



TRAFFIC IS MOVING — Cars move along South Street Expressway during rush hour traffic Monday, the first day of reconstruction on the busy highway connecting southeastern Massachusetts and communities with Boston. Expected major delays failed to occur. (AP Photo)

Demo Candidates Vie for Conn. Delegates

By The Associated Press Gary Hart and Walter Mondale differed Monday over the U.S. role in Central America, while Mondale widened his delegate lead in Virginia's caucuses and both looked to Tuesday's Democratic presidential primary in Connecticut. On the eve of the Connecticut primary, Hart accused Mondale of advocating a Central American policy that would lead to U.S. bile trailed with 17.1 percent. In Connecticut, polls put Hart in a strong position to win the state and thus make a clean sweep of the New England.

Meanwhile, a new, national New York Times-CBS News poll said Mondale has rebounded from the sharp plunge in Democratic support he suffered after losing to Hart in New Hampshire and other early contests. Their survey of 1,217 adults around the United States, excluding Alaska and Hawaii, of whom 862 said they were registered to vote and 429 said they were Democratic primary voters, reported that 42 percent supported Mondale to 35 percent for Hart and 5 percent for Jackson. The organizations also re-interviewed 377 Democrats who were included in a survey in late February and found that almost half of them had switched their choice for the party's presidential nomination in the past month. The result, the Times said, was a rebound for Mondale but also indicated a close contest. Campaigning in New York on Monday, Hart lumped Mondale's Central American policies with those of President Reagan.

Good Morning

Stock Market: Issues involved in takeover developments provided most of the excitement as the stock market drifted to a small loss Monday. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial, up about 2 points at midday, closed down 1.89 at 1,152.96. Stock Report on Page 12. Weather: Sunny; 45-50. Weather Details on Page 8. New England: Four men were sentenced to prison terms ranging from 6 to 12 years Monday for the gang rape of a woman on a bathroom pool table. The judge said the four "brutalized a defenseless young woman and sought to degrade and destroy her human, individual dignity." Story on Page 6. On the Inside: Amusements 17 Financial 12 18 Living 10 19 Dining 10 20 Classified Ads 18-23 Obituaries 1 21 Comics 14 Real Estate 23-25 22 Crime 10 23 Forum 12 23 Dear Abby 17 Sports 13-15 Dr. Donohue 3 Super Shopper 11 Editorial 8 Television 12

State Cites Catastrophic Illness Costs

By PETER JACKSON AUGUSTA (AP) — Backers of a bill to abolish Maine's Catastrophic Illness Program assured a legislative panel Monday the plan would not jeopardize medical treatment for seriously ill people without other resources or the ability of hospitals to be paid. But opponents of the Brennan administration bill said customers of commercial insurance companies would have to absorb most of the \$3-million-a-year cost, at least until the new Maine Health Care Finance Commission begins setting revenues for hospitals this fall. And others warned the Appropriations Committee that eliminating the program could cause steep increases in hospital charges during the same period; add to pressure on local property taxes; and force some people to sell their homes to pay large hospital bills.

Human Services Commissioner Michael Pettit said the program, set up to help people whose hospital bills are not covered by insurance and who do not qualify for welfare, reimburses Maine hospitals for only 12 percent of their last bills. "They recover the rest by 'cost-shifting' the debts to insurance companies and other patients," he said. While the number of people served by the program at a given time is relatively small — 140 this month — the cost has soared, he said, and is expected to be about double the \$1.5 million budgeted through the end of this fiscal year in June. Each month that the program continues costs state taxpayers \$300,000, he said. "The time has come to terminate this program before it consumes resources

which are needed far more elsewhere." Pettit said in a prepared statement delivered to the committee. "Sen. Mary Najarian, D-Portland, Senate chairman of the committee and sponsor of the bill, noted that more than 90 percent of the current participants have no insurance of their own, so the program is helping relatively few of the people it was intended to help. By eliminating the program, which covers already incurred hospital costs of more than \$7,000, 'we're passing (the cost) on really to those who have the ability to pay,'" Mr. Najarian said. "Proponents argue that costs currently borne by the program would be included in the amount the health-finance commission allows each hospital to recover through its rates for charity cases and bad debts, which account for about 5 per-

cent of all hospital revenue. These losses would be shared among commercial insurance companies, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Medicaid, and possibly Medicare, according to the proportion of patients they serve. 'Currently neither the state nor federal governments pays those costs, and the Blue Cross-Blue Shield share is limited by its contracts with hospitals,' proponents said. But opponents of the bill, and even a cosponsor, objected to going without the program between the end of this month and October, when the commission begins setting revenue limits for each hospital. "I'm not going to be left out in the middle of the river with only one ear," said cosponsor Rep. Edward C. Kelleher, D-

Bass Plans Layoffs in Berlin, N.H.

By CHARLES R. POMEILEAU Sun Regional News Staff BERLIN, N.H. — The deterioration of G.H. Bass's shrimackery capabilities in northern New England continued Monday with the announcement that workers in this town will be laid off beginning immediately. This is the third significant job action taken by Bass in the last two months. "We advised our employees (in Berlin) today that there will be a reduction in the work force," said Eugene Kessler, Bass personnel manager in Wilton. Mr. Kessler said the number of dismissals would not be "significant," but the company had not determined an exact number yet. Bass, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Chesbrough-Pond Corp., employs about 370 workers in Berlin. Kessler said that as many as half of them, or 183 people, could be laid off in the next three weeks, with some people having been dismissed as of last Friday. "I don't expect it will be more than (half)," Kessler said.

Girl Scout Cookie Distribution Suspended

From Sun Staff and AP Report AUGUSTA — Statewide distribution of Girl Scout cookies was suspended in Maine on Monday following the discovery of sewing pins in some boxes in Lewiston, Mexico and a number of other communities. Meanwhile, a Lewiston hospital has offered to X-ray boxes of the cookies free of charge. The action came as the president of the company that makes the cookies said reports of needles and paper clips in boxes are likely to "cripple" the annual charity sale. The Kennebec Girl Scout Council followed the lead of Maine's other council, the Abnaki Girl Scout Council, deciding Monday to suspend distribution of the cookies after a report that an Oakland girl found a sewing needle in one. The Abnaki Council suspended distribution of the cookies Sunday after a woman bit into a cookie with a pin in it. No injuries have been reported, but the Waldo County Sheriff's Department said it found four other boxes with pins in them. Authorities said it appeared the cookies had been tampered with before they reached the state. Larry Case of Central Street, Lewiston, told police Monday afternoon that his son had found a pin in a chocolate mint Girl Scout cookie. A Lewiston woman, meanwhile, reportedly discovered pins in at least one box of cookies, and she had to retrieve an entire case of the cookies which she had distributed through her neighborhood. Also, Mexico Girl Scout Ronda Billings escaped injury when she bit into a cookie containing a sewing pin Monday evening at her home, according to her mother, Judy. Mexico police could find no signs that the box had been tampered with, added Mrs. Billings. Ronda had sold 76 boxes of cookies and Mrs. Billings contacted most of her customers Monday. "I feel very bad about the contaminated cookie and the effect on the ability of the Girl Scouts to raise funds for Scouting activities," Mexico troop or-

ganizer and consultant Connie Tuttle said Monday night. "Noting that the Mexico incident is the first case of contaminated cookies reported in the Kennebec County, Mrs. Tuttle said council officials would probably release an official statement Tuesday. "In my 20 years in Girl Scouting, this is the first time anything like this has happened," said Mrs. Tuttle. A spokesman at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston said the hospital will X-ray cookies in its first-floor radiology department. He said the Lewiston and Auburn police departments or Androscoggin Sheriff's Department should be approached first, and if the authorities feel the cookies may have been tampered with, people should bring the boxes of cookies to CMMH. Lt. Michael McFadden of the Waldo County Sheriff's Department said most of the cookies in Maine had apparently been made in Louisville, Ky., and shipped by rail to the state.

Duarte Leads El Salvador Voting

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Christian Democrat Jose Napoleon Duarte took a commanding lead in El Salvador's presidential election as the vote count resumed Monday, but it appeared he would face a runoff with right-wing candidate Roberto Aduisson. There were scattered clashes between government troops and left-wing rebels during Sunday's balloting, but no direct attacks on polling places were reported. In the biggest battle, 30 soldiers were killed near Tejatepec, 35 miles northeast of San Salvador. Lt. Col. Carlos Alfredo Rivas, the army commander in Cabanas province, claimed some of the guerrillas had been shot after they were taken prisoner. He said the bodies of six guerrillas were found and quoted witnesses as reporting the rebels carried away the bodies of about 25 of their comrades. No official returns were released, but those tabulated by the Christian Democrats showed Duarte winning 47.3 per-

cent of the vote with 3,327 of the country's 6,000 precincts reporting in the eight-hour race. They showed Aduisson of the Republican National Alliance getting 28.7 percent and Francisco Jose Guerrero of the National Conciliation Party receiving 16 percent. "If no candidate receives a majority, the two front-runners will meet in a runoff election in about a month. The Christian Democrats' figures were similar to estimates given by U.S. observers who said they were based on unofficial information from the Central Election Council. "The vote count, suspended late Sunday after a dispute at the election computer center, resumed Monday. It was not known when official figures would be released, but final results were not expected to be known until later in the week. U.S. officials said guerrilla sabotage, including attacks on power facilities, and

election foulups, slowed the turnout from 60 percent in the last national assembly in 1982. They said between 1.1 million and 1.3 million voters cast their ballots Sunday compared to about 1.5 million in 1982. The election council had estimated there were 2.3 million Salvadorans eligible to vote in the election boycotted by the leftists. "Seventy-five percent of the people voted against Aduisson, against the death squads, against the violence of the extreme right and the extreme left and against the guerrillas," Duarte told a news conference. D'Aduisson has denied accusations he is connected with the death squads blamed for so many of the killings as El Salvador's 15 years of civil war. He favors crushing the guerrillas militarily, while Duarte favors negotiating with them. Julio Adolfo Rey Prendes, the Christian Democrat vice president, said. Continued on Page 8 Column 3

Tearful James Cagney Gets Freedom Medal



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HELLO... There's something for Everyone in Sunday! ARGENTINE'S 'French Chef' All French Italian and American. HELLO... we've been offering you more unique eating experiences. This Sunday we'll offer you famous Argentinian, the Best Moments to offer... for business, social and formal occasions. Home, restaurant, weddings etc. This is the meal which is served to presidents and royalty when they visit Argentina. It has a world wide reputation for being one of the best meals ever created. Over an open wood fire, we cook labarra, claims and vegetables flavoured with rich seasoned, butter and natural.

Micro Cookbook Files Recipes, Plans Meals

The CSM News Service
SAN FRANCISCO — Like comedian Rodney Dangerfield, Joseph Warner Butler III "don't get no respect."

With Butler, however, the reason is not his personality. It is the fact that he is cofounder of a company, Virtual Combinations, that produces Micro Cookbook, a program that converts a home computer into a recipe minder and menu planner. Since the inception of home computers, computerized cookbooks have borne more than their share of ridicule. Critics single them out with remarkable regularity as an example of excessive and absurd gadget-faddishness. Within the industry, purveyors of such arcana as word processors, data-base software, and electronic spreadsheets look down their noses at the humble cookbook.

"Cookbooks have been the laughingshock of the industry," Butler observes with chagrin.

Despite the low esteem in which computer cookbooks are held, Butler and a handful of others have persevered. And Micro Cookbook has been doing surprisingly well. Fifteen thousand copies of the \$40 program have been sold so far, making it the first such program to break into the top-10 best-seller lists in the home software category.

Just what can a computer cookbook do that might make it worth someone's while? Basically, it allows its user to search, sort and organize recipes with great speed and flexibility.

Micro Cookbook, for example, comes with 155 recipes. Compiled by professional meal planners, it emphasizes Midwestern and West Coast recipes. Butler says, "It is possible to add your own favorites or purchase diskettes, for \$12 to \$20

each, with about 120 additional recipes. Currently these cover soups and salads, appetizers and desserts. The company is buying the rights to more recipes.

(Don't expect Craig Claiborne, however. The noted chef has reportedly sworn on his food processor that none of his recipes will grace something as gauche as a computer screen.)

Say you are inviting several people over to dinner and are planning a meal. Ordinarily, you would probably pull out several cookbooks and a box of recipe cards and begin thumbing through them, looking for a combination of dishes and courses that sounds interesting.

With Micro Cookbook, you load the program in your computer, and begin searching, say, for recipes with chicken. If one of your guests is on a salt-free diet, you can search for chicken without salt. If you want to limit the meal to Italian-style entrees, you can specify this. Or, if the guests are old friends, you may have flagged some of their particular favorites and you can call these up.

Once you've entered your criteria, the computer displays the recipes that meet them. If a recipe turns out to be for the wrong number of people, you simply tell the computer how many are coming, and it automatically rescales all the quantities. (This feature must be used with caution, however. It makes the adjustment by simple proportions, whereas some ingredients, particularly spices, do not scale in this fashion.)

You can print out your recipes on paper, and you can get the computer to make up a grocery list for you automatically.

The program also includes calorie and nutrition guides, as well as a glossary of

cooking terms. In the future, Virtual Combinations will add a program with more powerful menu-planning capabilities that will enable a cook to lay out a whole month's worth of meals and print out weekly grocery lists, Butler says.

Despite its popularity, some critics question how much such a program is actually used. Robert Lundgren, for instance, bought Micro Cookbook for his wife, but he can't get her to use it.

"The problem is that the computer isn't in the kitchen," he says.

While Butler admits some of the purchasers are men who don't cook, he says 30 percent of the program's purchasers are women. Sixty percent of those who buy the basic cookbook come back later for additional recipe diskettes.

If he is right, we may soon see the faces of Julia Child and Betty Crocker looking out at us from software boxes.

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SUN SPOTS

I have an old quilt with names embroidered on it. Could anyone give me information concerning the quilt? My telephone number is 782-4937 and the names are: Flora D. Angier, Emma A. Wright, Mattie Curtis, Anne Potter and Mattie Bush. I hope to hear from someone.

JB, Auburn

Is there a reader who has any Syracuse China in the "Suzanne" pattern that I could buy? This was sold in Peck's in the 1940s and '50s but has been discontinued for several years. I am trying to add to my set of wedding china which has too few pieces to use anymore. Please tele-

James Bennett, Jay

The National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare was organized in 1982 and is not eligible for taxable deductions. According to the National Information Bureau, in the last six months the committee spent 65 percent of its income on program services — 50