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THE OLYMPIC TOUCH

Don Sarno, offering softball lessons locally, is pitching coach to the Olympic team heading for Australia

By Paul Saitowitz
Brea Progress

Don Sarno is an old pro. The Brea resident played professional softball for more than 33 years. Most of that time was spent with the Long Beach Night Hawks.

In 33 seasons, Sarno played in 24 national tournaments and on five national-championship teams.

"I really enjoyed pitching on such a competitive level for so many years," Sarno said. "It was a nice break from work."

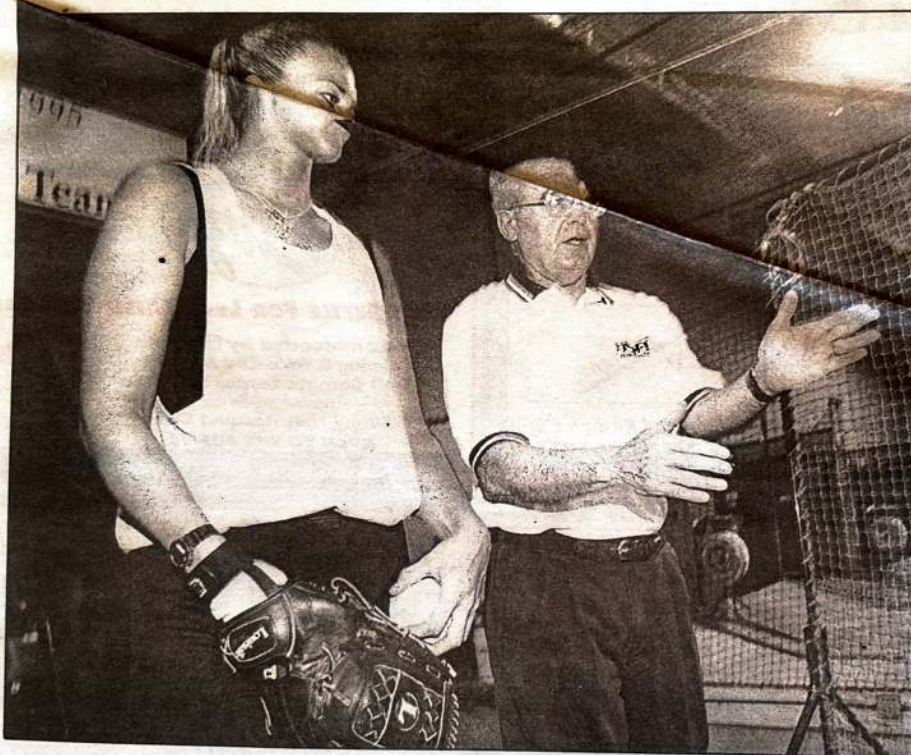
In 1980, he was inducted into the International Softball Congress Hall of Fame.

In addition to playing softball, he served as vice president of a local bank until he retired in 1994. However, before he retired he had a job on the side teaching young softball players how to pitch.

"I love softball, and I thought it would be great to try to pass on some of my knowledge," Sarno said.

He now offers softball lessons year-round out of Baseball and Softball World in Brea.

"Don is a great coach, he's



Don Sarno is shown with Olympic team softball pitcher Lori Harrigan at Brea softball training facility.

Jack E. Hancock/Brea Progress

"And, having different options to throw has made me so much more effective on the mound."

Sarno's basic approach when

working on conditioning and staying in shape."

He also focuses a lot on the mental approach to batters.

"He is awesome," Sunny Hills freshman Shannon Deutschman said of Sarno.

"It's easy to learn from him be-

COACH BIO

Who: Don Sarno
What: Olympic softball pitching coach
More: offers private lessons
And more: played professional softball for 33 years

“He has taught me how to throw a number of different pitches.”

MALLORY ANDERSON
Rosary High School pitcher

Lori Harrigan said. "He has helped me to put so much more movement on my ball. I wish I could have him out there on the mound with me."

Foreign teams often send pitchers here to work with Sarno, including from as far away as Japan and Italy.

"Everyone wants the chance to learn from Don," Olympic catcher Michelle Gromacki said. "We want to keep him over here."

He is also on the committee seeking to bring the Olympics back to Los Angeles in summer 2012.

"I was part of the group that went to Athens with Mayor Bradley to get the games here in 1984 and I would like to see them here again," Sarno said.

"I have had more than 200 of the girls I have worked with go on from high school to participate in college," he said.

“He is the world master

Olympian effort keeps Nordquist family jumping



The A Team

The whole family joined the team when Doug Nordquist qualified for the Olympics. Doug is at left with his mother and father Bonnie and Neil Nordquist.

By Jack Hancock
Advocate Editor

Its one for the books. To be recorded and handed down generation to generation. A member of the Nordquist family competed in the Olympic Games and finished in fifth place against the world's track and field elite.

Doug Nordquist relaxed in the family living room Monday, reliving his Olympic experience of a 7-6 high jump with his mother and father and talking of future plans. His mother, Bonnie, applied a cream to her eldest son's neck and shoulders as Doug's father, Neil, spoke of Saturday's Olympic competition.

"We had relatives and friends scattered all over the stadium," said the senior Nordquist. "We were just so proud of what he had already done (qualifying for the Olympic Games). We are proud as punch."

During the Games, the Nordquist family soared with every high jump effort the 25-year-old attempted and tried to relax between jumps. "When I saw him clap his hands as if to say 'I've done my best,' I knew he wasn't disappointed," said Mrs. Nordquist. "He went out gracefully and like a gentleman," they both agreed.

And so a chapter of the Nordquist history book closed with a family toast of champagne, following the competition Saturday night, and then a celebration of double decker ice cream cones at Baskin and Robbins.

But rather than Nordquist's track career ending with the extinguishing of the Olympic flame, it marks a new beginning as Nordquist leaves today for Europe and a 10-day whirl wind track tour with Dwight Stones. "We will participate in track meets every other day," said

Nordquist. The two high jumpers expect to compete in London, England Aug. 18; Zurich, Switzerland Aug. 20; Nice, France Aug. 22; and Brussels, Belgium Aug. 24. Nordquist is limiting his trip to 10 days because he has to be back Monday, Aug. 26, for a band camp at UCLA.

Nordquist's life is as busy as his book European itinerary. He has continued to work on the Santa Fe High School band camp (he is one of the band directors) while preparing for competition in the high jump. He arrived home this day at approximately 9:30 p.m.

"It's really been a very hectic day," said Bonnie. "We haven't really had an opportunity to sit and talk with Doug about his future plans since the competition," said Neil.

"I'm going to take it year by

year," said Doug. "As long as things are going well and I can jump....I'd like to compete in the '88 Olympics," he said.

Nordquist showed his mother and father a commemorative medal all participating Olympic athletes received. It was the first time they had seen the medallion and began to understand it was a special keepsake for Olympians.

"We're suppose to get rings also," said Doug. "That's what I really want. My coach (Washington State University Coach Rick Sloan, U.S. decathlete, 1968) would spot for me in the bench press. Every time he grabbed the weights, I could see his Olympic ring. He has no idea how much that Olympic ring has been an incentive for me," said Doug.

Nordquist has been an underdog in track and field up and

through the Olympic Games. He qualified for his first international meet as a member of the Olympic team. Now he is listed as one of the best high jumpers in the world. He has done it almost entirely on his own effort with support from his family.

"We are proud of Doug, more than any words can say," said the Nordquists.

UP AND OVER FOR THE U.S.



United States high jump expert Doug Nordquist clears 7 feet, 4 inches during the competition at the L.A. Coliseum. Nordquist finished in sixth place overall, going out of the competition at 7-6. The United States Olympic team compiled a lot of "heavy medal" during the two weeks, scoring the most medals in the history of the modern Olympic Games. (Highlander photo by Wayne Seeber)

Nordquist finishes fifth in Olympic high jump

By Shirley Hummitich

Doug Nordquist of Brea, came in fifth place in the high jump finals of the Games of the XXIIIrd Olympiad, behind Dwight Stones and in front of Milton Goode, all American competitors who attempted to medal at the Coliseum Saturday, Aug. 11.

Dietmar Moegenburg from West Germany surprised everyone by taking the gold, jumping 7-feet, 8½-inches, while Patrik Sjoeborg of Sweden cleared 7-7¾ for the silver and favored Zhu Jianhua of China settled for the bronze with a 7-7.

None of the experts even came close in their predictions of who would win, place and show in the high jump. Most had Jianhua (world record holder, 7-9¾) wearing the gold medal on home and

Stones winning the silver, besting two bronze medals he had won in the past (1972-76), with Moegenburg possibly in third place.

But the gold, silver and bronze went to the ones with the greatest power of concentration, able to knock out the track runners competing simultaneously, applause and cheers for track runners, music, track medal ceremonies, and not to mention the high jump delays and the cross bar being moved in slow increments. All very distracting, to say the least.

Moegenburg was the one who ultimately overcame the distractions. In extreme control, he did not miss one attempt in a situation where each contender gets three tries per crossbar height. He jumped 7-0½, 7-3, 7-5¼, 7-7, 7-7¾ and finally 7-8½ to win the gold.

Meanwhile, of the final 12 qualifiers in the event, the three Americans, Stones, Nordquist and Goode, placed fourth, fifth and twelfth, respectively. Goode missed all three of his attempts at 7-3.

Nordquist, the son of Neil and Bonnie Nordquist, Brea, executed easy clearances in the beginning with a long, rhythmic, progressive stride on the approach. By the middle stages of the event, the 25-year-old was one of nine survivors.

Nordquist, who was jumping and passing with Stones initially, chose to attempt a jump at 7-5¼ which Stones passed. Nordquist, taking the extra jump to perhaps seek confidence, cleared the bar smoothly.

As the drama unfolded with numerous interruptions, Nordquist cleared 7-6, marking it his fourth first-attempt success on the day.

However, when the bar was raised to 7-7, the height the Brea high jumper had reached to qualify at the Olympic Trials in June, he couldn't make it.

Stones made 7-7 in his first effort but missed three tries at 7-7¾, ending America's noble effort in the high jump.

Nordquist enters Olympic Village

By Jack Hancock
Advocate Editor

Doug Nordquist is to enter the Olympic Village today as he continues mental preparation for tomorrow's preliminary Olympic high jump competition.

A long-time Brea resident and graduate of Sonora High School, Nordquist emerged as a world-class contender for a medal in Olympic track and field with a 7-7 second-place finish in U.S. track and field trial finals for the Olympics.

Second in a series

His whirlwind rise to track and field prominence has been offset by continued day to day work requirements as a band instructor at Santa Fe High School and as a musician in the local area. Following the emotional high of participation in the parade of athletes in Olympic opening ceremonies, Nordquist was back at work playing in a band the next day. He is also "trying to keep the school band going" during the summer months.

Prior to entering the Olympic Village, Nordquist said he plans to "lay around the house thinking." Mental imagery is an important part of his preparation for the Games, he said. Nordquist visualizes each step required to complete a successful jump of Olympic proportion. He needs to know that his years of

training will pay off as he stretches to achieve the form needed to defeat the world's best in the high jump.

His confidence has been buoyed with continued success in a series of one-event pre-Olympic meets held at Ambassador College in Pasadena. This week the 25-year-old cleared 7-6 1/2 in his last competition before the Games.

He believes in his ability. "I can jump higher," he said.

It wasn't always so. Not long ago he believed others were more deserving of the honor to compete for the United States. "Other people deserve it more than I," he said. But he has come to believe his persistence and effort won him the right to compete in the Olympics.

"Motivation is when your dreams put on work clothes," he said. Nordquist laughed. "I got that out of a Readers Digest. I like it."

A personable young man, he talks of life and striving for goals with enthusiasm and emotion.

He unashamedly wept, during Opening Olympic Ceremonies, as the Olympic flag was unfurled and raised. "I felt the Olympic Spirit," he said. Later Nordquist would grab the hand of Ruth Wysocki, surprise U.S. trials 1,500 meter winner, and the hand of a Turkish weight lifter, during the inspirational singing of the song "hold somebody's hand." Wysocki turned to Nordquist and said, "Who would have imagined that you and I would be here."

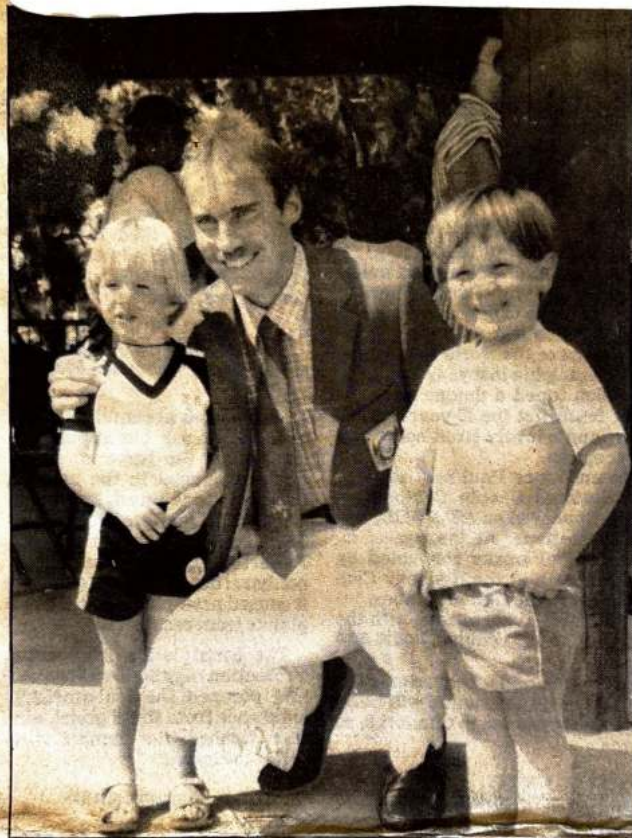
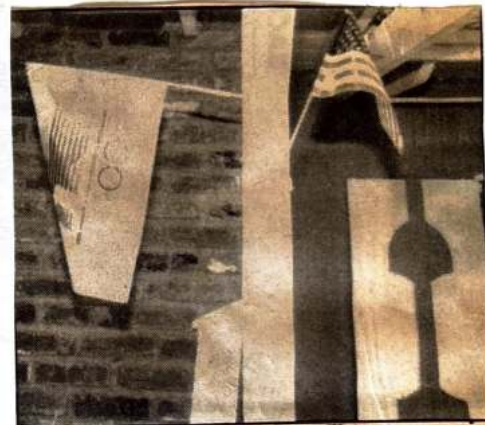


Photo by Susan Gaede

Olympian

Doug Nordquist poses with youngsters during recent community celebration honoring his acceptance to the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Team. He is scheduled to enter the Olympic Village today as he prepares for Olympic preliminary competition in the high jump.



Nordquists' flags

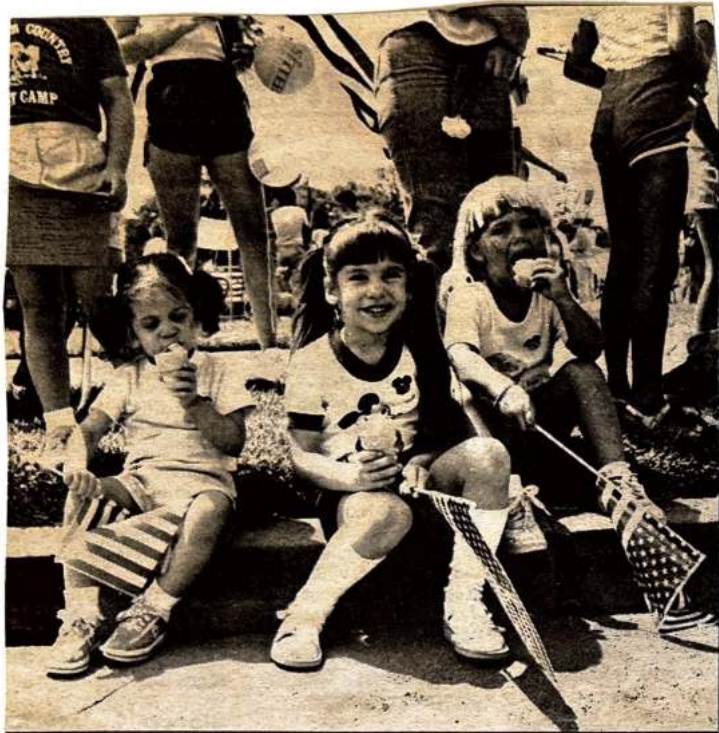
BREA OLYMPIC NOTES

We spotted the above flags near the Nordquist's mailbox.

We are delighted Doug Nordquist's family all got tickets to see his high jump performance in the preliminary competition at the Los Angeles Coliseum tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. Doug said he is enjoying seeing the Olympics on television at his home in Brea. He will stay in the Olympic village tonight, however.

We know thousands of people are pulling for Doug, and we want him to win, too.

Brea welcomes the Olympic Torch at City Hall Park

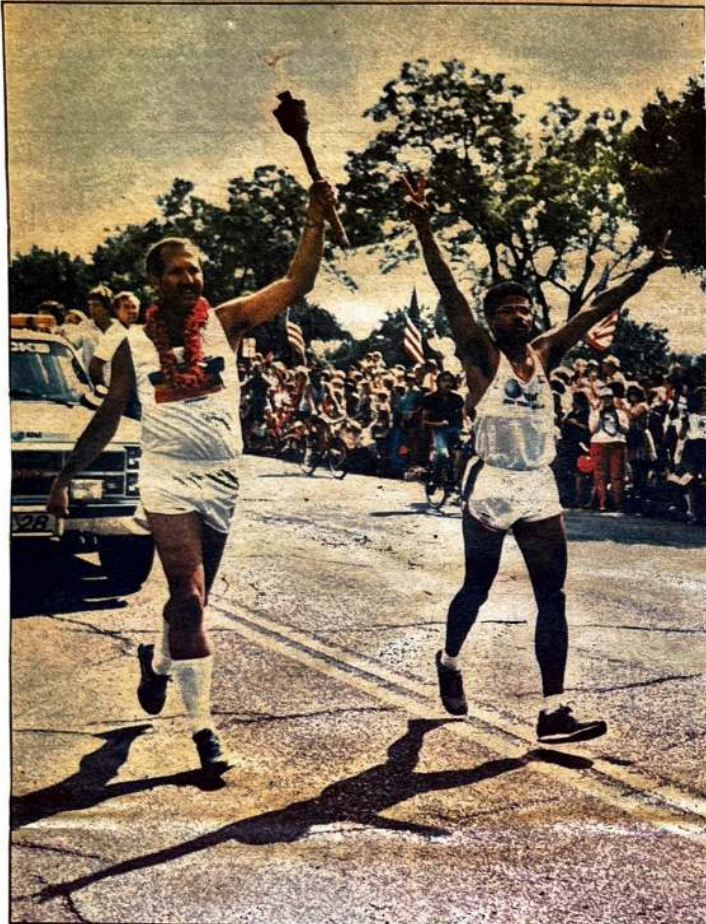


Magen Hawkey, Kari Maye Hawkey, and Danielle Perez(left to right) enjoy ice cream provided by Brea Rotary



Bill and June Duncan shade themselves from the sun while awaiting the arrival of the Olympic Torch.

ONE POWERFUL FLAME



Thousands of spectators gathered in the vicinity of City Hall Park in Brea to watch Mike Paulin (pictured above) run his kilometer of the Olympic Torch relay through the city's limits. Paulin, from Honolulu, came to Brea specifically to carry the torch. The City of Brea hosted a welcoming ceremony at City Hall Park to greet the infamous torch.

Olympic Torch lights up spirits in Brea

By Dara M. Kauffhell

They turned out by the thousands last Thursday to watch the Olympic Torch as it passed through Brea on its way to the Los Angeles Coliseum. Olympic fans popped up umbrellas, laid out blankets and set up lawn chairs all along Brea Boulevard. While waiting for the torch the crowds played Frisbee, ball and had picnics. The crowds at the Brea Plunge were refreshed from the hot afternoon sun with ice cream provided by the Brea Rotary and soft drinks provided by Wendy's Restaurants.

Along with all these festivities there was a scheduled program at City Hall Park which began with Boy Scout Troop 707 of Country Hills School leading the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro-Tem, Clarice Blamer presented a plaque from the Brea City Council to Doug Nordquist for qualifying in the high jump event on the 1984 United States Olympic Team.

Jennie Hillson, first vice president of the Brea Chamber of Commerce, also made a presentation to Nordquist, for achieving his life-long ambition.

Nordquist, a Brea resident for 24 years, accepted these recognitions

with pride and then he expressed his feelings of achievement by quoting a poem, "hold onto dreams for if dreams die life is a broken winged bird and does not fly."

Other area torch carriers attended the festivities at City Hall Park and expressed their feelings in taking part in the Olympics.

Al Parker, representing Suzuki Motorcycles, which is headquartered in Brea and is the official motorcycle supplier of the 1984 Olympics, said he is anxious to take his 1K run and is proud to take part in the relay. Doug Trovel, representing Brea Rotary, relayed to the crowd how overwhelmed with pride he was as he carried the torch. A special guest was introduced by Bill Daily of Kiwanis International. His guest, Pete Studwich, the only footless runner, expressed how proud he was to have participated in the relay and what his participation meant to the Special Olympics.

When the ceremony closed, the crowds rushed to the street, swinging American flags, to await the Olympic Torch.

At approximately 4 p.m., through cheering crowds, the torch made its way through Brea.

Blaze of glory

Torch relay sparks stirring show of patriotism

By Michelle Stein
and Carmen Canchoia
The Register

It was hot. Smoggy. And traffic was jammed. Everywhere.

Still, thousands of Fullerton, Brea and La Habra residents streamed from offices, homes and air-conditioned cars Thursday afternoon to partake in a slice of history.

The Olympic torch had come to town. At 3 p.m. — 20 minutes ahead of schedule — the flame blazed through downtown Fullerton. Necks craned as 19-year-old runner Craig Hawley, who suffers from multiple handicaps, passed the torch light to U.S. Rep. Bill Danne-meyer of Fullerton.

The torch then headed up Brea Boulevard to City Hall Park in Brea. There, throngs of spectators and city officials cheered as the torch procession whizzed past.

"I've got a lump in my throat," said



Melanie Stetson/The Register

Beverly Ellefson, her mother, Mildred, of Placentia and Elsie Ottinger, from left, await the torch in Brea.



Al Gamboa/The Register

Michelle Uzzi of Hemet let her shirt do the talking.

Kenneth Fisher of Brea, minutes after the torch passed by his orange and white lawnchair. "It was just wonderful."

Others were equally enthusiastic. "It seemed like the community stopped just to come out and see it," said Doug Layne. "There were a lot more

people here than I expected."

Dennis Crow agreed.

"It's hard enough to get people to stand up and clap at a ball game," Crow said. "But to get a bunch of people out here on a hot summer day? I was amazed."

Red, white and blue whipped in the hot afternoon breeze.

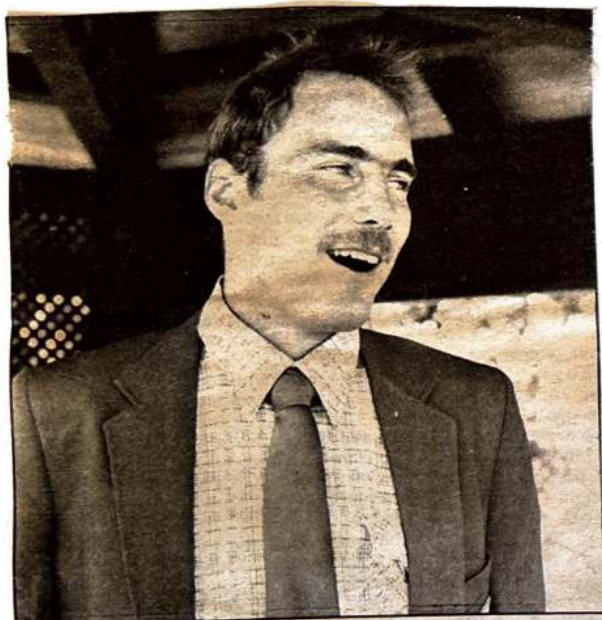
One hundred American flags had been erected around Memory Garden Memorial Park in Brea to commemorate the torch run. Usually, the flags are displayed only twice a year, on Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

On the flags were names of veterans buried in the cemetery: Anthony Torres, Clyde Wilson, Ole Thompson. Fighting men, unable to watch, as the torch passed by — except in spirit.

They cheered. And cheered. And cheered.

Fifteen minutes before the torch was even in sight, spectators roared each time a car zoomed past, an American flag hanging out of the window.

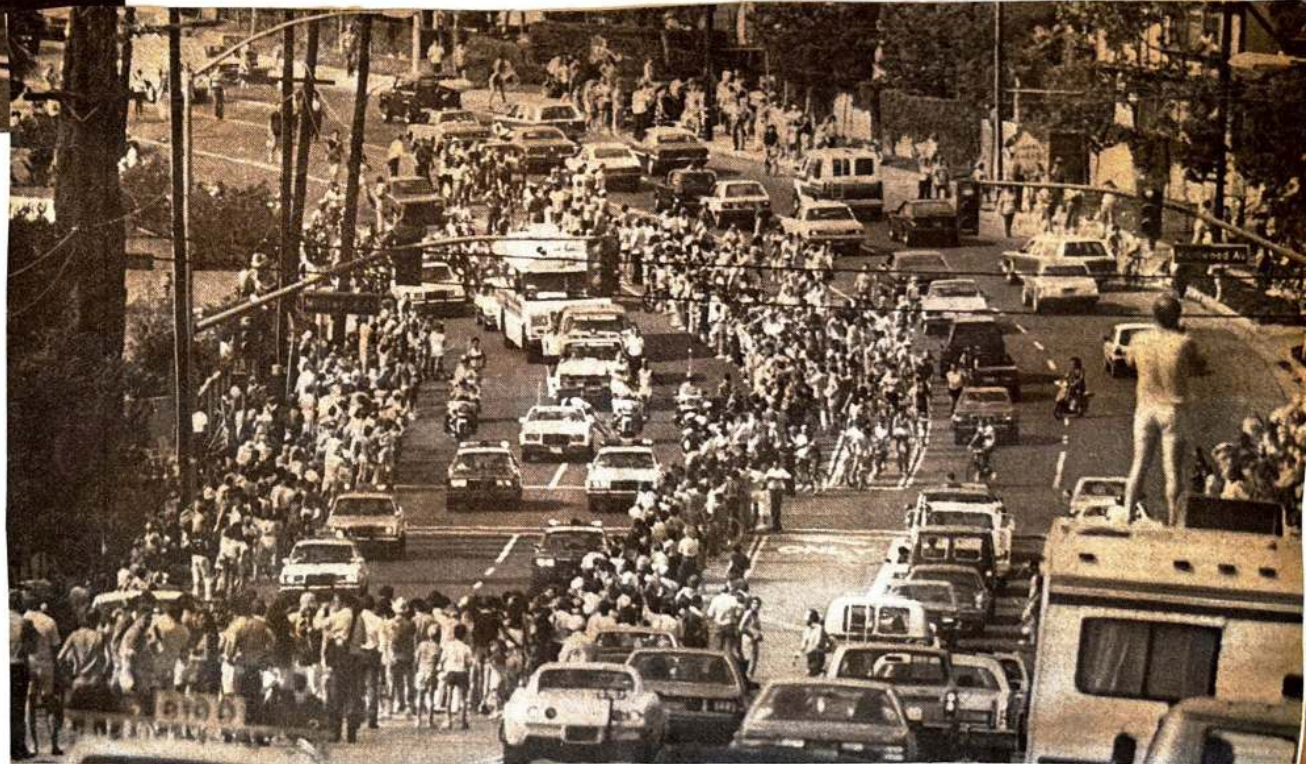
"Is everybody having a good time today?" a police officer asked. The answer was a deafening "yes."



Brea resident Doug Nordquist was honored by the city for making the U.S. Olympic Team.



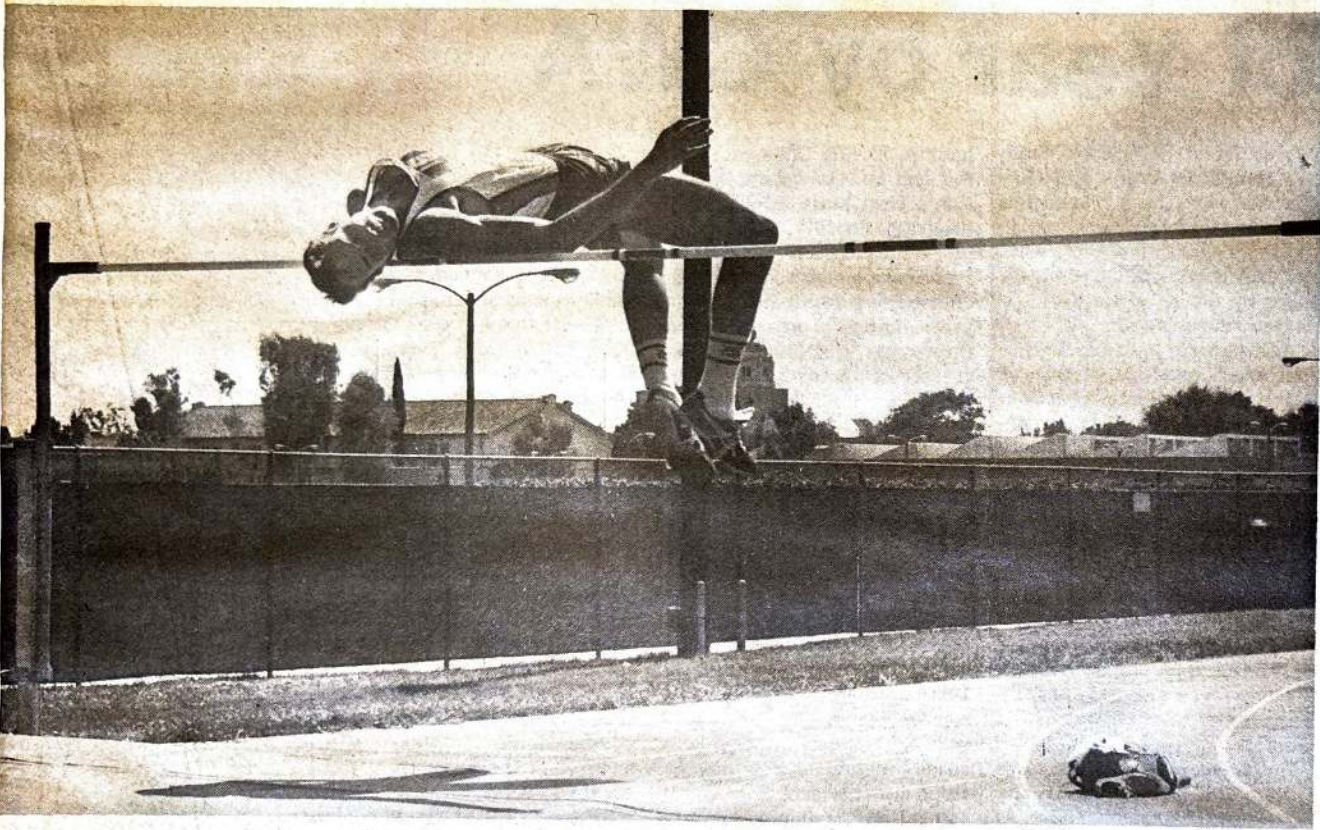
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Torch procession on Euclid on Montwood in La Habra.

(Star-Progress photo by Mike Schwarz)

Doug Nordquist, an Olympic hopeful



Nordquist clears the bar easily during practice at Fullerton College Tuesday.

By Patty Nordquist

(Editor's note: The following article was written by Daily Star - Progress employee Patty Nordquist, whose brother will participate in the 1984 Summer Games. Following is a 20-year-old's observation of life with the hopeful Brea athlete.)

"I can't believe it!" I remember saying that so many times just a while after my brother, Ken, and I called from a pay phone 400 miles from our Brea home.

We had called to find out how our older brother, Doug, had done in the Olympic Trials for the Track and Field High Jump Finals at the Los Angeles Coliseum. All of my family except for my father were unable to attend because the wedding of a longtime friend was being held the same Sunday in Santa Rosa.

The phone call brought us the good news for which we were hoping. Our brother had made the Olympic Team by placing second with a jump of 7-foot-7. We just couldn't believe our brother was going to be in the Summer Games.

We arrived at 4 in the morning to a messy house, full of gifts from Olympic sponsors. Doug was asleep, but we quickly woke

him up and gave him a hug and congratulations.

A few hours later I was awakened to the first of many phone calls for the day. All were for Doug, who only the day before had to fight for an interview and a little recognition. The day was chaotic — even a radio station from Washington phoned for an interview. Cards and letters began arriving daily.

Almost immediately Doug was drawn back to his other responsibilities. Being band director at Santa Fe High School brought him back to the real world. Before he had become an Olympian, he had made a previous commitment to handle fund-raisers for the band.

Realizing his predicament, Doug's students and their parents supported him. My brother, Ken, supervised all the activities while Doug jumped in his first international meet in Toronto.

Now just weeks before the Olympics, Doug is mainly concentrating on becoming mentally tough and maintaining the physical aspect of jumping.

My family, his coach and I are supportive and even more hopeful than ever that Doug will win an Olympic medal.

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Religious meetings in schools

Bill sent to Reagan allows equal access in some institutions

By Larry Margasak Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Reversing a decision made two months earlier, the House passed 337-77 and sent to President Reagan on Wednesday a bill to allow student religious meetings in public high schools.

The measure in May had come up short of the two-thirds majority needed under a special House rule. But a Senate version, passed 88-11 a month ago, modified the original language and won enough House members over to make the difference.

Before Wednesday's vote, the author of the Senate ver-

Orange County sees the light



Jerry Hill of Huntington Beach passes the torch to paraplegic Mary Jones of Costa del Mar in South Laguna.



Shauna Price, 18, of San Clemente receives the Olympic flame from Elsie Green of San Diego at the Orange County line in San Clemente.

500,000 welcome the torch on its first of two days here

By Steven R. Chum The Register

In a swirl of patriotism, the Olympic torch relay spread its magic across coastal Orange County Wednesday as tens of thousands of people lined streets, climbed telephone poles and filled rooftops and balconies to toast the arrival of the Olympic flame.

From the moment the flame crossed the county line in south San Clemente, the relay elicited the kind of emotional outpouring that has turned the transcontinental event into a patriotic pep rally.

Thousands of flags, homemade banners and red, white and blue streamers decorated storefronts, hung from overpasses and snaggled in the breeze as the torch caravan slowly rolled north along the coast into the night. The relay Wednesday was to cover 78 kilometers — about 48 miles — from San Clemente to Costa Mesa, where it was scheduled to stop about 1 a.m. for five hours.

It was to resume at the intersection of Red Hill Avenue and Bristol Street at 6 a.m. and weave through central and north Orange County for more than 12 hours and 50 miles before entering Los Angeles County on Rosecrans Avenue, east of Fullerton.

Police and relay organizers were anticipating crowds to match or surpass Wednesday's estimated turnout of 500,000, including 200,000 in the Newport Beach/Corona del Mar area.

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2 Soviet ships denied entry to Long Beach, LA harbors

By Chuck Cook The Register

The U.S. Coast Guard has denied permission to two Soviet ships to dock at Los Angeles and Long Beach harbors during the first four days of the Olympics for security reasons, officials said Wednesday.

Captains of the Soviet freighters Novorolovsk and Pulk had requested permission to enter the ports on Wednesday and Saturday respectively, according to Coast Guard spokesman Joe Amato.

"The request has been denied until at least midnight July 31," Amato said. "The request was denied because of the Olympics and the visit by the president to Los Angeles."

President Reagan will speak briefly at Olympic opening ceremonies Saturday afternoon.

Both Soviet ships are freighters, Amato said. One is delivering goods and the other is here to be loaded, Amato said. They are the only Soviet vessels currently seeking entrance to Los Angeles-area harbors.

Amato said the two Soviet ships will have to remain anchored outside the harbor areas until permission to enter is granted, presumably at midnight July 31.

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Immigration reform unlikely this year

The White House said Wednesday that President Reagan will not accept a House version of a sweeping immigration-reform bill, making it likely that the Simpson-Mazzoli measure will die in Congress this year. The House bill would grant amnesty to millions of illegal aliens and for the first time make it a crime for an employer knowingly to hire an illegal alien. The principal objection to the House bill is its higher cost — the bill would allow more aliens to obtain permanent-resident status and thus would cost more, spokesman Larry Speakes said.

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Jeremiah Denton, R-Ala., said he asked supporters to lobby House members and "called at least a dozen" himself.

Denton said, "We really sweated blood" in carefully drafting the bill, which Reagan told his news conference Tuesday night he wanted passed.

After the vote on the religious-meetings language, the House voted 393-15 to pass its parent legislation — a bill to provide almost \$1 billion over two years to improve the teaching of mathematics and science in the schools.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the president was "heartened by passage of the equal-access bill," but added no decision can be made on signing the measure until the mathematics and science aspects are reviewed.

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Who's burning Boston? Firefighters, police accused

Indictment says 7 men set 163 fires to protest tax-cutting measure that forced layoffs

By Dudley Clendinen New York Times

BOSTON — Federal officials charged Wednesday that a group of men that included police officers, firefighters and private security guards set the string of fires reported title of "arson capital of the world" two years ago.

The fires were set, according to U.S. attorney William Weld, to scare the public into supporting more positions for police officers and firefighters at a time when property-tax reductions had forced their ranks.

Federal Agents arrested six men Monday who allegedly set Wednesday morning's seventh surrendered in Boston and in nine surrounding cities and towns.

The outlying fires were set to divert investigators away from Boston, the indictment said. It also said defendants who worked for a security company burned a client's building to distract attention from themselves.

The buildings burned included houses, churches, factories, restaurants, a Marine Corps barracks and the Massachusetts Fire Academy. A total of 281 people were injured in the fires.

The fires listed in the indictment grew in frequency and number over the months. They stirred deep public apprehension, generated local and national news accounts, and two years ago resulted in the federal investigation that produced the indictments.

One district attorney called the case "the most frightening and bizarre" he had ever seen.

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HOW THEY VOTED

Orange County's House delegation unanimously approved a bill to allow religious groups to set up prayer groups after school hours.

Yes No

Robert Boehm ✓
R Newport Beach
W Newberry
J Fullerton
Dan Lungren ✓
R Long Beach
Ron Packard ✓
R Carlsbad, south OC
Jerry Patterson ✓
D Santa Ana

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Five Republicans and 72 Democrats voted against the school prayer amendment, comparing it to the 1981 bill. The House passed the same three-thirds rule as it did in May when the vote was 278-151 for the bill. 111 votes short of the needed majority.

Supporters used the rule again because it also prohibits amendments, which could be used to amend the bill with delays. Opponents had hundreds of amendments ready, but they were allowed to offer them.

After losing that tactic, the only weapon opponents had left were the same arguments they used against the measure last time. Warnings that bizarre cults would be allowed in schools, that the constitutional separation of church and state would be violated and that school officials would have to deal with delinquent students were all that is a legitimate religion.

But it became apparent during debate that attitudes had changed because of the modifications in the Deane bill. Democratic Reps. Barney Frank of Massachusetts, Pat Williams of Montana, Neal R. Smith of Iowa and William R. Rachford of Connecticut said they would support the measure despite their earlier "no" votes.

The new wording, which limits activities to before and after school hours, keeps out non-school personnel, clearly allows school personnel to maintain discipline.

One of the most controversial parts of the earlier House bill was a federal fund cutoff for schools refusing to comply. The new measure prohibits such a provision against small groups — a provision not in the prior bill — and requires to attend a meeting, competitor. The new bill also includes protections for all types of speech, not just religious speech.

Frank told colleagues that "All groups, as long as they don't break the laws or the furniture, ought to be able to meet in school buildings. If we're going to allow young Re-

publicans or young Democrats in, we ought to allow all groups in. I do not see any damage to the fabric of society."

But Rep. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., argued, "This bill allows school administrators to decide what is religious and what is not. Nothing prevents a student-initiated prayer or a catechism in the classroom. Is that what our forefathers died for?"

Rep. Henry J. Hyde, R-Ill., countered that "if Sister Boom, a San Francisco gay rights activist, were to head a religion, he or she ought to be accepted as someone who can exercise free speech."

Some supporters of the measure bill consider the measure a substitute for a now-defeated constitutional amendment proposal to permit organized, spoken prayer in public schools.

But Rep. Don Bonker, D-Wash., a prime House sponsor of religious meetings who opposes school prayer, said "I hope taking this vote would defuse future pressure for the school-prayer amendment."

The math-science bill would establish teacher institutes, scholarships, graduate fellowships and special projects intended to improve the quality of math and science teaching.

It also included a provision that would authorize the Environmental Protection Agency to spend \$600 million in the next seven years to help schools reduce health hazards from asbestos in school buildings.

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While they enter the harbors, the 20-hour surveillance by the Coast Guard's 20-foot rigid inflatable boats.

They also will have to undergo when they enter the harbor, Amato said.

While the arrival of Soviet ships has caused some anxiety, the inspections for the Soviet ships will be the same as for other foreign vessels arriving from now through the end of the Olympics, Amato said.

The Coast Guard has made an unprecedented number of security checks during the past two weeks. "We are boarding every ship that comes in to the harbor master knows what is going on," Amato said Wednesday. "We are making sure they certify their cargoes and that they are safe. The treatment for them (Soviet ships) will not be out of the ordinary for what we are doing to all ships that come in during the Olympics."

In addition to boarding and inspecting ships, the Coast Guard has substantially increased harbor patrols during the Olympics.

The Coast Guard also has pri-

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mary responsibility for the security of the four Olympic yachting sites near Long Beach.

The Coast Guard will provide protection for dignitaries when they are at sea, Amato said.

The Coast Guard has funded up its fleet and has brought in an additional 700 personnel for the Olympic security effort.

The fleet includes more than 100 vessels ranging from 45-foot rigid-hull inflatable boats to the 400-foot icebreaker Polar Star, which normally operates from Seattle.

Estimated cost for the Coast Guard's Olympic security role is about \$2.5 million by the Coast Guard to \$3 million by the Office of Management and Budget.

That money will come from \$76 million in federal appropriations charged last year by Congress.

The Coast Guard is one of more than 50 agencies cooperating in the Olympic security effort. Officials have estimated that costs for Olympic security will exceed \$100 million.

Olympic security planners have assembled 17,000 federal, state and local law enforcement officers backed up by between 8,000 and 10,000 private security guards.

The Department of Defense is spending \$50 million for the security effort.

BOSTON

FROM A1

zarr criminal conspiracy I have ever seen."

Higgins held up copies of Boston magazines of the period which published cover articles that asked: "Who's Burning Boston?"

"We're here today because we think these charges are a step toward answering that question," Higgins said.

The indictments allege perjury, obstruction of justice, threatening of witnesses and destruction of evidence, as well as conspiracy.

Affidavits presented at a federal bail hearing further allege that one of the defendants threatened to kill the supervisor of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms who led the investigation.

Other defendants, the affidavits allege, urged a Boston police officer who already had pleaded guilty in the case to flee to Canada before sentencing. He subsequently was sentenced to state and federal prison terms and is expected to be a witness in the federal trials.

At the hearing for the men arrested in the Boston area, a federal magistrate ordered Donald Stackpole, Gregg M. Bemis and Wayne S. Sanden held without bail, and set bail for Ray J. Norton Jr. and Joseph M. Gorman at \$50,000 and \$25,000, respectively.

Weld said the group had its genesis in a little-known, but organized, world of people fascinated by fires. "My understanding is that there are certain clubs in Boston where

fire buffs are wont to hang out," he said.

The clubs are legitimate organizations of people interested in fires and firefighting. Weld said, and one of them, The Tapper Club, reportedly was burned by the defendants after it refused to admit Stackpole and Bemis as members.

Stackpole, 28, of Schuette, a partner in a South Boston security company, is charged with conspiracy, arson and obstruction of justice.

Bemis, 27, of South Boston, a sergeant in the Boston Housing Authority Police Department, is charged with those crimes as well as with mailing threatening communications.

Sanden, 28, of the Roslindale section of Boston, a lieutenant in the Housing Authority police, is charged with conspiracy, arson and obstruction of justice.

Norton, 44, of West Roxbury, a Boston firefighter, is charged with conspiracy, perjury, and aiding and abetting arson.

Gorman, 27, of Quincy, a rider for the General Dynamics plant in Quincy, is charged with conspiracy, aiding and abetting arson.

Leonard A. Kendall Jr., 22, of Acton, who was arrested in Valdosta, Ga., where he is a U.S. Air Force enlisted man serving as a firefighter, is charged with conspiracy, arson and perjury.

Christopher R. Damon, 27, who was arrested in Hamilton, Ohio, an employee of a Hamilton company named Industrial Health, is charged with conspiracy and aiding and abetting arson.

People

Vanessa Williams is on again, off again

Boxes of Kellogg's Corn Flakes bearing the picture of former Miss America, Vanessa Williams are being recalled by the cereal maker, but Penthouse magazine planned to print an additional 750,000 copies of its September issue, in which Williams



Voices of the stars

Actors John Houseman, left, and Gene Kelly pair up in the top photo, and Barbara Walters, right, joins Esther Williams. The four are preparing voices for the Olympic Games. A three-hour television special saluting the four stars and their careers, including Gene Kelly and Barbara Walters, will be shown on ABC Channel 7.

was actually explicit in the "special edition" boxes were to be sent to the 100,000 copies of Kellogg's Corn Flakes. The boxes were to be sent to the 100,000 copies of Kellogg's Corn Flakes. The boxes were to be sent to the 100,000 copies of Kellogg's Corn Flakes.

Country singer George Jones, 52, has filed a \$30 million libel suit against the Jackson (Miss.) Daily News, contending that a column about a cocaine charge filed against him and later dropped "insinuated and implied criminal acts." The lawsuit was filed in Hinds County Circuit Court about a July 1983 column. John Johnson, managing editor of the paper, said Wednesday the piece, by "personal opinion columnist about a public figure."

Ted Nugent's loss

Michigan State Police are searching for the thief who stole a Ford Bronco worth \$50,000 belonging to rock star Ted Nugent. The 9-year-old, four-wheel-drive vehicle has four lights, roof lights, a rack, a winch, 40-inch tires, a fancy stereo system and the license number BRONC 2. It was taken from Nugent's house in Jackson County, Mich. "We sure would like to find it before somebody strips it or burns it, whatever they do with them," said Sgt. Floyd Millikin.

The empire expands

Film maker George Lucas plans to expand his Northern California moviemaking empire, Bulltail Ranch, by buying 372 acres of land and hiring 100 more employees. Lucas' neighbors in rural Marin County have

city of Ely. She added that she chose the city because she heard they were having financial problems.

She said she hopes to have the stock exchange suitable for framing, available by Christmas.

Unreal estate for sale

So you'd like to invest in a little property, but a spoof bordello isn't exactly what you had in mind? The Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors in Mason City, Iowa, might have just the place for you. It's an ideal strip if you're looking to practice a pun or put a little work into your bowling form.

The land, 5 inches wide and nearly 124 feet long, is available near the south edge of Mason City Tent and Aving Co.

objected to the size of his work force on the grounds that he could not support his 196 employees on 1,745 acres. Under a county occupancy formula for Lucas Valley, Lucas would be permitted to have one employee per 10 acres. County expansion still needs approval by the county Board of Supervisors.

There, he said it again

Ghyn "Scotty" Wolfe of Blythe, the Guinness Book of World Records most married man, has filed for his 26th divorce and is looking for a bride No. 27. Wolfe, 76, is an ordained Baptist minister and former Hollywood stunt pilot with 14 children. His latest marriage, to 38-year-old Cristina Sue Camacho Wolfe, took place in Las Vegas in January.

Bobby Riggs redux

Remember Bobby Riggs — the former Wimbledon tennis champion who challenged Billy Jean King to a battle of the Sexes' tennis match in 1973 and lost?

Now he's at it again, but he's turned from tennis to golf. Circuit Court said he plans to challenge the leading player on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour next season to a \$100,000 Memorial Day match at the Bedford Springs Golf Course in Bedford, Pa.

He bested the LPGA's Helen Smith by one hole in 18 holes of matched play at the course Tuesday in what he called a rehearsal.

"When you're betting, you've got to make sure you can win the bet," he said.

Riggs was allowed to throw the golf ball on the green 13 times during Tuesday's match played without the strokes counting against him, in a LPGA challenge match.

Liz Smith says

The film, "Carnal Knowledge," which starred Jack Nicholson, Ann-Margret, Candy Bergen and Art Garfunkel, is being cut for TV syndication. The movie, with its sexual themes and explicit language, was considered daring in 1971. Embassy Pictures sent word to director Mike Nichols that the movie was to be edited for TV and asked if he had suggestions. He did not.

Flap over mud-flap law

A new Arizona law requiring mud flaps on some vehicles has led to the Tucson Police Department's little muddied.

Police had said the law went into effect a week ago and announced they'd begin handing out citations, which carry a \$30 fine.

But the law doesn't go on the books until Aug. 3, said Officer Jill Vogel-Duerr.

"Call it mud on our face," she said this week.

Sideshow

The wildest little bordello in Nevada

Santia Barbara businesswoman Susan Gottlieb is asking Ely, Nev., for a brothel license — and an unusual occurrence in a city that has legalized prostitution — but Gottlieb's bordello would have some strange features.

Her bordello would be located in a "very small trailer" containing only a table and chair.

In addition, it would have very abnormal hours for a brothel, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and potential customers would

have to carry a note granting permission to use the facility from a doctor, spouse or the Ely City Council.

City attorney Doug Hill, who represented Gottlieb before the City Council on Monday, said his client's proposal is a "spod" similar to the "pet rock" of a few years ago.

He said Gottlieb plans on selling 10 million shares in her company at \$10 a share.

Gottlieb said following the meeting in which the City Council granted her a temporary brothel license that if sales go well she will donate 10 percent of the profits to the

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"We're just here to make sure they follow the traffic (laws) and let the riders know where the course is. A Moroccan doesn't know what a red light is."

— Bob Bradley, a firefighter from Orange and an Olympic volunteer, talking about helping foreign athletes prepare for the bicycle road race Sunday in Mason Viejo. (Story B1)

"I don't know what I would have done without the help of about five congressmen and all the church people who have helped me."

— Sam Walton, a Louisville national living in San Juan Capistrano, commenting after a House immigration subcommittee Wednesday voted in favor of a special bill to grant permanent resident status. (Story B1)

OPINION

Why Pravda's giving such bad reviews to Reagan performance

By Boris Rumer and Vladimir Shlapentokh

LANSING, Mich. — It's incredible but it's a fact: President Reagan has more attention to President Reagan than to Konstantin U. Chernenko. During the first half of July, Reagan's name appeared on the pages of *Pravda* eight times directly and seven times indirectly per issue on average, while Chernenko's name averaged only four per issue. In some issues, the gap was even greater: On July 7, for example, Reagan appeared 26 times, Chernenko four. Of course, the Reagan references were uniformly unfavorable. "President Reagan is basically responsible for the current round of cold war," typically commented *Pravda* on June 3.

Why is *Pravda* more preoccupied with creating negative publicity for Reagan than with building the cult of the new leader? Our hypothesis is that it is part of a strategy to divert the attention of the Soviet people from internal Kremlin struggles, corruption and economic problems.

Many Western observers offer a different interpretation. In their view, the campaign against Reagan (whose policy is compared to that of Hitler and Goebbels) has one goal: to prevent his re-election.

All major actions of the Soviet leadership — abandoning the arms talks, boycotting the Olympics, replying in the negative to most Western overtures — are seen as elements of a strategy to prevent the man in the White House from remaining there. Reagan himself appears to accept this theory.

This view holds that Moscow's American policy is formulated by experts who carefully study United States domestic policies, estimate the chances of each candidate in the upcoming presidential election and present their recommendations to the leadership. Professional "leaky" key figures in the formulation of this view do not necessarily apply to the Soviet Union. It may have been apt for the Kremlin, reducing Politburo members' status to that of top-level apparatchiks. It may have been apt, seven or three decades after Stalin, Soviet leaders paid attention to improving relations with the West, when the cult of achievements in foreign policy became leading themes in the cults of Nikita S. Khrushchev and Leonid I. Brezhnev.

In such times, when Soviet diplomacy was active, flexible and occasionally open to compromise (as in the case of Jewish emigration), the main charge would listen to the recommendations of his advisers and the research institutes. But what has been going on in the post-Brezhnev period (or, more exactly, since the early 1980s, when Brezhnev had virtually ceased to be a physically active leader) requires a different theory. There is and has been an atmosphere of tension in the Politburo, a temporary equilibrium that at any moment could turn into confrontation. The balance appears to favor a group that includes Chernenko, Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko and Defense Minister Marshal Dmitri Ustinov. This group is deeply hostile to any domestic reform and to the fight against corruption in the party and government apparatus.

Chernenko and his Kremlin colleagues understand that the only way they can preserve their power is to create tension, fear and prewar hysteria. That's why they require deteriorating relations with all potential adversaries — the United States, Western Europe, China, Japan. They do not need flexible diplomacy. The ruthless treatment of Andrei Sakharov and other dissidents is part of the strategy...

But this is not what the Soviet people seem to want. They had responded to Yuri Andropov's attempts to "clean up the house," and it appears they want more of the same. Chernenko and his Kremlin colleagues understand that the only way they can preserve their power is to create tension, fear and prewar hysteria. That's why they require deteriorating relations with all potential adversaries — the United States, Western Europe, China, Japan. They do not need flexible diplomacy.

The ruthless treatment of Andrei Sakharov and other dissidents is part of the strategy of building tension. In an atmosphere of siege, a move against Chernenko would be fatal for any Politburo member. The role of the specialist in America is currently reduced to nothing. Under these circumstances, Soviet leaders like Stalin used Trotsky as a target. Today it is Reagan.

The Soviet leaders know very well that propaganda based on hatred is much more effective than propaganda based on positive emotion, much more effective than manipulating such abstract concepts as United States imperialism and the military-industrial complex.

This "positive" role that Reagan has played for the Soviet leaders is very important to them. They will not easily overcome it.

Rumer, a fellow at Harvard University's Russian Research Center, and Shlapentokh, a sociology professor at Michigan State University, wrote this for *The New York Times*.



GOP tries to dodge tax trap

By Rowland Evans and Robert Novak

WASHINGTON — Walter F. Mondale's audacious gamble for now has called Ronald Reagan's bluff, but also has triggered intense Republican debate — spurred by the Democratic surge in national polls — over whether to flatly pledge no higher taxes.

As hoped for by Mondale, his promise of higher taxes and challenge that Reagan do the same was met at the White House by outward equivocation — and inward disarray. "Everybody is running around in a total panic over there (at the White House)," a senior campaign operative told us.

But prevailing sentiment Monday at a drafting session by the House Committee on Ways and Means was that the campaign's dominant issue (Veteran operatives in the Reagan campaign believe time is short — not much more than two weeks — to escape a tax trap).

The Republican mood changed from complacency to crisis in entering a world the White House never anticipated. A ticket of disorder in San Francisco, a dull ticket and a huge lead, the GOP faces a campaign Democratic unity, Gerdelaine Ferraro and a 2-percentage-point deficit as measured by the Gallup Poll. Reagan's managers, expecting their lead would not drop to 7 or 8 points until mid-September, planned intensive disclosure of campaign proposals after Labor Day.

That pace was jolted by Mondale

charging out of San Francisco with his unexpected tax challenge. While practical politicians at the Democratic convention shuddered, Mondale's strategists calculated the caution of James A. Baker III, Reagan's chief of staff.

Rather than defy the conventional wisdom of Wall Street and Capitol Hill by pledging no tax increases, the White House formulated this response, voiced by spokesman Larry Speakes and recommended for the president's Tuesday night press conference: Reagan wants spending cuts, not tax increases, and certainly has no secret tax plans; but he cannot guarantee the future, and his plans won't be revealed until after the election.

From that, Democrats could claim Reagan was harboring a tax-hike surprise. The House Committee Sunday night, the Senate Committee, Sen. Bob Dole, virtually agreed with Mondale.

The nominee could now paint a tableau of Democratic courage contrasted with Republican vacillation.

With Reagan's landslide lead gone, the president's men are talking about a statement — in a couple of weeks, maybe — barring future individual income tax increases. But that smells so vividly of a national sales tax that Democrats could correctly claim that the Republicans, on the shoulders of Joe Lunchpail, true to form, plan to balance the budget on the shoulders of Joe Lunchpail.

It is a short step from this to dropping Mondale's inevitable second tax show a "populist" increase claiming to hit only corporations and the rich. To avoid this trap, Reagan - Bush committee operatives see a window of little more than

two weeks during which the president can unequivocally rule out all tax hikes. Campaign manager Ed Rollins and adviser Stu Spencer, no economists but street-smart professional politicians, understand this imperative.

So did most platform drafters meeting Monday, who want to call for increased revenue flowing not from higher tax rates but a simplified tax system. Sen. Robert Kasten, co-sponsor of the Kemp-Kasten flat tax and chairman of the platform's economic subcommittee, wants to pledge no higher taxes.

The only dissent at the drafting session came from ex-Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis, acting as White House liaison. He cautioned that the views of Baker and his lieutenant, Richard Darman, should be considered.

Baker and Darman are not alone. Sen. Paul Laxalt, general chairman of the campaign, shares Senate establishment desire for higher taxes. And there is the dominating presence of Bob Dole, who showed up too late at the drafting session for the tax debate but undoubtedly will be heard from later.

Thus, Frits Mondale's tax gamble has exposed philosophical differences inside the Republican Party and confronted Ronald Reagan with a choice. Rep. Newt Gingrich of Georgia, a member of the Platform Committee's anti-tax bloc, told us the president must "decide whether he stands with Dole in debating Mondale over how big the tax increase will be" or "populists" increase claiming to hit only corporations and the rich. To avoid this trap, Reagan - Bush committee operatives see a window of little more than

Evans and Novak are syndicated columnists.

What are joggers missing? Nothing except hair shirts

By George Anne Geyer

WASHINGTON — It would be easy to say, in the wake of the untimely death of the king of the joggers, James Fixx, that it was somehow bound to happen. There go those silly joggers, the unbelieving will say, and look what happens to them. Even the great James Fixx, who wrote about jogging with the passion that von Clausewitz wrote about warfare, could die while jogging. In battle. And in battle dress.

It struck me at the announcement of his death at 52 on a lonely Vermont road that we have jogged a long road from the days when one jumped into the old water hole because it was 99 in the shade or when one ran, particularly if one were British, to become a character of one.

Instead, today from New Delhi to Ougadadougou, due largely to books of Fixx's such as *The Complete Book of Running*, the intoxicating madness of jogging has caused otherwise dignified women to run, their bosoms swaying in time to the boom-boom-boom demands of that inner Fixx-ated voice, and otherwise proper gentlemen to show rather too much of their skinny, sweating shoulders.

All in the service of staying fit. Or — revisionism comes quickly these days — it is really in the service of staying fit. Is jogging really to "keep fit"? That is the apocalyptic question that Fixx's sad new face us with. And if we are to be true to our fellow citizens around the globe who have so loyally followed still another American mania, we need to face the question directly. Would I like to maintain that, far from being something to keep fit, jogging was and is simply another part of our narcissistic recent American culture: focused on the old body. But it is more than that: it is "sports" filled with such misery and pain that it can be only a modern application of that old American puritanism.



Here there is a genuine inner voice — in the best of times reflecting the highest values of sportsmanship.

But neither the sheer fun of swimming (or, say, badminton) nor the comparative values of real sports seem to be present in jogging. It seems to me to be the quintessential modern American "sport," which is neither fun nor sport but rather the old American Puritan ethic inverted in its own image.

It may help your heart or it may not. I don't really think that is what joggers are jogging. It is something they do alone, an act where you can liberate your control over something. The only thing that I am surprised about is that no one has created any hair shirts for joggers. What an industry that would be! Nevertheless, my friend, we would mourn James Fixx. He seemed like a fine man. But we should not let his death lead that rarest of final moments. As Fixx died — as he lived. Geyer is a syndicated columnist.

If you want to make a statement, oysters are better than bow ties

By D.R. Segal

I was reading this article written by a Ph.D. (I don't know in what) and he said that what guys my age need is to "make a statement of individuality."

Well, says I, if you can't believe Ph.D., who do you trust? So I decided to bolster my "self-image" by trotting over to the Drabville Haberdashery, where I have been outfitting myself for years, and buying a police-dot bow tie.

I went home and tied it about six million times until I got the knack and when a close relative of mine by marriage came home I sprung it on her.

"You look like a nerd," she said. "Let's go out for dinner but not in that thing. Take it off."

This did nothing for my self-image at all. Sometime later a young relative of mine came home and I sprung the tie on her. "You look like a nerd," she said. "Let's get a pizza but take that thing off first."

Well, says I, nobody but a nerd wears a bow tie anymore, and I hung it up with the other 600 ties I never wear.

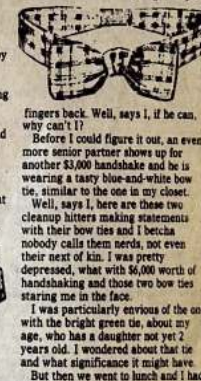
law firm in Los Angeles and I met with this enormously expensive senior partner who showed up in a bright green bow tie.

Before I could just to shake hands with this dude, even if you get all your fingers back. Well, says I, if he can, why can't I?

Well, I said I would figure it out, an even more senior partner shows up in another \$3,000 handshaker and he is wearing a tasy blue-and-white bow tie, similar to the one in my closet. Well, says I, here are these two cheap hitters making statements with their bow ties and I betcha nobody calls them nerds, not even their next of kin. I was pretty depressed, what with \$6,000 worth of handshaking and those two bow ties staring me in the face.

I was particularly infuriated of the one with the bright green tie, about my age, who has a daughter not yet 2 years old. I wondered about that tie and what significance it might have. But then we went to lunch and I had a salad and he had one dozen raw oysters and I realized the bow tie had nothing to do with it. But I still don't wear that tie. Not because of Max's infant daughter, you understand, but because if a fellow wants to make a statement it ought not to be that he is a nerd.

As president of Freedom Newspapers Inc., Segal is usually tied in knots anyway.



'84 Olympics

50,000 line streets of San Clemente to cheer flame

More than 50,000 people lined the streets of San Clemente from end to end as the Olympic torch relay erupted about 14 minutes late — running Orange County Wednesday afternoon.

The crowd — more than had ever gathered to see President Richard Nixon pass through when he occupied the Western White House on the southern border, more than had ever shown up for the annual Fourth of July fireworks show, and more than ever witnessed the annual Ocean Front Festival — was believed to be the largest ever gathered in the city, police said.

The flame was due to enter Orange County at 3:31 p.m. Finally about 4:05 p.m., the torch came up the emergency off-ramp of the freeway out of San Diego County and Cristianitos Road to cheers that drowned out the strains of the escort clearing the way.

The flame was passed to Shaun Price, 20, for the first leg of the Orange County run. And, with head up and what she later described as a jump in her throat, she ran the first kilometer through her town.

"Go for it, Shaun!" The cry rang out from windows, cars, the tops of walls, and from the solid wall of people jamming the sidewalks. It was the proudest moment of her life, she said.

The excitement grew along Avenida Del Mar, San Clemente's main drag, as the flashing lights and the sirens of the police escort heralded the coming of the flame as it was passed from hand to hand along the way.

In the center of town, near the intersection of Valencia and south of Camino Real, Ray Slaughter took the flame in the name of the Orange County Chamber of Commerce but it felt like I was lifted up, she said. "I was so proud to be the Olympic Games, myself, running for my country. I never wanted like this before in my life. I didn't know I was so important."

I handed it off, I kept on running for myself even though my own flame had been put out. Shaun Price, 20, for the first leg of the Orange County run.

Dana Point/Laguna Niguel Human chain greets flame

As the runners left the crowded chaos of San Juan Capistrano, they headed down Del Obispo Street and broke out into the open along Pacific Coast Highway in Dana Point where townspeople lined the streets and occasionally took to the roofs of nearby gas stations and condos to admire the spectacle.

Police officers showed good humor through much of the day. Two youths — daughters being carried in the open back of one parent's car leading the runner caravan — were spotted shouting obscenities. "I was saying, 'OK now guys, you do it now!'"

A huge American flag stuck atop a half-constructed condominium, a group of people celebrating atop Bay Plaza and a wind surfer in the sea contributed to the scene.

Leaving Dana Point, the torch runners were greeted with a human chain lining Pacific Coast Highway through to Laguna Niguel.

Local residents crowded the overpass and median strips but unlike the cheerleaders of the stretch in San Juan Capistrano, they were dwarfed by the shimmering Pacific Ocean in the distance.

Laguna Beach Patriotism fills seaside city

Thousands jammed the downtown area of Laguna Beach Wednesday evening to watch the torch pass through the seaside city of 18,000.

There was no formal welcome staged here for the torch, but business owners and individuals bedecked the town in American flags, balloons and banners. "It shows that people are patriotic when it comes down to it. It gives you a good feeling," said Laguna Beach resident Nancy Thompson as a local high school student, Jason Baldwin, carried the torch past.

Baldwin, 14, ran on Pacific Coast Highway near Main Beach where most of the eager crowd gathered more than two hours before the torch came through town.

"It's crazy," said Baldwin after he finished his run. "It was great. I couldn't believe it. God, what a crowd."

Before his leg of the race, Baldwin was a local celebrity as complete strangers had their photographs taken with him and the torch he would carry.

"Once you take out the torch everyone starts to look at you," he said.

Baldwin received his one-kilometer leg as a birthday gift from his father, Jim Baldwin.

Fourteen-year-old Joey Ueberroth, son of Peter Ueberroth, took the handoff from Baldwin to carry the torch through north Laguna about 8:15 p.m.

Activity began in the Main Beach area of Laguna as early as 4:30 p.m. when about 200 devotees of the Hare Krishna faith gathered there for a celebration. Devotee Bhakta Philip, of Los Angeles, said the contingent was celebrating the birthday of their spiritual master, Sri Caitanya Mahabhabhu, the same day the Olympic flame passed through Laguna.



An enthusiastic crowd cheers on torchbearer Bill Blessing, 35, as he heads south on Camino Capistrano in downtown San Juan Capistrano.

TORCH: 500,000 in Orange County glow in the Olympic flame

FROM A1

"It was unbelievable," a tearful Shaun Price struggled to recall moments after she ran the first kilometer in Orange County. "The people that were cheering, I love you, I love you. I knew they were talking about this country, said the 19-year-old San Clemente student between breaths. As she talked, cameras clicked, and several off-duty marines drinking beer on a nearby rooftop chanted, "U.S.A., U.S.A."

"This is history. I guess that's why people come to watch."

Shortly before 4 p.m., the relay reached the county line.

The eight-vehicle caravan started the day in La Jolla, moved through north San Diego County on the coast, then crossed Camp Pendleton before pulling briefly onto Interstate 5. As the relay exited northbound traffic flowing to a cranberry field and the waving on the Christians overpass began cheering as the Olympic flame finally reached Orange County.

"The boys at the nuclear plant are excited," said Bob Hartman, 26, an instrument technician at the San Onofre Nuclear Power Generating Station just south of San Clemente. As the torch neared, Hartman readied his camera. He had promised to take pictures and make copies for off work early. "Everybody at that plant is really excited about this torch stuff — it's America at its best."

Several hundred yards away from Christians, residents of a gated beach development draped streamers and waved Olympic flags. Their sign read: "Cypress Shore, Orange County's first community, welcomes the torch relay."

In Capistrano Beach, David Lopez, a 36-year-old Vietnam veteran who was told he'd never walk again after he stepped on a grenade in combat, excited the crowd when his first few steps. Nearby, his wife, Adela, held a sign over her head that read, "Run Daddy," as his three young boys clapped and cheered. "This is the icing on his recovery," his wife said.

Up the coast in Dana Point, Jeff Barrons, a shirtless construction worker, called the relay, "a heart-stopper, something we've needed for a hell of a long time." He stood drinking on the rooftop patio bar at the Sports Pub on Coast Highway, he waved a small American flag.

In South Laguna, Geoff Cahoon, 36, waved nervously to run his leg of the 8,700-mile, cross-country relay that began May 8 in New York City.

"I college, I had dreams of running in the Olympics," said Cahoon, now a chauffeur for developer David Stein. "I was good but not good enough. Now, I get this chance. It's what every kid

dreams about."

A few miles north, Joe Ueberroth, the former mayor of Los Angeles and the man who won the bid for the 1984 Olympic Games, was seen cheering from a rooftop in Huntington Beach.

It's a cliché, but one that seems to fit and explain, in part, why thousands turn out to watch an event that lasts only a few seconds before it disappears around the next curve or street corner.

When Ueberroth, president of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, announced plans for the ambitious coast-to-coast relay a year ago, many quickly criticized it as another attempt to commercialize the Games. His scheme to raise money for youth sports programs by letting anyone sponsor the torch for \$3,000 was attacked from many corners, including the Greeks, keepers of the Olympic flame.

"I was one of his biggest critics," bellowed Charlie Smithson, a Laguna Beach artist, sitting in his beach chair on Coast Highway near downtown. "I complained loud and long he was staining the

Olympic tradition that book around you, look at all these people working, crowds steadily grew. As a result, security was extremely tight, as both uniformed officers and motorcycles in running outfits and relay security and bullhorns to ask people to stay back. Despite efforts to discourage bicyclists and motorcyclists from joining the caravan, about 60 people were falling away. The surging crowds slowed the relay, and at one point it fell more than an hour behind schedule, leaving many waiting up to three hours in darkness for a glimpse of the Olympic flame.

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THE OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY IN ORANGE COUNTY

The following is today's route of the Olympic torch relay, beginning at 6 a.m. in Costa Mesa. The torch will leave the county about dusk east of Fullerton into La Mirada in Los Angeles County.



The torch-relay route through La Habra has been changed slightly to be safer for runners and to provide more space for spectators. La Habra police Capt. Miss Burch said Wednesday. Runners will enter the city about 4:15 p.m. on La Habra Boulevard from Central Avenue in Brea. Torchbearers then will go west to Euclid Street, turn left and go south to Malvern Avenue in Fullerton. The earlier torch route was from La Habra Boulevard to Harbor Boulevard west on Imperial Highway and south on Euclid.

Source: The Register and the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee

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Popular Texas beaches to stay open despite apparent shark attack

Associated Press
SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas — A teen-age girl's legs were mangled by "fierce bites" from a marine animal while another girl required 70 stitches to close bite wounds, but city officials decided Wednesday to keep open their popular beaches.
 "We're probably taking more precautions than necessary," said city official Joe Rubio. "We hope we can get some more publicity and get more tourists down here."
 Carmen Gaytan, 18, attacked in the Gulf of Mexico by what rescu-

ers described as a 4-foot shark, was in guarded condition Wednesday in the intensive care unit of Valley Community Hospital. She underwent extensive reconstructive surgery on her legs.
 Rubio said city officials have consulted marine biologists from the Pan American University laboratory on the island in hopes of determining whether the attacks were by sharks.
 "Everybody starts jumping up and down when you mention the word shark," he said. "At first we thought we had a shark attack, but the people at the Pan Am marine

biology lab said there is any number of fish out in the shallow waters of the Gulf of Mexico that could have caused this. Barracudas are any number of fish could have inflicted that damage."
 Rubio said the biologists plan to talk to witnesses and look at photographs of Gaytan's wounds to see if they can identify the attacker.
 The second teen-age girl was attacked just 2½ hours later in front of another luxury hotel 3 miles away and required stitches on her legs bites, authorities said.
 City and tourism officials

decided to keep the beaches open Wednesday following the attack, described as the first in the area in 23 years.
 The beaches were kept under surveillance by land, sea and air. Rubio, a South Padre Island planning department official who serves as city spokesman in emergencies.
 Gary Click, who owns a deep-sea fishing charter boat in Port Isabel, shifted in ocean currents of sharks closer to the shore. "Deep-ocean water moved inshore a few days ago," he said.
 Gaytan, of Mexico, was swim-

ming in chest-deep water shortly after noon Tuesday outside the South Padre Hotel when beachgoers heard her screams for help.
 "Help me, please, a fish is killing me," she cried, according to pull her out. He said he saw a shark as he went to her aid.
 The second attack — on a 13-year-old girl whose identity was not released — occurred near the Tiki Motel about 2½ hours later, at the Port Isabel Medical Center and was released, said Dr. Ralph

Landberg.
 "She had a lot of teeth marks around her right foot up to her ankle. There were many lacerations," said Landberg, adding the girl required up to 70 stitches. "I think she was very lucky."
 However, Rubio said there was no evidence the second girl had been attacked by a shark. "We're not sure what happened," he said.
 Mid-July is the height of the summer season for the high-rise hotels and condominiums on the island. No cancellations or early check-outs were reported by clerks at the two hotels.

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OPINION

Why Pravda's giving such bad reviews to Reagan performance

By Boris Rumer and Vladimir Shlapentokh

ANSING, Mich. — It's incredible but it's a fact: *Pravda* is paying more attention to President Reagan than to Konstantin U. Chernenko. During the first half of July, Reagan's name appeared on the pages of *Pravda* eight times directly and seven times indirectly per issue on average, while Chernenko's name averaged only four per issue. In some issues, the gap was even greater: On July 7, for example, Reagan appeared 26 times, Chernenko 10. Of course, the Reagan references were uniformly unfavorable. "President Reagan is basically responsible for the current round of cold war," typically commented *Pravda* on one day.

Why is *Pravda* more preoccupied with creating negative publicity for Reagan than with building the cult of the new leader? Our hypothesis is that it is part of a strategy to divert attention from the Soviet people from internal Kremlin struggles, corruption and economic problems.

Many Western observers offer a different interpretation. In their view, the campaign against Reagan (whose policy is compared to that of Hitler and Goebbels) has one goal: to prevent his re-election. All major actions of the Soviet leadership — abandoning the arms talks, boycotting the Olympics, replying in the negative to most Western overtures — are seen as elements of a strategy to prevent the man in the White House from maintaining there, Reagan himself appears to accept this theory. This view holds that Moscow's experts who carefully study United States domestic politics estimate the chances of each candidate in the upcoming presidential election and present their recommendations to the leadership. Professional America — watchers become, accordingly, key figures in the formulation of policy.

This does not necessarily apply to the present domestic political situation in the Soviet Union. It may have been apt when a single master dominated the Kremlin, reducing Politburo members to little more than top-level sycophants. It may have been apt after three decades after Stalin, Soviet leaders paid attention to improving relations with the West, when the glorification of achievements in the cults of Nikita S. Khrushchev and Leonid I. Brezhnev.

In such times, when Soviet diplomacy was active, flexible and occasionally open to compromise (as in the case of Jewish emigration), the man in charge would listen to the recommendations of his advisers and the research institutes. In the past, it has been going on in the post-Brezhnev period (or, more exactly, since the early 1980s, when Brezhnev had virtually ceased to be a physically active leader) requires a dif-

ferent theory. There is and has been an atmosphere of tension in the Politburo, a temporary equilibrium that at any moment could turn into confrontation. The balance once appeared to favor a group that includes Chernenko, Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko and Defense Minister Marshal Dmitri Ustinov. This group is deeply hostile to any domestic reform and to the fight against corruption in the party and government apparatus.

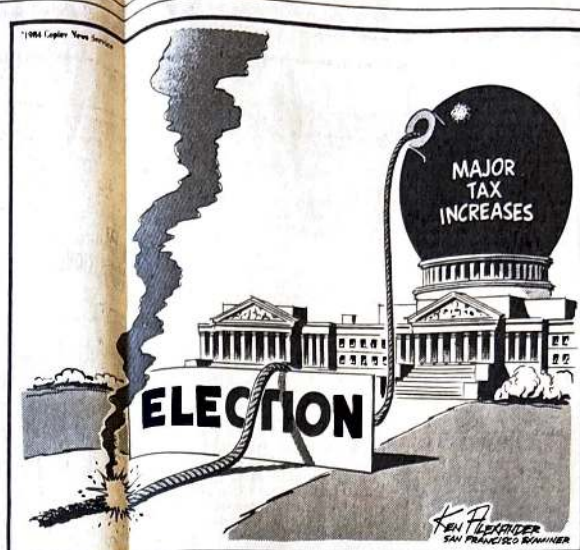
But this is not what the Soviet people seem to want. They had responded to Yuri Andropov's attempts to "clean up the house," and it appears they want more of the same. Chernenko and his Kremlin colleagues understand that the only way they can preserve their power is to create tension, fear and prewar hysteria. That's why they require deteriorating relations with all potential adversaries — the United States, Western Europe, China, Japan. They do not need flexible diplomacy. The ruthless treatment of Andrei Sakharov and other dissidents is part of the strategy of building tension. In an atmosphere of rage, a move against Chernenko would be fatal for any Politburo member. The role of the specialists in America is currently reduced to nothing.

Under these circumstances, Ronald Reagan turned out to be a good ally for the Kremlin. Sakin used Trotsky as a target. Today it is Reagan.

The Soviet leaders know very well that propaganda based on hatred is much more effective than propaganda much more based on positive emotion, though based on manipulating such abstract concepts as United States imperialism and the military-industrial complex.

This "positive" role that Reagan has played for the Soviet leaders is very important to them. They will not easily overcome it.

A rumor, a fellow at Harvard University's Russian Research Center, and Shlapentokh, a physics professor at Michigan State University, wrote this for The New York Times.



GOP tries to dodge tax trap

By Rowland Evans and Robert Novak

WASHINGTON — Walter F. Mondale's audacious tax gamble for now has called Ronald Reagan's bluff, but also has triggered intense Republican debate — spurred by the Democratic surge in national polls — over whether to flatly pledge no higher taxes.

As hoped for by Mondale, his promise of higher taxes and challenge that Reagan do the same was met at the White House by outward equanimity — and inward dismay. "Everybody is running around in a total panic over here (at the White House)," a senior campaign operative told us.

But prevailing sentiment Monday at the White House was that the Democratic drafting session by the Platform Committee was a mistake. "The Democrats are not serious about the campaign's dominant issue (Veteran operatives in the Reagan campaign believe the time is short — not much more than two weeks — to escape a tax trap).

The Republican mood changed from complacency to crisis in entering a world the White House never imagined. Instead of disorder in San Francisco, a dull ticket and a huge lead, the GOP faces post-convention Democratic unity, Gerulde Ferraro and a 2-percentage-point deficit as measured by the Gallup Poll.

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The nominee could now point a tableau of Democratic courage contrasted with Republican vacillation. With Reagan's landslide lead gone, the president's men are talking about a statement — in a couple of weeks, maybe — barring future individual income tax increases. But that smells so rividly of the 1964 platform's anti-tax bias, hold us the president must "decide whether he stands with Dole in debating Mondale over how big the tax increase will be" or, with fees of Mondale's higher taxes.

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two weeks during which the president can unequivocally rule out all tax hikes. Campaign manager Ed Rollins and adviser Stu Spencer, no economist but street-smart professional politicians, understand this imperative.

So did most platform drafters meeting Monday, who want to call for increased revenue flowing not from higher tax rates but a simplified tax system. Sen. Robert Kasten, co-sponsor of the Kemp-Rosten flat tax and chairman of the ways form's economic subcommittee, wants to pledge no higher taxes.

The only dissent at the drafting session came from ex-Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis, acting as White House liaison, who cautioned that the views of Baker and his lieutenant, Richard Darman, should be considered.

Baker and Darman are not alone. Sen. Paul Laxalt, general chairman of the campaign, shares Senate establishment desire for higher taxes. And over there is the dominating presence of Bob Dole, who showed up too late at the drafting session for the tax debate but undoubtedly will be heard from later.

Thus, Frits Mondale's tax gamble has exposed philosophical differences inside the Republican Party and confronted Ronald Reagan with a choice. Rep. Newt Gingrich of Georgia, a member of the Platform Committee's anti-tax bloc, told us the president must "decide whether he stands with Dole in debating Mondale over how big the tax increase will be" or, with fees of Mondale's higher taxes.

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What are joggers missing? Nothing except hair shirts

By George Anne Geyer

WASHINGTON — It would be easy to say, in the wake of the untimely death of the king of the joggers, James Fixx, that it was those silly joggers, the unhappy. There go, and look what happens to them. Even the great James Fixx, who wrote about jogging with the passion that Cleopatra wrote about warfare, could die while jogging. In battle. And in battle dress.

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Here there is a genuine inner voice — in the best of times reflecting the urgent values of sportsmanship. But neither the sheer fun of swimming (or, say, badminton) nor the competitive values of real sports seem to me to be present in jogging. It seems to me to be the quintessential modern American "sport," which is neither fun nor sport but rather the old American Puritan ethic inverted in upon oneself.

It may help your heart or it may not. I don't really think that is why most joggers are jogging. It is something you can do alone, an act where you can illustrate your control over something. The only thing that I am surprised about is that no one has created any hair shirts for joggers. What an industry that would be. Nevertheless, my friend, we regard you as a fine man. He seemed like a fine man. But we should remember that he had that rarest of all things: As with a great general who died in battle, Fixx died. — as he lives.

Geyer is a syndicated columnist.

If you want to make a statement, oysters are better than bow ties

By D.R. Segal

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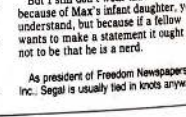
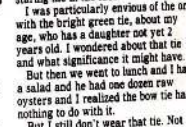
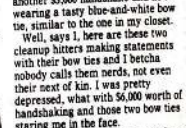
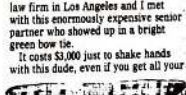
finger's back. Well, says I, he can, why can't I? Before I could figure it out, an even more senior partner shows up with another \$2,000 handshake and he is wearing a tansy blue-and-white bow tie, similar to the one in my closet.

Well, says I, here are these two clemency hatters making statements with their bow ties and I betcha neither their next in kin. I was pretty depressed, what with \$6,000 worth of handshaking and those two bow ties staring me in the face.

I was particularly envious of the one with the bright green tie, about my age, who has a daughter not yet 2 years old. I wondered about that tie and what significance it might have.

But then we went to lunch and I had a salad and he had one dozen raw oysters and I realized the bow tie had nothing to do with it. But I still don't wear that tie. Not because of Max's infant daughter, you understand, but because a fellow would want to make a statement that he was to that he is a nerd.

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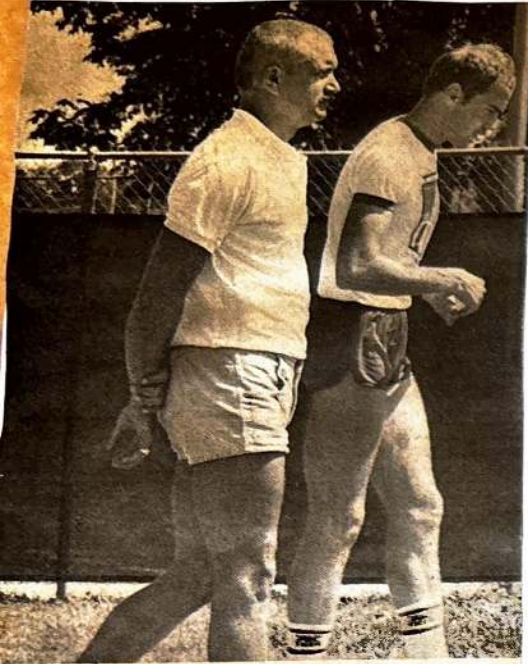
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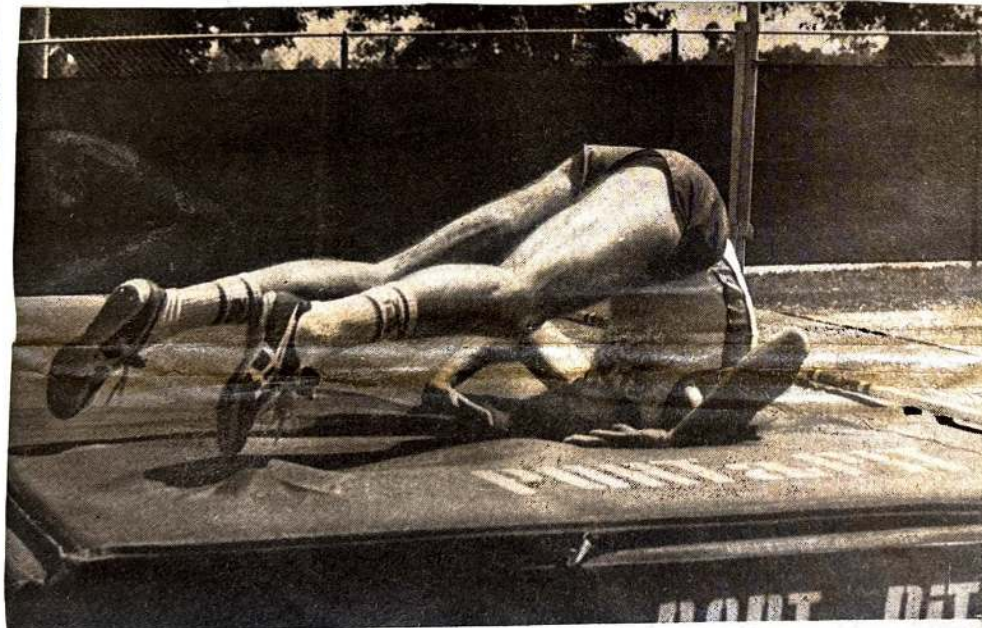
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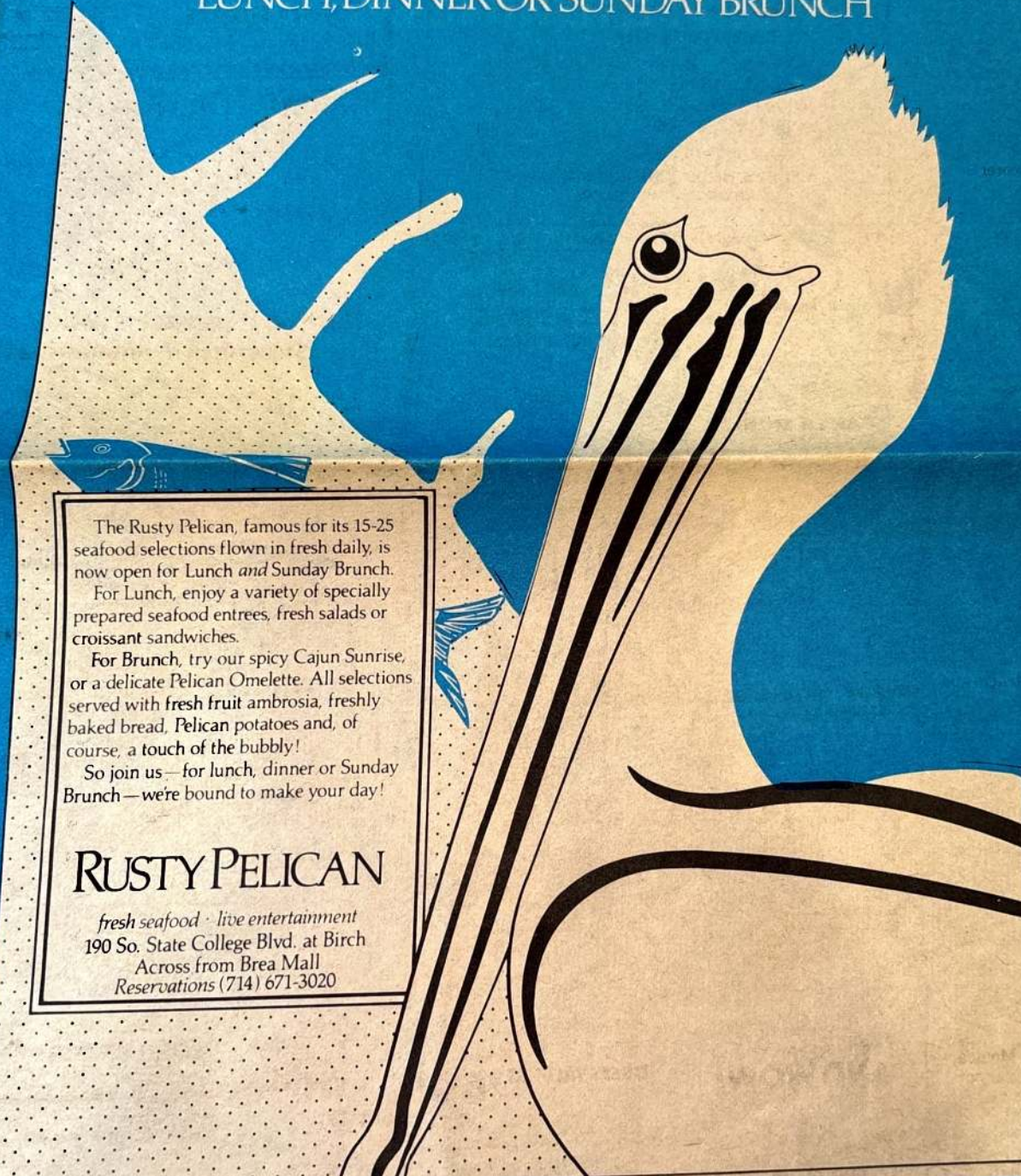
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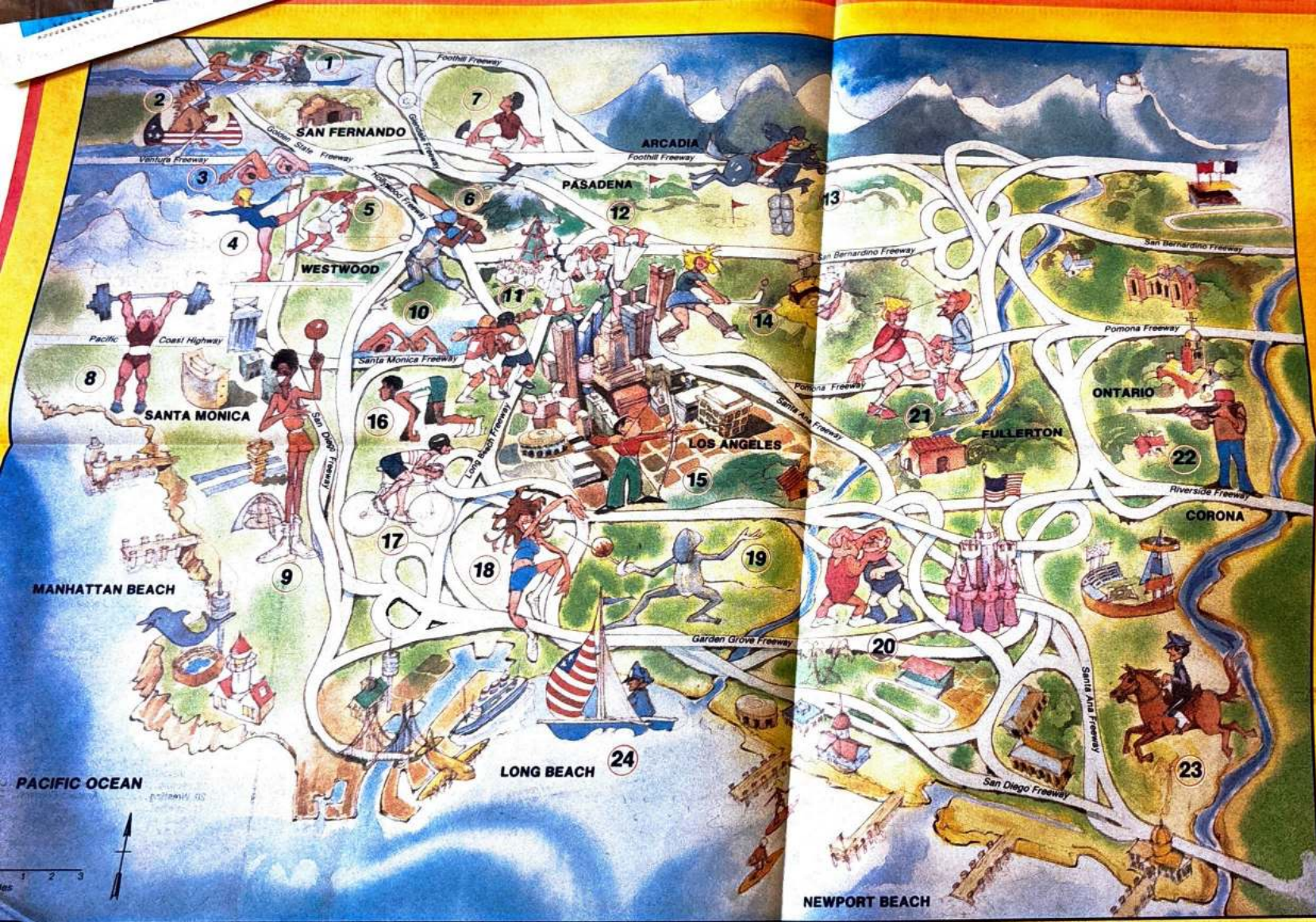
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Flame ignites La Habrans, Breans

Thousands line Torch Run route



By Mary Andrek and
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DSP Staff Writers

Olympic fever swept through North Orange County Thursday on the heels of 12 fleet-footed torchbearers who ran through Brea and La Habra as part of the Olympic Torch Relay weaving its way to the Los Angeles Coliseum for the start of the Summer Games Saturday.

These 12, virtually unknown until their one-kilometer trek turned them into instant celebrities, sparked a patriotic outpouring among the crowds lining the streets and shouting "Go USA" as the flame was spread from one runner to the next.

At times, the event took on almost spiritual proportions.

These 12 were, after all, carrying the sacred flame from Olympus, home of the ancient Greek deities. Were they messengers from the gods?

Brea runner Al Parker, surrounded by autograph seekers and picture takers as he waited for his turn with the torch, said other runners had told him the one-kilometer journey had changed them.

"They told me I'd never experience anything like it," he said. Earlier in a special ceremony at City Hall Park, Parker, vice president of marketing for U.S. Suzuki, seemed to be on a different plane as he talked about his company's position as official motorcycle supplier for the games.

On the lawn before him were employees from Suzuki's Brea office who had come to town in two busloads to witness the event. They cheered for Parker and strained to hear the other speakers, victims of a temperamental audio system that picked up only every 10th word as Mayor Pro Tem Clarice Blamer and Brea Chamber of Commerce

Vice President Jeanne Hilson presented commendations to Brea's Doug Nordquist, Olympic high jump competitor.

Onlookers in the park were treated to free ice cream, punch and balloons as they waited for the torch to arrive. As soon as the short ceremony ended, the throng made its way to Brea Boulevard, where thousands had already gathered.

The first runner to enter Brea was Michael Paulin of Hilo, Hawaii, whose family was stationed at the spot he would transfer the flame to Parker. A jubilant, lei-bedecked Paulin arrived behind four Brea Police cars and California Highway Patrol cars. As he approached, the crowd spilled into the street cheering and chanting "Go USA."

"When I looked down the street and saw his head bobbing—and I knew it was him because of the leis—I really got all choked up," said Paulin's mother.

At the end of the Brea route, Jim Vasquez of Orange was still signing autographs and posing for photographs a half hour after he passed the flame to fellow Southern California Edison employee Laura Miller, who carried the torch into La Habra.

"It was too short," said the groundworker for Edison of Long Beach of his run. "I could have gone down the road another 20 miles."

Kenneth Witt, local Edison district manager, estimated that between 2,000 and 2,500 people viewed the relay near the Alpha Beta store on Central Avenue where the last Brea flame transfer was made.

"The atmosphere—I hate to say it—was electric," Witt said.