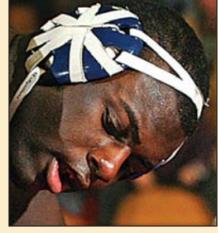


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Waterbury Club at crossroads

Members of the defunct Waterbury Club will decide today whether to sell the Holmes Avenue facility to a service agency or mull a new offer from a nearby museum. **PAGE 1B**



Bysiewicz will skip public funds

The secretary of the state drops out of the race for governor, throws her hat in ring for attorney general and says she will forgo the public financing she championed. **PAGE 3A**

Testimony in Pratt case finishes

Pratt & Whitney said a concession package from the union was far less than the savings the company could achieve by closing two plants, so it didn't pursue talks. **PAGE 8C**

U.S. reveals plan to fight Taliban

The U.S. military is openly telegraphing its plan to strike an insurgent haven in Afghanistan, hoping that all but the most hardcore of Taliban rebels will sit out the fight. **PAGE 3A**

Used windpipe breathes anew

A woman who received a dead man's windpipe in place of her own damaged trachea first had the part attached to her arm so her body could adapt to the new tissue. **PAGE 5A**

OPINION OF THE DAY: "I am looking for a president who believes in America and the Constitution. I couldn't care less about his skin color or his speech patterns."
— William Heering, Terryville

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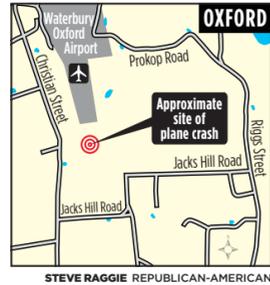
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Pilot killed in crash

Small plane hits electrical substation in Oxford



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OXFORD — A pilot died Wednesday after his small airplane plunged into a newly built electrical substation roughly a quarter-mile south of Waterbury-Oxford Airport. The name of the pilot was not released by authorities Wednesday.

The pilot, the lone occupant of a two-seat, single-engine plane,

was on final approach to the airport around 5 p.m. when the tower lost contact with him, said Lt. J. Paul Vance, a state police spokesman. Vance said the plane flew in from Maryland.

Airport controllers immediately alerted state police in Southbury and Oxford police and firefighters that the plane was missing. At 5:13 p.m., volunteer firefighters found the plane tangled in a year-old Connecti-

cut Light & Power Co. substation off Commerce Road, Vance said. The plane did not catch fire, and there was no explosion.

The pilot was removed from the wreckage by emergency workers, who immediately began CPR. He left the scene in an ambulance at 5:30 p.m. and was taken to Waterbury Hospital, where he died, Vance said.

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With bodies lining the streets in a grim tally of disaster, Haitians awaken after killer earthquake to confront . . .

UNIMAGINABLE TRAGEDY



People gather at Haiti's damaged National Palace on Wednesday, the day after a killer earthquake.

POOR NATION ILL EQUIPPED TO COPE WITH CATASTROPHE

BY JONATHAN M. KATZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Dazed survivors, crying for loved ones, wandered past dead bodies in rubble-strewn streets on Wednesday, and rescuers desperately searched collapsed buildings as fear rose that the death toll from Haiti's devastating earthquake could reach into the tens of thousands.

The first cargo planes with food, water, medical supplies, shelter and sniffer dogs headed to the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation a day after the magnitude-7 quake flattened much of the capital city of 2 million people.

Tuesday's quake brought down buildings great and small — from shacks in shantytowns to President Rene Preval's gleaming white National Palace, where a dome tilted ominously above the manicured grounds.

Hospitals, schools and the main prison collapsed. The capital's Roman Catholic archbishop was killed when his office and the main cathedral fell. The head of the U.N. peacekeeping mission was missing in the ru-

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City shares in Haiti's anguish

BY ANDREW LARSON
REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

WATERBURY — Reeling from the latest tragedy to befall their country, Haitians living in Waterbury came together to seek comfort Wednesday as they waited to learn the fates of their families and the extent of damage caused by a massive earthquake.

A 7.0-magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti on Tuesday left most of Port-au-Prince razed, destroying homes, hospitals and schools.



ON THE WEB, see a video report of this story at www.rep-am.com.

As many of 100,000 people may have been killed.

Waterbury resident Gherdith Destra, whose family last year gained political asylum after being persecuted by the Haitian government, has nearly 100 fami-

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JIM SHANNON REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN
Joceline Dessalines, right, of First French Speaking Baptist Church of Waterbury, wipes a tear as Marie Johnson of Waterbury Baptist Ministries prays for quake victims.

Cash missing from tax office investigated

Oxford collector placed on sick leave during probe

BY QUANNAH LEONARD
REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

OXFORD — Tax Collector Karen Guillet was put on sick leave Wednesday while the town's auditor investigates her connection to cash missing from the tax collector's office.

First Selectman Mary Ann Drayton-Rogers said the town has information that links the missing

cash and Guillet.

Guillet, a Democrat and a popular elected official, has served 24 years in the post. She was most recently re-elected in 2007 to a four-year term.

Guillet declined to comment Wednesday.

Drayton-Rogers said she met early Wednesday with Guillet, Town Attorney Francis A. Teodosio and John A. Accavallo of the

Ansonia auditing firm of Michael & Accavallo. Drayton-Rogers said she also notified state police.

She said she ordered a full procedural review of the tax collector's office to determine how much cash is missing. Guillet will be on sick leave until the review is completed, which is expected to be about two weeks, she said.

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Guillet is on sick leave.