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## **Escape from** high school

CHICAGO - It was supposed to be only make-believe, with some of the students "guards" and the others "prisoners" as a Catholic high school was turned into a penitentiary for the weekend.

But a few of the voluntary inmates couldn't take the insults, solitary confinement, strip searches and harassment and risked dangerous escapes as the experiment in a law class took a realistic turn.

"I couldn't stay here another night," said Ken Barnes, 17. "I climbed to the top of a ladder, jumped as high as I could and got on the roof. I ran to the other side of the school and jumped down it must have been 15 feet. My heart was going bam, bam.'

DeEtta Rader, 16, another "prisoner," jumped from a second-story window to the

She became confused in a frenzied search for a friend's house and a passer-by who noticed her prison garb – hospital scrubs – pointed her out to the class teacher, John Blake, who was searching for her by car.

Blake cornered her in a back yard and placed her in "solitary" where she stayed until 8 a.m. Sunday, the end of the project.

The experiment began Friday at Immaculate Heart of Mary High School of suburban Westchester, which participated in the project with St. Joseph High School of Chicago. It was designed to give 95 participating students an insider's view of the U.S. prison

But overacting by the guards was not anticipated by those who had chosen to be inmates.

Michelle Rohde, 15, had to run the gauntlet of guards en route to solitary.

An "assistant warden" snarled: "Think it's funny? Look at that wall and wipe that smile off your face."

Rohde spent two hours in a small telephone room without windows and scarcely enough room to sit down.

She had disobeyed prison rules by looking out of her "cell" in the corner of a classroom.

Blake said he initiated the project after considerable discussion among teachers and administrators. Written parental consent was required. The experience was meant to teach, not to scare, he said.

### **U.S.** factories improve output

**WASHINGTON** — The nation's factories operated at 78.1 percent of their production capacity last month, the highest rate in almost two years, the Federal Reserve Board reported today.

September's operating rate was up 1 percentage point from August's, which in turn had been 0.8 percent higher than in July.

Last month's rate is the highest since the 78.6 percent of October 1981.

The report is the latest of several in recent days showing an improvement in activity during September after a slackening of growth in August.

In one report, the government said Friday that big industry boosted its output by a sizable 1.5 percent in September, as automakers stepped up production lines to meet demand for new cars. Another report said retail sales gained last month after sliding in August, and another said that during the August pause in sales, businesses were able to do some rebuilding of inventories that had been cut back sharply during the recession.

Today's report said the operating rate for car and automotive parts industries rose 2.1 percent, which also appeared to be in line with last week's figures on automakers' output.

The report said capacity utilization rose for manufacturing and mining but declined for utilities from the high level prompted during the summer by unusually hot weather in some parts of the country.

#### French author dies at 78

PARIS - Raymond Aron, a staunch anti-Marxist who was France's leading conservative political commentator, died Monday of a heart attack. He was 78.

Aron was stricken as he left the city's central court building after testifying in a libel case. He was dead on arrival at Hotel Dieu hospital, the Paris Hospitals Administration said.

A prolific journalist, author and essayist, he wrote on politics for the newspaper Figaro and later for L'Express, a weekly news magazine.

His 751-page book, "Memoirs," has topped the best-seller list since it appeared in September. Sub-titled "50 Years of Political Reflection," it reaffirmed the pluralism and anti-communism that made Aron an outsider when a majority of French intellectuals embraced Marxism.

Aron wrote some 30 books, including "The Opium of the Intellectuals" (1955), "18 Lessons On Industrial Society" (1963), and 'Essay on Freedoms, Democracy and Totalitarianism" (1965).

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