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Revaluation taking place in Coventry

By Jacqueline Bennett
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — It's time for property revaluation in town, so be prepared for that knock at the door. But remember all inspectors will have two photo identifications according to the town assessor.

"They will have a town ID signed by the Town Manager and their company ID, both photo IDs," Town Assessor Linda Braasch said Wednesday in a phone interview.

Property revaluation is required for towns by the state every 10 years, Braasch said.

Residents are not required to allow interior inspections but may suffer if they don't, Braasch said. "The penalty is when they can't view the inside, the data collector has to guess and they assume everything is at its best and likely assume (the residence has) more," Braasch said.

Thus the higher assessment shows up in taxes. Field inspections will be taking place over the next five months and include an exterior and interior inspection, which takes about 10 minutes, according to MMC of East Windsor, the firm used to do the work.

Braasch said inspections are initially being done on Cedar Swamp Road, Bread and Milk streets, Dunn Road, Twin Hills and Pilgrim Hills. They will progress from the northern section of town towards the southern, she said.

Braasch said on average property usually increases in value from three to four percent over 10 years.

Braasch said the 80's were a time of inflationary prices for homes. She said the prices were not realistic. She said rapid development has shifted and begun to decrease. She added that prices have begun to drop.

Braasch said the revaluation would show up in the 1992 assessment billings.

Fiano is target of foreclosure

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — The Savings Bank of Rockville has begun foreclosure proceedings against Bolton developer Lawrence A. Fiano because he failed to make mortgage payments on the properties associated with a 33-lot subdivision here, an attorney representing the bank said today.

However, the attorney, William E. Hall, said the foreclosure could be stalled if Fiano can show the bank that he could generate the finances to pay the installments and interest on the loans that originally totalled \$1.7 million.

Fiano could not be reached for comment this morning. "Whether he's got any prospective sales or anything, obviously the bank will consider that," Hall said. "He's told me that he's making every effort to refinance the loan or refile loans."

The attorney said he did not know the present amount of the mortgages, but they would be less than the \$1.7 million because Fiano has sold off 13 of the 33 lots at the Mountain Ridge Estates, which is off Jones Crossing. With a lot sale, the developer pays the bank a certain amount of the loan.

The process could also be delayed if Fiano requests more time when court proceedings begin.

However, no court dates had been set regarding the foreclosure because the properties involved have yet to be appraised, Hall said. The appraisal is necessary to determine the type of foreclosure sought, he said.

He described the two basic kinds of action. The first, known as a strict foreclosure, is for the bank or lender to seize the related properties to compensate for the unpaid debt. The second type of foreclosure involves auctioning off the property.

Hall said the auction method is used if the assessed value of the properties is greater than the amount of the debt. Assuming the cost to the buyer of the auctioned property will also be greater than the debt, any excess goes to the debtor.

Hall, who handles foreclosure proceedings for Stafford Savings Bank as well as the Savings Bank of Rockville, said the action being taken on Fiano is not uncommon in the current sagging real estate market.

"In general, there's a marked increase in foreclosures, whereas five years ago there were virtually none," he said.

Hall said that when he goes into court on Mondays, in recent times, and looks at the trial schedule he always sees several foreclosure cases.

"It's up substantially from the good old days, if you will, of 1985," he added.

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GOP in Coventry re-elects Strater, endorses Rowland

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COVENTRY — It was a busy Wednesday night as the Republican Town Committee elected new officers and gave U.S. Congressman John Rowland, a Waterbury Republican, endorsement in his bid for the Republican gubernatorial nomination.

The biggest surprise of the night for members was that there was no battle for officer positions. "I am surprised," said former Councilman Phillip Bouchard, who was elected vice chairman of the town committee, a spot previously held by James Sullivan. Blanche Strater was re-elected chairwoman.

Sullivan lost his bid for re-election to the Town Council when the Republican Town Committee failed to endorse him last summer. He was expected to put up a fight for an officer position but was not at the meeting.

Committee member Phillip Carpenter said Sullivan is out of town. Carpenter, who had been endorsed to run for the Board of Education last November, had withdrawn from the GOP ticket over the Sullivan ouster.

However, during the meeting at the Town Office Building, he voted along with about 20 other members to elect Strater and Bouchard. He also joined with committee members in electing Ann Hicks as secretary and Edward Strater, Blanche Strater's husband, as treasurer. Both were incumbents.

"I think it was made clear at the last caucus the committee wants to stay with the traditional Republican direction — conservative," Bouchard said. "...Jim Sullivan is not cut from the mainstream Republican cloth."

Sullivan could not be reached for comment this morning. Strater said her immediate goals in starting her two-year term are working to cut the town manager's proposed \$16.2 million budget for the next fiscal year that begins July 1. It is a 14.9 percent increase over this year's budget and, if approved, would mean a \$78 million increase.

Strater says another priority is electing a Republican governor. Michael Cleary later made a motion to endorse Rowland, however, three members left when the matter was brought up.

"It is an exciting time for Connecticut Republicans. It is my belief 1990 represents the best opportunity in 20 years for the Republican party to elect a Republican governor," Cleary said.

Cleary and member Frank Falana also joined with committee members in endorsing Saturday by a revolutionary court in a closed trial.

There was an arrest in September near a plant where ballistic missiles are reportedly being developed. He was investigating reports that hundreds of people had died in an explosion.

Robin Kealy, the British consul in Baghdad, spent more than an hour with the condemned

before the hanging. He told the British Broadcasting Corp. that Bazoff looked "hollow-eyed and subdued."

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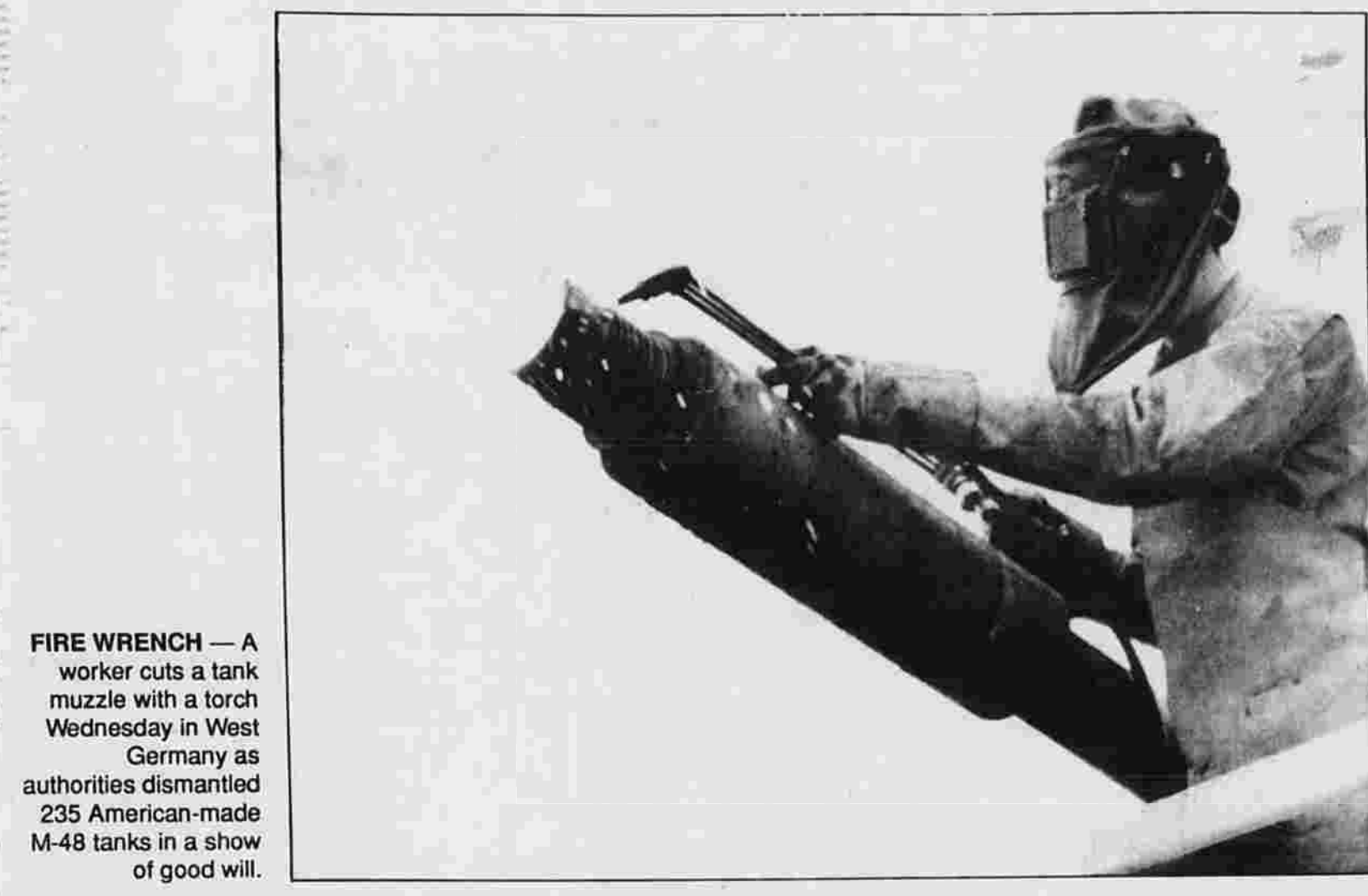
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By The Associated Press

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Gadhafi pledges to avenge fire at chemical plant

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Gadhafi today threatened to retaliate if Western agents were to blame for a fire that broke out at a Libyan plant suspected of producing poison gas.

The plant near Rabta, about 60 miles southwest of the Libyan capital, Tripoli, caught fire on Wednesday. There were conflicting reports about damage.

ABC News quoted unidentified Libyan security sources as claiming the plant was burned to the ground by U.S. and Israeli agents. The United States and Israel denied any involvement.

Today, the British Broadcasting Corp. quoted an unidentified spokesman for the official Libyan news agency IANA as saying there had been a fire in some machinery at the plant but that the building had not been damaged. IANA officials in Rome said they had no information on the fire.

Gadhafi said on Radio Tripoli that the investigation has been launched to determine if West German intelligence services are implicated in "an action motivated in Tunisia."

Gadhafi was quoted as saying that if West Germany is implicated, "the economic presence of Germany will be eliminated from Libya, and that state which is involved in espionage and sabotage in the interests of imperialism and Zionism will lose out."

For more than 14 months, the United States has accused Libya of using the plant to make chemical weapons, including mustard and nerve gases. Last week, the White House said the plant was dangerous and should be shut down. The White House refused to rule out the possibility of military action to close it.

The radical North African nation has denied the plant produces poison gas. Gadhafi has said it was designed to produce pharmaceuticals.

Mahmoud Azabzi, press secretary for Libya's U.N. mission in New York, confirmed that the fire began Wednesday.

"There is speculation that it was possibly sabotage, somebody coming in from Tunisia," Azabzi said.

An Interior Ministry official in Tunisia said late Wednesday that neighboring Libya had sealed its borders, but other Tunisian officials later denied that the frontiers had been closed.

There was no answer at Libyan ministries in Tripoli.

West Germany's ambassador in Tripoli was scheduled to meet with

Libya's Foreign Office, a West German government official said in Bonn. The official, who demanded anonymity, said he did not know the reason for the meeting.

Asked if it might have anything to do with the Rabta plant, the official said: "That would be speculation. I think they (the Libyans) asked him to come." He also said protesters had gathered outside the West German Embassy in Tripoli today, "but the demonstration doesn't seem to be very big."

West Germany at first denied U.S. assertions that West German firms helped build the plant, but later acknowledged the claims and launched its own investigations.

Libya's Radio Tripoli urged Arab support for Libya in the face of an aggressive campaign of American imperialism.

"The American campaign against the pharmaceutical factory at Rabta is a conspiracy against this important strategic achievement, which should furnish medicine for the entire Arab nation and break the foreign monopoly in this area," said the broadcast, motivated in Tunisia.

Libya also shares borders with Egypt, Chad, Niger, Sudan and Algeria. Security sources in Algeria, the Algerian capital, said early today that they had no reports of extra security on the Libyan side of the border.

"The Libyans said it was a terrorist attack but it was impossible to say what group," the Tunisian Interior Ministry spokesman said on condition of anonymity. He refused to answer other questions.

Reports of a fire first came from Washington Wednesday evening. President Bush said the United States had heard rumors the plant was on fire but that he did not know what had happened.

White House press secretary Martin Fitzwater said "We deny we had any involvement" in the reported fire.

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OPINION

It's time to bite the bullet

Whether you agree or disagree with Rep. Dan Rostenkowski's deficit-reduction proposal, at least he had the guts to offer a concrete proposal—painful though it may be—instead of just blabbering about our out-of-control federal spending habits.

Rostenkowski, who heads the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, has made a lot of his colleagues nervous by daring to suggest Congress just spending cold turkey for a year and approve a series of tax increases.

Whether the plan is good or bad, realistic or not, Rostenkowski has done us all a favor—he's given us a place to begin a serious deficit-reduction debate. With no proposal on the table, there's nothing to amend or even talk about.

We applaud President Bush and administration officials as well for having the good sense to look at Rostenkowski's plan before blindly shooting it down as unworkable just because it was proposed by a Democrat.

White House Budget Director Richard Darman even gave Rostenkowski a pat on the back for a "courageous plan... a serious initiative."

Rostenkowski, D-Ill., himself admits the plan contains "some political minefields," but at least it calls for some sacrifices by everyone—rich and poor, young and old.

While we admit the five-year plan must go under serious scrutiny and study before anyone can pass judgment, at least it's provided the long overdue wake-up call Americans have been waiting for.

More talk, more belly-aching or a smoke-and-mirrors "solution" to the seriousness of our fiscal well-being is no longer appropriate.

We've heard enough talk. Now we want solutions. But solutions don't come easy. More often than not, they are bitter pills to swallow.

Quitting anything cold turkey is tough, but alcoholics who admit they have a problem have to do it before they can begin turning their lives around. Lawmakers have admitted for years that we have an out-of-control spending problem. Now it's time they offer some kind of a plan to do something about it.

Lip-service to the fact that we're facing a serious problem no longer will do.

At least Rostenkowski's plan gives us some concrete belt-tightening ideas. We challenge critics to offer constructive counter-proposals instead of partisan rhetoric and mere hot air.

Excuse me? Is there any new skinny in there about Donald and Maria?

Open Forum

Dismayed at funding

To the Editor:

We, the faculty of Manchester Community College, are dismayed at the pitifully small funding allocated to higher education in the governor's proposed budget. Unless this financial situation is changed, MCC may have to deny entrance to some 1,600 students this fall. In our 25-year history, never yet have we had to close the door.

Our mission statement affirms that "MCC is committed to supporting the economic health of our region by training workers in job-related skills and in general education, preparing them for present and future technological change." We faculty stand ready to do just that. More than 100 of us—in business careers, humanities, mathematics, and social science—are eager to prepare students for their careers and for their lives. Sadly, we cannot prepare them if they are not here.

We love our work. Most of us would not teach anywhere else. We interact with students of all ages, shapes, and backgrounds. We work closely with them, following them as they go on to four-year schools or into the world of work. Many come back to tell us of the difference we have made in their lives.

We faculty do not want to see empty seats next fall. We do not want to see our current students frantically seeking courses they need but cannot get because there is no money to offer them. We do not want to see our campus deteriorating physically even as our population drops. Thus we appeal to our legislators and fellow-citizens: do not deny anyone the chance for higher education. Res-

Support education

To the Editor:

The rich get richer and the poor get poorer."

I am a newly enrolled student at Manchester Community College. I've been disabled for several years and am trying to get off the disabled list by taking a two-year medical lab technician course. This will enable me to get a job in a hospital lab, I hope.

I know that if my life doesn't get too complicated and if I can reactivate my study skills, I can succeed in this program.

The governor's proposed cut in education is appalling. My understanding is that a very large number of students and faculty will be affected next year and I probably will be one of them.

This state has never given education the priority that it needs at any level. The present governor is just following in his predecessors' footsteps. We have the distinction of having the highest per capita income of any state in the country. There is a lot of money floating around this state and when the time comes (and it has) for budget cuts, the so-called "fair share" painful burden is harassed on the middle class and poor. The rich don't share the pain, or the burden and

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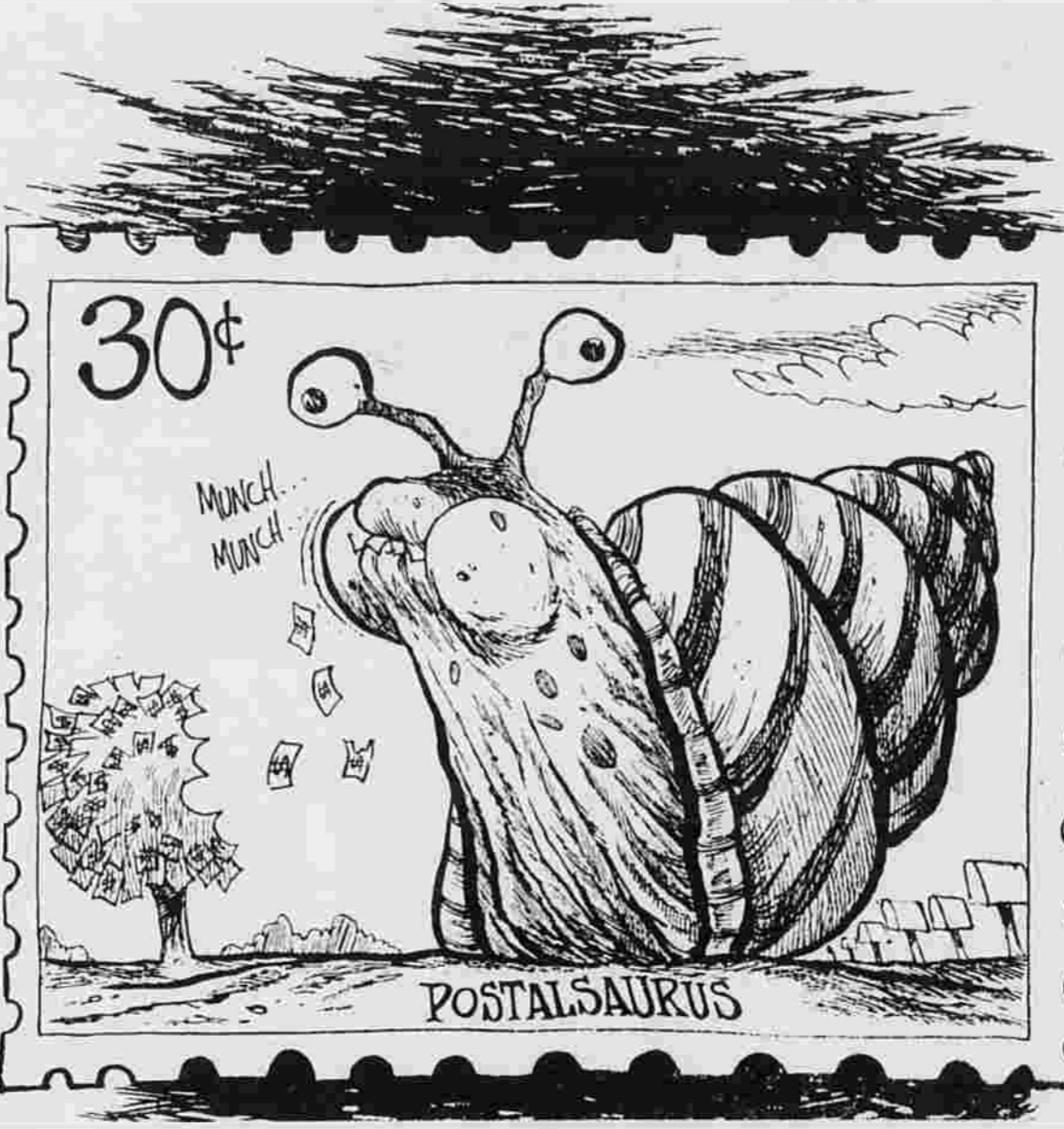
To the Editor:

As a resident of Manchester and a full-time working paramedic with several years of experience, I would like the opportunity to respond to an article published in the Manchester Herald on March 3 entitled "Official Advice on 911."

In this article, Mr. Cusson stated that "911" should be dialed in all types of emergency situations including "minor cases" including chest pain, breathing difficulty, anxiety attacks, allergic reactions, and abdominal pain. For several years I have been responding to these types of calls and I do not agree that chest pain, breathing difficulty or allergic reactions are minor. A large majority of these calls are life threatening and should not be viewed in such a casual manner.

Mr. Cusson further stated that "emergency service providers will respond faster and more efficiently when someone dials 911." Again, I disagree. The Manchester Ambulance dispatchers are state certified emer-

Dinosaur Stamp



Give Ireland back to the Irish

By Thomas L. Stringfellow

New York's 76th annual St. Patrick's Day parade will take place Saturday. Other ethnic groups will join Irish-Americans in celebrating with dances and parades. Corned beef and cabbage meals, Irish beverages, and soda bread are traditional.

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Another Viewpoint

Free blacks and Irish immigrants competed for jobs in this country and some animosity built up. First fights and name calling occurred.

The Civil War began in 1861 and many Irish fought for the Union as well as the Confederacy. An ugly incident occurred in New York City from July 13 to July 16, 1863 known as the Civil War draft riots. Some Irish American men were resentful of being drafted and they were not rich enough to pay \$30,000 for a substitute. Irish Americans and blacks did many innocent blacks and a few whites who tried to stop them. The mostly Irish-American police and Union soldiers returning from Gettysburg put down the rebellion. Damage costs were \$2 million and 1,000 persons were killed and injured.

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Reunited China still a dream

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — Behind the scenes in Beijing, an intense drama is unfolding that could change the course of world events.

Deng Xiaoping, China's senior leader without portfolio, has a dream. Before he dies, he wants to restore the two Chinas, revive the economy and establish China as a true world power. Sources with access to the aging leader say he has a plan to achieve all this.

He has already opened a back channel to Taiwan, which holds the keys to Chinese unity and prosperity. As one of the original communist leaders, Deng helped to drive the late Chiang Kai-shek off the mainland. Now Deng's contact in Taiwan is Chiang's surviving son, Chiang Wei-kuo, who is a powerful presence in Taiwan.

The vehicle that could bring the two Chinas together is the common constitution, which was drafted by the venerable Sun Yat-sen, whom Chinese on both sides of the bamboo curtain revere. Both sides claim to be the legitimate Chinese government under that constitution.

Sources close to Deng say he has exchanged secret, indirect messages with Chiang about the possible procedures to create one China within the framework of that constitution.

Of course, that would take patient negotiations in the painstaking Chinese style. Taiwan would eventually be made a neutral zone, with autonomy over its economy and politics.

The Chinese, on Taiwan, with their own thriving economy as a model, would teach their methods to their cousins on the mainland. In return, leaders in Taiwan would be drawn into a substitute government in Beijing. Chiang Wei-kuo, for example, might accept the vice presidency.

Deng's beautiful dream was disrupted by last June's massacre of students. Our sources say Deng had no intention of letting the violence reach that point. He was offended by the student uprising. He felt they should have honored him for introducing democratic and economic reforms. Instead, they dishonored him with the massive public protests.

Deng merely wanted to teach the students a lesson. And he also wanted to halt the uprising before it upset the stability of his government. But his designated heir, Zhao Ziyang, sided with the students.

That led to a backstage struggle. Deng made alliances with his hardline adversaries to oust Zhao and halt the student uprising before it swept across the country.

Deng sent troops to intimidate the students into dispersing. But the students faced down those troops. Then Deng allowed the hardliners to bring in their loyalist troops. It was those troops who opened fire on the students.

During the recriminations that followed, the hardliners gained control of the central government. Our sources identify the chief instigator as Premier Li Peng, who is trying to turn the clock back to the days of harsh communist rule and central planning.

But the outcome isn't yet settled. The real power in China is held by six armies whose commanders, in a showdown, might side with Deng against Li Peng. The hardliners have succeeded, meanwhile, in antagonizing the populace. A student underground still operates in defiance of draconian penalties. Even the conservative peasants are destroying crops and producing less grain for the state.

In Taiwan, meanwhile, Chiang Wei-kuo has encountered similar opposition from President Lee Teng-hui, who is removing Chiang's loyalists from key posts and replacing them with his own.

Apparently, Deng and Chiang share a common dream, but don't quite trust each other to implement the vision.

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Students gain insight into South Africa

By Heather Sullivan

In South Africa today, people are afraid to say what they think, or to tell others about what they believe in. Can you imagine waking up every morning to the thought that you are restricted in thought?

One day after school last semester, a group of approximately eight MHS students and some members of the faculty stayed to listen to a person who had been a prisoner in South Africa. "Mary" spoke to the interested group through the combined efforts of the Multi-Cultural Club, Leappeace, Cultural Affairs Club, and Manchester High's chapter of Amnesty International.

Mary first asked her audience if anyone knew what the word "apartheid" meant. She went on to explain that when the present-day South African government came into power in 1948, they completely separated the black people from the white people. She called this separation "apartheid," and it is still very much alive in South Africa.

Mary talked about her life in South Africa, and her fifteen-month imprisonment for "speaking against the government." Mary, as a student, urged fellow classmates at her black-populated school to work together to bring about positive changes at their school. Security forces bound her, took her away, tortured her, and continually asked questions to which she did not have answers. Mary repeatedly told her tormentors, "I know nothing. I know what you know." The beatings continued. Mary had convinced herself that no matter how bad the situation became, she must never give in.

Out of her fifteen months in prison, Mary spent three months in solitary confinement. She described this inhuman punishment as psychologically, mentally, and physically draining. She explained that her Christian beliefs gave her the hope to endure the torture and the cruel imprisonment.

Mary is concerned that many white people of South Africa say that they are Christians, and that they believe in God, and then kill fellow Christians who are black. Mary asked, "Why don't you love your fellow brother no matter what skin color he is?... What is wrong with reaching out your hand to help him?" Mary spoke of these problems arising in South Africa, and what it is like for a black person to live there. She said, "I know what it is to be black in South Africa... I know what it is to be privileged... I know what it is to be oppressed against injustice." Both the students and faculty were thoughtful and speechless after this powerful remark.

Mary greatly admires the late civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. and read a famous excerpt from his "I have a dream" speech. The students were then able to compare the current situation in South Africa to past racial issues in the United States.

Probe students utilize high school library

By Ryan Bry

On Jan. 17, Probe students from Martin, Bowers and Robertson elementary schools visited Manchester High library. Each student was doing research on a different topic in preparation for a report that they will present to their classes in May. Even though each student was assigned to a different research topic, they all attended the same card cataloging, book shelving, and many of the educational facilities that exist at the library.

Probe is an out-of-school activity that offers more to a student whose intellectual curiosity goes beyond the periphery of the classroom. Probe is available to gifted students in grades 4-6, who are committed to accomplish more in school than they are expected to do. The students took advantage of many of the things the library has to offer.

After Mrs. Frank, the MHS librarian, taught the students how to effectively use valuable researching devices such as the magazine index, microfiche and Newbank, the students went right to work.

Some students were researching such remote topics as fortune telling and animal therapy, while others were researching more traditional themes like that of giftedness. One student, Becky Pappas, a fifth-grader at Martin School, is doing her project on carousel horses. She liked doing research at the MHS library because, at Mary Chene's, a sixth-grader at Martin School, was doing his research on comics. He said that in-

formative materials on comics was sort of hard to find. Nonetheless, he enjoyed working in the MHS library more than other libraries simple because, he remarked, "it's quieter."

Meghan Dyer, another Probe student, commented that the MHS library "is smaller, less overwhelming." She said this as she reached for a book on her report topic: future fashions. In explaining her reason for choosing this topic, the outgoing Martin School sixth-grader said, "I want to know what the environment will be like so I can make clothes that will fit in with the everyday lifestyle of the future."

Perhaps the most interesting research task is that which has been undertaken by Jeff Simanoun, a fifth-grade Bowers student. In his own words, Jeff is "trying to go to 40 years ago until now." In the next few months he plans to interview his grandparents, his parents and students at the high school today.

Mrs. Maureen Campbell, a Probe teacher, feels that having these students do research papers at such an early age doesn't seem to burn them out or discourage them from enjoying their education. She said that "some kids don't find it (the research paper) to be a pleasant experience." According to Campbell, "it depends on the topic they choose for their project."

Regardless of what is demanded of these gifted students, they will answer the demands. As long as programs such as Probe are offered, talented students in Manchester are going to have significant effects on the schools that they attend. And, in the future, help build on the efforts of our past.

Cafeteria undergoes sweeping alterations

By Bill Scheideman

The Manchester High School cafeteria is headed for sweeping changes with the hiring of new Food Service Director, Lonnie Marchettini. To help increase student interest in what the cafeteria has to offer, Marchettini is revamping the lunch lines to make them both easier and quicker for the students to use.

A new section called the "S-press" line contains the three "s": soup, salad and sandwiches. This replaces the old salad line where students tell the cafeteria aide what they want on their salads. In the new setup, students are able to choose their own toppings and garnishes to supplement the typical salad mainstay.

Ready-made sandwiches will no longer be available. Instead, they will be served "deli-style" in the same manner as salads used to be served, where the student tells the cafeteria aide what to put on the salad. This way, there will be no sandwiches that go to waste because no one wants them. Kitchen Manager Shirley Hoey explains that now "there may be 15 sandwiches out there but if the one you want gone, she'll have to run across the kitchen and make it." This makes for a lot of wasted time, energy, and sandwiches since it is impossible to calculate the demand for certain types of sandwiches accurately. The cafeteria staff hopes 1991 students will welcome the "deli-style" setup which means more satisfied customers since the sandwiches will be personalized and made to order.

Mini-editorial

The regional communist party in Leningrad recently expelled its former party boss for reasons that have a definite ring of capitalism. Yuri Solovoyov got no of a deal on his new car—a Mercedes was bought for the price of a cheap Soviet Zhitigali car by using his party connections. Soviet politicians have a lot to learn. Wait until they hear about around-the-world junkies, honoraria and PAC money.

This summer, SFU will organize some 74 teams in more than 20 different sports—including its first bowling team—to travel abroad to destinations in Europe, Asia and the Pacific, the Caribbean, the Soviet Union and South America.

Three years ago, SFU sent its first family living in the Soviet Union. This year, five teams will travel there, competing in soccer, swimming, basketball, tennis, and volleyball.

To qualify, players must be ages 14-19, be active in their chosen sport and have a GPA of at least 2.0. The SFU program is for athletes of average or better skills, including the recreational athlete, and focuses on using sport as the vehicle for cultural learning. The program emphasizes sportsmanship and host family living.

Through SFU, teams from around the world also visit the United States. Hosts across the U.S. are needed for the more than 70 inbound teams which are expected to arrive in 1990.

SFU is a program of Youth For Understanding Inc., one of the largest international student exchange organizations. YFU has exchanged more than 140,000 students on year, semester, and summer programs in these last 38 years and maintains 10 offices in the U.S. and in 26 other countries around the world.

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WORK OF ART — Impressionistic painting of South African apartheid. The painting was done earlier this year by senior Alexia Cruz and Meg Berte.

Variety of English courses are offered

By Emily Kolt

While many schools are returning "back to basics" in their course offerings, MHS students still have the opportunity to choose electives. The MHS English Department offers courses in Futuristics, Writing for College, Themes of Love and Friendship in Literature, Film Appreciation, and others.

"You can allow a student to get into something they're really interested in," said Mrs. Joyce Don, an English teacher at MHS. She feels that English electives are effective because they go into greater depth than the traditional sophomore, junior, and senior English courses. Mrs. Sherry Jarno, an English teacher and head of the MHS English Department, agrees with Mrs. Don that English electives are a good thing.

"Students can write, think and talk just as well about Shakespeare as they can about a television show," said Jarno. "Because they chose their course, I can assume that they are more interested. Choice is a powerful motivator."

Rockville High School and Glastonbury High School also offer electives in the English curriculum to juniors and seniors. Among those offered are creative writing, speech, short story, media, and several courses in writing and literature.

While all of the English elective courses at MHS emphasize communication skills, the content of the courses can be changed to match incoming students and changing times.

Committee takes look into town's future

By Merbeth Riley

Over the years, our community has changed and is continuing to change. Recognizing this, several members in the Chamber of Commerce and Manchester's political system, have developed an organization known as the Agenda for Tomorrow. This organization's intent, as explained by Mark Pellegrini, Director of Planning and Economic Development, is "to come up with an agenda in some order of importance that will provide a solid building ground for the future of our community."

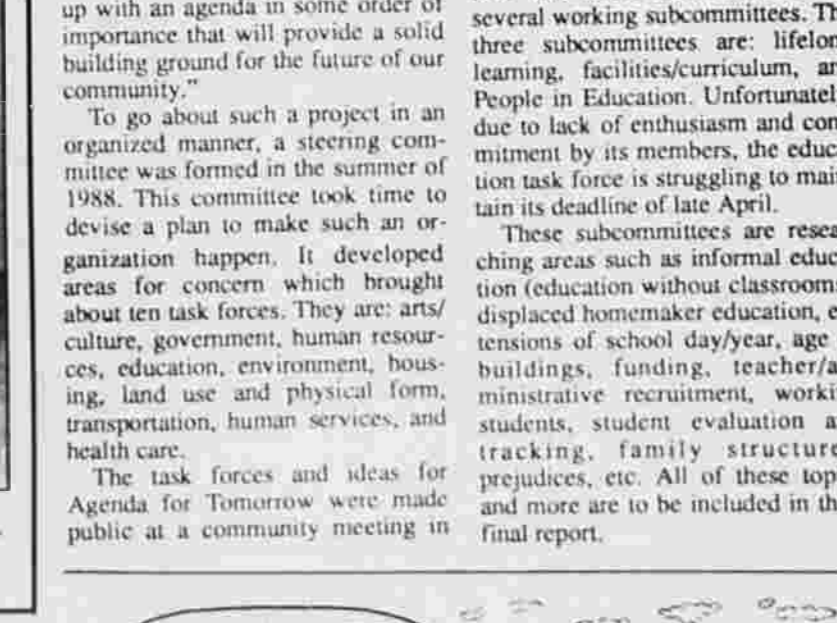
To go about such a project in an organized manner, a steering committee was formed in the summer of 1988. This committee took time to devise a plan to make such an organization happen. It developed areas for concern which brought about ten task forces. They are: education, government, human resources, education, environment, housing, land use and physical form, transportation, human services, and health care.

The task forces and ideas for Agenda for Tomorrow were made public at a community meeting in September 1988. At this meeting, the townspeople volunteered for their own areas of concern.

The task forces were then established. Each one was to look into specific problems within their area and make recommendations as to possible solutions. These "reports" are to be finished at the end of April. Following this, there will be a town meeting April 28 at MCC to review these reports.

Some committees, such as education task force, have divided into several working subcommittees. The three subcommittees are: lifelong learning, facilities/curriculum, and People in Education. Unfortunately, due to lack of enthusiasm and commitment by its members, the education task force is struggling to maintain its deadline of late April.

These subcommittees are researching areas such as informal education (education without classrooms), displaced homemaker education, extra-curricular school day/year, age of buildings, funding, teacher/administrative recruitment, working students, student evaluation and tracking, family structures, prejudices, etc. All of these topics and more are to be included in their final report.



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Samaritan

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cause a flat tire or accident.

Off the 191 ramp shoulder, the mini-van's driver talked on a cellular phone. The slim, tall, bespectacled Bancroft, who wore dark blue jeans and a dark blue jacket with fluorescent yellow stripes, stepped onto a grass divider between the highway and ramp and walked over to the mini-van. He returned a minute later.

"He's all set," said Bancroft. "It's just a car phone stop."

Such stops often occur during rush-hour traffic, he said. Many business people who are talking on their phones like to pull over and sort through their briefcases.

Today was Monday, and it was a dry, mild afternoon, perfect weather for cars because it wasn't cold or hot enough to cause many problems, said Bancroft, who has been CNB Samaritan in the Hartford area for the past year. Before taking the job, he was an emergency technician for Manchester Ambulance Co. and a music teacher in Maine.

Bancroft regularly patrols interstates 84, 84A, 91 and Route 2 in both the mornings and evenings, and despite the extraordinary effort he puts into helping people, he said he will not accept frequently offered tips.

"The whole idea behind the program is to not take any money," he said.

One time, the Samaritan even paid for a motel stay for a driver whose car broke down. The bank later reimbursed him.

A plaque attached to the van's interior appropriately reads, "Strive to do as much quality good as you can for as many people as you can with unconditional positive regard for all."

Scrolled on the van's exterior are the words "Samaritan... Helping People" and "Connecticut National Bank."

Bancroft's job also includes maintaining and re-stocking the van's drivers. Inside are several communication devices, including a cellular phone, CB radio, public address system, police scanner and a two-way radio. After every stop, Bancroft verbally records his action into a small cassette player. The tapes are transcribed weekly, so a record of Bancroft's stops and assistance is on hand in case anyone, such as police who might be investigating an incident, needs it.

On average, Bancroft says he makes about 25 to 30 stops per day, at least half of which involve assisting a driver. The most common problems he encounters are drivers who run out of gas or need help changing a flat tire, he said.

The Samaritan also runs a driver awareness program in conjunction with Manchester High School's driver education program. He lectures on highway safety and takes new drivers on the road with him to teach them what to watch out for on the highways.

"A lot of kids think that if they are a safe driver, then they are safe," Bancroft said. "I help them to understand that there are other drivers out there who are not so safe."

Among unsafe highway practices Bancroft said he tries to show young drivers are unsafe lane changing, poor reactions to emergency situations, such as changing a tire in a driving lane, instead of moving the car into the breakdown lane, or, preferably, off the road; and "rubber-necking" — when drivers take their eyes off the road to look at accidents as they pass. This frequently results in additional accidents, he said.

Bancroft said he enjoys his job and hopes to become a manager in the program some day.

"It's probably the most rewarding job I've ever had," he said.

It also is exciting, "I never know what is going to happen next."

Today, on the road, Bancroft declares, is Debris Day.

Most of his stops have been to remove hazardous material from the highways.

According to him, areas with Samaritan vans experience less motor vehicle breakdowns, basically because Samaritan vans remove many hazardous obstacles, resulting



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THEN, NOW — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev steps up to the rostrum after the Congress of People's Deputies elected him to a four-year presidential term. Behind him is a large wall relief of Lenin.

Gorbachev

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democratic basis," he said. "I think it necessary to say this, because both before and during this Congress, apprehensions were voiced that the presidency might threaten to usurp power."

After Gorbachev's term, the country will conduct its first nationwide presidential campaign.

The new president will have wide powers to propose legislation, negotiate treaties, veto bills and decisions of the Council of Ministers, appoint a Cabinet, declare war if the country is attacked and, under certain conditions, impose presidential rule.

Since taking office five years ago, Gorbachev has repeatedly shaken up the Soviet political system and improved personal liberties, but the country is beset by worsening ethnic strife and economic paralysis.

Strong independence movements and bloody clashes between ethnic groups also threaten the union. Lithuania declared independence on Sunday, and Estonia, Latvia and Georgia have all moved in that direction.

Gorbachev has been pressed for more radical solutions and this year has led the Communist Party

Vatican, Soviets establish ties

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican and the Soviet Union established official ties today for the first time since the 1917 Russian Revolution.

The Vatican and Moscow said the two sides have agreed to exchange representatives with the rank of ambassador extraordinary and apostolic nuncio. Initially, the representatives will not have permanent residences.

The ties fall short of full diplomatic relations. Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro described them as "pre-diplomatic relations."

The move was the latest of several that have improved relations between Moscow and the Vatican after more than 70 icy years.

The decision was made during the meeting at the Vatican in December between Pope John Paul II and Soviet Premier Mikhail S. Gorbachev. They were the first talks ever between a Roman Catholic pontiff and a supreme Soviet leader.

The Vatican will be represented by Archbishop Francesco Colson, an Italian prelate who has been a roving Vatican envoy to Eastern Europe.

The name of the Soviet ambassador was not immediately announced.

The Vatican announcement said the pope and Gorbachev agreed to give an official character to contacts between Moscow and the Holy See to facilitate a "permanent dialogue

Magnet

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the program viable.

Backo also said that even if the minimum were achieved, the still has other questions.

"Will the teachers be able to incorporate all the regular academic in the day in addition to the special focus programs?" she asked.

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Purdy

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signed by E. Daniel Reinhard Jr., deputy director of Navy safety and health, states the defect could lead to "catastrophic results" if allegations are proven.

At present, no injuries or accidents resulting from the alleged defect have been reported to the Pentagon, Brown said.

The memos were released by the Project on Government Procurement, a non-profit group which serves as an intermediary between the media and government in "whistleblowers" who turn in tips on fraud, waste and abuse in the government.

Jim Turner, a spokesman for the Pentagon's inspector general, said he could not confirm nor deny any investigation of Purdy.

Purdy's lawyer, Donald Richter, said, "We are investigating internally to examine if we are still operating at the high-quality level at which we have operated in the past."

Richter, who practices in Hartford and lives in Manchester, said the company's investigation, which he called "in-depth," should be com-

pleted in about two weeks, and the results probably will be forwarded to the Defense Department. He would not provide further comment on the investigation or the allegations.

The route to the Final Four could, and may never, be more perfectly mapped out for the Huskies. Two games in the Civic Center versus Boston University and, probably, Indiana.

UConn will not lose in Hartford, thus advancing to the Final 16 at the Meadowlands in East Rutherford, N.J., and a probable meeting with Clemson, the regular season Atlantic Coast Conference champion.

Having been at the Big East tourney at Madison Square Garden, it can be safely assumed the same throng of Husky maniacs who were present there will make the trip to the Meadowlands. It will definitely be a UConn crowd in East Rutherford, N.J.

After topping Clemson, UConn will meet second-seeded Kansas in the East Regional Final. This is a dynamic matchup since both teams go 10 players deep.

UConn's pressure will be so much for Kevin Pritchard and the Jayhawks and it will be on to Denver.

There, UConn will play Arkansas in the semifinals, another test of two teams that go 10 strong. Nevada-Las Vegas will knock off Georgia Tech in the other semifinal setting up a UConn-UNLV final.

The Rummel Rebels will have a major advantage inside with first-team All-America selection Larry Johnson, David Butler and 1988 Olympian Stacy Augmon.

It is pressure defense that will get UConn to the final and it will be pressure which will win the national championship for UConn.

Before the Big East tourney weekend, everyone knew the Huskies were good, yet critics felt inexperience in big games would be their downfall. UConn proved everyone wrong by playing at its highest level of confidence all season.

The scariest aspect of UConn's game is that it rarely ever shoots over 50 percent as a team. It was eighth in the Big East in both field goal percentage and rebounding.

Chris Smith, the Big East tourney most valuable player, and Tate George have developed into one of the best guard tandems in the country. Nadav Henefeld is the smartest UConn player. Scott Burrell brought his incredible athleticism to the nation over the weekend.

Rob Schliers, Lyman DePriest and Murray Williams are consistent role players. Superstar John Gwynne had a fabulous Big East tourney and freshman Torinao Walker couldn't have picked a more opportune time to emerge inside.

"They can beat anybody," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "They've got a whole lot better team than people think."

UConn coach Jim Calhoun said after the win over Georgetown last Saturday, "We feel that the greatest attribute we have as a team is we will have 10 very, very good players."

After the Georgetown game, a New York reporter posed a question to George, except he called him Chris, as in Chris Smith who was sitting beside George.

"Which prodded Calhoun to humorously interject, 'We're a very famous team by the way.'"

These Huskies will be very famous after April 2, the date of the NCAA Championship.

Jim Tierney is a sports writer for the Manchester Herald.

Nicaragua

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tion Wednesday, said most party members want to cut the proposed \$303 billion fiscal 1991 defense budget but are content to wait for dramatic cuts.

Part of the Republican strategy to counter the Democrats' proposed deficit spending cuts is to paint the Democrats as willing to slash major military programs but not pet projects in their own backyards.

"I think every body understands this is not the same game on defense," said Rep. Leon Panetta, D-Calif., chairman of the House Budget Committee. "This is a

changed ballgame, because it's a changing world situation."

"Whatever happens in the Soviet Union, you aren't going to get that money dumped back together again," he said. "It's not going to be the military that it once was, said Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

The Pentagon, in proposing its sources for Nicaragua assistance, said cancellation of several of some military construction programs could total \$81 million.

An additional \$11 million in savings would be realized by canceling plans to repair the No. 2 jet tarret of the battleship Iowa that was damaged in an explosion that killed 47 sailors last April.

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Jim Tierney

Expectations a 'Mile High' in Connecticut

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The last time the University of Connecticut participated in the NCAA basketball tournament... Jim Tierney was in office.

"Deerhunter" won an Academy Award for best picture.

The Pittsburgh Steelers were the revered titans of the National Football League.

Large-knotted ties were in.

Cardigans were in.

UConn was still a very away.

Magic and Larry were on their way to a showdown in the national championship.

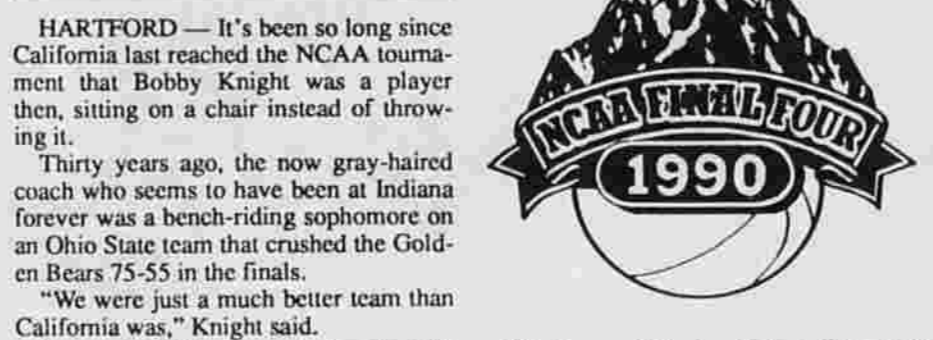
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The 'Big Dance' takes first step

Bobby Knight gets to see California once again

By Howard Uman The Associated Press



HARTFORD — It's been so long since California last reached the NCAA tournament that Bobby Knight was a player then, sitting on a chair instead of throwing it.

Thirty years ago, the now gray-haired coach who seems to have been at Indiana forever was a bench-riding sophomore on an Ohio State team that crushed the Golden Bears 75-55 in the final.

"We were just a much better team than California was," Knight said.

He meets California again tonight with his current team and he can't in all honesty, repeat that statement. Indiana is seeded eighth in the East Regional, California ninth.

Bringing California back to the NCAA after three decades and possibly beating Knight, who has taken teams there 14 times in his 19 seasons as Indiana's coach and won three titles, is a treat for Golden Bears coach Lou Campanelli.

"Sure, it would be special, because Bob is a giant in our profession," Campanelli said.

"It's a big milestone for our program" to return to the NCAA, he added. "When I took this job five years ago, we hadn't been to any tournament in 25 years. We've been to three NITs in the last four years."

The NCAA's are a significant step for our program. It's where I wanted to take the program when I took the job. It's a big opportunity and we want to make the most of it."

A victory would advance California to Saturday's second round against the winner of tonight's first game between third-ranked Connecticut and Boston University.

Saturday's other second round contest will match the winners of today's Clemson-Brighton Young and LaSalle-Southern Mississippi games.

Indiana was a controversial choice for an at-large NCAA berth. It finished seventh in the Big Ten with an 8-10 record. It's 18-10 overall.

Knight feels no need to defend the choice.

"That's not my prerogative," he said. "I don't pick the teams. I don't give that any thought whatsoever... I've got no voice on who gets in the NCAA, so why worry about it?"

"I'm kind of like somebody's old dog. I just go out and do what people tell me."

He was told to let go Hartford, so he's here with a team that features five freshmen and two sophomores among its top



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HUSKY PRACTICE — UConn head coach Jim Calhoun, second from right, and assistant coach Howie Dickman watch as Tate George puts in a layup during Wednesday's practice at the Hartford Civic Center. The Huskies take on Boston University tonight at 7 in first-round NCAA Tournament action.

all our players and to become the best that we can possibly be."

Saying his goal is to win this year's NCAA championship, he said, would "probably be like the president of the Mavericks' saying he wants to be president of the United States."

The Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun was playing at the Hartford Civic Center, just 28 miles from campus, is a mixed blessing. He's told his players to take their telephones off the hook so admiring fans can't get there.

"There are some advantages to playing" in Hartford, he said, "but there are also some added pressures."

Connecticut played five home games at its old arena, five in the new Gampel Pavilion and eight at the Civic Center. Tonight's crowd will be filled with Huskies partisans.

Three years ago, the Huskies were 9-19. The next year they won the NIT. But they haven't been to the NCAAAs since 1979.

"It doesn't matter that we haven't been here," guard Chris Smith said. "We're here now."

Psychological ploy boosts Dallas past the Celtics

By Howard Uman The Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks coach Richie Adubato has a degree in psychology and he has apparently put it to good use in igniting the Mavericks' frontcourt into being more aggressive on offense.

Angered by the criticism, forwards Sam Perkins scored 30 points and teammate Roy Tarpley added 25 Wednesday night to lead the Mavericks to a 113-102 NBA victory over the Boston Celtics. It was only the third victory for the Mavericks over the Celtics in 20 meetings.

Although Adubato had stopped short of calling his starting frontcourt wimps, he said he wanted more fire from a starting front line that averages almost 7.0 and 27.0 points.

"Richie has a degree in psychology," Tarpley said. "When I hear stuff like that, it pumps me up and makes me want to play harder."

Dallas also got another major frontcourt contribution from Herb Williams, who came off the bench to score 20.

The Mavericks were able to take advantage of the absence of Celtics starting center Robert Parish, who has a hyperextended right knee and is not with the team.

The Mavericks' starting frontcourt of Perkins, Tarpley and James Donaldson



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LOOSE BALL — Kevin McHale of the Celtics, left, beats Sam Perkins of the Mavericks to a loose ball in their NBA game Wednesday night in Dallas. The Mavericks won, 113-102.

Baseball owners, players are battling over old, stale issue

By Ronald Blum The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Baseball owners and players are fighting over their old contract, instead of trying to negotiate a new one.

The sides in the bitter baseball negotiations did meet on Wednesday, but not to negotiate. They appeared before arbitrator George Nicola to testify on the union's motion that owners be ordered to make the deal, he said. "I just hope it doesn't take too long."

Kansas City owner Ewing Kauffman implied the situation further part of management's public relations campaign.

"If they don't settle soon, from my viewpoint, it would be my nature to withdraw everything that's been offered and close the season down," Kauffman said during a news conference at Kansas City.

"There comes a time when you cannot keep giving and giving and giving."

Union chief Donald Fehr said he thought Kauffman's comments were part of management's public relations campaign.

"I think it's Howard Rubenstein trying to scare players," Fehr said, referring to the public relations consultant for the Player Relations Committee.

Bill Murray and Dick Wagner of the commissioner's office sent a memorandum to clubs on Tuesday telling them that minor league teams could play in major league spring training ballparks.

The memorandum said that if major leaguers picket those games "under no circumstances, should club officials confront picketers."

"If there is a disturbance involving picketing, club officials should not become involved but should contact local police officials and Kevin Hallinan," baseball's director of security.

"Under the labor laws, minor league players have the right to refuse to cross a picket line, and therefore, clubs should make no effort to require players to cross," the memo said.

The union knew of no plans for players to picket those games. Only players on the 40-man roster of major league teams are in the union.

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Vintage Gretzky puts on a show against the Sabres

By John F. Bonfatti
The Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The Great One is not the Tired One, Wayne Gretzky insists. Doublers are instructed to watch a tape of his performance Wednesday night in the Los Angeles Kings' 9-5 overtime victory over the Buffalo Sabres.

Gretzky, bothered by reports that his extensive ice time earlier in the season has made him a spent player as the playoffs approach, had a goal and two assists.

It was vintage Gretzky, with the superstar wheeling around the retired Memorial Auditorium ice as if it were the first game of the season, not one of the last.

True, he hadn't skated since the Kings played against the New York Rangers on Monday. A practice scheduled for Tuesday in Buffalo didn't happen because the Kings were forced to bus from Rochester when fog prevented their plane from landing. And he skipped the team's Wednesday afternoon skate.

But Gretzky scoffed at the notion was tired, dismissing it as "nony talk that feeds on itself."

Reality will be the toughest challenge for Michigan to face

By Bernie Wilson
The Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — The Michigan Wolverines face perhaps the toughest opponent of all in the NCAA tournament reality.

No team has repeated as NCAA basketball champion since the UCLA Bruins won seven straight from 1967-73. So the odds are that somewhere along the way this year, Michigan's perfect NCAA record will be broken.

Under Coach Steve Fisher is going to end. "Of course we'd like to repeat, but that's the kind of thinking that gets you knocked out," center Terry Mills said.

"I think last year's going to help everybody a lot. You know, just being in the tournament. We do have guys on the team that do not have any tournament experience, but I have talked to them time and time again and told them, 'There is nothing like being in the tournament.'"

This is what it is all about. "We have been in the tournament, capping its remarkable run with an 80-79 overtime victory over Seton Hall as Rumeal Robinson made two free throws with three seconds remaining." The No. 13 Wolverines (22-7) begin their run at repeating on Friday, facing Illinois State (18-12) in the first round of the West sub-regional at the Long Beach Arena. No. 14 Arizona (24-9) plays South Florida (20-10), which got its first

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"One guy says you're tired and everybody rides it for a couple of weeks," he said. "It got to the point where it was kind of silly. We lose 9-2 and somebody says we lost 9-2 because I was tired."

Gretzky, whose 38 goals and 97 assists this season are below the phenomenal standards he's established in his career, said he slumped for a couple of weeks earlier this year "but that stretch was over with in early February."

"I feel really strong going into the playoffs — the last 10 games," he said. As Gretzky begins to heat up, so have the Kings. After losing four straight, Los Angeles has now won three in a row, including the first two games of a five-game road trip.

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GOAL BOUND — The Kings' Dave Taylor moves around Buffalo defenseman Dan Kennedy and ultimately scores on Sabres' goalie Darren Puppa in their NHL game Wednesday night. The Kings won in OT, 6-5.

help us," Fisher said. "We have been there before, but that is not always good. You look at the situation we were in last year, and we did very well, but I really think it has to be a plus."

Fisher was an assistant last season when Coach Bill Frieder announced just days before the NCAA tournament that he had accepted the Arizona State job, effective after the season. Athletic Director Bob Schenck, saying that "A Michigan man will coach Michigan," sent

Frieder on his way and gave the job to Fisher on an interim basis. Winning the national championship served to remove the "interim" from Fisher's title.

Michigan, which finished third in the Big Ten behind Michigan State and Purdue this season, has four sections in its starting lineup: Robinson, who leads the team in scoring (18.9 points), steals and assists; Mills (18.3 points); Loy (15.6 points); and Mike Givins (3.6).

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The order was handed down by St. Louis County Circuit Judge Philip Swartz Wednesday. Strawberry will have to pay \$1.8 million this year and wants a new \$3 million-a-year contract with the Mets.

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East swimmers place in M meet

NEW HAVEN — East Catholic High sophomore Neal Freemer took sixth place in both the 200 freestyle (1:51.63) and 500 freestyle (5:06.90) in Wednesday night's state Class M Swimming and Diving Championships at Yale University.

Senior Matt Martin took eighth place in the 100 backstroke (1:03.46) and 11th in the 100 butterfly (58.76). Freemer, Freemer, Martin, John Vitale and freshman Jason Martin set a school record in the 400 freestyle relay with a time of 3:39.99, breaking the old mark set last Saturday by three seconds.

St. Bernard may leave the ACC

St. Bernard, a member of the All Connecticut Conference that includes East Catholic High School, has applied for membership to the Eastern Connecticut Conference.

St. Bernard director of athletics Art Lamoureux cited travel costs and parent involvement for wanting to move to a league closer to home.

St. Bernard, however, has applied twice to the ECC before and been rejected unanimously on both occasions. Lamoureux said his recommendation will be, if the school's application is rejected, to remain in the ACC.

"I don't want to be an independent athletic director," he said Wednesday. "If we're rejected, we're not going to compete as an independent. That's not my intention. If we have to travel, we'll travel within a conference."

There are eight schools (East Catholic, Xavier, Mercy Sacred Heart of Hamden, Notre Dame of West Haven, St. Joseph of Tunbridge, Fairfield Prep and St. Bernard) in the ACC. Xavier, Prep and ND are all-boys' schools and Mercy and Sacred Heart all-girls' schools.

Clemson to visit UConn

CLEMSON, S.C. — Fifth-ranked Clemson whipped 12th-ranked Manhattan, 79-55, in a second-round NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament clash Wednesday night. That advances the Tigers (21-9) to a first-round game with fourth-ranked University of Connecticut (23-5) Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Harry A. Gampel Pavilion in Storrs.

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Sixers get big win over Lakers

NBA Roundup

By Bob Greene
The Associated Press

It was a victory that the Philadelphia 76ers wanted, although it proved to be costly.

"It was a huge win for us," Coach Jim Lynum said after the 76ers defeated the Los Angeles Lakers 116-110. "They are the best in basketball. They have the best roster."

Charles Barkley had 35 points, 19 rebounds and six assists as Philadelphia snuffed a three-game losing streak Wednesday and ended the Lakers' six-year masters streak of the 76ers.

"Tonight we caught a good team that is on their way to be a great team," Lakers coach Pat Riley said. "They were in a desperate situation and came through."

The 76ers suffered a blow with 3:04 left in the game when Rick Mahorn, after blocking a Los Angeles shot, collided with Barkley and crumpled to the floor. Mahorn strained his lower back and sustained contusions to the left hip and will be lost for about a week.

"We really needed that game," Barkley said of Philadelphia's first victory over the Lakers since Dec. 7, 1984.

Shony Dawkins tied his career high with 30 points and Hersey Hawkins had 24 as the Sixers held off a final-period rally by the Lakers.

"Their guards (Dawkins and Hawkins) just killed us," Riley said. "We just let them get confidence outside. We focused on Charles too much, and Johnny and Hersey just drilled us."

After Hawkins sank two free throws to give the 76ers a 111-106 lead, Magic Johnson, who scored 34 points, hit a driving layup to pull the Lakers within three points with 24 seconds remaining. Dawkins missed two free throws, but he grabbed a rebound of a Johnson miss and was fouled with 15 seconds to go. This time, he made both shots.

Barkley then stole the inbound pass and converted a three-point play, sealing the victory.

Heat 113, Clippers 108, OT: Miami rookie Sherman Douglas scored nine of his season-high 33 points in overtime and made a key steal as the Heat defeated the Clippers for the fifth straight time. The victory ended a nine-game losing streak for the second-year expansion team.

Heat's Glen Rice added 24 points and Kevin Edwards 21 for Miami. Danny Manning scored 28 points and Winston Garland 20 for the Clippers.

Suns 138, Nuggets 108: A decisive three-period run posting its first winning record since 1978. The Minutemen, 10-18 last season, are 17-13 after losing 53-51 to Temple in the Atlantic 10 tournament final on the Owls' home floor.

The Minutemen were just 3-9 on the road.

"We're going down to their court, with their fans and their officials. It's going to be difficult for us," Calipari said. "But we've been underdogs in just about every game this year. You just go in, play hard and play loose, and see what happens. We've got nothing to lose."

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ON THE MOVE — Miami's Sherman Douglas (11) drives around teammate Rony Seikaly (4) to elude Los Angeles Clippers' Winston Garland during their game Wednesday night in Los Angeles. The Heat won, 113-108, in overtime.

helped Phoenix defeat the Denver Nuggets for the 18th consecutive home victory. The win was sparked by Tom Chambers, who had 31 points, and Kevin Johnson, with 29.

Dan Majerle added 20 points and Eddie Johnson 19 for the Suns, who won for the seventh straight time over Golden State. Denver's loss was its most lopsided ever against Phoenix.

Sonics 103, Hornets 100: Jim Farmer scored a career-high 26 points, including six free throws in the final minute, as Seattle handed Charlotte its seventh straight loss. Farmer's three-point basket snapped an 82-82 tie with 8:05 left, giving the Sonics the lead for good.

James Madison trailed 72-62 with 5:54 to play when Billy Coles scored six of the Ducks' next eight points, all on follows of missed shots. But Coles fouled out with 44 seconds left, sending Willie Richardson to the line. Richardson made one free throw to give the Privateers a 75-72 lead.

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WALEN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NY Rangers	31	11	8	70	256	229
Toronto	29	15	8	67	252	222
Edmonton	28	18	7	63	244	225
Washington	25	21	6	57	262	251
Philadelphia	26	20	6	56	252	255

ADAMS CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	43	26	9	92	358	307
St. Louis	38	26	8	81	311	292
Chicago	37	29	8	80	329	312
Minnesota	33	33	7	73	303	303
Dallas	11	52	7	29	211	335

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	36	27	8	81	356	324
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WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
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Butcher wins 4th Iditarod

NOME, Alaska (AP) — With her fourth victory in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race behind her, Susan Butcher already is anticipating No. 5, but a more immediate concern was ensuring that her dogs get proper credit.

"This team had power coming out of its ears," she said Wednesday, minutes after winning the 1,158-mile Anchorage-to-Nome trek in record time. "Not so much charging up hills, but stamina. It just had it."

"This team has been absolutely incredible. I've never had a team go as strong as this."

Butcher finished with 11 dogs. During her 11 days on the trail she had to drop three veteran dogs that pulled her to previous victories.

She won \$25,000 in first-place money plus \$25,000 from Purina Pro Plan, one of her sponsors. Defending champion Joe Ruyrun finished No. 2.

Butcher said she wants an unrestricted free race route to an unprecedented fifth Iditarod win.

"I made many mistakes," she said. "I'd like to come into the Iditarod again and have a race like I had in 1986. I held that lead for a week."

Her time was 11 days, 1 hour, 53 minutes and 23 seconds. That was all-time record, beating by more than 10 minutes her 1987 record, which was set on another route. The previous record for the slightly longer northern route — set by Butcher in 1986 — was 11 days, 15 hours and 6 minutes.

Various obstacles stood in the way of a record this time. The 70 mushers who began the race March 7 had to contend with the deepest snow in a quarter-century, ash from Redoubt Volcano, some unseasonably warm days that tired their dogs, buffalo on the trail and hunger-crazed moose.

At least two mushers had run-ins with the huge animals, which tangled their lines and stomped their dogs.

The only other four-day winner, Rickie Weston, was leading near a halfway point but had to turn back and have his team checked by a veterinarian after a 192-mile stage of diphtheria serum to Nome, which was his hard by an outbreak of the disease.

The city's other woman to win the grueling race, Libby Riddle, watched Butcher's finish on Sunday streets in minus 10-degree weather.



Ex-CIA counsel to follow North, Hall on the stand

WASHINGTON (AP) — The former chief CIA lawyer faces questions from Iran-Contra prosecutors about a politically embarrassing document he drafted that then-national security adviser John Poindexter ultimately destroyed.

Stanley Sporkin, now a U.S. district judge serving in the same court where Poindexter presided, is taking the witness stand today to testify about the controversy surrounding a November 1985 shipment of Hawk anti-aircraft missiles to Iran.

The CIA-assisted shipment was carried out without a presidential document to authorize it and the legal staff working for Sporkin, then the spy agency's general counsel, was called in to write one.

The hurriedly drafted document, known as a "finding," depicted the U.S. government as being involved in a straight arms-for-hostages deal with Iran, Poindexter presided. Poindexter had ordered North to attend.

After being informed of what North told the congressmen, Poindexter sent his aide a congratulatory note.

"When John Poindexter told you 'Well done,' did you expect he had been happy you had carried the water?" Webb asked. "Did you think you did well?"

"No, I've told the world I don't feel good about that," the retired Marine lieutenant colonel said, his voice so choked with emotion he had to pause for a moment with his head turned away before speaking again.

"No, counsel, I knew it wasn't a tea party," North said.

"Did Ronald Reagan, George Bush, the generals or the admiral, did any of them send you messages that said 'well done' after you lied to Congress?" Webb asked.

"No," North replied.

Me. Hall praised North, saying he had "dedicated his life selflessly" to the initiative to Iran and said the Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

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Owners race to save satellite

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — An uninsured \$150 million communications satellite launched last week from the Earth in a dangerously low orbit today as its owners raced to devise a way of saving it before it burns up.

The Intelsat VI satellite was propelled into space Wednesday in the fourth commercial launch of a space shuttle recovery, Intelsat was urged by a U.S. company that wound up in the wrong orbit after falling apart separately from the giant Titan 3 booster rocket.

Intelsat was considering various options to save its satellite, including a space shuttle recovery, Intelsat spokesman Martha DiSario said. She declined to elaborate on what she said was a "delicate" situation.

The satellite, built by Hughes Aircraft Co., is in a "safe, low orbit," DiSario said. The satellite is in a "safe, low orbit," DiSario said. The satellite is in a "safe, low orbit," DiSario said.

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