

RECORD

About Town

Children focus of talk

Four members of the Bennet Junior High School faculty will lead a panel discussion on the topic, "Your Children in the Middle: Let's Talk About Them" tonight at 7:30 in the media center in a presentation sponsored by the school's P.T.S.O. The faculty members will discuss the changes students go through from the time they begin seventh grade until they leave Bennet at the end of the ninth grade.

Health checks available

Blood pressure checks, time tests and health guidance are available Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. at 419 W. Middle Temple. The fee is \$10, which includes eating and treatment. Follow-up visits are free. Contact: Susan Hunt at 643-1607 for more information.

Disease testing offered

Planned Parenthood offers testing for sexually transmitted disease on Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. at 419 W. Middle Temple. The fee is \$10, which includes eating and treatment. Follow-up visits are free. Contact: Susan Hunt at 643-1607 for more information.

Eye tests are available

Eye tests for signs of glaucoma, cataract and retinal diseases will be performed March 28 at the Manchester Senior Center, 549 E. Middle Temple. To make an appointment, call the Manchester Health Department at 647-5174 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Single parents will meet

A support group for single parents will meet on Thursdays at Connections: A Center for Learning, 307 N. Main St. The group will meet from Thursday to May 3. The fee is negotiable. Call 646-5161 to register.

Holiday dinner is planned

Corned beef, cabbage, carrots, boiled potatoes and dessert are on the menu for the St. Patrick's Day dinner to be held Friday at 6:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church in Andover. The requested donation is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. For reservations, call 742-7696 or 742-8666.

Course for singles offered

"Meet the Winemakers" is the title of a special course designed for single people to be offered Thursday from 7:30 to 10 p.m. The course is offered by the Manchester Community College Division of Continuing Education. In this class, three local winemakers will discuss their grape-growing and winemaking techniques along with offering several of their wines for tasting. The cost is \$25. To register, call 647-6242.

School hosts family night

Mimes, storytelling, juggling and acrobats will be part of Family Night to be held Friday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Buckley School on Vernon Street. Tickets, costing \$2 for adults and \$1 for children, will be sold at the door. Refreshments will be available.

Class offered to children

"Creative Movement" is the topic of a class to be offered to children ages five and six on Friday afternoons from 4 to 4:45 p.m. at Roberson School from the town recreation department. Class fee is \$12. For more information, call 742-9074.

Health checks are available

Blood pressure checks, time tests and health guidance are available on Monday from 1 to 2 p.m. at Hop River Homes on behalf of the Visiting Nurse and Community Health of Eastern Connecticut. For more information, call 423-1651.

Care of roses is offered

"Care and Culture of Roses" is the topic of a lecture to be given March 21 at 7 p.m. in the Arbors at Hop Brook auditorium, 403 W. Center St. For reservations, call 647-9343.

College information available

The guidance department at Coventry High School is sponsoring an information night concerning post-secondary education opportunities in Connecticut for the high school graduate on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission representatives from area colleges will be present.

Classic book discussed

Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" will be discussed on March 21 during a meeting of the Great Books Group to be held at 8 p.m. at 15 Clearview Terrace. New members welcome. For more information, call 643-0232 or 649-5581.

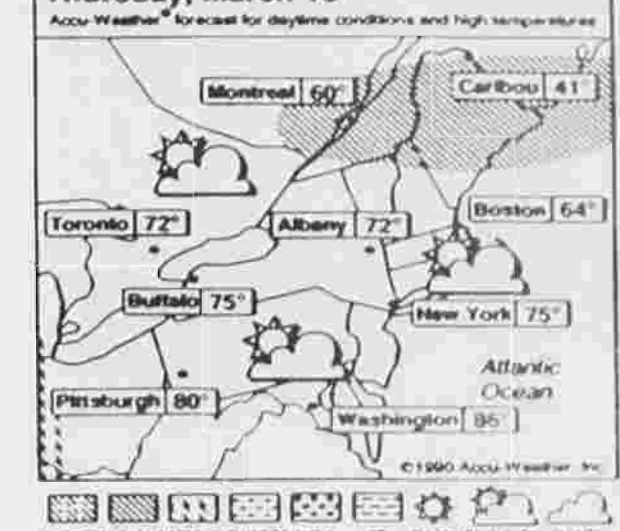
Crafts to be auctioned

Handcraft county items will be sold Friday during an auction to benefit Children's Cooperative Nursery School. The auction will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the school, 32 Hebron Road. Proceeds of the items is at 7 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the school. A raffle for a grocery shopping spree will be held. For more information, call Sue Donahue at 752-0654.

Weather

REGIONAL Weather

Thursday, March 15



Obituaries

Joseph J. Ricci

Joseph J. Ricci, 64, of St. Petersburg, Fla., formerly of Manchester, died Thursday (March 8, 1990) at home. He is survived by his wife, Anna Marie (Zaccaro) Ricci.

He was born in Hartford, Sept. 26, 1925. He lived in Manchester for 24 years before moving to Florida on March 2. He was a member of St. James Church. He was a spray painter for 42 years. He also worked for Royal Typewriter Co. and the Konica Business Machines U.S.A. in Windsor until he retired on Dec. 30, 1989. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He is also survived by a son, Philip J. Ricci of Enfield; a daughter, Tina-Marie Paquette of St. Petersburg; a brother, Albert Ricci of Enfield; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews including Anna Marie Dionne of Manchester.

The funeral was held Monday at the R. Lee Williams Funeral Home in St. Petersburg.

Albert Lazzaris

Albert Lazzaris, 88, formerly of Stafford Springs, husband of the late Anna (Karek) Lazzaris, died Tuesday (March 13, 1990) at Rockville Memorial Nursing after a long illness. He is survived by a son, Thomas Lazzaris of Manchester.

He is also survived by another son, Alan Lazzaris of Stafford; a brother, Harry Lazzaris of Stafford; two sisters, Leta Fontanella and Ester Carpenter, both of Stafford; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Tocchetti Funeral Home, 132 W. Main St., Stafford Springs, and at 10 a.m. at St. Edward Church. Burial will follow in St. Edward Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Edward Church, High Street, Stafford Springs 06076.

David W. Barrera

David W. Barrera, 41, of Vernon, formerly of Manchester, died Monday (March 12, 1990) at home. He is survived by his wife, Diane Barrera. He was born in Manchester and lived in Manchester before moving to Vernon. He was employed as

assistant manager of the Printing Department at Travelers Insurance Co., Hartford. He was a graduate of Howell Cheney Regional Vocational Technical School and Hartford State Technical College. He was an avid duckpin bowler.

He is also survived by a son, David S. Barrera of Vernon; a daughter, Denise Barrera of Vernon; his parents, Charles F. and Ernestine L. (Wilkie) Barrera Sr., of Manchester; a brother and sister-in-law, Charles "Chuck" and "Chicky" Barrera Jr. of Manchester; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., Calling hours are Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arthur H. French

Arthur H. French, 71, of Laconia, N.H., formerly of South Windsor, died Monday (March 12, 1990) at home. He is survived by his wife, Marion (Rock) French, and a son, Kevin French of Manchester.

He is also survived by two other sons, Jeffrey French of Vernon and Neil French of Enfield; two daughters, Lisa (French) Williams of Vernon, and Joanne French of Enfield; a sister, Edith Petersen of Bloomfield; and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Laconia Congregational Church. Burial will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Wapping Cemetery, South Windsor. Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Wilkinson-Beane Funeral Home, Laconia.

Memorial donations may be made to the Organ Fund, Laconia Congregational Church, Laconia, N.H. 03246, or the American Heart Fund, 309 Pine St., Manchester, N.H. 03103.

Russell B. Grannis

Russell B. Grannis, 74, of 33 Westwood St., husband of Charlotte (Bill) Grannis, of Laconia, died Monday (March 12, 1990) at a local nursing home.

He was born Sept. 13, 1915 in New Haven, the son of Levi and Viola (Borst) Grannis. He was a Manchester resident for 51 years. Before retiring, he was employed

Public Meetings

Public meetings scheduled for today:

Manchester

Cheney Hall Foundation, Probate Court, 5 p.m.

Republican Town Committee, Lincoln Center hearing room, 7:30 p.m.

Andover

Economic Development Commission, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.

Andover Fair Day Committee, Town Garage, 7 p.m.

Bolton

Zoning Commission, Community Hall, 7 p.m.

Bolton Housing Authority, Community Hall, 7 p.m.

Recreation Committee, Bolton High School, 7:30 p.m.

Coventry

Republican Town Committee, Town Office Building, 8 p.m.

Affordable Housing Committee, Town Office Building, 8 p.m.

Lottery

Here are Tuesday's lottery results from around New England:

CONNECTICUT
Daily: 8-6-5, Play Four: 2-1-9-6, Lotto: 06-16-20-24-25-33

MASSACHUSETTS
Daily: 4-5-3-0

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine daily: 2-8-9 and 4-2-3-4

RHODE ISLAND
Daily: 9-7-3-9, Lot-O-Bucks: 14-15-24-26-30

Widely Simpson, Seminarian
Bolton Congregational Church, UCC

Births

JOHANSSON, Andrew Paul, son of Paul and Martha Weatherspoon Johansson of 27 Scarborough Road, was born March 2 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Van and Kay Weatherspoon of Charlotte, N.C. His paternal grandparents are Carl and Alice Johanson, Minneapolis, Minn. He has a brother Stephen Carl, 2.

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Police Roundup

Police worker hurt in accident

David Forman, a maintenance worker for the Manchester Police Department, escaped serious injury this morning when he was hurled from the back of a maintenance truck onto the top of a trailer truck after the trailer hit the bucket and detached it from the boom.

Forman was working on a traffic light at the entrance ramp to Interstate 84 on Pleasant Valley Road when the top corner of a trailer struck the elevated bucket. The truck is owned by Waldhauns of Holyoke, Mass., and, according to information from the Eighth Utilities District Fire Department, was being driven by Ronald Bilodeau of Feeding Hills, Mass., when the accident occurred at about 9:30 a.m.

The district's tower truck was used to move Forman from the Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was being examined in the Emergency Department this morning and a hospital spokesman said it appeared that he had no serious injuries.

The truck was going west on Pleasant Valley Road and making a left turn onto the entrance ramp when a corner of its trailer hit the bucket.

Women arrested after beating

Two Manchester women face assault and robbery charges after police arrested them Tuesday for allegedly beating and robbing another woman in Center Springs Park last afternoon, police said.

Janet Whorff, 25, of 159 Hilliard St., and Deborah M. Sweet, 31, of 466 Main St., both were charged with second-degree robbery and third-degree assault, police said.

The 25-year-old victim, who suffered a broken nose, cuts and bruises during the incident, said she was walking in Center Springs Park shortly after noon when she recognized Whorff and Sweet, police said.

The victim said the women ran at her, one of them yelling, "Don't you mess with my man!" police said. The victim said the women struck her in the face several times until she fell in the ground from where she was kicked in the ribs and chest, police said.

The victim said that Sweet then stole \$10 from the victim's pocketbook, police said.

Whorff and Sweet were released on \$2,500 bonds and scheduled to appear Monday in Manchester Superior Court, police said. The victim was treated at Manchester Memorial Hospital and released, a hospital spokesman said.

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MANCHESTER/BOLTON

Lieberman sides with Bush on capital gains tax scheme

By Alex Grell
Manchester Herald

U.S. Sen. Joseph Lieberman said Tuesday in Manchester that he does not support a tax proposal by U.S. Rep. Dan Rostenkowski as an alternative to President Bush's proposed capital gains tax cut.

"I admire his guts," the Democratic senator from Connecticut said of Rostenkowski, "and his proposal may contribute to a decent debate."

But Lieberman insisted that the best way to reduce the federal deficit is to stimulate economic growth, in part by the capital gains tax reduction.

Lieberman spoke at a midday meeting at the Manchester Country Club sponsored by the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce and the Manchester Bar Association.

A member of the audience asked Lieberman what the relationship of the cost of health insurance is to the ability of American business to compete in world markets. Lieberman acknowledged the problem but said he feels not very much is going to happen in health insurance.

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Bolton GOP elects Converse

BOLTON — Lawrence A. Converse III was unanimously elected Tuesday night as Republican Town Chairman, replacing Virginia Wickert, who did not seek re-election after having come under sharp criticism from committee members in July.

Converse, a former selectman, ran unopposed and was elected by voice vote.

He told committee members he wanted them to become "doers rather than talkers" and said he would try to get them involved in the work of the committee.

He is the only candidate elected in the only contested election, Raymond Urin was selected as vice chairman by an 11 to 10 vote over Thomas Manning, a member of the Board of Education who has been secretary of the committee. Ann Richards was re-elected treasurer and Sonya Kirk was elected secretary.

Wickersham announced in January that she would seek to continue in the post. She received a round of applause Tuesday night before declining to seek re-election.

In July, committee members gave her a vote of no confidence and threatened to force her to resign. She had angered committee members because of her support for a charter revision plan defeated in May and because she had endorsed one GOP candidate over another.

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MANCHESTER/COVENTRY/STATE

Retirees sue firm for fraud

STAMFORD (AP) — Fifteen long-time Pitney Bowes Inc. employees who resigned last year to assure no cut in their retirement medical benefits have filed a lawsuit claiming they were defrauded by not being informed about a more generous severance program announced soon after their retirement.

In a lawsuit filed in Stamford Superior Court on Tuesday, the employees are seeking compensatory damages from the Stamford-based company for the money they lost by not being able to take advantage of the severance benefits and punitive damages for the way they were treated.

The 15 employees said they resigned on or before Dec. 1 last year after the company said medical benefits would be reduced for those who retired after that date, according to the suit.

On Dec. 12, Pitney Bowes announced a severance program that provided lump sum severance benefits of two weeks pay for each year of employment or 75 percent of one year's pay, whichever was greater, the suit said.

The severance program, according to the lawsuit, would be far more valuable than the medical benefits the employees preserved by retiring by Dec. 1. But Pitney Bowes denied the employees eligibility for the severance program because they retired before the plan was announced.

David N. Rosen, a New Haven attorney who is representing the retirees, said as many as 100 former Pitney Bowes employees are "in the same boat" as those bringing the lawsuit. He said he expects some of the others to join in the complaint.

The 15 employees said they asked the company before they retired whether any special severance program was in the offing and were told there was not.

The suit charges that the severance program was under consideration for a "considerable period of time" prior to Dec. 1.

But a Pitney Bowes spokesman, Terrence Marable, said Tuesday that details of the program were not worked out and approved until Dec. 12, the day it was announced.

Marable also said the program under which the suing employees retired was not part of Pitney Bowes efforts to reduce the size of its workforce, as was the severance program. He said the earlier program had been in effect for two years.

The company said the severance program was initiated as part of an effort to assure continued revenue growth and profitability into the 1990s.



SQUIRREL'S PERCH — This squirrel almost blends in with its surroundings as he steps to crawl out on a branch on a tree near Bowers School on Princeton Street Monday.

Few problems are foreseen from land attachment ruling

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

A state law that allows judges to prevent defendants from unloading real estate before being sued has been ruled unconstitutional, but a local attorney said Tuesday that he thinks the statute will be amended to conform to the Constitution and the change will result in little shake-up in legal circles.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in New York ruled Friday that the law is not fair because it does not allow the defendant to be heard before the plaintiff obtains a court order preventing the defendant from selling or giving away real estate that could be used to pay an award from a lawsuit.

The court orders, called real estate attachments, are often obtained

before defendants know they are being sued, and defendants do not have the chance to fight the attachments.

David C. Wichman, an attorney who practices law in Manchester, said he doubts the ruling against the attachments will cause any problems among lawyers.

"I don't think there will be too much of a disruption," Wichman said in a telephone interview.

He said the law will probably be amended in the current session of the General Assembly so that it does not contradict the U.S. Constitution. The law would not violate the Constitution if it is changed so defendants, as well as plaintiffs, would be heard before judges can order attachments of property to defendants.

"Now instead of getting a court order, you'll have to have a hearing," Wichman said.

The process will take a little longer, so there may be some "grumbling and headaches," he said.

He said amending the law would not make it easy for defendants to get rid of real properties before any attachment hearings because it would be difficult to legally transfer the land before the hearing date.

For example, if someone tried to give the land to a relative or sell it for less than fair market value, that would amount to fraud, Wichman said.

He says he would not oppose an amendment because ex-parte, or one-party, rulings are not intended to apply to real estate. If the law is changed to allow both parties in a case to attend an attachment hearing, "it just makes things fairer," he said.

Workers' comp reform clears committee vote

HARTFORD (AP) — A series of reforms aimed at improving the efficiency of the state workers' compensation system has won approval from a legislative committee.

The General Assembly's Labor and Public Employees Committee Tuesday approved changes aimed at speeding up claims and setting up a more uniform system for determining benefits.

The state workers' compensation system, which determines payments to workers hurt on the job to cover their medical costs and lost wages, has long been criticized for inefficiency. Workers have consistently complained about delays in determining benefits, while employers complain about the skyrocketing costs of compensation insurance.

One of the bills approved by the committee would change the funding method for the workers' compensation commission, billing insurers and employers for commission costs at the beginning, instead of the end of each year. That

measure, proposed by Gov. William A. O'Neill, will now go to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Another bill is designed to set up a standardized system for reviewing claims.

Its provisions include:

- Requiring compensation commissioners to prepare a list of approved doctors for workers to choose who would examine their injuries.
- Giving commissioners the power to set fees for specific medical services.
- Requiring employees to use a standard form after Jan. 1, 1994, to notify employers they are filing compensation claims.

The bill, which is now headed to the House, would also allow commissioners to appoint temporary commissioners to help deal with a growing caseload.

Man, 34, slain after intervening in domestic fight

NEW HAVEN (AP) — A New Haven man was stabbed to death after he intervened in a domestic dispute, police said.

Cornelius Berryman, 34, was pronounced dead at the Hospital of the Saint Raphael in New Haven shortly after he was stabbed once in the heart with a knife around 8 p.m. Tuesday, said New Haven police Sgt. John Cacioli.

Berryman tried to intervene in a dispute between Anthony L. Orr, 29, of New Haven, and an unidentified female when he was allegedly stabbed on Orr's back near his first-floor Greenwood Street apartment when police arrived after receiving a report of an assault, Cacioli said.

Cacioli declined to comment on whether the murder weapon had been recovered.

Cabin fire suspect escapes charge in plea bargain deal

By Dianna M. Talbot
Manchester Herald

A Manchester man accused of burning down a landmark cabin in Wickham Park last year will not be charged with that and other less serious crimes in exchange for his pleading guilty to two other arson-related crimes, a state prosecutor said today.

Matthew Irwin, 19, escaped a first-degree arson indictment even though he was a prime suspect in the man-made fire, which destroyed a popular cedar log cabin in Wickham Park on March 26, 1989, according to Assistant State's Attorney Kevin McMahon.

Another suspect in this fire, Vincent Murray, 18, is cooperating with authorities, he said.

The cabin had been a gathering place for people of all ages. It was built in 1927 as a summer cottage for Edith and Clarence Wickham. In recent years, the cabin contained a snack bar, tables and chairs, which were placed in front of a large fireplace and pictures of the park.

In exchange for dropping the charges, Irwin pleaded guilty Tuesday to manufacturing bombs in Manchester during a hearing in Hartford Superior Court, McMahon said. Seth Eliason, 20, also of Manchester, is facing similar charges of manufacturing bombs, McMahon said.

In addition, Irwin pleaded guilty to setting a nighttime fire to an English field home while residents were sleeping inside it on March 22, 1989, the prosecutor said. This crime is considered to be the most serious because people in the house could have been injured, he said.

Irwin will be sentenced to eight to 10 years in prison on April 26, McMahon said. The prosecutor said he would argue that Irwin be sentenced to 10 years in prison, while the young man's Hartford attorney Jorge A. Simon will argue for only eight years.

According to police, Irwin bragged to associates that he was responsible for burning down the cabin, and he also designed a business card with the name "Damage Inc." on it.

Committee elects Stave as chairman

By Jacqueline Bennett
Manchester Herald

The Republicans in the past few years have been relatively weak," he said.

He said it is in the best interest of the town to have as many people as possible, regardless of party, involved and participating in local government.

Bruce Stave is the new chairman following the meeting held at the Town Office Building.

"I would like to maintain the services the Democrats have done for Coventry, over the past several years and would like the Democrats to remain in office as the local level," Stave said.

There were no challenges to the officer positions. Stave will replace Deborah Walsh, who said she is stepping down to put more time into her job.

Stave has lived in town 20 years and for 15 of those has been a member of the Democrat Town Committee. He and his wife, Sondra, have one son, who is attending college.

Stave, the chairman of the History Department at the University of Connecticut, will serve a two-year term as the leader of the Democrats.

He also has a message for town Republicans.

"I would welcome a strong adversary," Stave said.

"For the welfare, the good of the town, we need good competition."

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Munns raps DOT on authority plan

State Rep. Paul Munns, R-Manchester, is calling opposition by the Department of Transportation to the creation of a separate mass transit authority "nothing but a fight for bureaucratic survival."

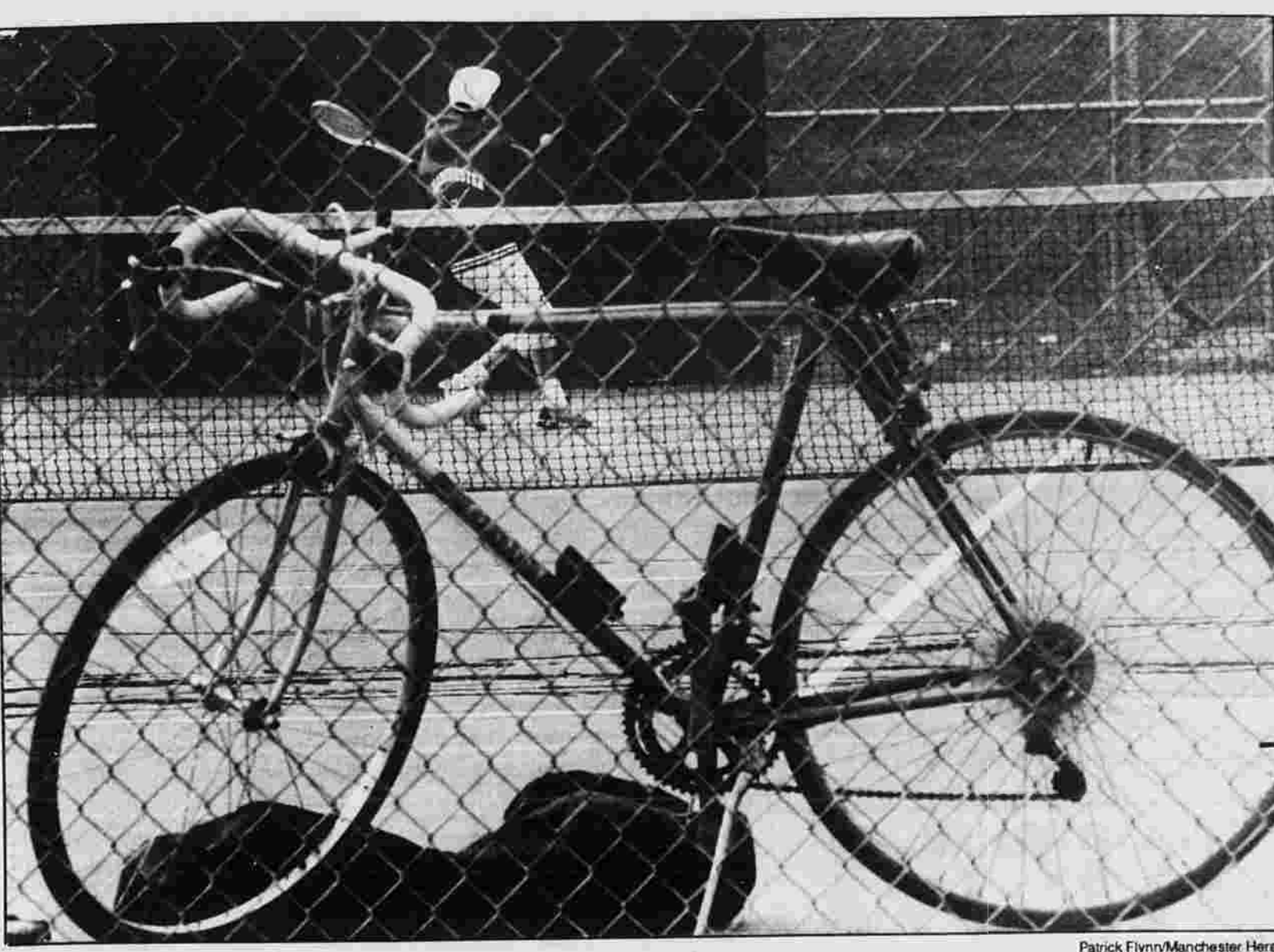
Munns, co-chair of the House Republican Policy Group on Mass Transit, said in a news release that he believes a quasi-public agency, such as a Connecticut Mass Transit Authority, would do a better job than the DOT in managing what is a large and budget-conscious program.

The proposal to create a mass transit authority was considered Monday as part of a larger bill dealing with global warming.

The policy group has proposed an authority as part of its legislative proposals for 1990.

Munns said the authority would be a quasi-public agency with power to establish programs and guidelines for development of a statewide public transportation and rail system. It would have authority to issue bonds for funding public transportation projects.

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PRACTICE SHOTS — Greg Lemelin, a sophomore at Manchester High School, fires a shot against a backboard at the Charter Oak Park tennis courts while waiting for a playing partner to show up. Lemelin rode his bike, foreground, to the park.

Assembly conferees take up differences on banking bill

HARTFORD (AP) — The House and Senate will take another crack today at passing a bill opening up Connecticut to nationwide interstate banking, but not until they settle their differences on how the bill should be implemented.

The two chambers disagree over when new bank charters should be allowed. The House wants them allowed immediately; the Senate favors a three-year moratorium.

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and mental health, calling themselves the Fair Wage Coalition, marched from Bushnell Park to the governor's budget office and back to the Capitol seeking more money for their salaries.

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State attorney general files suit over leaky gasoline storage tank

HARTFORD (AP) — The state is going after a Sturbridge gas station where 1,500 gallons of gasoline leaked from an underground storage tank last month, endangering nearby drinking water supplies in Sturbridge and Westerly, R.I.

"We're asking for a huge amount of money, in the millions of dollars," said Attorney General Christine Nardi Riddle who filed the suit Tuesday at the request of Environmental Protection Commissioner Leslie Carothers.

The suit names Hendel's Inc. of Sturbridge, the operator of the gas station, and Americana Realty Co., owner of the four underground tanks at the station.

As required by law, Hendel's notified the state of the leak on Feb. 15. Riddle said the leaking tank was at least 25 years old. State law requires that tanks 15 years old or older were to have been replaced by Sept. 1, 1989.

Carothers, who joined Riddle for a news conference in her office, said that "leaking underground tanks are a disaster for groundwater."

Riddle said the suit charges Hendel's with "willfully, knowingly or negligently" causing water pollution as a result of the leak. It does not

specify total damages, but Riddle said that if a judge were to rule in favor of all of the state's arguments, damages could total as much as \$15 million.

Riddle said a negotiated settlement was possible, but said that the state had not begun the suit with the intent of negotiating anything.

Twenty-five observation wells have been drilled around the contamination site to determine the groundwater quality, said Elsie Patton, a hydrogeologist with the Department of Environmental Protection.

AIDS group home sues Fairfield zoning boards

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — The foundation seeking to open a group home for AIDS patients in Fairfield has filed a federal lawsuit charging town boards with housing discrimination.

The Stewart McKinney Foundation, the organization named after the late congressman who died of AIDS, has been joined in the lawsuit by the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union. The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in Bridgeport.

"The fact that the prospective tenants of the Foundation's property would be HIV-infected persons was the sole or partial basis for the... Plan and Zoning Commission's... decision to deny the application," the lawsuit says.

The McKinney Foundation has proposed opening a group home for AIDS patients at 891-893 Old Field Road in Fairfield. The foundation bought the two-family home on Aug. 11, 1988 with the purpose of renting it to seven AIDS patients.

Lucile McKinney, chairman of the

foundation and wife of the late congressman, said there was no other means for settling the dispute over the proposed group home.

"I wish we could have settled it out of court," she said. "We wrote letters to zoning, but we never received a response."

The lawsuit asks U.S. District Judge Warren W. Egiton to block the town from requiring the special exception or taking further action based on it.

Fairfield requires special exceptions to be obtained before homes in Residence "B" zones could be used as "chronic and convalescent nursing homes" and "charitable institutions."

But Orleans and Tegeler said the requirement is being inappropriately applied since the foundation won't conduct business out of the home or dispense medical treatment.

Specifically, the plaintiffs claim the special exception violates the federal Fair Housing Act; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Connecticut Zoning Enabling Act.

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The sponsorship of the defunct Moriarty Brothers franchise, one of the products in the league with 12 regular season and 13 playoff championships in its 27-year tenure of Manager Gene Johnson, has been picked up by Newman Lincoln-Mercury of East Hartford and will play under its colors.

"Manchester will have a representative in the league," Johnson said Wednesday morning. "We'll play like in the past every Thursday night (at Mount Nobe's Moriarty Field) and on some Saturdays."

The former Moriarty entry finished fourth in 1989 in the regular season and third in the playoffs.

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HIGH-STEPPER — Plasterer Scott Awker steps cautiously out of a work site in New London Tuesday for a breath of fresh air. Awker uses the stilts because, he says, they are more convenient than working on a step ladder.

Agers 25 to 34 worst for gaining weight

CHICAGO (AP) — Young adults face the greatest risk of becoming fat, and black women are especially vulnerable, according to a decade-long study of nearly 10,000 people from age 24 to 74.

Women of both sexes were twice as likely as men to gain a lot of weight, and women from 25 to 44 years old gained the most weight of all subjects, researchers found.

Among both sexes, those ages 25 to 34 were most likely to experience a major weight gain, according to the study in this month's Archives of Internal Medicine, published by the Chicago-based American Medical Association.

The findings "suggest that among adults, those in their 20s should be in the primary target group for obesity prevention efforts," said the study led by epidemiologist David Williamson of the nutrition division at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Prevention, rather than treatment, is the key because so many people have trouble losing weight, Williamson said by telephone Tuesday.

He recommends "just regular sensible exercise, like walking," and eating a diet low in fat and high in fruits and vegetables.

Williamson noted that while women may be more likely to gain weight than men, previous research has found that men face a greater risk of developing weight-related problems such as heart disease and diabetes.

Women tend to carry excess weight in the buttocks and hips, while men's extra poundage usually is concentrated in the stomach area, nearer the heart and other vital organs and thus more likely to cause problems, he said.

Among women 25- to 34-year-old, blacks were 40 percent more likely than whites to gain a lot of weight, Williamson's study found.

For women from 35 to 44, blacks were 80 percent more likely to face a major weight gain, the researchers found.

As many as one-third of the 9,862 subjects were overweight when the study began. They were measured once between 1971 and 1975, and again between 1981 and 1984.

Women ages 25 to 44 years who began the study overweight gained the most weight of all subjects.

Researchers defined a major weight gain as an increase of 20 percent, or an estimated 30 pounds for a person of average height.

Among all women ages 25 to 44 who were overweight at the start, 14.2 percent experienced a major weight gain, compared with 5.6 percent among men of the same age.

Among women of that age group who were of normal weight when the monitoring began, 6.2 percent gained a lot of weight, compared with 2.9 percent among men.

After age 55, weight levels in men and women studied began declining.

Greyhound willing to resume talks

DALLAS (AP) — Greyhound Lines Inc. agreed to resume talks with the union representing its bus drivers for the first time since the violence-marred walkout began nearly two weeks ago.

The Dallas-based company said Tuesday it had agreed to begin the talks Saturday in Phoenix at the request of Bernard DeLary, head of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

The company's announcement seemed to catch union officials off guard.

"If this is true, we welcome the opportunity to talk to the company. This is what we have been seeking all along," said James La Sala, international president of the Amalgamated Transit Union.

At least seven shooting incidents have been reported since the strike began March 2, including one in Florida where eight people were injured. A picketing driver was crushed to death by a bus on the second day of the strike.

On Tuesday, a sniper shot at a moving Greyhound bus in Chicago. In Fresno, Calif., a Greyhound-owned Trailways bus parked in a storage yard was set on fire Monday night, police said. No one was injured in either episode.

Greyhound had refused to resume negotiations unless the union offered new proposals. Spokesman George Gravelly said Tuesday he did not know if the union had changed its offer.

"There's no point in our speculating what may happen," Gravelly said. "We are going back to the bargaining table and that speaks for itself."

Greyhound, the only nationwide bus company, has been operating on a reduced schedule to the 9,600 communities it serves, using permanent replacements and union members willing to cross the picket line.

Greyhound has said it cannot afford more than the \$63 million, three-year pact it offered. The company valued the union's last offer at \$207 million, although the union said it would cost much less.

The differences apparently stem from questions over the cost of measures such as benefits, safety pay incentives and productivity raises.

In the shooting, at 1:15 a.m., two bullets hit the front end of the bus, one hit the door and one went through a window and "just missed a fellow's head by a couple inches," said Master Sgt. John Meduga of the Illinois State Police.

"Everybody started to scream," Meduga said. Gravelly said he had no evidence to connect the latest shooting to the strike, but added, "We don't have buses shot at when we're not negotiating a contract."

Union officials have condemned the violence, which has included three shootings in Chicago and shootings in Ohio, Arizona, Florida and Connecticut.

Greyhound spokeswoman Liz Hale said a \$25,000 reward remained in effect for information on a sniper who shot a bus Sunday in Jacksonville, Fla., injuring eight passengers with shrapnel and other debris.

In Pittsburgh, meanwhile, the city council issued a resolution encouraging residents to boycott Greyhound buses until the strike is over. The council accused Greyhound of an "utter lack of good faith toward its employees."

Allies' objections force change in plan to monitor arms

WASHINGTON — The United States, yielding to the concerns of Western European allies, will propose a plan this week to reduce troops and nuclear weapons in Europe with a key monitoring provision deleted, a senior Bush administration official says.

The abandoned provision called for stationing monitors at European ports and weapons factories to guard against violations of the 23-nation treaty nearing completion in Vienna.

But the official, who outlined the verification package on condition of anonymity, said virtually all the allies objected strenuously to Soviet monitors at their plants and ports.

The revised Western proposal will be presented in Vienna as negotiators for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Warsaw Pact hold their sixth round of talks on a treaty designed for signing this year.

Whether the goal is achieved could depend on how the Soviets respond to the Western proposal.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon believes the United States and its allies could fight and hold off the Soviet Union in Europe without using nuclear weapons, says the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

In an extraordinary step that drew immediate criticism from the Defense Department, Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., discussed with reporters a classified report by the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the military "hot assessment."

"We can defend conventionally in Europe," Aspin said shortly after Maj. Gen. John D. Robinson publicly discussed with the committee an unclassified version of the report.

In a brief exchange with reporters, and later before television cameras, Aspin lent significance to the report's omission of the issue of when North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces would have to resort to nuclear weapons or accept defeat.

Previous jet assessments included a discussion of this question, he said.

"If an attack comes, NATO bends but it doesn't break. The Warsaw Pact is able to attack and it gets a lot of territory but at no point does it look like NATO can't contain the war," Aspin said of the classified report's conclusion.

The joint chiefs based that view on Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's announcement in December 1988 of unilateral troop reductions and the U.S. intelligence community's conclusion last year that the Soviet threat has lessened.

Assuming a further positive influence from a vast expanse of Europe — from the Ural Mountains in the Soviet Union to the Atlantic Ocean — to make sure the limits on tanks and armored personnel carriers, aircraft, artillery, airplanes, helicopters and troops are honored.

The official said a "web" of safeguards would be offered by

16 NATO allies and the seven Warsaw Pact countries at a 35-nation summit meeting before the end of the year.

But several issues remain unresolved. Most important among them is a procedure to guard against cheating.

The task involves policing the

NATO negotiators in Vienna, including on-site inspection of U.S. and Soviet troops and tank deployments.

Information on non-nuclear armories would be exchanged by the two alliances and then its accuracy checked by monitors who would be supplemented by aerial surveillance under President Bush's "Open Skies" proposal as well as a second system of overflights to check on suspicious developments.

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And the two sides would have the right to demand to check out suspicious movements of troops and equipment under a system of "challenge inspections."

Agreement within NATO on these measures, and on a plan for destroying excess tanks in the future, will be presented in Vienna this week, would improve prospects for concluding the treaty.

But the official said, virtually all the NATO allies objected to having "the KGB standing there" as Soviet or other Warsaw Pact inspectors were stationed at weapons plants.

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OPINION

Casteen departure a message

The resignation of John Casteen as president of the University of Connecticut to take a similar post at the University of Virginia should be a clear message to those in the state legislature.

Get serious about higher education in the state of Connecticut. Casteen was given the charge five years ago of improving the state university. He did, but in many ways he was frustrated by the lack of support from the state Capitol.

Connecticut, the richest state per capita in the country, reportedly ranks 50th in spending for higher education. The university got a huge public relations lift this winter with the opening of the Harry A. Gampel Pavilion on the Storrs campus.

But while the new sports complex was built, many classroom buildings and several dormitories have been allowed to deteriorate to a disgraceful state. The library has had to cut hours because of lack of staffing. And state purchases for the library have been curtailed.

The University of Connecticut represents the entire state. Yet, those responsible for maintaining a high standard have allowed it to regress. Casteen's wish when he took the post in 1985 was to improve the school's reputation and its standing among public research institutions. He failed in the latter category due to lack of funding from the state legislature.

One unsettling comment should stick in people's minds. "Anybody in their right mind would rather be president of the University of Virginia, which is a great university, than of the University of Connecticut, which hopes to be a great university," Morton J. Tenzer, an associated professor of political science at UConn, said.

That should scare an awful lot of people. It's about time the state gets serious about funding its state university.

Open Forum

Opposes project

To the Editor:

After the application to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a special exception to permit the development of the elderly congregate housing complex known as Lyman Spring Village was withdrawn last March 2, it became apparent that public awareness of this issue was limited. We are writing to make more facts known so that residents of Manchester may be better able to pursue these facts and form an opinion.

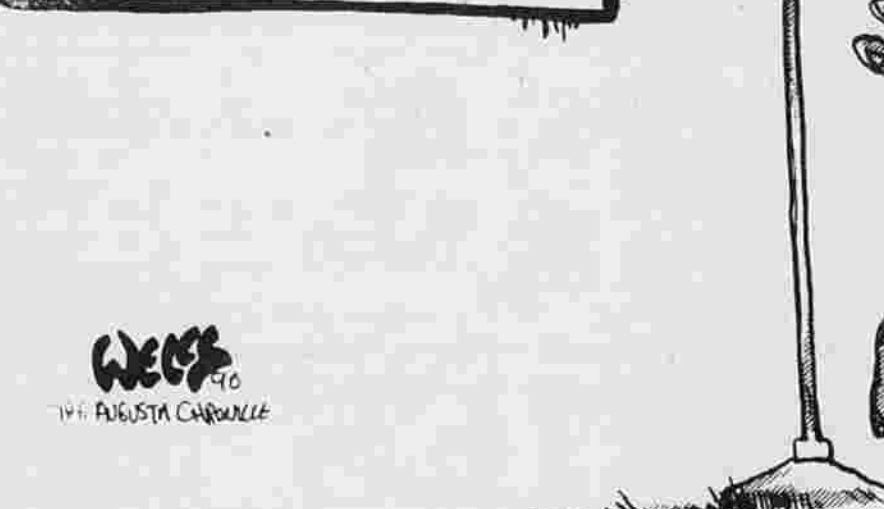
The proposed Lyman Spring Village would be a 322-unit elderly congregate housing community whose main access would be on Riverside Drive with an alternative access at the end of Gurt Road. Besides these two streets the complex would have five other streets: Welcome Place, Arrow Road, Boulder Road, Plymouth Lane and Cook Street. It would lie on 27 acres in a wooded area of Manchester which is zoned for two units per acre under the current regulations and one unit per acre under the Plan of Development.

Broken promise

To the Editor:

Let me elaborate on a few points that were missed in your recent article concerning the March 5th hearing for a zoning change at 875-899 Parker Street from rural residential to industrial. Over the past three years, numerous families were lured into the area of Parker Street that is now in question because the land in question was so small,

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Lowell Weicker's bigger-than-life entry into the governor's race this year could only be topped now by the withdrawal of Gov. Bill O'Neill as a candidate for re-election.

As this was written, however, O'Neill was budging from his apparent intention to go for another term as head of the Democratic ticket. His reaction to discouraging polls (the first two since Weicker's intra-party survey showed Rowland to be the favorite over Joel Schiavone, Reg Smith and Joe McGee. Weicker's name was not on Foley's ballot.)

Inquiry should be disclosed

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — The inquiry into the worst peacetime military disaster in American history must be settled. Either the duct tape will be pried from the lips of those in government who hold this secret, or the issue will be forever consigned to silence.

It has been more than four years since the Dec. 12, 1985, crash of a military transport plane in Gander, Newfoundland, which killed 248 American soldiers. A shroud of secrecy has kept the Canadian and U.S. governments from disclosing all they know about the tragedy.

So far, all the federal agencies that have dabbled in the Gander case claim they were only marginally involved in the accident investigation that was headed up by Canadians. U.S. officials have treated this disaster as if it was only worth a quick glance.

Political Notes

A familiar name in state politics will be back in the House at the Capitol next year if a Democratic candidate from East Hartford wins in November. Rosemary Moynihan says she has "good resources" in campaign advice, meaning husband Tim, a former state party chairman and deputy House majority leader.

When Congress gets the GAO report at the end of this month, the lawmakers will have to decide whether or not the Gander crash deserves more investigation.

As we have already reported, there is strong evidence to bolster the theory that the plane was blown out of the sky by terrorists. The flight was carrying bodies of American soldiers home from their peackeeping duties in the Middle East. The incident happened at the height of President Reagan's arms-for-hostages deal with Iran.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Oliver North says he envisioned that a high U.S. official, possibly then-Vice President Bush, would travel to Iran in 1986 to deal with the question of U.S. hostages and other issues.

North raised the subject Tuesday in his third day of testimony at John Poindexter's Iran-Contra trial. Defense attorney Richard Becker asked the former White House aide about a computer message he had written to Robert McFarlane, Poindexter's predecessor as national security adviser to President Reagan.

North testified that he had been involved in the Iran-Contra affair. In his note to McFarlane, who by then had left the government, North said he told Poindexter he was communicating to McFarlane on the subject of a possible trip to Iran.

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Open Forum

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After the application to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a special exception to permit the development of the elderly congregate housing complex known as Lyman Spring Village was withdrawn last March 2, it became apparent that public awareness of this issue was limited. We are writing to make more facts known so that residents of Manchester may be better able to pursue these facts and form an opinion.

The proposed Lyman Spring Village would be a 322-unit elderly congregate housing community whose main access would be on Riverside Drive with an alternative access at the end of Gurt Road. Besides these two streets the complex would have five other streets: Welcome Place, Arrow Road, Boulder Road, Plymouth Lane and Cook Street. It would lie on 27 acres in a wooded area of Manchester which is zoned for two units per acre under the current regulations and one unit per acre under the Plan of Development.

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as part of a deficit-reduction package. "I'm only one player," he said.

He added that he has no plans to change his own views on taxes. But that's still a lot milder than his "Read my lips: no new taxes" of yore.

Darman has a reputation as a spinner of carefully crafted words. In fact, "Darmanspeak" has become a standard description in the nation's capital for complicated and often confusing statements.

House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., has tried to play down Bush's unexpected receptivity to Rostenkowski's plan, suggesting it stems mainly from his personal friendship.

Darman says he wants the administration's response to be taken on its face: a hats off to Rostenkowski for putting together "the first serious proposal that has been put in the public domain by Democrats."

Darman concedes that Rostenkowski's proposal is not a formal Democratic plan. But, he told reporters Tuesday, the congressional budget committees "are not yet close to being able to put together a budget resolution and it's important that there be something there to negotiate with."

Further, the administration's assertions of disagreement with some elements of the package — its advocacy of a Social Security freeze and tax increases — make it sound like Democrats in general have embraced such proposals.

In fact, Rostenkowski thus far has mastered little Democratic support for his plan. It is not before the House and Senate budget committees, which under law must come up with their own deficit-reduction plans by next month.

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their cosmetics, they want to call assault weapons," said Pasco. "The proponents of this bill have attempted to generate emotional debate... and most of these are not really assault weapons. It penalizes responsible people."

Proponents, however, said permits should be required for the dozens of guns listed in the bill because they are semi- and fully-automatic and more dangerous than handguns.

"All we're saying is if you want to buy an assault weapon, you have to go through the same procedure as a handgun owner would," said Herbst.

The committee approved the bill on a 11-4 vote, using a broad definition that lists more than three dozen types of guns as assault weapons.

The bill was also amended to establish mandatory 10-year sentences for those who use an assault weapon, and mandatory 5-year sentences for using any other gun, while committing the most serious crimes.

The measure will now be sent to the Judiciary Committee before going on to the House and Senate for debate.

The committee, on a 14-3 vote, also endorsed a bill that would establish a two-week waiting period for the purchase of any type of gun.

Under the proposal, hunters with valid hunting licenses could still buy a rifle or shotgun without going through the waiting period. Members of the armed services would also be exempt.

Rep. James Fleming, R-Simsbury, who proposed the exemptions, said waiting periods would put an unnecessary burden on hunters who are not the type of gun owner the bills are aimed at.

"I think the bill is now directed at the felon, and not at the sportsman who is acting responsibly," said Fleming.

The bill, which will now be sent to the Senate for debate, sets up the waiting period so police can do background checks on those who wish to buy guns.

Other gun bills approved by the committee Tuesday would:

- Require those who wish to purchase any type of gun to complete a gun safety course and present a certificate before purchase.
- Prohibit the sale of "black powder," a substance often used in the production of pipe bombs, to any person under the age of 18.

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passion, she said, "I think it's going to hurt a lot of the other businesses in town, especially the Parkade (stores)."

Some of the Manchester Parkade tenants have opened stores at the mall, including two of the mall's major retailers or anchors: D & S and Sears. Other anchors are O. Fox, Steiger's, and Sage-Allen.

Susan M. Scherer, Sage-Allen's vice president for sales promotion, said the chain's decision to build its 15th store at the Pavilions was not difficult.

"This was a natural because there's not a major mall east of the river," Scherer said. "If we're going to be a major player than we have to be here."

Although the mall opened Tuesday, Sage-Allen has been open for two

weeks, along with other anchors that were allowed to open early. So far, business for the retail sector (clothing and home furnishings, no TVs) has been great, she said.

Just on the other side of the mall's center court is Steiger's, which also has been in business since March 1 and is doing well, says store manager Janet Laika.

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were released and Confetti was blasted out of quasi-bazookas.

To help out with crowd control, the mall hired six off-duty Manchester police officers who were stationed on mall grounds, said Gary Wood, police spokesman.

The officers will be available for as long as the mall feels they are needed, he said.

Traffic on nearby streets is not expected to be a problem because traffic signals were installed recently at the mall's entrances, he said.

Before the proceedings hosted by none other than Bob Ebanks of Newby Game fame, Stephen T. Casano, a Democratic member of the town's Board of Directors, said in an interview that "this mall is the best thing that ever happened to Manchester. As you look around

here this is magnificent."

Jibing his Republican counterparts, Casano said, "Make sure you put in your notes somewhere that if it weren't for the Democrats, we wouldn't have this."

He was referring to the party's support for a \$9.5 million tax abatement for the mall developers, which was approved by the then-Democratic majority on the Board of Directors after townspeople rejected a \$13 million tax incentive package in a referendum.

After the cutting of the ribbon, Republican Mayor Theunis "Terry" Werhoven responded to Casano's comments by saying, "In this case, I think it's a united effort."

Deputy Mayor Susan Buckno, also a Republican, said, "I suspect people (the Democrats) were in

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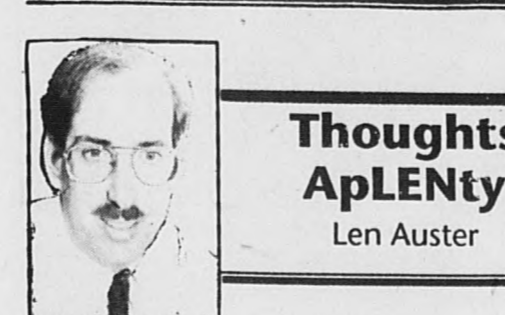
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SPORTS



Thoughts aplenty

Len Auster

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Whalers road success continues

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Since the season began, things have gotten a lot better for Peter Sidorkiewicz. "Most of the year there was three of us (goaltenders) and no one knew who would be playing. Now things are sorted out for the better," said Sidorkiewicz, who shut out the Vancouver Canucks 1-0 on Tuesday night.

Just last week, he was installed as Hartford's No. 1 goaltender when veteran Mike Liu was traded to the Washington Capitals.

"There's no sense thinking about it (the trade) too much and making a big deal of it," he said. "I'm just taking things one game at a time."

Sidorkiewicz will play most of the games down the stretch, with rookie Kay Whitmore as his backup. In the playoffs, Sidorkiewicz knows he'll get the majority of the action. He's played 39 games this season and Whitmore just seven.

Rookie winger Todd Krygier scored the only goal of a shut midway through the third period that caught the top center on Canuck goalie Kirk McLean.

"I didn't see the goal because I was on the way to the bench on the delayed penalty," Sidorkiewicz said. "I was looking for a mury quality chances because our defense played so well."

Hartford clogged up the neutral zone with relentless checking and limited Vancouver to just 18 shots.

It was Hartford's 19th road win of the season, second only to Boston's 22.

Hartford continues on the road Saturday night against the Flames in Calgary. It has a Sunday night date in Edmonton against the Oilers.



CLOSE QUARTERS — Vancouver's Steve Bozek, right, takes Hartford's Mikael Andersson into the boards during first-period action in Vancouver Tuesday night. The Whalers blanked the Canucks, 1-0.

BU won't be fazed by 'hostile' crowd

By Peter Viles
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — It took the Connecticut Huskies a long time to get back into the NCAA tournament. Now that they've finally made it, they don't have far to go. About 26 miles, to be exact.

The Huskies missed basketball's biggest tournament throughout the 1980s, stalling this year with seven consecutive first-round losses. In this case, it's a Connecticut defense that generated a nation-leading 4.3 steals, his season; a balanced offense that seemed to produce a new scoring star each game; and a team chemistry which helped the Huskies run up a 28.5 record and energize a state full of success-starved basketball fans.

"We have to play an almost perfect game to beat such a quality team. Our margin of error is this small," Key said, his thumb and index finger an inch apart.

In other opening-round games at Hartford, Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season champion Clemson meets Brigham Young, Atlantic 10 Kingpin La Salle meets Southern Mississippi, and Indiana of the Big Ten faces California of the Pac-10.

The Huskies get scoring from guards Chris Smith (16.9 points per game), Tate George (11.6) and Israeli forward Nadav Heneffeld (11.6), but they got to the tournament by playing a brand of defense that was noteworthy even in the rugged Big East.

Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun, a tournament regular

Sellers gets OK to practice

STORRS — University of Connecticut sophomore center Rod Sellers, who re-injured his left knee for the second time in two weeks against Georgetown in the semifinals of the Big East tournament and made a token appearance in the championship game against Syracuse, was cleared late Tuesday afternoon to rejoin the Huskies.

Sellers, under the watchful eye of team trainer Mary Neuhell and Dr. Gerry Leonard, orthopedic surgeon who evaluated the knee, went through a private workout after the team concluded its Tuesday practice. He was cleared for practice, and may see some action in Thursday's NCAA first-round clash against Boston University at the Hartford Civic Center.

UConn coach Jim Calhoun, before getting the word from Leonard, was prepared for life without Sellers. "If he doesn't play, we're going to miss Rod Sellers," he said, "because over the long haul, he's our best big man."

Freshman Toriano Walker, who played well against Georgetown and Syracuse, was working with the White Team in practice and should be in the starting lineup against BU.

That's unless Sellers reclaims his position.

The Golden Eagles have the unenviable task of playing La Salle (29-1), seeded fourth in the East and making its third straight NCAA appearance. The Explorers are led by senior Lionel Simmons, who averages 26.2 points, 11 rebounds and after one scoring record every time he steps on the court.

Point guard Doug Overton averages 17.6 points per game, 6.7 assists, and guard Randy Woods adds 13.2 points a game.

Southern Mississippi, seeded 13th, is the lowest-seeded large team in the 64-team field, which means they were probably the last team chosen.

"The bottom line we've got to get Coach M.K. Turk said, "And now, it's what you do when you get there."

California returns to the NCAA tournament after a 10-year absence — its last game was a 75-55 loss to Ohio State in the 1960 title game — to play Indiana (18-10), which is making its 19th appearance in the NCAA tournament.

The ninth-seeded Golden Bears (21-9) had the best road record in the Pac-10 at 7-2. Guard Keith Smith leads Cal with 16.7 points per game and shoots 47 percent from 3-point range.

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Kleine the right medicine for Celtics against Hawks

ATLANTA (AP) — Boston, in a fight for first place in the NBA's Atlantic Division, already was missing Robert Parish, out with a hyperextended knee, when Kevin McHale bruised a knee while leading the Celtics to a 112-100 victory over Atlanta.

At least one Joe Kleine stepped in for Parish and "did a good job for us defensively and on the boards," McHale said as he nursed his injury after Tuesday's game.

Kleine, who finished with 18 points and six rebounds, contained Moses Malone, who finished with a game-high 12 rebounds but only 4 points.

"I just wanted to keep Mo (Malone) out before leaving with less than five minutes remaining. He said of the injury: 'It's a day-to-day thing. We'll just have to see how he feels (Wednesday).'"

Atlanta's Dominique Wilkins hyperextended his right knee when he was knuckled sprawling late in the second quarter. He scored 10 points in the third quarter, including four baskets in the first 3:20 of the period, but did not play in the fourth quarter.

"We'll just have to see how it goes, see if it stiffens up on me," Wilkins said. "I went out and hit a few baskets (after the injury), but after a while I just couldn't make it."

Boston took the lead for good with a 10th run in the second quarter in which McHale scored six points, putting the Celtics on top 46-39 with 2:54 left in the half. Boston led 51-43 at the break and extended it to 77-63 after three periods.

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BU won't be fazed by 'hostile' crowd

By Peter Viles
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — It took the Connecticut Huskies a long time to get back into the NCAA tournament. Now that they've finally made it, they don't have far to go. About 26 miles, to be exact.

The Huskies missed basketball's biggest tournament throughout the 1980s, stalling this year with seven consecutive first-round losses. In this case, it's a Connecticut defense that generated a nation-leading 4.3 steals, his season; a balanced offense that seemed to produce a new scoring star each game; and a team chemistry which helped the Huskies run up a 28.5 record and energize a state full of success-starved basketball fans.

"We have to play an almost perfect game to beat such a quality team. Our margin of error is this small," Key said, his thumb and index finger an inch apart.

In other opening-round games at Hartford, Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season champion Clemson meets Brigham Young, Atlantic 10 Kingpin La Salle meets Southern Mississippi, and Indiana of the Big Ten faces California of the Pac-10.

The Huskies get scoring from guards Chris Smith (16.9 points per game), Tate George (11.6) and Israeli forward Nadav Heneffeld (11.6), but they got to the tournament by playing a brand of defense that was noteworthy even in the rugged Big East.

Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun, a tournament regular

Kleine the right medicine for Celtics against Hawks

ATLANTA (AP) — Boston, in a fight for first place in the NBA's Atlantic Division, already was missing Robert Parish, out with a hyperextended knee, when Kevin McHale bruised a knee while leading the Celtics to a 112-100 victory over Atlanta.

At least one Joe Kleine stepped in for Parish and "did a good job for us defensively and on the boards," McHale said as he nursed his injury after Tuesday's game.

Kleine, who finished with 18 points and six rebounds, contained Moses Malone, who finished with a game-high 12 rebounds but only 4 points.

"I just wanted to keep Mo (Malone) out before leaving with less than five minutes remaining. He said of the injury: 'It's a day-to-day thing. We'll just have to see how he feels (Wednesday).'"

Atlanta's Dominique Wilkins hyperextended his right knee when he was knuckled sprawling late in the second quarter. He scored 10 points in the third quarter, including four baskets in the first 3:20 of the period, but did not play in the fourth quarter.

"We'll just have to see how it goes, see if it stiffens up on me," Wilkins said. "I went out and hit a few baskets (after the injury), but after a while I just couldn't make it."

Boston took the lead for good with a 10th run in the second quarter in which McHale scored six points, putting the Celtics on top 46-39 with 2:54 left in the half. Boston led 51-43 at the break and extended it to 77-63 after three periods.

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CONCENTRATION



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Little League to hold tryouts

The Manchester Little League will hold tryouts for the 1990 season on Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting. Tryouts for the American League (those living north of Center Street) will be held at Wadell Field both days — 10 a.m. to noon for ages 11-12 and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for ages 9 and 10. Those trying out for the National League (south of Center Street) should report to Verplanck Field with the ages 11-12 from 10 a.m. to noon and those 9-10 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Elks in bowling tournament

Two teams representing the Manchester Lodge of Elks will compete in the 44th annual Elks Interstate Duckpin Bowling Tournament on Sunday at the Hi-way Lanes in Plainfield. Tournament play begins at noon.

Chris Galligan Nichols co-MVP

DUDDLEY, Mass. — Former East Catholic High stand-out Chris Galligan was named co-most valuable player and received the Letter Award at the recent Nichols College winter sports awards banquet.

Ferrier may miss NCAA tilt

STORRS — University of Connecticut freshman forward Kathy Ferrier was to be examined today by a New Haven neurologist and may miss the Huskies' second round NCAA women's basketball tournament game Saturday.

Ferrier has left sporadic pains in her legs "for the last couple of months." Tests Tuesday were inconclusive and it was recommended Ferrier undergo further testing by a specialist.

UConn (25-5) is host to the winner of tonight's Manhattan-Clemson game Saturday at 8 p.m. at Gampel Pavilion.

The 6-foot-5 Ferrier has participated in a full practice since the Big East Conference tournament ended March 5.

UConn to gain financially

HARTFORD (AP) — The University of Connecticut basketball team's appearance in the NCAA tournament will mean more than field goals and free throws. It will also mean dollars and cents.

For playing in the first round of the NCAA tournament Thursday against Boston University and sharing the revenue of five other Big East teams also playing in the first round, UConn will receive \$238,752, according to NCAA estimates and UConn Athletic Director Todd Turner.

If the Huskies reach the Final Four in Denver, it could receive a total of \$795,833 for its own appearances. Revenue would be even higher if other Big East teams reach the Final Four.

Turner said that any revenue generated by post-season games could be used to improve university athletic facilities, fund scholarships or endowments, or support athletic programs.

Businesses asked for support

NEW HAVEN (AP) — New Haven-area businesses may be asked to help pay for the Volvo International Tennis Tournament with United Illuminating Co. picking up the tab if none other financial assistance officials said.

The proposal emerged from negotiations Friday involving Mayor John Santora, Tournament Director Jim Westhall and George Edwards Jr., chief executive officer of United Illuminating and a member of the Connecticut Tennis Foundation.

Under a proposed agreement, the tournament would pay the city 3 percent of ticket revenues starting in 1991, which was expected to amount to \$120,000, city officials said.

In return, the city would grant the tournament a property tax abatement on a proposed \$18 million tennis stadium to built near Yale University. The tournament is scheduled to be played Aug. 13-19 at a temporary facility in the Yale Bowl.

Also contained in the agreement, however, was a proposal that area businesses help the tournament pay part of the 3 percent figure for the 1991 and 1992 tournaments, Edwards said.

Koss sets speed skate mark

HERENVEN, Netherlands (AP) — Johan Olsson of Norway set a world record in a 3,000-meter speedskating event, racing the distance in 3:57.52.

Koss improved by 1.75 seconds the record of 3:59.27 set in 1987 by Dutchman Leo Visser, and by 0.8 seconds the 3:58.00 record clocked minutes earlier by Ben van Berg, also of the Netherlands.

Kronberger leads ski sweep

VEDDALEN, Sweden (AP) — Petra Kronberger led an Austrian four-woman sweep in a World Cup slalom and took a big step toward her country's first world title since 1979.

Kronberger, who competes in all disciplines and broke into the top echelon this season, had a combined time of 1 minute, 24.40 seconds down a relatively easy course.

Changes are made to shorten NFL games

By Dave Goldberg
The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Paul Tagliabue and Jim Finks are carrying through on a promise to make some of those seemingly interminable NFL games a little less so. The new commissioner and the man who was chief rival for the job continued their reshaping of the league by convincing owners to approve a package of changes that will cut about a half-dozen plays per game and also about a half-dozen minutes.

Combined with the reduction of the halftime break to 12 minutes from the current 15, the hope is that the length of games will get close to Tagliabue's goal of three hours. Games averaged 3:11 last year, and have averaged over three hours since 1977.

"We don't want to take plays out of the game," said Finks, who was named chairman of the rules-making

Johnsons help Suns burn the Jazz

NBA Roundup

By The Associated Press

For a team that carries Johnson & Johnson on its roster, the Phoenix Suns are feeling no pain. The Suns ended Utah's club-record 19-game losing streak Tuesday night, defeating the Jazz 114-106. Kevin Johnson scored 29 points, including 14 in the fourth quarter, and Eddie Johnson had 27. 11 over his average.

Meanwhile, Denver coach Doug Moe reached the 600-victory milestone as the Nuggets beat Houston 117-114. Michael Adams had 25 points, including a 3-pointer and bank shot in the final 1:14.

The Suns remained 1/2 game behind second-place Portland in the Pacific Division.

Nuggets 117, Rockets 114: Denver won despite spectacular performances from Houston's Akeem Olatunji and Vernon Maxwell. Olatunji had 25 points and 19 rebounds. Maxwell a career-high 33 points.

Bulls 111, Knicks 108: Michael Jordan scored 34 points in the fourth quarter and key 3-pointers in the fourth quarter as Chicago won for the 12th time in its last 14 games and handed New York its fourth defeat in six home games after a 2-2 start.

Cavaliers 119, 76ers 102: Mark Price scored 30 points, including a pair of fourth-quarter 3-point shots that stilled a Philadelphia comeback. The 76ers lost their third straight since they briefly held first place in the Atlantic Division last week but remained 11/2 games behind New York. However, they are only one game ahead of Boston.

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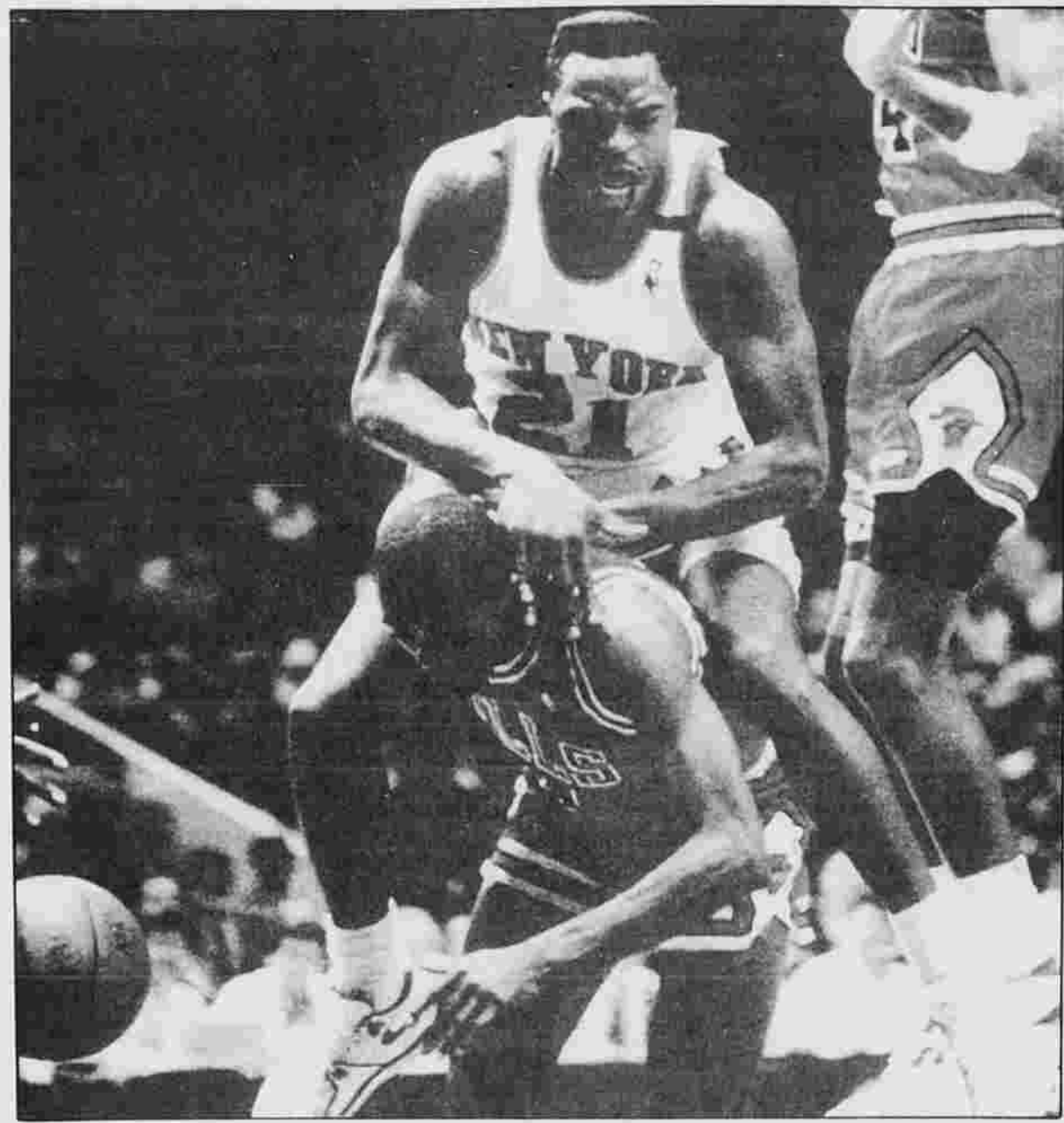
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PIGGYBACK — New York Knicks' Gerald Wilkins rides on the shoulders of Chicago's Craig Hodges during their game Tuesday night at Madison Square Garden. Horace Grant is at right. The Bulls won, 111-108.

Simmons, Coleman top first team All-America

By The Associated Press

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Rose's main interest is the hall of fame

By Beth Harris
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Former Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose is facing his first season out of baseball since 1963 with a sense of humor.

"I'm ready for it. The only difference is I think I'll have to pay to go to the games now. So I'll pay for the tickets, sit behind homeplate and the first guy that strikes out I'm going to bow," Rose said Tuesday during a news conference prior to a speech to about 1,200 supporters of Crossroads Rehabilitation Center in Indianapolis.

Rose isn't laughing, however, when he speaks of his bitterness toward former friends and associates who told baseball's investigators of his gambling habits.

"To see guys turn on me because of hearsay and because of something that wasn't true just really disappointed me. Guys that I thought were my so-called friends, and I don't forget that because it wasn't right."

There's a little bitterness in the way I was handled by some people, which really wasn't fair. That's still on the tip of my memory, so that's why I'm not really interested in going back and forth.

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Burke productive for the Devils

By Dick Brinker
The Associated Press

Goalie Sean Burke had not been playing well for the New Jersey Devils, and Minnesota coach Pierre Page still isn't sure he was all that impressive despite beating the North Stars.

"We've been making goals look great all year," Page said after New Jersey's 3-1 victory over Minnesota Tuesday night. "Don't judge a goalie by what he does against a single team."

Burke, who had played only once since Feb. 22, made 34 saves in breaking a personal five-game losing streak as the Devils extended their longest winning streak of the season to four games.

"I haven't played in a while, so that first period was really important," Burke said. "Once you make a few saves and get the nerves out, you can play your game."

Burke, who had not won since Feb. 22, did his best work in the first period, when the North Stars outshot the Devils 13-3. He turned away all but Brian Bellows' tip-in of a Curt Giles slap shot at 9:27.

Thereafter, Burke was flawless, justifying the decision of New Jersey coach John Cumfitt to start him over hot goaltender Chris Tereri.

"I didn't want it to go too long without Burke playing, Cumfitt said. "He's a confident kid. He thinks he'll be able to help us, and we want him to."

With the Devils in second place in the Patrick Division, having two hot goals can only help heading coach John Cumfitt to start him over hot goaltender Chris Tereri.

"Chris got us out of our slump earlier in the season, and then we put Sean in and he went on a roll," Cumfitt said. "We're hoping for that again."

With the scored tied, John Cumfitt capitalized on teammate Eric Weinrich's effort for his 36th goal of the season at 5:39 of the final period.

Let me help — Minnesota's Shane Churla (27) reaches for the puck as New Jersey's Bruce Driver checks him into the boards in their game Tuesday night. The Devils won, 3-1.

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In Brief . . .

Douglas plans on a bout

WASHINGTON (AP) — Heavyweight champion James "Buster" Douglas said that he will not defend his title before September, regardless of whether the courts allow him to fight Evander Holyfield or force him into a rematch with Mike Tyson.

Ware to forego senior year

HOUSTON (AP) — University of Houston quarterback and Heisman trophy winner Andre Ware will forego his final year of college eligibility to enter the 1990 National Football League draft, the Houston Post reported today.

Quarry denied boxing license

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Former heavyweight contender Jerry Quarry lost a bid Tuesday for a boxing license to resume his career at the age of 44. The Nevada State Athletic Commission voted 3-2 to deny Quarry a license to return to the ring.

Mazda purse at \$1 million

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 1990 LPGA championship will carry the first \$1 million purse in the history of women's professional golf. The purse, which includes a record \$150,000 payoff for finishing first, doubles the prize money for the event, one of the four major LPGA championships.

Driesell a familiar face

NEW YORK (AP) — At least one face will be familiar when the National Invitation Tournament begins Friday. Driesell, who coached the 1986-87 team, will be back in postseason play when he leads James Madison against New Orleans tonight in one of three opening-round games.

Paterson seeks court order

PATERSON, N.J. (AP) — Evander Holyfield, the No. 1 heavyweight contender, is asking for a restraining order that would prevent heavyweight champion James "Buster" Douglas and boxing promoter Don King from interfering with scheduled "purse bids" for a Douglas-Holyfield title bout.

Foregone conclusion opening day is gone

NEW YORK (AP) — Another day of nothing in baseball: no negotiating, no settlement in sight. Still nothing definite on opening day, either. But, with the lockout now at 28 days, it's a foregone conclusion the season will not start on time.

On Tuesday, Commissioner Fay Vincent and the league presidents agreed to wait until Friday before deciding whether to officially postpone the April 2 opener.

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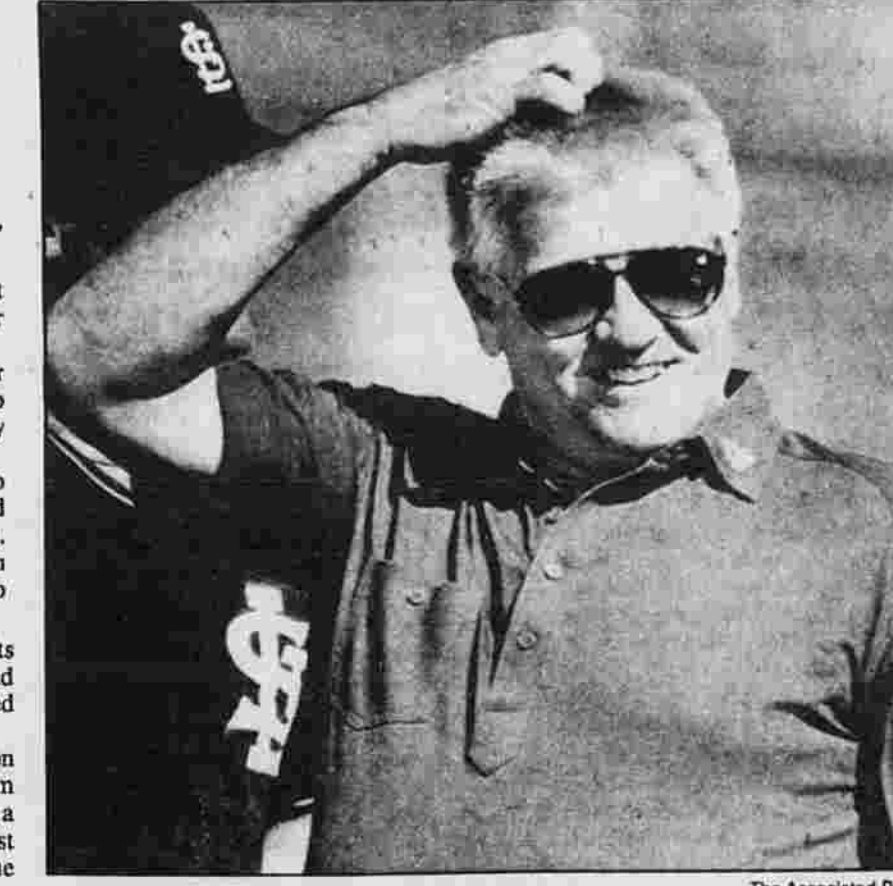
Indiana is one of the youngest teams Bob Knight has coached. The Hoosiers, seeded eighth, are led by freshman Calbert Cheaney, who averages 17.1 points per game. Sophomore Eric Anderson adds 16.2 points and 6.9 rebounds.

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Not everyone in Oakland happy with Raiders' deal

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Some Oakland residents, angry over the \$602.5 million offer to bring the Raiders back to their original home, are talking about trying to put the issue on the city's November ballot.

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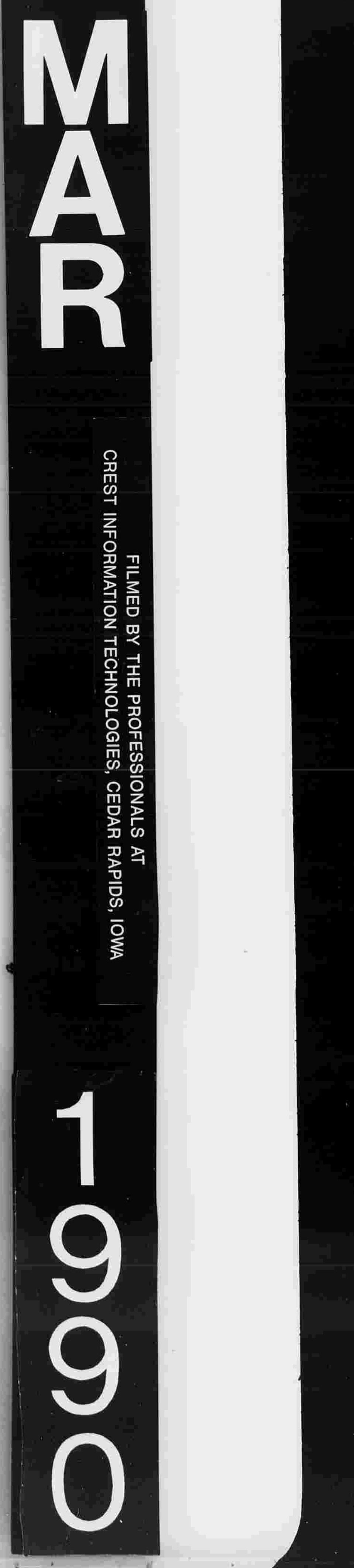
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