Hasenfus will not appeal conviction

Eugene Hasenfus, the American convicted of conspiring against the Marxist government of Nicaragua, will not appeal his verdict, his attorney said yesterday. Instead, he will work on getting a pardon from the Nicaraguan government. Hasenfus was sentenced to 30 years in jail Saturday after being found guilty of running supplies to contra rebels. (AP)

Khomeni opposes diplomatic ties with United States and Soviet Union

Ayatollah Khomeini, leader of Iran, yesterday condemned officials in the Iranian government who want contact with the United States. Khomeini said they should be "renaming at America" and asked, "Why should we be so Western-oriented or Satan-oriented?" (AP)

Soviet Union legalizes certain capitalist activities

Lawmakers in Moscow have passed a law allowing people to hold second jobs as self-employed taxi-drivers, repairmen, and restaurant operators. The law, which will take effect next May, loosens the highly centralized Soviet economy, but does not affect private hiring, which will still be proscribed. (AP)

General Motors puts on the brakes

General Motors laid off nearly 17,000 employees yesterday because of a strike at the Delco Electronics Plant in Kokomo, IN. It may have to shut down its North American assembly operations unless the strike ends. Negotiations resumed yesterday.

General Motors officials said they don't know how long the layoffs will last. (AP)

Delahunt to open juvenile trials

Norfolk County District Attorney William Delahunt said yesterday that he will file legislation to open up juvenile trials involving juveniles, even though he believes that the names of juvenile suspects should remain confidential. The public is unaware of the seriousness of some juvenile offenses, Delahunt continued. If the public hears about the cases, it won't tolerate the status quo, he said. (AP)

New Hampshire group advocates local control of state troopers

A group opposed to American involvement in Central America set outside the office of New Hampshire Governor John Sununu every day for five weeks in order to get a face-to-face meeting with the governor. The group wants to keep the National Guard out of military training in Central America. In order to achieve this goal, they want Sununu to resist attempts in Washington to put the guard under more federal control.

A meeting has been set for Dec. 18 to discuss local control of the guard. (AP)

Reagan discusses foreign policy at news conference

President Reagan said the decision to sell arms to Iran was his alone, and that no more such sales would be made, during a nationally televised news conference on Wednesday. The arms deal was justified by the Iranian rewards, including the release of American hostages in Lebanon, he claimed. But there was no specific arms-for-hostages deal, he added.

If the draft vote had not been blown, five Americans would have been freed - not three, Reagan said.

During the news conference, Reagan also expressed optimism about arms talks with the Soviets and the possibility of another superpower summit. (AP)

NASA performs shuttle safety drill

NASA simulated a launch pad emergency yesterday to test evacuation procedures from the space shuttle Atlantia. Seven astronauts took part in the drill, which was designed to improve the shuttle's escape system. (AP)

Bruins choke

The Boston Bruins failed to hold a 3-goal lead in the third period and had to settle for 4-4 NHL tie in Buffalo on Wednesday night. Norm Lacombe got the equalizer for the Sabres with less than six minutes remaining in regulation.

The Bruins got goals from Dwight Foster, Geoff Courtnall, Thomas Gradin, and Tom McCarthy. (AP)

Celtics squeeze by young Hawks

The Boston Celtics defeated the surging Atlanta Hawks 112-107, at the Boston Garden. With just over five minutes left in the game, the Celtics scored eight unanswered points, pulling away from the scrappy Hawks. Kerri Mc Hale scored 30 points, and Larry Bird added 29 points, while Robert Parish had 20 rebounds. Dominique Wilkins tossed in 29 points for Atlanta. The result left both teams with 7-2 records. (AP)

Study says reduction in cigarette smoking may be useless

Smokers who cut down on the number of cigarettes they smoke each day are not necessarily reducing the amount of toxins that they inhale, according to a study in the New England Journal of Medicine. Smokers who cut back tend to compensate by smoking cigarettes more intensely, which multiplies the tar and nicotine they inhale, the study said. The best thing for smokers to do is to quit entirely, or switch to a brand with the lowest tar and nicotine content, the authors of the report asserted. (AP)

Weather

A warmer stretch

After the sloppy weather and below-normal temperatures of the past few days, we will see a welcome return to near-normal temperatures and drier conditions during much of the weekend. After the rain departs this morning, we will have a dry stretch until Monday as high pressure, and an approaching cold front may trigger some showers. Saturday should be the better weekend day and it's not too early to check out the skiing up north; some of it is quite good.

Today: Rain ending in the morning and partial clearing this afternoon. Highs in the upper 40s (282 K) early in the day, then falling through the afternoon. Gusty Northwest winds up to 30 knots (18 m/s).

Tonight: Partly cloudy, windy, temperatures dropping to around 30° (272 K).

Saturday: Mostly sunny, highs in the mid 40s (280 K). Winds will be decreasing this morning, and subsiding by midday. Saturday night will be fair with lows in the mid 30s (275 K).

Sunday: Partly sunny and milder, chance of a shower in the afternoon, highs in the low 50s (285 K).

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