

Big East to reveal plans on new football league

By PAUL PAGE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Big East may reveal today what direction it will take in forming a new football league.

Big East spokesman John Paquette said he expected the league office in Providence, R.I., would issue a statement today after athletic directors from the Big East Conference's four Division I-A football schools — Boston College, Miami, Pittsburgh and Syracuse — met Wednesday to discuss plans for a new league that would include Rutgers, Temple, Virginia Tech and West Virginia.

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WHALES CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	T	Pts
NY Rangers	18	2	3	112
Philadelphia	18	4	2	112
Washington	18	4	2	112
New Jersey	18	4	2	112
NY Islanders	18	2	2	108

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	T	Pct.
Boston	17	4	2	.800
Philadelphia	17	4	2	.800
New York	17	4	2	.800
Washington	17	4	2	.800
Atlanta	17	4	2	.800

Football

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	T	Pct.
Buffalo	11	2	0	.846
Pittsburgh	10	3	0	.769
Indianapolis	8	5	0	.615
Denver	8	5	0	.615
New England	11	2	0	.846

NBA results

Game	Score
Boston 128, Miami 111	
San Antonio 92, Charlotte 81	
LA Clippers 100, Cleveland 90	
Atlanta 118, Miami 89	

Baseball

Game	Score
St. Louis 10, Philadelphia 5	
San Diego 6, Los Angeles 4	
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San Diego	6	7	0	.462
Denver	3	10	0	.231

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12 ritual celebrants die, alcohol poisoning linked

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — Twelve people have died in a religious ritual, apparently after drinking a poisoned sacrament, and the leader of the ceremony clung to life in a coma today, officials said.

Authorities who went to the house Thursday night in the impoverished El Florido neighborhood of this border city found twelve bodies strewn about the living room, with five survivors. Another ritual participant later checked into a hospital.

The dead included four men, seven women and a 6-year-old girl, police said.

The victims' faces were contorted in pain and had suffered a purplish discoloration of the skin, apparently caused by poisoning, the judicial police report said. Autopsy reports were expected later today.

Authorities in this city south of San Diego speculated the deaths were caused by an industrial alcohol, perhaps rubbing alcohol, that was poured accidentally into a fruit punch the participants shared during a religious ceremony.

"We believe we've ruled out both suicide and homicide," said Jose Nunez de Cáceres, a commander of the Baja California state police.

Officers were conducting tests on the punch and a bowl of cooked chicken found in the house where the 12 bodies were found, said Baja California Police spokeswoman Sara Yolanda Gonzalez.

The group leader and owner of the home, Federico Padres Mejia, 62, was in a coma, hospital officials said. Also hospitalized were Ana Osuna, aged four months; Consuelo Ponce, 35; Juan Jose Sarabia, 49; Moises Merida Gonzalez, 32; and Hernandez. Hospital officials did not describe their conditions.

Relatives of the victims said they had previously attended healing rites in the house that were a mixture of

Christianity and spiritualism, calling the spirits of the dead for consultation.

In a hospital interview, survivor Alfredo Osuna Hernandez said the people gathered round a cardboard Virgin Mary and drank the punch as a sacrament. Several hours later, people began falling ill, Hernandez said.

"People started complaining of stomach pains and some of them began to vomit. Some of them started to get scared and they started to scream from the pain," Hernandez said.

His sister-in-law, Margarita Ramos de Osuna, 25, was among the first to fall, he told The Associated Press. She was listed among the dead.

"I didn't try to help her because the Lord was there," Hernandez said.

Asked why no one left to seek help, he said: "It is very damaging to the circle."

Hernandez said the gathering was a cleansing or purification ritual. An unemployed auto body repairman, he took part with hopes the ceremony would change his luck.

He wanted "a little of the Lord's coin," Hernandez said. "I was looking for a key to a job, a key to work."

A neighbor, Gerardo Barrios, said he did small construction jobs at the house and had been invited by Padres to take part in one ceremony.

"He said he had died twice and that his spirit left him and returned," said Barrios.

Ritual participants sat in a circle within a rope and spread oil on their bodies, which Padres said would cleanse their souls, Barrios said.

"He would talk about eternal sleep and tell us to go to sleep," Barrios said.



DEATH SCENE — Bodies of an apparent mass suicide lie about the living room of a home in Tijuana, Mexico, Thursday. Twelve people died and five others are in critical condition at a local hospital.

Bennett changes mind, turns down top GOP position

WASHINGTON (AP) — Blood and law in the form of advice from his brother, convinced William Bennett he should reverse himself and reject the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee.

Bennett's brother Robert is the special counsel investigating one of Congress' most sensitive ethics cases — the propriety of five senators' actions on behalf of financier Charles H. Keating Jr., a major contributor.

And from brother Bill's perspective, that case and his own "are not totally unrelated," Bennett said in an interview Thursday, said he asked his brother whether he should take the top GOP position, which would involve constant contact with the administration as well as raising money from many individuals and groups with special interests, falls into a murky area.

Some lawyers say there would be no conflict, but others — including Robert Bennett — predicted trouble.



WILLIAM BENNETT

target you and if they can find some vulnerability, they'll be looking for it," Bennett recounted.

Complicating the ethics angle was the fact that Bennett would have had to repay his book advance, listed at \$187,500 on financial disclosure forms.

Bennett reported receiving \$240,000 in speaking fees during the four months between his resignation as education secretary in September 1988 and when he was given the czar job in January. But he said he would be hard-pressed to repay the advance.

"I would have to earn that money by consulting and giving speeches. I would be engaged in activity which I am precluded from doing for a year," he said.

White House Counsel C. Boyden Gray decided this week that Bennett would violate the no-contact law if he took money beyond his \$125,100-a-year RNC paycheck.

Gray told The Associated Press he had warned Bennett all along that his speeches would have to be restricted.

"At the time it was hypothetical who he would speak to," Gray said of his initial advice. But he said Bennett subsequently lined up speaking engagements with industry and trade groups that had direct interests in lobbying the administration on policy matters.

First U.S. cosmonaut deal struck

WASHINGTON — Expect to read one day soon that a U.S. company will pay millions of dollars to the Soviet Union for the privilege of having an American ride to the space station Mir.

The deal has been made, say two officials of Space Commerce Corp. in Houston, which markets Soviet space services in the United States. But they won't identify the company, or how much was paid, or why.

The contract and its purpose — and the name of the American cosmonaut-to-be — wasn't supposed to be revealed until January. But the weekly newspaper Space News printed sketchy details Monday.

Space News said only that the unknown company's cost will be more than the \$12 million paid by the Tokyo Broadcasting Service to the Glavkosmos space agency for Japanese journalist Toyohiro Akiyama's ride.

"We executed a contract with NPO Energia, which is the main part of the Soviet space program," said Art Dala, one of the Space Commerce Corp. officials. But, he said, the contract forbids him from saying any more.

The Soviets — for a hefty price — have transported passengers of a variety of nationalities to their space station for stays of varying duration. They have included a Frenchman, a Cuban, an East German, and Japan's Akiyama.

But there's never been an American.

Dala's associate, Bill Wirth of Colorado Springs, Colo., said Space Commerce Corp. signed the deal in Moscow on Nov. 30.

"Our company policy is that we never discuss what we are doing without approval from our partners," he said.

Wirth called the contract "another sign of the warming relationship between the Soviets and the United States on a commercial basis, at a time when the U.S. is talking about giving them food."

Wirth, like Dala, said he'd like to say more. But he referred calls to Brown, Nelson and Associates, a Houston public relations company.

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Legal Talk
by Leo J. Barrett
THE ATTORNEY
When do you need an attorney? The simple answer is, "See an attorney when your lawyer is more than the law you use." Another answer is, "Have the attorney do the work you don't want to do." A third answer may be, "Pay the attorney to do the work you don't know how to do."
Perhaps the first step in determining if you wish to retain an attorney is to call one and ask what the attorney thinks about your situation and what the fee might be. Once you have these facts you will be in a better position to make your decision.
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Three Israelis fatally stabbed by Palestinians

By MAX NASH
The Associated Press

JAFFA, Israel — Palestinians today killed three Jews in a factory by stabbing them to death in Tel Aviv suburb, police said, and an angry mob gathered to demand revenge.

The slayings were carried out to mark the third anniversary of the founding of Hamas, or Zeal, an extremist Moslem fundamentalist movement that backs the Palestinian uprising, police said.

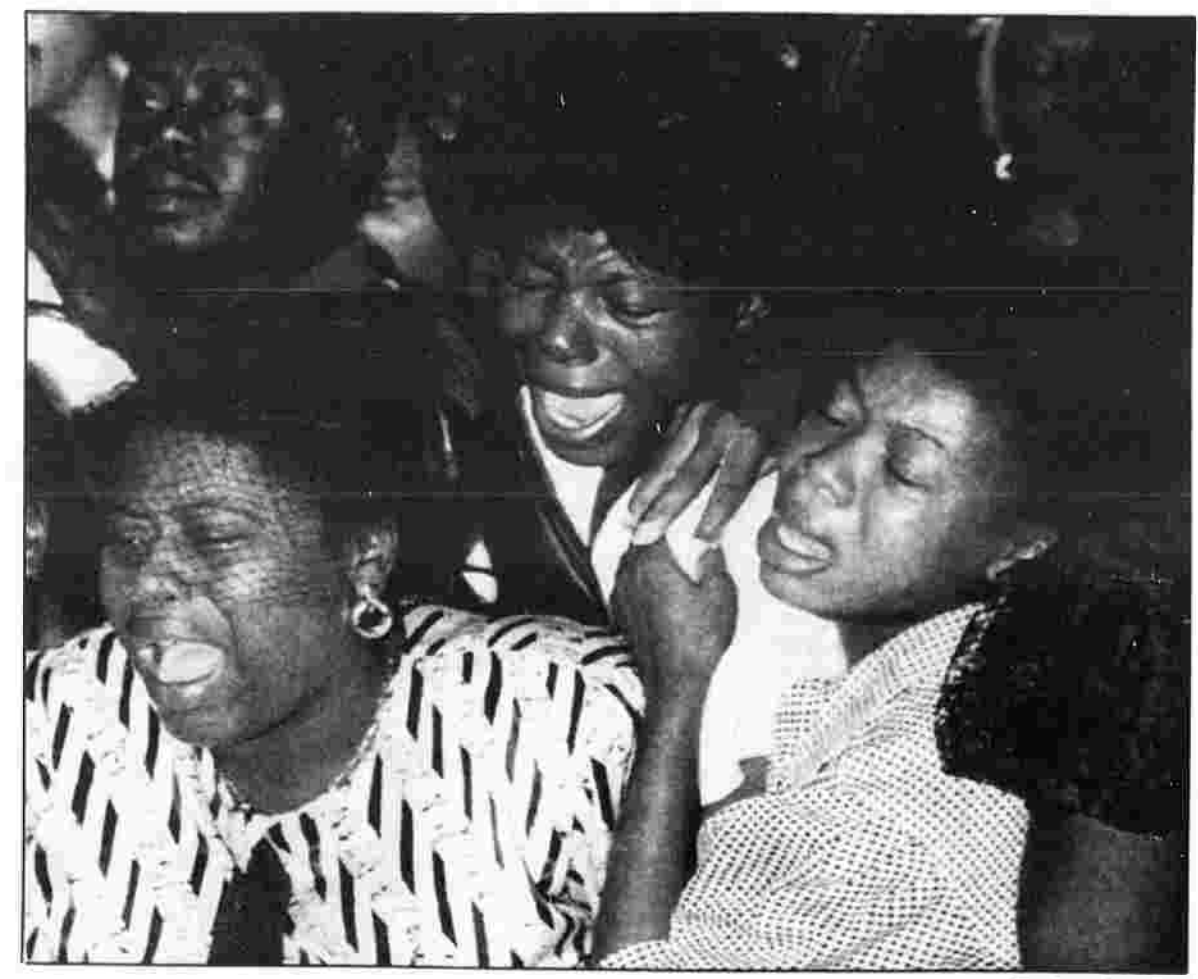
Tel Aviv police spokeswoman Etie Grinberg said the bodies of the victims, two male factory workers and a woman secretary, were discovered in a factory building beneath slogans attributing the deaths to Hamas.

Police detained Arab workers from nearby factories for questioning, and a crowd of several hundred Jews gathered at the site, shouting "Death to the Arabs," and "No work for the Arabs" and accusing police of lack of action.

Police blocked journalists from entering the factory, apparently an aluminum plant, and brought out the bodies, wrapped in black plastic bags. The crowd then charged at police officers and reporters, punching and beating them.

Police Commissioner Yacov Terzer, speaking on Israel army radio, described the slaying as a "grave event... The reason for this murder is one, nationalism. The slogans written in Arabic on the walls inside are clear."

Hamas, or Zeal, called for a day of escalation in the 3-year-old Palestinian uprising today to mark the



IN MOURNING — Relatives of victims of a grenade attack at a political rally mourn during the viewing of the bodies Thursday in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Seven people were killed at the Dec. 5 rally of presidential candidate Jean-Bertrand Aristide. National elections are to be held Sunday.

third anniversary of the group's founding.

The call was issued in a clandestine leaflet distributed earlier in December. The leaflet also urged "the escalation of Jihad (Holy War) operation inside and outside Israel."

Terzer said police were pursuing two Palestinians, one of whom worked at the factory. Both were from the occupied Gaza Strip, a stronghold of Hamas. Many Gazans work in Tel Aviv and Jaffa, a mixed Arab-Jewish suburb.

The army radio described the two as brothers and Hamas members, and said one suspect was later detained at the Erez checkpoint at the entrance to Gaza.

Police officials said roadblocks were erected throughout Tel Aviv and every car entering Gaza was being carefully searched.

Details of the killings remained unclear. According to the radio, the bodies were discovered by a secretary and a worker who came to the factory and found its gates locked.

After breaking in and discovering the first body, that of the secretary, they summoned a police officer and found two more bodies. The radio said one of the men was a factory worker; another had apparently rushed in from a nearby upholstery shop upon hearing the victims' cries.

A witness who did not give his name told the radio he saw one man "lying on the steps, folded like a bag... The knives were thrown near the body, long knives with wide blades, real commando knives."

Israeli right-wingers seized on the murders to demand tougher security measures to prevent Arab attacks on Jews.

AIDS may cause mental illness

By PAUL RECER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — New laboratory studies suggest that some types of cells infected with the AIDS virus may release a poison that disrupts thinking processes and causes the mental decline seen in 70 percent of AIDS patients.

"We've found that one class of cells when infected (with the AIDS virus) will release a toxin that can disrupt the nervous system," said Dr. Dana Guillan, a researcher at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

A research paper on the discovery is to be published Friday in the journal Science.

In an interview, Guillan said test tube experiments showed that monocytes, an immune system cell in the blood, will secrete poison molecules when infected with the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, which causes AIDS.

When these molecules were exposed to neurons, it would cause the nerve cells to either die or stop functioning, said Guillan.

This suggests, said the researcher, that similar cells in the brain, called macrophages, could react the same way when infected by HIV. This finding, said Guillan, must be confirmed by further research.

Just why AIDS patients develop mental decline has long been a puzzle to physicians and scientists.

"Macrophages are like little biochemical factories," he said. "They produce hundreds of different molecules which have toxicity on various cells."

In a healthy immune system, the macrophage is a vital worker against disease. It circulates in the blood and will engulf and destroy invading bacteria or viruses. It also secretes toxins that can kill certain cells and it will collect debris, such as dead cells.

Guillan's co-authors of the Science report were Ken Naca and Christine A. Noonan, also of Baylor. Science is the journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Army dock on hunger strike

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — A flight surgeon with orders for Saudi Arabia is on a hunger strike and hopes he will be discharged from the Army after becoming too debilitated to work.

Capt. David Wiggins, 28, a West Point graduate, said he opposes war and has been trying to get out of the Army since February. He is scheduled to ship out to Saudi Arabia on Monday.

"I came away from West Point realizing that moral decisions are up to you," Wiggins said. "War is not a necessary evil, because non-violent political change is possible."

He said his hunger strike is designed to make him of no use to the Army, and he believes he soon will be unable to perform his duties.

On a diet of water and vitamins, the 5-foot-10-inch Wiggins said his weight has dropped from 167 pounds to 152. He began the fast Nov. 30 after a federal judge refused to overturn the Army's ruling that he could not be discharged as a conscientious objector.

"I am applying for conscientious objector status because I have come to the conclusion that it is immoral and futile to defend freedom through the use of military force," Wiggins wrote in his application in February.

"Freedom is a natural human drive, spontaneously expressed, which does not need defense and rebels against

DWI deaths fall

By ROBERT BYRD
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — A shift in public awareness, along with stricter laws and enforcement, may be why drunken-driving fatalities decreased 12 percent in seven years, a new federal study shows.

In 1989, 39.2 percent of traffic deaths involved at least one person who was legally drunk, down from 46.3 percent in 1982, the national Centers for Disease Control reported Thursday.

In actual numbers, 17,849 Americans died in such accidents in 1989, down 12 percent from 20,356 in 1982.

Reasons for the improvement may include increased public distaste for drunken drivers, changes in state laws penalizing drunken driving, increased enforcement and higher drinking ages, the CDC concluded.

"It is probably a combination of things, not the least of which is public awareness," said a science researcher with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, who asked an administration policy and cited not to be named.

"In the early '80s, we had big decreases, which had to do with the peaks in public awareness," he said. "Then... new laws kicked in, along with the 21 drinking age, and there's been a steady decrease based upon those laws."

The CDC also reported that 24.2 percent of drivers involved in fatal crashes in 1989 were legally drunk, down from 30 percent in 1982. The numbers showed 14,664 drunken drivers involved in fatal crashes in 1989, down 13 percent from 16,793 in 1982.

The declines have been fairly steady throughout the '80s.

In 1989, the nation recorded 45,555 traffic fatalities. In addition to the 17,849, or 39.2 percent, involving a drunken driver, pedestrian or cyclist, another 4,566, or 10 percent, involved at least one person who had been drinking, but wasn't legally drunk.

The Atlanta-based CDC noted that the percentage of fatalities in crashes involving someone drinking, but not drunk, has remained fairly constant: between 10.0 percent and 11.1 percent in each of the eight years studied.

A total of 23,140, or 50.8 percent, involved no parties with a blood-alcohol reading.

Meanwhile, of the 60,398 drivers involved in fatal crashes in 1989, 24.2 percent, or 14,664, were drunk, the CDC reported.

Miserable over megabucks

HAVERHILL, N.H. (AP) — They were last year's heartwarming Christmas story — a man giving his brother a \$9 million lottery ticket. But the gift Earl Haslock gave his brother, Thursday, "Times change."

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OPINION

Our passive, unhealthy youth

The trouble with this country is that there are not enough wood boxes to fill, as there were in an age now long passed, to keep the kids healthy. All youngsters do now is sit around and watch Ninja Turtles and things exploding on TV.

Such inactivity among great numbers of our youth has been a great parental concern for some time, but now comes testimony from the medical profession that watching TV for long periods, and the resultant lack of exercise, is raising the cholesterol level in young blood streams alarmingly.

For some time doctors have known that TV watching leads to obesity in children, with all its accompanying health ills. But Dr. William Dietz, director of clinical nutrition at New England Medical Center's Floating Hospital, reports that children who watch four hours of television a day are four times as likely to have high cholesterol than those who watch only two hours a day. Dr. Dietz has been studying TV and watching obesity for seven years.

A few generations ago, there was plenty for kids to do to give them sufficient exercise. They did not need multi-million dollar gyms. They had the wood box to fill and the household chores to do. It would not be wise to propose a return to wood burning kitchen ranges. But, still, maybe we have something to learn from that simpler time a few years back.

The Sun Lowell, Mass.

Draft call is misguided

It's strange, but leftist policymakers, some notoriously anti-draft during the Vietnam era, are today calling for the reinstatement of the military draft. One of us is to go to war with Saddam Hussein, the say, a cross-section of the American public should feel the effects. The sacrifices of war should be borne by all.

It's clear the "draft" movement is attempting to further undermine U.S. efforts in the Gulf region. Proponents would have us believe that Americans now in the Middle East are somehow disenfranchised — undersentinel mistle coaxed into service while others reap the rewards of democracy at home.

They are impugning the bright, hard-working men and women who have freely chosen to serve their country. The number of troops being deployed at this point is adequate to stop, and probably to turn back, Iraq's aggression. There could come a time when additional forces are needed. Until then, we should continue to support our brave troops, instead of invoking class warfare.

The Republican-American Waterbury, Conn.

Open Forum Columnist was wrong

To the Editor: As a first-time reader of Chuck Stone's syndicated column, Bush has "Macho Psychosis" may I make a few guesses? I'm going to guess that before the present problem with Saddam Hussein and his minions on the Arabian peninsula, Mr. Stone had no problem with the 20 percent African-American makeup of the U.S. Armed Forces. I'll bet that he had no problem with putting women into the armed forces, regardless of who would have the authority to commit these forces. I'll bet that no one could be so staunch an advocate of separation of church and state than he. But now we get a lecture.

Perhaps Mr. Stone is not yet aware of it, but we gave up the right to wage war when we joined the United Nations. We committed forces in the Korean War as a "police action" under the authority of the United Nations. By treaty, we may not declare war.

However Margaret Thatcher managed it. The "Iron Lady" of Great Britain sent her marines to the Falklands to repel the Argentine invasion, and not only sent the invaders back to their homeland, but so humiliated their government that it was quickly replaced. Jimmy Carter might have taken note. In other words, unless Saddam Hussein is repelled in an equally humiliating way, we will deal with him again when he is stronger.

Frankly, I'm not impressed by left-wing clerics. I wouldn't take the advice of a cleric or sheriff or army recruiter for salvation. Why listen to clerics for political decisions?

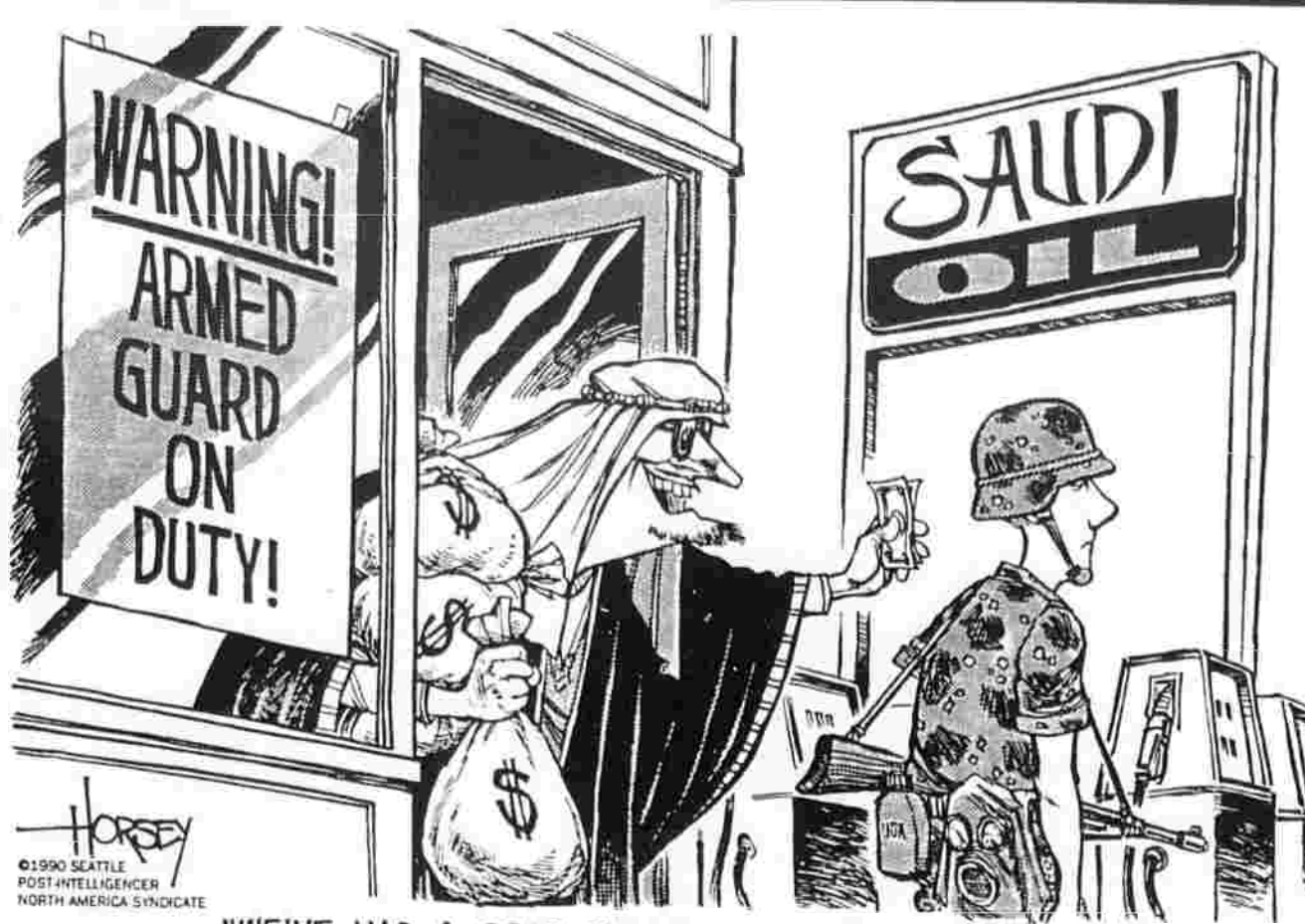
Finally, whatever made him use those words, "macho psychosis," Mr. Stone is either exagerrating or hasn't the foggiest notion of how detached from reality one with a psychosis is. My guess is both.

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Ethical glass house of Congress

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, D-Hawaii, summed up the hypocrisy of Congress last week when he said that business-as-usual is on trial before the Senate Ethics Committee.

The "Keating Five" are the only senators sitting in the dock. But if every member of Congress who ever did favors for a campaign donor was sitting alongside them, there would be no one left to sit in judgment.

"I believe what is on trial here is not the five colleagues of mine, but the U.S. Senate, and for that matter, the Congress of the United States," Inouye testified before the Ethics Committee. His was less a plea for reform than a call for the committee to come down from its ivory tower.

His words should ring true for one man in that lower, concrete member Sen. David H. Pryor, D-Ark. Pryor is supposed to pass judgment on whether his colleagues acted when they went to bat for the out-of-control savings and loan industry and Charles Keating, a generous campaign contributor. Yet Pryor, too, went to bat for the S&L industry and was so proud of it at the time that he touted his action to the media.

What a difference a year makes. Like many other senators, Pryor had S&L problems in his state in the mid-1980s. The Federal Home Loan Bank Board and its chairman Edwin Gray were trying to pull the thrills out of the last lane. In Arkansas, 27 of the state's 37 thrills were feeling the screws and they didn't like it a bit.

They complained to Pryor and, on Oct. 1, 1986, he wrote a high-pressure letter to Gray accusing the Bank Board of having "a deliberate system of harassment against many institutions in this state."

Then, to make sure Gray knew he meant business, Pryor put a legislative "hold" on a bill that Gray needed to recapitalize the S&L deposit insurance fund. Pryor, with no clue of the financial calamity that was to come, even made his letter public when he wrote it. He was standing up for his constituents and proud of it.

Gray was desperate for the recapitalization bill, and Pryor was one of the senators keeping Gray on a tight leash by holding up the bill. Gray has testified that he had to know to the nationally distributed periodical (about 15,000 circulation) also contain the name of the senator who wrote it. He signed the petitions, mail them to their representatives, and demand a legislative investigation.

When our associate Tim Warner asked for Pryor's explanation of the facts, he got a quick and well-rehearsed reply. Pryor's defense is that he held up the recapitalization legislation was merely symbolic. But Gray had no way of knowing how Pryor would go to office the mach-needs bill.

Before the Ethics Committee sat down to judge the Keating Five, Pryor said his leadership, which said it wasn't a reason for Pryor to step down from the committee.

And Pryor claims his letter did not name any specific thrift, nor was it linked to campaign contributions. That may be Pryor's biggest stroke of luck. He had received almost \$20,000 in campaign contributions from the S&L industry, including at least \$10,000 from Arkansas thrifts and their operators. But Pryor's letter to Gray did not mention any particular thrift. In that he differs from the Keating Five, who openly took up Keating's cause.

That difference must be little consolation to one of the Keating Five, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. He made mistakes, but at least he never lifted a finger to stop the desperately needed recapitalization.

Put it in writing. A couple of the youth gangs operating in Los Angeles have their own application forms for joining up, according to law enforcement sources. The employment forms contain a dozen rules that the applicant has to agree to, including giving up the use of drugs while peddling drugs and making sure "all guns are loaded." One of the forms says that "automatic death" is the penalty for snitching on the gang. It sounds like the kids need a union to protect themselves from management.

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NRA sues to overturn ban on machine gun ownership

By CAROLYN SKORNECK The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The National Rifle Association is pushing a suit that would overturn a government ban on civilian ownership of new machine guns, but police groups supporting gun control want the Supreme Court to ignore it.

"Machine guns are designed to kill large groups of people and do so quickly," Don Cahill of the National Fraternal Order of Police said during a Thursday news conference. "Drug dealers and others bent on violence are the only ones who need machine guns."

At issue is a 1986 amendment to the Gun Control Act. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms said the amendment prohibits private ownership of machine guns made after May 18,

1986. Still legal is civilian possession of the 125,000 privately owned machine guns made before then and the transfer of those older weapons as long as new owners obtain ATF's approval.

To own an old machine gun, a person must be fingerprinted, undergo a background check, obtain endorsement from the local police chief or sheriff and pay a \$200 fee per weapon.

But NRA attorney Richard E. Gardiner said the government is misinterpreting the 1986 legislation. "What it says is that any machine gun made after that date can be ... possessed under the authority of the United States," Gardiner said in an interview.

While the government said it limits ownership of new machine guns to law enforcement agencies and the military, Gardiner said it means ownership is open to anyone meeting ATF standards such as those established for individuals buying the older weapons.

"There's a section in the Gun Control Act that specifically exempts all government agencies from the act," the NRA lawyer said. "It would be meaningless for Congress to create two exemptions for the same people."

The NRA is supporting a case brought by gunsmith J.D. Farmer Jr. of Smyrna, Ga. against ATF Director Stephen E. Higgins. Farmer wanted to make and own a machine gun, and he gave ATF all the documents needed for possession of an old weapon. The bureau rejected the application, saying the 1986 legislation was the sole reason for doing so, according to Farmer's petition to the Supreme Court.

U.S. District Judge J. Owen Forster of Atlanta ruled in Farmer's favor in January 1989, but a three-member panel of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously overturned that decision on July 11, 1990.

The Supreme Court has not decided whether to hear Farmer's appeal.

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OCALA, Fla. (AP) — Investigators are considering the unusual possibility that two female serial killers are responsible for the shooting deaths of eight middle-aged male motorists and disappearances of two others in the past year.

Authorities are reluctant to say publicly the deaths are related. But they did distribute composite drawings of two women wanted for questioning.

All the known victims were white, roughly between the ages of 40 and 60. All were shot, some repeatedly. Some were stripped naked and robbed; their bodies dumped along rural roads.

One victim's body was found in southern Georgia, the rest in various places around the northern half of Florida. The first body was found a year ago Thursday.

Two missing men also may be part of the bloody chain. Their abandoned cars have been recovered. One vehicle, belonging to a part-time missionary, had traces of blood in it.

The suspects last week were seen leaving an accident involving the missionary's car on the Fourth of July. "We're not 100 percent sure all the homicides are related," said Capt. Steve Binger of the Marion County Sheriff's Department, the lead investigator.

"The main thing that links them together are the profiles of the victims: They are all similar," he said. Serial killers are "certainly a possibility we can't discount."

"Robbery appears to be part of the motive. But some of the bodies were made, leading to all kinds of conjecture," Binger said. "I'll say this: It doesn't appear that they (the killer or killers) would be able to support themselves with the money stolen."

If the killings are related and the killers are women, the criminals would be highly unusual, sociologists and psychologists say. Female serial killers are extremely rare.

"Women who kill usually do so with people they know," said Richard Hollinger, a University of Florida sociology professor. Reconstructed police renderings of the suspects show an oval-faced, stringy-haired blonde and a chubby, round-faced, dark-complexioned woman wearing a baseball-type cap.

The women abandoned the car. It later was traced to the missing missionary, Peter Sims, 65, of Jupiter. Witnesses described the blonde woman as about 5-foot-8, 25 to 30 years old, wearing blue jeans and a white T-shirt, with a tattoo on her right arm, possibly in the shape of a heart. The other woman was described as about 5-foot-4, weighing 175 to 200 pounds and wearing a cap or a hat.

A pattern in the killings emerged slowly because the victims' bodies were discovered in widely scattered areas.

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Malls

"We would like our kettles in the malls, but we recognize their right to establish policy," said Major Norman Wood of the Army's Harford branch.

"One of the biggest ways the Army raises money is through its kettles," Dorsky said.

"It's a shame [that we can't get into the malls] because our workers freeze," she said. "It is very hard to get our volunteers to stand for long hours manning the kettles; it is even harder when they have to stand in the cold."

"Being outside, we don't do as well [collecting money] as we would inside. That's a given," she said, noting that when it's cold out people are less apt to stop and donate money.

"There are some stores that let [us] inside, but malls are where the big business is going on," Dorsky said.

Thomas Guerra, the General Manager at Buckland Hills, said that

each mall has its own policy on allowing charitable organizations inside.

"It's our company policy to not allow any group or organization to solicit in or around the mall," Guerra said. "That way, we are not setting a precedent for other groups to come in."

Dorsky said she wondered why malls could not just allow certain charitable groups in, while keeping other less outstanding organizations out.

"There are so many groups that are worthy it would be impossible to help them all," Guerra countered.

Despite not allowing the Army's soldiers in, Guerra pointed out the mall's Gift Tree program, in which customers pick tags off the tree and then buy a present for a needy person whose name is on the tag, as one way the shopping center is helping out the Salvation Army and the Manchester Area Conference of Churches.

"Lots of national developers have non-solicitation policies to protect consumers," said Deborah Koehen, marketing director for Actna Properties Service, which manages the Actna-owned Civic Center mall in Harford.

Koehen said that on special occasions, such as when the Army puts on a concert in the mall's center court, the volunteers are allowed to collect money inside, but otherwise they stand outside the shopping center's entrances.

Dianne Noth, the general manager of Westfarms Mall in West Harford, said that the mall's non-solicitation policy was set after a series of court decisions on groups being allowed inside.

"The court decided that we either open the doors for all [solicitors] or we open for none," Noth said, adding that political groups are not allowed inside either.

Salvation Army volunteers are allowed to stand in the entrances of stores, such as G. Fox, providing that they get the store's permission beforehand, Noth said.

Both Wood and Dorsky agreed that the malls are instrumental in helping the Army raise money to provide toys, food, clothing and emergency shelter for needy people during the Christmas season.

"We like the malls around here. They just won't let us in," Dorsky said.

AIDS

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services for people with AIDS.

MANA, which was activated three years ago, has just finished a resource directory for individuals who have tested positive for the HIV virus, she said. The directory, which lists counseling services and hospice care available, is being sent out to doctors' offices, churches and schools around town, Cannon added.

The symptoms of tuberculosis include frequent phlegm-producing coughing, night sweats and weight loss, she said.

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Controversial drug policy revisions decided

By JACQUELINE BENNETT
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — The Board of Education hammered out revisions to its drug and alcohol policy for students and staff Thursday night to comply with a state and federal standard of "no use."

"It's not our intention to start a temperance union or invade the privacy of our employees," said Superintendent of Schools Michael Malinowski. The point of the policy, he asserted, is to set reasonable expectations of behavior.

During the meeting at Coventry High School, the board voted 6-0 to bring the policy up for adoption at a

January meeting. Member Pamela Sewell was absent. In compliance with the federal Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988, the board policy outlaws drug or alcohol use on school grounds, in buildings or school vehicles. Smoking is also prohibited. Not only are staff not to use alcohol or non-prescription drugs during work hours or a school activity, but also prior to anticipated contact with students in an official capacity.

CHS teacher David Chateil, representing some staff said, there was an objection concerning the case of long-term foreign field trips where a glass of wine or beer with dinner would be culturally appropriate and educational as responsible use by an adult.

But Malinowski said the federal government no longer supports a "moderation" policy.

Board chairman Patrick Flaherty added that, on a school trip, drinking is not acceptable under any circumstances.

The policy includes a requirement for an employee to report any related conviction to the administration within five days.

If an employee comes forward about a substance problem, it will be kept confidential and the administration will help with counseling referral. However, rehabilitation is the employee's responsibility. Treatment refusal is cause for firing. In cases of involuntary disclosure (where someone else reports a problem) the employee is placed on immediate leave of absence. If later found innocent, the employee's record might be wiped clean.

Flaherty said that, as public employees, such records are considered public documents and under state Freedom of Information laws possibly could not be expunged.

Under the policy, drug or alcohol paraphernalia obtained from a student by staff must be turned over to the administration or the police as soon as possible. Reasonable suspicion of substance possession is to be reported to the administration, and in the presence of another staff member, an administrator can search the student or his property and locker.

In cases of possession or selling, the police are notified.

Students required to take prescribed medication must notify school officials.

Mercury found near dumpster

By RICK SANTOS
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Several ounces of the hazardous chemical mercury were found beside a dumpster off Eldridge Street Thursday.

The mercury has been cleaned up by a chemical disposal company, and there is no longer any hazard to residents, fire officials said today.

Mercury is a class "A" poison, meaning that it can be absorbed through the skin and cause serious neurological damage, according to Capt. Kenneth Cusson, the emergency medical services and hazardous materials officer for the town fire department.

This morning, Cusson said, "everything is all set. The DEP has declared the area safe."

Edward Atkinson, of the state Department of Environmental Protection, was called to confirm the substance was mercury and recommend the best way to remove it.

Tri-S Inc., of Ellington, arrived Thursday afternoon to dispose of the chemical.

Cusson said the dumpster is on town property, and therefore the town will have to pay for the removal of the mercury, the cost of which was not available.

The mercury had been left on top of the dumpster by a former tenant of the building when a resident found several rifle shells behind her apartment. While there, the officer was told about the exposed mercury.

The woman said she left the jar of mercury on the dumpster about two weeks ago when she moved out of the building, Cusson said. Shortly thereafter, the jar fell off the dumpster and smashed on the pavement.

Mercury found near dumpster

By RICK SANTOS
Manchester Herald

The woman said she threw the jar away, and the building superintendent covered the mercury with sand.

"I don't know what he was trying to do," Cusson said. "The sand wasn't going to do anything. It would've leaked it."

He said he was not sure if police or the DEP would attempt to locate the man responsible for dumping of the mercury. He may be forced to pay for the disposal.

None of the residents could provide authorities with a description of the man and they were not sure of his name.

Cusson said he could not speculate on the reasons the man would have the substance, nor why he would choose to get rid of it when he left.

Mercury is expensive and can be sold for a high price through the black market, according to officials from the town sanitation department.

One woman who lived in the neighborhood said, "I didn't care about what he was doing."

The woman, who refused to provide her name, said she was angry because some of the pets in the area could have eaten the chemical and died.

The exposed chemical was not reported to authorities until Thursday morning.

Police were summoned to the building when a resident found several rifle shells behind her apartment. While there, the officer was told about the exposed mercury.

Cusson said one of the dangers with the chemical, like many others, is that at one time it was not known how hazardous it is.

"In the old days, kids would play with it in school," he said.



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MANCHESTER — At left, a resident of an apartment building at Main and Eldridge Streets, Manchester, looks at several ounces of mercury found behind the building Thursday. The man, of the late is Capt. Kenneth Cusson, of the Manchester Fire Department. Edward Atkinson, of the state Department of Environmental Protection, stands to the right.

Former educator's school receives artful memoriam

By BRIAN M. TROTTA
Manchester Herald

BOLTON — A former elementary school teacher and principal was honored by the Board of Education Thursday when a painting was donated to the school system in his memory.

John E. Senteio, a teacher and principal at the elementary school from 1952 to 1969, was described by Chairman James Marshall as a warm person who "left a lasting impression" on his friends, co-workers and students.

The watercolor, by local artist Nancy Glassman, is a winter landscape featuring a snow-

covered field and a house.

Glassman said that when she brought the painting to Senteio's Art Framing Shop and Gallery in 1987 to have it framed, he "immediately fell in love with it." Glassman gave the painting to Senteio that year for Christmas, adding an inscription near her signature that reads "To John, 12/25/87."

When Senteio died at age 62 earlier this year, his family gave the painting back to Glassman. The artist, in turn, decided to donate the painting to the school system.

"We decided that there should be something here, in the place that he really loved," Glassman said.

Charles Senteio, the deputy superintendent for the Harford school system, credited his brother with helping him choose his career.

"He told me that if I went to college to be a teacher he would let me live with him," he said. "He encouraged me, and 26 years later I'm still in education."

Senteio's educational career also brought him to Limestone, Maine, and Regional District 8 in Hebron, Andover and Marlborough where he served as superintendent. He was also the assistant director of a teaching program at Wesleyan University in Middletown.



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REMEMBERED — Bolton Board of Education Chairman James Marshall, far left, and Superintendent Richard Packman accept a watercolor painting from artist Nancy Glassman. The painting was donated in memory of John Senteio, a former teacher and principal at the Elementary School who died earlier this year. At right is Senteio's son Greg and his brother Charles.

Ellis gets Norwich refinancing

The Norwich Housing Authority Wednesday approved a plan to refinance an apartment complex project there, by agreeing to be the issuing agent for \$6 million in new tax-exempt bonds.

The project involves First Harford Realty Corp. of Manchester as part of the development partnership. The refinancing plan is like one approved by the

Housing Authority of Manchester for the Ribton Mill, also involving First Harford as a developer.

Neil Ellis, president of First Harford, said Thursday that the authority approved the plan, despite a trip to Norwich by Manchester Mayor Terry Warkhoven to lobby against it.

At a meeting of the Republican Town Committee Wednesday night, Warkhoven said, as he has in the past, that Norwich would reject the plan.

Ellis said Warkhoven had said First Harford has a bad reputation in Norwich and owed the town back taxes, which Ellis vigorously denied.

The election will be confirmed by the town's Board of Directors.

Jl cuts worker wages

MANCHESTER — The Journal Inquirer has announced salary cuts of 3 percent for all its employees.

The newspaper's publisher, Elizabeth S. Ellis, said Thursday the action was necessary to avoid layoffs and to keep up newspaper quality during the economic recession, which has struck advertising-dependent businesses especially hard.

"The Journal Inquirer is among the few newspapers in Connecticut that have not laid people off in the past year, and with this and other cost controls, we expect now that layoffs won't be necessary," Ellis said, adding that full salaries would be restored as soon as financial circumstances permit.

The newspaper fore salaries in November, Ellis said.

The newspaper has 160 full-time and 90 part-time employees.

Cheney cost up by 50k

By ALEX GIRELLI
Manchester Herald

Refinishing the interior trim at Cheney Hall so that it retains the uniform dark appearance people are used to seeing may pose some problems and add as much as \$50,000 or \$60,000 to the cost of the project, members of the Cheney Hall Foundation were told Wednesday.

Alan Lamson, chairman of the foundation's building committee, told foundation members that it has been found that several kinds of wood were used: mahogany, walnut, and even common pine. Apparently, they were originally finished by some process that gave them a uniform look or they darkened uniformly over the years.

The molding at the ceiling is pine, he said, and if it is merely stripped and coated, it will be lighter than the rest of the wood.

The cure is to use some finishing multiple-coat process.

Lamson said the Connecticut Historical Society wants to be sure the trim refinishing is acceptable and will confer with the contractor and the foundation about it.

The directors of the foundation also unanimously elected Fred Blish and Bonnie Krawiec to new three-year terms as executive members. They also named William FitzGerald as a general member. FitzGerald, who has been chairman of the Cheney Historic District Commission, has been an ex-officio member of the foundation.

Golf

From Page 1

to the question of water pollution.

The meeting ended in confusion, with no formal vote on whether to seek a change-of-use permit for the land from the state's Department of Health Services. Orsella, who had to leave the meeting before it ended, said he favored presenting the department with a version of the plan that calls for two entrances to the proposed clubhouse, one from a reconstructed Hercules Drive and one from the end of Lakewood Circle South. But that plan creates the most road surface and is therefore criticized as the worst scenario from the point of view of water pollution.

But Directors James Fogarty and Wally Irish, the other committee members, said they favor submitting a version of the plan that calls for only one entrance, from Hercules Drive.

There are four alternative proposals for entrances: Hercules Drive alone; Lakewood Circle South alone; two separate roads, one from Lakewood Circle and one from Hercules Drive; Lakewood Circle South and Hercules Drive connected to each other with a short road leading from them to the clubhouse.

The meeting was not called as a public hearing, but developed into one when many of the residents who crowded into the small meeting room insisted the course would endanger the water supply, pollute the air and eliminate a valuable open space area to provide a facility only for golfers.

At one point Irish said he wanted to make some comments before "we turn into a lynch mob." He said the meeting was called to try to determine the environmental feasibility of the course. "There's no hidden agenda," he said.

The proposal for adding 18 holes to the present town-owned course, now leased to the Manchester Country Club, stemmed from what town officials have said is a growing demand for golf facilities and heavy public use of the course. Under terms of the lease, the Manchester Country Club must permit public play on the course.

At the meeting Thursday, one resident said that the town is "putting the cart before the horse" because it had not made a data-based needs assessment for the course.

And several of the residents said the town should save further expense by deciding not to go forward even with the application for a change of use.

Orsella said that several environmental aspects have to be taken into consideration before a final decision is made, including the loss of trees, air pollution and water runoff, but he said the consultant's study was confined to the possible effect on water.

Kavanaugh said the preliminary course layout, planned by golf course architects Cornish and Silva, could be built and operated without

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About Town

Caroling on the 21st

Spruce Street Area Crime Watch presents Christmas Caroling on Friday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 a.m. Carolers will meet in the Nathan Hale School parking lot. Your Crime Watch would like to invite one and all to participate in some old fashion caroling. Bring the children, children bring mom and dad. If you would like to participate, have a stop at your house or provide refreshment for the weary carolers. Contact: Bee Moquin at 645-1590 or Pat Szano at 643-8576. Bring a flashlight if you can.

Self defense courses

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UConn Symphonic Ensemble

The University of Connecticut Symphonic Wind Ensemble will be invited to participate in the Fifth Biennial World Association of Symphony Bands and Ensembles in Manchester, England, in July 1991. Only three other American universities will be represented.

RHAM winter concert

The RHAM High School Music Department will present its annual Winter Concerts on Monday evening, Dec. 17 and Wednesday evening, Dec. 19. The concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The program will be the same on both nights to allow for adequate seating. Tickets are \$2 and may be obtained through any RHAM music student. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door. The public is invited.

Military Notes

Completes Pentagon assignment

Marianne Farrar, daughter of Barbara Gold of Barry Road, Manchester, a major in the U.S. Air Force Nurse Corps, recently completed a two-month special assignment at the USAF Office of Health Promotion at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Farrar and her husband, Thomas, and two children, live in Manchester, N.H. She is a graduate of Manchester High School. While at the Pentagon she researched and developed a comprehensive marketing approach to health promotion for Air Force retirees.

She completed a seven-year assignment at Pease USAF Hospital where she was awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal. Her future assignment is pending. She is currently employed as the health care coordinator at the Manchester Housing and Redevelopment Authority in New Hampshire.

Serving at Plattsburgh

Staff Sgt. Kevin B. Krieger has graduated from a noncommissioned officer leadership school. He is the son of Nancy Lou Rapp and stepson of Douglas Rapp of 65 East St., Hebron.

Krieger is a material storage and distribution supervisor at Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Plattsburgh, N.Y. He's a 1979 graduate of Ellington High School and a 1983 graduate of Eastern Connecticut State University in Wilimantic.

Deployed to Middle East

Sgt. 1st Class Vern J. McInnis has deployed to the Middle East with American military forces participating in Operation Desert Shield. He is the son of Catherine McInnis of 48 Orchard Hill Estates, Coventry.

He is a platoon sergeant at Fort Hood, Texas.

Completes basic training

Amy Reserve Pvt. John C. Radoczy, son of John C. and Sharon L.E. Radoczy of 36 Westerly St., Manchester, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

He is a 1990 graduate of Manchester High School.

Obituaries

Florence (Mayberry) Ingalls

Florence (Mayberry) Ingalls, 92, of 81 Hawthorne St., Manchester, died Wednesday (Dec. 13, 1990) at an area convalescent home.

She was born in Manchester, Conn. for the past 6 years. Before retiring, she had taught in the elementary and junior high schools in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. She was a member of the Thematic Chapter, No. 8, Order of the Eastern Star, of Peterborough, N.H., and a member of the Grange.

She is survived by three daughters, Patricia Hutchinson, with whom she made her home in Manchester; Natalie Mealer, of Walnut Grove, Calif.; and June Stevenson, of Locust Grove, Va.; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., Manchester. Burial will be in Mayberry Cemetery, South Windham, Maine. There are no calling hours.

Honor Roll

East Catholic High School has ended their first quarter of the 1990-91 school year. The following is a list of the students who made the honor roll.

Seniors
Honors with distinction: Holly Buckley, E. Hartford; Nancy Byrne, Manchester; Elizabeth Conklin, Manchester; Sarah Harvey, E. Hartford; Holly Kennedy, S. Windsor; Stacey Luoma, Manchester; Nancy Mac, Manchester.

Police Roundup

Man rams building with truck

MANCHESTER — A Newington man was released on a \$250 bond this morning after being charged for ramming his pick-up truck against an apartment building, where a former girlfriend lived, according to police reports.

The man, Jeremiah J. O'Neil, 33, of 32 Cheney Lane, was upset because the woman — as he understands — was supposed to be engaged to him. However, she was seeing another man, the report said.

Just before 2 this morning, police responded to her telephone call from her Park Street apartment, the report said. When they arrived, O'Neil was standing on the hood of the truck, which was grinding against the outside wall of the building with the engine running.

The woman and her male guest told police that O'Neil had been outside the apartment yelling that if the guest came out, he would kill him, the report said.

After being arrested, O'Neil refused to take a breath test. He was to appear today at Superior Court in Manchester.

Later, he asked police, "Do you think I would've rammed the building if I wasn't drunk?" the report said.

Man's condition satisfactory

HEBRON — A Columbia man was listed in satisfactory condition at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center after being involved in a near-head-on collision with another motorist along Route 66 Wednesday afternoon, police reported.

The man, John Edendum, 39, of 211 Pine St., was injured after his car crossed the center line and veered into the oncoming traffic, state police reported.

Police said they do not know why Edendum, who was traveling eastbound, swerved into the westbound lane in the Wednesday afternoon accident; it is still under investigation.

Edendum, who was flown to St. Francis by Lifesaver helicopter, was treated for a fractured and dislocated hip, a fractured wrist, and a fractured neck, according to a hospital spokesman.

The other car was driven by Robert Balaban, 50, of Buckley Hill Road in Colchester. Balaban was taken to the Middlesex Medical Center in Marlborough, where he was treated and released for minor injuries.

Accident victim OK

BOLTON — A Willimantic man was listed in satisfactory condition at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center following an accident Thursday morning in which his pick-up truck veered off Route 6, just west of Stonybrook Road, according to state police.

The truck, which was traveling east, skidded on a patch of ice before rolling over and coming to rest in an upright position, according to state police from Troop K Colchester.

The driver, 23-year-old Luis Gonzalez, of 39 Ives St., was flown by Lifesaver helicopter to the hospital.

A hospital spokesman said today that Gonzalez was placed in the post-trauma unit, where he was being treated for head injuries.

Thoughts

"Charity begins at home." "Home is where the heart is." "Purity of heart is to will one thing." "Comfort all who mourn." — Isaiah 61:3.

There is a lot of sadness around this time of year — have you noticed? And ignoring it will not make it go away. But a little comfort will help it feel better. The friends and family we miss are appreciated in our sadness. Our unmet goals and unachieved ambitions are acknowledged in our sadness. Our unexplored imagination is noticed in our sadness. Our capacity to love and live is celebrated in our sadness. Our illusions of doing all and being all — are humbled — in our sadness.

In winter, the tears of nature are frozen and stay around — to be appreciated.

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Cinema

FRIDAY AND SUNDAY

HARTFORD
Cinema City — Avalon (PG) Fri 7, 9:40; Sat and Sun 1:10, 3:55, 7, 9:40.
— Harvard of Fortune (R) Fri 7:10, 9:40; Sat and Sun 1:25, 4:10, 7:10.
— Life and Nothing (PG) Fri 6:30; Sat and Sun 1:35, 4:45, 6:45, 9:30.
— The Rescuers Down Under (G) Fri 7; Sat and Sun 1:15, 4:7, 7:45.
— Goodbye (R) Fri Sat 9:25.

EAST HARTFORD
Buster & Pat's Cinema — Rocky V (PG-13) Fri Sun 7:30, 9:30.
Showcase Cinema 119 — Dances With Wolves (PG-13) Fri Sun noon, 2:30, 7:10, 9:20. — Three Men and a Cradle (PG) Fri Sat 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20. — Marlene (PG) Fri Sat 12:30, 2:30, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50. — Havana (R) Fri Sat 2:10, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50. — Look Who's Talking Too (PG-13) Fri Sat 1:55, 2:15, 7:20, 9:30, 11:30. — Home Alone (PG) Fri Sat 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00. — The Untouchables (R) Fri Sat 12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:25, 9:40. — The Roadie (R) Fri Sat 12:30, 2:40, 4:55, 7:05, 9:15. — The Untouchables (R) Fri Sat 12:30, 2:40, 4:55, 7:05, 9:15. — Home Alone (PG) Fri Sat 12:30, 2:40, 4:55, 7:05, 9:15. — The Roadie (R) Fri Sat 12:30, 2:40, 4:55, 7:05, 9:15.

Lottery

Here are the latest lottery results from around New England:

Connecticut
Daily: 7-1-1. Play four: 0-9-9-2.

Massachusetts
Daily: 6-4-6-4

Northern New England
Pick three: 0-9-1. Pick four: 4-9-5-5.

Rhode Island
Daily: 8-7-9-6. Lotto: 2-26-34-38-40

Weather

REGIONAL Weather

Saturday, Dec. 15
Area Weather Service forecasts for high temperatures.

Cloudy, snow likely
Tonight, clear and cold early, then increasing cloudiness. Low in the teens. Light variable winds Saturday, cloudy. Snow likely by late morning or early afternoon. ... Changing to rain by evening. A period of freezing rain possible, especially in the valleys. High near 35. Chance of precipitation 70 percent. Outlook Sunday, a chance of showers early, then partly sunny. High in the 40s.

A cold front moved off the New England coast last evening paving the way for a cold, cloudy day today. High pressure will move from the Great Lakes to New England today and off the coast tonight.

Today's weather picture was drawn by Sara Batter, a fourth-grader at Bowers School in Manchester.

In Memoriam

In sad and loving memory of William (Bill) Forbes, who passed away one year ago today, December 14, 1989. You were a very special person and our memories of you will be with us always.

We miss you.
Mrs. Margaret S. Forbes
Bill and Mary
Douglas and Patricia
Grandchildren and
Great Grandchildren

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Freemur, Vernon; Scott Gay, Tolland; Julian Harper, Marlborough; Kimberly Hennin, Manchester; John Landry, Marlborough; Peter Maglicic, Glastonbury; Bridget Messier, E. Hartford; Jennifer Valentino, E. Hartford; Suzanne Walsh, E. Hartford.

Honors with distinction

Honors with distinction: Allison Cimiano, Ellington; Shena Cunningham, Manchester; Elizabeth Dolan, Manchester; Maura Keating, E. Hartford; Michele Lovescio, Manchester; E. Hartford; Douglas and Patricia Melanie Middlekauff, Manchester; Brent Midwood, Tolland; Adriana Santos, E. Hartford; Paul Seifert, Vernon; Christopher E. Hartford; Christine Wong, S. Windsor. First honors: Inaki Aguirrezabal, Manchester; Joseph Allen, Ellington; Jeremy Allen, Ellington; Melinda Bary, Vernon; Christine Bergman, Vernon; Michael Dempsey, E. Hartford; Leonard Fenocchio, Manchester; Laurie Gallivan, Ellington; Cheryl Griswold, Stafford Springs; Victoria Howard, Tolland; Maureen Kerwin, E. Hartford; Sherry Kraus, Manchester; Alison MacDonald, S. Windsor; Kristen Mador, Vernon; Paul Martin, S. Windsor; Courtney McCann, Vernon; Kathleen McNamara, Manchester; Barbara Rybs, E. Hartford; Amy Pearson, Bolton; Christopher Ray, Tolland; Kelly Romano, E. Hartford; Joseph Santini, Vernon; Lisa Seranbana, Vernon; Amy Siddons, Manchester; Laura Simington, Manchester; James Thuras, Tolland; Michele Tereselli, Ellington; Kristine Trahan, E. Hartford; Dulcie Yonkeville, Coventry; Jennifer Young, E. Hartford; Erik White, E. Hampton; Tracy Williams, Ellington.

Second honors: Auden Cyr, Manchester; Randy Desrosier, Rockville; James Fournier, S. Windsor; Shelly Macfarlane, Manchester; Mark Massaro, Manchester; Kristen Milano, S. Windsor; Mark Kieandea, E. Hartford; Matthew Wainwright, Manchester; Tracy Scaramella, Amston; Amy Shannon, Marlborough; Erin-Anne Orligan, Glastonbury; Christopher Pappalardo, E. Hartford; Christopher Peraro, E. Hartford; Jae Fildes, Manchester; David Toomey, Manchester; Matthew Wilmes, E. Hartford; Aaron Yosky, Broad Brook.

Honors with distinction

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15. Trained in tennis
16. Of aircraft
17. Gypsy man
18. Light
19. Sausage in Arab
20. Japanese surname
21. Tied
22. Newspaper
23. Intermediate (pref.)

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MIS VSRVJGVMSK
BSC KRDSOKK
KRVPHD JMMGN

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NAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Dick Browne

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YOUR COVERED FRIENDS DON'T GET ANY IDEAS... I DON'T THINK YOU'RE A TRAVELER... HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? I DON'T THINK YOU'RE A TRAVELER... YOUR COVERED FRIENDS DON'T GET ANY IDEAS... I DON'T THINK YOU'RE A TRAVELER...

THE BORN LOSER by Art Saxon

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? YES, BOSS GETS 'EM FOR ME... THE ONLY THING YOU CAN GET SOMEBODY WHO HAS EVERYTHING... BUREAU ALAEM...

THE NEW BREED

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SNAP! by Bruce Beattie

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WELL, DUFFY, WE MADE IT TO THE STORE... I GOT MORE GREAT IN MY LITTLE PANTS... WASHED UP HAS BEEN!

THE GRIZWELLS by Bill Schur

DASHER AND PRANZER AND VIXEN... COMET AND CUPID... PONDER AND BLITZEN...

FRANK AND ERNEST by Bob Thaves

NO NEW TAXES! THIS TIME IT'S THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.

PHIPPS by Joseph Farris

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? YES, BOSS GETS 'EM FOR ME... THE ONLY THING YOU CAN GET SOMEBODY WHO HAS EVERYTHING... BUREAU ALAEM...

BLONDIE by Dean Young & Brian Drake

STICK OUT YOUR TONGUE AND SAY... NOT "OH, I'M AHAH!"... OH! OOH!... HOW'S YOUR TROUSERS? MY TROUSERS ARE OVER HERE WITH MY SHIRT.

ARLO AND JANIS by Jimmy Johnson

HOW MUCH IS THAT LITTLE GOLD BRACELET? THAT'S \$350... I HOPE I DRAW A GUY'S NAME NEXT CHRISTMAS!

SPIDER-MAN by Stan Lee

YOU ISSUE ORDERS LIKE YOU'RE IN FEDERAL AGENTS, ASSIGNED TO GUARD ME! WE KNEW THOSE SPIDE SPIDES WOULD AFFEKT HIM, BUT DIDN'T KNOW HOW... WE'LL GET HIM TO THE LAB... THE WAY MY SPIDER-SENSE IS THINKING, THE WORST IS YET TO COME!

EEK AND MEEK by Horle Schneider

HEY, JOHN... DO BARTENDERS HAVE AN ETHICS COMMITTEE? WE HAVE A VIOLENT OVER-REACTION REVIEW COMMITTEE.

WINTHROP by Dick Cavall

I'M THINKING OF WALKING TO SCHOOL INSTEAD OF TAKING THE BUS. OF COURSE, I'LL HAVE TO GET UP A LOT EARLIER... BUT IT'LL TAKE ME A LOT LONGER TO GET THERE.

ERIE by Bud Grace

AT THE HOLIDAY INN... TELL ME, WAKKO, HOW LOCALLY YOU WOULD DESCRIBE SAND... MEANWHILE, AT THE RAMADAN... WHAT'S ON THE OUTSIDE OF A TREE... SHE QUICKENED!... I GOT MORE GREAT IN MY LITTLE PANTS... WASHED UP HAS BEEN!

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Holiday traditions founded hundreds of years ago

The Christmas season is here, and with it the hustle and excitement of preparing to celebrate annual traditions.

Whether it be taking children to have their pictures taken with Santa Claus, shopping for presents, baking Christmas cookies or planning a New Year's party, most people have plenty to do.

It is interesting to note the origin and development of some traditions which people take part in. The following are answers to questions related to the holiday season:

When did the tradition of sending Christmas cards start?

The first Christmas cards appeared in 1839 with the start of England's "Penny Post." The tradition of sending elaborate and colorful cards quickly spread across two continents.

Where did the Christmas tree come from?

The original Christmas tree came from Egypt, and it was a palm tree. The palm tree was known to put forth a shoot every month. Therefore, by the time the winter solstice came around in December, a spray would have 12 shoots on it and would serve as a symbol for the year completed.

When did gift giving become customary?

The giving of gifts on New Year's and Christmas was customary by the 12th century. Kings and nobles usually gave money to those in their retinue, but the gifts they exchanged themselves were often ostentatious. In 1236, English Henry III received a live elephant from the King of France.

Who is Santa Claus?

St. Nicholas was a bishop in Asia Minor in the 4th century. During the Middle Ages, he was credited with saving sailors in distress and providing dowries for marriageable maidens. During the 17th century, the Dutch altered his name from St. Nicholas to Sint Klaes to Santa Claus.

At the start of the 19th century, St. Nicholas was a tall, stern patriarch in Bishop's robes. His transformation into the Santa Claus of today was the result of several writers. They gave him reindeer, a prosperous air and a pipe. Clement C. Moore's poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas" was written in 1822 and begins, "Twas the night before Christmas..." This poem created St. Nick's jolly, sky riding, elf-like image. In 1862, Thomas Nast gave Santa Claus his fur trimmed outfit and completed his merry old soul personality.

When was Christmas Day made an official holiday?

In England, the "Act of 1871" made Dec. 25 an official bank holiday and a day of rest. Prior to this, the middle and lower classes were excluded from festivities and had to work. The passing of this legislation was inspired by Charles Dickens' story, "A Christmas Carol." Nineteen years later, in 1890, Americans adopted the tradition. The last state to recognize the holiday was Oklahoma.

Who wrote 'Silent Night'?

Joseph Mohr, the pastor of a church in Bavaria wrote the words to "Silent Night" in 1818, on Christmas Eve. Church organist, Franz Gruber composed the music the same evening. The song was presented that night at midnight mass.

What does the word Hanukkah mean?

Hanukkah, also written Chanukah, or Hanukkah, means "dedication."

What day is New Year's?

In 46 B.C., Julius Caesar asked the astronomer Sosigenes to review the calendar and suggest ways to fix it. Acting on Sosigenes' recommendations, Caesar divided the year into 12 months of 31 and 30 days, except Feb., which had 29. He moved the beginning of the year from March to Jan. 1. To realign the calendar, he ruled that the year 46 B.C. should have 445 days.

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Proper pet training saves time, future troubles

By ALLAN LEVENATHAL, D.V.M. **Kitten Forum**

When housebreaking a new puppy, first teach him where to eliminate stool. Then, closely supervise the pup to reduce the possibility of soiling elsewhere, especially inside the home.

Indoors, use newspaper to differentiate between on and off limits. Outdoors, accompany the puppy to a designated area, using commands, such as, "do your thing" or "let's go," to initiate elimination. Once it is accomplished, use enthusiastic praise, so the puppy can associate these remarks with doing the right thing.

Such trips should be coordinated with likely times to soil, for instance, after meals, naps or long play periods and certainly not more than three to four hours apart. Until the puppy has completed three to five weeks without indoor accidents, it should be continually supervised or confined in a "safe" area or crate, so that potential accidents can be observed and avoided. This is especially important at night.

Scolding a puppy that has soiled in the wrong place only makes matters worse. It raises anxiety and doesn't demonstrate correct behavior. If this happens, show displeasure by being serious, not aggressive, and take the puppy to the proper site.

Don't depend on a puppy to scratch at a door as a signal that it needs to go out. Many won't. Besides, scratching may mar the door and if someone isn't there to open the door, it may become the site for soiling. Be consistent and persistent and you will usually end up with a properly toilet-trained pet.

Some owners may choose to give an obedience command before meals to help promote their leadership position. A simple command, such as "sit," beforehand may make for a more controlled and pleasant puppy at mealtime. Teaching a puppy to not be aggressive about food also is an additional safety measure, especially for probing toddlers.

Local bakers known for pride

By GLADYS S. ADAMS **Manchester Historical Society**

Frank Goetz opened his first bakery on South Main Street just around the east corner of Charter Oak Street in 1886. Each loaf of bread had "E. Goetz" on the bottom, and he advertised "plain and fancy machine-made dessert cookies."

The building at 18 Main St. was a large wooden dwelling house that faced the street with store rooms, barn, wagon sheds, a blacksmith shop and another building at the rear.

A brick building was erected in 1904 and then ran out to the barn, where he was joined by four of the bakers and together they led the horses to safety and pulled the bakery wagon into the roadway.

Realizing that John Lotus and Robert Faulk were still in the bedroom of the burning building, Gus Zimmerman entered the living quarters, crawled on the floor to the smoke-filled room, where he shouted at them, pulled their bedsheets off, but could not rouse them. Zimmerman was forced to flee for his life. After the ashes had cooled, the bodies were found "burned to a crisp."

The morning after the fire, Goetz Bakery wagons were out on their routes as usual. The baking had been done in the ovens of Robert McIlvane, whose bakery was located opposite Hilliard's woolen mill in the Buckland area.

A new building was erected and it was business as usual until February 1902 when a second fire struck the bakery. This time no lives were lost. John McCarthy lost a new overcoat and a hooter even before he got out of school. At that time, there used to be a cracker factory right next to where St. Bridget Church is, and I used to work there after school. They paid us a dollar a day and all the crackers you could eat. I used to fill up on Graham crackers.

"They also had a Dutch bakery downstairs where they made all the jelly rolls, donuts and what not that the men used to peddle in a cart. Mr. McCarthy, called John-

Polish food sale is slated

A Polish food sale, featuring cheese pierogi, stuffed cabbage (golombki) and Christmas wafers (opłatek), will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the parish hall of St. John The Baptist Polish National Catholic Church, 23 Galloway St., Manchester. The sale will be conducted by the church's Blessed Sacrament Society. To reserve an order, call 643-5906.

JOHNNY THE BAKER

JOHNNY THE BAKER — John J. McCarthy, also known as Johnny The Baker, drove the bakery cart for the Goetz-Mohr bakery in Manchester through the 1920s.

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ny the Baker, drove a bakery horse and cart for years."

In 1904 Frank Goetz withdrew from Eastern Cracker and moved to New Haven to operate a bakery there. Eastern Cracker Company did not last very long, and the building was vacant for some years before it was purchased in 1909 by Carlyle Johnson Company, which has occupied the property ever since.

Goetz Bakery at Gorman Place was carried on by Frank Mohr. A 1914 advertisement reads: "Goetz Bread Company, makers of Butter Knast Bread, specialties of all kinds, our delivery wagons cover the entire town."

About 1920, the business became Mohr's bakery, and when it closed in 1925, it was operated by Fred Mohr, son of Fritz Mohr. The Goetz-Mohr bakery furnished Manchester with bread for 50 years.

John J. McCarthy drove the bakery cart for both Goetz and Mohr, Hayes remembered.

"He made his deliveries faithfully in all kinds of weather, ringing his bell to announce his arrival in the morning when the motor-men of the first trolley cars start for the car barn."

McCarthy put in a long day and in 1923 people returning home from the first show at the movies would meet Johnny who would be just starting for home, lantern in hand and a smile on his face.

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