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Unwanted program now attractive

CDBG access desired

By SCOTT B. BREDE
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — If the Commission for the Disabled gets its wish, part of the \$435,000 that will come to Manchester should be used to enter into the Community Development Block Grant program.

At Wednesday night's meeting of the commission, its members discussed how the CDBG funds should be spent. The commission agreed to send a letter to Planning Director

Mark Pellegrini to outline its recommendations for the use of the block grant.

The commission's top request is for the town to make the necessary renovations to the town hall building so the handicapped have access to all of its offices, not just those on the first floor and the basement.

That would require the installation of an elevator. Water fountains may also have to be added, and pay telephones would have to be lowered for the building to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please see **DISABLED**, page 6.

Long list of uses presented

By BRIAN M. TROTTA
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — The town may only qualify for \$435,000 from the Community Development Block Grant program, but residents say they could easily spend 10 times that amount on the town's low- and moderate-income residents.

Wednesday residents and representatives from local community groups gathered at a public hearing to tell town officials how they would spend the money. While there may be a shortage of money, there was no shortage of uses for it. "I wish we had \$4 million, but I don't think even that would be enough," said Irene Fisette, a former member of the Commission on the Aging.

Though those people who spoke at the hearing had many ideas on how to spend the grant money, day care assistance and housing rehabilitation were the programs mentioned most often.

Carol Hiller, of the Manchester Early Learning Center, requested that \$90,000 of the money be spent on adding more space and teachers at the center, which is on Waldell Road.

Hiller said 42 children are on a waiting list to get into the non-profit facility. An additional 600 square-feet of space and four part-time teachers would allow the center to serve 15 more children. There are currently 30 preschool children and 26 school-age children at the center. Horace Brown, chairman of the Manchester Housing Task Force, said the town should concentrate on spot

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Project behind work schedule

By RICHARD RANGOON
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — The West Hill Gardens Congregate Housing Project is a couple of weeks behind schedule, a Housing Authority official reported Wednesday night.

Also during the regular meeting of the organization, Housing Authority Executive Director Carol Shanley applauded the residents of the West Hill Gardens elderly hous-

ing complex for their efficiency in a recent emergency.

The West Hill Gardens Congregate Housing Project will probably be complete by the end of November, Shanley said. The 37-unit project is state funded and is designed for the frail elderly only.

All the units are located in a single building, and light housekeeping services are provided for the residents. Please see **HOUSING**, page 2.

Cheerios fill 50 years in America's breakfast

GOLDEN VALLEY, Minn. (AP) — Cheerios, the cereal im-

posed to be the nation's most popular cereal, celebrated 50 years in America's breakfast tables Wednesday.

Introduced by General Mills in 1941, the crispy, "O"-shaped cereal now is bought by more than 48 percent of all American households, the company said.

Cheerios accounts for almost a fifth of all ready-to-eat cereals

in the U.S. market. General Mills introduced the cereal in 1941 as a "heart-healthy" cereal during studies on the "Heart Range" cereal.

When the cereal was first introduced, it was called "Cheerios" and was made of whole grain wheat.

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HOT DOGGIN' IT — Maggie Denies, 2, front, and Kerri Denies, 4, have the lime of their young lives Wednesday. Toggling around in a twin stroller at the sidewalk sale of Manchester's Westown Pharmacy, the pair relax with a lunchtime hot dog while mother shops.

Town falling short in affirmative goals

By NICOLE LOZIER
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — To meet current affirmative action goals and preliminary goals for 1992 and 1996, the town will need to hire more women and minorities. And considering the current economy, coupled with a hiring freeze, town officials foresee a difficult challenge in meeting those goals.

The town's Human Relations Commission is working to update the affirmative action plan, which is due for revision by July 1.

The prospect of meeting existing and future goals is not good, according to Town Personnel Officer Jan Devendorf. "Right now, there are no openings because of budget constraints," he said.

The town has a hiring freeze, Devendorf said, so personnel officials are not actively recruiting women and minorities for employment.

Human Relations Commission Chairman Jonathan Mercie said reaching the goals will also be difficult because "the town has a very stable work force and the turnover is very low."

According to preliminary statistics, fields requiring a higher

representation of women and minorities include official/administrative, professional, technical, skilled crafts and service/maintenance.

In the official/administrative category, 19.4 percent of the town's workers are women and 3.2 percent are minorities. Also, women hold 43.4 percent of professional jobs; minorities have 1.9 percent of those jobs.

Precise data on the number of minorities and women needed to join the town payroll to meet the goals is not available.

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Roads bill passed; cost shift outlined

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration says it will press its fight to shift a greater share of the burden for paying for local and regional roads back to the states and cities.

Transportation Secretary Samuel K. Skinner applauded the five-year, \$123 billion transportation bill passed by the Senate 91-7 Wednesday night as "a step forward" to improve the nation's highways, bridges and mass transit systems.

But he said more needs to be done. "I am disappointed that the bill would reduce the funding required from state and local government for projects that address primarily local or regional needs at a time when more, not less, investment is needed," Skinner said.

He said the administration hopes that when the House takes up the bill, probably next month, "a more appropriate balance can be struck."

As it passed the Senate, the bill maintains the federal share of the costs of completing the 44,000-mile Interstate Highway System at 90 percent. Washington would pay 80 percent of the costs of most other roads, including a new 184,000-mile National Highway System. The federal share of projects that would increase highway capacity and put more cars on the road was set at 75

percent. The administration had sought to reduce the federal share for all roads outside the new national system of Interstate highways and primary federal roads to 60 percent, with states picking up the balance.

Many senators said their states simply do not have enough money to assume a larger share of highway costs.

The Senate bill, the Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, stresses the maintenance and efficient use of existing roads, bridges and mass transit systems over new construction.

Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., a principal architect of the measure, repeated a favorite theme when he told the Senate: "We have poured enough concrete."

"Our primary objective must be to improve the efficiency of the system we now have," he said. "We are about to enter a new era."

The bill gives great flexibility to states and cities to shift as much as \$37.2 billion from highway building to subways, buses, commuter rail systems or other modes of transportation as needed.

"We have finished the Interstate Highway System, and now we must turn the initiative in transportation

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PALATINE PRISON — The jail outside Envidado, Colombia, above, is where cocaine cartel leader Fabio Escobar is being held following his surrender Wednesday to Colombian authorities. The facility is a cut above the country's typical penal institution.

Drug trade unabated by arrest

MEDELLIN, Colombia (AP) — A ban on extraditions and a promise of leniency in his pocket, the world's most powerful drug boss settled today into a luxurious prison outside this city he has ruled by the bullet and bomb.

Billionaire cocaine lord Pablo Escobar was quoted by a Colombian journalist as saying he decided to surrender "because I could not remain indifferent before the longings for peace of the vast majority of the Colombian people."

The government has waged a costly two-year war on the country's drug traffickers that has demoralized Colombians, and Escobar's surrender Wednesday was widely viewed as part of a deal aimed at ending the

bloodshed.

The 41-year-old Medellin cocaine cartel boss turned himself in just hours after a popularly elected government panel writing a new constitution voted to ban extraditions.

Colombian drug bosses have used intimidation and bribery to stay out of their own nation's jails but feared extradition to the United States, where Escobar is wanted on murder and drug trafficking charges.

At a news conference in Bogota on Wednesday night, President Cesar Gaviria insisted his government's lenient

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News In Brief

Handguns seized from suspects

PUTNAM (AP) — Two handguns of the type authorities believe was used in the shooting death of state police trooper Russell Bagshaw were confiscated from the homes of the two brothers charged in the slaying, according to search warrants.

Eight state police search warrants unsealed Wednesday at Putnam Superior Court also reveal that a friend of Terry and Duane Johnson was given most of the 22 guns stolen from the Windham gun shop where Bagshaw was killed about 90 minutes after the June 5 burglary.

Investigators say that most of the weapons given to the friend, Scott M. Ilewicz of Jewett City, were recovered after he was questioned by police about the burglary of the Land & Sea Sports Center and Bagshaw's shooting. Ilewicz has cooperated with investigators and has not been charged, authorities said.

Company order: a leave or quit

WINDSOR (AP) — Citing deteriorating business conditions, ABB Combustion Engineering Systems has offered 1,000 employees a choice: take a two-year leave or quit entirely, with severance benefits.

Company President Richard R. Cronin described two options in a memorandum dated June 12. The memo was addressed to all 1,000 employees of Combustion Engineering Systems, one of five units of Asea Brown Boveri in Windsor.

The memorandum makes it clear that an undetermined number of layoffs are likely. The company a year ago laid off about 200 employees.

Cronin said in the memorandum that the "market for our products is extremely weak and bookings thus far in 1991 are well below what we expected. Market opportunities are expected to be limited for the remainder of this year and into 1992."

Power shortages unlikely this year

New England's recession has cooled power demand and electric companies say the region will probably not have supply shortages this summer, despite a steamy forecast.

"We don't anticipate any problems at this point," William P. Slepersion, spokesman for the New England Power Pool, said Wednesday.

The power pool is a collective representing the region's 98 electric utilities.

Indonesia rocked by earthquake

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A strong earthquake ran through the Indonesian island of Sulawesi today, damaging homes and an airport control tower, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said. There was no immediate word of casualties.

The quake measured 6.9 on the Richter scale in a preliminary reading.

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matters back to the states and cities," Moyrhan said. "Our greatest challenge as the century ends is to make the public sector work."

Before passing the overall bill, the Senate had to settle a bitter fight over the formula by which federal highway money was distributed in the past.

In building the national Interstate system, some states were assessed more of the cost than others less able to pay, particularly those Western states with long distances to cover and sparse populations.

Debate on the bill saw a rebellion by these so-called donor states, determined to get a fairer share of the federal transportation dollar.

"The big issue is the money—who gets it and how much," said Sen. Steve Symms of Idaho, the Republican floor manager of the bill.

The Senate rejected, 81-17, an amendment by Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., that had threatened to reopen the bitter fight over the distribution of \$8.2 billion in compensation to states that feel they were shortchanged in the past, or who have given above-average support to transportation improvements.

Under a plan by Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., two \$4.1 billion pools of money are created from a surplus in the Highway Trust Fund.

Provisions of federal road bill cited

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here are major provisions of the five-year, \$123 billion transportation authorization bill passed by the Senate.

The measure, approved Wednesday, is intended to give states greater flexibility than ever before in deciding how federal transportation aid is to be spent. The \$123 billion represents the sum of various spending ceilings; actual funds must be provided in separate appropriations bills each year.

States could receive \$45 billion over five years to invest in highways or whatever transportation best suits their individual needs, including subways, buses, commuter rail systems or even bicycle paths.

While the Bush administration attempted to reduce the federal share for most projects to 60-40, the Senate legislation would peg the federal share for maintenance projects at 80 percent with a 75 percent federal share.

Under the original Senate bill, the federal role would be restricted to



BUBBLE BATH — Christine Tedford, 3, of Manchester, is literally awash in containers of bubble soap at the sidewalk sale at Westown Pharmacy on Hartford Road, Manchester.

the maintenance of the 44,000-mile Interstate system which is nearly 90 percent complete and which would be finished in 1994 with money authorized in the bill.

In a limitation on the bill's goal of maximum flexibility, states would be required to earmark 17.5 percent of their transportation funds to the Interstate system and other primary "feeder" federal highways.

Efforts at identifying the precise highways that will make up the national road network are incomplete.

Cheerios From Page 1

Back then, silver bullets were buried in packages of the cereal and Lone Ranger flashlight pistols could be ordered for a dime and a yellow boxtop.

The cereal's giveaways changed with the times, including 3-D comic books in the 1950s and "stratosphere" kites and moon rockets in the 1960s.

"Cheerios is a cereal for all ages," said John Hallberg, director of General Mills' business unit. An estimated 10 percent of all Cheerios

are eaten by children younger than 2, and Cheerios is the second-most popular cereal among those older than 45, he said.

As part of "Cheerios Day" events, the company released the following facts about the cereal: —A Cheerio is 1/2-inch in diameter. —A Cheerio weighs about .0025 of an ounce. —There are about 400 individual Cheerios in a one-ounce serving.

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ty toward Escobar does not mean it has abandoned the war on drugs.

"Our policy does not constitute nor will it constitute a negotiation," he said. "No country has paid a price as high as Colombia in the battle against drug trafficking." But officials say they expect the cocaine trade to continue to flourish. Escobar's network is thought to be responsible for about half the 600-800 tons of cocaine smuggled out of Colombia every year.

Opinion polls indicate about two-thirds of Colombians oppose extradition, many considering it an insult to national pride.

Escobar is accused of having a hand in hundreds of murders in the past 20 months, including those of 107

people killed in the bombing of a domestic jetliner, a presidential candidate, a justice minister and 10 percent of Medellin's police force.

The only journalist allowed to speak to Escobar after his surrender said the drug boss had handed over his pistol in a jungle near Medellin to officials accompanied by the Roman Catholic priest who first announced two weeks ago that Escobar would surrender and has served as mediator.

Escobar was also quoted by the Colombian television reporter, who spoke to him in the prison outside this city 150 miles northwest of Bogota, as saying he had been made a "scapegoat" for all the drug-related violence.

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with laws on handicapped accessibility of public buildings, commission members said.

The elevator should also be installed to provide access to any additions to the building as town officials are continuing to examine proposals for expanding municipal offices, commission members said.

Currently, people in wheelchairs enter the first floor of the building by way of a ramp located in the rear of the building. A ramp also leads to the basement. But those in wheelchairs have no way of getting to the second floor.

John Post, an employee of the town's Human Services Department, who acts as a town liaison to

the commission, said the installation of an elevator would cost at least \$250,000.

It is hard to get businesses in town to comply with regulations on handicapped accessibility when Manchester has not even made its town hall accessible to people with disabilities, said commission member Margaret Churchill.

"It affects the commission's credibility to represent a town that has not taken steps to make its own town hall accessible to everyone," Churchill said.

Although town officials have made every effort to make governmental services available to everyone, the town is still falling

short of the commission's goal to have the same services for the handicapped as those without, she said.

The commission's second request for the use of the block grant is to make renovations to other town-owned buildings that limit access for the disabled. Those buildings were listed in the commission's barrier survey, which was conducted in 1986.

The commission is also requesting that should the block grant be used to create affordable housing, that some units be handicapped accessible. Those units would have to comply with federal housing guidelines.

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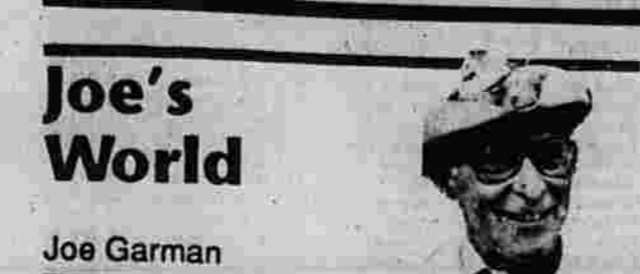
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Joe's World



Joe Garman

Hair-raising story of a bear attack

Have a hair-raising story about a black bear attack on a human being?

It happened to Jeff Wright of Alexander, Maine, the now three-year owner of Poomoonshine Lake Lodge in Alexander.

As most of the regular readers of this column know, I've been going to the camp for many years, when Estelle and Gene Moriarty (former Manchester natives) owned it.

This year we returned for some great smallmouth bass fishing, and to renew acquaintance with Wright.

Back last fall, I had heard a rumble that he had been mauled by a bear, and saw the proof when we pulled into the Lodge.

Wright, who has been working bare chested (believe it or not, it was really hot that last week), turned to greet us, and the scars of his encounter were clearly visible.

One night when we couldn't get out on the lake to fish because of heavy winds, I asked Jeff about the incident.

Had he placed himself between a sow bear and her cubs I asked? Because this was the main reason for black bear attacks on human beings. Normally black bears will give humans a wide berth, and unprovoked attacks are rare.

In fact the attack on Wright was so unusual, it made all the Maine papers and was eventually picked up by the Associated Press and television.

Naturally, I asked him what happened, and this is his story.

Wright, who guides bear hunters, beside running the fishing camp, had set out bear baits in different areas around the country.

One of the baits he went to check was near Crawford Lake in an area he had not seen any sign of activity.

Leaving the truck, Wright slammed the door as hard as he could announcing himself in case any critters were around. Bears generally hearing an unaccustomed noise will skedaddle if it's not natural. In some areas out west that are known bear environments, hikers are urged to attach small bells to their shoelaces, thus avoiding confrontations. Wild animals do not like to be surprised.

Aware of a strong wind blowing the wrong way, Wright shouted as he neared the bait (figuring it was possible because of the wind any animal around might not have heard the truck door slam).

Just as he shouted, he came up on the bait, and there was a black bear.

In just seconds, the bear was all over him. Wright, to protect his face, pulled his hands up to cover it, and felt the bear rip into the thumb in one hand.

The next thing he knew he was rolling on the ground with the bear working him over. His shoulder, stomach and buttocks were savaged.

Jeff, recalling that the best defense to a bear attack (words he had heard while working in Alaska) was to play dead, went limp covering his face, and played dead.

Wright related that the bear then sniffed in his ear, rolled him around, cuffed his scalp and then ambled off.

Wright said that the whole episode couldn't have taken more than a very few minutes, but the bear really did a job.

He managed to make it back to the truck and then to camp, and then to the hospital in Calais, Maine, where he was stitched up.

Wright's explanation for the attack was that the animal never heard the truck door slam and his shout and whistle startled the bear so, when he was examining the bait, that he instinctively lunged at his surprise.

I am delighted to say, that outside of the scars, he is a lucky man and is functioning well.

Joe Garman, a Manchester resident for many years, is a recognized authority on the subject of bamboo fly rods and the sport of fly fishing.

In Brief...

Caspers, Lawyers LL winners
MANCHESTER — Action was in the loser's bracket of the Town Little League Tournament Wednesday night.

At Leber Field, Caspers eliminated Modern Janitorial, 10-1, at Waddell Field, the Lawyers ousted Police Union, 8-6, in seven innings.

Caspers scored five of its runs in the first inning. Wes Schofield went the distance for Caspers, striking out six. Eddie Knochel and Joey Erardi led the offensive attack with three hits apiece while Chris McCreary added two. Erardi also played well in the field.

For Modern, John Sheehan, Dan Toomey and Matt Spina played well.

For the Lawyers, Tony Bombardier went the distance to notch the win. Mike McCarthy, Nick Dobbin and Bombardier hit well while Heather Marques played well defensively. For Police Union, Dan Liden and Art Smith hit well while Jason Russo and Brian German also played well.

Caspers meets the Lawyers Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Waddell.

Dineen NHL Man of the Year

Hartford Whalers right winger Kevin Dineen today will be named recipient of the annual Bud Light NHL Man of the Year Award to the player best recognized in the local community as a positive role model on and off the ice.

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No 'red' lights for Kevin Riggs



By JIM TERNEY
Manchester Herald

From Billings, Montana, to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, may not sound like the most appealing geographical move in the world, but for former East Catholic baseball star Kevin Riggs, it's a sign that things are going according to schedule.

Riggs, a native of East Hartford and 1987 East Catholic grad, is currently playing for the defending World Champion Cincinnati Reds' Class A minor league club in Cedar Rapids in the Midwest League.

Last year, the 6-0, 180-pound, left-handed hitting Riggs batted over .300 as the leadoff hitter for the Billings Mustangs in the Pioneer Rookie League, his first taste of professional baseball.

"I'd like to move up a level every year," Riggs, who just turned 22, said in a phone interview from Cedar Rapids.

After his impressive first season as a pro last summer, Riggs was invited to an extended instructional league which lasted until Oct. 31, precluding his commencement to his senior year at East Carolina University.

Riggs stayed at East Carolina and worked out with the team before reporting for spring training in February, preparing for his jump to A-ball.

Another adjustment Riggs made was in the field. Cedar Rapids manager Frank Funk moved Riggs from his usual second base slot to third base.

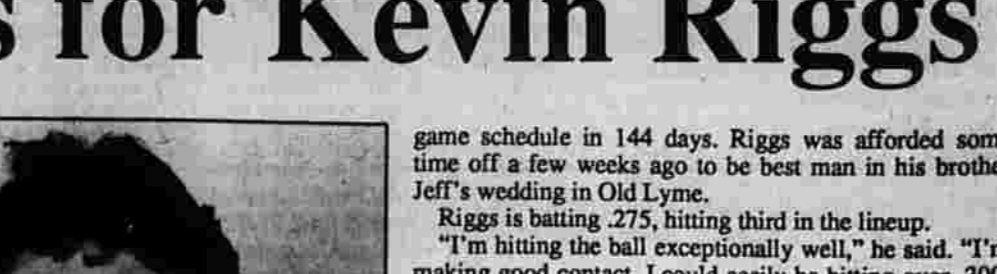
"It's funny because Coach Penders (East Catholic baseball coach Jim) always thought that's where I'd be," Riggs explained.

Was the adjustment difficult?

"Not at all," Riggs said. "I love it. It helps me out because I have another position under my belt. He (Funk) thought if I make the jump to the big leagues, it would be at third base."

Cedar Rapids is presently 36-31, 3 1/2 games out of first place. The minor league season is a grueling 142-

Even Roger Clemens can be human



ON THE MOVE — Former East Catholic star Kevin Riggs is the starting third baseman for the Cincinnati Reds' A minor league club in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Riggs may move up to AA this summer.

game schedule in 144 days. Riggs was afforded some time off a few weeks ago to be best man in his brother Jeff's wedding in Old Lyme.

Riggs is batting .275, hitting third in the lineup. "I'm hitting the ball exceptionally well," he said. "I'm making good contact. I could easily be hitting over .300, but I'm hitting the ball right at people. I'm pleased."

There has already been talk of Riggs moving up to the AA club in Chattanooga, Tennessee, before the summer is over.

"It's possible," he said. "The third baseman there isn't hitting."

But, for Riggs, his timetable is running like clockwork. "This game is a lot of perseverance," Riggs explained. "You've got to keep working as hard as you can. He (Funk) thinks I can play there (major leagues)."

If Riggs, whose .438 batting average in 1987 is East Catholic's single-season best, doesn't get the call to AA this summer, he'll likely start there next year.

Baseball's expansion, beginning next season, to Denver and Miami, adds more hope in the minds and hearts of minor-leaguers everywhere.

The infamous and arduous bus trips in the minor leagues have become second nature for Riggs.

"After last year in the Pioneer League, it's not bad," he said. "The Pioneer League trips were the worst."

Penders is very confident in Riggs' ability and heart. "He has outstanding work habits," Penders said. "He doesn't give in to anyone. I'm sure that's going to take him far in professional baseball."

According to Riggs' schedule, that may be as far as Riverfront Stadium in 1994.

BOSTON (AP) — Just a few days ago, after the Boston Red Sox shelved California ace Chuck Finley in a seven-run first inning, manager Joe Morgan noted that pitchers are human and even the best get beaten occasionally, even Roger Clemens.

The Seattle Mariners demonstrated what Morgan meant as they ended four years of frustration against Clemens on Wednesday night, edging the Red Sox 4-3 with three unearned runs after consecutive errors by shortstop Luis Rivera and second baseman Jody Reed in the fifth inning.

Clemens, who had beaten the Mariners six times in a row since May 11, 1987, struck his last hit, allowing nine hits, Briley driving in one run on a bad hop single off Rivera's glove and Griffey following with a two-run double to right.

The Mariners kayoed Clemens in the eighth on a single by Scott Bradley and a two-out triple by Briley.

"It's over, there's nothing we can do about it," said Boston's Wade Boggs, who went 4-5, hitting his average to .316.

"Everybody puts a lot of emphasis on when Roger wins and Roger loses," said Greenwell, who extended his hitting streak to 11 games but left six runners on base, three in scoring position. "It's great for a team to beat Roger Clemens, but it's only one game."

The Red Sox, who have scored only eight runs in four games since getting a season high 13 in beating Finley and the Angels last Saturday, try to break a three-game losing streak tonight in the opener of a four-game series with the Oakland Athletics.

Rookie Mike Gardiner, who has a 3-1 record since being called up from the minors by the Red Sox, is down to start on the mound against Oakland's Dave Stewart (4-3), an old Boston nemesis.

GUNNED DOWN — Seattle catcher Scott Bradley tags out Boston's Luis Rivera at the plate after a bullet throw from Ken Griffey Jr. in the second inning of their game Wednesday night at Fenway Park. Roger Clemens suffered his fourth loss as the Sox bowled to the Mariners, 4-3.

Drug Awareness tourney set
MANCHESTER — The second annual LaMont London Drug Awareness Basketball Tournament will be held Friday at Robertson Elementary School, 65 N. School Street. All participants in the tourney are between the ages of 12 and 24 and are all drug and alcohol free.

The tourney originated in hopes of making communities aware that not all teenagers and young adults are drug and alcohol users.

For more information, call LaMont London at 645-6549.

Rain date is Wednesday, June 26 at 2 p.m.

Tarkanian blasts NCAA
WASHINGTON (AP) — UNLV basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian accused the NCAA of conducting "a reign of terror" in college sports and said Congress should step in to reform the group.

Tarkanian and Dale Brown of Louisiana State lambasted the NCAA for an hour before the House subcommittee on commerce, consumer protection and competitiveness. "The biggest problem" in college sports? The NCAA, period," said Tarkanian, who announced plans this month to resign after the upcoming season.

Wolves name Rodgers coach
MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Jimmy Rodgers, fired a year ago as Boston Celtics coach, was named coach of the Minnesota Timberwolves. Rodgers, 46, succeeds Bill Musselman, who was fired April 22.

Rodgers received a three-year contract, more than \$600,000 of which will be paid by the Celtics. He was 42-40 and 52-30 in two seasons in Boston.

HERE IT COMES — Manchester Legion Post 102 pitcher John Bowes delivers a pitch during Tuesday night's game against Ellington at Kelley Field. The game was called after seven innings due to darkness with the score tied, 3-3.

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The rebellious reverend returns to town

And this time, he's on an anti-drug crusade

By HAROLD C. SHAYER
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — The rebel has returned, and he rides slowly down Main Street on his gleaming, hunter-green, Indian Chief motorcycle, circa 1947, complete with sidecar.

Excited children wave to him from the sidewalk. Those who recognize him shout, "Reverend Kaiser!"

But others turn and look away, as if he were never there.

"I felt like Patton being back in Europe," he would say later.

Like the general, the Reverend Robert "Kaiser" Hershberger has indeed returned to an earlier battlefield. And there are few in town who have never heard of his conquests, or his methods of conquering.

And what is his latest crusade? According to a news release distributed by Hershberger: "Handicapped minister plans cross-country trip on antique motorcycle to just say no to drugs."

Hershberger set out from his home in Middleburg, Florida on May 10, travelled up the East Coast, passing through Long Island, Greenport, N.Y., New London ... and last week, he arrived in Manchester — where he was once a resident for 20 years.

Hershberger says in the release: "Through this ride, I hope to set a positive example for today's youth, and show ... that they can do anything they want to without drugs ..."

Sitting in a local restaurant with a window view of his motorcycle in the parking lot, Hershberger speaks of his many battles and of his ties to Manchester and the state of Connecticut.



THE REVEREND ON MAIN STREET — Here is the Rev. Kaiser, a.k.a. Robert Hershberger, riding his vintage 1947 "Indian Chief" motorcycle complete with sidecar down the middle of Main Street last week. The minister, who lost one of his legs in a motorcycle accident in the 1970s, is on an anti-drugs crusade which is taking him up and down the entire East Coast.

He appears almost as a wizard with his spare wire-rim eyeglasses, gray, wispy beard and long, silver-gray hair. On nearly every finger he is wearing a bright silver ring designed in a crucifix or cluster of human skulls.

"I have been the thorn in the side of many an official," he says. "People may have not understood my motives, but they always saw a finished product."

The 41-year-old Hershberger can

claim many finished products as both an advocate for the handicapped and elderly, and an ordained minister for the Mission Church of Bikers, who claim a membership of over 5,000. He is a lobbyist and counselor, a pro-se (self-representing) attorney and a former columnist for Easy Rider magazine.

Hershberger first came to the state in 1970 after losing his job at a Detroit auto plant for refusing to cut his hair. In 1973, he was in a motor-

cycle accident at the intersection of Main and Center Streets in Manchester which resulted in the loss of his lower right leg. Several months later, another motorcycle accident took away the full use of his left leg.

Despite being told by doctors that he would never be able to ride a motorcycle again, he was fitted with a silver-studded, artificial limb, and was off riding again within five weeks.

In the late 1970's, Hershberger lobbied successfully at the state capital for the repeal of motorcycle helmet and seat-belt laws. He says the fight was based on the "matter of choice" and doesn't question the usefulness of helmets.

However, Hershberger says he once took off his artificial leg and laid it on a table in the state house to prove he was handicapped and has been thrown out of the governor's office more than once due to his persistence in trying to get answers.

His activism in 1986 brought about the changes in state law that gave motorcyclists access to handicapped parking and the special handicap license plate. In Manchester, he helped to organize the Fair Rent Commission and in his recent efforts in Florida have succeeded in closing the loop-holes that allowed many handicapped parking violations to be thrown out of court.

However, Hershberger says he still gets stymieed.

"It all depends on who is doing the looking," he says. "Some think I'm like the biker of the sixties ... you know, the ones that supposedly take drugs and shoot people."

But this summer, Hershberger is a man on another mission. His ultimate destination is Cobleskill, in upstate New York.

He says he plans to take secondary roads and routes, and thereby continue visiting small towns such as Manchester, "to experience slice of life Americans."

But the ultimate purpose of his ride is to show today's youth that they don't need drugs to accomplish their goals.

"I have seen people lose everything because of drugs," Hershberger says. "I did all this without drugs. I want people to see that they can do it too."

Hershberger leaves the area Saturday on his 1947 Indian Chief. He welcomes the curious to contact him at 872-8636 or 646-2484.

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Weekend Guide

Drum show

The Drum Students at Beller's Music Store in Manchester invite the general public to a show of rock, jazz and classical drumming at Whiton Library on Saturday at 5 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Folk festival

On Sunday, the Coventry Arts Commission presents the Lakewood Waugumbaug Folk Festival Revival at Patriot's Park, Lake St., Coventry from 12 to 5 p.m. The festival is free and refreshments will be available. Please no alcohol or pets. The commission is looking for volunteers to help sell t-shirts, park cars, and setting up. For more information, call 742-7723.

Band Shell news

On Saturday the Manchester Bicentennial Band Shell at Manchester Community College, 60 Bidwell St., will host the *Native Hale Ancient Fife and Drum Corps*, the *Knawton Rangers*, the *Buckland Artillery*, and the *Beehoven Chorus*, starting at 7 p.m.

On Sunday at the Band Shell, the *Manchester Association of Pipe Bands Festival* will be held at 7 p.m. There is no charge for admission to the Band Shell. Bring chairs or blankets. Animals not permitted.

Strawberry festival

The Manchester Jaycoes are sponsoring a Strawberry Festival and Craft Fair Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine, at the Arbors at Hop Brook, 403 West Center St. Entertainment and plenty of food. Admission free. Proceeds benefit charity.

Linda's Listings

- Backdraft** ***
Lots of action, very little plot.
- City Slickers** ****
A low-key comedy with a message about life and friendship.
- Jungle Fever** ****
Daringly funny and truthful.
- The Rocker** **
It's heart is in the right place, unfortunately that's not enough.
- Soapdish** ****
Dishes out a great ensemble cast and lots of sudy fun.
- What About Bob?** ***
Miscast, but still funny and entertaining.
- Key:** **=Poor, ***=Fair, ****=Good, *****=Very Good, *****=Excellent, *=-Half star.

Cheney Hall not quite ready for public — yet

MANCHESTER — Apparently, a lot of people are confused by the recent publicity concerning Cheney Hall, and Foundation President Donald K. Kuehl would like to clarify matters.

"I've been getting calls constantly from people asking to use the hall," Kuehl says, "but it's not ready for public use yet."

The confusion probably lies with the word "rededication" — the hall "rededication" will be held June 29 — which some people might have thought meant "reopening."

But the hall is not reopening, yet. Last Saturday, a private preview was held for over 500 beneficiaries. And the

"rededication" ceremony will honor the completion of hall renovations and raise funds. But none of these events are meant to imply that the hall is

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truly finished and ready to take in all comers. Right now, Kuehl says, work on the building itself is essentially completed. But just about everything else, from the chairs to the toilets, needs work.

"Furnishings and other amenities must be purchased and installed," Kuehl said.

Also, The Little Theatre of Manchester, which is charged with operating and maintaining the hall, is currently preparing their fall production of "The Fantasticks" for the hall. The LTM will eventually hire a full-time rental agent to be on the premises, but until then, no reservations will be taken. Kuehl estimates that the hall will be ready for reservations sometime in late summer or early fall.

However, Kuehl says it is possible now for individuals or small groups to tour the hall. But plans must be made well in advance to notify the contractor and arrange for an escort. There is still space available for those who wish to attend the rededication ceremony on June 29.

Costner's Robin fails to 'Hood' wink despite action

By LINDA M. TROMBLEY
Manchester Herald

"Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves" plunges the audience into adventure from the first moment and never lets up — but beware: it may be an attempt to cover up bad casting.

Robin escapes from a dungeon, journeys across the ocean in a ruse to his home, and once there, frees England from the cruel and evil Sheriff of Nottingham while avenging his father's death and falling in love with the beautiful Maid Marian. When? All of this in under 2-1/2 hours.

But even with all of this adventure, it's hard not to cringe at Kevin Costner's portrayal of Robin. It's not that he doesn't do his best. It's just that even his best can't cover up his all-American look and his embarrassing lack of an English accent.

As a result, the audience is forced to turn from Costner to other characters to see what made Robin Hood a

legend. And Alan Rickman fills the bill. As the evil Sheriff of Nottingham, Rickman is a one-man show. He steals every scene he is in.

Movie Review

It is also disappointing that director Kevin Reynolds and writers Pen Densham and John Watson chose to overlook the character of the lovely Maid Marian (Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio). Early on, she nearly

whips Robin in a duel — yet as the movie progresses, and as the danger mounts, she degenerates into a poor, pathetic screamer. Yes, male chauvinism is alive and well in Hollywood.

Another thing the writers overlooked is history. It is never explained where King Richard the Lionhearted's brother was while all

of this was going on. There is a tendency in this script to assume that the audience is both well-acquainted with the legend of Robin Hood but dumb enough not to know anything about historical events that took place during the era.

However, despite these errors, "Robin Hood" does have wonderful scenery and some very creative

camera work. All in all, "Robin Hood" manages to live up to its promise of action, action and more action.

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