



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

Demo Candidates Vie for Conn. Delegates

By The Associated Press
Garry 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.

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 9 percent for Jackson.

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 Industrials, up about 2 points at midday, closed down 1 89 at 1,152 86.
Weather: Sunny; 45-50.
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 barroom pool table.
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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 receiving revenues for hospitals this fall.

But opponents of the bill, said even a co-sponsor, objected to going without the program between the end of this month and October, when the commission begins setting revenue limits for each hospital.

Those losses would be shared among commercial insurance companies, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Medicaid, and possibly Medicare, according to the proportion of patients they serve.

Bass Plans Layoffs in Berlin, N.H.

By CHARLES R. POMEILLEAU
Sun Regional News Staff
BERLIN, N.H. — The deterioration of G.H. Bass's shoemaking capabilities in northern New England continues 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.

Bass, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Chesebrough-Pond Corp., employs about 370 workers in Berlin. Kessler said that as many as half of them, or 185 people, could be laid off in the next three weeks, with some people having been dismissed as of last Friday.

Bass has closed two Maine plants in the last two months, putting more than 500 employees out of work. The North Jay plant closed effective February 1, with some 250 workers affected, and the closing of the Rumford plant was announced last week with another 270 job loss.

"I don't expect it will be more than (half)," Kessler said.

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Girl Scout Cookie Distribution Suspended Pins Found in L-A Area Boxes

From Sun Staff
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.

Authorities said it appeared the cookies had been tampered with before they reached the state.

Lewiston's Enman, 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.

Mexico police could find no signs that the box had been tampered with, added Mrs. Billings.

Ronda had sold 16 boxes of cookies, and Mrs. Billings contacted most of her customers Monday.

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Duarte Leads El Salvador Voting

CRISTIAN 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 d'Aubuisson.

They showed d'Aubuisson of the Republican National Alliance getting 28.7 percent and Francisco Jose Guerrero of the National Conciliation Party receiving 16 percent.

There were scattered clashes between government troops and left-wing rebels during Sunday's balloting, but no direct attacks on polling places were reported.

U.S. officials said guerrilla sabotage, including attacks on power facilities, and election foulups lowered the turnout from the balloting's constitutional 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.

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Tearful James Cagney Gets Freedom Medal



Whittaker Chambers Posthumous Recipient

WASHINGTON (AP) — The posthumous award to Whittaker Chambers was the focus of controversy but James Cagney, his eyes brimming with tears, took the emotional spotlight Monday as he received the Medal of Freedom — from President Reagan.

The scene in the White House East Room was reminiscent of "Yankee Doodle Dandy," the 1942 movie which won Cagney an Academy Award for best actor. But this time, Cagney's tears were real.

Chambers' son, John, accepted the coveted medal for his father, a former communist whose testimony against Alger Hiss was the springboard for the career of an obscure congressman named Richard Nixon. Chambers died in 1961 at the age of 60.

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A KISS FROM NANCY — Actor James Cagney gets a kiss from First Lady Nancy Reagan while President Reagan looks on at the White House Monday. Cagney was a recipient of the Medal of Freedom. (AP Photo)

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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 Combinatics, 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 laughingstock 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 Combinatics 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

James Bennett, Jay

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-

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