

Corps denies wetlands permit for Route 6

By Nancy Conzelman
Manchester Herald

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has denied a wetlands permit that would have allowed the state Department of Transportation to turn Route 6 into an expressway from Bolton Notch to Windham.

In a decision released today, Col. Daniel Wilson, division engineer for the New England Division of the corps, said the DOT's

proposal fails to meet guidelines of the federal Clean Water Act and is contrary to public interest, corps spokeswoman Sue Douglas said, reading from the decision.

In order to change the existing route into an 11.8-mile expressway, the DOT has said it would have to fill in 77 acres of wetlands and recreate 60 acres of wetlands in another area. Environmentalists have vigorously opposed these plans.

The corps has recommended that the DOT upgrade and widen the existing Route 6 from two to four lanes, eliminating the need to fill in the wetlands.

DOT officials could not be reached for comment this morning, but Commissioner J. William Burns has said the department has no viable alternatives to the expressway plan.

Wilson's decision said, "The project (as proposed) will cause significant degradation of waters of the United States and the applicant has failed to include all

appropriate and practical steps to minimize potential adverse impacts on the aquatic environment."

The corps' decision comes more than a year after public hearings were held on the application for the wetlands permit.

The decision was due last March. Proponents and opponents in towns the expressway would pass through, including Bolton and Andover, have staged demonstrations on the project since it was proposed 22 years ago.

Among the opponents are residents whose homes were taken by the state for the project.

Andover and Bolton town officials have supported the expressway, which the DOT said is needed to handle a projected increase in traffic for an already unsafe road.

The Federal Highway Administration recently backed the expressway plan and rejected the corps' proposal for an upgraded road.

The DOT has estimated that over 20 years there would be 8,830 accidents on an upgraded Route 6, compared to 2,380 accidents on a new expressway. The DOT said 500 more fatalities and disabling injuries would occur on an upgraded road.

Had the corps approved the wetlands permit, there was a possibility that the Environmental Protection Agency would have vetoed it under its policy to seek a national goal of "no net loss" of wetlands.

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Housing plans go to PZC

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A plan to use the historic Great Lawn and Cheney mansions for multifamily housing is one step closer to reality.

The Cheney National Historic District Commission Thursday approved a zone change and amendments to zoning regulations that would allow construction of the housing on the historic lawn off Hartford Road, even though members had not seen copies of the revised amendments.

By a 6 to 2 vote, commission members voted to recommend to the Planning and Zoning Commission that the proposal by the owners of four Cheney mansions be approved.

Mansion owners Alex Urbanetti, Wesley C. Gryk, Judith Mrozek and William Belfiore want to change 25 acres of the lawn from a Residence AA zone to Historic, allowing them to build multifamily housing on the lawn and convert existing mansions into multifamily units.

The mansion owners also proposed zoning amendments listing density, size and design criteria for the converted mansions and new housing. No plans for new housing or conversion have been filed.

Their application is scheduled for a public hearing before the PZC Monday.

Historic commission Chairman William E. Fitzgerald and

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Outbreak reported in state

HARTFORD (AP) — An outbreak of hand, foot and mouth disease, which most commonly afflicts young children, has been reported by state health officials.

Dr. Matthew Carter, epidemiology program coordinator at the state Department of Health Services, said an outbreak is evident because there has been an unusually large number of calls to the department from doctors and members of the public seeking information on the disease.

Carter noted that the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta has reported outbreaks throughout the country.

"This happens every few years and it's not anything to be overly concerned about," Carter said. Although outbreaks occur from time to time, there is no particular pattern that would give doctors an idea of when to expect an outbreak of the disease, he added.

Statistics for the outbreak in Connecticut are not kept because the disease is not considered serious, he said.

Outbreaks of hand, foot and mouth disease commonly occur in the summer and fall, and this summer's outbreak probably began in June, Carter said. The origins of the disease and why it occurs only in certain seasons are not fully understood, Carter

added.

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Patrick Flynn/Manchester Herald

SLAPSHOT — Jason McClintock slaps the puck away during an intercamp Olympics Thursday at the Mahoney Recreation Center. Jason plays for the

YWCA day camp, which faced off against the kids from the Recreation Department camp.

Death shocks E. Catholic

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

Officials and workers at East Catholic High School are still in shock today after learning that the school's maintenance supervisor took his own life this week after shooting his wife.

Dennis Schumey of Ellington, who shot himself in the head Sunday after trying to take a hostage and leading police on a high speed chase, had worked at the school since February of 1988, said school President Bill Charbonneau. His wife Colleen was treated and released from Rockville General Hospital after she was shot twice in the legs.

"We were shocked and grieved by it — for him, his wife, and his kids. There was nothing that would of indicated this type of thing," Charbonneau said, adding that Schumey didn't seem like "a violent person."

Charbonneau and East Catholic Vice Principal Ed Sembor said Schumey never showed any signs of having an uncontrollable temper.

Sembor, who was Schumey's direct supervisor, said he is still not adjusted to the fact he will not be working with Schumey anymore.

"When you come in, in the morning, you expect to see Dennis. He's still right in that chair," the vice principal said gesturing to a chair facing his desk. "and he'd say, 'Hey Ed, today we got to paint, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.'"

"I would hope people would remember him as a very dedicated worker for the school — someone who did a good job," Sembor said.

The vice principal said he relied heavily on Schumey's expertise in mechanics, plumbing and electrical maintenance. "He knew everything," Charbonneau said. "When a project was done, he'd take a great deal of pride in it."

Recently, Schumey noticed the ceiling tiles in the president's office needed repairs, Charbon

neau said.

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Iran to aid in liberation of hostages

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — President Hashemi Rafsanjani of Iran today offered to help find a solution to the hostage situation but said the United States must pressure Israel to release a kidnapped Shiite Muslim cleric, Iranian media reported.

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater called the development "encouraging."

The New York Times reported today that President Bush had "all but decided" to attack terrorist strongholds in eastern Lebanon if another hostage had been killed. One hostage was reported killed Monday.

Israel, meanwhile, was awaiting a list of prisoners that a Shiite Muslim group in Lebanon wants freed.

"I tell the White House, the problem of Lebanon has solutions, the freeing of the hostages has solutions, reasonable, prudent solutions," Rafsanjani said in a speech carried on official Tehran radio.

"These bullying, arrogant approaches and tyranny will not solve the problems. Come let us approach the problem reasonably. We too will help solve the problems there, so the people of the region can live in peace and

harmony," he said in the broadcast monitored in Nicosia, Cyprus.

Rafsanjani's comments were made during the weekly Friday prayer session at Tehran University.

He said if the United States wants hostages in Lebanon freed, it must take the initiative by asking Israel to free Sheikh Abdul Karim Obaid, a Shiite Muslim leader abducted by Israeli commandos one week ago.

"We do not make any judgment about the group which executed the American colonel," Rafsanjani said, referring to Monday's reported slaying of Marine Lt. Col. William R. Higgins by the pro-Iranian Organization of the Oppressed on Earth.

"But if the United States wants to take the initiative (in freeing hostages), it must ask Israel to free the Friday prayer leader of Jibchit," Rafsanjani said.

If the U.S. responds by saying it cannot pressure Israel into freeing the Muslim cleric, "this isn't acceptable to us," he added.

Israeli commandos last week stole into Jibchit, in south Lebanon, and kidnapped Sheikh

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Woman, boyfriend spar over abortion

MONTREAL (AP) — The Supreme Court of Canada is returning from summer vacation for an emergency hearing to decide the case of a Quebec secretary who is pregnant and battling her former boyfriend to have an abortion.

Chantal Daigle, 21, has been barred from having an abortion by an injunction obtained by the ex-boyfriend, former nightclub bouncer Jean-Guy Tremblay. She will be in her 22nd week of pregnancy when the Supreme Court hears her case on Tuesday and any decision, unless it is soon, could be moot.

Canada has been without an abortion law since January 1988, when the Supreme Court ruled that procedures required for approval under the law infringed on a woman's rights.

That decision and a related one a year later left abortion as an issue between a woman and her doctor.

This summer, however, a series of cases in provincial courts brought attention to the legal void and turned abortion into a pressing national issue.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney has said Parliament will confront the issue on return from summer recess but will not be rushed into a decision.

Only in French-speaking Quebec, Canada's second most populous province, has an injunction preventing an abortion been allowed to stand.

Quebec's Court of Appeal split 3-2 in upholding the injunction. Justice Yves Berneir wrote for the majority that "the child that has been conceived but not born is a reality that must be taken into

account."

About 10,000 pro-choice supporters protested the ruling in Montreal and smaller crowds staged demonstrations elsewhere in Canada.

Ms. Daigle at first hinted she would defy the injunction and seek an abortion in the United States, which could have brought a two-year prison sentence and \$50,000 fine for contempt of court.

She since has said she would abide by the Supreme Court decision and raise the baby alone if the injunction is not lifted in time.

Most Quebec doctors will not perform abortions after the 20th week but Ms. Daigle could have the procedure done in the United States, where some doctors will perform them until the 24th week of pregnancy and thereafter.

Although Ms. Daigle has not appeared in public in recent days, she said through relatives that she would not want help from Tremblay, 25, who obtained the injunction.

She said in court documents that during arguments Tremblay

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About Town

Pinochle scores posted

Here are the results from the Manchester Senior Pinochle Club played Thursday at the Army and Navy Club. Pinochle is open to all members. Sam Schors, 600 points; Seena Andrew, 595; Kitty Byrnes, 594; Clara Clark, 584; Lynn Hockla, 583; Jessie Duly, 581; Walter Delis, 577; Herb Laquerre, 572; Hans Fredericksen, 570; Betty Turner, 568; Ruth Baker, 568; Mary Chapman, 567; Adolph Yeske, 558.

Phone-A-Ride offered

The Phone-A-Ride Program is sponsoring evening trips to musical events at the Band Shell at Manchester Community College on Aug. 8 and 21. Transportation is provided both ways. Bring a lawn chair. Seats are limited. For reservations, call 646-2774.

Single parents to meet

East of the River Chapter of "Parents Without Partners" will hold an orientator and information meeting for prospective members on Aug. 10 at the Coventry Grange Hall, Route 44, Coventry, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 649-1949 or 423-8558.

College Notes

On MCC dean's list

Diane Ferron, 80 Bretton Road, and Karen Beebe of Columbia, have been named to the dean's list at Manchester Community College for the spring semester.

Receives scholarship

Heidi Schuster, daughter of Richard and Marie Schuster of 351 Porter St. has received the Helen Skade Hintz Freshman Scholarship from the College of Health and Human Development at Penn State University. Schuster will enter her freshman year in the fall and plans to major in nutrition. The scholarship was for \$1,400. She graduated with honors from East Catholic High School this past June. While there she served as president of the National Honor Society. She studied ballet for 12 years.

Graduates from Vassar

Martene B. Cole, daughter of Florence and Daniel Cole of an Carpenter Road graduated recently from Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She majored in biology. At graduation she received departmental honors and general honors. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

On dean's list

Julie Ludes of Plymouth Lane and Donna Thibodeau of Hackmatack Street, students at Salve Regina College, Newport, R.I., were named to the dean's list for the spring semester.

Two on dean's list

Robert Landolph of 74 Shoddy Mill Road, Andover and Brian Klamit of 92 Lakeview Drive, Coventry, have been named to the dean's list at Johnson & Wales College, Providence, R.I., for the spring trimester. Landolph is majoring in food service management and Klamit in culinary arts.

Huckenbeck re-elected

Ann L. Huckenbeck of Manchester, has been re-elected to the UConn Alumni Association Board of Directors. Huckenbeck is the acting director of admissions at the University of Connecticut where she earned her bachelor's degree in 1970, her master's in 1976, and her doctorate in 1985. She has served on the Alumni Board of Directors since 1986, holding the offices of second vice president and treasurer of the association. In addition, she has served on the Awards Advisory Committee. By-Laws, Revenue, Alumni House, Logo Design and Investments committees.

Lottery

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Weather

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Obituaries

Francis J. Connolly

Francis James Connolly, of East Hartford, died Tuesday (Aug. 1, 1989) at his home. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Patricia G. and Aaron Cook of Manchester.

He is also survived by three grandchildren. A private funeral and burial will be held at St. James Cemetery at the convenience of the family. A memorial Mass will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Rose Church, 33 Church St., East Hartford. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to the Visiting Nurse and Home Care Association of East Hartford, 70 Canterbury St., East Hartford 06118, or to the donor's choice.

Helen Connolly

Helen (McVey) Connolly, of East Hartford, died Tuesday (Aug. 1, 1989) at her home. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Patricia C. and Aaron Cook of Manchester.

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Robert E. Carney Jr.

Robert E. Carney Jr., 72, of Sycamore Lane, died Thursday (Aug. 3, 1989) at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center.

He was born in Manchester and was a lifelong resident. Before retiring, he had worked in sales for the Shell Oil Co. and the Atlas Oil Co., East Hartford. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, a member of the Manchester AARP, and the Glastonbury Art Guild.

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Joseph P. Calhoun

Joseph P. Calhoun, 83, of 1146 Main St., died Thursday (Aug. 3, 1989) at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Manchester and was a lifelong resident. Prior to retiring, he worked 35 years for the town highway department.

The funeral will be Saturday at 8:15 a.m. at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m.

Henry Murphy

Henry "Hank" Murphy, 70, of 29 Wedgewood Drive, died Wednesday (Aug. 2, 1989) at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by a daughter, the husband of Bertha (Jenkins) Murphy. He was born in Hartford and had lived in Manchester for 40 years. He had worked for WTC, a photographer for the Hartford Times, and retired from U.T.C. public relations department.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, a member of the British-American Club, the Church of the Assumption, and the Manchester Country Club.

Robert E. Towle

Robert E. Towle, 51, of Hartford, died Tuesday (Aug. 1, 1989) at his home.

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Louis V. Fracasso

Louis Vincent Fracasso, 79, formerly of Winsted, died Wednesday (Aug. 2, 1989) at the Manchester Manor Convalescent Home. He was the father of Marilyn Turner of Coventry.

He is also survived by another daughter, Dolores Carbone of Torrington; three brothers, Henry Fracasso and Isadore Fracasso, both of Winsted, and James Fracasso of Torrington; eight grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the Maloney Funeral Home, 55 Walnut St., Winsted, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph Church. Burial will be in St. Joseph New Cemetery. Calling hours are today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Paul T. Riley

Paul T. Riley, 77, of East Hartford, died Thursday (Aug. 3, 1989) at his home. He was the father of Kathleen Perrot of Coventry.

He is also survived by his wife, Vivien (Holland) Riley; three sons, Kevin Riley of Rocky Hill, Michael Riley of San Jose, Calif., and Brian Riley of Marlborough; a brother, Roger Riley of Phoenix, N.Y.; and six grandchildren.

The funeral will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Rose Hill Funeral Home, 10 Elm St., Rocky Hill. Burial will be in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m.

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Card Of Thanks

The family of Scott T. Russell wish to thank their family, friends and neighbors for the expressions of kindness and sympathy extended to them during their recent bereavement.

Lois, Bob and family

Births

ROVEZZI, Gianna Maria, daughter of James and Sallie Gramacki, born July 26 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Lorraine Amato, Pownall, Vt. Her paternal grandparents are Mark and Joan Marotte of Coventry.

RUSSELL, Erica Lynn, daughter of Bryant P. and Debra Magowan Russell of 291 Center St., was born July 7 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Wilbur and Donna Russell of Coventry. Her paternal grandparents are John and Cathy Magowan of 1097 Main St. She has a sister, Ashley, 14 months.

BRODEUR, Colton Robert, son of Blaise E. and Dawn Anderson Brodeur of Columbia, was born July 25 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. His maternal grandparents are David and Doris Loetjen, 44 London Road, Hebron. His paternal grandparents are Charles and Claudia Crockett of 22 Carter St., Bolton, and Robert Brodeur, 15 Bourne, Fla. He has a sister, Cassandra Dawn, 2.

Rev. John Holliger, St. George's Episcopal Church

Local & State

Man arrested in beer theft

A man who tried to steal a case of beer Thursday night from a Broad Street liquor store and later gave police a fake name has been arrested, police said.

David M. Smith, of no certain address, was arrested by police after they received a call at approximately 7:30 p.m. from store security saying they caught the 30-year-old stealing the beer, which was valued at \$10.95, police reported.

The store's security officer told police that he watched Smith as he placed a "paid" sticker on the beer and then picked up some other items and went to a cashier, police reported.

According to police reports, the security officer then heard Smith tell the cashier he already paid for the beer.

The officer followed Smith out of the store and asked him if he had a receipt for the beer. Smith could not produce one, so he was held while the police were called, police reported.

Police arrested Smith and charged him with sixth-degree larceny, police said. He was held on \$1,000 bond because police were unable to find any identification, police reported.

Current Quotations

"I am very happy. I never lost hope. I hope this part of the ordeal is all over." - Eham Gicpion of the Republican Town Committee wanted a candidate that would take the view of the Republican party at all times and not do things for the good of the town." - Ellen Sullivan said.

Military Notes

Donald Haloburdo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haloburdo of Bolton recently received his commission as an ensign in the U.S. Navy at a ceremony held at the Dana Farber Institute, Children's Research, Boston.

Commissioned in Boston

He is a 1985 graduate of Bolton High School. The day after receiving his commission he graduated from Boston University where he majored in aerospace engineering. He has been ordered to duty at Navy Flight School, Pensacola, Fla.

Thoughts

When I was in college, I was intimidated by particular teachers. I was so insecure about how little I knew, that I was easily intimidated by a self-assured teacher. I entered most of my courses with fear that I would not succeed.

And I remember that I covered my fear by acting as if I knew how to teach the course better than my teacher. In the classes where I was the most afraid, I had the most to say about the teacher's style and content. If I didn't do well in the course, I set it up so that everyone knew in advance it was "not my fault."

But, invariably, when my grades came back, I usually did well. That's when I changed my tune about my teacher. Then I went around saying how great so and so was.

When I lived in fear of my teachers, I tried to put myself above them. When I had any time of elation over my grades, then I became a student who would learn from a teacher.

Probably many of us, out of fear, put ourselves above other people, one way or another. But deep down inside, no matter what our age, no matter what our educational or cultural background, we can learn from each other.

At one time we are teachers for each other, another time we are the student. Once I remove my fear and insecurity, then I am able to learn from nearly everyone I meet. If you learn something from everyone you meet today, what might that be?

Rev. John Holliger, St. George's Episcopal Church

Historical society in Coventry hoping to get some new blood

By Jacqueline Bennett Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — The Coventry Historical Society is looking for some new members and young blood to beef up its program.

"It's important to keep new blood coming along," Arnold Carlson, vice president of the society said. "Right now, we have what you might call a lot of older members."

He said, however, the group is not interested exclusively in young members.

"We're looking for any members," said Carlson.

He said the 30-year-old society has less than 100 active members, some of whom are young. The society has not launched an intense membership drive but did send out programs to new families in town this spring, he said.

The group has much to do and needs people who are willing to be "active participants," Carlson said.

Preservation of the history of the town and historical information is the primary function of the group.

The only requirement for residents to join, Carlson said, is a willingness to participate.

"It's an open membership," he said.

The society owns and maintains three buildings in town. They are the Sprague House, a 19th-century-period cape located in the forest of the nearby Nathan Hale Homestead; the Strong Museum, also not far from the Hale Homestead; South Street; and the Brick School House on Merrow Road.

Artifacts and archives are displayed at the museum as well as old farm equipment in a barn at the site and a carpenter shop. The Strong Museum is closed temporarily, Carlson said.

The museum is usually the headquarters for the society. Currently, it meets monthly at the lodge at Patriot's Park.

Each year some of the town's elementary school classes spend a day at the Brick School House, which is set up like a colonial classroom. Carlson said he would like to see that program expanded.

Fund-raising activities for the society include operating a food booth at the annual Nathan Hale Antiques Festival and at the Colonial Revolutionary War Re-enactment.

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Jobless rate at 2-year high

By Jacqueline Bennett Manchester Herald

HARTFORD (AP) — The state's unemployment rate rose to 3.5 percent in June, the highest level in more than two years, as job growth continued to slow.

The state Department of Labor has reported that the seasonally adjusted jobless rate increased from May's 3.2 percent. The last time it hit 3.5 percent was in March 1987.

The state's workforce in June was 1,708,800 — 14,100 higher than May 1989 and 13,100 higher than June 1988, according to figures released Wednesday.

The nominal increase in the workforce — 0.8 percent compared to a year ago — is more significant than the rise in the unemployment figure, said Nicholas S. Perma, chief economist at the Hartford-based Connecticut National Bank.

"That is one of the smallest increases we have had," he said. "I'm almost tempted to say that job creation has virtually ground to a halt" in Connecticut.

Total manufacturing jobs declined 1.4 percent, from 375,700 in June 1988 to 370,500 in June.

In nonmanufacturing, insurance jobs were off 1,700 to 79,700, while hotel employment dropped 14,300 to 13,900 in the past year. There were increases, such as in law and professional jobs and health services, Perma said, but only enough to marginally offset the declines.

"There is a definite slowing in the state economy. There is no question about it."

Perma cautioned against reading too much into one month's unemployment figures, however, noting that the seasonal rate was nearly as high at 3.4 percent in December.

Center could promote tourism

By Jacqueline Bennett Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — The newly opened Visitor's Center on Main Street was refurbished through the combined efforts of the Town Council and Coventry Historical Society.

"It's a place where residents can find out about the town, and (it) provides visitors with easy access to information," council member Rose Fowler said.

The brick building, built in 1876, was first used as a town clerk and building department, later as a post office, and still later as a jail and police station.

Fowler hopes the center will also encourage tourism in town. She began working on the project four years ago. At that time, Fowler was chairman of the town Economic Development Commission.

Earlier this year, the Town Council approved \$8,000 for work to be done to the historic building. The money went for sewer hookups and bathroom hookups, roof repair, painting, interior supplies and a new brick walkway that was installed in front of the building.

Members of the Coventry Historical Society helped with the project by painting, decorating and setting up, according to Arnold Carlson, vice president of the society.

The Visitor's Center is operated by volunteers and open on weekends.

Child rapist gets 50 year-sentence

By Jacqueline Bennett Manchester Herald

NEW HAVEN (AP) — A 38-year-old East Haven man has been sentenced to 50 years in prison for what a Superior Court judge called "the worst case of child sexual and physical abuse" he had ever seen.

Eugene Russell was sentenced Wednesday for repeatedly raping and beating a 9-year-old girl. He had been convicted of first-degree assault, first- and second-degree sexual assault and three counts of injury to a minor.

"This is the worst case of child sexual and physical abuse that I've ever seen," said Superior Court Judge William L. Hidden Jr.

Russell denied abusing the girl and claimed that a "manipulative aunt" was responsible for the girl's "off-the-wall" story.

The girl's foster mother stood up in court to say the child, now 6, asked her to deliver a message to Russell.

"I hope you rot in prison," the woman quoted the child as saying.

The charges against Russell came to light on March 3, 1987, when the child was brought to a hospital emergency room, near death from a brain hemorrhage and covered from head to foot with bruises, according to prosecutor Elnedo Vitale.

After the girl recovered, she testified that Russell had forced her to have sex with him almost every other day for months and then raped her.

"At every opportunity, we will compress the time it takes to create affordable housing, down to a matter of weeks" in some cases, he said.

Agency admits past mistakes

By Judd Everhart The Associated Press

HARTFORD — State Housing Commissioner John F. Papandrea says his department may not have done all it could in the past to provide affordable housing, but vows new efforts with a goal of 2,000 new units within two years.

"Nothing is really more vital than shelter," Papandrea said at a news conference on Thursday. "Announcing the 2,000-unit goal is the first step with money that is being available for two years, includes, he said, "an admission to some degree that what we had attempted had not worked. It recognizes our past errors and our mistakes."

The program will cost \$300 million. The General Assembly has authorized about \$100 million a year in each of the past three years but most of it has never been touched.

Papandrea said that part of the problem has been trying to "get (officials) at the local level to tell us what they needed."

"The availability of money far exceeded the demand" from cities and towns, the commissioner said. His agency, he said, had been "going around begging people to take the money."

A law passed this year allows the state to challenge local zoning decisions that bar affordable housing and Papandrea said his agency would take full advantage of that law.

He said the 2,000 units will include new as well as rehabilitated housing stock all around the state.

Papandrea announced that a variety of steps were being taken to streamline the process, a "common sense approach" to reduce the time taken between the concept for a given housing project and moving people in.

"At every opportunity, we will compress the time it takes to create affordable housing, down to a matter of weeks" in some cases, he said.

Historic zone is backed by commission

By Nancy Conzelmann Manchester Herald

A Hartford developer's proposal for a general historic zone allowing conversion of mills located outside the Cheney Historic District met with unanimous approval from members of the Cheney National Historic District Commission Thursday.

But commission members said they would recommend to the Board of Directors that if such a zone is approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission, the historic commission's power be expanded to cover that zone or a similar historic commission be appointed.

Under the Town Charter, the Cheney National Historic District Commission is an advisory body that makes recommendations to the PZC on development in the Cheney Historic District only.

"I think it works in this district," commission member Edward Kleon said.

While historic commission members said they liked the concept of a floating zone, they did not vote on MacFarlane's proposed amendment to zoning regulations which would allow conversion of historic mills over 10,000 square feet that are registered with the federal, state or town governments as historic buildings.

The amendment would require developers to maintain the historic integrity of structures.

If approved, the amendment would give the historic commission power to approve preliminary and final development plans, but to not require approval by any other commission.

MacFarlane wants to convert the Hillard Mill on Hillard Street into condominiums, but density requirements under the existing zoning ordinance would prevent that.

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PUCK BATTLE — Hector Gyala, left, of the YWCA day camp team, battles for the puck with Brian Olen of the Recreation Department's Superstar Fun Camp team at the Mahoney Recreation Center Wednesday. The occasion was the Silk City Cross Town Olympics.

Council files labor complaint over EB union restrictions

GROTON (AP) — The Metal Trades Council has officially charged Electric Boat with illegally keeping workers from union activities, following the lead of one of its local unions. The complaint, filed with the National Labor Relations Board on Wednesday, claimed that EB's recent regulations forbidding harassment and intimidation of non-union workers and prohibiting clothing emblazoned with "threatening and inciteful" slogans violate the National Labor Relations Act. The complaint, which also asked the board to bar EB from enforcing the new rules, was a duplicate of a charge filed Friday by the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Local 614. "It seems like a legal cat and mouse game," MTC President Joseph W. Messier said about the most recent skirmish in EB's prolonged labor-management battle.

Chambers fights NU takeover

By Donna Chiochi The Associated Press CONCORD, N.H. — The state's handling of Public Service Company of New Hampshire's bankruptcy is political damage control unlikely to benefit the state's ratepayers, according to House Minority Leader Mary Chambers. "I think the state has made a serious mistake in sitting down and negotiating in a bankruptcy proceeding," Chambers said Thursday at a news conference, where she attacked proposed rate increases in the bankruptcy. "The Republican leadership in this state for many years has supported the (Seaboard) nuclear plant, supported the judgment of Public Service Company over and over again," she continued. "Now they're trying to put the best face on what's a terrible situation."

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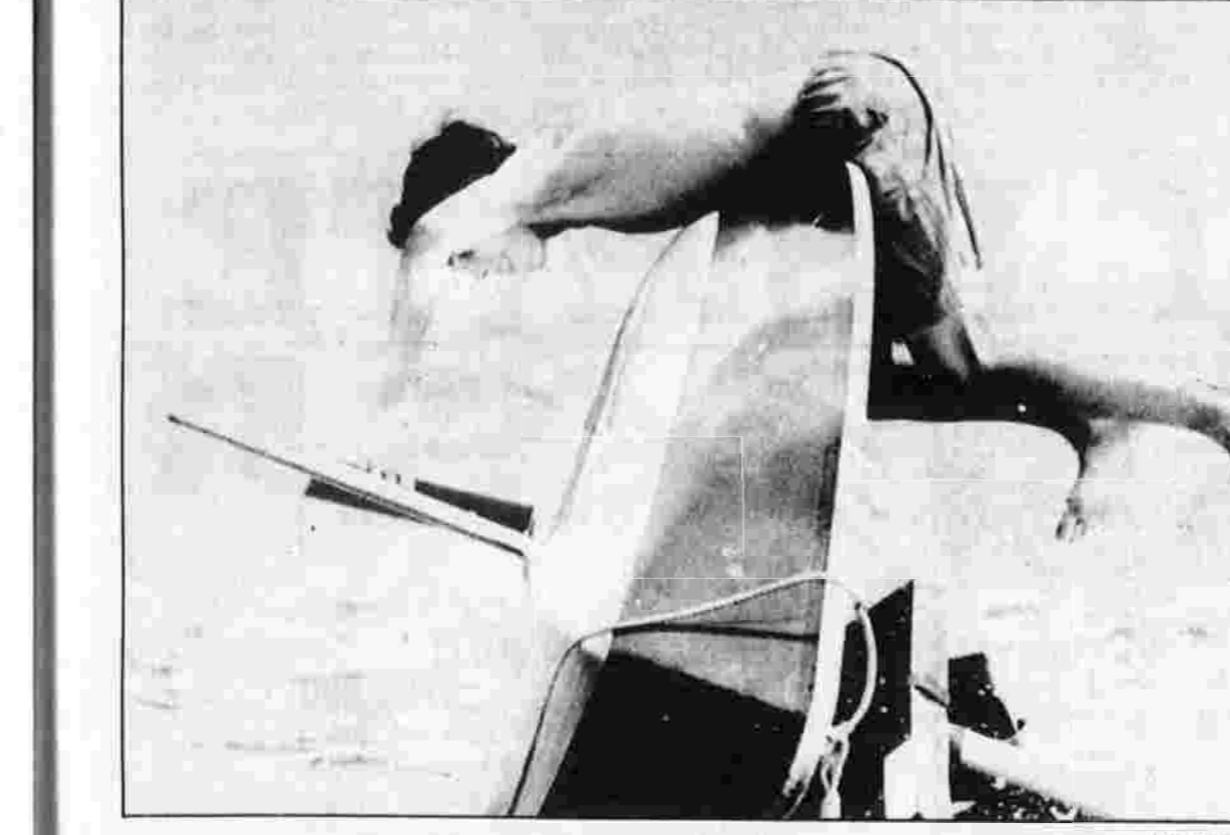
By Judd Everhart The Associated Press HARTFORD — State Mental Health Commissioner Michael F. Hogan says many patients at Connecticut Valley Hospital fear the public views them as monsters as a result of a brutal killing on a Middletown street by a CVH patient a week ago. "This has set people back," said Hogan, referring to the July 28 incident in which David R. Peterson, a CVH patient who had been discharged from the hospital and killed a 9-year-old girl. He tried Thursday to assure the public that security was now the best it could be, but he cautioned that "we cannot control human behavior at all times." He stressed that "we operate in a treatment environment, rather than a prison environment." The commissioner said that all patients with any kind of "correctional or police connection" — those sent there as a result of a criminal incident or referred by an old Jessica Short to death on a city street, police said. He was immediately apprehended and charged with murder. On Wednesday, Timothy Stone, 24, who had been committed to CVH after a suicide attempt following his arrest, walked away

Agencies to face shortages under early retirement plan

HARTFORD (AP) — Replacements for state workers who retire early under a cost-saving program will be in short supply, some agencies, but we'll work through it," Rifkin said. "Where there are problems, we'll deal with them on a case-by-case basis." Rifkin said state officials are meeting daily with state agencies to evaluate the impact of the retirements and determine replacements to avoid severe cutbacks in services. But Rifkin said some reductions may be unavoidable because of the purpose of the program, enacted by the General Assembly in May, is to save \$25 million in this fiscal year. "This is not an insensitivity but a commitment to reduce the workforce," Rifkin said. "It's safe to say this is not business as usual. Yes, it's going to be hard." Rep. Jonathan Pelto, D-Mansfield, a member of the budget-writing Appropriations Committee, said this week that lawmakers gave little thought to the effect of having more than 2,000 state employees retire within a four-month period. Pelto called the retirement program "a big, big problem," saying it could cause serious staffing problems and service cutbacks at state prisons, mental hospitals, universities and the state police.

NATION & WORLD Dukakis budget cuts hurt schools, cities

BOSTON (AP) — A welfare mother whose family already lives on rice and beans won't have more money. Some high school students will not be offered courses in shop next year. And a 46-year-old man doesn't know where he'll look for a job. They are among the thousands of people sent reeling by the downturn of the once prosperous Massachusetts economy and the budget cutting of Gov. Michael S. Dukakis, who was forced to trim \$491 million to bring the 1990 budget to \$12.3 billion. "This is going to be devastating, but it is only another shoe falling," said Sheila Chismets of the Massachusetts Municipal Association. "Everybody knows these cuts were going to be made." The cuts have already taken their toll as cities and towns begin trimming budgets for snow plowing, road maintenance and parks. But some cuts are more personal. For Sonya Delgado and her husband, Evaristo, unemployed parents of four in Chelsea, the cuts



GET BACK HERE — Bob Moran of Boston works to upright his capsize sailboat Thursday. It turned over while Moran was sailing in Pleasure Bay off South Boston with friends.

FDA is asked to investigate another generic drug maker

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration is investigating another drug company to determine whether it misrepresented samples of one of its products to win FDA approval. Bolar Pharmaceutical Co. Inc. of Copiague, N.Y., said Thursday that it "unequivocally denies" that any of the research, formulation, manufacture or testing of its generic version of Dyazide was compromised. The allegation of possible fraud came from Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., chairman of a House Energy and Commerce investigation subcommittee, which started the probe into the FDA's generic drug division. He said documents obtained by the panel from a Baltimore testing laboratory show that Bolar "may well have substituted" samples of the originally approved brand-name Dyazide, made by SmithKline Beecham, for its own generic version to win FDA approval. In June, another company, Vitamin Pharmaceuticals Inc. of Springfield Gardens, N.Y., told the FDA its company employees appear to have switched samples of its generic Dyazide with the brand-name product to gain approval. Vitamin and Bolar are the only two companies that won FDA approval to market generic versions of the popular hypertension drug, a combination of hydrochlorothiazide and triamterene. Last month, Par Pharmaceutical Inc. of Spring Valley, N.Y., recalled its generic version of the high blood pressure drug, Maxzide, because samples of the product were misrepresented in a government inspection. In each of the cases, the FDA and the companies have said they have found no evidence of safety problems with the drugs, though FDA officials say there are concerns the drugs may be less effective than they were supposed to be. Bolar, Vitamin and Par are among 12 drug makers being investigated by the FDA. Agency spokesman Jeff Nesbit said the FDA is analyzing drug samples Bolar submitted to its Baltimore lab and that though the results are not final, "the preliminary data has raised some questions." Generic drugs are lower-cost versions of brand-name products whose patents have expired.

Bush's veto threat ignored

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pro-choice members of the House, basking in their surprise victory in easing abortion restrictions despite a White House veto threat, concede that they are still a minority in their chamber. The House voted 238 on Thursday for a bill that includes liberalized limits on public financing of abortions in the District of Columbia. The measure will be considered in the Senate, where lawmakers are generally considered more sympathetic to the pro-choice side. By a 219-206 margin Wednesday night, the House turned aside an effort to make abortion limitations in the capital even tougher. It was the first time since 1980 that the chamber had turned away an effort to tighten the reins on public financing for abortions. Lawmakers favoring the right to choose the procedure said Thursday that there were many reasons for their victory, but said their success did not signal that they are dominant in the House. "I'd be the last to tell you that there is now a pro-choice majority in the House," said Rep. Les AuCoin, D-Or., who helped lead the fight against the more restrictive requirements. "But this tells you there is a sea change under way."

Three new moons found by voyager

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The universe is a little more crowded than we thought. Cameras on the Voyager 2 space probe discovered three new moons as it hurtled toward Neptune. Jet Propulsion Laboratory scientists said Thursday. The announcement by JPL, which operates America's unmanned craft exploring the solar system, raised the number of known Neptunian moons to six, including Triton, Neireid and one found earlier this summer by Voyager. The discoveries at such a great distance from Neptune suggests more finds are likely, according to Terrence S. van Dyke, a 16-year Voyager project veteran. "At this time in the last encounter, Uranus, we had only found one moon. I think the fact that we found four new bodies well before finding more," he said. The moons may shed light on how Neptune formed. It has a large atmosphere and little is known about what the core is made of and what's going on in there. Moons can provide a sample of material from a planet, or be material captured by it, Terrence said. "A planet just normally doesn't form by itself, it leaves behind debris," he said, adding that the debris can be in the form of moons or rings. Moons also record events such as heating, collisions and geological activity in the solar system. The new moons were only points of light on the images, but the resolution will improve as Voyager 2 moves closer. No gravity control Although gravity was the first discovered of the four known natural forces that govern events in nature, it is the least understood and the only force that scientists cannot control, says National Geographic.

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Drug delays Parkinson's disease

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new drug found to postpone the more serious symptoms of Parkinson's disease could also provide a clue to what causes the incurable disease, scientists say.

Dr. J. William Langston of California Parkinson's Foundation in San Jose reports in the journal Science that a study showed patients in the early stages of Parkinson's who take the drug deprenyl are able to work and function about eight months longer than similar patients who did not take the drug.

Deprenyl already has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for treating patients in late phases of Parkinson's, and Langston said it will be marketed for that use beginning in September.

But Langston said clinical trials of early-stage Parkinson's patients showed that deprenyl "seemed to slow the rate of symptom progression" by about half and doubled the time before they needed treatment.

Another expert called the finding "of very major significance." Parkinson's is an incurable disease of unknown cause that is marked by a progressive loss of some brain cells. The symptoms include shaky, shuffling gait, difficulty in speech, a fixed expression, and, sometimes, emotional instability. It strikes patients most frequently in their 50s and 60s. About 500,000 Americans now have Parkinson's.

Progression of Parkinson's can be slowed with a drug called levodopa, or L-dopa. But this drug can have serious side effects and it loses its effectiveness over time so doctors prefer to use it only when symptoms become severe.

Langston said his study determined deprenyl slows the progress of the disease and thus gives patients a longer period of time before being forced onto L-dopa.

The study involved 54 patients, all of whom were evaluated by tests to be at approximately the same early stage of Parkinson's. Half of the patients were treated with deprenyl and half with a placebo, or sugar pill.

On an average, patients receiving placebo required L-dopa therapy within 312 days. But those taking deprenyl did not require L-dopa for an average of 548 days.

This means, said Langston, that serious symptoms of the disease — as evaluated by five different assessment scales — were delayed for more than 33 weeks, on average.

"Overall, there was about a 50 percent decline in the rate of progression," said the researcher. He said this means patients can maintain a good quality of life, and work and function longer.

"If you can allow patients with Parkinson's to shuffling gait, difficulty in speech, a fixed expression, and, sometimes, emotional instability. It strikes patients most frequently in their 50s and 60s. About 500,000 Americans now have Parkinson's."

AZT helps early symptoms

WASHINGTON (AP) — AZT significantly slows the progress of AIDS in victims who have only early symptoms, and health officials say they will move quickly to make the drug more readily available.

AZT, the only government-approved AIDS drug, had previously been used only for patients whose immune system already had been ravaged by the disease or who had advanced AIDS-related complex.

Health officials said Thursday that they were so encouraged by clinical testing of the drug in patients with early symptoms that they were suspending the trial and giving the drug everyone in the test group, including those who had been receiving placebos.

Frank Young, commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, called the results "real good news," and said his agency would work quickly to evaluate the findings and translate these important results into wider availability of AZT for earlier treatment.

Expanded availability could potentially benefit an estimated 100,000 to 200,000 people with early symptoms of infection with human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS, said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

"It also emphasizes how critical it is that persons at risk for HIV infection be tested and seek prompt medical care," Fauci said.

The trial has been under way at 29 sites since August 1987, according to the Department of Health and Human Services.

It included 713 HIV-infected patients who had received AZT over a period of three to 20 months. As of July, 59 participants had progressed to AIDS-related complex or AIDS. Of those, 36 had been taking placebos and 17 were on AZT.

More than 5 percent of the participants experienced serious side effects from the AZT, said Dr. Margaret Fischl of the University of Miami. Fischl coordinated the trials.

"This study clearly shows that early intervention is important in HIV infection and that (AZT) is well tolerated in persons with early ARC," she said.

The drug is manufactured by Burroughs Wellcome Co. and is marketed under the name Retrovir.

It was approved in March 1987 for treatment of AIDS patients who had recovered from Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia — the leading killer of people with AIDS — and patients with advanced ARC.

Democrats said Republicans would need to compensate with a strong showing to ensure passage of the bill to allow Congress to complete work and leave for a month-long vacation.

The administration and Congress long ago agreed on the most important elements of the landmark bill, which will close or merge hundreds of insolvent savings institutions hemorrhaging losses at an estimated \$20 billion a day.

It also contains a series of what Bush labeled "never again" provisions designed to prevent the recurrence of what analysts describe as the worst financial crisis since the wave of bank failures in the 1930s.

In the key reform, savings and loan owners will be required to raise billions of dollars of their own capital to discourage risky investments and act as a cushion between future losses and government deposit insurance funds.

Thrifty institutions will be channeled back into home mortgage lending and away from speculative commercial real estate ventures and high-yield, high-risk junk bonds.

The bill also gives the Justice Department \$75 million a year to root out fraud at financial institutions, permits banks for the first time to buy healthy institutions in the rival thrift industry, and enacts the most sweeping restructuring of the regulatory bureaucracy in five decades.

The agency overseeing S&Ls, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, will be dismantled, with one piece wrapped into the Treasury Department and the other coming under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., which insures commercial bank deposits.

While taxpayers will bear most of the bailout, the savings industry also is contributing through higher deposit insurance premiums.

A dispute between the White House and congressional Democrats over how to account for the taxpayer funds was the last snag.

Shrugging off a morning veto threat, the House at midday voted 221-199 to approve the legislation with its own financing plan. But by evening, the bill bogged down in the Senate.

Senators voted 54-46 in favor of the House financing proposal, but fell six votes short of the 60-vote majority required under the Gramm-Rudman deficit-reduction law.

That sent the bill to a House-Senate conference, which after 2½ hours of talks endorsed a compromise offered by four of the five Senate delegates.

However, the House delegation accepted the pact by a narrow 26-22 vote. If it is to stand, a 26-member majority of the 55 House delegates must sign the conference report.

Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif., vowed to challenge the conference decision when it reached the House floor.

"I think it's going to have a tough time, but the urgency to get out a factor," said Rep. Bruce F. Vento, D-Minn.

Thursday night's compromise was a hybrid of two conflicting plans to evade automatic spending cuts under the Gramm-Rudman law.

Tentative pact reached on bailout

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's \$159 billion bailout of the savings and loan industry awaits final passage, with administration and congressional negotiators in a fragile agreement on how to finance the landmark bill.

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OPINION

Candidates defeat the purpose

The Coventry Republicans who are withdrawing their candidacies for the November town election may be acting on their consciences, but they are doing little to correct what they view as an error in the party's endorsements.

Harvey Barrette and Philip Carpenter told the Republican Town Committee Tuesday they are withdrawing their names from the ballot because the party did not endorse Town Council incumbent James Sullivan at a caucus last week.

Barrette was endorsed to run for the Town Council, and Carpenter and Ellen Sullivan for the Board of Education. The three withdrawals leave the party with three less candidates to run against the Democrats.

It is true the committee can meet again to endorse substitute candidates, but these days the endorsed slate is a bad one, they are making it worse by withdrawing.

James Sullivan could call for a primary to run for a seat on the Town Council. That would be a wise decision if he really believes the current state is the "embodiment of the negativity we've been trying to overcome for the past two years."

As things now stand, Republican Roland Green, who was endorsed for the Town Council and was accused of helping get Sullivan knocked off the ticket, may have been right. Green said the situation amounts to "sour grapes."



Open Forum

Moratorium best to control growth

The sleeping town of Bolton seems to be finally waking up! Congratulations! Now stay awake!

Certain individuals involved in town government are calling for a building moratorium throughout Bolton. They feel that this is needed to give them time to work on town planning and to revise zoning regulations. These matters should have been addressed 10 years ago and regulations should have been updated every five years as the need arose.

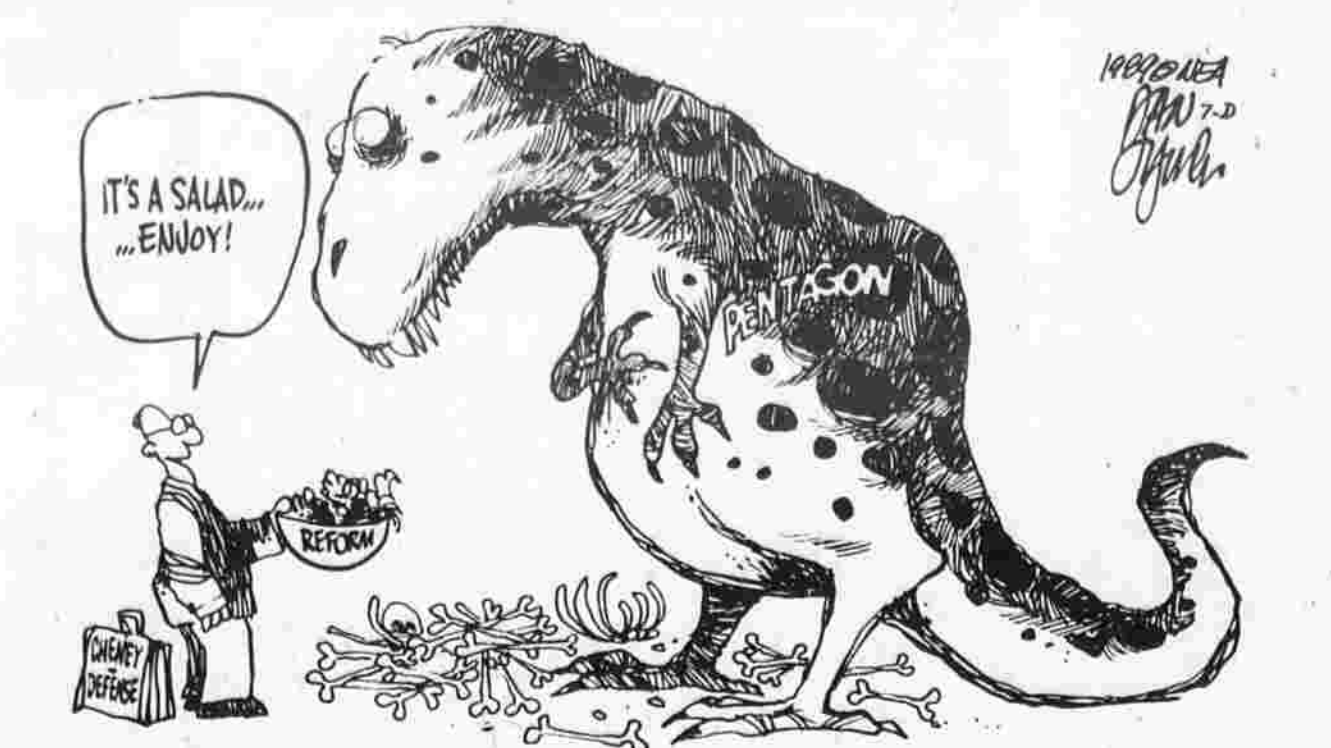
However, if Bolton does enter into a building moratorium I will at least give officials credit for having been able to catch the bull by the tail before it jumped the fence. Continuous wrangling and poor planning have cost Bolton dearly in postponement of important town projects in the past. Hopefully, this will not be the case in a proposed building moratorium.

There is very little open land left in Bolton. As is the case in surrounding towns, houses are on the market for months prior to sale. Condominiums have been around for at least 15 years, yet Bolton has no zoning regulations governing them. We have also experienced this far a slowing economy.

It is high time that Bolton and other towns gave their town governments and private citizens a rest and a chance to reflect upon ongoing changes. Do we really need anyone Harfords, Waterburys and Bridgeports?

There is probably not one area developed or builder who has not profited handsomely from this glut of new houses and commercial buildings

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Brains head American imports

WASHINGTON — The Statue of Liberty welcomes the world's tired and wretched poor, but these days the United States beckons the world's brightest and most ambitious as well.

Nations which see their brightest people settle in the United States, or come here to study and stay to work, have a name for the phenomena: "the brain drain."

In this country, it could be called the brain gain — the enrichment of the American terrain by smart people who find this land fertile.

It has been going on for two centuries, but the magnet nowadays is a secret American asset — the quality of U.S. graduate school education. Public schooling may be in a mess, but graduate schools here are a wonder of the academic world.

New a crackdown in China and liberalization in the Soviet Union may mean those countries will join others in wondering how to get their smart young people home after they've seen the labs at MIT.

In a gesture comparable to learning down the Berlin Wall, the Soviet Union is moving to relax barriers that have kept Russians from leaving. U.S. trade concessions would likely result.

About 33,000 Russians emigrated to the United States last year. This year, they're coming at the rate of 120,000. Next year, says Max Robinson, the U.S. consul in Moscow, the number could approach 200,000. Many are the Soviet Union's smartest, best trained people.

Under a draft Soviet law, Soviet citizens would be free to leave if they can wangle an invitation from almost any business, organization or individual.

When the democracy movement perished in Beijing's Tiananmen built the past three years or so. They are sure to oppose a building moratorium.

However, desperately needed open space must be preserved now if it is to remain. Nature must be given her chance to revive what we as a people have destroyed under the guise of "progress."

We do not need more houses in the \$200,000 price range. What we do need is affordable housing. Thought should be given to rebuilding and preserving existing structures. No one needs a profit or total earnings of \$400,000 per year to enjoy a good life. This is a "want." It is not a need!

A recent editorial in the Manchester Herald states that there might be other less drastic alternatives for Bolton than a moratorium. I think not. The progress and struggles of Bolton over the past several years have led virtually nowhere should bear this out.

Bolton! Lead the way! Perhaps other area communities will follow and at least East of the River there will remain years from now some of God's verdant earth!

Nancy Hutchinson
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Manchester

Commissioner vote is sad commentary

To the Editor:

It is bad enough that the Eighth District started the new year with a doubtful election but then to have it used in such a disgraceful way of personal politics is a sad commentary on such a strong and proud organization!

The district wouldn't even have a sewer if it weren't for Sam Longest. The peace and protection from consolidation we now have is due solely to his dedication and determination. He worked harder this past year than Tom Landers has in all his years in the district and his thanks is a kick in the pants.

Reports of bomb ignored

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — It lit up like a mushroom, then "blew up like a mushroom," the bomb recalls the morning of Dec. 12, 1985, when a chartered airliner crashed in Gander, Newfoundland, and killed 248 American soldiers on their way home from Egypt for Christmas.

The U.S. and Canadian governments apparently don't want to hear the words "blew up" or "bomb" in connection with the crash. Parsons was not invited to tell her story at the formal inquiry. Instead, her testimony was hidden from members of the Canadian Aviation Safety Board. It lends credence to a minority faction on the safety board which suspects that the jet blew up in the air.

U.S. and Canadian officials have dodged the "terrorism" tag. The U.S. government welcomed the Canadian board's findings last November that a glaze of ice on the wings had forced the pilots to start during takeoff and crash. We have learned that the State Department had a letter from a tipster who blamed terrorism, but that "cited" the crash as a Canadian safety board issued its findings.

As we reported recently, a U.S. intelligence source claims that American officials learned on Canadian officials to steer clear of any conclusions pointing to terrorism. That meant steer clear of people like Parsons who has some technology and couldn't be explained by ice on the wings.

Parsons was in the parking lot of her rental car business next to the Gander runway making sure the cars would start that morning. The airliner took off, and then the pre-dawn sky turned bright. "There was a streak of light, gray-bluish light, then out of that light came this bright, glowing object. It blew up like a mushroom, like a bomb. I could see pieces going up in the sky and then falling down," Parsons told. Her account was echoed by two other eyewitnesses.

Police and aviation investigators interviewed Parsons and then told her she didn't need to go to the public inquiry, that they would use a tape of her testimony. They didn't. Parsons now feels like "I saw something I shouldn't have seen."

Our associate Jim Lynch has uncovered more documents that show the U.S. government took the terrorism prospect seriously.

A Beirut-based group, Islamic Jihad, took immediate credit for the crash, but U.S. officials publicly called that a hoax.

Privately, the United States had another clue that it was terrorism. Within a month after the crash, a U.S. diplomat in Mauritius, a tiny island off eastern Africa, received a letter from a group calling itself "The Sons of Zion." The letter said the crash was a cold-blooded, premeditated act which involved an expert sabotage of the aircraft, "with the complicity of several Egyptian and Libyan (sic) mechanics and other anti-U.S. and anti-Israeli individuals."

The State Department stamped the letter "top secret" and shared it with 25 high-level intelligence posts in the White House, the Pentagon, the State Department and the Justice Department.

Within two days after the crash, the State Department asked the Egyptian government to thoroughly search Egyptian Airline planes that were being used to fly other U.S. troops in Egypt.

Five months after the crash, U.S. planes bombed Libya, ostensibly in response to known terrorist acts that the Reagan administration said were the work of Moammar Gadhafi. If Reagan had the Gander crash in mind, he didn't say so publicly. After the 1983 bombing of the Marine barracks in Beirut, the prospect of 248 more soldiers dead at the hands of a terrorist may have been too embarrassing to admit.

Shell game
The Gramm-Rudman Act was supposed to reduce the budget deficit by forcing spending cuts, but that isn't happening. Eleven programs were exempted from cuts making it almost impossible to balance the budget.

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Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta are syndicated columnists.

Changes threaten beacons on anniversary

By Francis Hopkins
The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Lighthouses are about to celebrate their 200th birthday as beacons of the republic, but some say next week's events are going awry partly with little to cheer about.

Only about a half-dozen of the nation's 400 active lighthouses have lighthouse keepers, as computerized coastal navigation has replaced people.

One of the parties on Monday will be held at the 188-year-old Portland Head Light in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, marking a switch from the tradition of weather-beaten keeper to the era of automation.

Some say the change is not that dramatic, that the lights and foghorns can be turned on by computer as easily as by a person. They also note that many ships with high-tech navigational equipment no longer rely on the guiding lights.

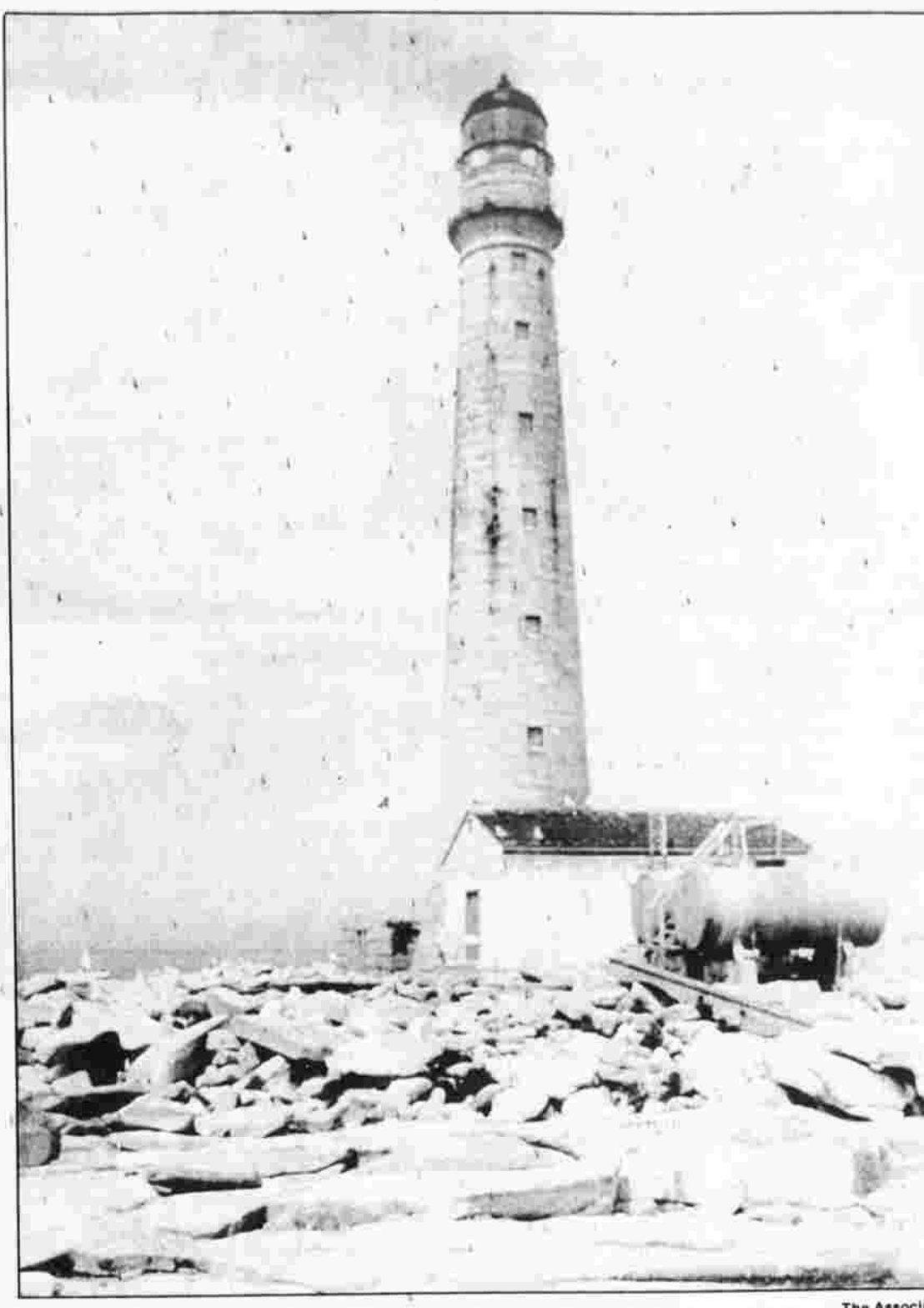
But Frank Schubert, 74-year-old light keeper of the Coney Island Light Station in New York City, and the oldest light keeper at his post, said installing computers changes a lighthouse completely.

"It's not a lighthouse any more," said Schubert, who has spent a half-century of service keeping an eye out at sea.

He has enjoyed being a light keeper, "the life is good," he said, "there's no noisy neighbors, and the life is kind of lazy."

Lighthouses, first built more than 2,000 years ago off Libya and Egypt to guide ships on the Mediterranean Sea, appeared in North America when it turned over to the town of Cape Elizabeth.

"Bush's thousand points of light is a great analogy of the government because it's a great public service," said Nelson. "That way of life is gone. That's what technology and federal budget cuts mean."



SHINING FORTH — Boon Island, off the coast of Maine, has had a lighthouse station since the early 1800s. America's lighthouses are celebrating their bicentennial, but many are threatened by new technology.

Bill ties driver's license, school attendance

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) — Teens nationwide would have to hit the books if they want to hit the roads under a proposed bill that would require states to revoke the driver's licenses of dropouts or risk losing federal highway funds.

Rep. George Sargant, D-Ill., introduced a bill Thursday that would revoke driving privileges from teen-agers who drop out of school. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Harley Staggers Jr., D-W.Va., is modeled after a West Virginia law passed last year.

West Virginia officials have touted the law's success, claiming it encouraged 2,200 teen-agers to return to school.

But a 17-year-old junior high dropout who lost his license in May is challenging the law. A Kanawha County Circuit judge was to decide today whether the teen-ager must give up his license.

"I took a good look at what was happening in West Virginia. As a result, the dropout rate has been cut by 30 percent," Sargant said in a telephone interview from Washington. "There's no question that the high school dropout program is something the Congress had to look at."

In an effort to lower the state's 25 percent dropout rate, West Virginia lawmakers passed a law that requires students under 18 to stay in school if they want to drive. If a student misses more than 10 consecutive days or has 15 unexcused absences, the license is revoked.

"It ever there was an incentive, this is it," Sargant said. "It won't correct all the problems, but I think it's something we ought to try. A number of states are starting to introduce it, and I thought we ought to promote it with a bill here."

Makers hope taupe suits will bolster sales

NEW YORK (AP) — Laws aren't all that's turning brown this August. Men are shaking brown suits, their blue and gray business suits, and dressing up in the color rarely seen before in boardrooms.

What's in is taupe, a chameleon-like brownish gray. "Basically brown's never been an important color in this country. But taupe, with off shades of different colorations, that could be big, if the retailer gets behind it," said Jack Bier, vice president of the suitmaker Greif Cos.

Who's going to take her to the hospital when she has to give birth?

The congressman said his bill, like the West Virginia law, requires students who want to drive to attend school until they graduate or turn 18. The bill also carries a hardship clause allowing a student to apply for a modification of existing systems "to allow an airliner to fly and land safely even with complete hydraulic failure."

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DC-10s under scrutiny

WASHINGTON — A government task force will study possible design changes in DC-10s and other wide-body airliners that will allow pilots to retain control after an engine blowup or other in-flight failure.

The FAA announcement Thursday of the government and industry task force came two weeks after the crash of a United Airlines DC-10 that killed 111 people in Sioux City, Iowa. An explosive engine failure apparently destroyed the plane's hydraulic flight controls.

The agency said similar incidents involving Japan Air Lines Boeing 747 in 1985 and an Eastern Airlines L-1011 in 1981 indicate design changes may be needed to further protect flight-control systems in flight.

All three planes, each built by a different manufacturer, lost hydraulic power that controls wing and tail surfaces, and the FAA is considering grounding all DC-10s.

In a letter to the agency, Metzbaum cited two previous accidents saying that lives might have been saved in the Iowa crash if the DC-10 had four rather than three hydraulic systems or a shut-off valve to prevent hydraulic fluid loss.

"If these allegations are true, the FAA should ground all DC-10s and correct their design flaws immediately," Metzbaum said.

Tony Broderick, head of FAA safety regulations, said the planes would not be grounded.

"There are no design flaws in the DC-10 or any other aircraft presently flying that warrant grounding," he said.

About the task force, Broderick said that safety improvements to protect flight control systems are within the realm of technical and economic feasibility.

The task force, he said, will include FAA officials, the FAA, airlines, manufacturers, industry groups and foreign aviation safety officials. The review eventually will cover all airliners that rely on hydraulic controls, including those built by McDonnell Douglas, Boeing, Lockheed and the European Airbus consortium.

Broderick said, however, that need for considering an extra level of safety in airliners. The task force will be asked to come up with "a system or a modification of existing systems" to allow an airliner to fly and land safely even with complete hydraulic failure.

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ONE STEP CLOSER — Assistant Town Attorney Kevin M. O'Brien, left, hands Town Manager Richard J. Sartor a document outlining the transfer of the town fire station on Tolland Turnpike to the Eighth Utilities District while Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr., right, looks on. Town and district officials met in Sartor's office this morning to make the transfer official and bring the district-town agreement one step closer to full implementation.

Firehouse changes hands

By Nancy Concelman
Manchester Herald

The Eighth Utilities District became the official owner of the former town fire station at 1088 Tolland Turnpike today.

Town and district officials signed documents transferring ownership of the station to the district, bringing full implementation of a historic agreement between the town and district one step closer.

Though not the final step in implementation, the transfer of the station is an important one, Assistant Town Attorney Kevin M. O'Brien said today.

"It's a big step," O'Brien said. "The station has been the subject of controversy ever since it was built."

Housing

members John Crowley, William Desmond, Edward Kiehn, Joseph Uccello and Beverly Malone supported the proposal while members James Aldrich and Steven Ling cast the no votes.

Members Alex Urbanetti and Vivian Ferguson abstained because both are mansion owners.

Ling and Aldrich said they were not necessarily against the proposal but didn't want to vote without reading the revised amendments, which were filed with the town Planning Department Friday.

"I personally have a problem with approving a regulation that I haven't read," Aldrich said during discussion on the application.

"I just think it's a dangerous precedent to set here," Ling said after voting.

Other commission members said they felt Senior Planner Stuart Popper and Town Planning Director Mark Pellegrini had given them sufficient information on the revisions to vote.

Pellegrini had apologized to the commission after saying he had forgotten to send copies of revised amendments.

"It seems like that always happens to the historic commission," Ferguson told Pellegrini. "The historic commission does not get the respect it should," she added.

The applicant's PZC proposal had met with disapproval from some members of the historic commission and a subcommittee appointed to study the plan.

The Great Lanes subcommittee Tuesday unanimously supported revised plans which require applicants to leave about nine acres of the Great Lanes untouched. Revised amendments say the lanes may contain only residential uses with a maximum density of two units per acre.

Office, retail and other commercial uses are permitted under existing historic zone regulations.

Units must be at least 1,200 square feet and sit on lots measuring at least 3,000 square feet, according to the proposed amendments. Existing mansions may be enlarged by up to 25 percent of their original size.

"The owners have displayed, I think, great cooperation in this," Fitzgerald said during a brief tour of the lanes before the meeting. The commission reconvened in the Lincoln Center hearing room to vote after the tour.

Members of the historic commission also voted unanimously to recommend approval of another zone change request from Residence A to Historic for three other mansions on the Great Lanes.

Pellegrini said the town staff will recommend to the PZC Monday that the zone change request by mansion owners Vivian Ferguson, Peter V. and Mary T. Gavarrino and Hope A. Krause not be approved unless the Historic Zone amendments are approved first.

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Jobless rate declines

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's unemployment rate fell one notch to 5.2 percent in July as businesses added 100,000 new jobs despite the slowing economy, the government reported today.

The Labor Department said the growth was again found predominantly in the service-producing sector of the economy, which added 140,000 of the new jobs.

The civilian joblessness rate declined from the 5.3 percent

Death

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neau said. One-half hour later the job was done, he said. "That was kind of typical," Charbonneau said.

Sembar said he had met Schumey's family at the last East Catholic Christmas party, but he didn't know much about his life at home. He said he did not know if Schumey was having any family problems.

On Sunday night, Schumey fled his home at Windmere Ave. after shooting his wife, police reported.

He drove his pick-up truck to Bristol, where he tried to kidnap an employee at Domino's Pizza, according to group Hezbollah. ployee got away from him and reported his license plate number said.

Later in the evening, state police in Vernon identified his car by the plate number and chased him through Vernon, Tolland, and finally through Ellington to group Hezbollah.

He jumped out of his truck and shot himself as police approached him, he said.

Schumey, who was taken to Hartford Hospital, died Monday afternoon.

Outbreak

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Children under the age of 10 are the most common victims of the disease, he said. Adults are not often afflicted with the disease because many have probably had the disease as children and developed an immunity, Carter said.

The disease is airborne, he said, and can be transmitted from person to person.

The disease is caused by a virus known as the Cox sackie virus and is rarely fatal. Common symptoms are the appearance of skin lesions in the mouth, on the palms of the hands and on the soles of the feet, and occasionally on the buttocks.

There is no common medication for treatment or vaccine to prevent the disease, which usually runs its course in five to seven days. Cases of hand, foot and mouth disease will probably peak throughout the fall, he said.

"You just have to use the time-honored method of rest until the patient recovers," he said.

Hostages

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Abdul Karim Obeid, a Shiite Muslim cleric who is the local prayer leader, Obeid also is reputed to be a spiritual leader of the Shiite Muslims in Lebanon.

In Jerusalem, Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Israel would examine the new demands for the release of American hostages held by the Shiite radicals' demands.

A spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Israel was awaiting the list of prisoners the Shites want freed.

The International Committee of the Red Cross said it was willing to transmit to Israel the demands for the prisoner release. Israel has offered to trade Obeid, 33, and other Lebanese Shites it holds for foreign hostages and three Israeli soldiers held in Lebanon.

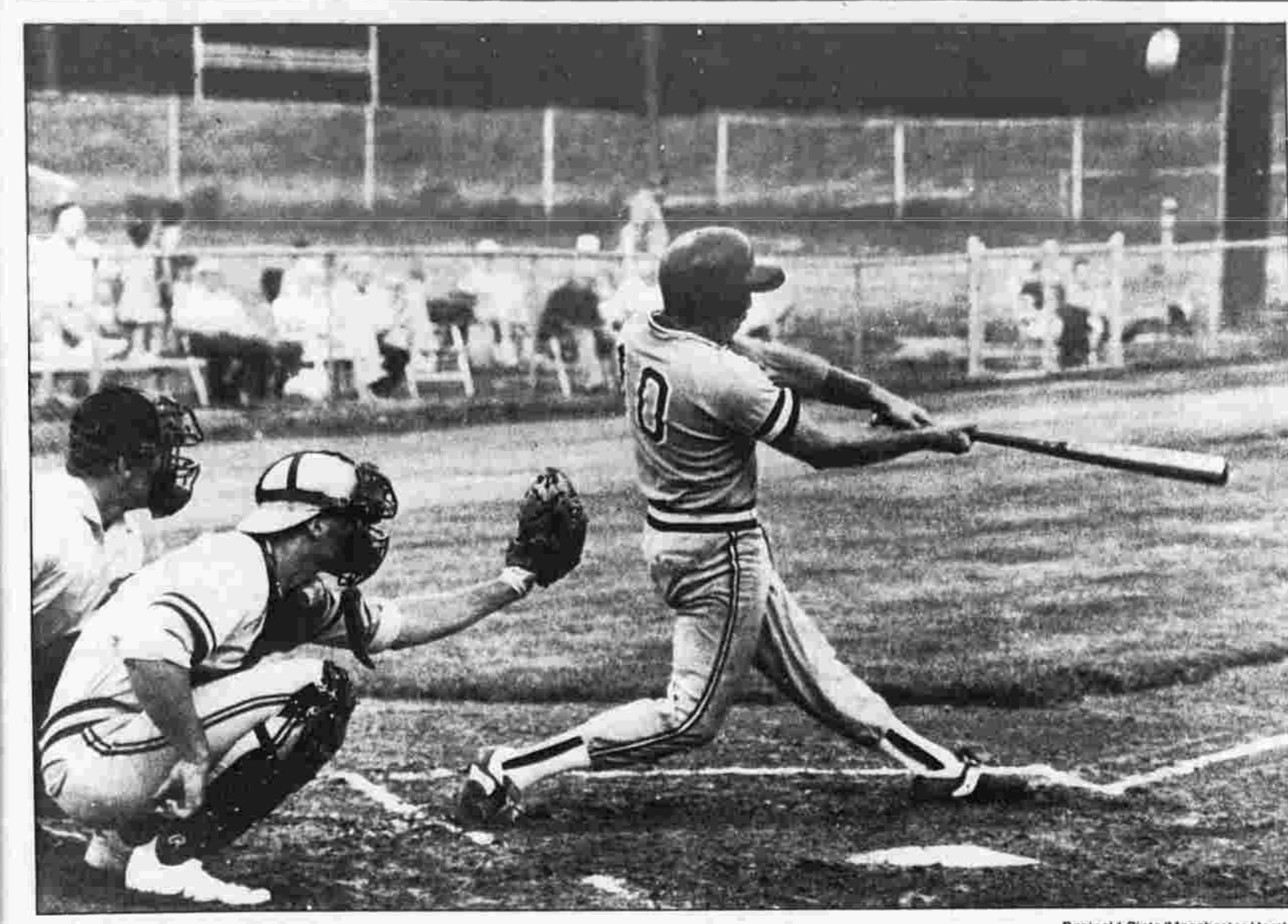
Herzbollah has rejected such a swap. Sheik Na'im Qassem, a Herzbollah leader, said there had been no direct or indirect negotiations with Israel on a prisoner exchange and would not be.

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SPORTS



POP UP — Moriarty Brothers' Ray Sullivan pops up a pitch during Thursday night's game with East Hartford at Moriarty Field. The visiting Jays took home a 9-4 victory in Greater Hartford Twilight League play.

Homers abound as MB's fall

East Hartford blasts five HRs in Twilight affair

By Jim Tierney
Manchester Herald

Perhaps the final piece of construction for newly remodeled Moriarty Field should be outfield bleachers.

Anyone who attended the Greater Hartford Twilight League game between Moriarty Brothers and East Hartford Thursday night at Moriarty Field realized that the best vantage point of this encounter would have been anywhere beyond the eight-foot high outfield fence.

All nine East Hartford runs were accounted for by the home run.

With the victory, second-place East Hartford established a single-season record for wins and improved its mark 18-4. Moriarty MB's slips to 15-11.

MB's will host a doubleheader

Cary has no problems on the mound

By Ronald Blum
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chuck Cary has no problem finding the strike zone. It's the ballpark he can't locate.

Cary pitched a five-hitter for his second straight complete game, leading the New York Yankees past the Minnesota Twins 8-1 Thursday night. He walked none and struck out five, and had pitched 16 consecutive scoreless innings before Greg Gagne's ninth-inning home run.

"It's amazing what pitching will do for you. It's what baseball is all about," said Yankees manager George, who blasted owner Gabe Steinbrenner before the game.

"He's gaining more confidence each game he goes out on the mound," Green said of the 29-year-old Cary, who had been mostly in the minors before this year. "He's a 90-mile-and-hour guy and he's got the screwball to get right-handers out and he's starting to get the confidence. You get three things and you'll do OK."

By The Associated Press

American League teams are drawing a blank when they try to beat the California Angels.

The Angels pulled back into first place in the West after a two-day absence when Kirk McCaskill beat Seattle 6-0 with a seven-hitter Thursday night. It was his third shutout and the team's 15th of the season.

It was California's second consecutive shutout over Seattle, following Bert Blyleven's 7-0 win on Wednesday. The Angels have had back-to-back shutouts three times this season.

"The guys are throwing exceptionally well," California manager Doug Rader said. "Kirk got

Indians scalp the Red Sox

By Dove O'Hara
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Cleveland Manager Doc Edwards predicts a "dogfight" the rest of the way in the AL East.

And, after years as a doormat, the Indians want a piece of the action.

"It's going to be good for baseball having a lot of clubs right in it down to the wire," Edwards said Thursday night after the Indians slipped into second place with a 4-2 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

Edwards knows all about the Cleveland "no respect" jokes. So he smiled when queried about the Indians' 53-54 record and second place standing 21-2 games behind Baltimore.

The last time the Indians were 2 1/2 games out in the second half was on Aug. 30, 1981, the year of the baseball strike.

Now they're the closest in a nonstrike season in 15 years — when they were 2 games back on Aug. 16, 1974.

"The good," said Edwards, "is we're even closer on Oct. 2."

For the second time within a week, Red Sox Nichols, 2-1, and relief ace Doug Jones combined to beat the Red Sox, who dropped a fraction of a point behind Cleveland.

Nichols worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the third by getting Danny Heep to ground into a double play. He allowed another run in seven innings, but doubled and hit Heep, doubling and hitting Heep, who homered into the bleachers in center to start the eighth.

Nichols lighting his way out of a minor slump, allowed two more hits in the eighth, but went on to lead his 25th save 11th run with Milwaukee's Dan Plesac for the league lead.

"I've won three games in the major leagues and Doug Jones has a piece of all three," Nichols said.

"Nichols did a great job," Edwards said. "When you hold

Reds' explosion simply 'amazing'

By The Associated Press

Batting practice for the Cincinnati Reds listed a little longer than usual this morning, as expected.

The Reds set a major-league record with their starting 14-run first inning and routed the Astros 18-2 on Thursday at Riverfront Stadium.

The first inning took 38 minutes to play, and then it took the Cincinnati Reds almost as long to figure out the records.

"It was amazing," Cincinnati infielder Ted Beninger said. "I

Erardi takes, rejects position in Southington

By Len Auster
Manchester Herald

Manchester High School lost one of its top-flight coaches in June when Mary Faignant retired as girls' softball coach. The school almost suffered another loss this week, but Joe Erardi, who verbally accepted the position as athletic director at Southington High School on Wednesday night, had a change of heart and informed Southington officials he was not going to take the position after all.

Erardi's a unanimous selection by the Southington Board of Education as Southington's next athletic director, beating out 14 other candidates.

"Yes, I had a restless (Wednesday) afternoon," Erardi, 34, said this morning. "I called him (Southington Superintendent of Schools Lou Louloun) first thing Thursday morning to tell him I was staying in Manchester.

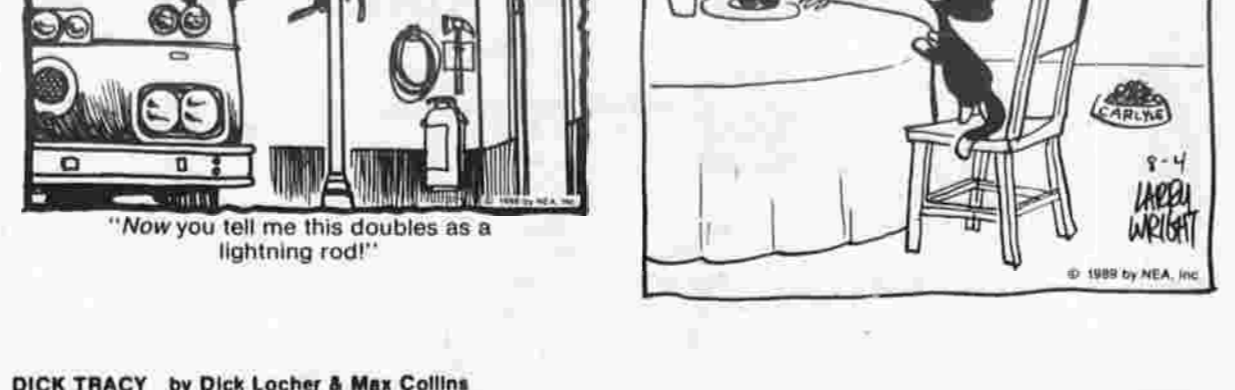
Erardi did a lot of soul-searching. I work with some great people in Manchester. (Manchester High School Director) Mike Simmons allows me a lot of freedom in the athletic office and gives me room for growth. I just wasn't ready to give up coaching and teaching at this time. I really enjoy coaching and teaching. Opportunities will come again."

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Bridge Ruff prevention. A table with columns for North, West, East, and South, and rows for various cards and suits. Includes a section for 'Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: East' and 'Opening lead: ♠ 2'.



WEEKEND



TRAVER HOLLOW — The five-piece bluegrass band is slated to play at the Manchester Bicentennial Band Shell at 7 p.m. Saturday. Admission to the show is free.

Basket day slated

More than 30 basket makers from New England and other parts of the country will demonstrate and sell their crafts from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday on the grounds of the Harbur/Dunham House on Sunday. Almost all types and methods of producing baskets will be represented by the work of these crafts people. Featured will be reproductions of traditional New England, Shaker, Nantucket, Lightship and Appalachian baskets as well as contemporary and free form styles. Baskets are priced from \$15 to \$800. The house is located at 212 Main St. Wethersfield. Take exit 26 off Route 91 and follow the signs to the Webb House. The event will be held rain or shine.

Antique show set

The Historical Society of Glastonbury is holding its 16th annual Antiques Show on the Green from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Old Town Green at the corner of Main and Hubbard streets. The society will provide shuttle bus service from the parking lot at Glastonbury High School to the green. Admission to the show is \$3 at the gate, but members can get in for \$2.50 with their discount cards. Refreshments will be available.

Folk music fellowship

Wintour Folk Fellowship will hold its monthly coffeehouse featuring folk music at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Wintour Baptist Church. This month's coffeehouse will feature music by western Massachusetts pop/rock band Justified and folk singer and guitarist Susan Akmentin of Longmeadow, Mass. There is no charge for admission or for refreshments at the coffee and juice bar. Donations are suggested. The church is located at 54 Maple Ave., Bloomfield.

Bluegrass concert scheduled

Traver Hollow, a five-member bluegrass band will bring its music to the Manchester Bicentennial Band Shell at 7 p.m. Saturday. The group has released three albums and performed throughout the United States and abroad. Admission to the concert is free, although donations to the band shell are accepted. Bring blankets or lawn chairs. No pets are allowed. The rain date for the show is Aug. 30. The band shell is located on the campus of Manchester Community College.

Dance to be held

Parents Without Partners is holding a dance from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday at the Kosciuszko Club. The dance will feature music by DJ George D. Admission is \$5 for members and \$7 for the general public. The club is located at 1 Vernon Ave.

Play to be presented

The Windham Theatre Guild is presenting "Agnes of God" at 7:30 tonight and Saturday at Windham High School. Tickets are \$4.50 in advance or \$5 at the door. They can be purchased by calling 238-3318. The high school is located at 355 High Street, Willimantic.

Cinema

A table listing cinema showtimes for Hartford, East Hartford, and Vernon. Includes titles like 'Hartford Cinema 110 - Batman', 'East Hartford Cinema 110 - Batman', and 'Vernon Cinema 110 - Batman'.

Remembering Woodstock

Famous concert held 20 years ago



WOODSTOCK PERFORMER — Jimi Hendrix was one of the artists that performed at Woodstock. He died in 1970, a year after the famous concert.

NEW YORK — Although much has been made of the Woodstock generation's aging, the heroes of the festival are for the most part doing now what they did then. In the order they appear on a monument at Yasgur's farm, here's who are and what became of them: ■ Richie Havens: Still performing, still an activist. Currently on a 20th anniversary tour with several other Woodstock veterans. ■ Arlo Guthrie: The son of legendary folk singer Woody Guthrie is still performing. ■ Joan Baez: Her activist work continues unabated. She appeared at Live Aid. In 1987, she released her memoirs "And a Voice to Sing With," and a new album, "Reverey." ■ Joe Cocker: His career took off after Woodstock. Still performing, nominated for an Academy Award in 1983 for "Up Where We Belong," his duet with Jennifer Warren for the Angelenos. ■ Ravi Shankar: The sitar player who introduced George Harrison to Eastern music is still performing. He is 69. ■ Janis Joplin: Died on Oct. 4, 1970, of a drug overdose. She was 27. ■ Jimi Hendrix: Died on Sept. 18, 1970, of a drug overdose. He was 27. ■ Johnny Winter: The original (and only) albino blues guitarist enjoyed his greatest success after Woodstock: still playing and recording. ■ Creedence Clearwater Revival: Broke up in October 1972. Lead singer John Fogerty's latest solo release was 1986's "Eye of the Zombie." ■ Mountain: Split in 1972. Guitarist Leslie West released a solo album last year, bassist Felix Pappalardo was shot and killed by his wife in April 1983. ■ Santana: The band has flourished for two decades with a variety of line-ups. A Carlos Santana retrospective, titled "Santana," was released last year. ■ John Sebastian: Also on the 20th anniversary tour. His last hit was 1976's theme for "Welcome Back, Kotter." His name is misspelled on the Woodstock memorial plaque as "Sebastian." ■ The Who: Singer Roger Daltrey, guitarist Pete Townshend and bassist John Entwistle are on a 20th anniversary tour, ending a seven-year layoff. Drummer Keith Moon died of an overdose on Sept. 7, 1978. He was 32. ■ Canned Heat: Broke up in 1976. Two of its founders died: guitarist Al "Blind Owl" Wilson on Sept. 3, 1970, and vocalist Bob "The Bear" Hite of a drug-related heart attack in April 1981. ■ The Grateful Dead: Touring again this summer. A new album is due in September from the band, which has repeatedly called its Woodstock performance "medicine." Keyboardist Ron "Pigpen" McKernan died of a liver ailment in May 1973. He was 27. ■ Paul Butterfield Blues Band: The pioneering white blues band started the blues explosion of the 1960s and broke up in 1972. Butterfield died on May 5, 1987, of a drug overdose. He was 44. ■ Sly and the Family Stone: Despite a brilliant Woodstock set, the group's success was short-lived; by 1973, their heyday was over. Leader Sylvester Stewart has been plagued by drug problems and last released an album in 1983. ■ The Jefferson Airplane: After years of in-fighting, personnel switches, lawsuits and a divorce, the Airplane reformed this summer with original members Grace Slick, Jorma Kaukonen, Jack Casady, Paul Kantner and Marty Balin. ■ The Band: The only act whose members lived in Woodstock. They disbanded after "The Last Waltz" in 1976. Pianist Richard Manuel committed suicide on March 4, 1986; his other members are still performing. ■ Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young: Reunited last year for "American Dream," their first

studio album since 1971's "Deja Vu." All four continue to perform separately and together. Crosby detailed his drug addiction last year in a best-selling autobiography, "Long Time Gone." ■ Blood, Sweat and Tears: Their string of his ended abruptly in 1971. They have continued to play, with and without vocalist David Clayton Thomas. ■ Melanie: Her career slowed down after such early '70s hits as "Brand New Key." Also on the 20th anniversary tour, she released her new LP, "About Time," their first in 15 years. ■ The Incredible String Band: The Scottish group mixed Indian music with rock 'n' roll. They split in the mid-'70s, although co-leader Bruce Williamson still performs in the Angelenos. ■ Country Joe and the Fish: The stars of the Woodstock movie and soundtrack album split after the festival. Country Joe McDonald is on the 20th anniversary tour.

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