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Soviets say they'll go to Olympics North Korea announces



Wall Street Watch: The sky didn't fall

Instead of tumbling as many feared, market moves up

By Bill Hendrick Staff Writer

NEW YORK — Widespread fears that the stock market might be on the verge of another collapse dissipated Monday soon after trading began, but they did not disappear.

The Brady Report's recommendations aren't upsetting to Wall Street. Page 1-C.

Many could not believe that the stock market had held up as well as it had, considering last Friday's huge 140.58-point sell-off on the Dow. The Dow closed up 33.82 Monday at 1,945.13, but it achieved that level through a circuitous route. Contrary to what nearly everyone expected, the market opened on the upside.

"We're up over a point," yelped New York stock exchange official Gary Miller, after receiving a telephone call on the press gallery about 10 feet above the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). "It

boycott of Seoul Games

From Wire Reports

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union announced Monday that it will participate in the 1988 Summer Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea, breaking ranks with its North Korean allies and ending a 12-year interruption in U.S.-Soviet competition in the world's most prestigious sports event.

North Korea said early today that it would boycott the 1988 Summer Olympics, which will be held Sept. 17-Oct. 2. North Korea said it would reconsider the decision if an agreement on being a co-host for the Games with South Korea is reached.

Marat Gramov, chairman of the Soviet Sports Committee, said at a news conference that Moscow formally had accepted the invitation of the International Olympic Committee, quelling fears that the Olympics again would be marred by a superpower boycott.

In Colorado Springs, Colo., Robert Helmick, president of the U.S: Olympic Committee, said he was "gratified and enthusiastic" about the Soviet announcement.

Helmick said the decision "means that the wounds from the boycotts of 1980 and 1984 have healed and that our athletes will not be the victims again of missed opportunities Olympic competition."

Even though the Dow Jones industrial average was up 14 points

with only 30 minutes left in Monday's unusually volatile session, many traders were still looking over their shoulders for real or imagined bogymen.

opened up!"

The press gallery had been opened in anticipation of a horde

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Abernethy indicted for sports payoffs Former Atlanta agent faces bribery charges in Alabama

By Chris Mortensen Staff Writer

Former Atlanta sports agent Jim Abernethy was indicted Monday by an Alabama grand jury on misdemeanor charges that could result in three one-year jail sentences for payoffs to Auburn University defensive back Kevin Porter.

"We're going to do everything we can to get Jim Abernethy before a judge and jury," said Alabama Attorney General Don Siegelman, who announced the indictments Monday.

Siegelman said the grand jury indicted Abernethy on charges of tampering with a sports event, commercial bribery and deceptive trade. Each state charge is a misdemeanor that carries a maximum one-year prison term. Siegelman said performance bonuses Abernethy claimed to have paid Porter in a Dec. 15 story in The Atlanta Constitution violate the game-tampering law.



The last Summer Games in which both the United States and the Soviet Union participated were the Montreal Games of 1976.

The United States led a boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. In a move widely perceived as retaliation, the Soviet Union stayed home during the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, citing concern for its athletes' safety.

The boycotts reflected a declinein the U.S.-Soviet relationship, which took its first plunge after the 1979 Afghan intervention and sank further during the first term of the Reagan administration. This year's resumption of the traditional athletic rivalry mirrors the upbeat mood in Moscow-Washington relations since the December summit between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

The Soviets' acceptance, delivered six days before the International Olympic Committee's deadline, followed a positive response from other East bloc countries, in-

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State Rep. Betty J. Clark (D-DeKalb) shows her son, 7year-old Kelly Lamar Curry, the chamber of the House of Representatives at the state Capitol on Monday, the first day of the 1988 session of the Legislature. Sixtyfour bills and 28 resolutions, including four AIDS bills, were introduced in the Legislature. Page 12-A.

Legislature opens with battle over speed limit

By A.L. May and David Beasley Staff Writers

The 1988 session of the Georgia Legislature was only a few hours old Monday when the House and Senate were fighting over raising the state's speed limit and an open meetings bill was quickly passed by a Senate committee.

The open meetings bill, backed by Lt. Gov. Zell Miller, was headed for a full Senate vote later this week as Gov. Joe Frank Harris unveiled his own open records measure and an open meetings bill.

Four bills dealing with AIDS were introduced on the first day. Page 12-A.

Legislators braved icy roads Monday to convene for the General Assembly, which is expected to tackle a \$6 billion budget and other issues such as prison overcrowding and controlling the spread of AIDS. All but 17 House members and one Senator made it to the brief opening session Monday morning.

In a maneuver designed to win quick passage of a bill raising the state's speed

limit to 65 mph on rural interstates, three House members of a conference committee on the issue signed the bill Monday morning and passed it on to the Senate conferees for their signatures. But Miller, who presides over the Senate, stalled the measure by urging senators to link the higher speeds to a mandatory seat belt law as demanded by the governor.

Rep. Tom Triplett (D-Savannah), chairman of the House Transportation Committee, had predicted that the speed

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Abernethy said Monday night that he was "shocked" by the indictments.

"It's unbelievable and absolutely amazing," he said. "It's incredible how the Alabama state attorney general can find whatever law he can to see fit that it protects his state universities. I can emphatically deny these charges. Game tampering? That's ridiculous."

Abernethy and Porter, whose family lives in Smyrna, did not testify Monday. Alabama Assistant Attorney General Don Valeska said subpoenas sent to Georgia were quashed by a judge for jurisdictional reasons. Sources close to the attorney general said the state would attempt to extradite Abernethy and Porter for arraignment and a trial, if necessary.

Porter has been unavailable for comment and has avoided state investigators, according to Valeska and Siegelman.

"We've got some folks in Lee County looking for him," Siegelman said of Porter. "We're looking for assistance in prosecuting the case." Auburn is in Lee County.

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killing Arab

West Bank officials shoot youth to death

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

BETIN, Occupied West Bank - Israeli police filed manslaughter charges against two Jewish civilians who shot and killed a 17-year-old Palestinian on Monday in a potentially explosive new twist to Arab-Jewish violence.

The slaying in the village of Betin, near the West Bank town of Ramallah 12 miles north of Jerusalem, was the first by Jewish civilians living in settlements in the occupied territories since the riots began Dec. 8.

Ramallah Police Chief Miko Bahar said he filed second-degree manslaughter charges against Pinhas Wallerstein, 39, president of the Binyamin Regional Council of 27 settlements, and Shai Ben Yousef, the council's security chief. Both live in Ofra, a settlement of 150 families about 2 miles from Betin.

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Reagan: No recession

President Reagan said Monday there will not be an economic recession unless 'doom criers scare the people into one.' 1-C.

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in America

400 a week come down with deadly disease

By Steve Sternberg Science/Medicine Writer The number of AIDS cases in the United States passed 50,000 Monday - seven years after Los Angeles doctors reported five cases of a rare pneumonia among homosexual men with sedamaged verely immune systems.

Federal health authorities say approximately 400 new cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome are now being reported every week - a number comparable to the total AIDS cases reported during the first half of

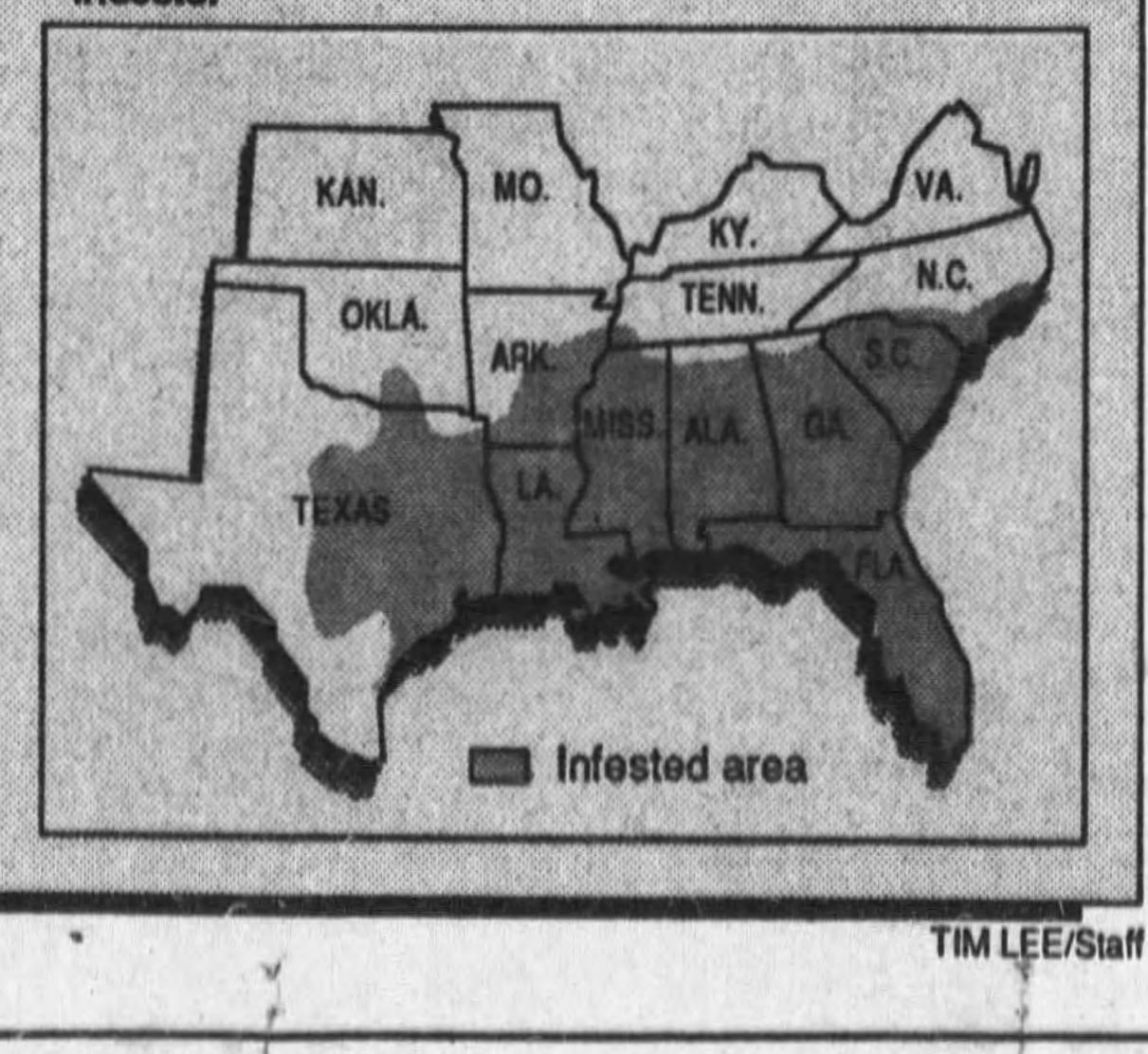
As of Monday, the epidemic has stricken 50,265 people. Authorities say if the toll increases at the rate expected, there will be 33,000 more cases of the deadly disease by the end of the year.

So far, at least 28,149 Americans - 458 of them children have died from the disease.

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Close-up of the South American fire ant (magnified 55 times). Long a pest to Southern farmers (see map below), the ant also preys on troublesome insects.



South American insect preys on a number of crop pests

By Charles Seabrook Environment Writer

For years, Southerners have attacked fire ants with poisons spewed from airplanes and spray guns. Some have tried to burn them out with gasoline. Some have even tried dynamite.

Now, in a wry twist of events, some farmers are singing the praises of the pest that was accidentally imported into this country 60 years ago from South America.

In Louisiana, sugar-cane growers are able to skip at least two pesticide applications a year because fire ants prey on sugarcane borers and other troublesome insects.

In Texas, cotton farmers no longer try to eliminate fire ant nests; the ants can destroy up to 85 percent of boll weevils in a cotton field.

In Georgia and Mississippi, pecan growers are getting greater yields from trees near fire ant nests, apparently because the ants prey on the destructive pecan weevil.

Georgia researchers also have found that fire ants also prey on the soybean looper and velvet-bean caterpillar, insect pests that cost Georgia soybean farmers more than \$40 million a year.

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[^]Shuttle launch planned no later than Aug. 15

By Jeff Nesmith

Journal-Constitution Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON - Space agency officials said Monday that they expect the space shuttle to be ready for its next flight no later than mid-August, despite the failure of a redesigned rocket motor during a test last month.

That could mean the shuttle, which has not flown since the Challenger exploded in January 1986, would attempt its next mission as the Republican Party is holding its national nominating convention in New Orleans. The four-day convention begins Aug. 15.

Until last month's test failure of a nozzle part on the redesigned rocket motor, the shuttle was scheduled to fly June 2.

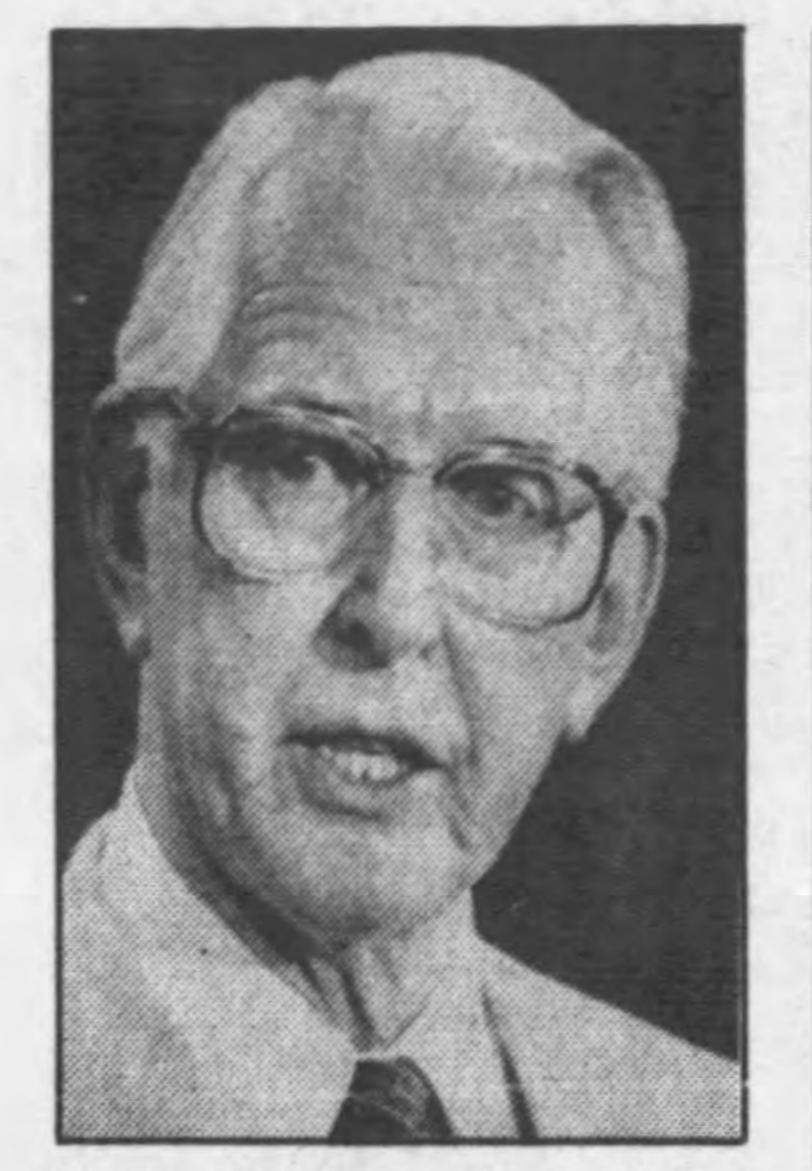
NASA Administrator James Fletcher and other space agency officials said Monday the decision to plan a launch between July 15 and Aug. 15 was based on a weekend review of test data by engineers at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.

motor design, already on the drawing board, will replace the design that failed.

"Based on the use of an alternate design that we have already tested, we believe that the estimate for the first flight is ... no earlier than about the middle of July and probably by the middle of August," said Adm. Richard Truly, associate administrator NASA for spaceflight.

J.R. Thompson, director of the Marshall Space Flight Center, said at the news conference that the tested design had been developed in "parallel" with another rocket design that used a slightly different carbon boot arrangement.

He said a review of data indicated the other design had a more durable carbon ring design. He insisted that the failure of the carbon ring during the Dec. 23 test did not indicate a safety problem. Fletcher denied that political conventions had any impact on the **National Aeronautics and Space** Administration's decision.



NASA chief James Fletcher denied political considerations influenced shuttle launch plans.

shuttle will be determined by one consideration and one consideration only," he said. "We will fly only when we are ready. As long as I'm on this job, politics will continue to take a back seat to readiness."

Soviets could begin Afghan pullout May 1

Chicago Tribune

MOSCOW - Soviet troops could begin leaving Afghanistan on May 1 if Pakistan and the Afghan government sign an agreement by March 1, the Communist Party newspaper Pravda said Monday.

It was the first time a date has been mentioned for starting the troop pullout, though conditions for withdrawal set forth in the article did not move negotiations closer to a settlement of the 8-year-old war, Western analysts said.

U.S. hikes pressure on Panamanian strongman

Los Angeles Times

OTTAWA, Canada — Secretary of State George Shultz urged Panamanian strongman Gen. Manuel Noriega to "step back" from power to enable Panamanians to live under democratic rule.

Shultz's comments marked an escalation in U.S. pressure on Noriega to relinquish his position as the power behind the government of civilian President Eric Delvalle.

Shultz confirmed reports that Assistant Defense Secretary Richard Armitage visited Panama City earlier this month to call on Noriega to relinquish power. In Panama City, Noriega denied that Armitage had asked him to resign.

Carlucci: U.S. likely to maintain gulf presence

World Report

At a news conference in Paris, Carlucci replied to questions about a possible reduction in the number of U.S. ships in the gulf by saying only that the United States would not reduce its capability, commitment or interest there.

U.S., Canada sign accord on arctic cooperation

The Associated Press

OTTAWA — Secretary of State George Shultz signed an arctic cooperation pact with Canada, but the two sides reserved their legal position on the disputed ownership of the icy Northwest Passage.

In a one-day meeting with Foreign Minister Joe Clark, Shultz also signed a protocol toughening the U.S.-Canada extradition treaty of 1971 and a joint declaration on counterterrorism.

The foreign ministers also discussed Canadian demands for U.S. action to curtail acid rain.

Briefly ...

Korean opposition leader Kim Young-sam said he has decided to stop fighting the presidential election victory of Roh Tae-woo and will meet with him Wednesday.

Fletcher said an alternative

"The next launch of the space

Asked later whether he meant he would refuse to delay a scheduled flight for political reasons, even if the White House asked him, Fletcher said, "The answer is yes."

Los Angeles Times

PARIS — Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci, after a fact-finding tour of the Persian Gulf, insisted that the United States would not reduce its commitment in the gulf region, but acknowledged that the size of the U.S. naval presence there was under constant review.

A grenade exploded after being tossed down a flight of stairs in a Kampala, Uganda, building housing four embassies, police said. The blast killed a Libyan diplomat and wounded four others inside.

Agent

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Valeska said last week the state was not interested in prosecuting Porter, which baffled Abernethy.

"How can they indict me and not Porter?" Abernethy asked. "How can the attorney general ignore the fact that this was a twoparty contract, that it was executed without any force?"

Siegelman labeled Abernethy's signing of a contract with Porter, a senior who was ruled ineligible to play in the Sugar Bowl, as an "unconscionable act" to knowingly interfere with a lawful contract.

Federal prosecutors maintain that a 19-page scholarship certification document a college athlete is required to sign, stating he has broken no rules, is a legal contract, according to sources close to the investigation. It is a violation of the rules for a college athlete to sign a contract with an agent before his eligibility expires.

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- Jim Abernethy

The Constitution has reported Porter received \$2,000 when he signed a contract with Abernethy on Aug. 3. He then received \$1,000 a month for an undetermined period. Siegelman confirmed a report that he has been in contact with federal prosecutors in Chicago, site of a 10-month investigation by the U.S. attorney of sports agents Norby **Valters and Lloyd Bloom.**

Chicago prosecutors have presented evidence to a grand jury that Walters and Bloom conspired to defraud universities by signing college athletes before their eligibility ex-

Walters-Bloom case also could face indictment for fraud, according to sources close to the investigation. At least one athlete, former Ohio State All-America wide receiver Cris Carter, has accepted a pretrial diversion plan in which he must do community service.

Siegelman said his state's handling of the Abernethy case is another signal that sports agents no longer will have an uninterrupted avenue to sign college athletes, which violates rules of the National **Collegiate** Athletic Association (NCAA).

"My feeling is that we've got to shoot at them [agents] with whatever we've got," Siegelman said. "If we miss, we miss, but I think by doing it, they'll have to leave our boys alone."

Abernethy called that attitude provincial of an example prosecution.

"It's obvious, beneath all this, that the NCAA and Auburn University have helped orchestrate this scenario," Abernethy said. "They're trying to single out the agent as be-



Olympics

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cluding East Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Bulgaria. The Mongolian Olympic Committee announced its participation in the Games within hours of Moscow's acceptance. China also is expected to take part.

Communist North Korea has been insisting on co-hosting the **Olympics** with rival South Korea. Although the Soviet statement Monday offered support for the North Korean position, Gramov said Pyongyang is on its own.

"We made our decision about an hour ago," Gramov said. "As for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, it should take its own decision in this respect."

This year, an estimated 153 countries are expected to participate in the Summer Olympics, exceeding the 140 participants in Los Angeles. The Soviets said Monday that they will send a team of 520

the South Korean climate.

Athletes from the Soviet Union, the United States and their respective allies complained they were. the main losers in 1980 and 1984, having missed the chance to compete against each other. Since the two superpowers have dominated the Games in the postwar period, many felt the boycotts took the edge off competition.

Moscow and 14 of its allies cited security as the main reason for the boycott of the Los Angeles Games, but Gramov said the Soviet delegation has been assured that their athletes will be protected in Seoul.

"The South Korean side has given written guarantees that Soviet athletes will be provided with all necessary conditions, including security," he said. Soviet teams participating in pre-game competitions in Seoul were satisfied with the "technical state" of the sites.

After deciding not to attend the Los Angeles Games, the Soviet Union let loose a barrage of criticism against them in the official Moscow press, accusing crowds of "jingo-

called charges 'unbelievable.'

ing partner in this mentality is absolutely amazing."

Auburn athletic director and football coach Pat Dye could not be reached for comment. Earlier in the day, he confirmed that an unidentified school official would testify before the grand jury. Dye had no further comment about the attorney



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