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USSR imposes Georgia curfew, 16 dead

MOSCOW (UPI) — The Soviet Union declared a state of emergency and a curfew Tuesday in the restive Abkhazi region of the southern republic of Georgia and evacuated thousands of tourists from the area's Black Sea resort of Sukhumi.

Clashes erupted Saturday over minority Abkhazi resistance to the opening of a branch of a Georgian university in Sukhumi, leaving 16 people dead and 127 injured. The unrest disrupted traffic and cut off the airport.

The Caucasus region has been restive ever since Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev instituted his policy of glasnost, or openness, allowing the peoples of each republic to express their grievances.

The weekend violence raised to more than 100 the number of people killed in more than a year of ethnic and nationalist strife in the Caucasus, home to three of the Soviet Union's 15 republics — Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia.

Official media reported Tuesday that the Soviet government placed Abkhazia, an autonomous area of Georgia, under a state of emergency and a curfew and flew in more troops to halt the violence.

"The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet has decreed a special status in Sukhumi, Gagra, Tkvarcheli and on the territory of the whole Autonomous Abkhazian Republic today starting from 11 p.m.," Soviet Radio said.

Under the special status, the Communist Party and local government remain in control, but Soviet Interior Ministry troops enforcing a dusk-to-dawn curfew may detain people and confiscate weapons, the report said.

Tass said 3,000 special troops have been airlifted into Abkhazia and Soviet newspapers portrayed a situation out of control in which soldiers had been attacked. The report said four militiamen and as many Interior Ministry troops were injured when attempting to stop clashes.

"Because there were a lot of people in Sukhumi airport, three huge empty Ilyushin-86s were flown from Moscow and Leningrad and five smaller ones from other cities and they managed to take out more than 2,000 people during the night of July 17-18," Tass said. It said the emergency airlift was ordered because stoppages on the railways

had isolated Sukhumi.

Overall throughout the Soviet Union, which is the largest multi-ethnic state in the world, the deaths from factional violence this year have exceeded more than 200.

The disputes have ranged from gun-and-knife battles over land and

water rights to pogroms against minority businessmen and seasonal workers in Central Asia to border disputes.

Soviet security forces from the Ministry of Interior have had to be rushed to at least seven Soviet republics to maintain order.



SWINGING INTO SUMMER — Sharon Newcomb (right) smiles as she looks down at her daughter Lydia, aged 2 1/2, while swinging with an unidentified friend at the Wrightsville beach near Middlesex, Vt., last week. The Newcombs were dividing their time between swimming, lying on the beach and swimming as temperatures moved into the 80s. (AP Laserphoto)

Jaruzelski changes mind, will seek presidency

WARSAW, Poland (UPI) — Polish leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski changed his mind and announced Tuesday he will run for the presidency as a candidate of the Communist-led government coalition.

Jaruzelski said at a meeting of Communist Party legislators that the decision was not an easy one and that he believed the National Assembly might still vote against him Wednesday, the official PAP news agency reported.

"After thorough consideration of all facts and circumstances and being guided by a feeling of duty, I have decided to accept the suggestion of all groups of the coalition and to run for the presidency," he said in a statement.

"For many reasons this is not an easy decision for me," he said.

"Bearing in mind that the result of voting in the National Assembly may be unfavorable to me, I ask (that) the candidacy of (Interior Minister) Gen. Czeslaw Kiszczak be given the

necessary support," he said.

Jaruzelski dropped out of the contest two weeks ago, but was urged to reconsider by his party. Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, whose supporters won a large number of parliament seats in recent elections, said Friday he no longer objected to Jaruzelski's candidacy.

Solidarity legislators planned to meet Tuesday to decide whether to vote for or against Jaruzelski Wednesday.

Jaruzelski met Monday with 260 Solidarity lawmakers to gauge their support and called the five-hour discussion "important, difficult and needed."

During the meeting, Solidarity deputy Ryszard Brzuzo warned the

Polish leader his candidacy could spark social unrest — a remark that generated applause from several lawmakers.

"If you assess me in a negative way, then I will be relieved of the burden (to run)," Jaruzelski said.

In a speech to the Polish parliament, meanwhile, Jaruzelski revealed Monday that the Polish army supported him in 1981 when Moscow demanded his resignation.

Jaruzelski told the lawmakers he imposed martial law to avoid a Soviet invasion but pledged to improve relations with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

"Good Polish-Soviet relations are of key significance for us," he said. "It is a chance for us."

U.S. trade deficit sharply up

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The nation's trade deficit shot up \$2 billion in May to \$10.24 billion as imports rose to a record high and exports dropped slightly, the government reported Tuesday.

A moderate increase in the shortfall had been widely expected by financial markets after the deficit fell to a nine-month low of \$8.28 billion in April.

But Tuesday's report was significantly higher than the general predictions of a monthly deficit between \$8.5 billion and \$9.5 billion.

The Commerce Department said exports were off only slightly in May to \$30.47 billion from April's record \$30.75 billion but imports increased to \$40.7 billion from April's level of \$39.04 billion. The import figure topped the monthly record of \$39.67 billion set in December.

The monthly deficit was about \$1.5 billion worse than in May 1988 when it stood at \$8.69 billion but the overall shortfall so far this year of

\$46.28 billion was an improvement on the \$49.56 billion deficit for the first five months of 1988.

If this year's trend continues, the 1989 deficit will be \$111.1 billion, compared with \$118.52 billion in 1988.

"The trade deficit's stuck (in the same range) because we haven't got an out-and-out recession coming so we're not going to get the big reduction in imports you might normally expect in a boom-bust economy," said Christopher Probyn, a financial markets economist with Data Resources Inc., a Lexington, Mass., consulting firm.

"At the same time, with exports growing so fast recently, we expected a slowdown."

The nation's deficit with Japan, not adjusted for seasonal factors, rose to \$4.28 billion during May from \$3.89 billion in April.

Among the products, oil imports were up sharply, rising from \$4.13 billion in April to \$4.8 billion in May.

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Typhoon slams China

by United Press International
BEIJING — Typhoon Gordon slammed into China Tuesday after claiming more than 27 lives in the northern Philippines and injuring at least 31 people in Hong Kong. A Chinese meteorological official, reached by telephone in the southern city of Guangzhou, had no immediate details of casualties or damage. He said the typhoon hit the town of Yangchun, about 150 miles west of the British colony of Hong Kong, at 3 p.m.

Argentina sets prices

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Argentina's new government signed a price control pact with executives of 400 major business organizations in an effort to control inflation, now running at more than 200 percent a month. The freeze applies to such basic food supplies as milk, eggs, flour, and crackers; non-luxury clothing; and household goods.

Nicaragua recalls 5

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — At the request of the Honduran

government, Nicaragua has agreed to remove five diplomats from Tegucigalpa by the end of July, Nicaraguan Ambassador Francisco Lacayo said. The Honduran Foreign Ministry requested a reduction on July 5, alleging the oversized diplomatic staff from the neighboring isthmus nation was engaged in espionage. The Sandinista government staffs its embassy in Tegucigalpa with 12 diplomats, four administrative officials and six domestic workers.

USSR bans chemicals

NEW YORK — The United States and the Soviet Union have reached a preliminary pact to ban chemical arms that includes a formula for destroying many types of chemical weapons during a 10-year phase-out, a published report said Tuesday. The two nations, who own the world's two largest arsenals of chemical weapons, have worked out key elements of a treaty prohibiting the development, production, possession, and transfer of chemical weapons, the New York Times said, quoting an unnamed White House official.

U.S. news

Singles check mates with private eyes

NEW YORK (Reuter) — Curious singles are increasingly using private investigators to check out prospective mates, according to various private detectives here.

"In the past year I would say we've had a tremendous rise," said Vincent Parco, the owner of Vincent Parco Confidential Investigations.

Parco said his agency conducted between 100 and 150 investigations for singles in the past year, as opposed to a handful of cases in previous years.

"People tail each other for many reasons," Parco said, but they all want the same thing — information. "Information is power," Parco said. "And every little bit of information can lead to something."

Amanda, a 27-year-old office manager, used Beau Dietl's detective

agency to find out the truth about John, a 38-year-old accountant whom she had been planning to marry.

John was handsome, clean-cut and doted on her, but he went on a lot of business trips. Once she asked him to take her along and when he refused, "I got suspicious," Amanda said.

She hired Dietl to tail John on his trip to Dallas. There, investigators photographed John entering a house and greeting his wife and two children. Amanda decided to confront John.

"I showed him the pictures at a restaurant one night. His jaw dropped," she said. "Then he asked 'How much do you want for them?'"

Amanda assured John she had no intention of blackmailing him, and the relationship ended there.

Linda, a 27-year-old professional woman, used Vincent Parco's outfit to check out Steve, a businessman she had been dating for several months.

"I had probably been seeing the guy for eight months, but it all seemed a little fishy to me. I never went to his house."

It turned out that Steve was married and lived with his wife. "I just backed out of the relationship," Linda said.

Parco said his single clients usually have longer-term or even live-in romantic partners checked out because they suspect cheating and want to verify the person's background. The average investigation costs between \$500 and \$1,000, he said.

But Parco said several clients have used his services to gather information on someone they are trying to meet, to give them an idea of how to approach the person.

"I would say most of them are shy," Parco said. "It's semi-sad, semi-funny."

Larry Webb, president of the World Association of Detectives, which represents 47 countries, said the increase in singles snooping on singles is a worldwide phenomenon, largely because of AIDS and other diseases.

"People are being very careful who they go out with. More people are checking because often they don't know who they're going out with," said Webb. "It's a world-wide trend, and it's growing," he added.

Joanne Kunda, a junior partner in Parco's agency, said that with the advent of AIDS, more people are looking to settle down.

One of her clients, a professional, has lost out with three different women, all of whom were checked out by Kunda.

"He really wants to get married," Kunda said of the despairing man.

One of the women Kunda investigated was a drug dealer, another turned out to be married with children, and the third was exceedingly promiscuous, Kunda said.

Kunda said clients typically want to know where the person is going, who they are with, what they are wearing, who they meet when they go out, what time they go home, and with whom they go home.

Irwin Blye, another detective, believes the change in lifestyles is the main reason for the increase in requests for background checks. "Years ago, you brought your intended home to meet the family. Now you don't get to meet everyone's family or friends. As a result, there's more mystery about what the individual is really like."

Even people who have lived together for months are often ignorant about each other's pasts, Blye added.

"It's amazing how little information these people have after being with someone for a long time," he said.

Blye said most private eyes turn down clients who seem to have the wrong reasons for wanting information.

"One guy came in with a porn magazine and wanted me to find two of these women," Blye said. "There was something about the guy — I just got a sense of a little danger for these people. I told him I couldn't help him."

Blye said legal means of gathering information are sufficient to tell the client what they want to know.

"If I have your name, there are all kinds of records, birth, dental, driving. I can find out an awful lot legally. In most cases, surveillance is not necessary, but it is legal."

"Bartenders are great for information," he adds.



WATCHING THE WATER RISE — Grace Organ points to rising water in her front yard as it creeps to within inches of entering her house in Cleveland, Miss. during flooding early this month. (AP Laserphoto)

Children need additional measles vaccination

CHICAGO (Reuter) — The nation's pediatricians recommended Monday that children be given one more measles vaccination than is presently done, to be administered around the age of 12.

The American Academy of Pediatrics said the second vaccination is designed to counter losses of immunity that have led to increasing outbreaks of the disease recently among older children and college students.

According to the Centers for Disease Control there were 5,500 suspected or confirmed cases of measles in 18 states as of the first week of May. That compared to 1,497 cases during the same period in 1984.

Eighty percent of the cases of measles which have been occurring in previously vaccinated children involve those over the age of 12, the

group said.

The academy, which has a membership of 37,000 doctors, issued a revised policy statement saying that the first dose of a combined vaccine for mumps, measles and rubella should be given at 15 months, as is done at present.

But it also said a second dose should be given when the child enters junior high school or middle school — from 10-13 years depending on local school systems. Mixing with larger populations of students can bring added risk of the disease and studies have shown that outbreaks are occurring in those schools, the academy said.

In addition the group said all students and their siblings born after Jan. 1, 1957, who have not had two doses of the vaccine after 12 months of age should be re-vaccinated when outbreaks of the disease occur in

schools.

The academy also said no unusual

adverse reactions have been reported from the vaccine.

Dodge City's oldest building collapses into heap of rubble

DODGE CITY, Kans. (UPI) — The city's oldest building, the 102-year-old Sitler and Bell building, has collapsed into a pile of rubble, closing a lane of traffic and a chapter of the city's colorful past.

Authorities say a leaky roof weakened the second floor, which collapsed about 5 p.m. Sunday into the main floor, bringing down the facade with it.

The two-story brick building, a one-time bordello, hotel, grocery store and most recently home to a printing business, was owned by the

Fidelity State Bank of Dodge City.

Authorities said the building collapsed when there was little traffic in the area. Heavy rains Saturday were believed to have weakened the structure.

The Sitler and Bell building was to have been condemned a year ago, but instead was placed on the city's historic landmark list. It had been vacant for several years.

The building had been empty for two years. The collapse closed one lane of traffic on Trail Street just south of the downtown area.

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U.S. news

Federal officials investigate airplane crash scenario

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- Federal investigators will seek clues into the mysterious airplane flight, crash and gunshot wounding of lawyer Thomas Root from his business associates, friends and the plane's manufacturer, a federal transportation official said Monday.

Root said in an interview published Monday that he was not trying to commit suicide and gave no explanation for the gunshot wound in his abdomen.

Root, whose bizarre, 1,000-mile flight from Washington and crash into the Atlantic brought him national attention, told The Washington Post he was shocked by all the publicity.

"I can't understand why this story has blown up, beyond the admittedly unusual circumstances, to end up being a front-page story like this," Root said.

Root, 36, an Alexandria, Va., communications lawyer, remained hospitalized in stable condition in Hollywood, Fla. He was expected to remain in the hospital for a week, barring any complications, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Root was hospitalized Thursday after being plucked from the sea by rescuers when his Cessna 210 crashed and sank in deep water near the Bahamas.

He told an investigator from the National Transportation Safety Board on Saturday that he did not know how he was shot. NTSB spokeswoman Rachel Halterman said there were no plans for now to talk to Root again.

"The investigator in charge will be working with Cessna, getting a background of the plane, our human performance investigator will have interviews with business associates, friends, (and) our operations investigator will be looking at maintenance records of the plane," she said.

Halterman said investigators also hope to have the results of several laboratory tests by mid-week, including tests performed on samples of Root's blood and on a metal fragment found near his wound.

The blood test should reveal whether Root suffered from oxygen deprivation while in flight from Washington, Halterman said.

While en route to Rocky Mount, N.C., Root radioed that he was short of breath and had chest pains. He then switched on the plane's automatic pilot and apparently lost consciousness.

With Marine Corps planes tracking Root, the plane flew until it ran out of gas and crashed into the Atlantic Ocean. Root survived the

crash and swam to a life raft dropped by military rescuers.

Friday, however, the story became more mysterious -- authorities said Root had been shot in the stomach sometime before his rescue.

In the interview with the Post, Root dismissed speculation that he tried to kill himself and expressed surprise that his business dealings had become newsworthy.

"As I was swimming around out there, hurting a lot, I was thinking about my family and that I wasn't going to see them again," Root told the Post as family members stood near his hospital bed. "I don't think I have the ability, nerve or stupidity to take another life -- mine or anyone else's."

Root speculated that a revolver he kept in the glove compartment accidentally discharged when the plane crashed.

Andrew Alston of the NTSB said Root told him Saturday he kept a loaded .32 Smith & Wesson pistol in the glove compartment but the gunshot wound was not self-inflicted. The pistol apparently sank with the plane.

Root's story sparked additional interest after officials disclosed his link to a company under investigation for possible securities fraud and the April 24 police seizure

of dozens of weapons from Root's locker at Manassas Airport in Virginia. He was charged with a misdemeanor for possessing a MAC-11 automatic submachine gun.

Root told The Post he was not involved in drugs or drug trafficking and did not receive a reported \$5 million from his business dealing with the company under investigation, Sonrise Management Services Inc.

"I have not experimented with drugs," Root told The Post. "I don't condone it. The last time I was around marijuana was in college when everyone smoked it. Of course, you don't have to be a druggie to be a drug smuggler. But I haven't done that either."

A spokesman for the FBI declined comment on that agency's investigation.

"We do have an ongoing investigation, in an effort to determine if there are any federal criminal violations," said special agent Paul Miller in Miami.

Halterman said the preliminary phase of the NTSB probe could last several weeks. A factual report may be sent to Washington in several months, for a determination of the cause of the crash. The final report may be ready in six to nine months, she said.

Senate Armed Services Committee shoots down F-14 Tomcat

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- The Senate Armed Services Committee voted to kill the Navy's F-14D Tomcat fighter, endorsed a "fly-before-you-buy" program for the B-2 bomber and gave at least a brief reprieve to the V-22 Osprey aircraft.

The decisions came Friday as the committee finished its version of the \$305 billion military budget for fiscal 1990, and with the exception of the V-22 tilt-rotor plane being developed by Bell-Textron and Boeing-Vertol, it was an endorsement of Defense Secretary Dick Cheney's effort to cancel some programs because of budget constraints.

The House Armed Services Committee, in its version of the bill, kept alive the Grumman-built F-14D Tomcat and added in research and production money for the V-22, which the Marine Corps wants to haul its troops ashore.

"We'll have some real battles on the floor (over the Tomcat)," said the Senate panel's chairman, Sam Nunn, D-Ga. If the F-14D ultimately is canceled, Grumman warns that its factory in Bethpage, N.Y., would be forced to close.

Both budget bills -- due on the floor late this month -- contain a 3.6 percent pay hike for men and women in uniform. The Senate bill puts up money both for rail-mobile MX

missiles and the single-warhead mobile "Midgetman" missile and includes funding to overhaul and

The authorization bills are designed give broad permission for 1990 spending; later appropriations bills put the money into government accounts.

The defense authorization bill, with about \$295 billion for the Pentagon and \$16 billion for defense work at the Energy Department, is typically a bit higher than the Pentagon appropriations bill because some projects, like aircraft carriers, take years to complete and not all the money is needed in a single year.

Nunn said that with the exception of the V-22, his committee endorsed each of Cheney's recommendations about programs to kill off in 1990 or to extend only briefly.

On the V-22, the committee extended what amounted to a gilt-edged invitation to the Pentagon to come back, after research on the unique plane is finished, and seek renewed permission to produce the aircraft, which could have wide applications in the civil aviation field.

Only enough money was provided to finish research and development work on the revolutionary plane that combines the takeoff and landing characteristics of a helicopter with

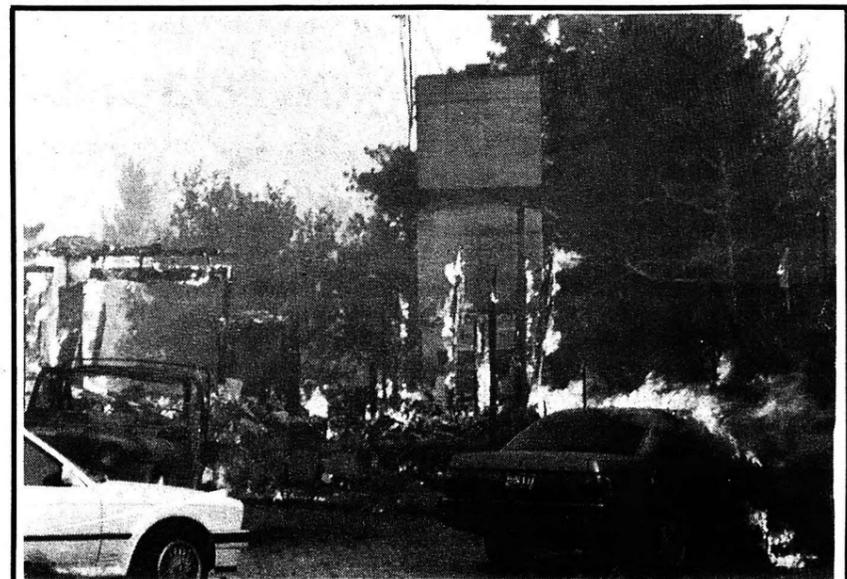
the level flight characteristics of a fixed-wing craft through the use of rotating engine-propeller pods at the end of its wingtips.

The committee's senior Republican, Sen. John Warner of Virginia, wrote the restrictions on the B-2 bomber, which made its first flight in public Monday.

Cheney wants \$4.7 billion for the plane but the committee provided \$4.4 billion. Still, it was above the

\$3.9 billion put up by the House panel, which would cut the 1990 buy from three B-2s to two.

The Senate bill directs that production money for the three planes may not be spent until there is at least 50 to 75 hours of flight testing, until two Pentagon supervisory agencies certify its airworthiness and until there are tests to verify it is harder to find with radar than normal planes.



FOREST FIRE -- A home and cars burn in Boulder Canyon Sunday where a forest fire raged out of control. More than 30 structures were destroyed and 1,500 acres burned in less than 10 hours. (AP Laserphoto)

Scientists continue search for remains of 'Colorado cannibal'

LAKE CITY, Colo. (UPI) -- A team of scientists began work in southwestern Colorado Monday to exhume the remains of five gold prospectors in an effort to determine if Alferd Packer, Colorado's notorious cannibal, killed his companions and ate their flesh while stranded by a mountain blizzard 115 years ago.

The expedition into the San Juan Mountains was led by James E.

Starrs, professor of law and forensic sciences at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. The team of archaeologists, anthropologists and forensic pathologists will first have to locate the graves -- believed to be beneath a bronze marker on Dead Man's Gulch, south of Lake City.

If the bones are found, the scientists will use high technology techniques to determine how the men

died.

Packer was the only one of the six-man prospecting group to emerge from the mountains after being trapped by a blizzard for nearly 60 days in the winter of 1873-74. He admitted eating his companions' flesh, but said he killed only one and that was in self-defense. Packer gave conflicting accounts of the deaths of the other men.

Packer was convicted of murder,

but the conviction was reversed. He was retried and convicted of five counts of manslaughter. He served 17 years in prison before being paroled in 1901. Packer died in 1907, and is buried in the Denver suburb of Littleton.

The project, dubbed a "shin-dig" by some, has its supporters and detractors. Opponents call the exhumation macabre and grotesque.

world roundup

World famous conductor Karajan dies

VIENNA (UPI) — Herbert von Karajan, the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra's hugely gifted and tyrannical "lifetime" conductor whose Nazi Party membership led to his banning by the Allies after World War II, died Sunday. He was 81.

Karajan was found dead of apparent heart failure at his home in Anif outside Salzburg, Austria, Anif police said. Karajan's office said it would issue a formal statement Monday on his death.

The conductor is survived by his wife Eliette, a former French model, and two daughters, Isabelle and Arabelle. Funeral arrangements were pending.

Karajan had been in poor health for several years, leading to his resignation in April from the Berlin orchestra, but he led the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra this Easter and had planned to conduct this summer at the Salzburg Festival.

Until Saturday he was conducting two rehearsals a day readying this year's Salzburg Festival opener, Giuseppe Verdi's "Masked Ball," planned for July 27.

Known by admirers and detractors alike simply as "The Maestro," the athletic Karajan created an Olympian presence on the podium and generally was regarded as the finest orchestra conductor of his generation.

Members of his orchestras often tempered their praise for him with censure, saying he could be tyrannical and unwilling to accept criticism.

"One must build up a musical career slowly and with difficulty — it takes half a lifetime," Karajan said. "Work is something exclusive. It sharpens the senses, but falsifies true judgment because it feeds off egocentricity."

His immense musical output

included recordings of all the Beethoven, Brahms and Tchaikovsky symphonies four times over, and Karajan accumulated vast wealth. A dashing sportsman, he owned three houses, several fast cars and a 65-foot yacht.

Karajan once conducted 15 hours of Wagner's *Nibelungen Ring* from memory. He conducted in his own esoteric style, giving the impression of fluidity as he signaled instructions to the orchestra in large sweeping motions of the torso.

He considered every concert a rehearsal for a recording. Every festival he conducted was designed for the record. The prestigious *Frankfurter Allgemeine* newspaper once called him "the patriarch of culture."

Aside from his musical prowess, Karajan was truly distinguished by his iron discipline, a hard-driving style and keen insight into the music business.

Born the son of a surgeon in Salzburg on April 5, 1908, Karajan studied music at the University of Vienna and began conducting in 1929.

Karajan first won American acclaim in 1967 when he conducted Wagner's "Die Walkure," "Lohengrin" and "Das Rheingold" at New York's Metropolitan Opera.

He made his last U.S. conducting appearance on Feb. 25 with the Vienna Philharmonic at Carnegie Hall in a program featuring the music of the Strauss family of Viennese composers.

The conductor walked haltingly onto the stage and swung his nearly paralyzed legs up on the podium with difficulty, and a specially rigged backrest supported his frail body. But, his arms and expressive hands retained their mobility and he conducted with his usual elan.

Deutsche Grammophon sold more than five million sets of Karajan conducting Beethoven and in 1975 the artist was featured on seven of every 20 records the company sold.

In the 1980s, his business acumen helped him build a multimillion-dollar recording house, Telemondial, which transferred most of his recordings onto video compact discs, a revolutionary technique that was wildly successful.

Overeating worms lose silk crop

TREVISO, Italy (Reuters) — Italy has lost almost all its silk crop this year because the silkworm larvae have been too busy eating to stop and spin their silk cocoons, the industry's breeders association said last week.

It said 99 percent of Italy's 60 million larvae had been afflicted by the mysterious outbreak of greed, gorging themselves on mulberry leaves.

"Instead of stopping eating, the larvae have just gone on feeding, sometimes reaching double normal size," association president Giulio Nicoletti said.

"It's something that has never happened in the history of silkworm breeding. We don't know the cause and we don't know what advice to give people." The larvae are meant to spin their cocoons by mid-June but Nicoletti said almost all of them had

died or been destroyed.

He estimated lost production at up to 25 tons of silk.

Nicoletti said he was trying to contact other European producers such as Greece and Bulgaria to see whether they had experienced similar difficulties. He said Turkey, a major producer, had already indicated it was not having problems.

He put losses at \$1 million but said the consequences were more serious because farmers would not have breeding stocks for next year and the textile industry might not be able to find other supplies.

The newspaper *La Stampa* suggested pollution, a virus or low temperatures as possible causes but Nicoletti dismissed the article as mere speculation.

"Scientists are trying to discover the cause but they have nothing to go on. It may take a long time," he said.

Vatican renews full relations

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — The Vatican announced Monday it has restored full diplomatic relations with Pope John Paul II's native Poland, the first such ties between the Roman Catholic Church and a communist nation since World War II.

The re-establishment of ambassador-level relations between Poland and the Holy See was announced simultaneously by the Vatican and the Polish government in Warsaw.

"As of today's date diplomatic relations are established between the Holy See and Poland at the level of apostolic nunciature on the part of the Holy See and of embassy on the part of the People's Republic of Poland," the Vatican said.

An apostolic nuncio is the Vatican's equivalent of an ambassador and his diplomatic mission is known as a nunciature.

The restoration of relations, broken off when the communists took power in Poland in 1945, climaxed months of intermittent negotiations between Vatican and Polish government delegations.

In Warsaw, Foreign Ministry spokesman Stefan Staniszewski told the Italian news agency ANSA that Poland will soon name its ambassador to the Holy See.

Staniszewski expressed "great satisfaction" with the restoration of relations and said it was "a confirmation of a conclusion of the process of normalization in relations between the Vatican and Poland," which he said began 18 years ago.

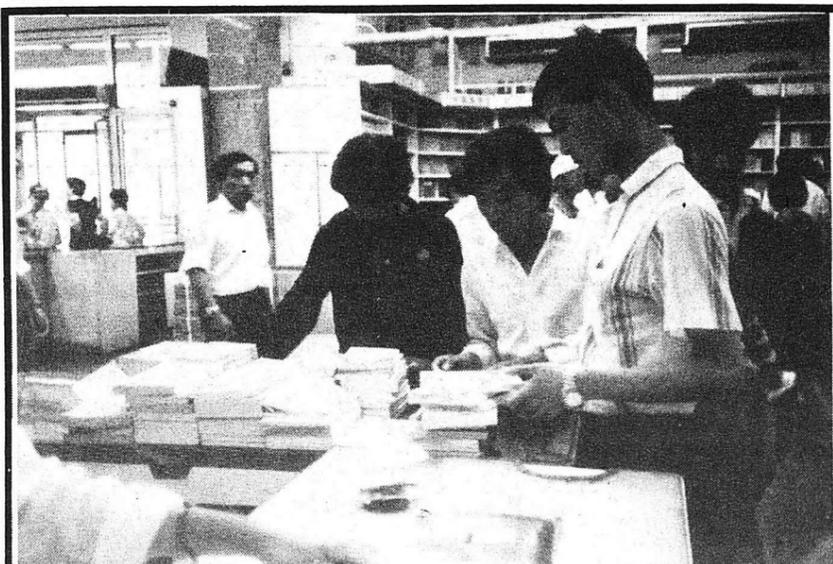
He said the move was "very important also for the general situation in Poland."

Poland has maintained contact with the Vatican for many years through a special official in the Polish Embassy in Rome. Close relations also have been maintained between the Vatican and Polish Catholic leaders.

But until recently the Vatican position has been that full diplomatic relations could be restored only if there was a satisfactory agreement covering church relations with the state in overwhelmingly Catholic Poland.

With the return to legality of the Solidarity labor union earlier this year, and other moves toward establishing political plurality in Poland, the pope clearly decided the moment to re-establish full relations had come.

The pontiff was not in the Vatican when the announcement was made. Since Wednesday he has been on a 10-day Alpine vacation in the Aosta Valley region of northwestern Italy.



PROPAGANDA BOOK — Chinese at a Beijing bookstore look at a new book, "Quelling Counterrevolutionary Rebellion," containing Chinese leader Deng's speech, documents and interviews concerning official versions of what happened in Tiananmen Square last month. The Chinese government has now banned all foreign publications in tourist hotels. (AP Laserphoto)

French nab 3 IRA terrorists

PARIS (UPI) — Authorities arrested three suspected Irish Republican Army guerrillas during the Bastille Day celebrations attended last week by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and President Bush, police sources said Monday.

The three, captured Friday by intelligence officers near the West German border, are suspected of belonging to the IRA, which is fighting to end British rule of Northern Ireland, the sources said. The were believed linked to recent bombings of British army personnel in West Germany, the sources said.

French television said the three men, who police have not identified, were carrying explosives, detonators and false identification papers when they were arrested. The report could not be confirmed.

Under French law, they may be held for four days without charges.

Interior Minister Pierre Joxe said earlier Monday a number of terrorist suspects were arrested during the Bastille Day celebrations. He did not

identify them as members of the IRA.

"The national police specialists made progress in the anti-terrorist struggle thanks to some arrests that proved interesting," the minister said.

The arrests were made "during preventive operations accomplished by the security services in the face of a possible terrorist threat," Joxe said at a news conference.

Security was tight during the bicentennial celebrations and the summit of the leading industrial nations and police expressed satisfaction with their protection for 33 heads of state visiting Paris for the events.

Bush left Paris early Monday morning and arrived in The Netherlands on the last leg of his European tour. Thatcher returned to Britain Sunday.

The leaders of Italy, West Germany and Japan also have left Paris.

Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney was to leave Paris Monday evening.

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Cubans celebrate Christmas in July

HAVANA, Cuba (Reuter) -- It's Christmas in Cuba as the entire nation celebrates a revolutionary version of the traditional Christian holiday complete with three bearded Kings replaced by three bearded guerrilla fighters.

"In a way this is a kind of Christmas season in July," a Cuban official explained. "Naturally, instead of a religious content it has a revolutionary content."

The July holiday season comes after the end of the Cuban sugar harvest, the island's most important economic crop. Sugar accounts for 80 percent of Cuba's export earnings.

"The traditional Christmas holidays come at a very crucial point in the sugar harvest. We found that absenteeism skyrocketed and raw

sugar production plummeted, so the government switched the festivities to July," the official said.

Instead of Christmas holidays, every worker in Cuba will have a five-day holiday in July and some will even have a full week off.

Traditionally Cuban children received their toys on the Day of the Three Kings in early January. But since the late sixties, the overwhelming majority get their presents on Childrens' Day, celebrated this year on a scorching July 16.

"The three bearded Kings have been replaced by three bearded guerrilla fighters. And as for Santa, he never paid us a visit because it was just too hot for him in these parts," the official said jokingly.

"I think I was as engrossed in the drug trafficking trial as much as anybody, but for the next ten days I'm just going to forget it all and have a good time," Juan Soto, a construction worker said as he leaned against the railing and watched his children riding ponies in Lenin Park.

He was referring to the recent scandal in which Gen. Arnaldo Ochoa and other army and intelligence officers were arrested and charged with drug trafficking. It ended last week with the execution of Ochoa and four other officers and the resignation of top officials of Cuba's state security apparatus.

Soto said he was taking his annual one-month vacation, the time allotted to all Cuban workers, professionals and government employees no matter how long they have been employed.

Not far away from the pony rides in Lenin Park, Cuba's Minister of the Armed Forces Raul Castro and his wife, Vilma Espin, a member of the Communist Party Politburo, were mixing with hundreds of children at "Che Guevara" Pioneer Palace.

The Pioneers (Los Pioneros) is a nationwide revolutionary organization in which all primary school children are enrolled. Its most distinctive emblem is a red neckerchief.

To the east of Havana, at the Jose Marti Pioneer camp, some 4,000 children from the city played games and swam in the ocean while their parents went to nearby crowded beaches for the day.

Childrens' Day to July 26 marks Cuba's most important holiday season.

It was on July 26, 1953, that Castro, then a 26-year-old lawyer, led 150 followers including two women in an attack on Cuba's second biggest army barracks. His aim was to spark a national uprising that would bring down the Cuban dictator, Fulgencio Batista.

The attack failed and Castro went

to jail. After his release, he initiated a successful guerrilla war against the dictator, which finally triumphed on Jan. 1, 1959.

Childrens' Day is followed by the annual carnivals in Cuba's biggest cities, which take place several nights a week and last until well after midnight.

The torrid tropical music of dozens of bands will be heard as ornate floats with scantily dressed women ride by and tens of thousands of Cubans dance in the streets to the rhythm of bongo drums.

To make the festivities even merrier the government has temporarily lowered the price of rum. Stands have been set up along the streets where draft beer and food is sold.

The holiday season will culminate with the annual speech of President Fidel Castro on July 26.

His speech is expected to dramatically change the festive tone of these days as he speaks about the recent scandal and the economic problems the nation faces.

Students leave Isle of Youth for Namibia

HAVANA, Reuter - A first contingent of 125 Namibian students left Sunday to take part in the election campaign in their country with a total of 1,500 expected to return home shortly, Cuba's official newspaper Granma reported Monday.

Before boarding the plane the returning students and hundreds of their classmates danced and sang songs of the Southwest Africa Peoples Organization.

The students attended a special school for Namibians on the Isle of Youth, to the south of the Cuban mainland, that was established in the mid-seventies.



THIS IS SANTA?— Cuba's bearded leader, Fidel Castro, is the nearest thing to Santa Claus that Cubans have. (AP Laserphoto)

Youthful politician leading in Brazilian polls

SAO PAULO, Brazil (Reuter) -- With his crusade against corruption, presidential candidate Fernando Collor de Mello has apparently found a recipe for runaway success with only four months to go in Brazil's presidential election.

He has built up a huge lead in a field of 11 main candidates, according to opinion polls, and his popularity is still rising.

Collor de Mello, 39, is a politician who combines a right-wing political track record with the rhetoric of reform.

When he first topped the opinion polls in April his rivals dismissed him as a nine-day wonder.

But the former governor of Alagoas, Brazil's second smallest state, has gone from strength to strength. The latest surveys showed him with a huge lead.

A poll conducted by Gallup and published by Isto E/ Senhor magazine Sunday gave him 44.6 percent of the vote, with his closest rival, socialist Leonel Brizola, enjoying just 12.2 percent.

A survey by Ibope published in the newspaper O Globo gave him 41 percent and Brizola 12 percent.

The distinguishing mark of Collor de Mello's campaign has been his virulent attacks on government corruption.

In a speech in the southern city of Porto Alegre Friday, Collor de Mello said the government of President Jose Sarney was "compromised up to its neck with corruption."

The message he has been delivering at rallies up and down the country is that if elected he will jail the corrupt.

Pollsters say it is the message voters want to hear. Gallup asked Collor de Mello supporters why they would give their votes to him.

Some 44 percent said it was because he would put an end to corruption. Only seven per cent cited Brazil's economic crisis.

Despite Brazil's grim economic situation, with inflation last year of 934 percent and a huge debt burden, the economy is playing second fiddle to corruption as an election issue.

The two issues are clearly linked. Eminent foreign economists have joined with Brazilians in citing corruption as one of the country's central ills.

U.S. economist Rudiger Dornbusch said in an interview several months ago: "The (Brazilian) government is drowning in corruption and this needs to stop. The government is spending money as if it were a drunken sailor and this needs to stop."

One of the main political talking points in Brazil last week was the departure of Sarney and a big official party to take part, at public expense, in the French Revolution bicentennial in Paris, where Sarney warned of violent upheaval in Latin America unless the debt burden were eased.

The Gallup survey said that Collor de Mello's second most important trump card, after his crusade against corruption, was his youth and his recent arrival in national politics.

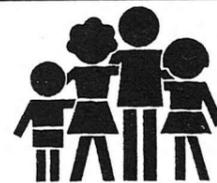
Once one of Brazil's leading karate experts, Collor de Mello exudes youth and vigor in a country that probably has the youngest electorate in the world with more than half the voters under 35.

Collor de Mello started the year as a rank outsider in the election race. Today political analysts say that barring a major upset he looks set for

victory.

The leading candidate has made it plain that he is no out-and-out hawk on the crucial debt issue. He has promised tough negotiations with creditors but without confrontation.

But political analysts say a strong mandate for Collor de Mello should help Brazil take a firmer stance in negotiations on its \$112 billion debt, the biggest in the Third World.



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financial news

Striking miners refuse to sign contract

ABINGDON, Va. (Reuter) — In the lushly wooded mountains of Virginia, the heart of American coal country, a long, bitter drawn-out strike has expanded to include one-third of all the nation's mineworkers.

"This is a fight that's got to be won, and they all want to be a part of it," said Jack Stump, president of District 28 of the United Mine Workers of America, which includes all of Virginia.

The strike began in April when 1,600 members of the UMW walked off the job at the Pittston Coal Group mines in Virginia and West Virginia following a breakdown in contract negotiations.

The Lebanon, Va.-based company had asked the union to make a number of concessions, including allowing mandatory overtime and consenting to pension and benefit cuts.

Michael Odom, Pittston's

president, said the company needed the concessions to give it more flexibility in running its business.

But the miners refused to take the cuts and now say the strike has become a last-ditch stand by the UMW.

"If we lose this one, then the rest of the companies would all follow suit (in asking for concessions)," said Pete Kaufman, a UMW member from Pennsylvania who has worked as a miner for Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal Co for 10 years.

"We're fighting for all of organized labor," another picketer said.

The UMW has seen its membership decline rapidly since World War II. Today, there are about 65,000 UMW members, compared with 600,000 during the 1940s. UMW miners today control

only about 35 percent of U.S. coal

production compared with two-thirds 20 years ago.

But Pittston officials deny they are trying to break the union. The company promised that the UMW would remain the exclusive bargaining agent for its miners under its proposed contract, and pointed out that its medical coverage for retirees — one of the sorest points in an industry where accidents are relatively common — is more generous than most industries.

The strike began to be a national issue in mid-June when Pittston announced negotiations had reached an impasse. More than 44,000 miners in 10 states began to stay off the job in wildcat sympathy strikes.

Many have not returned to work since, despite no-strike contracts, federal orders to return to work and the possible loss of their jobs.

Last week, virtually every UMW miner east of the Mississippi was called off the job for a week-long "memorial period," a legal work

stoppage authorized in the union's contract to commemorate workers killed in mining accidents.

UMW leaders said they called the memorial as a cooling-off period in the angry strike, but the miners say they plan to strike until the Pittston miners have a new contract.

The strikers shrug off charges that they are acting in bad faith by striking companies with whom they have labor agreements, and discount claims that the wildcat strikes are costing the industry credibility overseas.

"Naturally the coal operators are going to say that," Stump said. He said any loss of foreign orders should be blamed on Pittston's refusal to sign the 1988 national mining contract.

GAO sights increasing airport radar overloads

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Near midair collisions involving commercial airliners declined in 1988, but radar monitors at nearly half of the nation's large airports are overloaded by traffic, two government reports said Monday.

Los Angeles was the leading "hot spot" of "serious" near midair collisions, as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration, for the third straight year in 1988, closely followed by San Francisco.

Of the total 712 near midair collisions reported last year, 326 involved commercial carriers, of which 231 were defined as serious. This compared with 1,058 near midair collisions in 1987, of which 489 involved commercial planes, including 354 that were considered serious.

The report by the General Accounting Office showed that 1987 was the most dangerous of the 1986-1988 period during which there was a grand total of 2,610 near midair collisions reported, 1,158 involving commercial airliners and 834 deemed serious.

The GAO report said that over the three-year period, 57 of the incidents deemed serious occurred in Los Angeles and 29 each in San Francisco, Chicago and New York.

In a companion report, the GAO said the FAA "recently recognized" that the computers at large airports

were being overloaded "when aircraft position and identification information began vanishing from controller displays, aircraft data flickered on displays and system responses to controller changes or updates to flight information were delayed."

The GAO said its survey found 27 of 62 radar approach control facilities, or 47 percent, had experienced the disappearance of aircraft information from the controllers' screens. In one example, during a late Friday rush hour, the position, identity, altitude, speed and direction of planes vanished from all controllers' screens for 16 minutes.

The GAO criticized the FAA for not anticipating the shortage — although the report said the FAA was taking action to alleviate the problem at some of the stations — and warned that the situation will get worse with the requirement that, as of this month, 44,000 more general aviation planes have to be tracked.

Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., chairman of the Senate Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, said, "We've got work to do to improve the margin of safety in the skies."

"We know where the holes in the system are. We know what

technology is needed. Now we need to improve these systems as quickly as we can."

The GAO, the congressional watchdog agency, said, "The typical near midair collision involved one controlled (by radar) and one uncontrolled aircraft; transpired between May and October; and happened most frequently in California, Texas, Florida and Arizona. The majority of near midair collisions occurred in terminal airspace at altitudes below 5,000 feet."

The agency said most near midair

Layoffs plague Mass. workers

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (UPI) — About 850 layoff notices were sent to city workers, but the harbor master in financially strapped Springfield says he's not worried about a pink slip since he doesn't have a salary, nor does he have a harbor.

Michael J. DeFilippi has been harbor master in landlocked-Springfield for 29 years and has not so much as received "a dime" for his work. "I use my own boat; my own money," said DeFilippi.

So why does Springfield, situated on the Connecticut River, have a harbor master if it has no harbor.

"I know, I know. I get that all the time," DeFilippi said.

"There is no harbor. I'm in charge of the Connecticut River."

collisions occur between one plane on instruments and one operating under visual flight rules when the visibility is good and most do not involve a violation of FAA rules or controller error.

Nor, said the GAO, do high levels of traffic necessarily lead to a larger number of near midair collisions.

"For instance, although the Atlanta-Hartsfield is one of the busiest airport hubs in the nation, no more than four serious commercial carrier NMACs (near midair collisions) were reported in airspace associated with that airport in any of the three years."

The lack of financial compensation probably is the biggest reason why DeFilippi and his assistant harbor master, Jacqueline M. Kelliher, still have their jobs. Springfield Mayor Mary Hurley, like all chief executives in Massachusetts, has spent the past month figuring who will be laid off to compensate for the lack of funds in the state and city treasuries.

Gov. Michael Dukakis last week vetoed \$200 million in aid that was earmarked for Massachusetts' cities and towns. In Springfield alone, the fiscal crisis forced 850 layoffs, mostly among teachers, firefighters and police.

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 dollar.

Name	Volume	Last	Chg.
MarionLab	5,837,700	33 1/2	+8 1/4
WarnrComm	3,516,800	65 3/8	+1 1/8
CptrAsc s	1,827,800	17 1/2	
IBM	1,421,000	116	+1 1/4
NYStaEG	1,240,800	27 1/4	-1/4
UnCarbde	1,154,100	28 1/8	+1/8
GenElct	1,141,800	54 5/8	
Amer TT	1,138,800	36 3/8	
McDnld s	1,029,900	29 5/8	-1/2
SmithBeck	998,200	59 3/4	-1/2
Texaco	87,300	53 3/8	+3/8
Motorola	986,800	56 1/4	+1 7/8
GenMotors	935,900	43	-1/2
TimeInc	930,700	141	-4 1/4
Exxon	899,200	45 5/8	

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 dollar.

Name	Volume	Last	Chg.
EngySvc	984,600	3 1/2	+1/4
BAT Ind	962,100	14	-3/16
FruitLoom	732,100	12 1/8	+3/4
TexasAirCp	618,300	16	+1/2
WangLabB	492,900	7	-1/8
EchoBay	266,000	15 3/8	-1/8
HouOilTr	239,300	1 3/4	+1/4
Hasbro	229,100	20 3/4	+5/8
Telesphere	219,900	2 1/2	+1/4
Lionel	219,300	7 3/4	+1/2

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

Name	Volume	Last or Bid	Asked	Chg.
MicrTc	2,536,400	15 1/8		-1 3/8
AdobeS s	1,453,100	24 3/4		
MCI	1,271,800	39 7/8		+1/2
AppleC	1,168,700	40 3/4		
Intel	1,068,800	31 3/8		+1 1/2
LizClab	818,000	25 1/2		+3/4
Groswn	611,300	8 1/4		-3/8
Ecogen	593,000	5 1/2		+1/4
Seagate	543,000	14		+1/8
US HltC	540,000	12 7/8		+3/4

military news

B-2 Stealth bomber makes maiden flight

by Michael C. Tipping

PALMDALE, Calif. (UPI) — The B-2 stealth bomber, the costliest airplane ever built, took flight for the first time Monday morning, soaring gracefully into a clear desert sky and an uncertain future.

The \$530 million graphite-gray bomber with a unique bat-wing shape flew for two hours in long, lazy circles after taking off into the sun at 6:36 a.m. from the runway of an Air Force plant in the desert 60 miles north of Los Angeles where it was assembled in super-secrecy by Northrop Corp.

It completed its first test by landing 25 miles away at Edwards Air Force Base.

The B-2, with Northrop test pilot Bruce J. Hinds and Air Force test pilot Richard S. Couch at the controls and its four engines roaring, got off the ground on its second attempt. A fuel system glitch scuttled the first try at a maiden flight Saturday.

About 200 reporters and photographers and a handful of invited guests stood in the dirt along the runway to witness a new chapter in aviation history.

"It was wonderful — very impressive," said Patricia Hinds, wife of Bruce Hinds. "We knew it would be today."

Mrs. Hinds, standing in the desert sands beside the runway with her daughter and son, said her husband had been relaxed and "ready to do it."

Couch's wife, Ann, with tears in her eyes as she clutched her 12-year-old daughter while the bomber lifted off in front of them, called it "an important day. We've waited a long

time."

Her husband, she said, left the house at 1:45 a.m. acting like "it was just another day." "But I've been bouncing off the walls," she said.

Northrop spokesman Tony Cantafio said he had "a lump in my throat."

"There are lumps in a lot of people's throats," he said. "That's a sight we've been looking for for a long time."

The B-2 was built largely of plastic composites both designed to allow it to slide undetected through enemy radar.

It is designed to fly 10,000 miles with up to 25 tons of nuclear or conventional weapons but on its first flight it carried a payload of commemorative lapel pins to be distributed to Northrop employees.

It went through its final shakedown last Thursday, reaching a speed of 130 mph and lifting its nose wheels off the ground in high-speed taxi tests.

Brig. Gen. Richard Scofield, director of the stealth program, said the two high-speed taxi tests — low-speed tests were conducted July 10 — were a success. The airplane went through 122,000 hours of pre-flight

The price of the plane has produced shock waves in Washington.

"I recognize the sticker shock," Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said last week, but argued that the \$70 billion program for 132 bombers priced at \$530 million each will consume a smaller percentage of the defense budget than either the B-52 or the B-1B bombers.

The B-2 program has already consumed \$23 billion, with one plane in the air, five more at various stages

of production and five more approved and paid for.

House Armed Services Committee member Bill Dickinson, R-Ala., said the program's details were kept secret for so long that when its cost was declassified Congress was "aghast."

The Senate Armed Forces Committee on Friday approved President Bush's \$305.5 billion defense spending request for 1990, but stipulated that no new money could be spent on the B-2 until it completes its first test flights.

The Air Force and Northrop planned to have the B-2 take flight the day after the Senate vote and the bomber rolled out to the end of the runway and revved its engines for about 15 minutes Saturday before taxiing slowly back to the hangar.

Air Force officials said "fuel pressure readings for takeoff power settings were reading too low," and the flight was scrubbed as a safety precaution.

Capt. Jamie Scarse said Sunday, "We've got our minor problem fixed" and were ready to try again.

As the B-2 sat on the runway Saturday, a single-engine Cessna carrying a man and two children violated the restricted airspace and landed at the other end of the runway. The pilot, Brian Green, 35, of Porterville, Calif., was taken into custody, booked for trespassing, and released.

Green told authorities he had become lost while looking for another airport 15 miles from Palmdale.



HITCHIN' A DIFFERENT RIDE -- Former President Ronald Reagan is accompanied by wife Nancy, Secret Service agents and a helicopter crewman to an awaiting chopper July 4 at Fort Huachuca after undergoing tests and treatment for minor injuries suffered earlier in the day while horseback riding in Mexico. (AP Laserphoto)

Norwegians 'explode' over third Soviet sub accident

OSLO, Norway (UPI) — Norway said Sunday night a Soviet nuclear-powered attack submarine headed home after it was seen billowing smoke and under tow, but the Soviets said it was only a military exercise — not their third sub fire off Norway since April.

The Soviet ambassador to Norway was summoned to the Foreign Ministry to explain what Norway said was the third time in as many months that the Soviets did not immediately report a nuclear submarine accident near Norway's waters.

But Norwegian State Radio and the domestic News Agency NTB said Soviet spokesmen in Moscow claimed the incident was an exercise, and Soviet Ambassador Alexander Teterin said he had not been informed of an accident.

"We called in the ambassador not because this was the most serious of the incidents, but because it is the third time that it has happened."

This is diplomatically the most serious of the three incidents," said Foreign Minister Thorvald Stoltenberg.

Norway's Defense Command said one of its intelligence-gathering vessels observed the nuclear-powered Alpha-class attack submarine, one of the fastest and deepest-diving subs in the Soviet navy, being towed about 70 miles off Norway in international waters of the Barents Sea.

Officials said the surfaced 265-foot-long submarine was billowing smoke, being towed by a tugboat and "several" Soviet vessels were escorting it.

Hours later, however, Norwegian Defense spokesman Erik Senstad said the sub "is making its way normally on its main reactor."

The convoy was believed to be heading for the Soviet Kola peninsula, where at least six of the Alpha-class subs are said to be based. It was expected to arrive at its port near Murmansk early Monday, local time.

It was unknown whether the sub was carrying nuclear weapons.

Columbia prepares for launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) — The five-man crew of the shuttle Columbia reviewed flight procedures Monday while engineers worked through a practice countdown in preparation for blastoff next month on a classified military mission.

The two-day dress-rehearsal countdown, a traditional milestone in shuttle launch processing, began at 8:30 a.m. It was scheduled to end Tuesday morning with the simulated ignition of Columbia's three main engines.

The ship's crew — commander Brewster Shaw, 44, co-pilot Richard "Dick" Richards, 42, David Leestma, 40, Mark Brown, 37, and James Adamson, 43 — planned to

"The incident does not appear to have been serious," Senstad said.

A Mike submarine sank in international waters off northern Norway April 7 with the loss of 42 lives.

On June 26, an Echo-II class nuclear-powered and armed submarine was discovered billowing smoke 65 miles off Norway's western coastline after a sealing ring burst, causing the submarine's reactors to be closed down.

On both occasions, Norway's government complained bitterly to the Soviet Union that Oslo had not been immediately informed of the

accidents.

Teterin told NTB he expected more information on the incident from Moscow by Monday morning, at which point he would make a statement.

However, he said he found "it difficult to believe" the Soviets would not have advised Norway if the accident was a serious one.

However, he rejected suggestions that the incident was an exercise, saying there appeared to have been a fire on board.

Senstad would not comment on why he believed there was a fire but the vessel that detected the incident — the intelligence-gathering Mariata — is one of NATO's most advanced communications interceptors.

"The Mariata observed the Alpha-class vessel 70 miles east of the Norwegian town of Vardoe in international waters," Senstad said. "We do not consider the situation to be dangerous."

Senstad said it was unclear whether the sub, which can carry eight nuclear or conventional torpedoes as well as anti-submarine SS-N-15 missiles, was carrying nuclear weapons.

He said the Alpha-class sub can reach depths of 2,000 feet, displaces 3,700 tons of water and has a titanium alloy hull.

The Alpha class of Soviet submarines was the forerunner of the experimental Mike-class, one of the fastest of the Soviet nuclear subs.

climb aboard the orbiter early Tuesday for the final hours of the mock countdown.

Launch of the fifth post-Challenger mission now is expected the week of Aug. 7. As with all military shuttle flights, the identity of the payload is classified as is the exact launch time and mission duration.

Sources have said, however, that launch is scheduled for a few minutes before 8 a.m. and that Columbia's payload is a high-tech reconnaissance satellite. The shuttle also is carrying a variety of smaller "secondary" payloads, including at least one mounted in the ship's cargo bay.

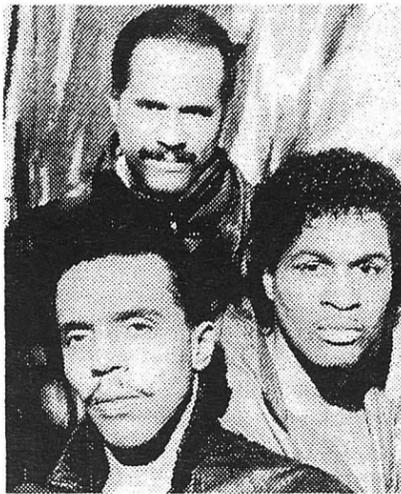
TOP OF THE CHARTS

Top 10 Singles

1. **Simply Red** "If You Don't Know Me By Now," (Elektra) Last Week: No. 4
2. **Madonna** "Express Yourself," (Sire/Warner) No. 6
3. **Cyndi Lauper** "I Drove All Night," (Epic) No. 5
4. **Maritka** "Toy Soldiers," (Columbia) No. 10
5. **Tom Petty** "I Won't Back Down," (MCA) No. 11
6. **Prince** "Batdance," (Warner Bros.) No. 8
7. **Expose** "What You Don't Know," (Arista) No. 9
8. **Dobbie Bros.** "The Doctor," (Capitol) No. 12
9. **Stevie Nicks** "Rooms On Fire," (Modern/Atlantic) No. 13
10. **Bon Jovi** "Lay Your Hands On Me," (Mercury/Polygram) No. 14

Top R&B/Soul

1. **Soul II Soul** "Keep On Movin'," (Virgin) Last Week: No. 3
2. **Diana Ross** "Workin' Overtime," (Motown) No. 2
3. **Chuckii Booker** "Turned Away," (Atlantic) No. 11
4. **Levert** "Gotta Get The Money," (Atlantic) No. 5
5. **Surface** "Shower Me With Your Love," (Columbia) No. 12
6. **The Jacksons** "Nothin' (That Compares 2 U)," (Epic) No. 13
7. **Karyn White** "Secret Rendezvous," (Warner Bros.) No. 14
8. **Jody Watley With Eric B. Rakim** "Friends," (MCA) No. 15
9. **Kool Moe Dee** "They Want The Money," (Jive) No. 6
10. **L.L. Cool J** "I'm That Type Of Guy," (Def Jam/Columbia) No. 10



Surface

Top C&W Singles

1. **George Strait** "What's Going On In Your World," (MCA) Last Week: No. 2
2. **Ronnie Milsap** "Houston Solution," (RCA) No. 4
3. **Conway Twitty** "She's Got A Single Thing In Mind," (MCA) No. 6
4. **The McCarters** "Up And Gone," (Warner Bros.) No. 8
5. **Dolly Parton** "Why'd You Come In Here Lookin' Like That," (Columbia/CBS) No. 5
6. **Shenandoah** "Sunday In The South," (Columbia/CBS) No. 7
7. **Patty Loveless** "Timber I'm Falling In Love," (MCA) No. 9
8. **K.T. Oslin** "This Woman," (RCA) No. 10
9. **Keith Whitley** "I Wonder Do You Think Of Me," (RCA) No. 25
10. **Randy Travis** "Promises," (Warner Bros.) No. 30

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Entertainment Extra

Q. I simply adore Tom Hanks and his big hits, "Big" and "Punchline." What's in store for Tom next? T.C., Cherry Hill, N.J.

A. The always-in-demand Mr. Hanks is in the just-released flick "Turner & Hooch" co-starring Mare Winningham and Craig T. Nelson. Hanks portrays a straight-laced, by-the-book detective who cannot tolerate sloppiness — personal or professional. And as of this date, Tom is working on a flick titled "Joe Versus the Volcano." The flick is directed by John Patrick Shanley ("Moonlighting") and boosts Lloyd Bridges and Meg Ryan as the co-stars.

Q. I always pictured Prince as a very independent type of person. So why did he agree to do the movie music for the hit movie "Batman?" It just doesn't sound like something he would get involved in. M.W., Sanford, Fla.



A. Sources say, the "Purple Rain" Prince is having a cash flow problem. Apparently, Prince has spent millions on his Paisley Park Studio in Minneapolis, Minn., and on his last tour. Other expenses included artists for whom Prince produced LP's that went virtually nowhere on the music charts.

Q. Is it true that Cybill Shepherd is recording an album? E.P., Zapata, Texas

A. Apparently Cybill was going to throw her hat into the musical arena with CBS Records, but that project backfired. As of now, she does not have a label ready to back her, but apparently there just might be some future deals in the works.

Q. Could you please give me some background on "Batman" actor Michael Keaton? B.S., Seattle, Wash.

A. Believe it or not, Mr. Keaton's real name is Michael Douglas. He was born on September 5, 1951 in Corapolis, Pa., one of seven children. He attended Kent State University as a speech major for two years before dropping out. After that Michael moved to Pittsburgh and drove a cab, as well as an ice-cream truck. Keaton moved to Los Angeles in the early 1970s and worked at Magic Mountain Park, pouring beer. While working at the Comedy Store and the Second City Improv Workshop, he landed some cameo roles on television — most notably "Maude."

His first movie role was Ron Howard's "Night Shift," which was a bomb. Keaton's first big hit was his second film "Mr. Mom," in 1983, and the rest is Hollywood history. Other films include: "Johnny Dangerously," "Touch and Go," "Gung Ho," "The Squeeze," "Beetlejuice," "Clean and Sober," and "The Dream Team."

Keaton, who is divorced, has one son and lives in Los Angeles. His former wife is actress Caroline McWilliams.

This Week In History

This week in 1848, Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton lead the N.Y. Women's Rights Convention in Seneca on July 19-20 ... **In 1916,** the Rural Credits Act was passed on July 17. Also, in 1917, a bomb exploded in San Francisco, Calif. on Preparedness Day killing 10 people. Labor organizer Thomas J. Mooney and Warren K. Billings were convicted but later pardoned in 1939 ... **In 1955,** a summit meeting between the United States, Great Britain, France and the Soviet Union took place in Geneva, Switzerland on July 18-23 ... **In 1959,** the world's first atomic-powered merchant ship, N.S. Savannah, was launched from the shores of Camden, N.J. ... **In 1967,** a Piedmont Boeing 727 airliner and a Cessna 310 collided over Hendersonville, N.C. killing 82 people ... **In 1969,** Ted Kennedy's controversial Chappaquiddick incident occurred. While driving a car with Mary Jo Kopechne, Kennedy's vehicle plunged off a bridge into eight feet of water and Ms. Kopechne drowned on July 18.

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Home hints

EASY STRAIN — A mesh bag, such as those onions come in, will strain the skins from old paint.

CAKE TRICK — When making a cake, if beaten sugar and oil stay slushy or gritty, just add some egg white to cream it.

TANGY FLAVOR — Pineapple juice added to applesauce; lemon or lime juice added to pineapple juice; paprika sprinkled on potato chips; kelp powder sprinkled on corn chips — all will perk up your taste buds.

COFFEE SENSE — Drip coffee can be used in the percolator with the same flavor as perked coffee.

LITTER SAVER — To save on cat litter, just line the cat box with layers of newspapers and some paper towels on top. There will also be no more litter grains on the floor.

QUICK APPLESAUCE — Cook apples, five to seven minutes, covered. When cooled, put into food processor. For chunky applesauce, mash with potato masher.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

by Charles King Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A small disagreement could arise with a friend or mate over money matters, but otherwise your social interests are highlighted this week. This would be an excellent time to throw a party. You may, however, be a bit impressionable where romance is concerned now.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Some business developments are quite positive this week, but an element of deception means you should be guarded and somewhat close-mouthed about your own interests. In addition, you will receive favorable legal news. Try not to be cantankerous with relatives.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be less critical of your mate this week. This weekend you'll want to spend some time by yourself to study a new business proposition. Beware of signals which may get crossed this time regarding an upcoming trip. Watch costs regarding travel.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're in a romantic mood this week and should plan something special for that very special someone in your life. Enjoy yourself this week, but do not let daydreaming interfere with what needs to be done on the homefront and on the job.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Beware of situations which may be a bit fuzzy now about a career concern. A fun invitation is coming your way. A home matter is brought to a successful conclusion when a family member meets you halfway. Curb credit use this week.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Shopping is favored this week, but be discriminating. You may feel somewhat inhibited this week and may have trouble expressing your true feelings to a loved one. This is the time, though, to take a chance and express your creative talents.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Good legal news looms in your immediate future. Now is the time to get out and socialize — don't be inhibited on the social scene. Try not to dwell on the past. You have a strong desire to please others, but remember to be true to yourself.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A good chat with a close friend will help clarify some key personal matters for you. Don't let your imagination run away with you this week. Beware, money loaned out now may not ever be seen again. Mental hobbies appeal now.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Creative pursuits are highlighted this week. Evening hours are a natural for romance. Personal charm works for you and added income comes through on the job. Partnerships and compromise are emphasized this week.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Group activities are favored this week. Meet with friends who have similar outlooks. This week you will get a lot accomplished from behind the scenes. In addition, you'll receive valuable support regarding a career endeavor.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new understanding is reached this week with a co-worker. You'll also get encouraging news about a property matter this week. A get-away luncheon may have heavy romantic overtones now. Benefits now come through friends.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This week a very unusual financial opportunity may come your way. Travel may be on the horizon. Be less insistent on having your own way. Avoid ideological disputes with big-wigs on the job. A major purchase is possible.

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lifestyle

Autotalk by Zane Binder

CHEVROLET STEPSIDE 4x4 K1500 PICK-UP

It's sassy, sleek, and Chevy's answer to the stiff American competition in the modern sport pick-up class. It's the Chevrolet K1500 Stepside 4x4, the "in" vehicle for Saturday night cruisin'.

Inside the full-sized K1500 was definitely plush, with a soft cloth bench that would prove a credit to any car (though some door trim pieces didn't appear sturdy). In typical truck fashion you sit high above the road; you also have a good view on the optional full dash panel of instruments. In this vehicle you sit particularly high since the K1500 is of the "jacked up" 4-wheel drive type. One problem with its bench: it doesn't have a back angle adjuster, a serious omission. Storage-wise there's a small area behind the seat and a tiny glove box.

The K1500's cargo box is small in size; this is, after all, more a truck for cruisin' and off-road fun than hauling heavy lumber ... though with the right options you can make it anything you want.



The test vehicle was equipped with the optional 210-HP fuel-injected 5.7 liter V-8 (\$755). The engine provided good, smooth, quiet power under all circumstances, taking just 10.2 seconds to reach 60 from rest with its optional for \$38 3.73 real axle. Fuel economy,

observed at 12 city and 13 highway, is typical for the class though not even close to its fantasy-land EPA estimates. You simply can't expect better on a vehicle like this.

Transmitting the engine's power to the wheels was a smooth-shifting 5-speed transmission and clutch. Most truck manual transmissions shift poorly; this one was excellent. A minor criticism: The shift lever is gigantic; you have to see it to believe it. It doesn't hurt anything, but looks strange.

Even the transfer case, usually crudely built, is good quality. Shifting in and out of 4-wheel drive while moving is easy, and gearing is adequate for any situation. A trip to a gravel pit showed this vehicle climbs with the best of them but due to its ground clearance and center of gravity, it's "tippy." Be aware the 4-wheel drive system is a on "off-road" type; it's not designed for full-time use on dry pavement.

Unlike most trucks, the K1500's ride on smooth pavement is usually pleasant. Large bumps are taken with little problem; small ones and road irregularities such as frost heave are the only times you'll feel virtually undamped "porpoising."

Even the K1500's standard power-steering assisted handling is good ... for a truck. Remember, it has an extremely high center of gravity and can't be judged like a car, but if driven within limits you'll never have a problem. Just remember — particularly when trying to make a U-turn on a street less than two generous lanes wide — it isn't a car.

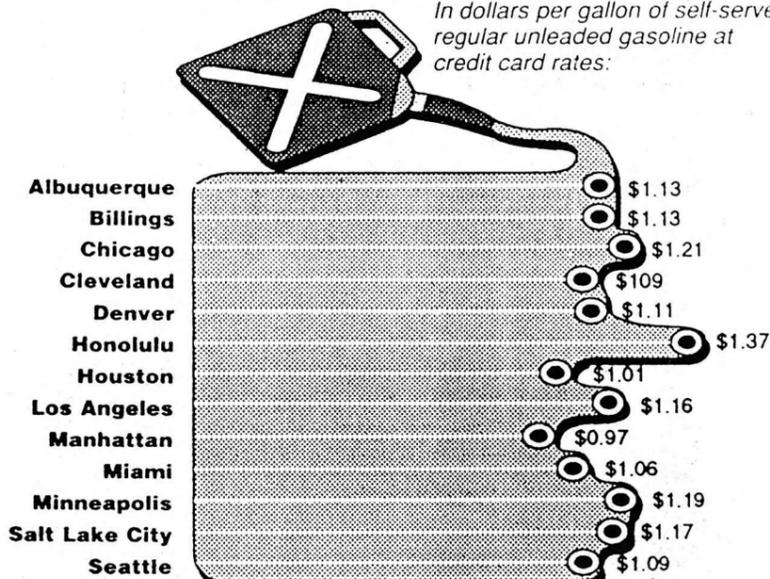
The K1500's tires were all-weather Goodyear Wrangler off-road radials. They're decent, but nowhere near regular street tires in road grip. Drive with this in mind, as brakes and tires on pick-ups inherently aren't as efficient as on cars. An aside here: Chevy pick-ups come

Gas prices across the U.S.

In a survey of gasoline prices in May 1989, Honolulu averaged \$1.37 per gallon, the highest in the U.S. The average price per gallon in Manhattan was \$0.97, the lowest in the survey.

GAS PRICES, BY SELECTED U.S. CITIES, MAY 1989

In dollars per gallon of self-serve regular unleaded gasoline at credit card rates:



SOURCE: Runzheimer International

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with a type of anti-lock brakes, particularly important on these vehicles due to load variance. It's not the same device used on cars, but does prevent rear brake lock in most situations. It's far from perfect, but a definite improvement over years past.

A word about trailer towing here: make sure you order the right optional package. People destroy their vehicles by towing with the wrong equipment or no equipment at all ... then get angry at the manufacturer. Towing puts a tremendous strain on a vehicle ... even if properly equipped. Beware the consequences!

The radio in the K1500 was GM's optional AM-FM unit with tape player and graphic equalizer. It had

good sound, but an aftermarket supplier would be a better bet. You'll save money.

The air conditioner was very powerful and the heater equally so. You'll never have a climate control problem!

Overall, Chevrolet has produced a generally civilized 4x4 truck. The only area that really needs upgrading is quality control. Though few rough edges were apparent, the imports have a clear edge. At \$16,863 as tested (remember, always buy an extended warranty), it's in no way cheap. You couldn't go wrong, though, in purchasing one with less equipment. The K1500 is a pleasant vehicle and should definitely be considered.

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HEALTH & NUTRITION

by Judith Sheldon

SOME CLAIMS DOWNRIGHT FISHY

by Judith Sheldon

"OIL" SPILL-OVER: Some readers have taken me to task for not being as enthusiastic as they think I should be over fish oils. Let me explain why I'm cool about the claims made for this substance:

The fish oil in the fish is recommended by nutrition scientists, and you certainly should include this excellent food in your diet.

However, fish oils that are taken as supplements have had no proven benefits, and may even prove harmful to some persons.

First, the high doses taken to bring about the lowered triglyceride levels can cause nausea, bloating, flatulence and diarrhea. As a result, patients are put on lower dose maintenance levels. When this happens, the previously impressive results not only can't be sustained, after a while, there appears to be a gradual elevation of triglyceride levels indicating that fish oil supplementation therapy may be ineffective at best.

At worst, it may be harmful. An article in "Diabetes Care" points out that studies of fish oil supplements taken by diabetics show a rise in both blood sugar and LDLs (the bad cholesterol — as opposed to HDLs, the good cholesterol).

FACT SHEET: The smoke from a single cigarette contains 100 times more cyanide than the two grapes from Chile impounded last spring by the government.

In 1988, girls made up 35 percent of the complement of high school athletes. In 1972, the number was only seven percent.

Manual lawn mowers are back in favor. They're less expensive than the gas or electric models; they don't break down as often; they're great for exercising — pushing a manual mower burns some 420-480 calories an hour, the same amount as an hour of tennis — and they don't pollute the air!

Some 11,000 lives were saved between 1983 and 1987 by the use of seat belts. They reduce the risk of dying in a crash 40 to 50 percent.

ALUMINUM AND ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE: There's increasing evidence that the aluminum found in the brains of Alzheimer's Disease patients may be there as an effect, rather than as the cause of the condition. Apparently, the disease causes the protective barrier of the brain to weaken, allowing aluminum to enter.

This is similar to the explanation for the presence of aluminum in the brain tissue of those with various brain disorders caused by lead poisoning, head injury, alcohol abuse, viral infections, etc. Again, the aluminum is thought to accumulate in the tissue only after the nerve cells are damaged.

"BEE" SENSIBLE: To help prevent stings, don't wear brightly colored clothes, floral prints, sweetly scented perfumes, or use scented soaps and lotions. The idea is to avoid having the bee mistake you for a flower.

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Flick Picks by Debbie Fletcher

BATMAN

At long last, this flick has hit the movie theaters. People have been flocking to see it in droves. However, what they're seeing is probably not what they were expecting. For die-hard fans of the DC comic-book hero, this is not the Batman they know and love. For the Baby Boomers who thrilled to the campy antics of the TV Batman, this version is literally unrecognizable.

What makes this Batman so different? I think it is the Freudian approach director **Tim Burton** and



actor **Michael Keaton** took in creating the character. This Bruce Wayne is not an avenging angel. This one is a very disturbed, dark, almost psychotic man. He is possessed by demons who torture his soul and force him to take on the brooding, humorless persona of Batman. Yes, he is out to avenge the death of his parents. However, it is not as simple or clear-cut as all that. His motivation in donning his imposing bat costume is multi-faceted.

The set designer, **Anton Furst**, is an absolute genius. The city of Gotham is stacked with elongated skyscrapers and spires. There is no sunlight. It's almost as if the developers crammed so many structures into one little area, they literally blocked out the sun. The buildings themselves sport gargoyles, Gothic arches and Deco motifs. In such a city, it's easy to see how people could become dehumanized.

This, of course, is exactly what's happened. Most of the police are crooked. The commissioner (**Pat Hingle**) is inept, and the city is being run by gangster Gus Grissom (**Jack Palance**) and his henchman Jack Napier (**Jack Nicholson**).

Both Nicholson (the Joker) and Keaton turn in superb performances. They are perfect foils for one another. Both delve into the psyches of their characters with such accuracy and frightening realism that they are truly masterful. The remainder of the cast, including **Kim Basinger**, turn in good performances as well, but the true stars are Keaton and Nicholson.

I highly recommend this movie. I do, however, have one major objection. Children will want to flock to this movie, but it is not a movie they should see. It is too violent, too stark, and too darkly depressing for them. It is so violent, in fact, I believe it should have been given an R rating.

Rated: PG-13. Star Rating: ***.

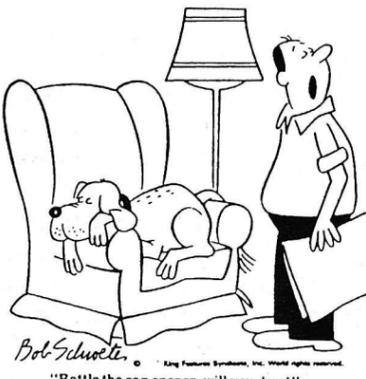
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LAFF-A-DAY



LAUGH TIME



Bob Schweltz
"Rattle the can opener, will you, hon!"

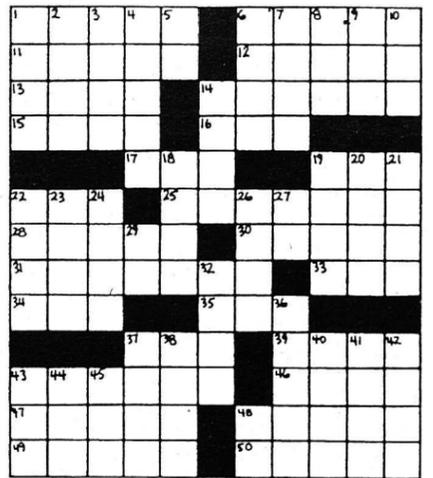


Joerth
"Hey down there. Stabilize this thing so I can figure out where the chopper set us down!"

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1. City in India
- 6. Nipperlike organ
- 11. Farewell (Sp.)
- 12. Body of water
- 13. Black tern (Eur.)
- 14. Take out (print.)
- 15. Foreboding
- 16. Lamprey
- 17. Steer wildly (naut.)
- 19. Solar deity (Egypt.)
- 22. Salt (Chem.)
- 25. Lines at head of articles (Journalism)
- 28. Run away and marry
- 30. On fire
- 31. Proved false
- 33. Seed vessel
- 34. Wager
- 35. Common seagull
- 37. Hawaiian food
- 39. Sibilant exclamation
- 43. A meal
- 46. Peruvian Indian
- 47. Accumulate
- 48. Melodies
- 49. A drop
- 50. Narrow strips of wood
- 1. Part of a pedestal
- 2. A Dutch cheese
- 3. Coins (It.)
- 4. Callous
- 5. Part of "to be"
- 6. American Indian
- 7. Elevation
- 8. Evening (poet.)
- 9. Permit
- 10. Land-measure
- 14. Covered with dew
- 18. Incite
- 19. Small cut
- 20. Leading

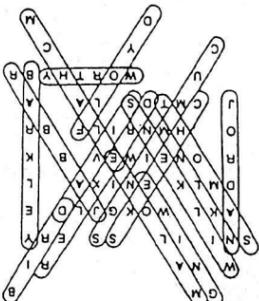


- actor in a play
- 21. Employed
- 22. Native of Serbia
- 23. Toward the lee
- 24. Gallery in a church
- 26. Dip out
- 27. Whether
- 29. Early bronze coin (Chin.)
- 32. Send forth
- 36. Revolve
- 37. Gone by
- 38. Mountain of Thessaly
- 40. Protuberances of the skull
- 41. Begone!
- 42. Soviet news agency
- 43. Large roofing slate
- 44. Ostrich-like bird
- 45. Caress
- 48. Roman pound

Answers to King Crossword



NBA Names



MagicMaze

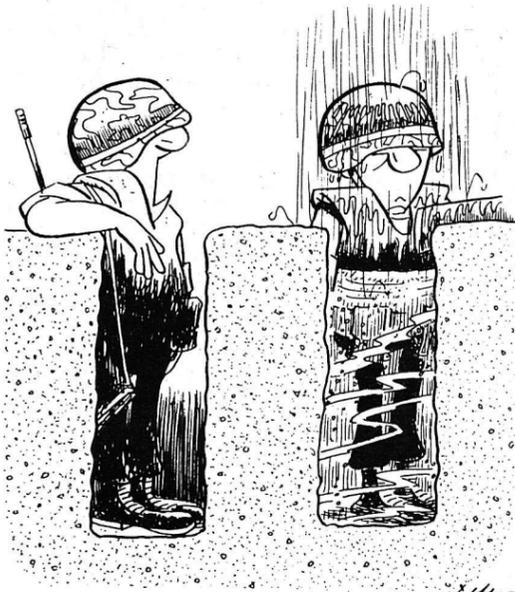
NBA Names



Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions -- forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Bird
- McHale
- Jabbar
- Worthy
- Wilkins
- Cheeks
- Malone
- Davis
- Drexler
- Floyd
- Ewing
- Jordan
- Thomas
- Cummings
- Barkley

Professor Phumble



Milby
"But that's ridiculous! How could a gypsy put a curse on just you alone?"



Bill Yates
"YOU AREN'T PAYING ATTENTION! I'VE SAID THREE OR FOUR REAL CUTE THINGS... AND NOT EVEN A SMILE OUT OF YOU!"

Betty Boop & Felix The Cat



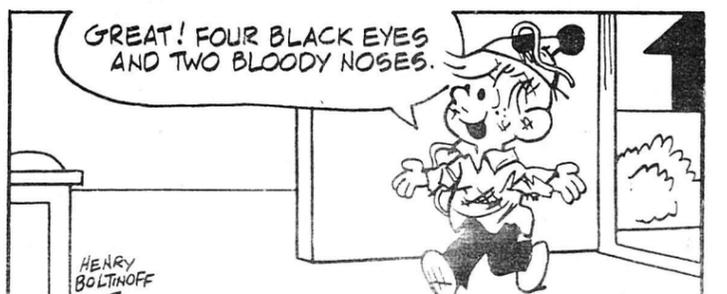
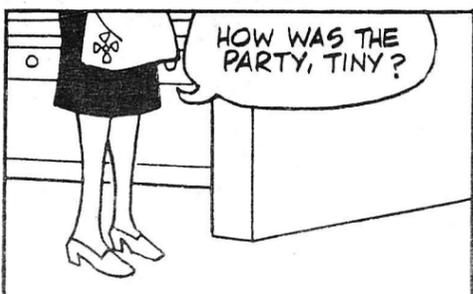
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the Walker Brothers



Milby
"I have a collect call for Seaman C. J. Frimly. Will you accept the charges?"

Tiny



Henry Boltinoff

sports

Tekulve retires after 21 years

CINCINNATI (AP) — Cincinnati Reds reliever Kent Tekulve, who has pitched in more games as a relief pitcher than anyone in big-league baseball history, announced his retirement Monday, effective immediately.

He had pitched Sunday for the Reds and pitched in 1,050 games in relief during his major league career.

Tekulve, 42, a right-hander who ends a 21-year professional career, said he is no longer able to do his job effectively. He joined the Reds as a free agent in February after having pitched for the Philadelphia Phillies the past three seasons.

"The time is right for this to happen," Tekulve said. "I've enjoyed the game my whole career and now I'm not enjoying it any more. I'm not able to do, physically, what I've been to do for the last 15 years."

The Reds did not immediately fill Tekulve's roster spot Monday. But right-hander Ron Robinson, scheduled to make his first start of the season Monday night against Philadelphia, needed to be added to the roster in order to make his start.

Tekulve, 0-3 this season, was the losing pitcher in Cincinnati's 6-3, 12-inning loss Sunday to Montreal. He pitched one inning Sunday, giving up three earned runs, three hits, two walks and a strikeout.

He compiled a 5.02 earned run average this season with one save in 37 relief appearances.

Tekulve had an overall record of 94-90 with 184 saves in his 1,050 career games. He broke Hoyt Wilhelm's previous record of 1,018 career relief appearances on April 17 this season and was closing in on another of Wilhelm's records—1,070 total appearances as a pitcher.

"Basically, if I could break that record pitching the way I've always pitched in the past, with the same standards, then it would have been an accomplishment I would want," Tekulve said. "But I wanted to do it the right way, storming through, not muddle through just to set a record."

Tekulve broke in with the Pittsburgh Pirates during the 1974 season, made it back up with the Pirates in mid-1975 and has been in the National League ever since, switching to Philadelphia with a trade early in 1985. Tekulve, known for his underhanded delivery, helped Pittsburgh to its 1979 world championship by saving three games in the World Series.

He said he appreciated the chance to finish his career with the Reds because he was born in Cincinnati, reared in nearby Fairfield and graduated from Hamilton Catholic High School near Cincinnati.

Marge Schott, Reds owner and president, praised Tekulve for his decision to retire now, rather than after this season.

"I admire his integrity and the type of attitude shown here — not to just hang on. He's a class act," Schott said.

Standings

As of July 18

American League

East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	52	38	.578	-
New York	46	46	.500	7
Toronto	46	47	.495	7 1/2
Boston	43	45	.489	8
Cleveland	43	47	.478	9
Milwaukee	42	50	.457	11
Detroit	33	57	.367	19

West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	53	38	.582	-
Oakland	54	39	.581	-
Kansas City	52	40	.565	1 1/2
Texas	49	42	.538	4
Seattle	45	46	.495	8
Minnesota	44	48	.478	9 1/2
Chicago	37	56	.398	18

National League

East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Montreal	53	39	.576	-
Chicago	49	42	.538	3 1/2
St. Louis	46	42	.523	5
New York	47	43	.522	5
Pittsburgh	38	50	.432	13
Philadelphia	35	54	.393	16 1/2

West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Fran	55	37	.598	-
Houston	53	40	.570	2 1/2
Cincinnati	45	47	.489	10
San Diego	45	48	.484	10 1/2
Los Angeles	42	50	.457	13
Atlanta	38	54	.413	17

LeMond regains lead by 0:40

ORCIERES-MERLETTE, France (AP) — Surrounded by his family, Greg LeMond had a day off Monday to rest and enjoy the mountains before entering the final week as the leader of the Tour de France.

LeMond regained the leader's yellow jersey by 40 seconds on Sunday. Now he has four more mountain stages, a relatively flat leg and a final time trial to negotiate by next Sunday in order to win the race for a second time.

"If it came down to who is the best rider, I would have to say my chances are good," LeMond said. "This last week is going to be difficult. But if I lose it, it won't be a catastrophe." LeMond spent the off day in the Alps with his wife and parents.

After winning the 1986 Tour de France, he missed the event the past two years because of various misfortunes. He had gunshot wounds in a hunting accident, an emergency appendectomy and leg and shin problems.

"Considering where I came from, this is much more satisfying because 1986 was a natural step and this is something I could never have asked for," LeMond said. "This is like too good to be true."

He grabbed the lead of the 2,020-mile cycling classic on July 6, lost it on July 11, then regained it with an

impressive performance in Sunday's mountain time trial to gain 47 seconds on his main rival; Laurent Fignon of France, the 1983 and 1984 champion.

Fignon complained that LeMond is not taking chances as the leader.

"One thing is sure," Fignon said. "I am not going to pace LeMond like I did in the Pyrenees."

"I've run the race quite well," LeMond said. "Probably not to his (Fignon's) advantage and the way he wanted. But it is not for me to pace him."

Anything goes in this race and I'll do whatever I can to win," LeMond and Fignon know that the next two stages will be crucial.

"The two big stages come Tuesday and Wednesday. In those two stages, it will be decided," Fignon said. "Whoever wears the yellow jersey on l'Alpe d'Huez will be the overall winner."

The stage to l'Alpe d'Huez on Wednesday is highlighted by three steep and difficult climbs, including one going to 8,660 feet.

Tuesday's 16th leg goes from Gap to Briancon for 108 miles.

"Tuesday's stage is not so difficult as l'Alpe d'Huez," LeMond said. "But it's dangerous because you have the mountain and the descent to the finish." After a climb to 7,743 feet, the riders descend in the final 12 miles to 4,478 feet.

In Sports Today

The Associated Press

BASEBALL American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with Hart Lee Dykes, pitcher, on a 1990 minor-league contract.

DETROIT TIGERS — Traded Billy Bean, outfielder-first baseman, to the Los Angeles Dodgers for Steve Green, outfielder, and Domingo Michel, first baseman-outfielder. Assigned Green to Lakeland of the Florida State League, and Michel to Toledo of the International League.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Recalled Tom Filer, pitcher, from Denver of the American Association. Optioned Jay Aldrich, pitcher, to Denver.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Activated Dave LaPoint, pitcher, from the 15-day disabled list. Sent Bob Davidson, pitcher, to Columbus of the International League.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned Bruce Fields, outfielder, to Calgary of the Pacific Coast League. Recalled Mike Dunne, pitcher, from Calgary.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS — Announced the retirement of Kent Tekulve, pitcher. Activated Ron Oester, second baseman, from the 15-day disabled list and Ron Robinson, pitcher, from the 60-day disabled list. Placed Jose Rijo, pitcher, on the 21-day disabled list.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Assigned Bill Bean to Albuquerque of the Pacific Coast League.

NEW YORK METS — Sent Kevin Tapani, pitcher, to Tidewater of the International League. Called up Wally Whitehurst, pitcher, from Tidewater.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

DETROIT LIONS — Signed Gary Lee, wide receiver-kick returner; Bruce McNorton, defensive back, and Mike Utley, offensive lineman to multiyear contracts.

LOS ANGELES RAMS — Signed Vernon Kirk, tight end, and Marion Knight, defensive tackle.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed Fred Banks and Deval Glover, wide receivers.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed Eric Lindstrom and Aaron Chubb, linebackers.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Announced the retirement of Gregg Carr, linebacker.



Dream of freedom will succeed, Bush says

LEIDEN, the Netherlands (UPI) — President Bush, capping a trip that opened in ancient capitals shaking off the hold of the Kremlin, declared Monday the dream of freedom will succeed and "Europe behind the wall will join its neighbors in the West."

With his first trip to the economic summit of the industrialized democracies behind him, Bush said a letter Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev sent to the participants in the Paris meeting "is only the latest example of the Soviets' moving in our direction."

"We must work together toward the day when all of Europe — east and west — is free of discord, free of division," Bush said in an address at The Pieterskerk, the centuries-old cathedral in the ancient city of Leiden where Pilgrims worshipped before setting sail in the Mayflower for the New World.

When Bush and his wife Barbara arrived in the Netherlands from Paris, they were formally greeted by Queen Beatrix, who was welcoming

the first American chief executive ever to visit the small but longtime ally.

Bush, who was to return to Washington Tuesday afternoon, also had tea with the queen and met with Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers. His schedule for Monday ended with a state dinner at Noorderdie Palace.

The Leiden sidetrip was a colorful and festive windup to the presidential journey to Europe, with thousands lining the way as Bush's limousine made its way from The Hague to the narrow cobblestone streets of the university town.

The crowds held flags, signs and banners, some supporting Bush and others criticizing him on issues ranging from abortion to aid to the Contra rebels.

Inside the church, Bush was briefed on his roots in Leiden — he is reputedly related to Pilgrim leader William Bradford — and he later walked through an exhibit of Pilgrim artifacts.

Bush also stopped in the heart of town to visit the "sweat room" of the

University of Leiden, where students traditionally awaited their final grades and signed the walls if they passed.

The president began his 10-day journey last week in Warsaw, Poland, where once-banned Solidarity now shares power with the Communist Party.

Then, in Budapest, Hungary, Bush paid tribute to the economic reforms under way there.

As seed money, the president promised to ask Congress for \$100 million for Poland and \$25 million for Hungary to encourage political reforms by generating economic development along free-market lines.

Bush, who has declared his determination to move "beyond containment" in dealing with Moscow and its Warsaw Pact allies, told the crowd at the church, "Freedom can never be extinguished ... even in the Europe behind the wall."

"The dream of freedom for all Europe has never died," he said.

"It's alive today — in Warsaw and Gdansk, in Budapest and across the Soviet Union."

At the Paris economic summit, the other summit leaders agreed with Bush that investment in Eastern Europe is a worthwhile investment, but no specific pledges emerged from the session.

Gorbachev's letter hinted that the Kremlin leader was interested in an invitation to next year's summit, to be held in the United States. The summit leaders were cool to the suggestion, with Bush calling the idea "fascinating" but "premature" on Sunday.

On Monday, Bush said, "The Soviet Union has nothing to fear from the reforms now unfolding in some of the nations of Eastern Europe. We support reform — in Eastern Europe and in the USSR — and we are seeing dramatic changes."

"Our time is a time of new hope — the hope that all of Europe can now know the freedom the Netherlands has known, that America has known, that the West has known," Bush said.

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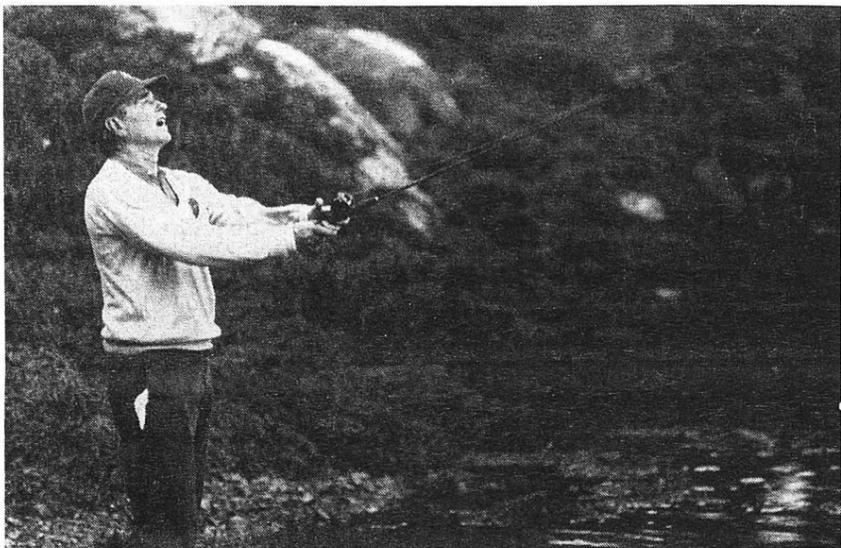
TOKYO — Japan Air Lines said Tuesday it received a letter signed "Supreme Command for Death Squads," threatening to kill two Japanese a month starting in August because of Japan's alleged economic cooperation with China. The Japanese Foreign Ministry said it was taking the letter seriously and has asked the Chinese government "to keep a close watch to ensure the safety of the Japanese in China."

China bans 60 books

BEIJING — China, widening a crackdown on publications in response to pro-democracy protests, has banned more than 60 categories of books and periodicals which it said are "pornographic, superstitious or violent," Chinese news reports said Tuesday. Authorities warned those selling the banned publications would be "severely punished," the Beijing Evening News reported.

Uno faces hard fight

TOKYO — A leader of Prime Minister Souseke Uno's ruling party conceded Tuesday the party is facing a "very tough fight" in upcoming parliamentary elections because of voter opposition to an unpopular sales tax and declining faith in politics.



CASTING ABOUT — President George Bush tries his hand at fishing on the Kennebunk River, Kennebunkport, Maine, shortly before leaving on his historic trip to Europe. He didn't catch any fish. (AP Laserphoto)

Koreans arrive for talks to keep U.S. troops

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Korean defense officials arrived Monday for a three-day security conference hoping to obtain a U.S. commitment to maintain 43,000 American troops in South Korea and co-production of a U.S. jet fighter.

Before starting the talks, Adm. William Crowe, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, held a full military honors ceremony at the

Pentagon early Monday for Gen. Chung Ho Kuen of the South Korean Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney will welcome South Korean Defense Minister Lee Sang Hoon on Tuesday. A news conference is scheduled to be held by Cheney and Lee at the end of the talks Wednesday.

Although this is the 21st annual

U.S.-South Korean Security Consultative Meeting, this year's gathering has taken on special meaning because of U.S. defense budget cuts that could eventually affect troop levels in Asia.

Several members of Congress have introduced or are drafting bills to require reductions of 10,000 or more U.S. troops in South Korea by the early 1990s.

About 43,000 Army and Air Force troops are currently stationed in South Korea, down from the peak of 510,000 during the height of the Korean War in 1953.

Injured MPs out without permission

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (UPI) — Seven American military policemen wounded in a bomb attack while walking in the port city of La Ceiba had left their quarters without permission, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said Friday.

Four of the injured were flown Thursday night to Brooke Army Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, for treatment.

In Washington, the Defense Department said Friday three of the men were in serious condition and the fourth, Army Spec. Michael Barge, 22, of Cincinnati, was in critical but stable condition.

The three seriously injured were identified as SSgt. Robert Nelson, 27, Ontario, Calif., PFC Terry Posey, 19, Cutoff, La., and PFC John Wollenfang, 26, Verona, Wis.

Witnesses reported an unidentified

assailant threw an explosive device at nine soldiers as they walked down a street in civilian clothes early Thursday in the Caribbean port city of La Ceiba, about 125 miles northeast of the capital of Tegucigalpa. Seven of the MPs were wounded, four seriously, and two were not hurt.

The Pentagon said the soldiers were in La Ceiba to escort a U.S. military convoy to Enrique Soto Cano Air Base near Comayagua, about 60 miles northwest of the capital. They are permanently assigned to the 549th Military Police Co. at Fort Davis, Panama.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Charles Barclay said the soldiers were supposed to spend the night at facilities under U.S.-Honduran military control outside La Ceiba. Instead, they went out on the town.

"My understanding is that they did not have authorization to go out after dark," Barclay said.

He said it appeared the men had been confined to a certain area for security reasons, but Barclay said he had been unable to determine from military officials if the men were officially absent without leave.

"I don't think they were AWOL," Barclay said.

Barclay also discounted rumors the men had been playing with a grenade that exploded, saying his information was "that an explosive device was thrown at a group of soldiers by some unknown person."

Anne Sigmund, another U.S. Embassy spokeswoman, said no one has claimed responsibility for the attack, and that U.S. and Honduran military and police were investigating.

Memorial service set for Thursday

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — A memorial service for Sgt. James E. Artis will be held at the Fort Clayton Chapel Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

Artis, who is assigned to Company A, 154th Signal Battalion, drowned Saturday south of Barro Colorado Island in Gatun Lake.

According to USARSO officials, Artis and friends were returning from a fishing trip when his hat flew off. While attempting to retrieve his hat, Artis fell overboard. Attempts to bring him to the boat failed.

Soldiers from the 154th Signal Battalion, 1/508th Infantry (Airborne), 7th Engineer Detachment (Divers), 3/7th Special Forces Group, 1/228th Aviation Battalion, 1097th Transportation Company (Medium Boat) and PCC workers formed the search parties.

The accident is under investigation.