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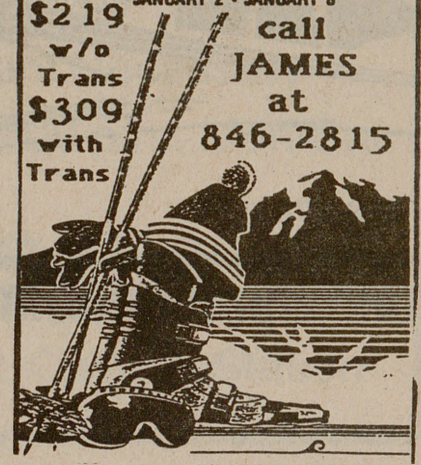
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## Legislators work to reduce giant deficit before holiday

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional leaders said today that they were within striking distance of agreement on a bill reducing the budget deficit, one of the major issues lawmakers must resolve before adjourning for the year.  
Legislators meeting in private late Sunday and early today made progress in resolving their dispute over the amount of savings in the package, members of both parties said.  
Estimates of the deficit cuts it contained ranged between \$13 billion and \$17 billion, but lawmakers said they believed their differences were bridgeable.  
"Things have developed in the last few hours that give me confidence that we'll reach agreement to-

day," House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., told reporters.  
"We're getting down toward the end, I think," said Rep. Bill Frenzel of Minnesota, ranking Republican on the House Budget Committee.

Before they can end their 1989 session — which they hope to do this week — lawmakers will have to decide how far they will go in eliminating Medicare benefits for long-term illnesses. Work on that issue was continuing with no indications of progress.

What appeared certain was that the Medicare measure would raise \$5.3 billion in new tax revenues and include billions of dollars in savings gimmicks, such as not counting the

money-losing Postal Service's budget.

The House today approved \$10.107 a new version of the \$14.6 billion foreign aid bill that President Bush vetoed Sunday.

Lawmakers removed money for a United Nations agency that Bush claimed financed forced abortions in China. Liberals also came out on the short end of a 215-194 vote that would have clamped restrictions on U.S. aid to violence-torn El Salvador. The bill now moves to the Senate.

According to congressional records, the session was only the 13th time the Senate has met on a Sunday. The first occurred March 3, 1861, when 20 votes were taken on the issue of slavery.

## NASA rushes to make scheduled shuttle flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA faced a tight schedule Sunday as a veiled countdown began for launching the shuttle Discovery on Thanksgiving Eve with five astronauts and a secret spy satellite.  
"We're on a tight schedule, but Wednesday night is a makeable launch date," space agency spokesman Lisa Malone said.

Launch director Bob Sieck gave the go-ahead to start the countdown Sunday afternoon even though workers at the pad were several hours behind schedule in doing final checks and closing up panels on the lower part of the two solid fuel booster rockets.

The panels were removed last week so workers could check computer boxes suspected of having faulty wiring. One of the boxes was replaced.

Sieck said he was confident the lagging work could be done in parallel with other countdown operations and that liftoff could occur as planned between 6:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Wednesday. It will be only the third after-dark launch planned in 32 shuttle flights.

The Pentagon will not let NASA publicly disclose the exact time of launch until nine minutes before the planned liftoff. Officials said that would make it more difficult for Soviet reconnaissance satellites and a spy ship sitting offshore to track the shuttle.

Critics argue that such secrecy is unnecessary because the Soviets, with their intelligence capabilities, undoubtedly already know a great deal about the mission and that once

Discovery is in orbit, they will be able to track it precisely and know what it is doing.

It is the fifth shuttle flight dedicated solely to the military.

The space agency was permitted to announce that the count had started at 4 p.m., but countdown displays normally available to the media remained blank, and only members of the launch team and key NASA and Pentagon officials were supposed to know where the clock stood.

A news blackout will be enforced throughout the flight unless something major goes wrong.

As the count started, the astronauts assigned to the classified mission flew here Sunday from their training base in Houston to make launch preparations.

The commander is Air Force Col. Frederick C. Gregory, the first back named to command a shuttle mission. Gregory, 48, flew on a Challenger mission in 1985. The pilot is Air Force Col. John Blaha, and the mission specialists are Navy Capt. Manley L. Carter Jr., F. Story Musgrave and Kathryn C. Thornton. Carter is the only member of the crew who has not flown on a shuttle before.

They are expected to stay in space for four days. Their main task will be to deploy a satellite which sources close to the project report will listen in on diplomatic and military communications in the Soviet Union and other countries. A similar satellite was launched by another Discovery crew in 1985.

## U.S. Navy continues bad luck streak

Engine failure forces pilots to eject over sea

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — A U.S. Navy pilot remained hospitalized for observation Sunday after ejection from a two-seat training jet that crashed into the Gulf of Mexico.

Two airmen were returning from Pensacola Naval Air Station to their home base at Kingsville Naval Air Station in Texas Friday when the single engine in their TA-4J Skyhawk apparently failed about 20 miles south of Pensacola, Navy officials said.

Cmdr. John Marksbury, 44, was in stable condition at the Pensacola Naval Hospital and scheduled for release Monday, said Ensign Paul Bedsole, a hospital spokesman. He said Lt. Russell Coombs, 31, was released Saturday.

"They were conscious and alert when they walked into the hospital from the helicopter," Bedsole said. "I understand there was some trauma associated with their ejection. . . . They also received minor cuts and bruises."

A second jet, also with two pilots aboard, had been accompanying their plane and returned safely to Pensacola.

The crash occurred less than 24 hours after the four pilots completed a 48-hour review of safety and operating procedures.

## Violin

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goal at this point. With much of the research work behind him, Nagyvary now faces the task of convincing the rest of the world of the importance of his find.

He has delivered many lectures to his peers in biochemistry, he said, and none of them have expressed doubts about his methods. But the music world is skeptical.

"The controversy is enormous," he said. "So many people have claimed that they've found the secret to making violins, it's like crying wolf. Everyone expects the results to be false."

Nagyvary is trying to win over the skeptics by donating instruments to top music conservatories around the nation and in Europe. Music schools that own a Stradivarius are first priority, he said, because he wants them to compare and see that "the new violins are as good as or better than the old."

He already has donated violins to the University of Houston, and said the school's music performers were impressed. Professors and students from the university plan to perform on both his instruments and Stradi-

varii in a December 16 concert in Rudder Theatre, and Nagyvary said he will invite the critics to hear the difference.

Some experts have judged his instruments to be the best of all modern violins, and his findings have brought positive reactions from the European press. A major newspaper in Germany ran a full-page article on his work, Nagyvary said, and a television program about his research was aired in Europe.

Nagyvary also appears in the NOVA program "What is Music?" tonight at 7 p.m. and Wednesday at 1 p.m. on KAMU-TV Channel 15. The program was taped in 1987, he said, so it does not include some of his new research.

Before starting research on violins in 1984, Nagyvary did "typical biochemistry research," but he got tired of it. His biochemistry colleagues have mixed reactions about his doing research on musical instruments, he said, but he has received the support of Texas A&M University System Chancellor Perry Adkisson and a two-year research grant from the Texas Board of Education.

Nagyvary said he began the work

partly because he thinks good violin music is more beautiful than any synthetic sound. "I get more satisfaction doing something for the happiness of people," he said.

In addition to producing violins, his research includes work on violas, cellos and smaller violins for children. Though he originally intended to produce high quality violins that were affordable to students, Nagyvary said he was surprised to find that nobody wanted to buy expensive violins — they assume the low price indicates low quality.

He hopes to eventually make a limited number of instruments and sell them for about \$15,000 each.

"But first we have to win the publicity battle," he said. "There are a thousand sharks in a hostile world of violin-making."

That hostile world includes many famous musicians who are Stradivarius owners. If Nagyvary's instruments are judged equal to theirs, then the value of their expensive investments will go down.

But he said that public opinion could change in a few years.

"It's just a matter of time before the issue is settled."

## Ecstasy

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After it has been taken, traces of ecstasy show up in urine for several days, compared to less than that for alcohol and up to 30 days for marijuana, Wentreck said.

Although urine testing is currently the most widely used method, a new, more accurate drug-testing

technique is being developed that would analyze clippings of hair. This technique could determine mari-

juana use, for example, for months after it was used, Wentreck said.

Legally, ecstasy is expensive. Stewart said the drug laws have been updated recently but the classification of the drug probably hasn't changed.

Classified in Penalty Group I, possession of the drug is a second-degree felony and delivery is a first-degree felony. The punishments are:

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