

Late buying boosts prices on exchange

NEW YORK (AP) — A late round of buying pushed stock prices higher Wednesday, reversing a three-session decline. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, down 43.45 points in the last three trading days after hitting record highs last week, recovered 13.92 to 2,171.96. Volume on the New York Stock Exchange increased to 172.35 million shares, from 168.29 million Tuesday. Analysts said many traders regarded the market's recent pullback as a healthy, mild "correction" after its dramatic gains through the first five weeks of the year. As stock prices retreated, they apparently attracted buyers who had been waiting for a pullback. Some hesitancy of late has been attributed to uncertainties about weakness in the dollar and a modest upswing in interest rates. Rates climbed again in the government securities market Wednesday. Advancing issues outnumbered declines by about 9 to 5 on the NYSE. The exchange's composite index of all its listed common stocks gained 1.29 to 158.47.

Report: Security lapses marred weapons plant

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Oregon congressman quizzed Energy Secretary John Herrington Wednesday about security at federal military installations, citing a recently declassified report detailing security lapses at the Pantex nuclear weapons plant near Amarillo. Security breaches included sex in guard houses and theft of weapons components, which spurred the Energy Department to close the Pantex facility for five days in 1985, according to transcripts of a secret House energy subcommittee hearing released Tuesday. The declassified testimony detailed the simulated theft of bomb parts containing plutonium. The phony theft was planned by federal inspectors who were aided by a plant employee and a silencer-equipped pistol that was smuggled into Pantex as a security test. "I am not convinced that adequate security precautions are being taken at the network of defense installations in this country," said Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore. He is a member of the energy and power subcommittee. "What we have heard at our hearings raises serious questions, including questions about drug use at the

installations," Wyden said. The Pantex plant, about 20 miles east of Amarillo, is a complex of bunkers surrounded by a chain-link fence and patrolled by guards with dogs and automatic weapons. Security problems at the plant were uncovered during a surprise inspection in October 1985 and prompted a review of the entire security system, according to the testimony and comments from congressional sources who reviewed the classified inspection report. At a subcommittee hearing Wednesday, Wyden asked Herrington what the Energy Department was doing about security, citing a section in the DOE budget for 1987 and 1988 entitled "Human Reliability Program," which he said was responsible for drug activity. "There was nothing being spent on that program for those years," Wyden said. "That certainly doesn't show an aggressive approach to dealing with the program, and given that these are exceptionally sensitive areas, some of the fundamentals of security are being ignored." Herrington said he was unfamiliar with the case, but that the department had tightened security in all nuclear facilities in the past year. In a 1986 letter to U.S. Rep. John

Dingell, D-Mich., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, former national security adviser John Poindexter wrote that such problems at Pantex and other facilities have been corrected. According to the transcript, Dingell talked about Pantex guards, who were civilians working for a private security company under government contract, having sex in the guard towers. A far more serious security breach was uncovered when a Pantex employee, cooperating with government inspectors, smuggled a pistol and silencer into the facility during the same 1985 inspection, according to testimony. The weapon was used several days later "in a successful (simulated) attempt to steal bomb parts containing plutonium," Dingell said. The employee was able to sneak the gun inside because metal detectors had not yet been installed at the plant entrances, testified Edward Badolato, deputy assistant energy secretary for security affairs. David Jackson, spokesman for the Albuquerque Operations Office, which oversees the Pantex facility, said the plant has received a satisfactory security rating on several inspections since 1985.

Anonymous caller warns supermarket about lethal cyanide dose in tea bag

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — A lethal dose of cyanide was found in a tea bag in a supermarket after an anonymous caller said he was told the poison had been placed in one tea bag and cheese products, state officials said Wednesday. No injuries as a result of the tampering have been reported. The caller, who telephoned the Super Fresh market near Princeton University about 10:15 p.m. Tuesday, falsely identified himself as a reporter for a Trenton newspaper, said Health Department spokeswoman Leigh Cook. The caller said he was told by someone that the tea bag was in a specific location and had been laced with poison to give credibil-

ity to the allegation of tainted cheese, Cook said. Cook said health officials suspect that the caller masquerading as the newspaper reporter was the same person who tampered with the tea bag. The store pulled all cheese products from the shelves, but tests conducted throughout the day by the Health Department and the Food and Drug Administration found no more poison, Cook said. About 10,000 cheese packages were removed from the shelves and about 200 randomly sent to the FDA and the Health Department for analysis, Cook said. Super Fresh Markets Inc. issued a recall for any cheese products

purchased at the supermarket in Princeton Township, said the store's area manager, Dennis Chalela. Authorities urged patrons of the supermarket not to eat any cheese purchased there. Cook said authorities were treating the incident as an isolated case, and no other stores were being asked to recall any products from their shelves. The Princeton Township Police, the FBI, the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office and the FDA were investigating, Cook said. The Princeton Township police department refused comment until Thursday. Mercer County Prosecutor Pete

Koenig would not comment on whether there were any suspects in the case. On Labor Day, a Runnemede, N.J. man died after ingesting a cyanide-laced package of Lipton chicken noodle soup. The apparent murder of Louis Denber, 27, has not been solved. Nor have the deaths of the other 10 people nationwide who ingested cyanide-tainted consumer products in recent years. FBI investigators have said all the killings may be random. No one has been charged in any of the deaths.

Sioux-owned plant spurs area's economy

GORDON, Neb. (AP) — Sioux Indians whose ancestors roamed the Great Plains hunting buffalo use power saws to butcher cattle at a meat-packing plant that an official says is a model business venture for other tribes. About half the 100 employees at Nebraska Sioux Lean Beef are Oglala Sioux, and many of them ride a plant bus to work from the Pine Ridge reservation, about 15 miles north in South Dakota. The \$2 million plant, which opened in December and was dedicated Tuesday, is seen as a potential turning point for the economy of the

ranching region of northwest Nebraska, which has struggled during the prolonged Farm Belt recession. "It's impossible to measure the rippling effect of the dollars that are involved in this project," said Jane Gordon, mayor of this town of 2,200 people since 1975. The Oglala Sioux have a 51 percent interest in the plant, and the rest is owned by California businessman Scott Bates, who runs the company. The tribe asked Bates to consider building a packing plant on the reservation last year about


the time the former operator of the Gordon plant shut it down. Bates decided renovating and expanding the existing plant was a better idea, and he pitched the project to city officials. They applied for and received a \$432,500 grant from the state. The tribe got a \$370,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and pooled their funds with the city. Bates raised the rest of the necessary capital, including a \$250,000 grant from the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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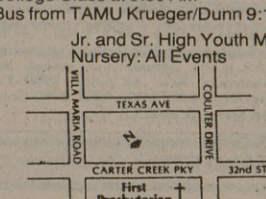
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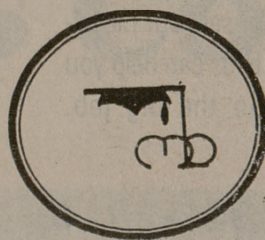
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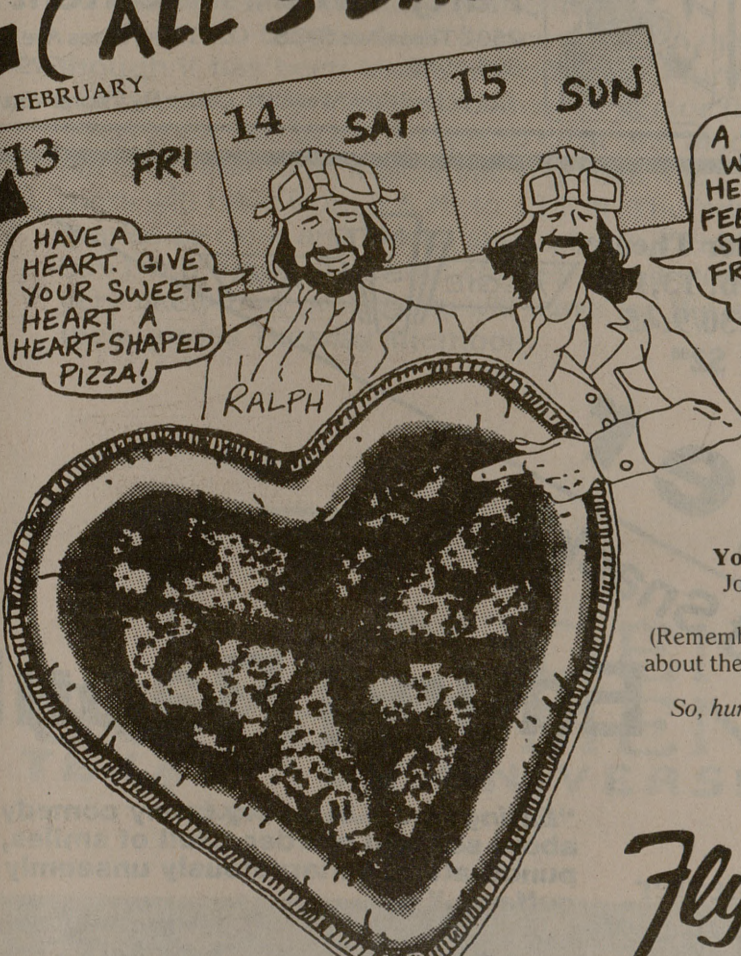


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