looking into whether to allow the media to reopen. The attorney general's office has indicated that the media are accused of libeling Panama's national character.

Panama recently toughened requirements for foreign correspondents, requiring a \$50 fee and journalists' credentials certified by the Panamanian consulate in his country.

Unexploded round kills Panamanian

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — One Panamanian national was killed and two others injured yesterday when they apparently picked up or stepped on an unexploded round on Empire Range.

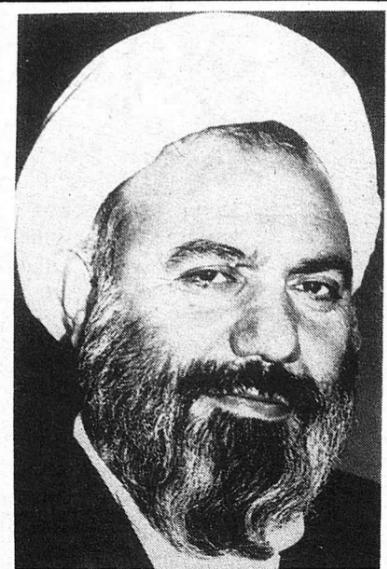
The three Panamanians were not authorized to be in the range area. The two injured Panamanians were evacuated to Gorgas Hospital where they were treated for lacerations from shrapnel wounds.

U.S. Army officials are investigating the accident.

world roundup

U.S. 'tills ground,' USSR sows seeds

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Secretary of State James Baker says



CENTER OF STORM — Hohatoleslam Haj Shaik Hassan Sane'ee, a representative of Iran's spiritual leader Imam Khomeini, has stirred an international storm after announcing a reward of \$1 million for the execution of Salman Rushdie, author of a controversial book entitled "The Satanic Verses," which Muslims consider blasphemous of their religion. (AP Laserphoto)

it is necessary "to till the ground" before moving ahead on any Middle East peace initiatives.

The problem for the new U.S. administration, however, is that the Soviet Union already is planting seeds in the volatile area and elsewhere while U.S. policy-making is bogged down in a surprisingly long pause between administrations.

Baker says the State Department is involved in 28 separate policy reviews - everything from trade to human rights to dealing with the Soviets - and that it merely is prudent to await the outcome before moving ahead with meaningful international negotiations.

In any event, the department couldn't move ahead, because about 35 policy level positions still are unfilled, with the nominees not yet chosen or not yet confirmed because of a monumental paper-jam in the White House bureaucracy.

President Bush and Baker are in Asia without an Assistant Secretary of State for the region, and earlier this month Baker toured Europe without having a top State Department official for the continent.

The foreign policy vacuum was unexpected, because the Bush administration's "friendly takeover" from President Reagan was mostly

regarded as a continuation of his policies.

But Baker, who learned the hard way as Treasury Secretary and White House chief of staff about the State Department's skills at intramural knife-fighting, decided to clean house at the top levels, even at the cost of delay.

Meanwhile, Soviet Foreign minister Eduard Shevardnadze has made a well-publicized trip to Cairo for meetings with officials from Egypt, Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Soviet ability, for the first time, to talk to all the major parties in the Middle East is a new element which changes the equation.

A similar change is in the wings in Asia. Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev is to visit Beijing this spring for a meeting with Deng Xiaoping, China's paramount leader, that probably will end the three-decade-old Sino-Soviet rift.

In Europe, also, the NATO alliance, wilting under the smiles and sunshine radiating from the Kremlin, is reflecting doubts about the modernization of nuclear weapons and, more fundamentally, whether the NATO alliance is an outdated relic of the Cold War.

In Washington, the pause at the State Department has allowed the

National Security Council staff to get a head-start in dealing with such inter-agency issues as arms control negotiations.

The paralysis at the Pentagon is even more serious since the fight over John Tower's confirmation as Secretary of Defense has left a huge vacuum. One general on the Joint Chiefs of Staff said, "we keep shooting arrows into the air but nothing ever comes down."

It is traditional in Washington that power, once assumed by the NSC, is not lightly given away.

Baker's first outings, in Europe and Asia, have given the first indications of how he will operate at the State Department.

The pattern, according to one official who has watched it form, is that Baker will have a small group of trusted insiders who have worked with him for years at the Treasury and the White House.

Such a personal style, the official said, ensures quick responses on important issues and prevents unwanted leaks to the press and congress.

The disadvantage is that the rest of the vast bureaucracy will have difficulty penetrating the Baker inner circle with early warnings of problems that could develop into disasters.

Violent storm sweeps French, Spanish coasts

BREST, France (UPI) — A violent weekend storm in the Gulf of Gascogne caused two ships to sink off European coasts, leaving at least three people dead and 30 others missing at sea, maritime authorities said.

At least 10 other people were killed in storm-related incidents, authorities said.

Rescuers searched in vain Sunday for 14 German and Filipino sailors missing after a cargo ship sank off the southwestern coast of France. A Nigerian vessel sank early Sunday, killing three people and leaving 16 others missing, maritime officials said.

French rescue efforts began late Saturday after the captain of the Anna Leongardt, out of Singapore, radioed for help at 10 p.m., saying his

crewmembers were about to abandon the sinking vessel 180 miles west of Bordeaux, maritime officials said.

Rescuers discovered an empty lifeboat early Sunday, officials said.

The search by a Navy plane, the British commercial vessel Tologa Bay, the Liberian oil tanker Mobil Astral and the French cargo vessel La Fayette was suspended Sunday evening. Maritime officials said they had not yet decided whether to continue the search.

The Nigerian vessel, the River Gurara, began sinking early Sunday with 46 people aboard, maritime officials said.

Rescuers used Portuguese navy helicopters to save 27 passengers, including three children and two women, before the ship went under.

The storm raged off the coasts of France, Spain and Portugal with winds gusting at up to 78 miles per hour and waves cresting at up to 50 feet, maritime authorities said.

The captain of the Spanish trawler Nuevo Galoma De La Paz issued an SOS Saturday night in rough waters off the coast of northern Spain, French authorities said.

Spanish civil defense authorities said the storm has caused at least eight deaths in Spain, some through drownings and others victims of gusts of winds that knocked over walls and billboards.

The cargo ship "Lancelot Sky" had to be escorted to the French port of Sint-Nazaire after it began taking on

water Saturday afternoon and the Dutch vessel Brouwergracht had to unload part of its cargo of wooden logs to stay afloat while en route to the northwestern port of Brest, authorities said.

Waves reached the terraces of French seaside cafes in Nice, Cannes and Menton along the fashionable Cote D'Azur, where authorities said at least two people died and five were injured in storm-related incidents.

Jules Minet, 62, died Sunday in the port of Menton after winds threw him against a wall of a former prison and he fractured his skull, firefighters said.

In Eze-Sur-Mer, a wave 26 feet high picked up a nurse and pulled her into the sea, police said. The body of the woman, whose identity was not immediately released, was found hours later after it washed up on some rocks, authorities said.

Panama-flag ship sinks, 17 missing

LONDON (UPI) — A Panamanian-registered cargo ship sank in heavy seas northwest of Ireland last week and its 17 crew members were missing and presumed dead despite life rafts dropped by a rescue plane, the Royal Air Force said.

The 2,600-ton Secil Angola, which operates out of Japan and was hauling salt from Spain to Iceland, reported at midnight it was taking in water through an uncovered hatch and its engine rooms were flooding in severe gale force to storm force weather.

The captain asked for help and two hours later an RAF Nimrod plane reached the scene, about 350 miles northwest of Ireland, dropping six life rafts for the 17-man crew, said RAF spokesman Pat Coffey.

The Nimrod continued surveillance until shortly before the Panamanian-registered ship sank at 7:30 a.m., but when a Sea King helicopter from RAF Brawdy in Wales reached the life rafts, there was no sign of survivors.

"(The pilot) searched each of these dinghies and he reported no survivors. He thought there was little hope of there being any found," Coffey said. "What happened we don't know. The means of rescue were there, and he had his own life raft as well."

Coffey said the weather may have prevented the crew reaching the life rafts.

"Seas were very rough, with waves 20 feet high. It was a survivable situation though, but something went wrong," Coffey said.

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Duarte reverses stand on cease-fire

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (UPI) — President Jose Napoleon Duarte called Sunday for a cease-fire in the nation's nine-year-old civil war and said he was willing to postpone elections and hold peace talks with leftist rebels.

In a speech broadcast in the evening on Salvadoran radio and television, Duarte said the cease-fire could begin at midnight Tuesday if the guerrillas accept the proposal, and would last at least until his term expires June 1.

The ailing president also said he had agreed to postpone the scheduled March 19 elections and to begin talks with the rebel Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front — two key conditions of a peace proposal offered by the resistance last month.

Duarte said the talks could be held in Guatemala City as soon as details of the cease-fire were worked out.

"This proposal is to be within the frame of the constitution, because as constitutional president I must abide by it," Duarte said.

If his proposal is rejected, Duarte said, a national plebiscite would be called to give the Salvadoran people "a chance to decide on their homeland's future."

Duarte, who is suffering from cancer, did not say when elections would be rescheduled. The rebel peace proposal had stipulated that the polls be postponed five months—a proposal the government earlier had said would be impossible because

Duarte is constitutionally bound to leave office in just over three months.

The rebels, in an unprecedented move Jan. 23, offered to lay down their arms and participate in elections if the government postponed the March 19 polls and

agreed to procedural guarantees for leftist political groups.

Guerrilla leaders warned Saturday of a dramatic escalation in the 10-year-old war unless the government accepted the conditions and agreed to direct talks.

In a broadcast over the clandestine Radio Venceremos, the FMLN said the country is "at a historic crossroads with two paths to choose from: negotiation or intensification of war."

"If the army, the oligarchy and the government refuse to choose the path of negotiation then they will be guilty of more bloodshed and suffering for our people," the broadcast said.

Last week rebels leaders met in Mexico City with top officials of El Salvador's political parties, who pledged to try to persuade the government to begin talks with the rebels.

More than 60,000 people have been killed in fighting in the small Central American country since 1979.

Although the government receives about \$1.5 million a day in U.S. economic and military aid it has been unable to defeat the five rebel groups that make up the FMLN, which in recent weeks has stepped up attacks on civilian and military targets.

Mexico nixes anti-immigrant ditch

MEXICO CITY (UPI) — The Mexican government has demanded that the United States cancel plans to dig a 4-mile-long ditch that American officials say is necessary to help stem the flow of illegal aliens from Mexico.

The ditch is planned along the border between Mexico and California, near San Ysidro, Calif.

In a communique, the Foreign Ministry said it had instructed its embassy in Washington to present "a diplomatic note" to the State Department.

The Ministry said its request was prompted by statements from U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service officials that the planned ditch was intended to stop cars that carry illegal aliens.

According to plans, the ditch would be 4 miles long, 12 feet wide and 5 feet deep.

Initially a joint border commission last year had approved the digging of the ditch to dispose of rain water, the Foreign Ministry noted.

"In the spirit of cooperation and friendship that characterizes the relation between the two nations, that option (the ditch) must be discarded and new alternatives must be considered to solve the problem of rain water in Mesa Otay," the Ministry said. Mesa Otay is along the border with California.

"Solution to bilateral problems must be found through mutual decisions and not taken unilaterally," it added.

Rebels, Salvador parties may continue talks

OAXTEPEC, Mexico (UPI) — Rebel leaders and representatives of El Salvador's political parties reported no major progress at the end of two days of peace talks, but agreed to hold future meetings despite a series of leftist attacks that killed 32 people.

Spokesmen for both sides said last week they would continue the dialogue at a date and place yet to be determined.

Participants said the agreement to continue talking was a positive development, even if no major breakthrough was reached in the latest negotiations.

Leftist rebels in El Salvador, meanwhile, attacked four military bases across the country Tuesday, killing at least 32 people, including two civilians.

In one of the attacks, the army said guerrillas exploded two car bombs outside the barracks of the 1st Infantry Brigade in southern San Salvador, killing two civilians and damaging nearby houses.

"(The rebels) believe that they have to kill to reinforce their position in the dialogue with the political parties," said 1st Brigade commander Orlando Cepeda. "We definitely condemn such kinds of attack because they are attacking only against the civilians."

The two-day meeting between the rebel Farabundo Marti Nacional Liberation Front and officials from 13 Salvadoran political parties began in the Mexican resort town of Oaxtepec, about 35 miles south of Mexico City.

Leaders of the FMLN rebel group restated an earlier offer to end the 9-year-old civil war that has taken about 20,000 lives if the U.S.-backed government of President Jose Napoleon Duarte postpones upcoming presidential elections and accepts other demands.

"In this war there are still no winners and losers. We are convinced

that the durable peace must be based in the demilitarization of the society and in (reaching a) national consensus to design a pluralist model," an FMLN statement said.

The FMLN demands include postponement of presidential elections from March 19 to Sept. 15, the installation of an independent interim president, and reduction in the size of the armed and security

Contra food plane crashes, 10 die

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (UPI) — A DC-6 aircraft returning from delivering food supplies to the U.S.-backed Nicaraguan rebels crashed in a forest near the Honduran capital, killing all 10 people aboard, authorities said Sunday.

The Honduran civil aeronautics agency said the plane went down around 2:30 p.m. Saturday, about 17 miles east of Tegucigalpa.

The plane was reported missing Saturday afternoon, but a search operation could not be begun until the next day because of high winds and bad weather.

Authorities said the plane was returning after dropping food and gasoline near Contra rebel camps at San Andres De Bocay, on the Nicaraguan border.

The 10 killed included six Nicaraguans and three Hondurans, officials said. The 10th victim was badly mutilated and his nationality could not immediately be determined.

Chartered to deliver humanitarian aid to the rebels, the DC-6 plane belongs to the private company Circular G, owned by a retired captain of the Honduran armed forces.

Sources familiar with the rebel aid shipments said the flight was chartered by the U.S.-backed Contras, whose seven-year-long armed struggle against Nicaragua's

forces.

The rebels also are demanding that three commissions be established: one to negotiate a cease-fire, a second to deal with electoral reforms and a third to guarantee international verification of elections.

The FMLN, which has tried to overthrow a series of U.S.-backed governments since 1979, met with representatives of 13 Salvadoran

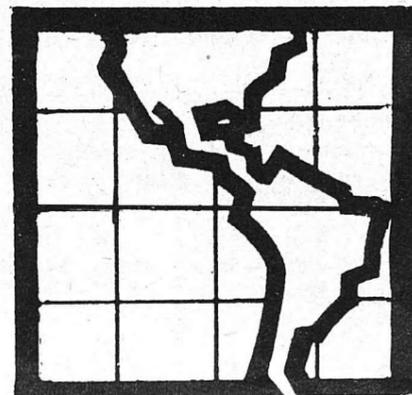
leftist Sandinista government has cost some 50,000 lives.

The cause of the crash was under investigation.

Bodies of the victims were brought to Tegucigalpa Sunday for autopsies and later turned over to the military.

About 12,000 Contras currently are based in Honduras. But under an accord signed last week by the presidents of El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Nicaragua, the five Central American nations agreed to draft a plan to disband the Contras and remove them from their bases in Honduras.

For his part, Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega committed his government to moving up the date of national elections from November 1990 to February 1990, freeing about 3,000 political prisoners and relaxing restrictions on political dissent.



political parties, including the ruling Christian Democratic Party and the rightist National Republican Alliance known as Arena.

Julio Rey Prendes, presidential candidate of the Authentic Christian Movement Party, a dissident faction of the ruling party, said earlier that the possibility of any accord with the rebels is grim.

"It will be very difficult to reach an accord on the postponement of elections," Prendes said. "For the postponement of elections, the parties will have to violate the law by asking their candidates to withdraw, then again register for the elections and then seek a provisional president."

He said the ruling party and the opposition Arena, which hold the majority in the national assembly, "are the ones who oppose the postponement of elections because they are the ones who have to lose."

Opponents argue the FMLN demands contravene the country's constitution, which says elections must be held at least two months before a new president takes office. Duarte, who is suffering from terminal liver and stomach cancer, ends his five-year term June 1.

Salvadoran Defense Minister Gen. Carlos Eugenio Vides Casanova warned last week that the military would be forced to stage a coup if the elections were postponed and if Duarte stays one day after his legal term.

Prendes said if the FMLN truly wants peace it should compromise and accept electoral reforms that could be made in two years.

FMLN commander Shafik Handal said at the meeting that the guerrillas would recognize the results of the elections if they are postponed and if "they take place democratically, which would mean the end of the armed struggle."

"The problem is not to give up the weapons but to resolve the conflicts," Handal said.

Aging jetliners need more maintenance

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The tragedy aboard an 18-year-old Boeing 747 near Hawaii has prompted aviation experts to renew warnings that airlines must be increasingly vigilant while inspecting and maintaining their aging planes.

Hiring more inspectors and mechanics, using more technologically sophisticated inspection techniques and stepping up scrutiny of aging jets will be expensive, but necessary as airlines wait years because of production backlogs to get new planes, experts said Sunday.

Nine passengers were swept to their deaths Friday when a 10-by-40-foot hole ripped open around a cargo door as United Airlines Flight 811 was 100 miles south-southwest of Honolulu, 17 minutes into the flight carrying 354 people to Auckland, New Zealand.

"When you're dealing with these older aircraft it can no longer be business as usual," said Andy Lightbody, editorial director of International Defense and Aerospace magazine. "I think the airline industry can expect to spend millions of dollars."

While some airlines already have a strong record of initiating stepped-up maintenance and inspection programs, others can expect increased pressure from the Federal Aviation Administration, he said.

"The FAA has not been real popular (among airlines)," he said. "They're going to become less popular."

About 2,300 of the roughly 8,000 commercial jets operated by U.S. airlines and freight carriers are over 20 years old, said Paul Packman, a mechanical and materials engineering professor at Southern Methodist University in Dallas who often helps investigate airplane accidents.

Coincidentally, Packman spoke Friday at a conference of lawyers meeting to discuss litigation issues in aviation accidents. His address, taken from a recent paper he wrote, was titled "aging aircraft and fatigue failure."

"We've been operating on borrowed time," Packman said about the aging of the U.S. commercial jet fleet. "It's not a problem that can be solved simply by ordering new airplanes."

In the case of the United accident, investigators were trying to find out what caused a cargo door and a truck-size part of the Boeing's fuselage to rip open shortly after Flight 811 departed from Honolulu International Airport.

Investigators found no evidence of a bomb and said the calamity could have been caused by the cargo door giving way because of air pressure in the plane.

"There is no evidence of pre-existing cracks in the area of the cargo door. None," Lee Dickinson of the National Transportation Safety Board said. "The damage is representative of an overload stress."

Safety board metallurgist Michael Marx said there was no indication of metal fatigue or corrosion on cargo door locks that were still on the plane. He said the fractures around the hole looked "as if you were snapping or breaking a piece of material, instead of fatiguing it and causing a crack."

Parts of the door latches were being flown to Washington for further analysis.

Boeing has had difficulties with aging aircraft and has been troubled as well by miswired emergency systems in newer planes and production delays.

The highly competitive nature of

the commercial airline industry makes the job of airline mechanics and inspectors especially difficult, Packman said.

"It places a tremendous burden on the individual inspector," he said. "These guys are really being pushed by economic and managerial pressures."

Commercial jets are designed and built for a service life of between 18 to 22 years, said Lightbody, who also is military and aerospace editor for CBS. After about two decades, commercial jets are still usable, but need special scrutiny and more aggressive maintenance as the problems of age increase, Lightbody

said.

"By the time it reaches 20 years, virtually everything (mechanically and structurally) becomes suspect," he said.

To keep older jets safe and reliable, airlines must beef up the size and training level of their maintenance and inspection staffs and begin routine use of high-tech inspection equipment such as X-ray machines that can detect hidden cracks, the experts said.

"It used to be that you worried about being hijacked" when boarding a plane, Lightbody said. "Now you worry about making it there in one piece."



MAKING CONVERSATION — Two Miss USA contestants, Kathy Lynn Eicher, 20, Miss West Virginia, left, and Denise Epps, 23, Miss Pennsylvania, clown on the Jackson Hill Ranch in Mobile, Ala., during a photo session for contestants prior to yesterday's finals in Mobile. (AP Laserphoto)

Buyers flock to buy shares in Mustang Ranch

RENO, Nev. (UPI) — The Securities and Exchange Commission has cleared the way for the sale of \$23.3 million in shares in Nevada's largest legal brothel, arousing intense interest on the part of brokers,

traders said.

Longtime brothel owners Joe and Sally Conforte are selling the two sex palaces and 400 acres of land to a publicly traded corporation called Mustang Ranch Inc., headed by

Reno lawyer Peter A. Perry and real estate developer Donald Clough.

"I've been in this business 35 years and that's long enough," Conforte, 63, said. "I hope to have my \$18 million in 30 days and then Conforte and the Mustang Ranch are history."

He said \$12 million to \$13 million will be eaten up in capital gains.

Kevin Ward, chief financial officer of American Wallstreet Securities, Inc., of Tampa, Fla., the underwriters for the stock, said the SEC has agreed to register the stock.

Ward said he hopes to have full commitments by the end of the week on sales to brokers. The stock will be sold for \$20 a share.

"Interest is exceeding the supply," said Ward. Many people, he said, consider it a novelty investment rather than one to make money.

The National Association of Security Dealers has approved the securities and Ward said he has gotten clearance to sell the stock in New York, Washington D.C., Georgia, Florida, Illinois and Colorado. He is expecting approval from New Jersey, Connecticut and Nevada.

There will not be any sales in California and Texas, said Ward because of the strict security laws in those states. He said those two states do not approve many issues.

State regulatory approval is required for the sale of stock in companies whose business - such as prostitution or gambling - is illegal in that state. Such approval is required, for example, for the stocks of companies such as those that own the Ballys and Trump casinos in Las Vegas and Atlantic City, N.J.

Anywhere from 50 to 90 women work at the two buildings east of Reno. The prostitutes rent a room usually for \$10 a day and promise to split with management what they earn from customers.

The profits from the business reportedly are more than \$900,000 a year.

The Confortes have operated the brothel at different locations since the 1960s. Since that time, Conforte has served prison terms for extortion, and twice for tax evasion.

In Nevada, prostitution is illegal in Las Vegas, Reno, and several other of the major cities, but is permitted at local option in the rural counties.

The prospectus on the business warns investors there are risks such as AIDS and venereal disease. Condoms are now required by the state and there has not been a single case of AIDS detected in a Nevada brothel.

The deal said Conforte was prohibited from competing for five years.

Skyscrapers 300 stories tall may dominate skylines in 22nd century

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- Gleaming skyscrapers of 300 stories will dominate city skylines in the 22nd century and family cars will work on auto pilot 100 or more years from now, a survey of American engineers predicted last week.

The engineers also said that between the years 2100 and 2199 permanent colonies will thrive on the moon, and that advanced artificial hearts, artificial kidneys and glass eyes that see will be readily available.

And more than one-third of the 2,000 "level headed, practical engineers" also believe humans will communicate with extraterrestrials, said Robert Hogan, president of the American Consulting Engineers Council.

The survey, which marked

National Engineers Week, also determined a majority of the engineers believe:

--Nuclear power and solar power will be the main source of energy in the 22nd century and solar power will be captured by orbiting satellites and transferred to the ground.

--Trains will travel at speeds of 200 mph to 400 mph and commercial airplanes will zoom at three to four times the speed of sound.

--The average lifespan will be 80 to 100 years.

Although towering buildings and computer-guided cars will be commonplace, Hogan warned there is a grave shortage of engineering students and by the 22nd century "there will be a shortage of at least 500,000 engineers."

U.S. news

Sea lions endanger Seattle game fish run

SEATTLE (UPI) -- Chastened by years of failure, federal and state officials have turned from waterside deterrents to the truck to drive away the voracious sea lions feasting on steelhead and salmon runs in Seattle.

The new twist to a long-standing problem with the protected mammals is the latest ploy to save the valuable fish runs that flood through locks in Seattle's ship canal from Puget Sound to Lake Washington.

The 11 or so California sea lions that troll near the locks thick with migrating fish have done serious damage. Each of the protected mammals can eat up to 10 or 12 fish a day—a rate, experts say, that is fast bringing the wild steelhead trout run to extinction.

Marine mammal experts, to the dismay of animal protection groups, over the last four years have used nets, firecrackers, underwater explosives and sonic repellers, and dead fish laced with a gastric irritants in failed efforts to rid the Ballard Locks of sea lions.

The sleek mammals thwarted every attempt, often taunting their would-be captors by shaking a splendid steelhead trout in their jaws as they swam away before applauding onlookers and dozens of reporters and cameras. Official sea lion chasing has become a high-comedy, spectator sport in Seattle.

The current "Operation Goodbye" is the culmination of lessons learned from failure. Its operant principle is: "if we can't drive them away in the water, we'll haul them away in trucks."

Last week, fishery agents began capturing sea lions by tripping the door of a floating cage as the animals lounged inside. The idea is to capture two a day for tagging with radio

transmitters, then haul them 150 miles by truck to the Long Beach peninsula in southwest Washington for release into the Pacific Ocean.

The capture plan began badly. One of the first two sea lions caught died in a marine fisheries center after it was sedated and collared with a radio transmitter. A .22-caliber bullet was found in the animal's neck, but experts believe that an infection and congested lungs, rather than the bullet, killed the sea lion.

A second sea lion, captured Friday, died Saturday night, prompting marine fisheries officials to abandon the use of anesthetics to keep the mammals calm while attaching the transmitters.

A spokesman for Greenpeace, the environmental organization out to protect all sorts of marine life, said it was "disgusting" that drugs had been used on the sea lions.

"There is no safe way to drug a sea lion because they often suffocate

when they lose consciousness, and I've been telling the national marine fisheries that for weeks now," said Ben Deeble.

Deeble, like many environmentalists, said the problem is that "the city is built on the watershed once used for spawning by the fish. They ought to do more for the fish instead of removing the sea lions."

Bob Byrne, Department of Wildlife spokesman, said the sea lions deaths would not stop the "trap and truck" operation.

Official schemes to rid the locks of the barking gluttons have drawn more sneers than cheers from commercial and sport fishing groups.

"Personally, I'm for the lethal removal of them, and if they would give me a box of shells, I'd go clean them all out," said Mike Weever, a board member of the Puget Sound Gilnetters Association. "They have no real value at all, other than aesthetics."

Four years of trying to remove sea

lions from the water around the locks has cost the state, federal government, army corps of engineers and an Indian tribe more than \$320,000, excluding staff time, Byrne said.

Officials call the current removal program more risky to the animals than past attempts using firecrackers and nets, but say protecting the fish run has become an emergency.

Fisheries experts estimate that half of the 1988 wild steelhead run of approximately 1,600 fish was eaten by the sea lions. "And their consumption rate for this year is about twice what it was last year," Byrne said.

One of the reasons that past attempts to nab or chase away the creatures have failed, says Byrne, is because "sea lions are smart enough to do circus tricks."

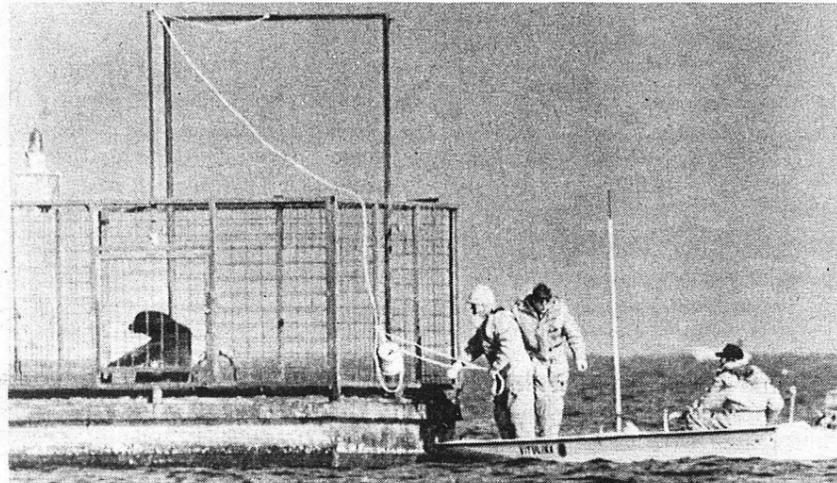
"They are a lot smarter than a dog. These are the animals that balance balls on their nose, stand on one flipper and then toss it to somebody."

The creatures migrate to California every year, "and there's no doubt they can find their way back here," he said. "But will they?"

Byrne said shooting the sea lions is one option to protecting the fish. Wildlife officials say they will apply for federal permission to kill the animals if no other removal plan works.

"We've got to do something to prevent vigilante action (by commercial and sport fishermen)," he said.

Neither the animals nor the crowds who enjoy their antics at the locks seem to know what danger may lurk ahead. A sea lion waves a thrashing steelhead, and the crowds keep clapping.



CAPTURED SEA LION—Washington State wildlife officials check out their first captured sea lion recently in Seattle, where sea lions have been devastating runs of salmon and steelhead trout. (AP Laserphoto)

Bank refuses to validate ticket, learns expensive lesson

SPOKANE, Wash. (UPI) — A bank in Spokane learned an expensive lesson by refusing to validate a 60-cent parking slip for a destitute-looking man, who retaliated by withdrawing his \$1 million account.

"If you have \$1 in a bank or \$1 million, I think they owe you the courtesy of stamping your parking ticket," John Barrier said in an interview published in the Spokesman-Review.

Barrier, 59, said he was wearing his

usual shabby clothes last October when he pulled his pickup truck into the Old National Bank parking lot in Spokane.

He paid a quick visit to his broker, cashed a check at the bank and then went outside to drive away.

The lot boy said there was a 60-cent parking fee, but that Barrier could take his slip inside to get it validated.

No problem, he thought, because he had done business at ONB - now U.S. Bank of Washington - for more than 30 years.

But a teller took one look at his grubby clothes and refused to stamp the parking bill.

"She told me the bank only validated parking tickets when a customer made a transaction and that cashing a check wasn't a transaction," Barrier said.

The millionaire said he asked the teller to call a bank manager, who also refused.

"He looked me up and down and stood back and gave me one of those kinds of looks," said Barrier, turning up his nose to imitate the manager.

"I said, 'fine, you don't need me and I don't need you.'"

Barrier withdrew all his money and took it down the street to Seafirst Bank.

"The first check he brought me was for \$1 million," said Dennis Veter, vice president of Seafirst's main Spokane branch. "You'd never know by looking at him, but you or I should be so lucky."

Phyllis Campbell, area manager for U.S. Bank of Washington, confirmed Barrier's story and says the incident prompted the bank to review the way it does business.

Welder wins tightwad honors

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A retired welder who says he separates two-ply toilet paper to save money won top tightwad honors in a newspaper's "How Cheap Are You?" contest.

"It's no trouble at all; it just takes a little practice," Luis Torres said Sunday. He said his single-ply rolls are "just as good as two-ply" and save about 23 cents each.

Torres, 64, who attributes his frugal ways to growing up with 14 siblings, says he buys day-old baked goods and meats, generic groceries and "whatever's on sale." He also says he reuses plastic bags and never tosses out that sliver of soap.

"I always did things to save money," said Torres. "I've done everything there is to make or save a dollar. I'm not embarrassed at all."

The Oakland Tribune, which asked readers to submit their money-saving ideas, cited other skinflints in the categories of gross, tacky, unbelievable, incredible and dishonest.

Among the gross, a Berkeley couple said they save dental floss on a bathroom hook for reuse, and a Richmond man claimed he refreezes used ice cubes.

As for tacky, one couple said they collect two-for-one coupons to restaurants and then invite another couple. "We make them pay for their half, and we dine free."

As for people who perhaps can't distinguish between cheap and cheat, one man admitted he carries a paper bag with "Out of Order" written on it. He places the bag on parking meters next to his car.

Toilets, urinals explode at county courthouse

SEATTLE (AP) — About two dozen toilets and urinals in the King County Courthouse exploded when they were flushed after an air compressor was mistakenly connected to a water line, officials said.

"We think we've lost about 20 to 25 toilets," building services manager Bill Kemp said Thursday. "The porcelain is actually cracked."

Each time the pressurized privies were flushed in restrooms throughout the 72-year-old building, plumbing started popping, Kemp said. Instead of

the usual swirl and gurgle of water, geysers erupted.

Officials eventually traced the problem to an erroneous compressor hookup by a construction worker on a nearby \$30 million bus tunnel project.

"They started blowing at about 11:30 (a.m.) and it took us a while to figure it out," he recounted. "We knew it had to be air in the system, but the (city) Water Department said that was impossible."

Kemp said there were no reports of injuries, although several people apparently were soaked.

financial news

Inflation signs trouble Fed chairman

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan said last week he is troubled by signs of renewed inflation, including a 0.6 percent increase in consumer prices in January, and indicated interest rates will have to rise to fight rising prices.

Greenspan told the House Banking Committee in outlining the fed's monetary policy for 1989 that inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index last month was "disturbing."

A major reason for rising inflation is the rapid expansion of the economy in recent months, which has led to a scarcity of resources and an alarming shortage of workers, forcing employers to compete for labor by boosting wages and

benefits.

"The recent acceleration in wage rates is probably the reason we are getting an increase in price pressure," he said.

In a repeat of his testimony before the Senate Banking Committee, as required by the 1978 Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment Law, Greenspan told House lawmakers the fed is determined to resist inflation by slowing the flow of money into the economy.

"With the economy running close to its potential (growth), the risks seem to be on the side of a further strengthening of price pressures," he said. "In these circumstances, the Federal Reserve remains more inclined to act in the direction of restraint than toward stimulus."

The fed already has forced up short-term interest rates by 3 percentage points since last March by making it more expensive for commercial banks to borrow money. Those increases are passed on to consumers in the form of higher loan rates for homes, cars, credit-card purchases and other items.

Last week, the federal funds rate — which is what banks charge each other on overnight loans — hit 9.27 percent, the highest level in three years.

Greenspan would not comment on whether the fed intends to raise its benchmark discount rate, which now is 6.5 percent. He told House panelists the fed has a number of devices to manipulate interest rates, and that the closely watched discount

rate is only one of them.

Inflation during the past year has hovered around 4.5 percent. Most mainstream economic forecasts indicate inflation will jump to about 5 percent during 1989. The January consumer price index, when figured on an annual basis, is 7.2 percent.

"Let me stress that the current rate of inflation — is not acceptable, and our policies are designed to reduce inflation in coming years," he said.

But Greenspan added that he is sure that government has the means and the will to do what is needed to reverse rising inflation and other major problems.

"I am cautiously optimistic because there's sufficient awareness of the problems that have to be resolved," he said.

Wholesale price increase highest in 8 years

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The year got off to a bad start for inflation as higher costs for food and energy sent wholesale prices up 1 percent in January, the sharpest jump in nearly eight years, the Labor Department said last week.

The 1 percent seasonally adjusted increase for finished goods in

January followed more moderate advances of 0.3 percent and 0.5 percent in November and December, the department's Bureau of Labor statistics said.

That was the worst month for wholesale inflation since April, 1981, when the increase was 1.1 percent, the bureau said.

For all of 1988, wholesale prices rose 4 percent and if prices continued to rise at the January pace, wholesale inflation would total 12.7 percent by the end of the year, the bureau said.

Over the 12 months ended in January, the index rose 4.4 percent while prices for intermediate goods moved up 6 percent and crude goods

were 7.8 percent higher than the year earlier, the bureau said.

Wholesale inflation is even worse, farther back along the production pipeline, with prices for intermediate goods jumping 0.9 percent and crude prices advancing 3.9 percent on top of a 3.4 percent increase in December, the bureau said.

The bureau said wholesale inflation at the finished level was broad-based, with energy prices turning up sharply and food prices also moving up more than in recent months.

Before seasonal adjustment, the producer price index for finished goods rose 0.9 percent in January to 111.0.

For consumer goods only, inflation was 1.1 percent after adjustment for seasonal variations, led by a 4.9 percent jump in energy prices. Gasoline prices turned up sharply following a drop in the previous month and the costs of home heating oil and natural gas climbed even more than in December, the bureau said.

Food cost 1.1 percent more in January after virtually no change the month before. Prices of pork, eggs, rice and dairy prices were higher, while the costs of chicken, fresh vegetables, fish and coffee dropped.

Excluding the volatile food and energy prices, wholesale inflation for consumer goods was a more moderate 0.4 percent in January, held down by a big drop in the costs of tobacco products, the bureau said.

Car prices, however, turned up 1 percent after seasonal adjustment for the second month in a row.

Analysts' forecasts more optimistic

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Expert analysts have raised their estimates for economic growth in 1989, but they coupled that with forecasts for higher inflation and interest rates in a report released this week.

A survey of members of the National Association of Business Economists found most analysts also either scrapped or delayed well into the next decade their predictions of an economic downturn or recession.

"A significant majority (75 percent) of panel members still expects a recession sometime during the next two years," reported Jay Woodworth, president of the association.

However, Woodworth said, that majority dropped from 89 percent in a November report, and the proportion of analysts expecting a downturn this year dropped from 40 percent to 19 percent.

The median forecast for economic growth in 1989 inched up to 2.7

percent for the calendar year from 2.5 percent forecast in November. Economists now expect unemployment and industry operating rates to stay around their current levels, 5.4 percent for unemployment and 85 percent for factory utilization rates.

Inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index is expected to accelerate to 4.8 percent from the fourth quarter of 1988 to the fourth quarter of 1989, from 4.3 percent during the same period of 1987-88, the survey showed.

The group expects the U.S. merchandise trade deficit to improve this year to \$120 billion, down from \$135 billion in 1988.

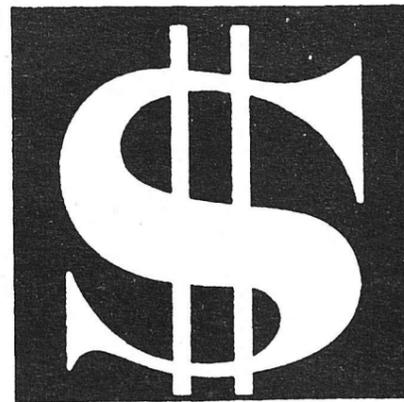
The association wound up even more optimistic than President Bush's administration about the prospects of shrinking the federal budget deficit, projecting the red ink will total \$120 billion at the end of the current spending year Sept. 30. The administration is projecting about \$165 billion.

Interest rates, however, already are outstripping the association's forecasts after last week's round of

commercial and government rate hikes.

The panel predicted interest rates would drift up to slightly higher peak levels by mid-year and then would begin to fall to average levels of 7.8 percent for three-month treasury bills by the fourth quarter. The bills averaged 8.51 at last week's auction.

The group predicted housing starts to total 1.44 million units this year, despite the higher interest rates, up from the November forecast of 1.40 million. Auto sales are expected to total 10.2 million units in 1989, down from 1988's 10.5 million but higher than the last forecast of 10.0 million.



Turn off outside lights at 7 a.m.

NEW YORK (AP) — Sales, closing price and net change of the 15 most active New York Stock Exchange issues, trading nationally at more than \$1.

Name	Volume	Last	Chg.
Tex Util	10,920,500	28 3/4	+1/4
US Shoe	4,800,300	20 1/8	-5 5/8
TexEastn	3,592,600	50 5/8	-1 5/8
Amer TT	1,776,900	30 1/8	+3/8
IBM	1,763,100	121 1/2	+3/8
Emhart	1,718,000	40 5/8	+3/4
AmExpr	1,600,900	29 3/8	+1/8
UnCarbde	1,594,100	30 1/8	-3/8
GenElet	1,154,300	46	+3/4
FordMotor	1,136,400	51 7/8	+1/8
Texaco	1,123,800	51	+3/4
Chrysler	1,054,400	25 3/4	
SFeSouP	1,048,100	23 3/4	+1/4
StorageTch	1,033,500	1 3/4	-1/8
Lockheed	977,000	49 1/2	+1

Monday's most active stocks

Sales, closing price and net change of the 10 most active American Stock Exchange issues, trading nationally at more than \$1.

Name	Volume	Last	Chg.
EchoBay	406,700	16	
CalifEngy	352,200	14 5/8	-2 1/4
FruitLoom	316,300	8	
Amdahl s	314,500	18 1/2	-1/4
FtAustPr	246,100	8 9/16	-3/16
EngySvc	227,800	2 5/8	
NWldEntr	222,500	6 1/2	+3/4
Ransburg	205,800	21 3/8	-3/8
FurVault	186,500	2 1/2	
Lionel	178,600	7 1/2	+1/4

Most active over-the-counter stocks supplied by NASD.

Name	Last or Bid	Asked	Chg.
LizClab	2,114,500	17 1/8	-1
GrnwPh	1,710,300	7 7/8	+2 1/4
Intel	1,552,100	25 1/2	+1/2
MCI	1,368,000	24 1/8	-3/8
AppleC	1,035,000	36 1/2	+1/2
SunMc s	1,031,100	18 5/8	
Seagate	1,008,500	10 3/4	-3/8
Novell	941,800	37 3/4	+1 1/8
CpCapit	925,200	1 11/16	+1/8
Whelbrt	884,400	7 1/4	

military news

Vietnam vets return home to hero's welcome

SEATTLE (UPI) — A group of veterans who went back to Vietnam to re-live their experiences and relieve post-traumatic stress disorders came home to a hero's welcome.

About 30 family members and friends were on hand to provide a boisterous reception for the eight veterans, two counselors and a filmmaker who arrived at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport after a two-week sojourn back in the land most had found too painful to remember or forget.

"Landing in Hanoi they gave us a better greeting than we originally got when we came home," said Bill Koutrouba, 46, a former Army medic who described the journey as "nothing, nothing like I thought for 20 years in my dreams.

"The last time I came home I got beat up by nine guys with beer bottles for wearing my uniform," Koutrouba said. "This is a little bit different."

"I'm worn out, I'm tired, but America is wonderful," said Dave Roberts, 40. "All these years, my wife and my family has had to share me with Vietnam. For the first time I can share Vietnam with them.

"Vietnam isn't the same as it was 20 years ago. It's totally different. I left Vietnam in Vietnam and I'm home."

The group toured Vietnam mainly by bus, visiting cities, camps and combat sites where they were stationed during the war, including Saigon — since renamed Ho Chi Minh City — plus Da Nang, Hue, Hanoi and the Iron Triangle along the Vietnam-Cambodian border.

"Seeing the land and the people healed again — we went places we

couldn't even recognize because they were so overgrown or so built up from houses — it kind of took our excuses away," said Robert Swanson.

"Hopefully I've left some baggage in Vietnam," said Ed Marcin, "I've certainly replaced images that I've carried for years with new ones."

Prior to going on the trip, Marcin had said he could only remember about 10 days of the 33 months he spent on two tours of duty during the war. One of the few times he could remember was the Tet offensive of 1968 when he lost many friends while holding off North Vietnamese for four hours and later buried the enemy in mass graves.

Koutrouba said the idea began about 18 months before when he and other veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder were sitting around drinking coffee. One said, "wouldn't it be great to be drinking a beer in Saigon?"

The idea was a hit, and after contacting Steve Smith, a producer for a local television station who agreed to make a documentary about the trip, planning began.

According to Ray Scurfield, a Vietnam vet and now psychiatric social worker, most members of the group still have a way to go before healing all the psychological wounds of war — memories Scurfield said were "frozen in time" — but the trip went a long way in helping the process.

A documentary of the trip will be made to help other vets recover from the war that ended 14 years ago. It is estimated about 15 percent of the 3.1 million Vietnam veterans — about 447,000 — suffer from post-traumatic disorder.



FOES, TURNED FRIENDS — Ralph Timperi, assistant commissioner of public health for Massachusetts and Vietnam veteran, shakes hands with a legless Viet Cong soldier at the Tay Ninh Rehabilitation Center, Vietnam, during his visit last month. (AP Laserphoto)

Secord arrested for DWI

RESTON, Va. (UPI) — Retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard Secord, a primary figure in the Iran-Contra episode, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated over the weekend, a Fairfax County police spokesman said Monday.

Secord was stopped about 12:45 a.m. Sunday after a police officer saw his car weaving on a street in Reston, Va., a suburb of the nation's capital, said police spokesman Bill Coulter.

Secord allegedly failed to dim the lights of his car from high beam when the officer flicked his cruiser lights, Coulter said.

Secord was arrested and taken to the county jail, where he later was released on a \$500 bond, police said.

At the time of his arrest, Secord was with his wife and a friend, who

police would not name. Police also would not release Secord's blood-alcohol level because the information is being used as evidence, Coulter said.

The DWI charge carries a maximum penalty of up to one year in jail, a \$1,000 fine and six-month suspension of his driver's license, Coulter said.

Secord, a resident of Reston, is awaiting trial in U.S. District Court on conspiracy charges in the Iran-Contra affair. He and three other men, including former White House aide Oliver North, who is now being tried, are accused of defrauding the government of millions of dollars in profit from the Reagan Administration's secret arms sales to Iran.

'Last man' of WWI group dies

RICHMOND, Calif. (UPI) — Alfred Furrer, the "last man" of a group of World War I buddies who never forgot one another, died at the age of 97 of heart problems, friends said last week.

Furrer, who died Sunday, helped found the Last Man Club in 1932 with 37 of his fellow doughboys from the San Francisco Bay area and became the final survivor of the group, which met every Veterans Day.

Last year, when the second-to-last club member died, Furrer inherited a bottle of champagne with the label signed by the original members of the

Last Man Club.

The last survivor was supposed to drink the champagne, but instead Furrer turned the bottle over to a local museum.

"It's a privilege to be honored by people just for sticking around all this time, but, you know, I had to bury a lot of people along the way."

The San Francisco native was drafted in 1917, two weeks after he was married.

As a soldier, he said he had only one ambition: "To get out and get home."

He was survived by a niece and a cousin.

Papandreou to hold referendum concerning U.S. bases in Greece

ATHENS (UPI) — Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou said Sunday he would hold a referendum on any accord reached between his government and the United States permitting U.S. military bases to remain on Greek soil.

The socialist leader, addressing a rally in an Athens suburb, said his party was "committed to bring to the people any agreement, if we reach one, on the American bases," and would hold a referendum.

Papandreou was speaking to some 25,000 members of his Pan-Hellenic Socialist Movement two weeks after meeting Secretary of State James Baker during his tour of 14 NATO member-states. The future of the U.S. bases in Greece was discussed by the two officials.

Political analysts said it was too early to conclude from Papandreou's remarks that his government has decided to sign a new agreement on the bases.

No such agreement was likely until after the general elections, scheduled for June, the analysts said, although the United States has been pressing for a new agreement before the elections.

An earlier five-year deal, under which four major bases and about 20 minor installations operate in Greece, expired in December, giving the United States 17 months to dismantle the bases.

Low-key discussions on the future of the facilities, begun in November 1987, continued after the deal expired in December, but in September Greece unilaterally declared that the Hellinikon Air Base outside Athens would have to go regardless of the outcome of the talks.

The conservative New Democracy Party, the main opposition to PASOK, said last year that if it came to power in the general elections it would sign a new agreement with the United States to allow the bases to stay, although the Hellinikon base would be relocated.

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Top of the Charts

Top 10 Singles

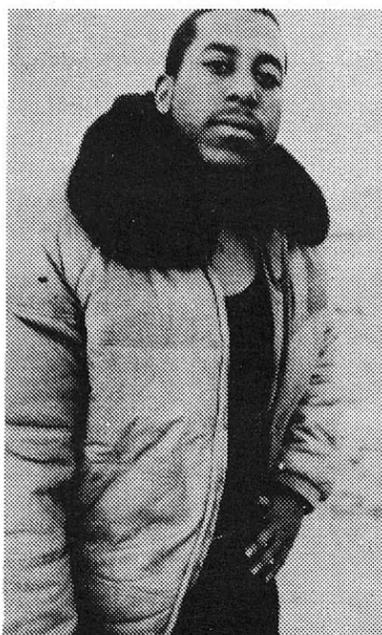
1. **Tone Loc** "Wild Thing," (Delicious/Vinyl) Last Week: No. 4
2. **Bon Jovi** "Born To Be My Baby," (Mercury/Polygram) No. 2
3. **Samantha Fox** "I Wanna Have Some Fun," (Jive/RCA) No. 3
4. **Sheena Easton** "The Lover In Me," (MCA) No. 5
5. **Rick Astley** "She Wants To Dance With Me," (RCA) No. 6
6. **Information Society** "Walking Away," (Tommy Boy/Reprise) No. 7
7. **U2** "Angel Of Harlem," (Island/Atlantic) No. 8
8. **Debbie Gibson** "Lost In Your Eyes," (Atlantic) No. 9
9. **Eddie Brickell & New Bohemians** "What I Am," (Geffen) No. 11
10. **Mike & The Mechanics** "The Living Years," (Atlantic) No. 12

Top R&B/Soul

1. **Luther Vandross** "She Won't Talk To Me," (Epic) Last Week: No. 2
3. **Vanessa Williams** "Dreamin'," (Wing/Polygram) Last Week: No. 6
3. **Guy** "Teddy's Jam," (Uptown/MCA) No. 3
4. **Anita Baker** "Just Because," (Elektra) No. 7
5. **Rob Base & D.J. E-Z Rock** "Get On The Dance Floor," (Profile) No. 8
6. **Cameo** "Skin I'm In," (Atlanta/Polygram) No. 11
7. **Midnight Star** "Snake In The Grass," (Solar/Capitol) No. 12
8. **Bebe & Cece Winans** "Heaven," (Capitol) No. 14
9. **The Gap Band** "I'm Gonna Git You Sucka," (Arista) No. 9
10. **Milli Vanilli** "Girl You Know It's True," (Arista) No. 15

Top C&W Singles

1. **Kathy Mattea** "Life As We Know It," (Mercury) Last Week: No. 2



Tone Loc

2. **The Desert Rose Band** "I Still Believe You," (MCA/Curb) No. 3
3. **Gene Watson** "Don't Waste It," (Warner Bros.) No. 4
4. **Tanya Tucker** "Highway Robbery," (Capitol) No. 6
5. **Ronnie Milsap** "Don't You Ever Get Tired (Of Hurting Me)," (RCA) No. 7
6. **Southern Pacific** "Honey I Dare You," (Warner Bros.) No. 11
7. **Ricky Van Shelton** "From A Jack To A King," (Columbia/CBS) No. 12
8. **Eddy Raven** "Till You Cry," (RCA) No. 9
9. **Conway Twitty** "I Wish I Was Still In Your Dreams," (MCA) No. 10
10. **The Oak Ridge Boys** "Bridges And Walls," (MCA) No. 14

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YOUR HOROSCOPE

by Charles King Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You will find that your immediate family is being too demanding concerning finances. Make sure everyone understands what is realistic and what is not. Stick close to home during the latter part of the week and don't take any chances with your health.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You will receive a career offer this week which will be very tempting. Make sure you look into every aspect of it before deciding to make a move. There are some hidden ties attached which you may not like. Your gregarious nature will be satisfied this weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You feel like gadding about, so start paying some holiday visits now. Your sociability and charm bring great favor. Utilize those ideas which you've kept on the shelf for too long at work. They will work to your financial advantage.

MOON CHILDREN (June 21 to July 22) Your mind is sharp right now and you are able to perceive situations around you quite clearly and correctly. Use this knowledge to strengthen your position at work and in the home.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Involving yourself in a regular exercise regimen will sharpen your powers of thinking, as well as tone up your body. Your approach at work has been just the right touch — not too assertive, not too meek. Spend time getting your home ready for the holidays.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your budget is an absolute mess and has been for quite some time. Take heart; the situation will soon improve through an unexpected windfall. However, take the time to work out a livable expenditure schedule.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Seek advice from a financial expert before investing any of your

time and money into a new project which could prove to be a folly. Those of you who are single will yearn to settle down, but relax and let nature take its own course.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It's best to stick close to home this week and concentrate on all the domestic chores which need to be done. Children will try your patience, but keep them busy at tasks which will not only be helpful to you, but will keep them occupied as well.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your creative flair is at a peak right now. Take advantage of it and do some writing or drawing to express yourself. If you turn your hand to decorating right now, your home will reflect your creativity.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your penchant is for the practical this week, so put those ideas to good use and present them to bigwigs. The result will be very profitable for you. That co-worker who's been coming on to you can only spell trouble, so don't try to mix business and pleasure.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Lately, you've found yourself thinking suspicious thoughts about someone near and dear to you. Dispel this by having an open discussion about your fears. While this won't alleviate them altogether, you and your loved one will be able to ride this out.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You have all the facts you need right at hand, thanks to your research. This is the time to go ahead and present them to bigwigs. Your love life will become very intense this week, so enjoy it. People around you will try to manipulate you into the position they want, but be aware of it and avoid it.

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Home Hints

TISSUE PAPER — Anyone who sends dresses or blouses to the cleaner will get them back stuffed with tissue paper to help sleeves, etc., keep their shape. Take out the tissue and fold it for later use in gift wrapping, packing clothes when traveling, etc.

I always seem to run out of tissue paper for various uses, but not as often now that I am no longer throwing away perfectly good tissue paper. Karen T., Euclid, Ohio

OVEN RACK CLEANING — I've always hated cleaning oven racks with either commercial cleaners or other formulas, so usually, I only cleaned them about once a year. You can imagine what a terrible condition they were in by then.

Now, I put them in the dishwasher on a regular basis, run them through a regular cycle, then use a paper towel to wipe off any residue. They stay sparkling clean all the time. Jill C., Harrisburg, Pa.

HARDBOILED EGGS — I don't own a blender. When I made two dozen or so deviled eggs, it always seemed to take so long to mash the yolks.

One day, I used my potato masher and they were all mashed in very short order. I used to dread the job. Now it's actually sort of fun. Viola P., Indianola, Iowa

PRICKLY PROBLEM — If you are repotting a cactus plant, try using tongs to transfer the plant. It sure saves your fingers. Loretta C., Las Vegas, Nev.

Share your special Home Hint with our readers. Send it to Diane Eckert, King Features Weekly Service, 235 East 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

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Books

by Ralph Hollenbeck

YVES SAINT LAURENT: IMAGES OF DESIGN, introduction by Marguerite Duras, 1958-1988 (Knopf: \$100, slipcased).

A CERTAIN STYLE: THE ART OF THE PLASTIC HANDBAG, 1949-59 by Robert Gottlieb & Frank Maresca, photos by Edward Shoffstall & Frank Maresca (Knopf: \$35).

The haute couture of Paris have dictated for decades what fashionable women worldwide will wear. Yves Saint Laurent, an enfant terrible of style when he burst upon the scene in 1957 at the age of 21, has dominated or certainly been the most celebrated arbiter of milady's dress in the 30 years since his debut with Christian Dior.

The volume under review is far more than just a catalog of Saint Laurent designs, however. True, the unmistakable Saint Laurent flair shines through in each of the 53 duotone and 79 color reproductions, but even this master of couture would agree that more than just distinctive lines are necessary to promote a collection. Eyecatching models, proper lighting, and master lensmen all contribute to the impress of a designer's offering. All of those are evident in the visually stunning selections assembled in this large-sized dedication to Saint Laurent's "life" in style.

The Gottlieb-Maresca focus is just one aspect of facets and fashion. The objects of their presentation were new versions of an old female accessory in a new material for a new age. Plastic was a fairly new substance for shaping and designing when in the early postwar years of the 1940s and '50s, handbag manufacturers brought out Lucite bags. The 92 selections shown are indeed strange to view but nonetheless intriguing. These "lunacies" as they are dubbed were short-lived in what is always a faddish market but their appeal is colorfully apparent.

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Ask Dr. Lamb

by Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

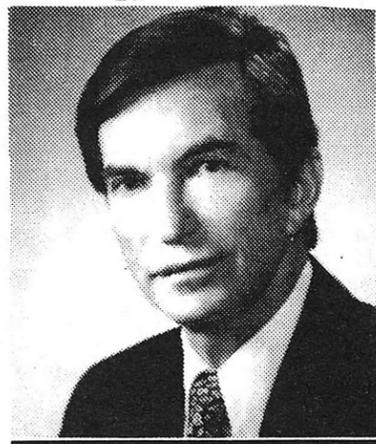
DEAR DR. LAMB: I am a female in my late 50s. During a recent severe urinary tract infection, I was diagnosed as having herpes. I have been married to the same man, my second husband, for almost 14 years and have not been sexually active with anyone else during that time. My husband says he has not been sexually involved with anyone but me, but I'm not sure about this. I am sure I have not been.

I have had trouble getting over the urinary tract infection and am worried about AIDS. Please tell me how long the herpes virus may be inactive before an outbreak. I am terribly mixed up and despondent to say the least.

DEAR READER: The truth is that once you have the herpes virus, you will have it for life. The other fact is that 40 percent of the people who have herpes never have any lesions that they remember or can identify. That is why a single elderly lady who has not had any sexual relations for 20 years may be startled to develop genital herpes. Failure to understand this has caused a great deal of marital discord when one of the mates breaks out with genital herpes despite both having been faithful to their marital vows.

It is entirely possible that either you or your husband have had the herpes virus in your nerve fibers since you were teenagers.

I have had enough letters from older people who develop genital herpes and have never had an attack before to suggest that some change occurs that allows the virus to become active for the first time



Ask Dr. Lamb

years after the initial infection. That should not be surprising because many diseases can become active when the body's defense mechanisms decrease. An unrelated example is the increased incidence of active tuberculosis in older people who have not had active tuberculosis for years, but may have had a childhood infection.

Certainly, if both you and your husband have been faithful to each other for 14 years, you have no need to worry about AIDS.

I'm sending you Special Report WS63, *Oral and Genital Herpes*, for more details. Others who want this report can send \$1 with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it to THE HEALTH LETTER/WS63, P.O. Box 19622, Irvine, Calif. 92713

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lifestyle

Tipton's 'secret' revealed following autopsy

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Billy Tipton kept to himself as his jazz trio toured the West.

He never went swimming in the motel pools. Waiting for a call from the group's manager, he'd say, or didn't want to burn his fair skin. He stayed in a separate room, and didn't talk much about childhood or family life. When he did talk, he'd say he came from a broken home and was sent to live with an aunt.

Drummer Dick O'Neill considered Tipton to be his best friend, but even he was shocked at what the saxophone and piano player had been hiding.

"Billy Tipton was a biological female," pathologist George Lindholm said after an autopsy on Tipton, who died Jan. 21 from a bleeding ulcer.

Interviews with family, friends, colleagues and jazz aficionados shed little light on Tipton's early years; even her age is uncertain. Kitty Oakes, who lived as Tipton's wife after 1960 until they separated about 10 years ago, told a funeral home Tipton was born Dec. 29, 1914, in Oklahoma City and was raised in Kansas City, Mo. But no birth certificate has been found.

What is known is that Tipton, a saxophone and piano player who liked to write vocal arrangements, performed with the Jack Teagarden, Russ Carlyle and Scott Cameron bands before forming the Billy Tipton Trio in the 1950s.

"He gave up everything," Oakes, who adopted three sons with Tipton, told The Spokesman-Review newspaper. "There were certain rules and regulations in those days if you were going to be a musician."

But jazz experts, including several women who played in bands in the

1930s, said that while there was discrimination, they doubted that a talented musician would have had to pose as a man to make it in the industry. They point to Mary Lou Williams and others who became famous as jazz musicians and composers.

"When I first started, I was skipped over unless they couldn't get anybody else," said pianist Norma Teagarden, sister of Jack Teagarden. "At that time, it was hard to break in with a band, especially if you played saxophone."

Marion McPartland, a jazz pianist who hosts a National Public Radio

jazz show, said, "It's such a strange story, I don't feel it any part of my own career. I can't identify with somebody doing something like that."

"It certainly was unusual to find a white woman playing piano in jazz bands," said George Simon, a jazz critic. "I don't think that society was really well prepared for (women jazz players). Even jazz, which was as liberal a society as you could find, there wasn't that much integration."

O'Neill said the clamor over the role reversal overshadows the fact that Tipton was a fine musician with a keen sense of humor. Tipton's baby

face and high voice prompted some cracks in nightclubs, but the drummer said, "I would almost fight anybody" who said Tipton looked too feminine to be a man.

"I came from a small town and was a mill worker. He had feminine features and at first, I thought he was kind of queer. But after I went to work for him I had no reason to think that," O'Neill said. "He was a straight guy and there was no hanky-panky."

Tipton "was the type of person who would give you the shirt off his back. He made gobs of money for other people and ended up with nothing," he said.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY — Allison Smith of "Kate and Ally," left, Eileen Fulton of "As the World Turns," second from right, and Nancy Dussault of the Broadway play "Into the Woods," got together Feb. 14 to give Barbie a hand at a gala in New York. Barbie was the guest of honor at a "Pink Jubilee" celebrating the doll's thirtieth anniversary.

Murphy returns to TV as sitcom producer

NEW YORK (AP) — Soon it will be possible to make a TV program that makes fun of TV programs that make fun of TV, but Eddie Murphy's production company found at least

one more interesting and funny way to spoof its very own medium in "What's Alan Watching?" on CBS.

Murphy returns to television in a very funny cameo as James Brown,

but mostly his credit here is as executive producer.

The hour-long sitcom combined with video sketches, "What's Alan Watching?" is the first production of Eddie Murphy Television in its deal with CBS. Well, so far, so good. It was written by former "Saturday Night Live" writers Barry W. Blaustein, David Sheffield and Bob Tischler.

Woven through the sitcom premise is a satire of movies of the week, game shows, commercials, documentaries. A rapid montage of these is presented to 17-year-old Alan Hoffstedtter (Corin "Corky" Nemec) who plops in front of the set with the remote when he wants to get away from the rest of his wacky family.

First, there's older sister Gail (Fran Drescher), who mooches off mom and dad and waits for her divorce from Juan to become final so she can marry slobbish carpet-cleaning magnate, Leonard Kling, "the Carpet King," (Rob Bartlett) whose motto, which he often graphically demonstrates, is "so clean you could eat off it."

Alan's brother Jeff (David Packer), a Porsche salesman, is in love with his sleek 912 Turbo — and any other material possession he can acquire. "Did I tell you I'm thinking about getting a fax machine?" he excitedly asks dad at dinner.

Meanwhile, Mom (Barbara Barrie) teaches tap dancing to neighborhood youngsters.

The sitcom plot manages to be very funny on one level, rather poignant on another. While mom and dad yearn to spend worry-free golden years at the sunny retirement village of their choice, the older kids regress, moving back home when they can't make it in the outside world. Alan, facing the uncertainties of a far-away college next year, is torn between going off to school and staying in Philadelphia to be near his high-school heartthrob.

When he escapes to the TV room, Alan is regaled with an amazing array of video sketches that, when interspersed occasionally with actual clips of television shows, make the real things look like jokes. There's an ad for a hard-hitting news report on "pit babies;" a documentary on Mr. Ed, complete with celebrity recollections, such as George Carlin's paean, "While we were still telling jokes, Ed was working conceptually;" a commercial for an upcoming extravaganza — "Coming Sunday to the Brendan Byrne Arena — it's 'Gandhi on Ice!'"

In keeping with the hipness of the hour, the surreal ending is very funny and thankfully leaves the end unpat — perhaps suitable for a weekly series.

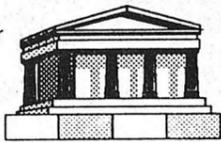
Overlooked tax deductions

Here are some common allowable deductions. Even small claims can add up — for every \$100 you deduct, you can pay from \$11 to \$38 less in taxes.

DEDUCTIONS THAT YOU SHOULD CONSIDER

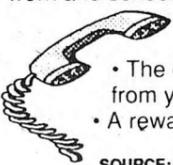
PERSONAL DEDUCTIONS

- Charitable contributions and medical expenses paid by credit card.
- Points paid to get a loan for the purchase or improvement of your home are generally deductible.
- Contributions to an IRA paid in cash or by credit card on or before April 15, 1989.
- The value of household goods, services or entertainment purchased to benefit a charitable organization.
- The cost of gas, parking, fares and mileage to obtain medical care or to perform volunteer work for a charitable organization.
- The cost of preparing your tax return.
- The cost of remedial reading instruction for a child who suffers from dyslexia.



BUSINESS DEDUCTIONS

- The cost of a passport obtained for a business trip.
- Transportation costs can be claimed if you travel to more than one place of work, or to work and school (for job-related education) or for job-seeking in the same line of work, or for work-related errands.
- Some work-related moves.
- The cost of long-distance business phone calls made from your home.
- A reward paid for the recovery of lost business property.



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sports

Yankee drunks irk Rickey

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Rickey Henderson says excessive drinking by some members of the New York Yankees hurt the club's pennant chances last season, according to a published report.

"You would see them (players) all drunk on the plane. You would see them out and they're drunk," Henderson said in Tuesday's editions of the Westchester-Gannett newspapers.

"How can you perform the next day? Liquor does not leave you overnight," Henderson said.

Henderson did not identify any Yankee players involved in his claim.

"You've got to know when to party and when not to party. I saw too many people partying too much, getting too drunk. This was the whole season," the All-Star outfielder said.

Henderson did not blame either Billy Martin or Lou Piniella, who replaced Martin as manager on June 23, for what he believes was poor conduct on the part of some players.

Neither Piniella nor Martin could be reached for comment Monday night.

"I would never criticize anybody," Henderson told Gannett. "The

problem is not really built around the manager. It's yourself individually. When it comes down to the nitty gritty and everything is tight and it's do or die, you've got to step to the side and say, 'Hey, I'm not going to do some things.' Sometimes we didn't do that."

Martin was involved in a brawl last May at a topless Texas nightclub. In the altercation, Martin was badly beaten and was replaced shortly thereafter.

New Yankees manager Dallas Green says beer and wine will be available on the team's charter flights, but not hard liquor. He used the same guidelines when he managed Philadelphia.

"I've seen too many people who did not handle that well," he said of his reason for not making hard liquor available.

Last season, the Yankees struggled in August and finally finished 3 1/2 games behind Boston in the American League East.

"When it's all over," Henderson said, "you say, 'We only missed by 3 1/2 games. What could it take to get those games back? Maybe it was those days we were tired.'"

NHL Standings

As of March 1

WALEES CONFERENCE						
Patrick Division						
	W	L	T	Pt	GF	GA
NY Rangers	33	23	8	74	262	234
Pittsburgh	32	24	7	71	284	269
Washington	30	24	10	70	232	212
Phila	31	30	3	65	244	220
New Jersey	21	31	11	53	225	262
NY Isles	21	37	4	46	209	261
Adams Division						
xMontreal	43	15	7	93	257	185
Buffalo	30	28	6	66	241	248
Boston	27	24	11	65	217	199
Hartford	27	31	4	58	233	232
Quebec	22	36	6	50	215	282
CAMPBELL CONFERENCE						
Norris Division						
	W	L	T	Pt	GF	GA
Detroit	28	26	11	67	258	256
Chicago	22	32	10	54	245	269
St. Louis	22	31	10	54	216	234
Minnesota	19	29	14	52	205	232
Toronto	22	37	5	49	198	265
Smythe Division						
xCalgary	44	14	8	96	282	185
Los Ang	32	26	6	70	315	279
Edmonton	32	27	6	70	270	247
Vancouver	27	30	7	61	206	203
Winnipeg	21	31	10	52	235	275

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	37	18	.673	-
Philadelphia	29	24	.547	7
Boston	25	29	.463	11 1/2
Washington	22	31	.415	14
New Jersey	21	35	.375	16 1/2
Charlotte	15	39	.278	21 1/2
Central Division				
Cleveland	41	12	.774	-
Detroit	36	15	.706	4
Milwaukee	34	18	.654	6 1/2
Atlanta	35	20	.636	7
Chicago	32	21	.604	9
Indiana	13	40	.245	28
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	34	22	.607	-
Houston	31	23	.574	2
Denver	30	26	.538	4
Dallas	28	25	.528	4 1/2
San Antonio	13	41	.241	20
Miami	8	45	.151	24 1/2
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	37	17	.685	-
Phoenix	34	19	.642	2 1/2
Seattle	33	20	.623	3 1/2
Golden State	31	21	.596	5
Portland	26	26	.500	10
Sacramento	15	39	.278	22
LA Clippers	11	45	.196	27

New York Knicks win 21 in a row at home

NEW YORK (AP) — The Knicks teams of the late 1960s and early 1970s are remembered with reverence by New York basketball fans. They speak in hushed tones of Willis Reed, Dave DeBusschere, Walt Frazier and Bill Bradley.

Teamwork. Hustle. Championships.

Not until now has New York had a team that could touch them. Not until Sunday, when the 1988-89 team set a Madison Square Garden record for consecutive victories with its 21st straight, 122-110 over the Boston Celtics.

The previous mark of 20 was set in 1968-69 and matched in 1972-73, the last year the team won an NBA championship.

Among the sellout crowd of 19,591 at Sunday's game was Red Holzman, 68, who coached the Knicks' two championship teams in 1970 and 1973.

"You know what they say about records," Holzman said. "They're meant to be broken sooner or later. I think it's good that his team did it. They are a good group that is coming on. They play together."

New York native Mark Jackson, who had 28 points and 11 assists against the Celtics, also remembered the glory years.

"This record is special to us," Jackson said. "I was a fan watching those great teams set records, and it's special to break some of them. We want to build on this record and put it out of reach."

Jackson said it's too early to think about the Celtics' NBA record of 38 consecutive home victories set in 1985-86. He'd rather reflect on Sunday's accomplishment.

"I'm living out a dream right now," Jackson said. "I had a dream to play for the Knicks. I had a dream to

break records that they set. So to be a part of that is really an accomplishment. I'm in a fantasy world."

This year's Knicks team is compared so often with the championship teams coached by Holzman that they are relieved to have one reminder cast aside.

"This will give this team its own identity," said guard Gerald Wilkins, who scored 18 points.

Center Patrick Ewing finished with 26 points, 13 rebounds and seven blocked shots for the Knicks.

The Knicks, who never trailed in running their home record to 24-1, led 20/16 before a 16-3 streak put them in control. Wilkins keyed the spurt with nine points in 3:09, including a layup that gave New York a 36-19 lead with 11:29 left in the first half.

Three-point goals by Johnny

Newman and Jackson helped the Knicks take their largest lead of the first half, 63-41. New York led 69-49 at halftime.

Boston rallied in the second half, getting within nine points with 4:43 left, but a basket by Ewing and a layup and three-point play by Jackson rebuilt the margin to 116-100.

"Exciting, tremendous, fun, and we made history," Wilkins said. "Not a bad afternoon."

Joyner pleased with post-game success story

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Olympic sprinter Florence Griffith Joyner isn't slowing down, despite her retirement from track competition.

On Sunday, a day after announcing her retirement, Griffith Joyner said she's ready to pursue her interests in writing and acting as well as signing a series of endorsement contracts.

"I'm ... looking to more things in my life, to move on, because I know I'll be just as happy as I was in track and field," she said.

Griffith Joyner, 29, appeared at a news conference held after she received the Harvard Foundation for Intercultural and Race Relations Award.

Griffith Joyner said she was honored to win the award, which has been given in the past to Bishop Desmond Tutu and Javier Perez de Cuellar, secretary general of the United Nations.

"Just thinking about who has won the award, it gets me excited. It takes me back to Seoul," she said. There, at the Olympics, Griffith Joyner won three gold medals and a silver.

Seaver signs with NBC, Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Seaver is back in the rotation. It won't be on the mound, though. It'll be in the TV booth.

NBC, the lame duck network of baseball's Game of the Week, announced Monday that Seaver will be its top color commentator this year, joining play-by-play man Vin Scully.

"I used to practice on the days I didn't pitch," Seaver said of his broadcasting. "Some days I wished that I did do it on the days I was pitching, too."

Seaver has been out of baseball since the end of the 1986 season. He became a free agent and no one wanted him. Then, in the summer of 1987 he tried a comeback with the New York Mets but decided he didn't have enough left in his right arm.

What's he been up to since?

"Rest and reflection over the last 20 years. And staying home. After 20

years on the road, I wanted time to sit back and think about what I was going to do."

Some athletes have trouble adjusting to life after baseball. Seaver says he hasn't.

"It really wasn't very hard. I really felt that I couldn't perform to a level that was acceptable to me. It was extremely difficult if I was sitting there with 293 wins or sitting there with 2,890 strikeouts. There was nothing left for me to accomplish from a personal-numerical standpoint."

NBC's final season begins on March 25 with a Los Angeles Dodgers exhibition game against the Boston Red Sox. Seaver opens the season in Atlanta, where the Braves host the Dodgers on April 8.

After this season, the Game of the Week is no more. CBS, which takes over baseball in 1990, will show only 12 games during the season.

"It's heading less and less for Saturday afternoons, which I think is a shame," Seaver said. "I don't think it's the right thing for baseball. I think it's a tradition that baseball's on Saturday afternoons."

In addition to doing color for NBC, he'll be joining the New York Yankees broadcast crew this year. Matt Merola, Seaver's agent, said that deal probably will be wrapped up Tuesday.

On national television broadcasts, the announcers are expected to be impartial. For the Yankees, however, you're expected to parrot the party line.

"I always thought I could deliver somewhat objectively about what's going out on the field. I realize that locally there's a pressure being put on the hometown people to root for the home team, the people signing your paychecks."

Price hikes trigger Venezuelan riots

CARACAS (Reuter) — At least 20 people were killed and more than 200 wounded late Monday in widespread violence and looting in Caracas sparked by a national price hike in gasoline and bus fares, a

police spokesman said Tuesday.

President Carlos Andres Perez called out army troops at 2 a.m. (1 a.m. EST) Tuesday to restore order, said the police spokesman who declined to be identified.

The spokesman told Reuters more than 1,000 people were under arrest, mostly for looting stores.

He said armed looters were responsible for most of the deaths. One police commander, Rafael Mesa Esturis, was shot dead during the disturbances and 11 policemen were injured, he added.

Police said at least 11 Caracas neighborhoods were raided by looters who began their rampage after a bus fare hike of 30 percent went into effect Monday, the day after a 90 percent gasoline price rise.

Residents said the violence was the worst in Caracas since a popular insurrection toppled Venezuelan dictator Marcos Perez Jimenez in January 1958 and led to the establishment of democracy in the country.

Perez, who took office on February 2, has introduced an austerity program to conform with International Monetary Fund (IMF) loan guidelines.

Central Bank President Pedro Tinoco and Finance Minister Egle Iturbe de Blanco were scheduled to sign a letter of intent detailing the new economic package in Washington later on Tuesday, the official news agency Venpres said.

"The looting of stores is reminiscent of scenes in recent years from Brazil, Santo Domingo and more recently Peru," El Nacional newspaper columnist Alfredo Alvarez said. "Now that we have accepted the IMF prescription, it is now our turn."

Witnesses said most shops were closed in Caracas, a city of four million people, following the violence which began Monday morning and continued sporadically overnight until Tuesday morning.

Buses were not running, forcing thousands of people to walk through streets littered with debris from the looting and bonfires and barricades built by protestors.

Schools were closed and children sent home, residents said.

At least six cars and buses were set on fire. One bus was blazing less than two blocks from the presidential palace.

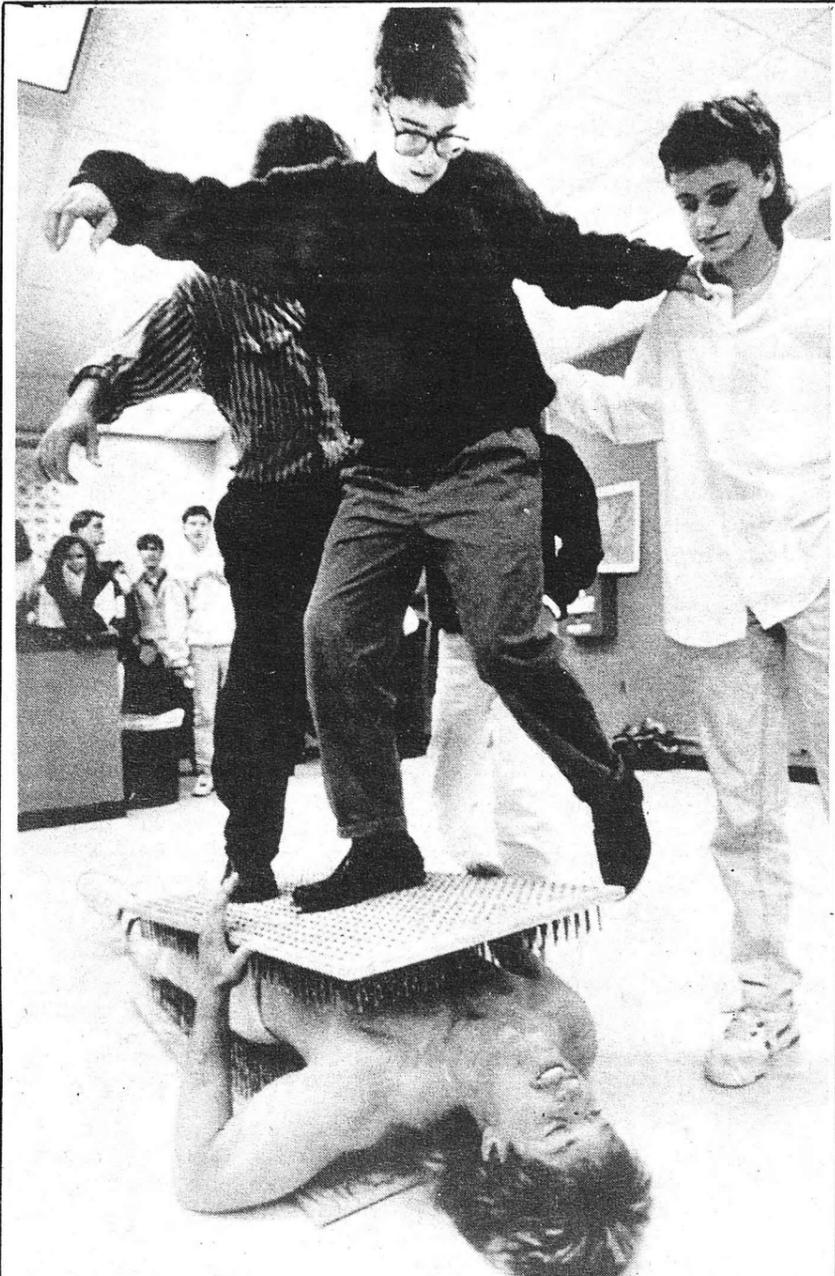
Violence was also reported in the

country's main export, declined sharply.

towns of Maracaibo, Maracay, Puerto La Cruz, Barcelona, Merida and San Cristobal.

Interior Minister Alejandro Izaquirre vowed in a nationwide television address Monday night to restore order and said the protests, if unchecked, threatened anarchy.

Political violence is rare in Venezuela, whose citizens enjoy South America's highest living standard and most stable democracy. But buying power has been eroded since 1986, when the price of oil, the



NAIL SANDWICH — Gary Curts, a teacher in Dublin High School in suburban Columbus, Ohio, demonstrates, the hard way, the method of spreading pressure over a large area. Curts, who teaches physical sciences, volunteered for the bed of nails experiment for students Colin Redman, foreground, and John Orsak. At right, holding Colin, is J.D. Ottery. (AP Laserphoto)

Et cetera

Economy sluggish

WASHINGTON (AP) — The economy grew at a sluggish annual rate of 2 percent in the final three months of 1988 as the worst deterioration in the trade deficit in more than two years offset unexpected strength in consumer spending, the government reported Tuesday. The Commerce Department said the gross national product, the broadest measure of economic health, advanced at its slowest pace since the final three months of 1986.

Bush opens blitz

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush had coffee with Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell Tuesday, kicking off a last-minute lobbying blitz to salvage his nomination of John Tower as defense secretary. Mitchell, D-Maine, was the leadoff Oval Office guest among about a dozen senators, mostly Democrats, whom Bush invited to the White House in an effort to get Tower confirmed and avoid the most serious setback of his young administration.

Trial gets codes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The judge in Oliver North's Iran-Contra trial is assigning code names to mask the identities of foreign officials and intelligence operatives the government wants kept secret. U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell explained to jurors Monday that the codes were necessary "to protect the identities of those individuals so they will not get in trouble" for involvement in covert intelligence operations.

Daley next mayor?

CHICAGO (AP) — Mayor Eugene Sawyer, lacking the monolithic support among fellow blacks that twice put Harold Washington in City Hall, bet his future on blacks voting in Tuesday's mayoral primary against front-runner Richard M. Daley, son of the quintessential political boss who ruled Chicago for more than two decades.

Iran cuts UK tie

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iran's parliament voted Tuesday to sever ties with Britain in a week unless London ends its diplomatic embargo and denounces Salman Rushdie's "The Satanic Verses," Iran's official news agency said. In another development, British author Roald Dahl accused Rushdie of deliberately sensationalizing "The Satanic Verses" to make it a bestseller.

Crash kills USARSO officer

QUARRY HEIGHTS (US SOUTHCOM PAO) — A U.S. Army officer died as the result of a head-on automobile collision on Gaillard Highway at about 3:20 p.m. Sunday.

Col. Gerald E. Clark, Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, U.S. Army South, was pronounced dead on arrival at 3:55 p.m. at Gorgas Army Community Hospital.

Clark was traveling alone in his vehicle from Fort Clayton to Corozal when he was hit by a vehicle driven by Carlos Salazar, age and nationality unknown.

Salazar had one passenger in his vehicle and was attempting to pass a vehicle. As he tried to reenter his traffic lane, Mr. Salazar's vehicle struck another vehicle and bounced into the lane of oncoming traffic.

The two people in the other vehicle had minor injuries and were taken to Gorgas Army Community Hospital, treated and released. Salazar and his

passenger were also taken to Gorgas Army Community Hospital, stabilized and transported to Panama's Social Security hospital.

The accident is under investigation.

Clark is survived by his wife, Barbara, of Fairfax, Va., and three children, Natalie, 18; Elizabeth, 16; and Gerald III, 9.

Clark's almost 23 years of service included his last tour as Commander, U.S. Army Forces, Joint Task Force-Bravo. He also served as an Army attache in Honduras; was assigned to the Pentagon; had served on the staff and faculty of the U.S. Military Academy; and had served a tour in Vietnam.

Clark was born in Puerto Rico on July 27, 1942. He had been stationed in Panama since August, 1988.

A memorial service was held at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the Fort Clayton Chapel. Clark will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

Local teacher drowns avoiding attack by bees

QUARRY HEIGHTS (US SOUTHCOM PAO) — A local teacher drowned Sunday in Gatun Lake, near Barro Colorado Island, when he and two others were attacked by a swarm of bees.

Gary E. Hauser, 42, a Curundu Junior High School physical education teacher, originally from St. Paul, Minnesota, jumped out of the boat from which he was fishing. The other two individuals also jumped from the boat, but were able to swim to shore.

The exact cause of death is still under investigation.

Hauser is survived by his wife, Lesley, of Rochester, Minnesota, and two daughters: Anne, 21; and Lori, 14. Additionally, Hauser is survived by his parents, also from Minnesota.

Memorial services are scheduled for Wednesday at 4 p.m. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church on Balboa Road.