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The Board of Tax Review took no action on the appeals and will meet Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. to consider the appeals and others presented Wednesday, Thursday and tonight from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the office of the assessor. The appeals, from G. Fox and Steiger's, were presented to the Board of Tax Review at a meeting Wednesday.



MUSICAL INTERLUDE — Patrick Flynn, a second-grader at Keeney Street School, assists musician David Darling of Cornwall as he gives a performance at the school Wednesday. Darling performed for grades kindergarten through two to show them varied music forms.

Ethics commission rejects conflict case against Irish

that Irish owns land adjacent to the club. Although the 3-3 vote indicates the ethics panel did not find sufficient evidence to hear the complaint, Democratic commission member Sol Cohen said "it is regrettable and with poor judgment that Mr. Irish voted."

Safety awareness credited for lowest road death rate

still being tallied but are unlikely to change significantly, officials said. The reduction in traffic deaths during the 1980s reflects our national resolve against drunk driving, increased safety belt use and a generally heightened awareness of highway safety.

Kennelly bows out of race

HARTFORD — Top Connecticut Democrat, including Gov. William A. O'Neill and the party chairman, say U.S. Rep. Barbara B. Kennelly's announcement that she won't run for governor has no real effect on the race. But U.S. Rep. Bruce A. Morrison, who's challenging O'Neill for the Democratic nomination this year, believes Kennelly's decision can only help him.



OUT OF RUNNING — U.S. Rep. Barbara Kennelly, D-Conn., announces Thursday that she will not seek the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. Kennelly, who represents the 1st Congressional District, said she will not run even if Democratic Gov. William A. O'Neill decides not to run again.

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STATE State suspends theft suspect

HARTFORD (AP) — A state treasury employee suspected of stealing \$175,000 from state funds has been suspended without pay while a police investigation into the theft continues, state Treasurer Francisco L. Borges said.

Borges would not name the employee, but WFSB-TV on Thursday identified her as Nancy Moutakos, an executive assistant to Borges.

In a two-page memorandum to his employees, Borges confirmed and expanded on a story about the investigation that appeared in The Hartford Courant Thursday.

The Journal Inquirer reported that the worker and her husband, who operate a restaurant in Vernon, have had financial difficulties.

In his memorandum, Borges said the employee is accused of stealing the \$175,000 from the Second Injury and Compensation Assurance Fund, which pays benefits to people who suffer recurring work-related injuries or illnesses after their workers' compensation benefits run out.

Borges said an "apparently fraudulent misappropriation" that occurred Jan. 24 was discovered by his staff Feb. 6.

He said he questioned an employee who seemed responsible for the transaction, suspended the worker immediately, and notified state auditors and police.

Also involved in the suspected theft was a private account maintained by the treasury on behalf of the National Association of State Treasurers, sponsor of the Northeast Regional Treasurers Conference in Mystic last June.

Although Borges's memorandum does not give details, the Courant said sources have said the suspended employee is suspected of taking about \$70,000 from that account and then covering it with state money.

Another \$105,000 was taken from state funds, the sources said.

Borges called the episode "an aberration," and urged staff members not to feel their own integrity has been called into question.

"In my three years of state service, I have been impressed every day by the commitment, integrity and devotion of the vast majority of people in state service and at the treasury," he said.

Borges said the incident has not led him to discover any flaw in procedures in his office. He said the incident could not have happened if the procedures set by state law had been followed.

Borges also implied that the employee used his name in some way to make the theft possible.

"No treasury employee, under any circumstances, is to use my name, orally or in writing, in connection with any treasury business without prior written authorization from me," he said.

Merchant hopes to give lawmakers a message

SEYMOUR (AP) — A liquor store owner who is suing a 19-year-old who bought five gallons of beer at his store says he hopes his court action will convince legislators to strengthen state liquor sale laws.

Linwood Crockett, owner of the Crockett Shop liquor store, took 19-year-old Walter Jurgielwicz to small claims court in Derby Thursday to recover \$1,500 in fines, legal fees and lost income stemming from the sale of beer to the underage Jurgielwicz last September.

Although the court magistrate did not immediately make a decision, Crockett said he does not expect to win the case. He does, however, hope the case will send a message to state legislators.

"I'm bringing it because he is not getting any punishment. He's free to go to it again," said Crockett. "My hope is perhaps we can get some legislation that will make the buyer responsible for his actions."

Crockett said he hopes to see better enforcement of a state law that allows fines of up to \$500 for underage youths who illegally purchase liquor.

Under the same law, Crockett was fined \$500 by the state Liquor Control Commission for selling the beer to Jurgielwicz.

Attorney Augustus Cavallari Jr.,

who represented Jurgielwicz at Thursday's hearing, said he believes Crockett brought the case to the wrong forum.

"What he was complaining about is the law, if he wants the law changed, he should go to the state legislature," said Cavallari. "The law is very clear, and it says the burden is placed on the seller of alcoholic beverages to make sure he is not selling to an underage person."

Crockett admits that the clerk at his liquor store made a mistake when he incorrectly assumed that the man asking for a small keg of beer was old enough to buy liquor.

But Crockett said that all the customer lost was the keg of beer, while he was fined \$500, spent almost as much in legal fees, and lost another \$500 when he closed his store for six hours to attend the liquor commission hearing.

But Cavallari said Crockett essentially brought the penalty on himself because the store clerk did not ask Jurgielwicz to provide proof of his age.

Carroll J. Hughes, executive director of the 500-member Connecticut Package Stores Association, said fewer minors would try to buy alcohol if the penalties were more certain and more serious.

State-backed condo plan brings yawns

HARTFORD (AP) — An unusual program designed to fill unsold condominiums in the state with low- and moderate-income families is generating only lukewarm interest, despite early accolades from bankers, developers and non-profit groups.

When the state first announced the program two months ago, it was widely hailed and drew interest from more than 1,600 developers, non-profit housing groups, banks and individuals who requested application forms.

The program picked up national press, and Commissioner of Housing John Papandrea was interviewed on network television.

But as today's deadline for sale proposals approached, interest in the program seems to have slowed considerably.

As of Thursday afternoon, only nine responses had been received by the Department of Housing.

Those who initially applauded the program now say the program has

several problems that have dampened their interest.

Under the program, the state would take advantage of a glut of unsold condominiums to help non-profit groups buy units at bargain prices.

The non-profit groups would then sell or rent the condominiums to people who meet income guidelines set by the state.

But developers and others said one of the main problems with the program is a requirement that a condominium be taken off the market for 12 weeks while a nine-member panel reviews the proposal.

The requirement was unacceptable to many developers who had to pay interest on loans and taxes on vacant units, said Robert Francolini, vice president in charge of real estate investment for Society for Savings. He said developers might have to wait five months to be



O'Neill spurns suggestion on rental subsidy

By Peter Viles
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — The O'Neill administration quickly dismissed a suggestion by Yale Law School students that the state cut its massive bill for welfare motel bills by increasing spending on cheaper, more efficient rental assistance programs.

Meanwhile, Republicans on the Appropriations Committee, angered last year when Democrats completely bypassed the bipartisan budget panel, renewed their complaints Thursday, accusing Democrats of freezing the public out of the budget process.

The push for more rental assistance came Thursday from the Yale Law School students who have successfully challenged the state's 100-day limit on welfare motel stays.

State officials blame the lawsuit — and the lifting of the 100-day cap — for the skyrocketing cost of the welfare motel program. The cost of the program jumped from \$6.3 million in fiscal year 1988 to an estimated \$38.3 million in the current fiscal year.

The students disagree, blaming instead cutbacks in the state's rental assistance program, which they described as a much cheaper, more efficient alternative to welfare motels where rooms rent for \$85 per night.

"The state must recognize that lack of rental assistance led to the tripling of the emergency housing population," the students, members of the Shelter Project of Yale Legal Services, said in a report on the state's emergency housing program.

The commissioners of the state Department of Income Maintenance dismissed the students' proposal, saying it will only make welfare motels more attractive to low-income families seeking scarce state rental assistance.

"Rental assistance is not the answer," said DIM Commissioner Lorraine Aronson. "We can do all the rental assistance in the world,

CANDIDATE SPEAKS — Joel Schiavone, a candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, talks with reporters Thursday after a State Capitol press conference in which he said he would support a bill to raise the age of consent to 18.

Schiavone warns abortion could torpedo GOP effort

By Judd Everhart
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Connecticut Republicans, who have had the governor's office only once in the last three decades, risk another failure this year if they don't nominate a candidate who's pro-choice on abortion, one of the four GOP gubernatorial candidates maintained.

Joel Schiavone, a New Haven developer and dark horse for the nomination, said a poll he commissioned confirmed the view that Connecticut is a strongly pro-choice state and that it would be a mistake to nominate a candidate who does not share that view.

Schiavone, who supports a woman's right to choose abortion, said his remarks were not targeted at the front-runner for the GOP nomination, U.S. Rep. John U. Rowland. Rowland opposes abortion on demand, although in a recent vote widely viewed as a flip-flop on his position, he voted in favor of government funding for abortion in cases of rape, incest and if the mother's life is in danger.

"It is too late for John Rowland to become a pro-choice candidate," Schiavone said at a state Capitol news conference on Thursday.

He called abortion a "threshold issue" in this year's campaign and said, "If it isn't dealt with first and

foremost, we will go down in defeat."

With Schiavone were several Republican women who have not endorsed his candidacy but who, like Schiavone, that abortion will be a "pivotal issue" this year.

"I don't think a lot of politicians realize how important this issue is," said Elizabeth Boston of Westport. "I want the government to get out of my bedroom and out of my choices."

Joanna Martin of Woodbridge said many Republican women would cross party lines to vote for pro-choice candidates.

State GOP Chairman Richard Foley agreed with Schiavone that Connecticut is a pro-choice state, but said the 1990 gubernatorial election would not turn on the abortion issue. He said polls he has seen show that people would be willing to vote for candidates with views different from theirs on abortion. Further, he said, the issue is not a partisan one, that there are pro-choice and anti-abortion Democrats and Republicans.

Jack Goldberg, Rowland's press secretary, said Rowland does not believe abortion will be the "be-all and end-all issue" of the campaign.

The other two Republicans seeking the gubernatorial nomination, state Senate Minority Leader Reginald J. Smith of New Hartford and Fairfield banker Joseph McJee, are pro-choice.

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Greater Hartford Architectural Conservancy, said he is asking the state to help the conservancy buy six condominiums in Hartford.

The units would be sold to families meeting income guidelines and the proceeds used to buy adjoining land for future use as housing.

Keraki, however, said he did not know if such a plan would be acceptable to the state.

She said developers with condominiums under consideration for the program could still sell them at any time with no penalty, but their proposal would then be withdrawn.

One proposal will be submitted by the Connecticut Housing Investment Fund, a non-profit group that would like to buy 34 units in Hartford, Jewett City, Windsor and Greenwich, said Dean Halesmarco, executive director of the fund.

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Environmentalists say plea bargain lets Exxon off easy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is tearing an agreement with Exxon Corp. to settle possible criminal charges from the massive Alaskan oil spill, but state officials and environmentalists say the plea bargaining would let the oil company off too easily.

The Justice Department had been expected to announce an agreement with Exxon within days, sources said Thursday.

However, Alaska Attorney General Douglas Baily, speaking Thursday in Juneau, strongly criticized the proposed agreement. He accused the Justice Department of trying to get the state to issue "a heavy endorsement" of an inadequate draft proposal.

"Under the proposed agreement, the federal government would abandon its commitment to Alaska to assist with its civil claims against Exxon," Baily told reporters. He said he hoped the agreement would be revised to make it more acceptable to the state.

"We are being asked to accept a pig in a poke. ... And that pig smells awfully bad," he said.

"From all accounts the Bush administration is giving Exxon a wink and a nod. ... a mere slap on the wrist," added Jay Hair, president of the National Wildlife Federation.

The Justice Department has acknowledged that plea bargaining talks were underway with Exxon for some time, but officials declined Thursday to provide details of the draft settlement or characterize the progress in the discussions. Exxon officials could not be reached for comment Thursday night.

Other sources said, however, that the draft agreement calls for Exxon to pay up to \$500 million into a natural resources restoration fund over the next seven years and possibly a significantly smaller amount in direct criminal penalties to the U.S. Treasury.

The agreement, if made final, would allow Exxon, whose tanker spilled more than 11 million gallons of oil into Alaska's pristine Prince William Sound in March 1989, to avoid an embarrassing criminal trial and possible criminal prosecution of individual corporate officials.

The criminal laws used by federal prosecutors in oil spill cases allow fines of up to double the cost of the cleanup. Exxon has said it has spent more than \$2 billion to clean up the oil spill.

Exxon attorneys, in the negotiations with the Justice Department, have tried to limit the amount of money to be paid to the U.S. Treasury as criminal penalties, preferring to pay most of the money into the restoration fund, sources said.

But one government source suggested that Exxon might have to pay only about \$150 million initially, and subsequent annual payments over seven years would be open to Exxon challenges.

Environmental lawyers said that money paid for restoration under the criminal settlement could be tax-deductible as an ordinary cost of doing business and could be used to reduce future assessments against Exxon under various civil proceedings. Criminal penalties could not be deducted from future assessments, nor would they be tax-deductible.

Hazelwood didn't seem drunk, trooper testifies

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A state trooper who boarded the grounded Exxon Valdez expecting to stop a drunken brawl found instead a dark, quiet ship where "everyone was gazing out the windows."

The trooper, Michael J. Fox, said Thursday he was dispatched by the U.S. Coast Guard in the early morning hours of March 24 to deal with the allegedly drunken skipper, Joseph Hazelwood.

"They said the captain was drunk and they wanted me to take care of it," Fox testified at Hazelwood's criminal trial in state court. But when he met the skipper, he said, Hazelwood didn't seem intoxicated.

"When I got there I was expecting a brawl," Fox testified. "But it was kind of quiet and dark and everyone was gazing out the windows."

He said Hazelwood, 43, was napping when he arrived about four hours after the tanker hit a reef. They met about an hour later for the first time.

"I said, 'Well, what the heck is the problem?'" Fox said, and Hazelwood replied with his much-quoted comment: "You're looking at it."

Hazelwood, of Huntington, N.Y., is charged with second-degree criminal mischief, a felony, and three misdemeanors: reckless endangerment, operating a vessel while intoxicated and negligent discharge of oil.

The Exxon Valdez leaked nearly 11 million gallons of Alaska crude oil, blackening hundreds of miles of rocky coastline and killing countless birds, fish and wildlife. Exxon has spent some \$2 billion trying to clean up the mess.

As the prosecution neared the end of its case, there was renewed focus on the still unresolved question of whether the skipper was drunk when his ship rammed Bligh Reef, causing the nation's worst oil spill.

Fox said Hazelwood's refrigerator was stocked with a drink called Moussy Beer. A bottle of it was entered in evidence and jurors were told it contained 0.5 percent alcohol.

The defense is expected to contend that the smell some witnesses detected on Hazelwood's breath was the low alcohol beer and that he drank it after the accident.

Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Falkenstein testified Thursday that he smelled alcohol on Hazelwood's breath when he met the skipper, adding, "It was an obvious smell."

But his testimony was challenged by Hazelwood lawyer Michael Chaloz who played for jurors a videotape of Falkenstein's remarks on television.

"I never talked to him face-to-face like we're talking," he told Comic Chang of CBS during an interview. "It was side-by-side and staring out at the pilot house across the deck. We were close, 2½ feet, and I smelled alcohol in and around the area."

Food disappears in panic buying

WEST BERLIN (AP) — Panic-buying by East Germans is emptying store shelves of flour, sugar and meat, but the government promised emergency measures to keep up basic food supplies and called in the army to help with food deliveries.

In East Berlin, Communist Mayor Erhard Krack resigned today, assuming political responsibility for a rigged election in May. He was the latest Communist official to quit under pressure in recent weeks.

Others have defected to the left-wing Social Democratic Party, widely expected to be the dominant political force in East Germany after elections March 18. The party on Thursday opened its first national convention in Leipzig.

Communist Premier Hans Modrow and other East German leaders have called for an end to the hoarding and panic-shopping that have hit the nation's already poorly stocked stores.

"We are in an extraordinary situation in which emergency measures have become necessary," Commerce Minister Manfred Felgel told a news conference Thursday in East Berlin.

He said the government has ordered stepped-up slaughtering of animals for more meat and more shifts in food production. He said it was considering extra imports.

Officials may have to dip into the national emergency food reserves the government keeps on hand in case of a major crisis, Felgel said, but he declined to elaborate.

"The government will maintain a stable food supply under all circumstances," Felgel said. "The army has already had to provide vehicles to help with food deliveries."

Felgel said the government-run food stores were reporting "three to four" times their normal revenue as consumers rush to buy flour, sugar, meat, butter and jam.

Tens of thousands of East Germans also have bought food in neighboring West Germany and West Berlin.

A cut in subsidies for food production has helped to trigger the run on food. East Germans also are concerned about the expected adoption of the West German mark as a first step toward a unified Germany.

In Leipzig, Social Democratic chief Ibrahim Boehme told more than 500 party delegates that the Social Democrats "are asking people to stay in this country and to work together in building up a democracy."

Boehme was referring to the continuing daily drain of about 2,000 East Germans to the West despite moves toward reform and German unification since the hard-line Communist government of Erich Honecker was ousted in October.

Modrow's caretaker government called for slashing the armed forces of the unified Germany by two-thirds of present combined forces, and called for some U.S. and Soviet troops to remain during the unification process.

East Germany's defense minister, Adm. Theodor Hoffmann, said a joint German military should be reduced to about 300,000 members initially, and later to 150,000-200,000.

Reagan testimony could hurt Poindexter, experts say

By James Crowley
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former President Reagan's videotaped testimony gives little support to the defense in John M. Poindexter's upcoming Iran-Contra trial and could undermine it in several important ways, observers say.

Reagan steadfastly maintained that Poindexter and other White House aides were not breaking the law when they advised the Nicaraguan Contras during a congressional ban on U.S. aid to the rebels.

The former president said he was in "total agreement" with a letter Poindexter sent to Congress in July 1986 denying that the National Security Council staff was giving the rebels covert military assistance.

"If I had written it myself, I might have used a little profanity," Reagan said of the letter, which prosecutors charge was a false statement to lawmakers by Poindexter.

Former Iran-Contra prosecutor Michael Bromwich said it is the "one line that dramatically helps the defense" during eight hours of testimony.

"The president says this letter and says it looks fine to him," Bromwich said. "I think it has a psychological effect on the jury."

But Reagan's confusion and lack of knowledge about the participation of Poindexter and White House aide Oliver L. North in the Iran-Contra affair is damaging, said Bromwich, a member of the team of lawyers that successfully prosecuted North last year.

Reagan seems to have very little idea of what was going on so he certainly didn't authorize or approve of what North or Poindexter was doing based on full knowledge of the facts," said Bromwich, now in private law practice in Washington.

Reagan testified he "never had any inkling" that North was providing strategic advice to the Contras.

The former president steadfastly maintained that "no one has proven to me" that profits from the U.S.-Iran arms sales were diverted to buy arms for the rebels.

Nor did he know that North had sought help from arms dealers Albert Hakim and Richard V. Secord, a retired Air Force major general, in arming the Contras. Both have pleaded guilty to charges arising from their roles in the Iran-Contra affair.

Only when prosecutor Dan Webb produced a copy of the report by the Tower Commission, which Reagan appointed to investigate the Iran-Contra affair, did the former president acknowledge that the diversion must have occurred.

"This is the first time that I have ever seen a reference that actually specified there was a diversion," Reagan told Webb.

Asked if he expected Poindexter to report the diversion to the president, Reagan said: "Yes, unless maybe he thought he was protecting me."

In fact, Poindexter told Congress in 1987 that he didn't tell Reagan about the diversion.

Reagan admitted to Congress he never authorized his former national security adviser to obstruct congressional inquiries into the Iran-Contra affair by destroying documents or making false statements.

This testimony "takes away one of the defenses that Admiral Poindexter was asserting," said Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., who was a recipient of one of Poindexter's letters when he chaired the House Intelligence Committee.

"That defense was that he was specifically authorized to do what he did," Hamilton said.

Paul Rothstein, a Georgetown University law professor, said Webb may have "made a lot of mileage" by getting Reagan to say he didn't authorize the specific acts by Poindexter that prosecutors say violated the law.

The defense probably will focus on the claim that Reagan's fervent support for the Contras "created a certain environment or climate in the White House that gave the signal or the impression to Admiral Poindexter that he could do what he did," Hamilton said.

Reagan's testimony may give some support here because the former president was so firm in his criticism of Congress for trying his hands when he was trying to help the Contras, Bromwich said.

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OPINION

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The difficulties Boards of Education face when setting school budgets in the current tight financial situation were rather poignantly illustrated last week when the Coventry Board of Education cut about \$336,000 from the \$10.5 million recommendation of its superintendent.

One board member was emotionally affected by the suggestion that cuts be made in the program for gifted children. His concern was that a relative with academic ability had dropped out of school, apparently from lack of challenge.

The board member who suggested the cut was with a different experience. Her relatives needed special education services, and she favored improving those services.

A third member of the board objected to a plan by the superintendent to eliminate paraprofessionals at elementary schools.

She argued that good things happen for everybody but "Joe Average."

When expressed in such personal terms, the problem is easy to understand, but not easy to resolve. Schools have responsibilities to the gifted, to those who need extra help, and to the rest of the student population and all Boards of Education have a hard job striking a balance.

In Manchester, one of the issues being debated is whether to proceed with plans for a special focus program at the Nathan Hale School. The cost has been put at \$264,000, hardly a major portion of the board's budget request of more than \$45 million.

The program would directly benefit the 50 or 100 students who would be enrolled, but both the whole school population and community would gain as well.

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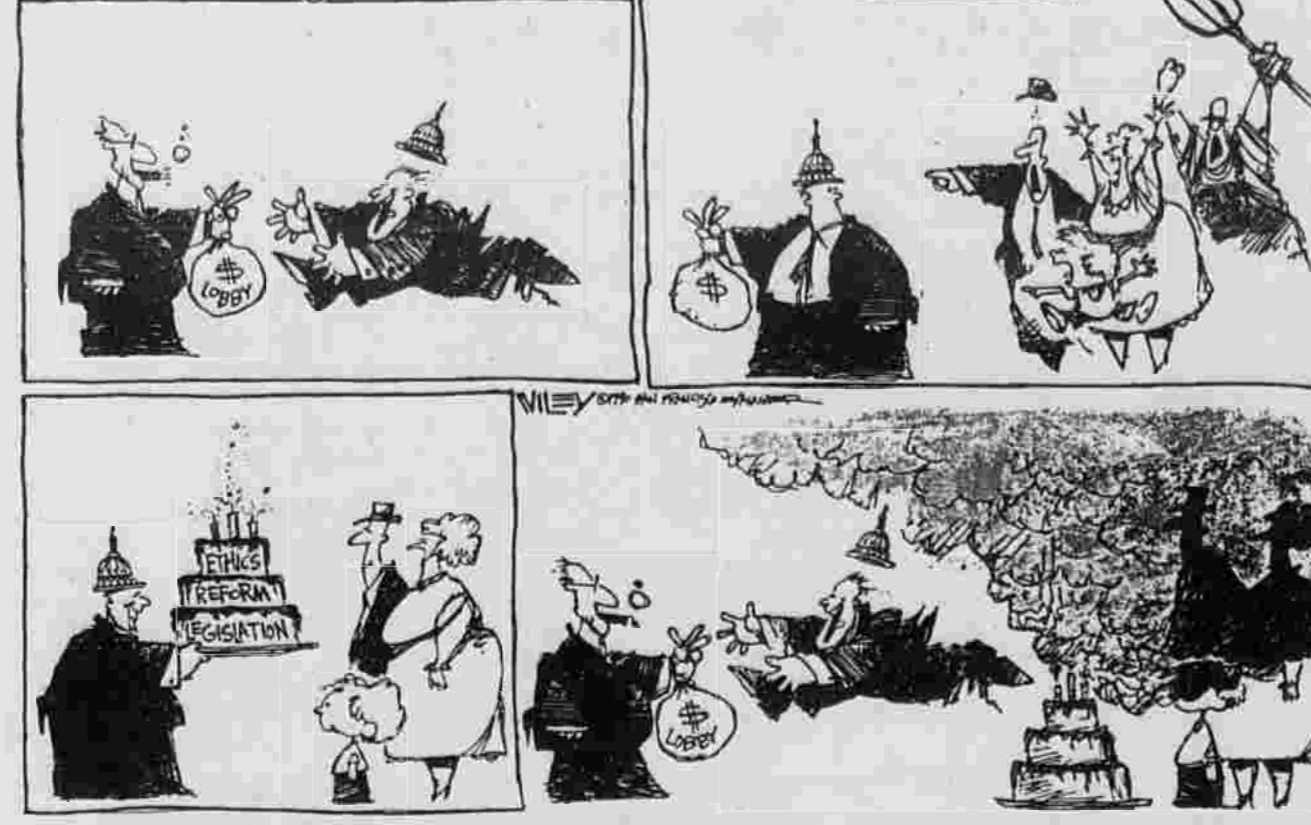
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Sandinistas just might lose

By Ben Wattenberg

If the election is even moderately fair, and it may turn out to be barely so, it is not a bad bet that on Sunday 25 Violeta Chamorro will be elected president of Nicaragua. If it happens, yet one more communist dictator, the Sandinistas' Daniel Ortega, will fall.

That, of course, is not the story we've generally been hearing. Most of the journalists reporting about Nicaragua are perhaps too sophisticated.

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EVANSTON, Ill. — Rachel Kelly was somewhat disappointed a few months ago when George Bush told the nation of the government's plan to battle narcotics abuse. She says he talked about things like marijuana and crack cocaine, but he didn't so much as mention the most debilitating drug of them all: "demon alcohol."

Kelly says Americans consume an average total of 67 billion gallons of intoxicating beverages each year. And while it is perfectly legal and perfectly condoned, it is nevertheless very dangerous. She says 18 million people have serious drinking problems, and more than half of them are fully alcoholic.

"Beer, wine and whiskey," she says, "they are killing us."

Kelly is the president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. It is the do-gooder abstinence organization that originated the idea of a saying no to narcotics. It has been the butt of endless barroom jokes for the suggestion. Yet it does not waver from the notion that booze is the nation's No. 1 drug problem.

Let's go to the statistics again: Kelly says the United States has a monumental problem with alcohol. She says liquor is a factor in perhaps half of the violent crimes committed in the land, and taken in sum, it costs the nation about \$116 billion a year in this and other social consequences.

She also says it's nothing new. The country has had a drinking dilemma since the Puritans staggering to Sunday church services after spending Saturday nights in their cups. The women's temperance union was formed in 1874 in an attempt to break the bottles. It has since had some memorable successes — and failures.

No doubt the most memorable success was Prohibition. The term, coupled with the ever-changing course of 20th century life. The temperance union prayed for it at first, and then turned to a lobbying effort as well. The 18th Amendment proscribed, beginning in 1920, the manufacture and sale of spirits.

As it happened the measure proved to be temporary. The 18th Amendment was repealed in 1933, and most Americans

Terrorist restrains himself

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — One of the most rabid Palestinian terrorists of the last 20 years, George Habbash, is currently restraining himself in deference to a political solution to the question of a Palestinian state. But when we tracked him down to an office in Damascus for an exclusive interview, Habbash warned us that his self-imposed truce won't last forever.

His followers, members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, are secretly arming themselves on the West Bank. They are waiting for Habbash's order to escalate the Palestinian uprising, the intifada, from rock throwing to grenade tossing.

Our own estimate, and that of U.S. intelligence sources and sources inside the PFLP, is that Habbash will give his fellow Palestinians, Yasser Arafat, six months to win concessions from Israel. Then Habbash will renew the violence.

The historical record shows Habbash is not a peace-loving idealist. He formed the PFLP in 1967 after the loss of the West Bank to Israel. Then he mounted a series of spectacular terrorist operations: hijacking three airliners and blowing them up in front of TV cameras (1969); a machine gun hijack of a Japanese Red Army suicide terrorists in the Lod Airport in Tel Aviv killing 27 civilians (1972); hijacking a Japanese airliner to Libya and blowing it up (1973); throwing hand grenades into a crowded Tel Aviv theater, killing three (1974); hijacking an Air France jetliner to Entebbe, Uganda, where four civilians were killed during a successful rescue by Israeli soldiers (1976); and hijacking a Lufthansa airline to Somalia only to have West German commandos storm the plane, rescue the passengers and killed three terrorists (1977).

They'll probably lose because even with Sandinista skullduggery, there are a thousand international observers in place, many of them straight shooters. There are hundreds of international press, and, sooner or later (it will be later), the press will do their thing about dictators and corruption and simply lather drawing big and passionate crowds who want freedom now. Headline: Vi's Got Big Mo. Hey, press: the whole world is watching.

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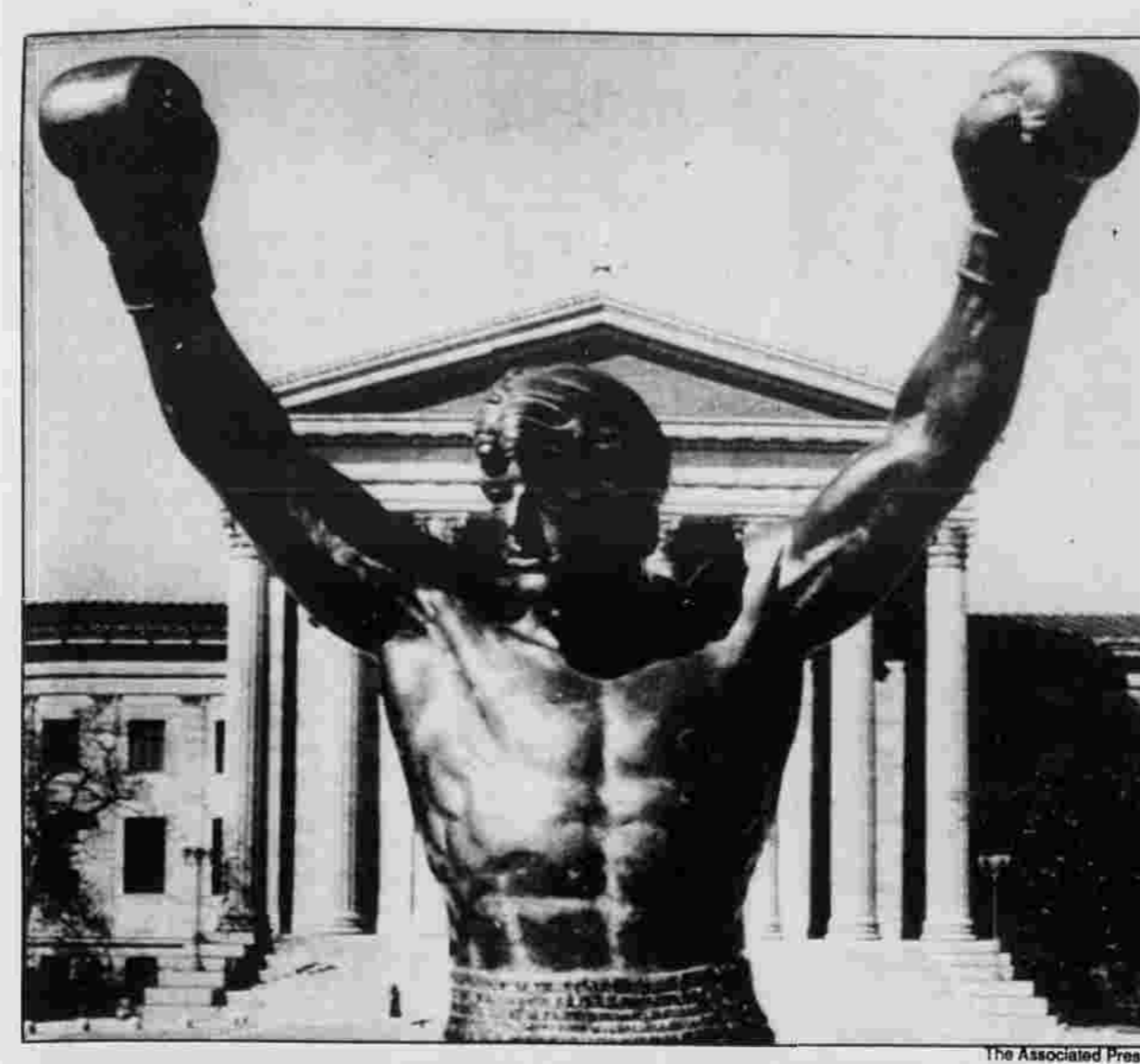
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The bill approved in the Senate on Thursday would jolt the nation's candidate-selection process.

It had been bottled up in the Senate since September and was approved only after its supporters promised to send it to a Democrat-dominated two-house conference committee for more negotiations.

But Democrat and Republican leaders expressed doubt that the committee could draft a bipartisan compromise the bill appears to need to become law.

"It's not looking very good right now," said Senate Republican leader Ken Maddy.

In June, the Assembly approved a version of the bill that would schedule California's primary election on the first Tuesday in March during presidential election years, but the change began in 1992.

That would place the primary of the nation's most populous state, now one of the last to be held, on the heels of the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary. According to the latest state Finance Department figures, California has about 29.1 million people.

California has not played a key role in a presidential primary since 1972, when George McGovern's victory propelled him to the Democratic nomination. Supporters of the bill say it would give California voters little voice in selecting presidential nominees.

In non-presidential years, the primary would remain on its current date, the Tuesday after the first Monday in June.

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Serious differences surface during Japan-U.S. trade talks

TOKYO (AP) — Foreign Minister Taro Nakayama today called for urgent Cabinet-level trade talks, saying U.S. demands for lower-level discussions on the U.S.-Japanese trade imbalance were stronger than expected.

American officials criticized Japanese negotiators in the talks, saying they would not go far enough in efforts to reduce Japan's \$49 billion trade surplus with the United States.

"We must say we find ourselves frustrated and concerned at this point," Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Lim Williams told reporters after the two-day negotiating session ended today.

"We expected the meeting to be a substantial step forward. But what we heard is not enough to be effective, lasting or credible," he said. "It was mainly a defense of the status quo with prospects of only minimal further action."

Nakayama told reporters the U.S. demands were "much severer" than Japanese officials had expected.

He called for an urgent meeting of top government officials, after Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu names a new Cabinet next week, to clear up disagreements aimed at talks at the bilateral sub-Cabinet level.

Japanese side today was given a chance to critique U.S. plans for structural trade reform.

The round of trade talks — known as the Structural Impediments Initiative — was delayed from early January until after national parliamentary elections in Japan, which kept the conservative Liberal Democratic Party in power.

Since the structural trade talks were launched in May, U.S. officials have pressed Japan for evidence of willingness to carry out wide-ranging reform to help reduce Japan's trade surplus with the United States.

Today, it was the United States' turn to explain what it is doing to change American practices that it blames for the imbalance. U.S. officials said they would outline Washington's plans to increase the low U.S. savings and investment rates and to bolster the competitiveness of American firms.

The U.S. timetable for these changes was unclear.

Japan says U.S. problems contributing to the trade imbalance include inadequate savings and investment.

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PAINTING THE TOWN — Arthur Selleck of Fairfield, curator of the Connecticut Firmen's Historical Society Museum on Pine Street, carries paint and brushes inside the building after cleaning them. He was inside painting the second floor in an effort at restoration.

Deaths

reliable, the rate had fallen to 10.9 deaths per 100 million miles, still far higher than recent years.

John Claybrook, NHTSA administrator during the Carter administration who criticized the agency's performance in the Reagan years, also hailed the improved fatality rate.

Thirty-three states and the District of Columbia have enacted mandatory seat belt laws since 1984.

The total fell from 34 last fall when referendum a bill that had cleared the state legislature.

Irish

casting of the vote, Irish said, "The intention of my vote was to pass on the desires of the members of the Board of Directors preceding my term."

Cohen asked Irish if he ratified other proposals initiated by members of the past board, such as the construction of a firehouse, which Irish rejected twice.

Moreover, Tedford said he thinks a hearing is warranted on the grounds of Kadlow's original accusation that Irish had a conflict because he is a member of the country club combined with the new information that he owns property adjacent to the club.

Cheney says America to trim Pacific force by 12,000 troops

By Susanne M. Schafer The Associated Press
TOKYO — Defense Secretary Dick Cheney confirmed for the first time today that the Pentagon wants to cut in its forces in Asia by withdrawing about 12,000 military personnel over the next three years.

In a question-and-answer session, Cheney declined to cite a specific figure for the proposed withdrawal, but said he'd been discussing "a range" of cuts with the host governments.

Cheney spoke about such cuts during his trip, but he never spoke openly of any figure.
"It is on the order of 10 percent, scattered about the region," Cheney explained. "The first phase (for the withdrawal) is approximately three years."
The secretary said there will be more talks with military commanders and Congress before final decisions are made. But he said he believed Congress would resist pressure from some lawmakers for 20 percent to 30 percent cuts and maintain "a major U.S. presence in the Pacific."
Increased support for U.S. troops has been the other key topic of discussions with Asian leaders.
Asked how much more he had requested from Japanese officials, Cheney said, "We'd like as much support as we can get." "It significantly increased" its funding for American forces in Japan recently, adding, "We think that is a very positive trend."
Cheney met Thursday with Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu, Defense Minister Juro Ma-

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governor raising taxes. It is ironic that his budget calls for an increase in funds for corrections, including jails, but not in education, Thompson said.
"By allocating our resources there, we are taking them away from programs that will prevent us from having that problem later on," Thompson said.

Teachers will be laid off if the budget is cut significantly, according to Democrat Richard W. Dyer, chairman of the school board.
Democratic town Director Stephen Casano said the only way to fully fund the schools is to raise the taxes locally.
Frank Maffie, a Democratic member of the school board, said that townspeople have greater control over the use of money raised from local taxes than state taxes.
"Let Manchester pay taxes to solve Manchester's problems," he said. "Local taxes are going to go up or school services are going to be cut and cut drastically."
But several Republican members of the school board said the town will be facing the same budget crunch next year unless the root of the problem, increases in teachers' salaries, is addressed.
"If the salary increases were only

70 percent of what they're going to be, we would have very few budget problems," Thomas Sheridan said.
John Tucci, another Republican school board member, complained that the fringe benefits that public employees, including teachers, receive are far superior to those of employees in the private sector.
"You had no guts to fight the unions," he told the legislators. "You gave away the store."
Mocetti said that for many years the teaching profession was relegated to "permanent second-class status in the state of Connecticut."
"I think the people of Connecticut wanted that reversed," he said.
The Republicans responded that they were not against increasing salaries but that the increases had gone too far.
"The teachers were underpaid. They are no longer underpaid," Republican school board member Gloria DellaFera said.
McCawinagh said the lack of funding by the federal government, a trend during the 1980s, was having an effect at the local level.
Another meeting which will include Republican members of the legislative delegation, has been set up for March 6 with the Board of Directors.

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only if O'Neill were to drop his bid for a third full term. But top Democrats had indicated in recent weeks that Kennedy would not likely become a candidate no matter what O'Neill did because time was running out to set up a credible campaign.

She said Thursday that "the time has passed for me and I'm no longer looking at a candidacy."
Kennedy first made the disclosure Thursday morning in an interview on a WTOP radio talk show, and we have to let off steam to inform the readers just where the fancy footwork in Washington, D.C. is taking us. Remember James Watt and his shenanigans?

party regulars would turn to Kennedy as their best shot at retaining the governor's office, not Morrison.
Kennedy said she wouldn't be a candidate even if those party leaders were begging her to run. "I'm just not a candidate," she said.
State Democratic Chairman John F. Dronney Jr. said Kennedy's statement was really nothing new. "It's always been my understanding privately and publicly that she was not running and that she was supporting Bill O'Neill."

Morrison had called it "a very positive development" that it "is very helpful to me because it shows people for sure what the choices are going to be."
Rapport said he had no plans to drop his quest for Kennedy's seat, despite her statement.
"I do feel that there are still changes in the political environment that will be taking place in the weeks ahead that will require everyone to look carefully at the decisions that all of us need to make," Rapport said.
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Joe's World

Joe Garman

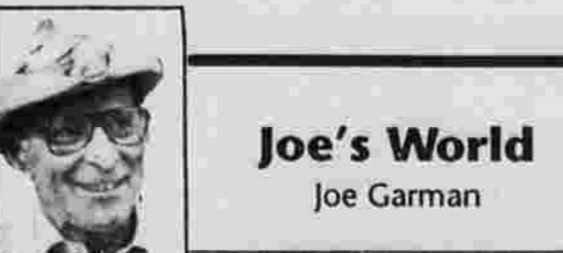
SPORTS

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Baseball talks take a positive turn at last

NEW YORK — Finally, a bright day for baseball. "I'm comfortable with where we are," Commissioner Fay Vincent said after Thursday's labor talks took a positive turn. "I'd be more comfortable if we had an agreement."
There's still no settlement on Day 9 of the spring-training lockout and exhibition games are scheduled to start Thursday.
But, less than 24 hours after owners and players were ready to break off talks, they were back at the bargaining table and making progress.

The sudden shift came most everyone by surprise. "I'm as confused about the way things have been changing as I'm sure you are," union chief Donald Fehr said. "They've come a substantial way; there's a long way to go."
"I didn't think that yesterday was the end of the world," management negotiator Chuck O'Connor said, "but I'm glad the atmosphere is perceived to be better."
It got that way because the owners dramatically altered their proposals for Wednesday's plan — a product of management hard-liners trying to assert themselves — drew an angry response from the players.
The new proposal calls for the status quo with four changes:
— Minimum salary, currently \$68,000, would increase to \$85,000 in 1990, \$90,000 in 1991, \$95,000 in 1992 and \$100,000 in 1993.
— Contributions to the benefit plan, currently \$39 million, would rise to \$42.6 million the first year, \$43.9 million the second year, \$45.4 million the third year and \$47.3 million the fourth year.
— Players could become free agents twice within five years if their teams do not offer salary arbitration by November.
— Draft-pick compensation for free agents would be eliminated if they aren't offered arbitration by their former clubs.
The new proposal, however, did not directly address the players' primary demand: lowering from three years to two the eligibility period for salary arbitration.



Bush isn't following up on his word

Most outdoor writers do not let politics enter into their column. And I'm no exception. Except every now and then some issues comes up, and we have to let off steam to inform the readers just where the fancy footwork in Washington, D.C. is taking us. Remember James Watt and his shenanigans?
Well, now it seems that President Bush, who ran on a ticket promising all kinds of environmental protection; who let it be known that he was going to be the environmental president; has turned into a big puff of smoke.
Let's get into it. One of the big causes of controversy is the Mitigation Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the EPA and the Corps of Engineers. This clarifies how wetlands destruction permits are reviewed under section 404 of the Clean Water Act. There has been unqualified support for this by environmentalists all around the U.S.
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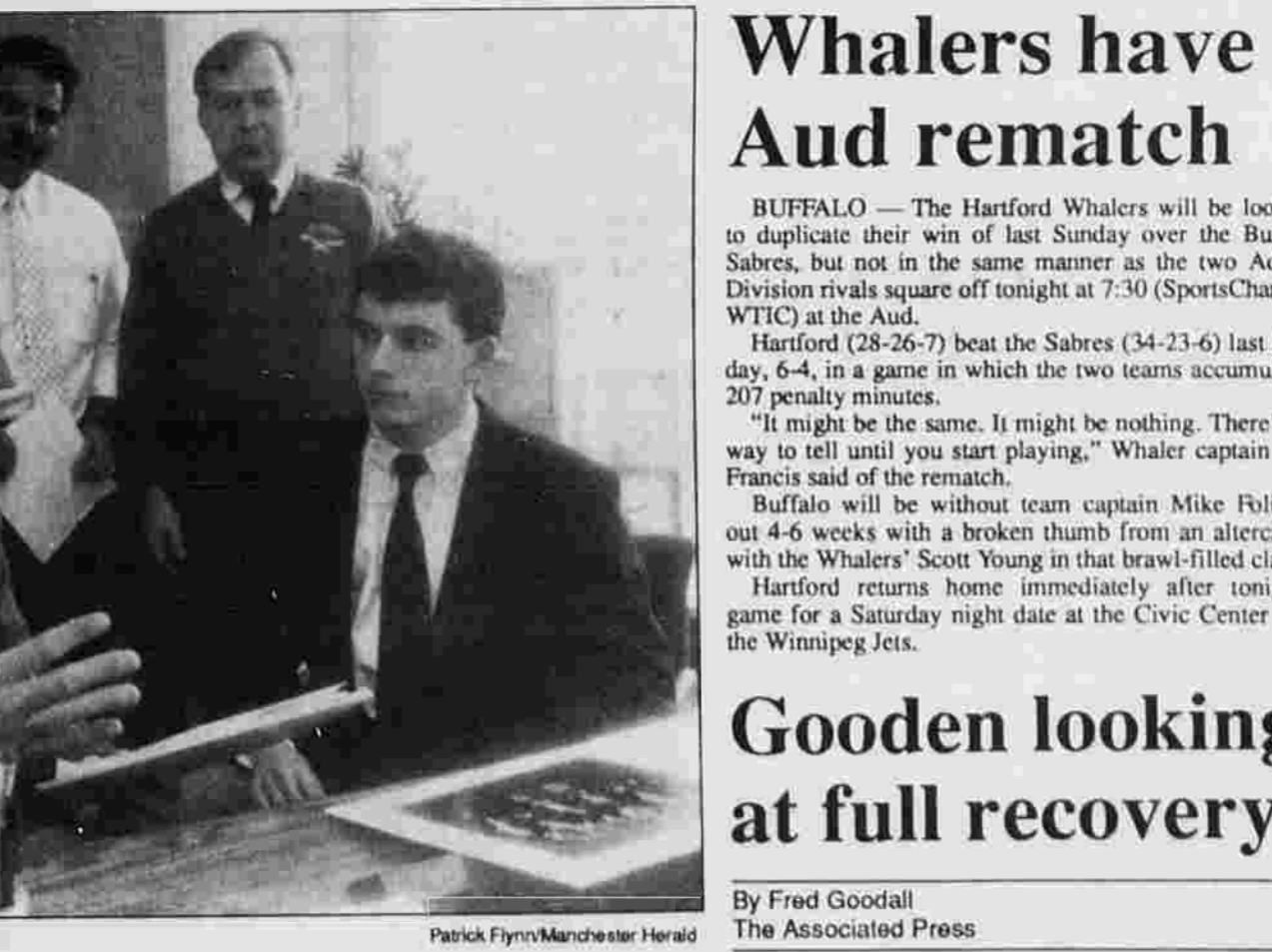
HE'S READY — Sophomore P.J. Monahan, averaging 19.8 points a game, will lead East Catholic into its ACC Playoff clash tonight at 7 at the Rev. Robert E. Saunders Gymnasium against Notre Dame High of West Haven. The winner advances to Monday's semifinals against No. 2 seed Xavier High in Middletown.

EC hosts ACC playoff clash

East Catholic High will host one of two All Connecticut Conference boys' Basketball Tournament first-round games tonight. The Eagles (11-9, 5-5 in the ACC) host Notre Dame (5-15, 1-9) at the Rev. Robert E. Saunders Gymnasium at 7 p.m. St. Bernard (12-8, 4-6) hosts Fairfield Prep (9-11, 3-7) in the other game.
The East-ND winner advances to Monday's semifinals where it will visit No. 2 seed Xavier High (11-7, 8-5 in the CCC East) putting its three-game winning streak on the line against host East Hartford High (11-7, 7-6) at 7:30 p.m. Also, Cheney Tech (0-18) hosts Bacon Academy (7-11) with the Bobcats needing a win to qualify for state tournament play and finally, Bolton High (8-11) encounters Rocky Hill High (5-14) in Charter Oak Conference play.
Jan. 5 and 6-21 at East on Jan. 23.
Sophomores P.J. Monahan, Chris Paradiso and Rob Penders lead the Eagle attack. Monahan is averaging 19.8 points a game, Paradiso 15.2 and Penders 13.0. Notre Dame is led by Brendan Leary. He's the leading scorer in the ACC, averaging 28.4 points a game.
Three other local teams see action tonight with Manchester High (11-7, 8-5 in the CCC East) putting its three-game winning streak on the line against host East Hartford High (11-7, 7-6) at 7:30 p.m. Also, Cheney Tech (0-18) hosts Bacon Academy (7-11) with the Bobcats needing a win to qualify for state tournament play and finally, Bolton High (8-11) encounters Rocky Hill High (5-14) in Charter Oak Conference play.
East won two hard-fought battles from ND in the regular season, 72-69 in overtime in West Haven on

Carter doing his job as role player for Bruins

CHICAGO (AP) — John Carter's name is not exactly a household word in Boston, but Bruins coach Mike Milbury says he's "the heart to think where we'd be without role players like Carter," he said.
The team trailed 2-1 Thursday until Carter tied the game with his first of two goals as Boston blasted the Chicago Blackhawks, 6-3.
"He's a streaky player, but you can't count him out just because he's a streaky career-high tying tally. It was Neely's 18-footer from the top of the left faceoff circle that broke the 2-2 deadlock."
"Now other teams have to worry about



By Fred Goodall The Associated Press

Whalers have Aud rematch

BUFFALO — The Hartford Whalers will be looking to duplicate their win of last Sunday over the Buffalo Sabres, but not in the same manner as the two Adams Division rivals square off tonight at 7:30 (SportsChannel, WTIC) at the Aud.
Hartford (28-26-7) beat the Sabres (34-23-6) last Sunday, 6-4, in a game in which the two teams accumulated 207 penalty minutes.
"It might be the same. It might be nothing. There's no way to tell until you start playing," Whaler captain Ron Francis said of the rematch.
Buffalo will be without team captain Mike Foligno, out 4-6 weeks with a broken thumb from an altercation with the Whalers' Scott Young in that brawl-filled clash. Hartford returns home immediately after tonight's game for a Saturday night date at the Civic Center with the Winnipeg Jets.

Gooden looking at full recovery

By Fred Goodall The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — With spring training camps closed because of the owners' lockout, Dwight Gooden is preparing for his seventh season on his own and feeling good about the prospect of a full recovery from the injury that sidelined him for much of 1989.

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Obvious, but wrong

By James Jacoby

Defense is the hardest part of the game because each defender has to use his imagination to picture what the declarer is likely to have and then what partner needs to have in order for the defenders to take the required number of tricks. In today's hand, I wonder how many of us would have known that the obvious approach was wrong.

East took the queen and king of hearts, then switched to the king of spades. That is normal defensive play. But it was also normal for declarer to win the spade ace, play Q-J of diamonds, and then cash A-K of clubs and ruff a club with the ace. Declarer was able to get to dummy with the king of diamonds and throw his remaining losers away on the good clubs.

East should realize that South definitely has the ace of spades, and East should further realize that the clubs will necessarily become good by ruffing (if South somehow has three small clubs, that is good luck for the defender), and the king of diamonds will be likely entry to run those clubs. Since the two of hearts lead showed no more than four hearts, East can reduce dummy's diamond length. He simply plays a third round of hearts. Declarer is forced to ruff in dummy, and now setting up the clubs becomes an exercise in futility, since West holds three diamonds and will have one left with which to ruff.

James Jacoby's book "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books.

Astrograph

Your Birthday

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A situation in which you are involved with friends might produce some interesting peripheral advantages today for everyone concerned. Keep your fingers crossed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You could be luckier than usual today in matters that pertain to your career, reputation and material well-being. Fine your best shots in all of these areas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Circumstances today could provide you with ample reasons to feel more confident about your future. Your long-range plans should start to unfold in positive ways.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Joint ventures or arrangements should work out quite well today for both participating parties. This is because each will make an equal table contribution.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Intent is the critical factor in an important agreement into which you may enter today. Your intentions are honorable, your counterpart will mirror your intentions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Forego the strictly business attitude and in its place display warmth and friendliness to persons with whom you're dealing in the workaday world today. This approach will reap dividends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Maintaining good relationships is the key to your success today, important opportunities who think you're a very silly person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today is a good day to present your ideas and interests to people who are in the position to help you realize your chances for gaining their cooperation are excellent.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're apt to be luckier today working in unison with another than attempting to do the same thing on your own. There will be no sale available to fill the bill.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The aspects indicate that before the day is over you are likely to profit in some manner from an already established arrangement. Don't go off on tangents.

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Application of RLG Assoc. Limited Partnership regarding construction of a commercial building on Rtn. 44, Indian Beach Commons.
Continuation of hearing on the application of Mobile Corporation for construction of a new service station at the corner of Bolton Center Road and Route 44.

Mark Johnson, Chairman
Bolton Zoning Commission

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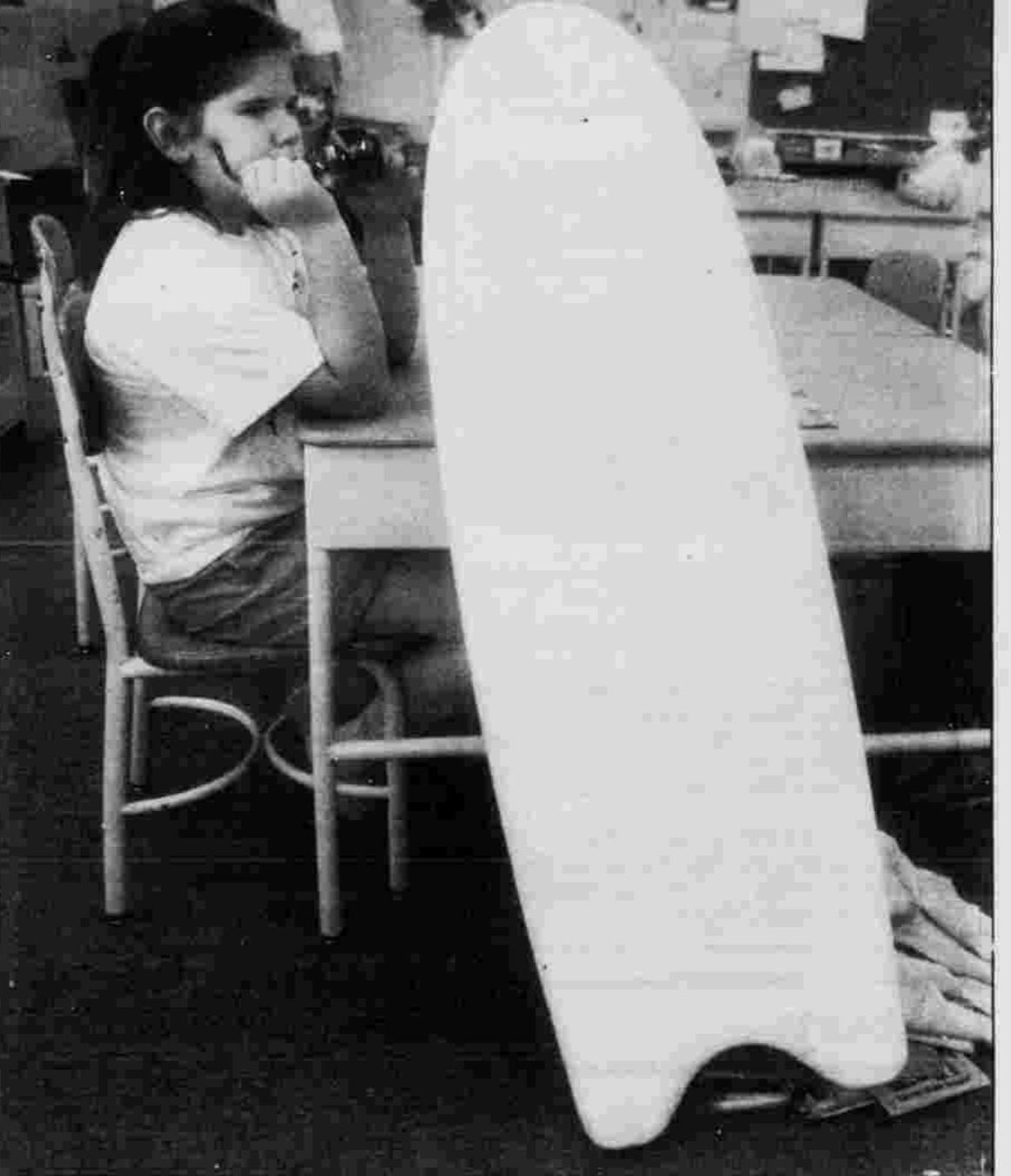
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Drunken driver jailed in worst accident ever

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A DAY AT THE BEACH — Second-grader Jennifer Shanahan, 7, brought in a surfboard to Highland Park School Friday for Tropical Beach Day. Shanahan and other students participated in the school activity by wearing sunglasses, Bermuda shorts and T-shirts.

Search is over for girl in hiding over abuse case

Mother was jailed for silence ... page 2

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