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Panama asks for second UN meeting

UNITED NATIONS, Reuter - Panama has asked for a new meeting of the Security Council to discuss alleged intimidation and aggression by U.S. troops based in that country.

In a letter to Council President Hocine Djoudi of Algeria published

Tuesday Panamanian U.N. representative Leonardo Kam recalled a similar complaint last April that resulted in a single, inconclusive Council session.

He said: "In view of the fact that the United States troops in

Panamanian territory have continued the dangerous escalation of their acts of intimidation, provocation and aggression against Panama, in violation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity and of the Panama Canal treaties, I

request that the Council should meet as soon as possible, in public, to renew consideration of the matter..."

The April complaint by Panama charged the United States with interfering in elections scheduled for the following month with the aim of unseating the government loyal to armed forces chief Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, indicted in the U.S. on drug and racketeering charges in February 1988.

The United States, the Panamanian opposition and independent electoral observers later accused Noriega of trying to steal the May 7 presidential election the opposition believes it won by a landslide.

A few days later Panama's electoral tribunal nullified the vote, widely seen as a plebiscite on Noriega's rule.

Bush, Endara have telephone discussion

PANAMA CITY, Panama (Reuter) -- President Bush telephoned Panama's opposition leader Monday, saying he hoped talks with the government would solve the country's prolonged political crisis, the opposition said.

Bush and Guillermo Endara discussed last week's inconclusive talks between the opposition, the government and military, it said in a communique.

Bush said the U.S. did not wish to interfere with the will of the Panamanian people or with the military.

Washington has been exerting political and economic pressure on Panama to force the ouster of military strongman Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega since February 1988 when two U.S. courts indicted him on drug racketeering charges.

Endara's closest associates met

Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez in Caracas Sunday to discuss an opposition proposal, rejected by the government, for a referendum on August 20 to decide whether Noriega should step down.

Ricardo Arias and Guillermo Ford, vice-presidential candidates in annulled elections last May, had talks Monday in Lima with Peruvian leaders and were due to travel to Colombia Tuesday.

Carter to lead delegation to Nicaraguan polls

ATLANTA (Reuter) -- Former president Jimmy Carter said Tuesday he has accepted an invitation from the Nicaraguan government to assemble and lead an international delegation there to monitor elections in February.

In a letter to Carter released Tuesday, Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega said: "We encourage you to come to Nicaragua as many times as you can during the electoral process, to observe all aspects of the process, and to meet with the members of the Supreme Electoral Council, the political parties and the government. You will have unrestricted access to all aspects of the process."

The presidents of five Central American countries agreed Monday on a plan to disband Nicaraguan Contras by December despite strong opposition from the United States.

Carter promised in a response to Ortega's letter that he would "work to ensure that the results of a free and fair election in Nicaragua will be respected in the United States and the rest of the world regardless of who wins or loses."

Carter, who gained a reputation as a peacemaker when he served as president between 1976 and 1980, did not ask for or receive approval from the U.S. government for his planned role in the elections.

Central American leaders signed

an agreement in February committing Nicaragua to making democratic reforms and holding early elections in return for a pledge by the other presidents to draw up a plan to disband the Contras within a specified time period.

Carter and former president Gerald Ford served as observers of elections in Panama last May under the auspices of the Council of Freely Elected Heads of Government, a group of 15 current and former presidents and prime ministers.

The same group, formed after a meeting two years ago at the Carter Center in Atlanta, will act as a sponsor for the Nicaraguan observer team.



Former President Jimmy Carter

C. America agrees to disband Contras in 4 months

TEL A, Honduras (UPI) -- Five Central America presidents dealt a symbolic blow to American policy by agreeing on a plan to disband Nicaragua's U.S.-backed Contra rebels in four months, but questions remained whether the rebel force would disappear.

"The whole key is to convince the Contras" to voluntarily surrender their arms by Dec. 9 and end their 8-year-old war against the leftist Sandinista-led government, said John Biehl, an adviser to Costa Rica President Oscar Arias.

The presidents of Nicaragua, Honduras, Costa Rica, Guatemala and El Salvador concluded a three-day summit Monday by announcing they had signed a complex agreement calling on the Contras to disband.

The agreement launches a program by the United Nations and the Organization of American States to supervise and encourage the disarming in four months of about 10,000 Contras based in southern Honduras.

In exchange, Nicaragua pledged to drop a lawsuit against Honduras at the World Court in The Hague, Netherlands, charging Honduras with aiding and abetting illegal, cross-border Contra raids.

The presidents also urged a dialogue between the Salvadoran government and the leftist Farabundo Marti Liberation Front,

or FMLN, to negotiate an end to El Salvador's 10-year-old civil war that has killed nearly 70,000 people.

Honduran President Jose Azcona, Nicaragua's Daniel Ortega, Salvadoran President Alfredo Cristiani, Vinicio Cerezo of Guatemala and Arias agreed to hold

another summit in Nicaragua before Christmas to review compliance with the plan.

The plan to disband the Contras came on the second anniversary of a landmark regional peace plan they signed on Aug. 7, 1987, in Guatemala that won its architect, Arias, the 1987

Nobel Peace Prize.

It marked a victory for Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega and a setback for conservatives in the Bush administration, who lobbied the other Central American leaders to keep the Contras in place until after Nicaraguan elections.

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Iran wants frozen \$\$

by United Press International

BEIRUT, Lebanon -- Iran would "use its influence" to help win freedom for Western hostages in Lebanon if the United States released frozen Iranian assets, Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency reported Tuesday. The report came a day after a U.N. envoy met in Beirut with the spiritual leader of Hezbollah -- the pro-Iranian group believed linked to the kidnapping of Americans and other Westerners -- and said chances of ending the hostage crisis had improved.

Millions miss phones

Striking workers at three regional telephone companies left millions of customers in 15 states and the nation's capital on hold Tuesday as union and company negotiators haggled over wage and benefit issues. The walkout by

more than 150,000 employees entered its third day with no new talks scheduled between union officials and the Bell Atlantic and NYNEX telephone companies on the East Coast.

Storm rakes island

MIAMI -- Hurricane Dean raked tiny Sable Island with 76 mph winds Tuesday, and raced north toward southeast Newfoundland, the National Hurricane Center said. Forecasters said Dean's top sustained winds were 80 mph, and almost made a direct hit on Sable Island, located in the north Atlantic about 140 miles south of the Nova Scotia mainland. Dean passed just to the west, but there were no immediate reports of injuries or significant damage.

Fire bosses jittery

An army of firefighters

completed lines around three major forest fires in California and Oregon, but thousands of lightning strikes and predictions of temperatures in the 90s throughout the West had fire bosses jittery. Officials at the Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho, said Monday that 12,000 lightning strikes were recorded in the West during the weekend, but apparently did not touch off any major new blazes.

Blaze slays three

LYNN, Mass. -- Flames raced through a four-story brick rooming house early Tuesday, killing at least three residents and leaving up to five others feared buried in the rubble. Others escaped by leaping from windows. Nearly a dozen people were injured in the six-alarm blaze, including two firefighters and two policemen.

U.S. news

U.S. suspects Higgins was killed long ago

WASHINGTON (Reuter) -- The U.S. government Monday said officially for the first time that the body hanging from a rope in a videotape released by Lebanese kidnappers was most probably that of Marine Lt. Col. William Higgins.

But the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in a written statement, had nothing to say on when or how Higgins died. There is a widespread feeling in Washington that he was killed earlier than the abductors claimed and the announcement that he was hanged last week was a political ploy.

The FBI said positive identification was impossible, but that "numerous observable characteristics were noted indicating that the person depicted in the videotape is Lt. Col. Higgins."

"There's no way to tell for certain from a videotape," an FBI spokesman said of the FBI's refusal flatly to declare Higgins dead.

The half-minute tape was released a week ago by the pro-Iranian Organization of the Oppressed of the

World, which said it killed Higgins in retaliation for Israel's July 28 seizure of Moslem cleric Abdel-Karim Obeid.

A White House statement said Higgins' wife, Robin, a major in the Marines, was told of the FBI's conclusion by Marine Corps commandant Gen. A.M. Gray.

It said President Bush, who earlier in the day saluted Higgins as "a symbol of courage," telephoned Mrs. Higgins "to offer his support and encouragement."

"The president said the U.S. government will continue to do all it can to obtain a full accounting of what happened to her husband," the statement added.

Various reports have speculated that Higgins, who was assigned to the U.N. peacekeeping forces in south Lebanon when captured, may have been killed after the U.S. cruiser Vincennes accidentally shot down an Iranian airliner in July 1988, killing 290 people.

A Pentagon official, speaking before the FBI statement was

released, said the body shown had none of the characteristic signs of hanging such as a snapped neck and bulging eyes.

"He looked like he was in repose, like he was sleeping," said the official, who did not want to be identified.

"They may have had him on ice," he said.

He said the FBI needed a clearer videotape than the one transmitted by satellite and shown on U.S. television screens in order to determine how Higgins died.

Bush saluted the former hostage earlier in the day at a ceremony at Fort Myer, Va., for the 200th anniversary of the War Department, now known as the Defense Department.

"We cannot leave here today without pausing to salute one who stands as a symbol of the courage that burns in the breast of every American in uniform, one Marine who has been very much in our thoughts, Lt. Col. Higgins -- William Richard Higgins," said Bush.

U.S. officials, wary of the unpredictability of events in the Middle East, Monday avoided comments that could give rise to unwarranted optimism that U.S. hostages in Lebanon may soon be free.

Officials had no direct comment on a proposal, published in an Iranian newspaper that often reflects foreign ministry thinking, that all parties to the hostage crisis draw up a plan to free all captives in Lebanon.

The State Department reiterated a long-held U.S. policy of refusing to negotiate with terrorists, but denied that the United States was confined to a passive role in the crisis.

"The role remains one of active diplomacy to secure the release of our hostages," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said at a briefing. "We're actively pursuing diplomacy with states in the region, with friendly countries and with international organizations."

All told, there are 21 foreigners missing and believed held in Lebanon.

California quake rattles Bay area

LOS GATOS, Calif. (UPI) -- A moderate earthquake rattled the San Francisco Bay Area early Tuesday, waking thousands of people and possibly causing the death of a young man who crashed through a fifth floor window in Los Gatos.

The 1:13 a.m. PDT shaker, caused skyscrapers to sway in San Francisco and knocked items off shelves in supermarkets in Los Gatos, San Jose, Santa Cruz and other towns near the epicenter.

The quake was centered 10 miles south of San Jose, near Lexington Reservoir just outside Los Gatos. It measured 5.1 on the Richter scale and was followed by a smaller aftershock a half-hour later.

Los Gatos police said a 19-year-old man apparently became disoriented during the quake and crashed through a fifth story

window, falling to his death.

"It is believed that the young man had been asleep, became startled during the earthquake and accidentally jumped through the window," a police spokeswoman said.

The man's name was withheld and an autopsy was scheduled.

No other injuries or mishaps were reported.

Shortly after the earthquake, residents of six area counties were warned they might have more rude awakenings this week.

The California Department of Emergency Services said in an advisory, "A slightly increased likelihood exists for continued seismic activity in the area. This activity could involve an earthquake as large as 6.2 magnitude, although it's not probable that a quake of this

size will occur."

The counties are Alameda, Monterey, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz.

The earthquake was felt as a 10-second rolling motion, although some residents reported a jolt. Such discrepancies are common during earthquakes.

Reports of ground motion came from as far as San Luis Obispo, 150 miles to the south, and Santa Rosa, 100 miles to the north.

Al Lent of the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park said the quake was in the same area as a tremor of similar magnitude in June 1988.

Highway crews were sent to clear a few minor rock slides in the Santa Cruz area, and the Southern Pacific Railroad temporarily halted trains to check for damage.

No power outages were reported.

Rhode Island

in 1986 and incorporated it last October. Siegrist said it has about 35 members.

The church applied for a sales tax exemption last year and was turned down early this year. The Administration Department, which includes the state Taxation Division, held a hearing in May and the decision favoring Our Lady of the Roses was rendered July 20.

Officials said the hearing officer relied on eight criteria set down by the Supreme Court in 1986 in a tax case involving the Church of Pan.

"Apparently, the initial concerns (of the tax division) were in the area of the education and qualifications of the leadership of the church and the area of exclusivity of belief," Frazier said.

Soviet warplanes land in Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (UPI) -- Soviet warplanes came in peace to the United States Sunday, landing for refueling at a U.S. Air Force Base in Alaska en route to an air show in Canada.

The two MiG-29 fighters and one Antonov-225, the largest airplane in the world and designed to carry the Soviet space shuttle orbiter, were flown by Soviet civilian test pilots.

Air Force officials said the three planes caught Elmendorf Air Force Base somewhat by surprise by landing nearly two hours ahead of schedule. The reason was not immediately known.

The planes were escorted into U.S. airspace by nine F-15C and F-15D Eagle fighters whose usual mission is to intercept Soviet bombers in international airspace, the Air Force said.

"It's the first time a MiG-29 or An-225 ever landed in North America and it's the first time since World War II, or 1945, that any Soviet fighter has flown in Alaskan air space," U.S. Air Force Col. Mike Conley said.

Gen. Vadim Petrov, head of the Soviet delegation, spoke through an interpreter to a crowd at the air base, praising U.S.-Soviet cooperation in World War Two. "Unfortunately, after that the Cold War hampered our friendship. We are now happy our relations have warmed up," he said.

The three Soviet planes were traveling to Vancouver, British Columbia, for the Abbotsford International Air Show.

Witches no longer pay taxes in Rhode Island

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (UPI) -- A church of witches won its fight to be exempted from the state's 6 percent sales tax, officials said Tuesday.

Our Lady of the Roses, a Wiccan Church, won the exemption late last month when a hearing officer in the state Department of Administration ruled that it is a recognizable religion under guidelines set by the Supreme Court.

Plaintiffs said the decision will not amount to a great savings for Our Lady of the Roses but will mean that unconventional religions in Rhode Island receive the same treatment as mainstream faiths.

"This is a significant victory for non-traditional religions in Rhode Island," said Joyce Siegrist, the founder and high priestess of the church. "We worked hard to get this

exemption and, by allowing us the same privileges as other religions, the state has faithfully followed the intent and tradition of Roger Williams."

Williams, a puritan minister, founded the colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations in 1636 after being banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

"I don't think money was the key issue," said A. Gregory Frazier, a lawyer with the local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union who represented Siegrist. "I think it was recognition of faith as a religion."

The church believes in a "universal mind and a universal soul incorporating both male and female principles" and has nothing to do with Satanic worship, Siegrist said. She founded Our Lady of the Roses

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U.S. news

Want to be ambassador? Golf, gamble!

WASHINGTON (Reuter) — Chic Hecht, a former senator with no diplomatic experience, says his keen interest in golf and gambling makes him a perfect U.S. ambassador to the Bahamas.

Evelyn Teegan, whose governmental background is confined to being executive director of the Minnesota Seat Belt Commission, will represent the United States in Fiji, Tonga and Tuvalu.

Joy Silverman, described by the White House as a "full-time, active participant in President Bush's 1988 campaign," has been named envoy to the Caribbean islands of Barbados, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

These are just three of Bush's 44 diplomatic appointments that have provoked critics who say the president has overstepped the invisible line that governs how many purely political ambassadors will be tolerated.

His most vocal critic is Maryland Democrat Paul Sarbanes, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which must approve each presidential selection.

After the committee narrowly approved Florida real estate developer Joseph Zappala as envoy to Spain last week, Sarbanes complained, "We are being

confronted with nominees who demonstrably have no qualifications other than large campaign donations."

By Sarbanes' count, 30 of Bush's nominations — 68 percent — are political appointees.

But the State Department says this omits the many career diplomats Bush left in place. Overall, the administration wants to have 67 percent of its ambassadors to have experience in diplomacy with only 33 percent reserved for political appointees.

"Our ratio right now is 65 percent to 35 percent — so we have a little bit more to do," State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said.

Whatever the numbers are, the appointment of amateur diplomats sends a distressing message to those who have spent their careers in the foreign service, said Hewson Ryan, a former U.S. ambassador to Honduras who spent 29 years in the foreign service.

"The (career) people get rather discouraged after working for 20 years when they see a used car salesman or the wife of used car salesman put in as ambassador," Ryan said in a telephone interview. "But to a certain extent, if you take the queen's shilling, you do the

queen's bidding."

One career diplomat's discouragement may be at the heart of an unfolding espionage investigation.

Felix Bloch, a former deputy chief of mission at the U.S. embassy in Vienna, was reportedly disgusted at having to serve under two political appointees. Bloch is now being investigated for allegedly spying for the Soviet Union when he worked in Vienna.

Ryan noted that while political appointments are nothing new, Bush seems to have made especially unprepared nominations, which could erode U.S. diplomatic standing abroad, he said.

The Council on Hemispheric Affairs lambasted Bush for his nomination of Thomas Strook, a Wyoming oilman who was a major contributor to the president's campaign, as envoy to Guatemala.

"Strook's appointment to this troubled country has to be interpreted as a sign from the White House that Washington is less than serious about curbing rights abuses or preventing Guatemala's return to open military rule," the council said in a statement.

But Bush has not gone beyond previous presidents in the number of his political appointments, said diplomatic historian John Roche of

the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Massachusetts.

"I think that Jack Kennedy had a higher percentage of political appointees," said Roche, who worked in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations.

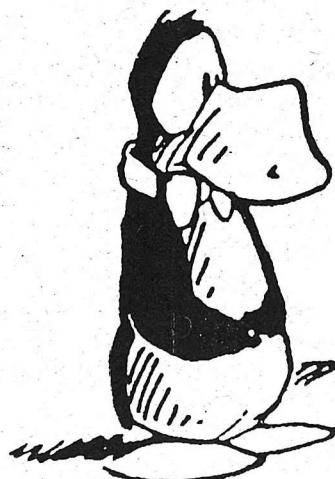
"The custom of giving eminent characters embassies is hardly a new one, and some of them were real lulus," he said in a telephone interview. "An ambassador is fundamentally a ceremonial figure; the question then comes down to how good a ceremonial figure is he?" In an age when instant communication and Mach-2 travel are commonplace, Roche said, ambassadors are rarely without behind-the-scenes support from their staffs or Washington.

"I think most serious foreign service officers know that this is the name of the game," he said. "The fact that Bloch's nose is out of joint — is simply an indication of his lack of IQ." To encourage the career diplomats Roche half-facetiously suggested awarding a special status to deputy chiefs of mission, those second-in-command at U.S. embassies who often serve ambassadors with less diplomatic background than themselves.

"They should make a new rank so they can at least wear some stars on their shoulders," Roche said.

Opus the Penguin coming to help save whales

KEY WEST, Fla. (UPI) -- Opus the Penguin, late of Bloom County, is headed for the tropical Pacific to help conservationists do battle with tuna fishermen whose wide,



Opus the Penguin

sweeping nets trap and kill dolphins. The cartoon character's creator, Berke Breathed, painted Opus on the side of the 200-foot steel trawler Sea Shepherd last week, emblazoning his penguin tummy with the slogan "environmental extremist."

The 600-ton vessel and its international crew of 26 volunteers were scheduled to sail from Key West late Monday to search for tuna boats in the eastern tropical Pacific between Costa Rica and Hawaii.

Capt. Paul Watson said Breathed and his wife are expected to join the "Sea Shepherd" in Costa Rica in about a week, after it passes through the Panama Canal.

"Jody, his wife, is a wildlife photographer, so she will be quite an asset," Watson said.

Sunday was the final publication day for Berke Breathed's comic strip "Bloom County." His new Sunday-

only strip called "Outland," makes its newspaper debut Sept. 3.

Watson said Breathed had given the Sea Shepherd Society permission to put the Opus logo on T-shirts to help raise money for its nonprofit activity.

The organization works mainly to save endangered species, but is involved in many marine issues, Watson said. On this campaign, the Sea Shepherd crew will seek out tuna boats and check to see if there are dolphins trapped among their catch.

"We'll just politely request the captains to release the dolphins from their nets, and if they refuse to do so, we'll have no alternative but to rip their nets apart and release the dolphins ourselves," Watson said.

He said the target tuna boats sell their product to U.S. canned tuna fish companies that in turn are owned by three big multi-national

companies whose holdings include cat food companies.

Although the Sea Shepherd sails unarmed, its crew has been warned that some of those they may confront are armed with automatic weapons, Watson said.

"We don't carry weapons, and we make sure our actions do not hurt anybody. We don't use explosives. And we always accept responsibility for what we do," Watson said.

"We're a non-violent international enforcement organization. We don't have any politics. It doesn't make much difference if it's a Soviet harpoon killing a whale or a Japanese harpoon. It's all the same thing to the whale," Watson said.

The Sea Shepherd flies flags from the crewmembers' home countries, including the United States, Switzerland, Britain, Canada, the Soviet Union, Peru and Germany.

By year 2,000 you may not be able to see across town

ST. LOUIS (UPI) -- Residents of America's worst smog-plagued cities will see the turn of the century before they are able to see across town, said a study by two researchers at Washington University's Center for the Study of American Business.

Their study comes on the heels of an Office of Technology Assessment study that reaches virtually the same conclusion: nearly half of the 81 areas not meeting the nation's air quality standard for atmospheric ozone (smog) will not meet the standards even by the year 2000.

But the Washington University study contains more information than just a prediction of America's smog problems in the 21st century.

The study addresses such questions as: What are the health and other effects of ozone? What causes

ozone buildup? What are the costs and benefits of reducing ozone levels? Why has progress been so slow in battling smog and how do leading legislative proposals alter the attack?

Researchers Kenneth Chilton and Anne Sholtz provide some answers and offer recommendations of their own.

Regarding ozone's health effects, the two cite extensive medical research collected by the Environmental Protection Agency that shows ozone's short-term effects, on average, to be relatively mild — coughing, tightness in the chest, less than 10 percent reduction in breathing capacity — even at levels as high as 50 percent above 0.12 parts per million air quality standard.

Long-term health effects are of

concern but unproven at present. Chronic effects such as increased susceptibility of the lungs, accelerated aging of the lungs and retarded lung development have been found in animal studies. But the applicability of these results to humans is the subject of much medical controversy.

The two researchers identify four factors responsible for the apparent slow pace of progress in clearing the air of smog: lack of enforcement and ineffective control measures, understated emission levels, problems with air pollution models and the susceptibility of EPA definitions of non-attainment to unusual weather patterns.

Both researchers contend none of the proposals consider more fundamental changes needed to

assure that public health is protected with less economic disruption. They offer four reforms to accomplish this objective:

- Require the EPA administrator to consider cost-effectiveness when promulgating Clean Air Act regulations.

- Change the definition of non-attainment to be more consistent with the nature of ozone pollution and of the public health risk it poses.

- Establish primary air quality standards to protect the public against unreasonable risk of significant adverse health effects.

- Reduce the number of specific control measures specified in the Clean Air Act. Encourage states to use innovative approaches that fit local circumstances.

world roundup

Newspaper criticizes Soviet silence on RP

MOSCOW (UPI) -- A Soviet newspaper Saturday criticized Moscow's silence on the brutal crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators in China and said the Kremlin's foreign policy is based on a "moral double standard."

Criticism of domestic affairs has become common under Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's campaign of "glasnost," or openness, but the weekly Moscow News attack on foreign policy broke new ground.

"In the fifth year of perestroika, our foreign policy does not always provide examples of high morality," commentators Aleksei Izyumov and Andrei Kortunov wrote in the newspaper's current edition, released before its Sunday publication date.

Gorbachev's "perestroika" reforms of economic and social restructuring have bypassed major areas of Soviet foreign policy, the commentators said.

"Perestroika has not done away with the wrong practice of using a moral double standard — shouting about injustice in the West, but keeping silent about the same injustice in our country or those of our friends," they said.

Economist Izyumov and historian Kortunov ranged across the globe to show recent instances they said show that Soviet foreign policy's "progress in the sphere of morality is small."

--China: "In early June, hundreds of people were killed in the tragic events in Beijing. The reaction from

most countries was the same: they condemned the violence against unarmed people. The Soviet Union confined its response to a neutral statement with not a word of condemnation of the actions of the Chinese army."

-- Panama: "The United States accused the general (Manuel Antonio Noriega) of having connections with the narcotics mafia and of human rights violations. If it is difficult to prove the first charge, there are documents, newspaper articles and photographs to support the second."

"The Soviet Union did not utter a word of accusation against the Panamanian military forces. We even gave the general the opportunity to express his views on the pages of 'Peace and Socialism' in June."

-- Middle East: "When the writer of humorous stories, Mikhail Zadornov, mentioned 'Palestinian terrorists' in one of them, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemned it. But aren't there terrorists in the Palestinian movement?"

-- Iran: "We all remember the case of the British writer of Indian origin, Salman Rushdie. Most countries registered their protest, but the Soviet Union limited itself to some incomprehensible formulas."

The late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini announced a death

sentence against Rushdie and put a bounty on his head Feb. 14 to protest his novel "The Satanic Verses," which many Moslems consider blasphemous. Rushdie has been in hiding since the threat.

The Moscow News commentators said openness has yet to extend to media treatment of foreign affairs.

"There was not a single newspaper story or television program with an alternative opinion" on China, they said. "Why haven't people who have a different viewpoint been allowed to express it? What an outcry there

would have been if the same thing had happened in South Korea or Japan."

Izyumov and Kortunov even criticized Eduard Shevardnadze, the foreign minister whose initiatives have improved Soviet relations with a number of countries.

The commentators quoted Shevardnadze as saying in a recent newspaper interview, "Our foreign policy is deeply moral."

Their retort: "The principles are proclaimed, but we cannot say that they are fulfilled."



SWAPO RALLY — A man leads nearly 20,000 of his fellow Namibians in a song symbolizing their return to their homeland from a 25-year-exile at a SWAPO political rally in Oshakati last week. (AP Laserphoto)

Quebec woman becomes pawn in abortion case

OTTAWA (Reuter) -- A 21-year-old Quebec woman who wants to end her pregnancy has become a pawn in a long abortion battle that will finally be settled in Canada's highest court.

Chantal Daigle decided earlier this year that she wanted to end her pregnancy, conceived in a relationship gone sour, but her former lover and the lower courts have so far prevented her from doing so.

Now, in the most important showdown ever on the abortion issue in Canada, the country's highest court will hold an emergency session

beginning Tuesday to decide whether Daigle can abort her 22-week-old fetus.

The case was eventually pushed to the Supreme Court of Canada, which had been in recess, after Daigle's former lover, 25-year-old car salesman Jean-Guy Tremblay, won an injunction in a Quebec court July 7 to prevent the abortion.

Daigle fought the injunction all the way to the Quebec Supreme Court and lost. In a decision that was later upheld in an appeal, the court ruled for the first time in Canadian history that a fetus was a human being

deserving of protection under the Quebec charter of rights.

The pro-choice movement slammed the decision and vowed to fight it every step of the way. The National Association of Women and the Law said: "No man, no court, no government and no god can force a woman to carry a fetus to term against her will."

Daigle, a former secretary, asked the Supreme Court earlier this week to consider her case.

With police keeping protesters behind barricades, five of the nine Supreme Court judges held an

emergency session and decided within minutes to allow the appeal.

Legal experts hope the case, considered as important as the landmark 1973 Roe vs. Wade ruling that legalized abortions in the United States, will clear up the legal mess left over from January 1988, when the Supreme Court legalized a woman's right to abortion with a doctor's permission but did not rule on the rights of the fetus.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney has promised to draft a new law, but his Cabinet is sharply divided on the issue.

The Canadian government has won the right to intervene in the Daigle case and plans to argue the Quebec court had no jurisdiction ruling on a federal issue.

Meanwhile, time is running out for Daigle. It will be difficult for her to get an abortion even if the Court rules in her favor because most doctors in Canada refuse to perform the procedure so late in pregnancy.

Douglas said Lange had been an exceptionally able leader.

The Lange government came to power in July 1984 with an anti-nuclear policy that proved immensely popular with New Zealanders, although it caused the country to lose its membership in the Australia-New Zealand-United States Treaty, known as ANZUS.

Seven months after he took office, Lange attracted world attention by barring a U.S. warship from New Zealand harbors on grounds it carried nuclear weapons. The United States, as is its practice, would not confirm whether nuclear weapons were aboard the destroyer USS Buchanan.

Lange quits over health cares, rival

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (UPI) -- New Zealand Prime Minister David Lange announced his resignation Monday. He cited health concerns, but his departure follows his Labor Party's decision to return to the Cabinet a minister Lange had fired eight months ago.

Lange, 47, who rocked the United States with his decision to ban nuclear warships from tiny New Zealand shores in 1984, announced his resignation at a Parliament House news conference shortly after noon local time Monday.

His successor will be chosen by the 56-member Labor Party Caucus Monday. Among the likeliest choices are Deputy Prime Minister Geoffrey Palmer and External Relations Minister Mike Moore.

"I think the doctor said not continuing would be compatible with good health," Lange told the news conference. Obese since childhood, he underwent heart surgery last year and in 1980 underwent a stomach

bypass operation that enabled him to slim down somewhat.

Lange said he was stepping down at a time when his government was returning to public favor and after a well-received budget from new Finance Minister David Caygill.

While Lange cited his medical concerns, analysts noted that his resignation came within days of the Labor Party Caucus' vote Aug. 3 to place former Finance Minister Roger Douglas back into the Cabinet.

Lange had ousted Douglas from the finance post and Cabinet in December after a yearlong battle over New Zealand's economic and social policies by urging a reduction in government spending on social issues.

Immediately after Douglas' reelection to the Cabinet, Lange said Douglas would not be granted any post where he could influence economic policy in the future, and on Sunday the prime minister reiterated his position. "There is no place for

Douglas' policies," he said.

Lange said he had fought a battle for two years against "the relentless juggernaut of the New Right." He said that fight had absorbed the government's energies. "I reject the New Right prescription for New Zealand," he said.

Douglas said Lange had been an exceptionally able leader.

The Lange government came to power in July 1984 with an anti-nuclear policy that proved immensely popular with New Zealanders, although it caused the country to lose its membership in the Australia-New Zealand-United States Treaty, known as ANZUS.

Seven months after he took office, Lange attracted world attention by barring a U.S. warship from New Zealand harbors on grounds it carried nuclear weapons. The United States, as is its practice, would not confirm whether nuclear weapons were aboard the destroyer USS Buchanan.

Tremblay has admitted he would have difficulty raising the child but says he wants the child to have a chance to live a better life than he had growing up with a violent mother and an alcoholic father.

Daigle told a newspaper reporter: "If I had been able to give him (the fetus), I would have done it long ago."

hemisphere

Paz Zamora promises free market, no drugs

LA PAZ, Bolivia (UPI) -- One-time Marxist revolutionary Jaime Paz Zamora became president of Bolivia promising to pursue free market economic policies and battle "the threat of drug trafficking" in his coca-producing nation.

"I ask that God bless the mandate that I assume today," said Paz Zamora as he took the oath of office for a four-year term Sunday in front of Congress.

Congress elected Paz Zamora president Saturday morning to replace his uncle, outgoing President Victor Paz Estenssoro. Lawmakers had to choose the president because none of the nine candidates in the May 7 general election received enough votes to be elected outright.

Delegations from 35 countries attended the inauguration, including the presidents of Argentina, Peru, Paraguay, Panama, Uruguay and Brazil. The U.S. delegation was led by Education Secretary Lauro Cavazos and Prescott Bush, the brother of President Bush.

In a nationwide television and radio address, the new president — once imprisoned as a Marxist revolutionary — insisted on not

looking at the past "with the tired eyes of yesterday" and promised his administration would not have "room neither for an easy populism nor for sterile radicalism of whatever type."

Paz Zamora's expected election had touched off economic panic, including bank withdrawals last week that reached \$100 million. The panic was sparked by memories of the economic chaos during the government of President Hernan Siles Zuazo, under whom Paz Zamora was vice president from 1982-1985.

But Paz Zamora moved quickly to assure businessmen and bankers he would follow prudent economic policies. He named Enrique Garcia as minister of planning and head of his economic Cabinet. Garcia, with a reputation for competence, was an International Development Bank official and advocates free market policies.

The new president said his policies would include restarting economic development, realistic currency exchange rates, interest determined by the market, guarantees of dollar deposits, promotion of foreign

investment and prices subject to supply and demand.

Paz Zamora also promised to fight "the threat of drug trafficking (while) preserving national sovereignty." Bolivia is the No. 2 producer in the world of coca leaves, the main ingredient in cocaine.

Paz Zamora's election by Congress was assured when former military strongman Hugo Banzer withdrew from the race last week and threw his support to Paz Zamora, who had been a staunch political enemy as leader of the Leftist Revolutionary Movement-New Majority parties.

Banzer, who ruled Bolivia from 1971-78 after a coup, made the move apparently as political revenge against governing party candidate Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada, who early in the campaign had refused to enter into a political pact with Banzer. Sanchez de Lozada barely beat out Banzer for first place in the May vote.

During Banzer's military government, Paz Zamora was a clandestine political leader who advocated a Marxist "armed struggle." He was arrested in

February of 1974 and imprisoned but escaped four months later.

He emerged in the 1980s as a Social Democrat, a moderate socialist along the lines of the European Socialist parties who accept many capitalist economic ideas and reject the Marxist model used by the Soviet Union.

Paz Zamora's scarred face and hands are the result of the crash of a light plane during the 1980 campaign. He was the only one of five people aboard to survive.



Thatcher gives nod to talks with Argentina

LONDON (Reuter) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has approved direct talks with Argentina, signalling a possible restoration of diplomatic relations broken during the 1982 Falklands war, The Times said Monday.

Thatcher gave the go-ahead after Argentina's new president, Carlos Menem, last month made it clear that talks could take place without the issue of sovereignty over the Falklands being raised, the newspaper said.

Britain refuses to discuss sovereignty and the issue scuttled the last attempt at talks between the two sides in Berne in 1984.

The Times said Britain's ambassador to the United Nations, Sir Crispin Tickell, would meet Argentina's U.N. envoy Marcelo Delpech in New York within the next two weeks.

British officials have said that indirect contacts have taken place between Argentina and Britain.

But a spokesman for Thatcher's office said he was not aware the two sides had reached the stage of direct talks.

Last week Argentina lifted a ban on British imports in force since the Falklands war, a move which Britain welcomed.

The Times said the issue of Falklands sovereignty was not on the agenda for the New York talks, but Argentina was expected to push for a removal of the 150-mile protection zone around the south Atlantic islands.

In return Britain wants Menem to make a formal declaration ending hostilities.

Argentina has never announced an end to hostilities with Britain since a British task force retook the islands from invading Argentine troops.

Jarpa agrees to run for president

SANTIAGO, Chile (Reuter) — The head of Chile's largest conservative party agreed in a surprise turn-about last weekend to run in December's presidential elections, a move likely to provoke further divisions within the country's right wing.

"I accept the responsibility that you have given me today," former Interior Minister Sergio Onofre Jarpa told his National Renovation party after it nominated him to run.

His party had been expected to announce its support for the candidacy of former Finance Minister Hernan Buchi, who has the backing of other rightist groups and businessmen.

But the 370 delegates to a party congress opted instead to nominate their veteran leader Jarpa to stand in the election for a civilian president to succeed military ruler Augusto Pinochet.

Jarpa backed down on an earlier

refusal to stand in the the first competitive vote in Chile for nearly 20 years.

The country's second conservative force, the Independent Democratic Union, which will present a common slate of congressional candidates with National Renovation, backed Buchi in a declaration Saturday.

Divisions within the ranks of Pinochet's former civilian supporters contrast sharply with the unity of opposition parties backing centrist politician Patricio Aylwin, who is favored by opinion polls to win.

Although the polls show Buchi, who served as Pinochet's finance minister for four years until last April, to be the strongest conservative contender, he has always been viewed with suspicion by National Renovation.

Jarpa, 67, has sought to distance his party from Pinochet after the general's defeat in last October's yes-

or-no plebiscite on his continued rule. The party has pressed Buchi to do the same.

National Renovation was also angered by Buchi's decision to formally register his candidacy without waiting for official party approval.

In accepting his party's nomination, Jarpa left open the possibility of further negotiations in the five days that remain ahead of the constitutional deadline for registration of all candidacies.

"I accept but on the understanding that I am at liberty to take the final decision," Jarpa said.

Conservatives are also split on the distribution of candidacies for congress, which will be elected Dec. 14 at the same time as the presidency.

Smaller rightist groups have announced they will field separate candidates after talks broke down on a common list with the two main parties.

Castro's corruption campaign not over

HAVANA (Reuter) — President Fidel Castro has clearly signaled that his campaign against corruption in Cuba is far from over by the arrest last week of four more officials including a former interior minister.

For some older Cubans, Castro's vigorous campaign has also recalled fond memories of him as a young revolutionary whose early battles against corruption endeared him to the nation.

"The campaign against corruption is going to continue. Fidel is going to shake the tree until all the rotten fruit falls to the ground," one Cuban Communist Party official said.

There is also quiet satisfaction among Castro supporters that the latest arrests have proved wrong the forecasts of some foreign observers who felt the earlier scandals would be too embarrassing for Castro to continue his campaign.

When he failed to make a single reference to corruption and drug trafficking in his state-of-the-nation style speech last month many foreign journalists and diplomats concluded that Castro had decided to sweep the problem under the rug.

"It has just been too embarrassing for him and he has decided to close the door on the ugly episode," a visiting journalist said in Havana the day after the speech.

Castro did not wait long to prove his detractors wrong.

On Monday the official newspaper Granma announced that former Interior Minister Gen. Jose Abrantes and three of his top aides had been arrested. It also announced the arrest of a civilian chief of a business enterprise and the demotion to colonel and forced retirement of five Interior Ministry generals.

The scandal over corruption had

begun nearly seven weeks earlier on June 12 with the arrest of army and intelligence officers for corruption and drug trafficking.

Abrantes was dismissed June 28 as minister of the Interior and a general shakeup began in the ministry.

Four of the arrested officers, including the much decorated general, Arnaldo Ochoa of the Cuban Armed Forces, were tried and on July 14 were executed. Ten others, including Gen. Patricio de la Guardia of the Interior Ministry, were sentenced to prison terms ranging from 15 to 30 years.

The official Cuban position on the campaign against corruption has been spelled out by Gen. Raul Castro, the Minister of the Armed Forces.

He said that the campaign would be carried out "without extremism or a witchhunt."

financial news

Auto firms face more demanding buyers

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (UPI) -- A buyer's market through the next decade means the American auto industry will need better service and sales approaches to win customers, says a University of Michigan study.

"Overall, the U.S. market through 2000 is likely to remain a mature market, with more offerings competing for a relatively fixed set of customers," said the forecast based on interviews with more than 250 auto industry marketing executives.

As a result, manufacturers will be forced to continue reducing costs and improving quality and offer better service to buyers.

U.S. car sales in the United States are expected to grow less than 1 percent per year over the next decade, from 10.1 million in 1990 to 10.9 million in 2000. Light-duty truck sales also will grow slowly during the decade, but faster than passenger car sales.

"Easy sales resulting from rapid industry growth are history," the study concluded. "Future sales will be the result of providing the customer the best perceived value in the most attractively styled and functional package."

The U-M survey was directed by David E. Cole, professor of

mechanical engineering and director of the U-M Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI) Office for the Study of Automotive Transportation. It is the fifth in a series of 10-year forecasts based on interviews with executives and engineers at North American auto manufacturers and their suppliers, as well as academics and consultants.

"The Delphi V Forecast and Analysis of the U.S. Automotive Industry Through the Year 2000," using the Delphi forecasting technique developed by the Rand Corp., examines marketing, technology and materials in the auto industry.

Differences in price and quality among domestic and imported cars are expected to narrow in the next decade, meaning customers will place more emphasis on operating costs and on dealer services. Dealerships must be more fully integrated with manufacturers' marketing efforts in order to increase customer satisfaction and build loyalty, the study concluded.

Car prices are expected to hold steady for the next decade, after climbing somewhat in the next year or so. The U.S.-produced passenger car that costs \$14,000 in 1990 should

rise to \$15,000 in 1995 and \$15,900 in 2000. An imported car that costs \$15,000 in 1990 will cost \$17,000 in 2000.

Car dealers will become increasingly important players in the competition for buyers.

"Products will continue to be judged on price, styling and perceived quality," the report said. "However, the dealer is the company to an individual customer and, thus, a crucial factor in the customer's perception of the product."

Dealers should cultivate more professional sales staffs, provide better diagnostic and repair services and offer greater convenience to their customers, including longer hours and "loaner" vehicles, the U-M study said. Some other predictions in the study:

-- Manufacturers are expected to extend power train warranties up to 10 years or 100,000 miles on some models, and the average total life of passenger cars is expected to climb to 12 years by 2000, from 11 years in 1990.

-- New car buyers will hold on to their cars for five years on the average, a figure not expected to change over the next decade.

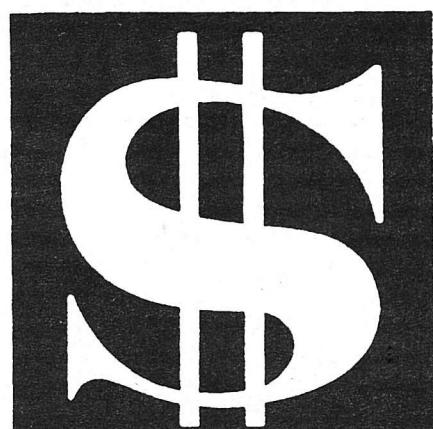
-- Leasing is expected to become

increasingly popular, climbing from 15 percent of new-car transactions today to 27 percent in 2000.

-- Sales of cars with foreign nameplates, including imported cars and vehicles produced in the United States by foreign firms, are forecast to gain market share from 33 percent in 1990 to 36 percent in 2000.

-- The nation's Big Three carmakers -- General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. -- are expected to lose market share over the decade, declining from 64 percent of passenger car sales in 1990 to 61 percent in 2000.

-- Gasoline prices are forecast to rise at gradual, predictable rates over the next decade.



Roman Empire -- greatest decentralized entity

by Mark R. Horowitz

for United Press International

With mergers and acquisitions taking place at a fervent pace, management strategies are being



ROMAN SOLDIER — "I'm the district manager and here I make the rules."

debated as companies acquire multiple offices and plants throughout regions and even countries.

One debate focuses on centralizing a company vs. decentralizing it. In the former, all policy and planning comes from headquarters, with regional facilities implementing orders. With decentralization, each facility manages itself with input and direction from the home office.

Perhaps the greatest decentralized entity in history was the Roman Empire, with a vast network of roads, city centers and administrative districts -- all reporting to Rome. When the empire first got started, the idea was to leave in place what wasn't broken, and it seemed to work.

An order from Mark Antony in 42 B.C. to the council and magistrates of Aphrodisias in Caria shows the practice of Roman leaders granting autonomy. He spoke highly of the Roman envoy, Solon, who "has handled your public interests most diligently." Solon asked for, and received, documents from Antony showing previous Roman laws "issued for (the city's) benefit."

Those documents, from the time of Julius Caesar, noted that the city could "employ its own (system of) justice and judgments, without posting security at Rome pursuant to any resolution or order." They also allowed the citizens to "have, possess, use and enjoy the villages, districts, strongholds, uplands and revenues with which they came to the friendship of the (Roman) people."

To show Antony's support for his right-hand man, he noted that "I have conferred upon him appropriate benefactions, judging him a man worthy of honor from us, and I congratulate you on having such a citizen."

Thus a district manager was born, 2,000 years ago.

By 25 B.C., under Augustus Caesar, treaties were made to the mutual benefit of the distant towns and the Roman empire. A decree of the senate ordered the town of Mytilene to refuse passage of Rome's enemies through their borders, not even by "public decision." In return, Rome promised that the "Roman people shall come to the aid of the people of Mytilene" if attacked.

A letter to the envoys of Chios in

about 10 A.D. noted that "the senate guaranteed the Chians, in response to their representations as to all they had done in loyal support of the Romans ... that they might continue to employ the laws, customs and legal procedures which they observed when they entered the friendship of the Romans."

Although decentralization made sense as the empire grew, it also meant that consistency in management was difficult over vast distances. And all it took for the whole thing to come unglued was the steady influx of foreigners to the empire, who slowly gained power from province to province until the enemy from without became the enemy within.

Decentralization can work if there is a balance between local authority and central policy and procedure. The challenge becomes how to avoid stifling success in the districts and renegade branches turning away from corporate strategy and policy.

As the corporate empires grow in the 1990s it will be interesting to watch what works and what doesn't. And no doubt there will be a few declines and falls, Roman-style.

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

Name	Volume	Last	Chg.
AmBase	2,795,100	15 3/4	-1/8
GenElct	2,391,800	59	+2 1/8
IBM	2,209,500	117 3/8	+1 7/8
US Shoe	2,199,500	19 3/4	-7/8
UAL Corp	2,103,000	211	+46 1/2
Exxon	2,002,300	46	+5/8
DowChem	1,921,200	95 1/2	+2 1/2
AmaxInc	1,825,200	27	+1/2
Amer TT	1,625,900	40 1/4	+1/2
Xerox Cp	1,624,000	67 5/8	+3/8
AMR Corp	1,569,200	71 1/2	+3 1/2
HewlettPk	1,493,600	57 1/2	+3 1/8
PanhECp	1,479,000	29	+1 1/8
GenMotors	1,366,700	45	
Disney	1,336,800	114 3/4	-1 3/8

NEW YORK (AP) - Sales, closing price and net change of the 10 most active American Stock Exchange issues, trading nationally at more than one dollar.

Name	Volume	Last	Chg.
EchoBay	1,060,500	16 5/8	+1/4
WangLabB	994,300	5 3/4	+1/8
BAT Ind	640,200	13 7/8	+5/16
TexasAirCp	524,800	16 1/8	+3/8
Amdahl	501,800	15 3/8	+3/8
BolarPh	478,900	22	-1
MagmaCpr	307,700	6 3/8	+1/8
FruitLoom	290,500	13 1/8	+1/4
Telesphere	278,400	3 3/8	+1/8
AmTribm sc	259,800	13	+7/8

NEW YORK (AP) - Most active over-the-counter stocks supplied by NASD.

Name	Volume	Bid/Asked	Chg.
Jerico	3,870,600	24	+3 3/8
DSC	2,824,300	15 1/8	+3/8
MCI	2,426,200	38 1/8	+1
Intel	2,227,500	32 3/4	+1
Oracle s	2,141,600	17 1/2	+3/8
SunMc s	1,882,000	15 1/8	+3/8
Ryka	1,578,200	2 31-32	-1/2
AppleC	1,501,900	43 3/4	+1
TelcmA	1,081,500	37 1/8	+1

Monday's most active stocks

military news

Washington set for defense budget battle

WASHINGTON (Reuter) -- Virtually lost in the international glare of hostage tension and U.S. military posturing last week were the opening shots in a defense budget war between President Bush and Congress.

Such battles are familiar stuff. But analysts say votes in the House and Senate last week set the stage for an especially bruising fall on Capitol Hill over the president's \$305-billion 1990 Pentagon budget.

The fight is not over the amount of money but where to spend it. The Senate generally supported Bush's defense plan while the House made major changes.

"I can't remember the House and Senate being so far apart on so many

key programs. You know the White House and Pentagon are unhappy," said Barry Blechman, a defense analyst with the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

Congressional negotiators will face off in September and the outcome could hinge on how the United States modernizes its land-based nuclear missiles, if and when it will build a \$70-billion radar-evading Stealth bomber fleet, and further delays in an anti-missile defense system.

Bush wants 132 B-2 stealth bombers at more than \$530 million each, both rail-borne MX and truck-mounted Midgetman nuclear missiles and initial deployment of the

"Star Wars" missile defense program, within a decade.

Republicans in Congress warn that Bush will veto any bill that is radically different from what he wants.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney praised the Senate and blamed the House even though both chambers expressed reservations about the Pentagon's big project, the batwing Stealth bomber.

The two houses are split sharply over Star Wars, with the Senate voting to give the administration \$4.5 billion of the \$4.9 billion it sought in 1990 for research into lasers and other weapons which might shoot down attacking missiles.

The House, however, slashed the

request to \$3.1 billion and analysts predict the compromise will be closer to the House version.

"You have differences in very high-cost programs coming together with a determination by the White House and Congress to cut defense spending," said Blechman. "Everybody will get his toes stepped on somewhere."

The new F-14D fighter jet and the vertical-takeoff V-22 marine transport aircraft are also points of contention.

The Senate approved Cheney's call to cancel the manufacture of both planes, but congressmen from states where the two aircraft are being built pressured the House into restoring both programs.

AF captain investigated for spying

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- An Air Force captain being held at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, is under investigation for espionage on suspicion he may have sold electronic warfare secrets to the East bloc, defense officials said Monday.

The Air Force said Capt. John Vladimir Hirsch, 33, has not been charged with any crime and he is still considered on active duty, though he is not allowed to leave the base and is accompanied by a security officer.

"The investigation into his activity is ongoing," Air Force Lt. Col. John Worthington said from Kelly Air Force Base. The Air Force has officially declined to confirm the investigation involves possible espionage.

But Pentagon officials who spoke on condition they not be identified said Hirsch is suspected of selling classified documents to the East bloc

while serving as an engineer at the Electronics Security Command Post at Tempelhof Central Airport in West Berlin.

The listening post collects intelligence data on Warsaw Pact radar systems and communications.

Defense officials said there is no direct evidence that Hirsch sold classified documents to the communists.

Hirsch was relieved of his duties last month after a polygraph test, part of a routine security check, indicated "some irregularities," one official said. He refused to take a second test and a search of his apartment was ordered.

In the apartment search, investigators discovered classified documents and photographs of NATO military installations, uncashed Air Force paychecks and records of bank accounts totaling

more than \$120,000, officials said.

Hirsch was born in Czechoslovakia and became a naturalized American citizen in 1971. He joined the Air Force in 1979.

Hirsch was assigned to Tempelhof in September 1988 after serving at the Lindsey Air Station in Frankfurt, West Germany, for three years.

At Tempelhof, Hirsch, an electronics engineer, was chief of a unit that installed and repaired machinery used by the Electronic Security Command for secure radio and telephone links and to monitor movements of Soviet bloc aircraft, radar and communications.

The investigation is being conducted by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. No formal hearings have been scheduled, Worthington said.

Intercept system proves workable in Star Wars tests

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- The Pentagon announced last week a successful "Star Wars" test that demonstrated key technologies needed to locate an enemy missile and guide an intercepting rocket to destroy it.

In the test conducted Tuesday in a special hangar at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., an interceptor test vehicle hovered 30 feet in the air and, using a sophisticated infrared sensor, found and was able to "lock on" to a relatively dim missile nearby in the presence of a bright plume from a rocket motor.

At the same time, the vehicle used its engines to maneuver to remain locked onto the missile.

"Very importantly, this test demonstrated the vehicle's ability to acquire and track a target, as well as the sensor's ability to recognize the hard body of a missile," an Air Force spokesman said.

The test vehicle is the prototype of a space-based interceptor, which would be launched into orbit and would find, track and lock-on to any enemy missile in flight and then launch an intercepting rocket to destroy it.

Navy crew charges captain lied on patrol reports

SAN DIEGO (UPI) -- The crewmen of a Navy nuclear submarine say they were ordered to withhold information that their vessel was outmaneuvered by Soviet subs and once nearly collided with a rare Soviet Akula submarine, it was reported at the weekend.

Both current and former crewmen of the San Diego-based La Jolla, most speaking on the condition of anonymity, told the San Diego Union they were "routinely" told to alter reports of embarrassing incidents at sea in 1986 and 1987 by two commanding officers.

An inclination to "paper over problems" involving the La Jolla crippled morale aboard the submarine and possibly compromised the Navy's intelligence about developing trends in U.S.-Soviet sub interactions, crew members and Pentagon sources who were not named told the newspaper.

The sub's commanding and executive officers in 1986-88, Capt. Kent MacNeill and Cmdr. Tom Rogers, declined to comment on the allegations. Both men now command other Navy submarines.

A Navy spokesman said the allegations were examined by a Naval Investigative Service inquiry and a Defense Department hot line probe.

The NIS probe focused on a charge that Rogers, upon learning 119 secret slides of Soviet ships and submarines were lost, ordered a

navigator to file a report saying the slides had been destroyed.

Both the NIS and the hot line probes were closed after finding no substantiation of the charges, said Lt. Cmdr. Mark Blackington.

But crew members disagreed with the findings, saying MacNeill and Rogers did not want their superiors to know the La Jolla was often outfoxed at sea by quieter, more advanced Soviet subs.

Retired Senior Chief Petty Officer Joe Simon recalled several occasions when Soviet subs, equipped with more effective sonar detection, discovered the La Jolla at sea and bested it at underwater cat-and-mouse games.

In one instance, the La Jolla stumbled upon and nearly collided with an exceptionally quiet Akula sub, the Soviets' most advanced nuclear-powered sub.

After such incidents, Rogers handed the ship's plotting coordinators false specifications and told them to reconstruct plot lines on official charts to indicate "that we never got closer to anything we tracked than the minimum trail range," Simon told newspaper.

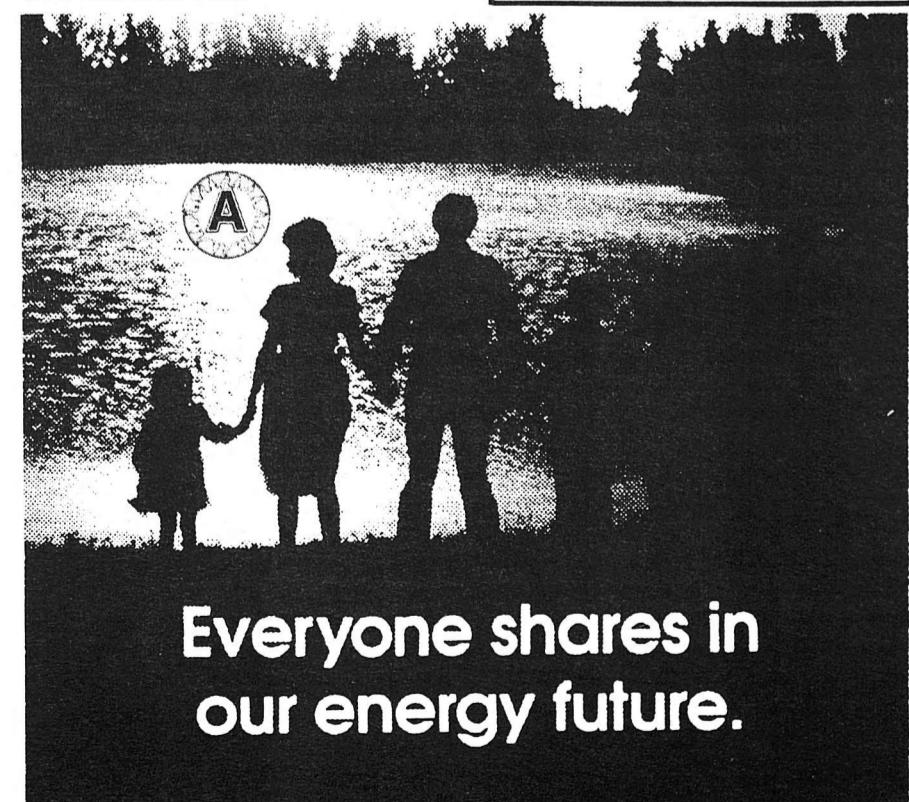
"I went up to Rogers to ask why we were changing what was true ... He said he wanted a good clean patrol report," Simon said.

MacNeill, whose sub management style "would rival John Wayne," according to one crewman, once kept the submarine at sea nearly two

months with a serious mechanical problem, said crew members.

During MacNeill's last patrol as commanding officer of the La Jolla, a VH-2 valve, a hull valve designed to withstand water pressure at lower depths and protect the ship from flooding, became stuck open.

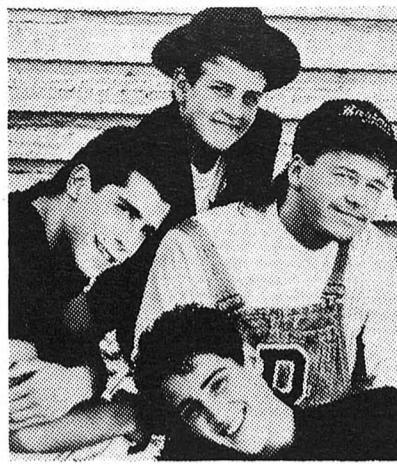
Instead of reporting the problem to fleet officials and coming up for repairs, MacNeill ordered his crew to be alert for possible flooding, the crew members said.



Top of the Charts

Top 10 Singles

- Richard Marx "Right Here Waiting," (EMI) Last Week: No. 3
- Paula Abdul "Cold Hearted," (Virgin) No. 4
- Roxette "Dressed For Success," (EMI) No. 9
- Karyn White "Secret Rendezvous," (Warner) No. 7
- Debbie Gibson "No More Rhyme," (Atlantic) No. 5
- Gloria Estefan "Don't Wanna Lose You," (Epic) No. 6
- L.L. Cool J "I'm Just That Type Of Guy," (Def Jam/Columbia) No. 8
- New Kids On The Block "Hangin' Tough," (Columbia) No. 10
- Donny Osmond "Sacred Emotion," (Capitol) No. 11
- Michael Damian "Cover Of Love," (Cypress/A&M) No. 15



New Kids on the Block

Top R&B/Soul

- Jonathan Butler "Sarah, Sarah," (Jive/RCA) Last Week: No. 2
- Teddy Riley Feat. Guy "My Fantasy," (Motown) No. 3
- Stephanie Mills "Something In The Way (You Make Me Feel)," (MCA) No. 4
- Alyson Williams Feat. Nikki D "My Love Is So Raw," (Def Jam/Columbia) No. 6
- Special Ed "I Got It Made," (Profile) No. 7
- Aretha Franklin/Whitney Houston "It Isn't, It Wasn't, It Ain't Never Gonna Be," (Arista) No. 8
- Babyface "It's No Crime," (Solar) No. 9
- Public Enemy "Fight The Power," (Motown) No. 10
- The Isley Bros. "Spend The Night (Ce Soir)," (Warner Bros.) No. 11
- Natalie Cole Duet With Freddie Jackson "I Do," (EMI) No. 17

Your Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A new project of an exciting nature will get your creative juices flowing at this time. Shopping for the home and family is highly favored. It would be premature to speak of a financial matter now with a close friend. Unexpected travel looms in your immediate future.

TAURUS (April 20 May 20) This week the morning hours are much more favorable for real estate dealings and job interests. Guard against a mix-up regarding a business appointment. Rapport with a mate makes you especially happy now, though an evening engagement may have to be suddenly cancelled.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A misunderstanding with a mate or close friend could occur this week leaving you a bit depressed. However, make sure you are not over-reacting or blowing the situation out of proportion. A difficult situation on the job front is not as hopeless as it currently appears. Be patient.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Bonds of friendship will grow stronger now. However, it's not the best of times to be giving unsolicited advice in either business or the personal life of a close friend. Instead, be a good and understanding listener. Unexpected romance looms this weekend with a busy social schedule.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) If you ignore a loved one's feelings this week, you are certainly sure to hear about it. In addition, if you overspend at this time you'll certainly have later regrets. On a happier note, though, your career goals take dramatic steps forward this week.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) If you want a project completed now, either on the homefront or at the office, it's best to do it yourself. Others could slip up and this leads to a major misunderstanding. Merriment is the theme for the weekend with renewed love interests favored.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

Top C&W Singles

- Keith Whitley "I Wonder Do You Think Of Me," (RCA) Last Week: No. 2
- Randy Travis "Promises," (Warner Bros.) No. 3
- Willie Nelson "Nothing I Can Do About It Now," (Columbia/CBS) No. 4
- The Forester Sisters "Don't You," (Warner) No. 5
- Highway 101 "Honky Tonk Heart," (Warner) No. 6
- The Judds "Let Me Tell You About Love," (Curb/RCA) No. 7
- Clint Black "Killin' Time," (RCA) No. 8
- Southern Pacific "Any Way The Wind Blows," (Warner Bros.) No. 9
- Rodney Crowell "Above And Beyond," (Columbia/CBS) No. 10
- Ricky Van Shelton "Living Proof," (Columbia/CBS) No. 20

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22) Work is an uphill battle at times this week, but you'll benefit greatly from it. This week the theme is recreation. Romance goes well, but tempers could flair over a minor misunderstanding. Your need for closeness could prove overwhelming to a romantic tie.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) This could be a week of extravagance, so watch your credit. Feelings fluctuate between risk-taking and being overly cautious. For this reason, it is crucial at this time to investigate all matters thoroughly. Be attentive.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Though this week is favored for dating or renewed harmony with your spouse, there may be some stresses and strains in the relationship. Defuse this tension by keeping the lines of communication open. You may have mixed feelings about a trip.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You may not get as much privacy as you'd like now. However, a tense situation with a friend or mate will be resolved by week's end. A honcho on the job may be hard to convince now and a co-worker may be harder to get along with.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You'll get a domestic squabble settled to your satisfaction this week. A social obligation comes early in the week. In addition, you'll finally finish up a lot of loose ends, especially on the financial front. Your income should improve dramatically.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your career goals are idealistic now, so keep an eye on practicalities as well. Be wary of household guests, who overstay their welcome and become a handful. Your judgment is extremely good at this time where real estate and shopping is concerned.

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Entertainment Extra

Q. Is it true that Joan Collins looks as beautiful in person as she does on TV? R.R., San Antonio, Texas

A. Absolutely! Recently, at the Cannes film festival, nobody there looked better than Joan. Ms. Collins prides herself on her everyday appearance, and unlike when under the heavy lights of the cameras, she does not wear a wig. In fact, Joanie wore a wig quite a bit on "Dynasty" to protect her beautiful hair — and in person it is beautiful with a capital "B," as is the rest of the actress!

Q. I know this question comes up every day, but will this be the last television season for Larry Hagman as J.R. on "Dallas?" E.L., Oklahoma City, Okla.



A. Only if the show is cancelled, and that is highly unlikely. Besides, Hagman earns around \$150,000 an episode and he knows a good thing when he has one — unlike many other actors in the business. J.R. has been very good to Larry and he absolutely loves the role and never grows tired of it. In fact, he has stated that as long as people want J.R. Ewing on television, he'll be honored to oblige.

Q. We all know that the cameras can either highlight or hide an actor's imperfections. Case in point: Ken Wahl. I would like to know why the actor feels that he is not that attractive and why he is somewhat amazed by people who feel he is the sexiest man alive, as I do? G.D., Boston, Mass.

A. Ken likes to feel that people are attracted to him on the screen because he has heart. Stated Wahl: "I have crooked teeth. I've got only one eyebrow. My mouth is crooked and my nose is crooked."

Q. Whatever happened to that "Odd Couple" television special that you wrote about a few months ago. Did I miss it? And, what is Tony Randall up to these days? C.D., Anchorage, Alaska

A. You did not miss the special reuniting Randall with Jack Klugman as the dynamic duo of Felix and Oscar. The project was put back and will be shown early next year. When dates are available, this space will be happy to print the times. Otherwise, Mr. Randall has been very busy as usual. This week, in fact, the extremely talented and dapper actor will be replacing John Rubinstein in the award-winning Broadway play "M. Butterfly." B.D. Wong will continue in the lead role, which he copped a Tony Award for.

Q. Exactly how old is Dolly Parton? M.C., Athens, Ga.

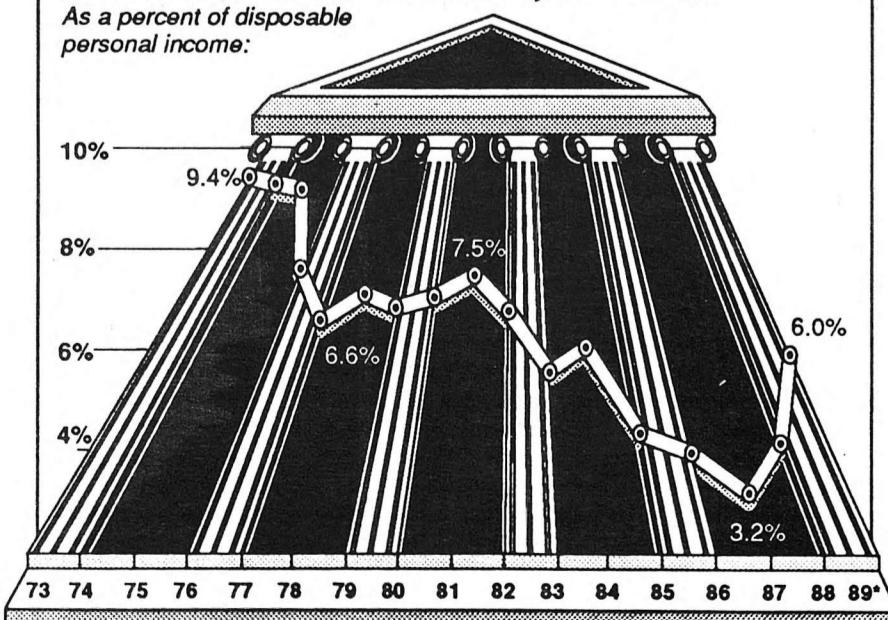
A. Dolly proudly admits to being 43 years of age. In fact, Dolly says she has never felt or looked better in her life. I agree.

Americans save more in 1989

After a low of 3.2 percent in 1987, Americans increased their personal savings rate to 6.0 percent of disposable personal income in the first quarter of 1989. This is well below the rate reached in 1973, however, when the average American personal savings rate was 9.4 percent.

U.S. PERSONAL SAVINGS RATE, 1973-1989

As a percent of disposable personal income:



*1st quarter data, seasonally adjusted annual rate.

SOURCE: U.S. Dept. of Commerce

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lifestyle

Ultra: GM designs car for 'mature' motorists

Editor's note: For each car written about in his weekly *Roadtalk* column, UPI Auto Writer Jan Zverina test drives the vehicle for about one week, driving it between 250 and 500 miles on both city and rural roads.)

by Jan A. Zverina
UPI Auto Writer

DETROIT (UPI) -- The best seat in the house is not in the house anymore. It's in the Buick Park Avenue Ultra, and the price of admission begins at more than \$26,000.

The Ultra is Buick's most luxurious full-sized car, based on the front-drive Park Avenue sedan first introduced for 1985. It is expressly designed for what the General Motors division calls the "mature" motorist, or older folks who wish to be pampered every mile of the way in cushy comfort.

Within the Ultra is something no other car has -- something which would embarrass any self-respecting Barcalounger, Stratolounger or La-Z-Boy recliner.

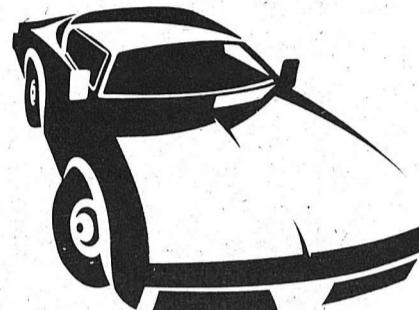
It's an orthopedically designed leather front seat that adjusts no less than 20 ways. Besides the six

adjusting buttons on the driver's inside door, 16 more are found on a touch-sensitive display screen which flips up from the seat's center console.

Controls for both the driver and passenger sides include adjustments for thigh and lumbar supports, as well as four-way adjustments for each headrest.

There is even a memory circuit to lock in pre-programmed settings so one does not have to fiddle with these adjustments after someone else has set them another way.

About the only thing missing are the four portholes along the sides of the hood, which for years told the world you were driving a one of



America's premium automobiles.

The Ultra is obviously a car for those used to all the excesses of the rolling land yachts of yesteryear, combined with the efficiencies of today's smaller, front-drive cars.

Relatively modern technology lurks beneath the Buick Ultra's formal exterior. The only engine offered is GM's 3.8 liter "3800" V6, rated at 165 horsepower at 4,800 rpm. It is coupled to a 4-speed automatic transaxle with overdrive.

EPA fuel estimates are 19 mpg in the city, rising to 29 mpg on the highway, nearly double what a Park Avenue could manage 10 years ago.

All the usual amenities are standard, as are anti-lock brakes, automatic front seat belts, climate control and AM-FM stereo. Extra sound insulation and a two-tone paint job are also standard.

The Park Avenue Ultra evaluated for this review cost \$29,290 as tested -- competitively priced when compared with other large luxury sedans these days but downright outrageous considering it is based on a GM sedan now in its fifth year.

Major options included a full vinyl roof for a whopping \$895, as well as an upgraded stereo (\$357) and electronic dash instrumentation

(\$299).

The 3,427-pound Ultra rides on a 110.8-inch wheelbase, and has the hushed-boulevard ride expected of most luxury sedans. The key is what Buick calls its Dynaride suspension system -- basically specially designed shock absorbers.

But it's overall feel is certainly not outstanding. Noise from rough pavement or expansion joints still seep into the interior from below, while a fair degree of wind noise is present from the sides.

Its transverse-mounted, fuel injected V6 engine offers more than adequate power, and performed flawlessly under all conditions. It is also very accessible from a service standpoint -- something not very common in luxury cars loaded with underhood accessories.

Emergency handling, helped by its anti-skid brakes, is also more than adequate for a sedan of this size and weight.

Buick hopes to sell 6,000 Ultras for 1989, each one backed by GM's three year/50,000 mile comprehensive warranty.

Those well-heeled buyers looking for the best seat in the house may want to consider parking the Buick Ultra in their garages.

Notebook computers offer users 'office in a briefcase'

TOKYO (Reuter) — "An office in a briefcase." That was the dream of a California computer visionary nearly two decades ago. Now it's nearing reality.

A new generation of "notebook computers" are slim enough to slip into a briefcase or a coat pocket.

They are far lighter but just as powerful as bulkier "laptops" of several years ago. They can send faxes or electronic mail, display moving images, process words or crunch numbers.

Their convenience will create new computer converts and bring closer the era in which personal computers are as indispensable as pen and paper, industry analysts said.

To be sure, today's notebook models are not the answer for the experienced computer user addicted to software requiring powerful machines with color displays.

Most notebook models also cannot run for more than a few hours on batteries. They must — and will — become even lighter before becoming standard in the businessman's briefcase.

Still, they are getting closer to the dream of computer visionary Alan Kay, who in 1972 conceived of a small, easy-to-use computer called Dynabook — a dynamic notebook.

American and Japanese companies have taken two approaches to miniaturize and lighten the laptop, which is still better termed "luggable" than "portable."

Toshiba and other firms have kept the standard 3.5-inch floppy disc drive used in most personal computers to store files and application programs. The advantage to this is compatibility with most laptops and desktop PCs. But the drives are heavy and drain the battery.

Others, from Zenith Data Systems, NEC Corp. and other firms, have replaced floppies with IC cards — a package of memory chips packed in a slab the size of a credit card.

IC cards can be read without moving parts, making them lighter, smaller and more efficient and reliable than floppies, which sometimes die a sudden death if scratched.

Although technically superior, the IC card format suffers from a lack of software and standards, making cards incompatible among different brands.

"I don't think the IC card format will be well accepted until standards are set. It will take two or three years," said Nagayoshi Nakano, an analyst at market research firm Dataquest, Japan.

However, one California start-up Poqet Computer Corp., plans to use IC cards in what may be the world's smallest computer company, compatible with an IBM-PC.

Expected to be introduced later this month at just under \$2,000, the computer weighs just one pound and can slip into a coat pocket. It can run for 100 hours on batteries. Poqet is bankrolled and technologically backed by Fujitsu.

Atari Corp. and other firms also plan to sell pocket-sized models.

However, some say miniaturization has gone too far.

"It's crucial to have a full-sized keyboard to enter data comfortably," said Dataquest's Nakano.

"The notebook size is the limit. Smaller machines will be used only by salesmen or marketing executives for entering data in the field." Japanese computer makers seem to concur, and are planning to unleash a slew of new notebook-sized models with 3.5-inch floppy drives.

Toshiba, the world's biggest laptop maker, has just begun selling a new model, named DynaBook after Kay's conception.

Analysts expect the six-pound model to sell well because it is the cheapest of the new range, priced at under \$1,450.

"Until now, laptops have been mainly for people whose work

involved information processing. But our new machine is for the average person," said Masayuki Sato, a technical strategist at Toshiba.

Toshiba hopes to sell 300,000 units in Japan in the next 2 1/2 years — just over half its current domestic sales. Overseas sales have not been planned.

That figure may be optimistic, however, because Sharp, NEC, Fujitsu and others are also developing new notebook models with .5-inch floppies. And Zenith, the most popular U.S. make, has just unveiled a machine using two-inch floppies, industry analysts said.

With the rush of new models, notebook-sized computers could grab up to 10 percent of the booming laptop market a year from now, Dataquest's Nakano said.

Global laptop sales, including the heavier models which predominate, are expected to be worth some \$3.5 billion this year and continue growing at 35 percent annually to nearly \$12 billion in 1993.

In 1989 sales will double to some 500,000 units in both Japan and Europe. In the more mature U.S. market, where about 850,000 laptops were sold last year, sales will grow by 24 percent, Nakano added.

Laughter affects temperature

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Laughter may not be the best medicine, but putting on a smile can have a mood-mellowing effect that's more than skin deep.

Changes in the muscles of the face can indirectly raise or lower the temperature of the blood to the brain, affecting the release of mood-altering chemicals, said University of Michigan psychologist Robert Zajonc.

The muscle changes alter the temperature of blood in the cavernous sinus, a vein that wraps around a nasal artery carrying blood to the brain, said Zajonc, whose research was published in the July issue of *Psychological Review*.

"I do not claim that temperature change is the only way of inducing emotional state. But the theory helps explain a number of curious phenomena. For example, it might explain why placebo pills are so frequently effective."

People who take placebos may momentarily change their breathing patterns and facial expressions, indirectly changing the temperature in regions of the brain that release pain-reducing

chemicals called endorphins, he said.

In experiments on facial movement unrelated to emotions, Zajonc asked 26 people to pronounce and comment on vowel sounds. The subjects preferred "ah" and "ee" sounds, which prompted a decrease in temperature.

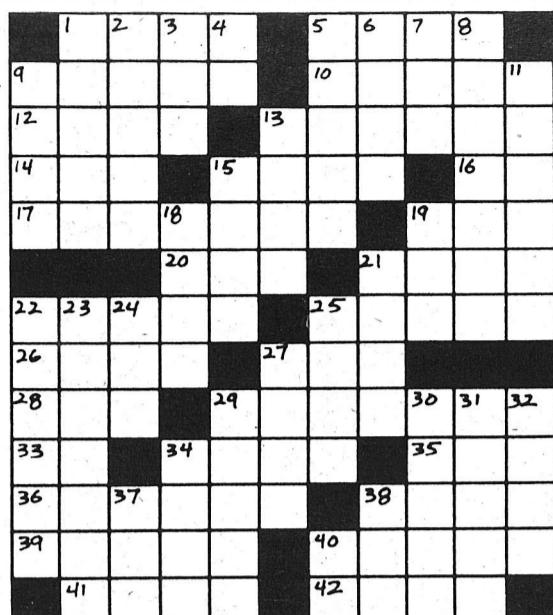
The theory that facial expressions may influence emotions first was raised in 1907 by French physician Israel Waynbaum, who believed that the muscles' pressure on arteries partly controlled how much blood reached the brain.



King Crossword

ACROSS

- Whip handle
- Fragment
- To slip
- Natural elevations
- Veinlike deposit
- Flounder about
- Evening (poet.)
- Vex
- Plural pronoun
- Of the west
- Wine receptacle
- Owned
- One who lies
- Endured
- Flowerless plants
- Listen
- Sprite
- Writing fluid
- Disturbance
- Music note
- Irritatingly self-sufficient person
- Affirmative vote
- Edible roots of taros
- Discharge a gun



- Drench
- Vexed
- Places
- Botch
- A spice
- Is borne
- Poem
- Hebrew letter
- A series of connected links
- A-Confederate general
- Sick
- One who operates
- a plow
- Killed
- Declares solemnly
- Promise
- Peruse
- God of thunder
- Breeze
- Remaining
- Counties (Eng.)
- Ancient Turkish island in Aegean Sea
- Tree
- Ensign
- Ancient country
- American Indians
- Appendages
- Journeys in a circuit
- Bamboo-like grass
- Pole
- Owing
- Exclamation of disgust
- Ream (abbr.)

Vision Teaser



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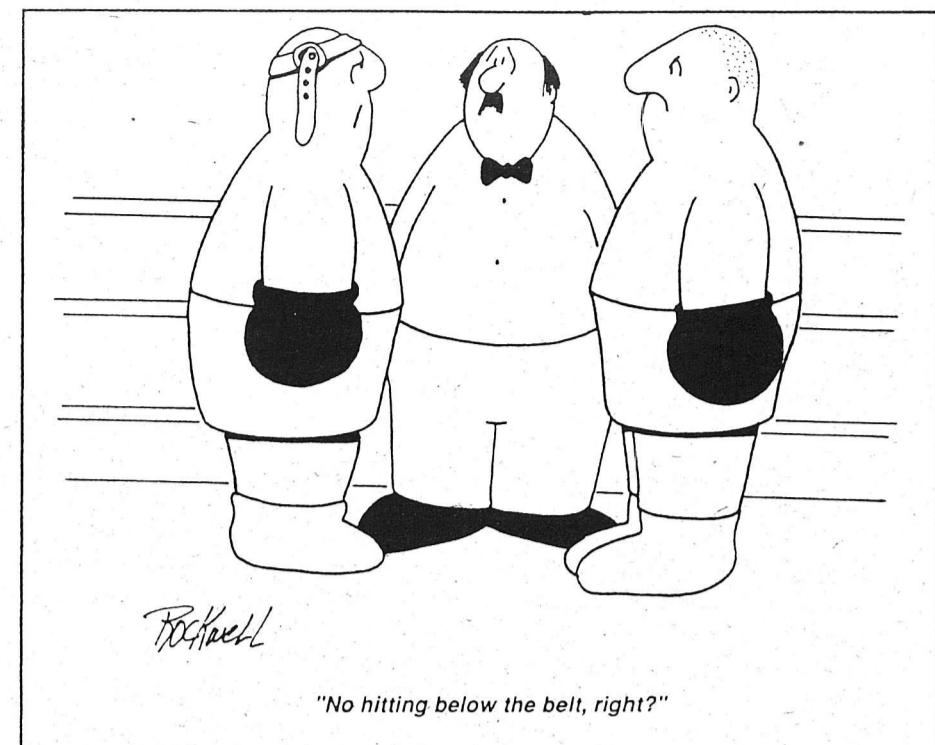


Differences: 1. Crossed arms are switched. 2. Hassock is different. 3. Blouse is moved.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.



"No hitting below the belt, right?"



"Prepare to bivouac when we reach the top, pass it on!"

Answers to King Crossword

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sports

Pro Football Hall of Fame inducts four players

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Art Shell considers his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame August 5 as a tribute to those who don't keep their eyes only on the ball.

"I guess this shows that there were people out there watching the line play," the former Oakland and Los

Angeles Raider offensive tackle said. "That maybe there were some people who recognized what offensive linemen and defensive linemen are capable of doing."

Joining Shell in the class of 1989 were two other players from blue-collar positions - defensive backs

Willie Wood of Green Bay and Pittsburgh's Mel Blount - and one of the glamour quarterbacks of the 1970s and 1980s, the Steelers' Terry Bradshaw.

If Shell, Blount and Wood didn't get as much publicity as Bradshaw, one thing the four share is success. All together they won 10 Super Bowl championship rings.

Each of the four spent his entire career with the same franchise. And all four gave credit to the systems which developed them.

The 6-foot-5, 285-pound Shell, a third-round pick out of Maryland-Eastern Shore in 1968, was an integral part of the Raiders' Super Bowl victories in 1977 and 1981.

Wood, who intercepted 48 passes between 1960 and 1971 while winning two Super Bowls with the Packers, said he only wished that his late coach, Vince Lombardi, were present for his induction.

"Lombardi put a new meaning to the game of football," he said. "He equated football with life. And now I have come to believe those things, too."

When the going gets tough, you have to resort back to the basics - I learned that in Green Bay. Those long days and stern talks always seem to pop up in my life."

Wood played at Southern Cal. Ironically, he had come to Southern Cal in the first place because he was recruited by Davis, then assisting the program.

He caught on with the Packers as a free agent after a letter-writing campaign to various NFL teams.

Blount and Bradshaw share more than a common team and those four rings. Both were high draft choices out of small colleges in 1970. Both played through the 1983 season.

Blount intercepted 57 passes and recovered 13 opposition fumbles.

He is currently director of player relations in the NFL office.

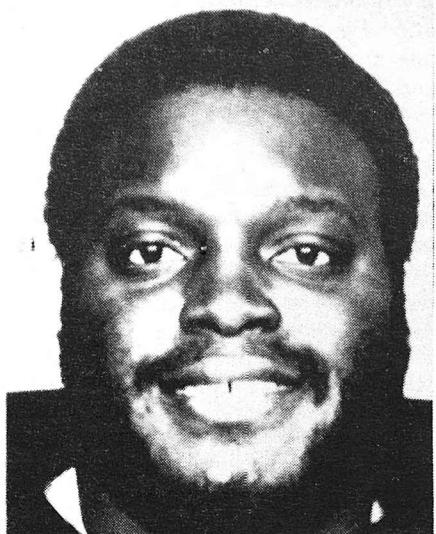
Blount was presented by Steelers president Dan Rooney.

Bradshaw, a 6-3, 210-pounder out of Louisiana Tech, completed 2,025 of his 3,901 career passes for almost 16 miles in yardage. He threw for 212 touchdowns.

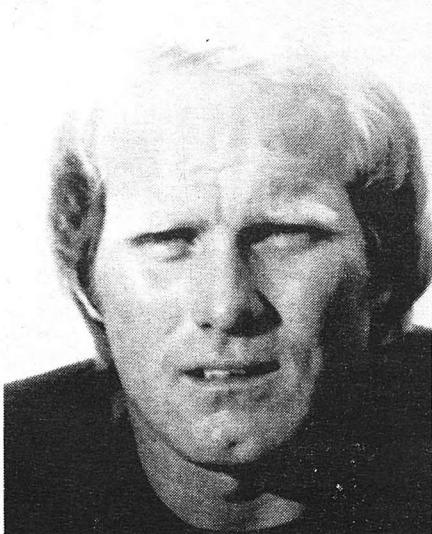
Twice he was named most valuable player in a Super Bowl, in 1979 and again in 1980.

Over the last three years, Blount and Bradshaw are the third and fourth former Steelers to be elected to the hall in their first year of eligibility.

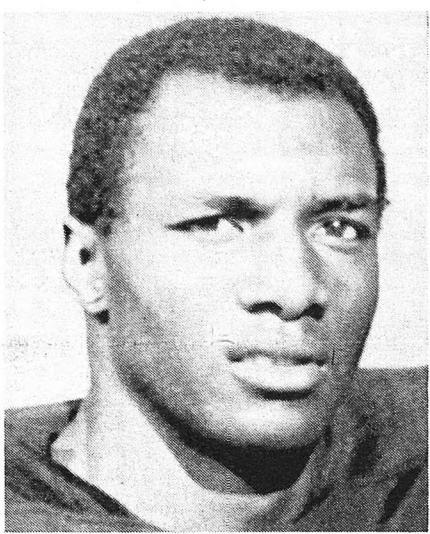
They join Jack Ham (1988) and Joe Greene (1987).



Art Shell



Terry Bradshaw



Mel Blount



Willie Wood

N.A.

Are drugs causing a problem in your life? There is a solution. Narcotics Anonymous meet every Monday and Thursday at 8 p.m. in Building 6550, Corozal.

Baseball Standings As of August 8

AMERICAN

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	57	53	.518	-
Toronto	56	56	.500	2
Boston	54	55	.495	2 1/2
Cleveland	54	57	.486	3 1/2
Milwaukee	54	58	.482	4
New York	53	59	.473	5
Detroit	40	71	.369	17 1/2
West Division				
California	67	43	.609	
Oakland	67	45	.598	1
Kansas City	61	50	.550	6 1/2
Texas	58	52	.527	9
Minnesota	56	56	.500	12
Seattle	53	58	.477	4 1/2
Chicago	47	64	.423	20 1/2

NATIONAL

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	64	48	.571	-
Montreal	63	49	.563	1
St. Louis	58	50	.537	4
New York	58	52	.527	5
Pittsburgh	47	64	.423	16 1/2
Phila	45	66	.405	18 1/2
West Division				
San Fran	64	48	.571	-
Houston	62	50	.554	2
San Diego	56	56	.500	8
Cincinnati	53	58	.477	10 1/2
Los Angeles	53	60	.469	11 1/2
Atlanta	45	67	.402	19

49'ers, Rams hold football clinic in Japan

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's crash course in American football extends from the field to the boardroom and even to the subway.

So far, the students get "A" for doryoku or effort and "incomplete" for results.

A wide receiver for the St. Paul's Rushers, one of 500 university teams in Japan, hung his head after dropping a long pass from Kevin Sweeney, the San Francisco 49ers' reserve quarterback, at a clinic. But he charged back up the field and hung onto the ball the next time, to the cheers of his fellow Rushers.

"No doubt it'll be a few years till they catch up to Notre Dame's level, but you know they'll work at it hard," Sweeney said. "They were real receptive to us today. They're a hard-working people."

Ninety uniformed players from the Rushers and the Seijo Orange Beams, whose nickname is catchier than their record, received instruction from 49ers and Los Angeles Rams players here for Sunday's American Bowl preseas-

NFL game. It was a lesson the Japanese players said they will repeat over and over in practice.

"Their throwing is very quick, and the wide receivers move very fast. And the linemen are so huge - they are like bears and we're like rats."

Even football cheerleaders went to school. Cheerleaders for the 49ers and Rams ran a two-hour training camp for cheerleaders from six universities in Tokyo at Meiji University.

Meanwhile, Japanese corporate executives are working overtime to turn the citizenry into hard-core football fans. The months-long promotion of the game is culminating this week in a flurry of TV commercials, billboards, subway placards and sponsor hype.

Corporate executives in three-piece suits, wearing white "American Bowl '89" caps, have stood on the sidelines at each of the 49er and Ram practices. The game is a nonprofit venture, they claim, but they are watching it with the scrutiny of speculators looking to invest in a new

"Since Japan has become so strong economically and there is a lot of friction with the U.S., we'd like to promote better understanding between our two countries," Gyo Ishiguro said through an interpreter wearing a black and silver Los Angeles Raiders cap.

Ishiguro works for the culture and sports promotion department of Yomiuri Shimbun, the world's largest daily newspaper with a circulation of 9.3 million and co-sponsor of the game.

"Since football is very popular in the states, we'd like to show it to the Japanese public," he said. "It's modern, it requires a lot of knowledge and it's exciting physically, so it has the potential to be a big sport here."

Spreading the word about touchdown passes and safety blitzes translates to greater publicity for Yomiuri Shimbun, Toshiba and Nippon Television, the major sponsors.

Columbia's launch elates NASA officials

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) -- Jubilant space officials heralded Tuesday's launch of the shuttle Columbia as a triumphant end to the long and painful recovery process from the 1986 Challenger disaster.

Columbia, NASA's original shuttle built a decade ago, returned to space after being grounded 3 1/2 years ago for extensive refitting and modification prompted by the deadly explosion of Challenger.

The mood at launch control "was one of elation," said Forrest McCartney, director of Kennedy Space Center, after Columbia punched through a low-hanging morning fog and thundered into orbit. "Next to STS-26 (the first post-Challenger flight), it stands pretty doggone tall."

Columbia's last launch was Jan. 12, 1986, just 16 days before the Challenger explosion put the shuttle program on hold.

"Congratulations not only to the launch team for the effort in the final phases but the whole program team that put Columbia back together, which as you know was over a three-year effort," launch director Robert Sieck said after Columbia lifted off on a secret military mission.

"It was a good one," Sieck said of Tuesday's picture-perfect blastoff. "We'd like to have more of them. And with three vehicles in fleet status

now we are looking forward to more of them."

Columbia joins Discovery and Atlantis in NASA's fleet of flight-ready shuttles. Another orbiter, called Endeavour, is scheduled to go into service in 1992.

Sieck offered "an attaboy and an attagirl for everyone on the project."

McCartney proclaimed Columbia's mission as the successful conclusion of the effort to return the shuttle program to its pre-Challenger capacity.

"Once we fly it and recover it, the recovery program will have been fully excuted," he said.

McCartney also disputed widespread descriptions of Columbia as a "hangar queen," sitting mothballed and dismantled and being robbed of spare parts to help keep its newer counterparts flying.

"I would call it as good as new in terms of the way it performed in the final phases of checkout," Sieck said of Columbia. "It's just like it was

when it started out. It's going to be a gem of a vehicle."

"From a launch standpoint, we've got them all back into flight status," Sieck said of the shuttle fleet. "Of course, as shuttle missions go, you like to see it perform in flight and we'll be watching that close over the next few days."

"But we're looking forward to a smooth mission and a landing, and to get the vehicle back home and get into the three-vehicle and flow operation we had three to four years ago," he said.

The Challenger disaster, which killed the ship's seven-member crew Jan. 28, 1986, was blamed on a faulty seal in one of its solid-rocket boosters. The boosters were redesigned and more than 200 changes were ordered to make the spacecraft safer.

McCartney called the refurbished Columbia "as flight-worthy as the other vehicles and I can't see any difference between any of the three."

"We have modified all three birds and flown all three birds now and we've had five total flights within a year. And we think that's a milestone we can be proud of," he said.

"We're America's launch team, and we're proud to be America's launch team," he said. "We think we do a good job of it."



SIZZLER — Londoners gather around the fountains in Trafalgar Square last month as temperatures reached a sizzling 93.5 Fahrenheit, the highest for 13 years. As Britain's heatwave continued, London was hotter than many popular European holiday resorts. (AP Laserphoto)

Soviet softporn makes Pravda editors see red

MOSCOW (UPI) -- One offshoot of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's "glasnost" drive makes the editors at Pravda see red: the "parade of vulgarity" at kiosks now selling erotic calendars and pinup-girl postcards.

Pravda, official organ of the Communist Party, criticized the seamier side of the country's resurgent free enterprise Tuesday in an article mocking booths peddling pictures of naked women in the giant Siberian city of Novosibirsk.

"These beauties are obviously lacking clothing. Their clothes are, putting it mildly, scarce -- at least for the severe Siberian climate," Pravda said.

"Their barely covered or completely bare attractions plaster kiosk windows."

Novosibirsk, the country's eighth-largest city with 1.4 million people, is not alone in profiting from the sale of materials that barely would qualify as "soft porn" in the West but offend many straight-laced Soviets.

The tamest of the pictures are about as daring as those in mid-1960s vintage Playboy Magazine, emphasizing the bared breast and alluring smile. Even the most risque don't dare show a woman's genitals or explicit sexual acts and few are of high photographic quality.

The editors at Pravda would have nothing of such distinctions.

"These calendars, scrutinized by teenagers of both sexes, scream of depravity and baseness," Pravda said in an article under the headline "A

Parade of Vulgarity."

Fueled by Gorbachev's campaign of "glasnost," or openness, homemade erotic pictures also have appeared at kiosks in cosmopolitan Moscow, and Pravda said state-run booths are joining privately owned cooperative kiosks in the race to make money off nudity.

The Anshlag cooperative is selling the steamy calendars for 1 ruble each -- about \$1.65 -- at Novosibirsk's Tolmachovsky Airport, and the Temp cooperative across town is peddling similar fare at the city's central train station, Pravda said.

The kiosks are also selling "tempting postcards made in the fertile lands of (the republic of) Moldavia," the newspaper said.

"What is this revolutionary spirit that has taken on the task of sexually enlightening Dear Mother Siberia, which has remained in traditional backwardness?" Pravda asked.

"It must make Western Europe quiver to see that we are now also enlightened and free-thinking."

Pravda criticized the "blindness of Novosibirsk authorities who do not recognize legalized pornography when they're staring straight at it" and lambasted what it called their "willingness to compromise real democratization and glasnost by confusing them with these visual aids."

Tests expose Packer as killer, cannibal

LAKE CITY, Colo. (UPI) -- Scientists working on a century-old mystery say they have evidence that two victims of cannibal Alfred Packer were killed by severe blows to the head.

Two skulls unearthed by excavation teams digging at the presumed gravesite of Packer's five companions show evidence of multiple blows, possibly inflicted by a blunt ax or hatchet, forensic experts said.

The skulls are among hundreds of bones and bone fragments discovered at the 115-year-old burial site in southwest Colorado. Scientists have found bones from four of the five men so far, including

one nearly intact skeleton.

Work was to continue at the gravesite until at least Saturday, then the remains will be sent to the University of Arizona for analysis. Scientists hope to use the laboratory examinations to separate fact and fiction in the notorious case.

In February of 1874, Packer led five prospectors into the San Juan Mountains to look for gold, despite warnings to wait until spring. Two months later, he was the only one to emerge alive, showing up at an Indian agency with tales of cold and starvation.

Packer, who was convicted of manslaughter in all five deaths, admitted he ate the flesh of his

companions to survive.

Project leader James Starrs of George Washington University said the finding of the crushed skulls doesn't necessarily indicate Packer was guilty. He said there was probably more than one assailant, because one person wouldn't have been able to overpower all five victims.

Scientists also will look for knife marks on the bones and other evidence to determine whether the bodies were butchered and later cooked.

"We hope to come up with indications of cannibalism," said forensic pathologist Bill Anderson of Naples, Fla.

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by United Press International

Match ignites gas

MOSCOW -- An apartment building maintenance worker investigating a gas leak struck a match and ignited an explosion that killed 18 people and injured six in a Ukrainian city, the official Tass news agency said Tuesday. Pravda newspaper said the blast in the basement of a building in

Mogilev-Podolsky, an ancient city on the Dnestr River, destroyed 20 apartment units and damaged 10 others.

Israelis want quiet

JERUSALEM -- Israeli officials are calling for an end to unauthorized comments on the current hostage crisis in hopes of ending what one politician called a "disease of the mouth" that could jeopardize touchy

negotiations. "Any declaration can hurt because it is a very delicate issue," said Yossi Achimeir, spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

China names targets

BEIJING -- The Chinese government, facing resistance to an ongoing campaign to crush dissent, has sharpened an investigation of this spring's democracy movement by

identifying 20 categories of people as targets for punishment, Chinese sources said Tuesday. The sweeping list was issued in an internal document by the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee and the State Council, China's Cabinet, and has been circulated among government officials and party members during the past week, the sources said.