Solar System

Astronauts rescue satellite — Spacewalkers Dale Gardner and Joe Allen secured a second wayward satellite Wednesday and hauled it into the cargo bay of the shuttle Discovery. The recovery of satellite Westar 6 follows that of satellite Palapa B-2, which was secured Monday. The shuttle is scheduled to end its eight-day mission with a landing Friday morning at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

World

Lebanon to end boycott — Lebanon announced yesterday it had decided to end a five-day boycott and return to troop withdrawal negotiations with Israel. The announcement came after the Israeli Army in southern Lebanon released three officials of Amal, a Shiite Muslim militia, who had been detained since last Thursday. Israel reportedly agreed to free a fourth Shiite activist following the resumption of the talks.

He didn't panic — Douglas Adams, author of "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," recently overcame writer's block by staying at a country inn in Devon, England — not exactly the Ritz Carlton at the End of the Universe, but it will do, thank you. He was able to finish the fourth installment of the Chronicles of Arthur Dent, Ford Prefect, Zaphod Beeblebrox, Life, the Universe, and Everything. He even developed a computer game for the series. Because of this book-induced success, he decided to go all the way and buy the inn. "It certainly is an expensive way to stay at a hotel," he said.

Nation

Deficit may surpass $200 billion — Reagan Administration officials said yesterday the federal deficit for the next fiscal year could set a record of more than $200 billion. The deficit protection projection for the fiscal year 1986, which begins Oct. 1, would mean an increase of almost $30 billion over the Administration's projection made last summer.

Mayor cannot find his cousin's grave — Hartford officials have ordered an investigation of any69 ownership, because Mayor Thomas Miller complained he could not find where his remains are buried. He visited the cemetery after improvements had been made in the area and realized his cousin, Gertrude Davis, is now buried in an unmarked site. "I can't even find where she's buried," he said.

Baby Fae shows signs of recovery — Aided by drugs and life support systems, Baby Fae recovered from her body's attempt to reject her baboon heart, caused by inadequate medication. Although the baby's "signs of rejection are reversible," Dr. Ronald Hershaw at Loma Linda University Medical Center said he expects Baby Fae to have other bouts of rejection.

Nancy Reagan shows signs of recovery — First Lady Nancy Reagan said she has fully recovered from the stomach flu and dizzy spells caused by a bump to the head she received in a fall two days before election. She said she was simply tired and should take it easy. After dining with President Reagan to "Shall We Dance?" at a star-studded state dinner for Crown Prince Jean of Luxembourg, she informed the press of her recovery. Earlier in the month, the First Lady lost her balance several times as she followed her husband to political events.

State

The Birds — The Smith and Wesson Company in Springfield closed its employee golf driving range after observation of gull inexperienced with hundreds of golf balls, according to a company official. "...the gulls started eating the balls, knocking them out of the hands of a few of our employees," he said, speaking on condition that his name not be used. The company has removed the golf range and is considering replacing the fencing. WildLife experts said the birds are most likely mistaking the golf balls for 'clams.' Proposed solutions range from hiring a falcon to playing a tape recording of a gull in distress. "I don't think the last one will work," the official said. "These are very laid-back birds.

Local

Crimson in the Red — The Harvard Crimson is currently operating at a $60,000 deficit on their $150,000 annual budget, according to Crimson editors. The editor-in-chief said the loss was not related to their purchase this summer of a $70,000 computer and phototypesetting system and are considering reducing the size of the paper, eliminating Saturday and summer issues, and soliciting donations from alumni.

Sports

Playin' Hardball — Who remembers the score of the Boston Celtics' blowout of the Philadelphia 76ers last week? Who cares? It was the night Dr. John Bird, who had been arrested for the first time, was released from jail. Whitey Maloney and Charlie Barkley. Larry Bird had totaled 121 points and 17 of 23 shots, while Julius Erving was three for 13. The two exchanged words after an Offensive Foul, and elbows ensued. Bird friends, Moses Malone and Charles Barkley. Larry Bird had torched the nets with 17 of 23 shots, while Julius Erving was three for 13. The two exchanged words after an Offensive Foul, and elbows ensued. Bird friends, Moses Malone and Charles Barkley.