

News Briefing

Retaliation hinted in diplomat's death

TEL AVIV, Israel (UPI) — Israel said it regards the assassination of one of its diplomats in Paris as a violation of the cease-fire with the PLO and hinted the killing would be avenged with an attack on guerrilla positions.

In the occupied Arab town of Gaza, six Israeli civilians and one woman soldier were wounded Sunday in a grenade attack on a van Israeli troops sealed off the area but were unable to find the attackers.

Cabinet ministers leaving their weekly meeting said the government views the slaying of Yacov Barsimantov in Paris Saturday as a violation of the U.S.-negotiated Israel-Palestine Liberation Organization cease-fire in South Lebanon that went into effect last July.

"We know the right answer to (the assassination)," Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir said at Ben-Gurion Airport, where Barsimantov's coffin arrived from Paris. He did not elaborate.

Defense Minister Ariel Sharon has warned Israel would take military action against PLO guerrilla bases in south Lebanon if Israelis died in a Palestinian attack.

The PLO maintains the cease-fire applies only to the Israel-Lebanon border, and denied any connection with the shooting in Paris. A little-known Palestinian faction in Beirut took responsibility for the killing.

Reconciliation urged by Pope

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — Pope John Paul II, beginning a holy week of celebrations, urged Jews and Arabs in the "land of Jesus" to recognize the "legitimate aspirations" of West Bank Palestinians before new violence erupts.

"Again this past week, new painful episodes have surfaced in the West Bank, with dead and injured," the pope said, referring to the wounding of Israeli soldiers and Arabs in rock-throwing disputes.

"There has been a growth of the anxiety and uncertainty of the population, who hopes for a condition in which their own legitimate aspirations are recognized and confirmed," the pope told 120,000 people in a Palm Sunday address from the balcony of his apartment in St. Peter's Square.

Civil war near for Zimbabwe?

SALISBURY, Zimbabwe (UPI) — Former guerrilla leader Joshua Nkomo told 60,000 supporters in his first major address since being ousted from the coalition government that Zimbabwe again was on brink of civil war.

Nkomo, leader of the minority Patriotic Front, blamed the potential for renewed hostilities on Prime Minister Robert Mugabe.

In a speech Sunday to the supporters in his stronghold of Bulawayo in southern Zimbabwe, Nkomo warned the Patriotic Front was prepared to "collide" with Mugabe if the president attempted to install a one-party government.

"Mugabe took a very dangerous move in sacking me because it brought the country to the brink of war," said Nkomo.

"He must have known what he was doing would bring about divisions in the army and the police and that throughout society people would be divided."



Today in history

On April 5, 1951 Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were sentenced to death for stealing atomic secrets for Russia. Here, separated by an iron grating, they leave a New York court in a police van after sentencing. Appeals failed and they were executed in 1953.

Escaped patient shoots self

RATON, N.M. (UPI) — An escaped Colorado mental patient on a three-week rampage of rape, robbery and kidnapping shot himself in the head and died rather than be captured at a police roadblock.

The four people he had kidnapped in Amarillo, Texas, were uninjured in the shooting.

Benn's parents, who live in suburban Denver, had said he telephoned them after his escape from the Colorado Psychiatric Hospital in Pueblo, Colo., March 11, and vowed he wouldn't be taken alive.

Political violence wracks Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (UPI) — The right-wing Nationalist Republican Alliance warned it may be able to identify the killers of one of its members but called on the U.S.-backed Christian Democrats to solve the crime.

In a related development Sunday, the acting archbishop of San Salvador, Arturo Rivera y Damas, appealed to Salvadoran politicians to stop feuding over power "as if the gushing rivers of blood meant nothing."

David Joaquin Quinteros, a representative of the Nationalist Republican Alliance (ARENA), was the first member of El Salvador's 60-member constituent assembly elected last week to be killed in political violence wracking the Central American nation of 4.8 million.

Quinteros and his cousin were shot after a party meeting Saturday and left to die in a trash dump used as a burial place by death squads, a party official said.

Quinteros died later after being taken to a San Salvador clinic with bullet wounds in the head, back and arm, party spokesman Mario Redaelli said. The cousin suffered only minor wounds.

Weather brings fire, ice, winds

Spring storms raged on with no sign of weakening today, devastating the East with fire, ice and 148-mph winds and leaving parts of the Midlands a tornado-ravaged wasteland. At least 60 people were killed and hundreds more injured in the latest onslaught.

Dry conditions and sweeping winds fed about 200 brush fires Sunday in North Carolina and Virginia, burning at least 15 homes in the two states. Officials said it appeared the Wolf Trap performing arts center in suburban Washington, D.C., was also a casualty of the fires.

Snow and ice strafe Great Lakes states and New England, and warnings of an extreme avalanche danger were posted in the mountains of northern California and Idaho, where up to 20 feet of snow have fallen in the last few days. Blowing snow made mountain highways invisible.

Arkansas and Texas were the hardest hit by more than 70 weekend tornadoes, reporting 13 and 10 deaths respectively. California reported six deaths with two people missing and presumed dead, Michigan five, Colorado and Wisconsin four, Mississippi three, and two weather-related fatalities each were reported in Washington, Pennsylvania, Missouri and Kansas.

Indiana, New York, Iowa, Ohio, and Georgia each listed a single death. More than 6 inches of snow piled on western Michigan, where at least one traffic death was blamed on the snowstorm and nearly 10,000 people north of Muskegon were without power. California reported six deaths with two people missing and presumed dead, Michigan five, Colorado and Wisconsin four, Mississippi three, and two weather-related fatalities each were reported in Washington, Pennsylvania, Missouri and Kansas.

Strong winds — including one gust of 140 mph at Grandfather Mountain — lashed North Carolina and helped spread forest fires over thousands of dry acres.

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"Well, honestly, should we worry about the bankers, or be concerned about what happens to 35 million Poles?" Ford asked rhetorically in an interview published Sunday in Parade magazine. "I am disappointed with the lack of hard-hitting, prompt action by the Reagan administration in doing something about martial law in Poland," Ford said.

"In my judgment, the Reagan administration should have declared the Polish debts in default and promptly taken remedial action. They did just the opposite. I think it was the wrong thing to do."

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Reagan will likely defend his budget proposals as necessary ingredients for economic recovery right up to his departure this week on a working Caribbean vacation.

Reagan scheduled a meeting with freshmen Republican congressmen today in a bid to hold their loyalty. Many are concerned about re-election in light of the upswing in unemployment that has followed the Reagan economic plan.

He also was to meet today with AFL-CIO construction unions, the head of which blasted Reagan's plan as adding to, rather than easing, fiscal woes.

The president has been on the defensive about his 1983 budget plan ever since public and private polls showed the electorate is growing weary of his inability to bring down interest rates and spark the recovery he has assured everyone is on the way.



Today's forecast

Mostly sunny and slowly diminishing winds today. High temperatures 37 to 40. Increasing cloudiness tonight with a 30 percent chance of snow by daybreak. Lows in the 20s. Tuesday cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow. Windy and cold, high around 30. Winds west 20 to 30 m.p.h. slowly diminishing today and becoming northeast 10 to 15 m.p.h. late tonight increasing to 20 to 30 mph Tuesday.

Extended outlook

Extended outlook for New England Wednesday through Thursday: Main-Atlantic, Rhode Island and Connecticut: Generally fair weather through the period. Cold with highs mostly in the 40s to low 50s. Lows mostly in the 20s to low 30s.

Maine & New Hampshire: Fair and cool Wednesday and Thursday. Increasing cloudiness and warmer Friday. Lows in the teens to low 20s. Highs in the mid 30s to 40s and low 50s south Friday.

Massachusetts: Fair Wednesday and Thursday. Chance of rain Friday. Slight warming trend. Overnight lows in the 20s. Highs Wednesday near 40 rising to the upper 40s, Fri. Friday.

Table with columns: City & Post, Hi, Lo, Pop, and weather forecasts for various cities like Albuquerque, Anchorage, Asheville, Atlanta, etc.

Lottery

Numbers drawn in New 6030. Rhode Island daily: 2507. England Saturday: Connecticut daily: 465. Vermont daily: 675. Maine daily: 990. Massachusetts daily: New Hampshire daily: 4844.

Almanac

By United Press International Today is Monday, April 5, the 95th day of 1982 with 270 to follow. The moon is moving toward its full phase. The morning stars are Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening star is Mars. Those born on this date are under the sign of Aries. American Negro educator Booker T. Washington was born April 5, 1869. Actress Bette Davis was born on this date in 1908.

On this date in history: In 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg of New York City were sentenced to death for stealing atomic secrets for Russia.

In 1964, illustrious American Gen. Douglas MacArthur died at the age of 84. In 1968, major American cities were hit by violent riots as an aftermath of the assassination of black leader Martin Luther King.

In 1976, American billionaire Howard Hughes died of kidney failure on a flight from Acapulco, Mexico, to Houston, Texas. He was 70. Also that day, James Callaghan became prime minister of Britain.

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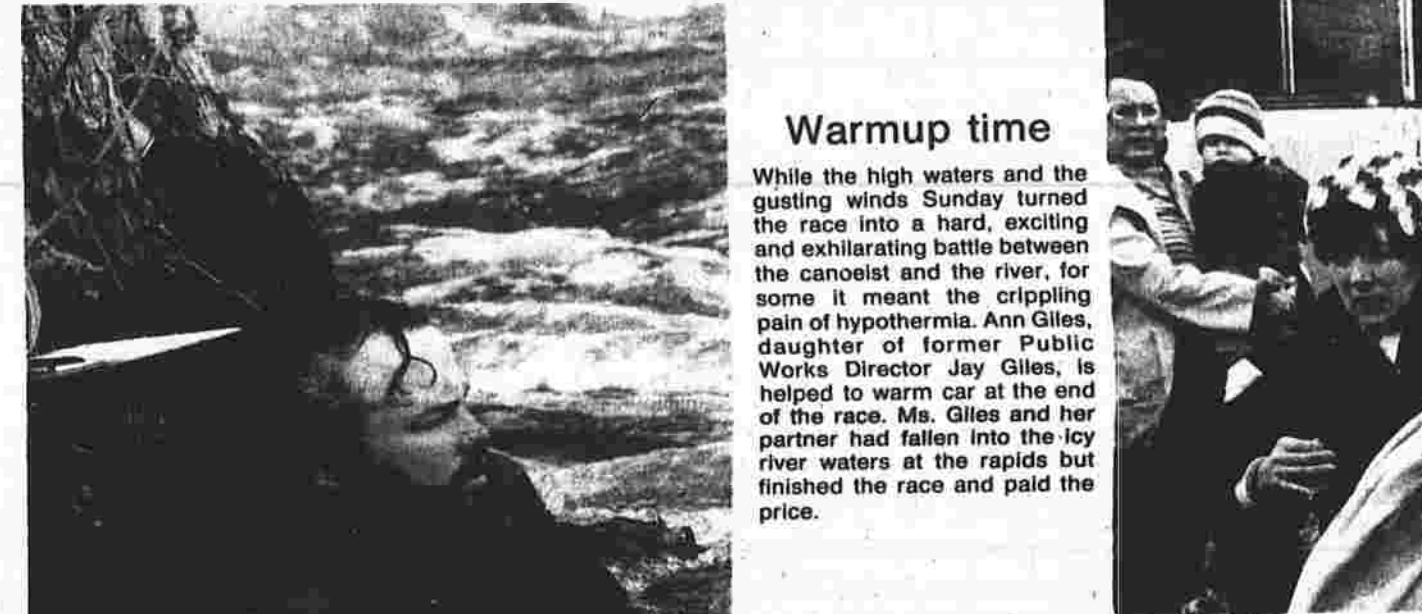
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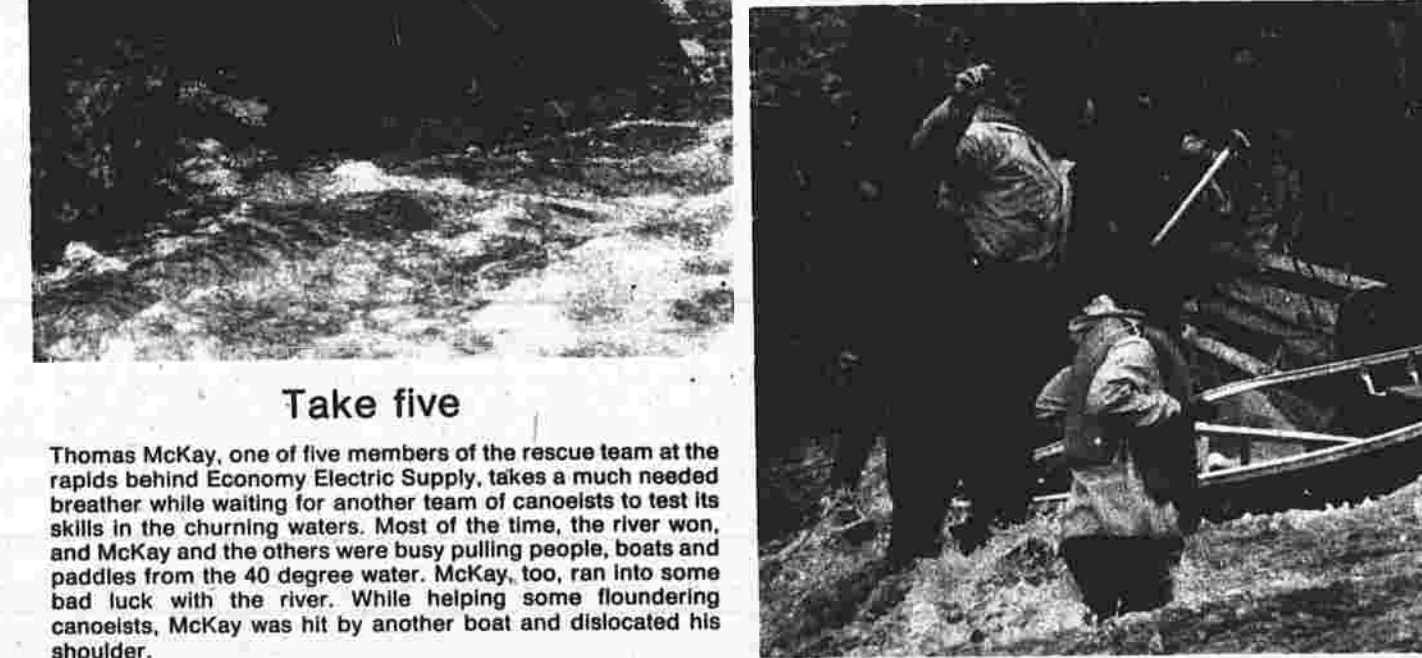
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Take five

Thomas McKay, one of five members of the rescue team at the rapids behind Economy Electric Supply, takes a much needed breather while waiting for another team of canoeists to test its skills in the churning waters. Most of the time, the river won, and McKay and the others were busy pulling people, boats and paddles from the 40 degree water. McKay, too, ran into some bad luck with the river. While helping some floundering canoeists, McKay was hit by another boat and dislocated his shoulder.



Unexpected bath

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Peopletalk

New Mandrell star?

It all started with Brooke Shields, but the models seem to be getting younger and younger. Now country singer Barbara Mandrell's daughter, Jamie, is getting into the act. She's featured in a tiger-striped outfit in ads running in recent issues of Los Angeles Magazine, promoting a boutique selling European fashions for children. This is Jamie's first modeling job, said her grandfather, Irby Mandrell, but the future looks pretty glossy.

The ad has "pulled in a tremendous amount of celebrities," says the manager of the Heaven Sent boutique.

Press reviewed

Should reporters be considered the fourth estate or a fifth column? That's one of the questions Hodding Carter, former state department spokesman, asks as chief correspondent on the April 4 edition of the PBS series, "Inside Story."

Carter covered the recent San Salvador elections — but while the other 700-odd journalists were watching the natives, Carter was watching the press.

I think that the reporters who have been covering El Salvador for the past year or so have done an increasingly competent, thorough job under extraordinarily difficult conditions," he said. But he was less keen on the election coverage.

"There," he said, "what we were given was El Salvador as the New Hampshire primary, or El Salvador as a space shot."

Awful memories

Hollywood sometimes is criticized for glamorizing war and sanitizing death. Not by writer Paul Hensler. The movie "Don't Cry, It's Only Thunder" was based on his efforts to help two Vietnamese nuns



Newlyweds

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., son of the late senator, and his bride, Emily Black, pose for a wedding portrait shortly after their marriage Saturday at the First Christian Church in Bloomington, Ind.

Quote of the day

Woody Allen discussed flying saucers in the current Omni magazine, saying: "All UFOs may not prove to be of extraterrestrial origin but experts do agree that any glowing, cigar-shaped aircraft capable of rising straight up at 12,000 miles per second would require the kind of maintenance and spark plugs available only on Pluto."

Glimpses

Johnny Cash will host the April 17 edition of NBC's "Saturday Night Live," with musical guest Elton John also on hand during the 1982 Tet offensive. Fifteen of the children were killed.

Hensler and actor Dennis Christopher, who plays Hensler, attended a screening of the film to answer questions from the audience, which included comic Robin Williams.

Hensler said the bombing scene, recreated at a Manila refugee center, "brought back awful memories." "It's probably the most realistic scene of its type involving children ever filmed," he said. "The result was a scene that looks as chaotic as it was when it really happened."

Phyllis Diller celebrates 87 years in show business at a party in New York tonight. Peter "Jaws" Benchley has a new novel from Doubleday. "The Girl of the Sea of Cortez." Patti Davis is in London for costume fittings for her role in Blake Edwards' "The Trail of the Pink Panther."



COLD AND WEARY CLEANUP DAY VOLUNTEERS LINE UP for picnic at noon in Center Springs Park

Cleanup is success



WELDON SAUNDERS, JUNIOR AND SENIOR, CLEAN CALDOR AREA at Manchester fourth annual cleanup day Saturday

Despite chilly temperatures, biting wind and skies that threatened to dump rain on the hundreds of volunteers, the fourth annual Manchester Cleanup Day on Saturday was pronounced "a better success than ever," according to Lorraine Peterman, member of the Chamber of Commerce Environmental Beautification Committee.

Board backs student aid bills

The state Board of Higher Education has endorsed two proposals now before the Legislature that would create new sources of funding to counteract anticipated cutbacks in federal student aid.

below market rates to college students through the sale of tax exempt bonds. They would require no financial commitment by the state.

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Public forum on town budget set tonight at Waddell School

Town residents will have their chance to comment on the proposed 1982-83 town budget at a public hearing tonight at 8 at Waddell School, 163 Broad St.

Weiss also recommended a \$206,000 appropriation to start paramedic service in the town under a plan proposed by Ronald Kraatz, a Health Department employee.

Bozzuto camp won't primary

Local supporters of Republican gubernatorial candidate Richard Bozzuto will hold a primary after all to attempt to win delegates to the nominating convention, a Bozzuto worker said today.

Fire calls

Manchester Monday, 3:27 a.m. - Gasoline washdown, 117 West Middle Turnpike. (Eighth District).

Poll shows Bush advancing

HARTFORD (UPI) - A new poll indicates Connecticut's U.S. Senate race is becoming tighter and Republican's present Bush Jr. has moved substantially closer to the other two main contenders.

believed the support indicated by the poll would "just going to keep on going and it's going to generate more support, there's no question about that."

Dodd to speak at MCC

Sen. Christopher Dodd will be at Manchester Community College Tuesday between 10 and 11:15 a.m. Dodd will speak in the MCC Auditorium on Reaganomics and El Salvador. A reception will follow Dodd's talk.

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OPINION

Doesn't anyone want Kennelly's job?

Remember last fall, after William Cotter died, when candidates from both parties lined up to run for his 1st Congressional District seat? Things are very different now. If any Republicans are planning a November challenge of Democrat Barbara Kennelly for her newly won job, they're keeping it quiet.



Manchester Spotlight

By Paul Hendrie - Herald Reporter

That's in contrast to what happened last winter, when five Republicans were so determined to win the nomination that they fought it out on the convention floor. Two of those candidates - Colleen Howe of Glastonbury and Democrat Barbara Kennelly of West Hartford - battled in a primary. The Democrats quickly settled on Mrs. Kennelly as their nominee, but there were a number of Democrats behind the scenes jockeying for position before Mrs. Kennelly got the nod. Mrs. Kennelly will run for re-election this year, there's no mystery about that. But who will run against her?

That's understandable. It's almost inconceivable that voters in this heavily Democratic district would vote Mrs. Kennelly out of office less than a year after they sent her to Washington. So who's crazy enough to challenge her? Not only was the incident embarrassing, prompting calls for a new rule prohibiting lobbyist-legislator contact during voting sessions of committees, but Mrs. Swenson voted against the position most Republicans were taking on the bill. Mrs. Swenson voted for an amendment which would, in effect, leave control over state college budgets in the hands of the individual institutions. Remember, it was a Republican - Antonia Parker of Glastonbury - who complained about the incident and it was Republican Walter Joyner of Manchester who proposed the ban on contact between lobbyists and legislators during voting at committee meetings. Other Republicans have said quietly that the incident might hurt Mrs. Swenson's re-election hopes, though they quickly add they don't think Mrs. Swenson

did anything improper. For her part, Mrs. Swenson has said she didn't know who the lobbyist was at the time. She said the lobbyist did not influence her vote, but merely pointed out that she had not voted as she had intended. And Mrs. Swenson had no apologies for voting as she did. She said she felt her vote was in the best interests of Manchester Community College. We'll have to wait and see if the incident becomes a campaign issue. ONE PERSON who might be interested in seeing it become an issue is former Democratic Mayor Jack Thompson. Apparently boxed out of the Democratic nomination for the 4th Senatorial District seat by Mayor Stephen T. Penny, Thompson may turn up as the candidate for the 13th Assembly District seat. The party leadership, notably Town Chairman Ted Cummings and state central committee member John Sullivan, are said to be pushing Thompson hard to run Cummings, while concealing that Biz Swenson would be a tough opponent, has said he thinks a strong candidate could beat her. Both Cummings and Sullivan obviously believe Thompson is that candidate. CUMMINGS AND Sullivan are also believed to be behind the effort to push Deputy Mayor Barbara Weinberg to run for secretary of the state. A Weinberg candidacy would neatly take them off the hook.

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The state let down prisoner

WASHINGTON - Michael Zepin is a federal prisoner with probably less than seven months left to serve on a conviction for bank fraud and car theft. But he's afraid he won't live to make it. He fears he has been marked for death because of testimony he gave that helped New York authorities convict a gang of murderers. What makes Zepin bitter as well as scared is that the prosecutors promised to do what they could to protect him from retaliation by friends of the convicted murderers, or from fellow prisoners enforcing the underworld code of death to informers. Apparently, the prosecutors did try to help Zepin, but they could not prevail on a tough law-and-order federal judge. Zepin wrote me for help, in the hope that publicity will reverse what he views as a doublecross. Here is his story, which has been confirmed by my associate Sam Fogg. In 1980, Zepin was temporarily lodged in the county jail at Waukesha, Wis., pending trial on federal charges. One of his cellmates confided that he had participated in the murder of four persons in Illinois, Ill. To obtain Zepin's testimony, Oneida County prosecutor Richard Enders promised him, in writing: "I will not put you on the stand to testify unless some positive agreement is made beforehand that you will not be returned to the federal prison system... I will do all in my power to have you placed in the witness protection program or such other disposition as will keep you out of federal incarceration and an environment where any fellow prisoner would have a chance to retaliate because of your testimony." As it turned out, Zepin testified in good faith, but the authorities reneged. Oneida County Assistant District Attorney Edward A. Wolff Jr. wrote later that Zepin's testimony "placed a valuable part in the conviction," and added: "It is my feeling that because of cooperation by Mr. Zepin, a ruling over whether state statute supersedes town charter on conflicting issues. The plaintiffs are contending that charter governs in this instance. Since there was no conflict, Kelly said, there was no case. Kelly said Kelly didn't answer the question his group wanted resolved, which was "whether the action of the

Public hearing slated tonight on Bolton budget

By Richard Cody
Herald Reporter

Area towns Bolton / Coventry

Budget suit plaintiffs plan to appeal ruling

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COVENTRY - The plaintiffs in the nearly year-old town budget suit are charging that the Superior Court judge who dismissed their case Wednesday neglected the substance of the case. They will appeal to the state Supreme Court. Three days later, the council overturned the town meeting action and sent the budget to a referendum, where it was defeated by a 5-1 margin. STAVE AND the five other plaintiffs filed suit shortly after the council's action to have the town meeting action upheld. A month later, a budget with a lesser increase was adopted at another referendum. At that May 8 meeting, 176 residents overruled the moderator's decision that the petitions filed by the taxpayers' association mandated a referendum on the annual budget. Then they tried to vote the budget in. At that May 8 meeting, the council overturned the town meeting action and sent the budget to a referendum, where it was defeated by a 5-1 margin. STAVE AND the five other plaintiffs filed suit shortly after the council's action to have the town meeting action upheld. A month later, a budget with a lesser increase was adopted at another referendum. At that May 8 meeting, 176 residents overruled the moderator's decision that the petitions filed by the taxpayers' association mandated a referendum on the annual budget. Then they tried to vote the budget in. At that May 8 meeting, the council overturned the town meeting action and sent the budget to a referendum, where it was defeated by a 5-1 margin.

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Open forum / Readers' views

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Good law

To the Editor: Manchester can be proud of the handicapped parking ordinance that was passed about two years ago. I'm sure that it is appreciated by all disabled people when in Manchester, but there are still many parking areas such as doctors' offices, grocery stores and restaurants that do not have handicapped parking. If you are handicapped and need an area marked for the handicapped, please write to the Manchester Traffic Authority, c/o Capt. Brooke, Manchester Police Dept. Manchester police have done an excellent job patrolling the handicapped parking, fining violators. Hats off to Manchester police dept. Arnold L. Handler South Windsor

The long view

To the Editor: In the December, 1981, Atlantic David Stockman is quoted as saying he is not "going to expend political capital solving some other guy's problem in 2010." I hope that the politicians in Manchester will not be so short-sighted.

Policy on letters

The Herald welcomes letters to the editor, particularly on topics of local interest. Letters ideally should be typed and should be no longer than two pages, double-spaced. The Herald reserves the right to edit letters in the interest of clarity and taste.

Berry's World



"Sure, Grampa, I'd like to go for a walk with you. What kind of special expensive gear do you need for THAT sport?"

Large area loses power

ANDOVER - Burned-out circuits in a transmission line left 2,500 Northeast Utilities customers, and most of this town, without power late Saturday afternoon. The outage, caused when several circuits shorted out after a steel brace loosened on a major transmission line in Columbia, affected customers in Andover, Columbia, Lebanon and North Franklin, Marilyn Brossmer, regional community relations manager for NU, said today. Power went out at about 3:30 p.m., and was restored by 6:30 p.m. Mr. Brossmer said the cause of the loose brace has not been determined. She said it could have been caused by high winds or metal fatigue. "It was just one of those freak things," she said. The source of the break was off Route 6 in Columbia, she said.

Region Highlights

Deficit expected

HEBRON - The Board of Education is projecting a \$5.613 deficit in its current budget. One of the reasons for this is the increase in the number of special education students in the school system. Other accounts reflecting large deficits are teacher aide, health and life insurance, and electricity. Patricia Mulligan, chairman of the school board, said a freeze has been placed on all spending other than contracted services and essential items. The board voted to notify the Board of Finance of its anticipated deficit but won't ask for any additional appropriation until it is certain of the amount it will need.

Bar owners win

EAST HARTFORD - A decision filed Friday by Judge Thomas H. Corrigan in Hartford Superior Court ruled that the town cannot enforce its adult entertainment ordinance until the local law is constitutionally settled first. As a result, the owners of the Pompei Restaurant and the Venus Lounge can continue to feature exotic dancers without fear of violating the ordinance. The ordinance carries lengthy permit and licensing requirements for adult entertainment establishments and performers. Curtiss H. Heinz, owner of Venus Lounge, and Robert DiPierro, owner of Pompei, won an injunction blocking the town from enforcing the ordinance last December after the law was approved by the Town Council.

Board gets report

HEBRON - Despite reduced federal funds, in January the school administration asked the Board of Education to include a second full-time teaching position for the gifted program in its 1982-83 budget. But the school board voted to eliminate the position. The board has now received a report on the program in a final attempt to convince it to expand. A group of parents and teachers has been attending school board budget sessions also in an attempt to convince the board. Joseph Reardon, principal of Gilead Hill Elementary School, has said the program hasn't reached an "effective level of implementation" and won't until it has more staff.

More charges filed

VERNON - John Oliver, 38, had additional charges lodged against them Friday. The two, of Terrace Drive, were arrested earlier in the week on cocaine charges. The additional charges are illegal possession of hallucinogenic substances, possession of less than four ounces of marijuana, possession with intent to use drug paraphernalia, possession with intent to sell drug paraphernalia, and selling and possession of fireworks. The arrests stem from the March 26 raid on their apartment. Police said they seized cocaine, money and fireworks.

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Recession hurts farmland-saving program

By Jacqueline Huard
United Press International

HARTFORD — Herbert Kallmann and his wife will retire to northern California next month, but before they leave they hope some young farmer will call their 272-acre dairy farm home.

Their farm, Spy Rock, is in Griswold, a hamlet 10 miles from the Rhode Island border where Kallmann settled 40 years ago when he left Germany soon after Hitler's troops marched into Austria.

He had worked in a cigar factory, so Kallmann headed for Connecticut's tobacco fields soon after arriving in the United States. He bought Spy Rock a few years later. In its heyday, the farm had 150 cows and heifers, grew its own feed, and then marketed the milk in Providence, R.I. Kallmann worked hard and the farm prospered, but he knew the day would come when he couldn't do it anymore.

His son and his daughter weren't interested in a life like their father's. Kallmann began to worry because Spy Rock was an attractive

piece of property, at least 50 acres of it "flat as a pancake" and with city water to boot.

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The only way he could think of to round out his social security check was to start selling off the land a piece at a time or deed it all away to a developer who envisioned 100 new tract homes where cows grazed.

About that time, 1978, the Legislature started the farmland preservation program to protect the state's food production by buying up to 2,300 acres of prime farmland in danger of being developed.

Farmers like Kallmann were encouraged to consider selling the development rights to their land. They could continue to farm or sell but the land could never be used for anything but farming.

Since then, the Department of Agriculture has spent \$4 million of its \$9 million acquisition budget to give Connecticut development rights to 2,300 acres of arable land. But now the program, like almost everything in a recession, is slowing

down.

Last year, Agriculture Commissioner Leonard Krogh asked the Legislature for \$10 million and got \$200,000. He asked for \$10 million again this year but lawmakers are recommending \$500,000.

"There's no way we can fund that with the state's overhauling fiscal problems," says Sen. Audrey Beck, D-Mansfield, whose finance committee sets the limit on state borrowing.

The money might not be there, but the interest is. At least 245 more farmers have lined up to sell off development rights to their property at a price that has ranged from a high \$5,500 to a low \$719 per acre. It's unlikely anyone is going to make a killing, though. At first, the state paid the difference between the land's value if farmed and if developed. That was too expensive so now the price is negotiated.

The cost of borrowing has gone through the ceiling too. Interest rates were 2.5 percent for bonds when the program started, but now banks want 9 percent to 10 percent.

"If the landowner says 'I want \$1 million an acre,' we tell him, forget it, we're not going to talk to you anymore," Krogh said.

Haggling over land values is all behind Kallmann. He has set his sight on a 15-acre farm 2,500 miles away, outside Modesto, Calif., where he'll raise 50 or so heifer.

"You just can't quit like that," he says.

He'd feel even better if he knew someone would continue to farm at Spy Rock. Four or five people said they would love to buy it but they can't swing today's high mortgage rates.

"I sold my dairy herd in 1972," he says. "Within two months, it was like being homesick. I just missed the animals. You see them mooing, looking at you. I was just missing them. I just couldn't do without them."

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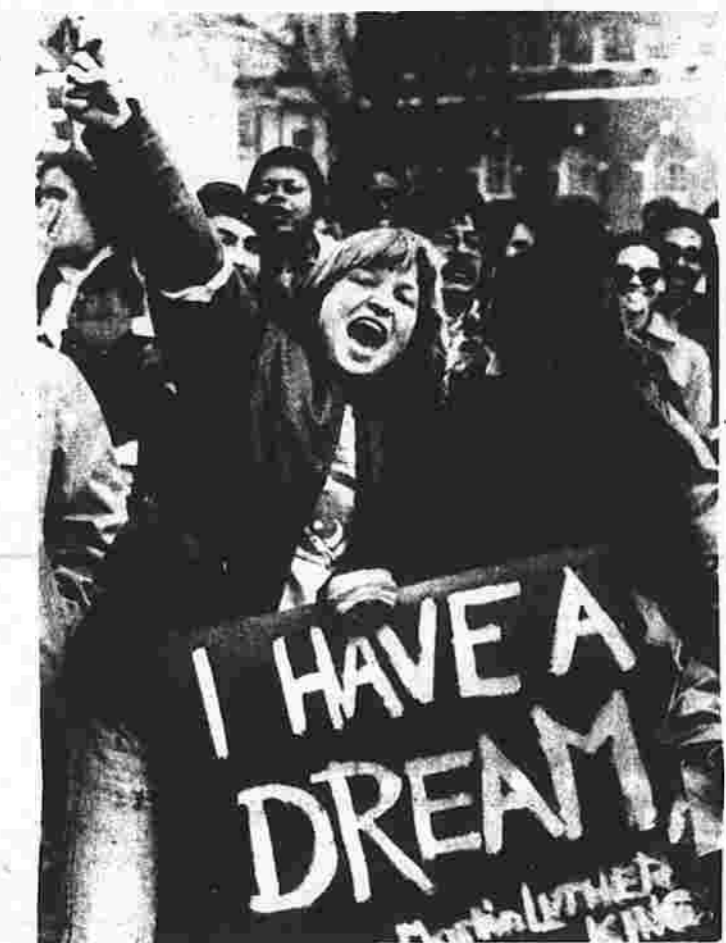
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King rally raps Reagan policy

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The Rev. Karl Hilgert, director of Christian Community Action in New Haven, said the administration's budget had created a "meanness of spirit that pits us one against another for the crumbs that are left."

"We must turn this nation around," he told the crowd.

The protesters gathered Sunday on New Haven's downtown green in biting winds — and at one point, in a snow squall — for the rally organized by a group called the April 4th Coalition for a Fair Budget. The coalition represents 120

community, labor, religious and student organizations.

The rally began with 200 students from Yale University marching to the green. Among them was one young woman carrying a banner that stated "Reagan's Dream is King's Nightmare."

Sergeant Shriver, a former administrator of a federal anti-poverty agency dismantled by Reagan, was among those in the crowd. Now a private attorney, Shriver said the Reagan budget had set back efforts to help the nation's underprivileged.

The Most Rev. Peter Rosazza, auxiliary archbishop of Hartford, said "the soup lines are getting longer" and despite the Reagan administration's efforts to encourage volunteers to help the needy, "the voluntary agencies are not able to take up the slack."

Malfunction shuts down Millstone II

WATERFORD (UPI) — The Millstone II nuclear power plant shut down automatically because a pump seaweed from clogging a cooling system malfunctioned, Northeast Utilities says.

No radioactive gas or water was released in the shutdown Sunday, said Northeast spokesman Tony Castagno.

Castagno said the plant was expected to be back in partial operation late today.

The plant, one of three operated by Northeast in Connecticut, was returned to service only two weeks ago after a 17-week shutdown for refueling and repairs.

Castagno said the five-minute sequence of events that caused the shutdown began when a primary pump that prevents seaweed from entering the plant's cooling system from Niantic Bay failed.

"It was a minor glitch," he said.

Because of high winds on the coast, the seaweed was building up faster than normal, he said, and it blocked the flow of water into the system. The pump was unable to handle the unusual amount of seaweed and malfunctioned.

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By Mike Clancy
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NEW YORK (UPI) — U.S. officials reportedly knew Japanese germ warfare researchers experimented on American prisoners during World War II but never tried them for war crimes for fear the Soviets would copy their "bacteria bomb."

The Japanese experiments began in Manchuria during the invasion of China in the 1930s and continued during World War II, using captured Americans as guinea pigs, infecting them with pathogens and systematically killing them to study the effects, Morley Safer reported Sunday in a CBS "60 Minutes" interview with John Powell, a former editor of China Weekly Review.

Safer said U.S. officials learned of the Japanese experiments after the war and found plans for producing bacteria bombs but decided against making the information public because they feared the Soviet Union would use the Japanese data to develop germ weapons.

Safer said the Japanese viewed the Chinese as racially inferior and planned to take over the country by using the most efficient method possible — germ warfare. The officer in charge of the project was Gen. Shiro Ishii, whose top secret 731-Corps operated under the guise of a water purification unit.

"Sometimes they were unbelievably scientific," Powell said. "On day 3 they would select one man out and kill him and autopsy him to the extent to which the disease had affected his various internal organs. Then a few days later they would kill another man," Powell said.

"In one experiment with hemorrhagic fever, they killed everybody," he said.

A documentary supplied to "60 Minutes" by the Japanese Broadcasting System revealed that the 731-Corps was one of the biggest germ factories in the world, experimenting with plague, cholera and typhoid germs.

One former officer told the Japanese Broadcasting System that prisoners were injected into tomatoes and those who ate the tomatoes developed typhoid fever. In other cases, prisoners were exposed to cholera fleas. Days later, the prisoners' bodies were dissected and studied.

According to Safer, at the end of the war the prisoners were killed and their bodies incinerated. The death factories then were blown up.

Neither Ishii nor any members of his corps of human experimenters were brought to trial as war criminals. Instead Ishii was taken to the American chemical warfare center at Fort Detrick, Md., and interrogated.

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Obituaries

Frank Kosak
Frank Kosak, 66, of 174 Greenwood Drive, died Saturday at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Manchester on Feb. 14, 1916 and had been a lifelong resident. Before his retirement in 1976 he had been employed with the former Railway Express Agency in Hartford and Manchester for more than 37 years.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, daughter, Mrs. Wallace (Kathleen) Grove Jr. of Manchester; a son, Gary F. Kosak of North Miami, Fla.; two brothers, Edward S. Kosak and Edwin J. Kosak, both of East Hartford; and three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm St., Rocky Hill. Calling hours are today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Valentine S. Andrew
EAST HARTFORD - Valentine S. Andrew, 70, of Forbush Street, died Saturday at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm St., Rocky Hill. Calling hours are today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Francisco Ronca
Francisco (Frank) Ronca, 65, of 400 Main St., died today at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Maria Diliberio Ronca.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm St., Rocky Hill. Calling hours are today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Gertrude P. Krutt
Funeral services were held Sunday at Weinstein Mortuary, for Gertrude (Phillips) Krutt who died last week in Florida. She was the wife of Harry M. Krutt and the mother of Bernard Krutt of Elizabeth Street, Manchester.

Erna M. Lockwood
EAST HARTFORD - Erna M. (Weirup) Lockwood, 84, of 12 Beaman St., died Saturday at a local convalescent home. She was the wife of the late Albert A. Lockwood.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm St., Rocky Hill. Calling hours are today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Annie C. Grady
EAST HARTFORD - Annie C. Grady, 71, formerly of Forbes Street, died Saturday in New Hampshire. She was the wife of the late Joseph A. Grady.

Funeral services will be Wednesday with a mass of Christian burial at 9 a.m. in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Manchester, N.H. Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial donations may be made in her name to St. Rose Church, East Hartford.

Wesley M. Hoyt
BOLTON - Wesley M. Hoyt of Bolton, died Friday after a brief illness. He was the husband of Mrs. Genevieve E. (Darch) Hoyt.

He had been a well-known pharmacist in the Manchester area for many years, before his retirement in 1964. He had been a pharmacist for 55 years in area drug stores and also in Montreal, Canada, before moving to Manchester in 1952. He had been a resident of Bolton since 1955. He was a member of the Fayette Lodge 69 of Masons, in Rockville and a member of the Wapping Community Church. He was also a veteran of the Royal Canadian Airforce, serving in World War II.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. from the

Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., Manchester, with the Rev. Harold W. Richardson of the Wapping Community Church officiating. Burial will be in East Cemetery, Manchester. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to Wapping Community Church, South Windsor.

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She leaves two sons, Harvey K. LeSore Jr. of Bethesda, Md., and James S. LeSore of Manchester; a daughter, Ellen L. Whitchee of Fairbanks, Alaska; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Memorial services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., Manchester. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in Lake View Cemetery, Upton, Mass. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to the Memorial Fund of the Center Congregational Church of Manchester.

A. Ruth Anderson
A. Ruth Anderson, 65, formerly of Bluefield Drive, died Sunday at the home of her late O. Victor Anderson.

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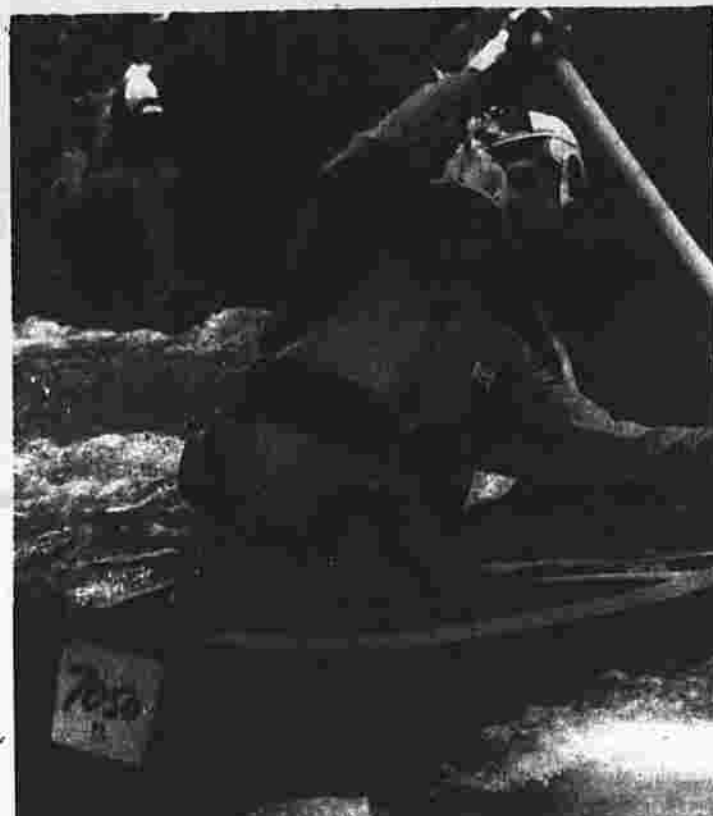
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Smith raps Bush slate organizers

By Raymond T. DeMeo Herald Reporter

Republican Town Chairman Curtis Smith today blasted organizers of a pro-Freedom Bush challenge slate of delegates to the 1982 Republican State Convention, calling them "ultra conservatives" who represent only a small minority of the town's Republicans.

Smith says he wasn't surprised when a group of local Republicans announced the formation of the pro-Bush challenge slate last Friday. The slate, headed by Board of Education member Dr. John Malone, could face the Town Committee-backed slate, which is expected to support the candidacy of Lowell S. Weicker Jr., in a primary this May.

The challenge slate needs 400 signatures on a petition to force a primary. Gertrude H. Starkey, a member of the challenge slate and former corresponding secretary to the Republican Town Committee, says she expects "no problem" rounding up the required number.

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Through the rapids

Harriet Walls of South Windsor and Jean Quinn of Broad Brook display the form that made them second-place finishers in the women's class with a time of 1:34:34. Here they successfully maneuver through the Economy Electric rapids.

Hockanum different

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Successor named

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Here's list of winners

Following are the names of the winners in different categories of the Hockanum River canoe race Sunday.

CLASS: OC-2 STANDARD: First: Paul Holly, South Windsor, Ruis Croft, East Hartford. Time: 1:08:22.

CLASS: OC-2 Med.: First: John Scoville, Windsor, Ron Savaria, Manchester. Time: 1:06:10.

CLASS: ALUMINUM: First: Roger DeSarro, R.I. Robert Perrin, R.I. Time: 1:05:14.

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FOCUS / Home

Connections



By Susan Plesse

No place like home?

Pity the poor astronaut. I didn't want to poke fun at their trials and tribulations when they were still up there in a space ship in zero gravity looking down at our sphere of an earth and wondering if they would ever make it back safely.

But they did, so it's time to reflect on the lessons they learned on their trip.

Here they thought they were taking off for a little extraterrestrial adventure last week. Getting out of the house, so to speak. Away from the checkbook, hassles, the sniffling children, the wife with the flu, and the bathroom faucet that was leaking and the front porch that was falling off.

THEY RUBBED their hands together in glee as they suited up in their silver designer space costumes, accompanied by a press corp of reporters and photographers.

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The perfect pet

Apartment is dragon hospital

By Adele Angle Focus Editor

It's easy to have a dragon for a houseguest. Just make sure there's plenty of will 'o' the wigs in the refrigerator and Stravinsky on the stereo. And P.S. Don't tell the landlord.

It's been no problem at all," says William C. Massey of 210 Main St., the director of the South Windsor Public Library, who is boarding the library's dragon named Mergatroid for the last three months.

The papier mache creature almost blends in with Massey's obscenely healthy collection of houseplants. All gather in front of a curtained floor-to-ceiling window in his five-room townhouse. The dragon is as green as his rubber plants.

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