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# Day Kimball red ink brings job cuts

## 7 workers laid off at hospital

By **DUSTIN RACIOPPI**  
*Norwich Bulletin*

Tuesday it has cut seven jobs.  
 Day Kimball CEO Bob Smanik said a \$2.4 million loss in the first operating quarter forced the hospital

to eliminate five full-time and two part-time positions to try and balance the ledger going forward. He said the positions were middle management and would not affect

patient care.  
 "In order to maintain the mission of our hospital and ensure its sustainability within our community, we had to make some difficult decisions," Smanik said in a press release.  
 Smanik said changes in outside employers' health in-

surance coverage contributed to the revenue loss the hospital has experienced since October. More payment responsibility is placed on the employer with today's plans, he said, and people either can't afford to receive care or have difficulty making payments. Smanik spec-

ulated that fewer people were seeking medical care because of the out-of-pocket cost.  
 The job cuts are one prong of a three-part plan the hospital announced to save an estimated \$3 million a year. It also will extend its conversion period to paper-

less medical technology and change its pension plans to be more in line with other Connecticut hospitals, Smanik said.  
 Smanik said the hospital's pension plan would become more like a 401(k).  
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# Return to my Peachtree home was like entering a 'war zone'

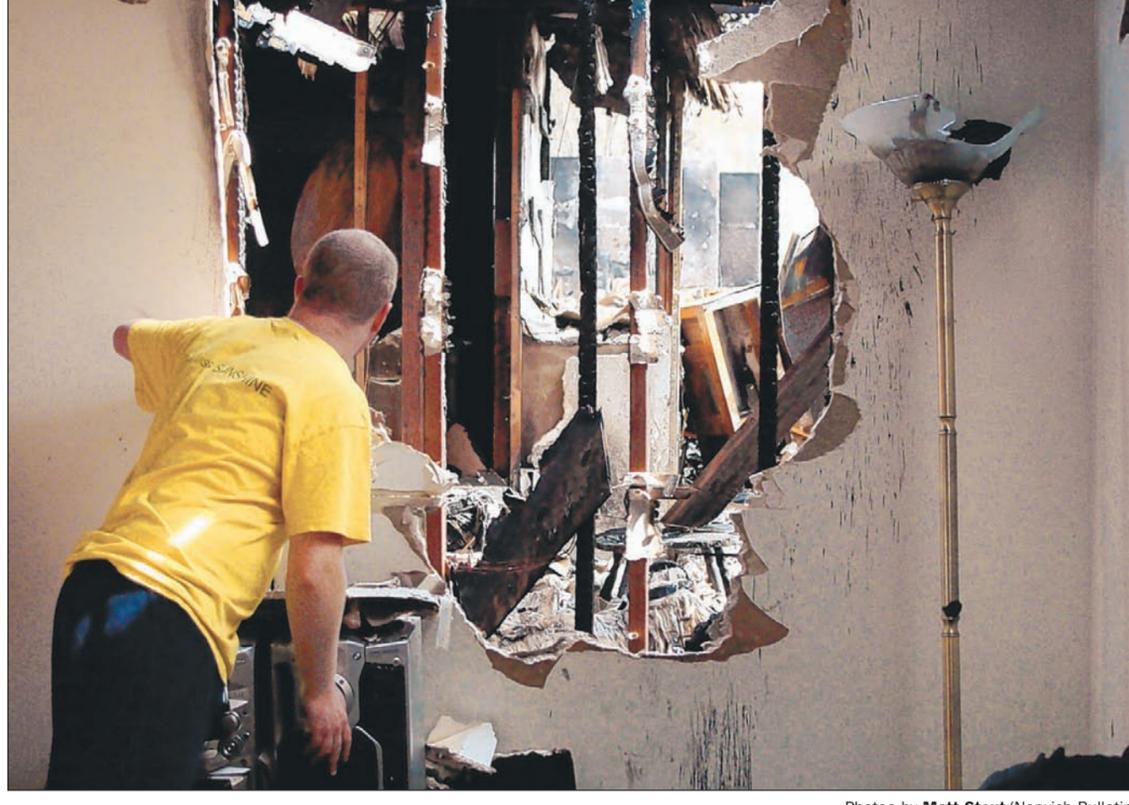
I walked through the same door I had walked through hundreds of times. I climbed the same stairs, and I stepped through the entrance I had stepped through hundreds of times.

But this last time was markedly different. Instead of touching down on a plush blue carpet with a cat lingering at my shoes, I touched down on a bed of burnt wood, ashes and debris.

I finally got to see the aftermath of the Peachtree Apartments fire Monday afternoon, when I entered my former apartment for the first time since 1:30 a.m. April 26.

My apartment building — building two — still stands. It's on the northwest corner of the property. The first- and second-floor apartments there are quite salvageable. I lived on the third floor; the damage is infinitely worse.

For one thing, the building's roof — burned completely — fell into my ceiling, and my ceiling rained into the apartment. In some places the ceiling and roof are no more, and you can peer up and see blue sky. Of course, rain from the previous



Tim Malcolm returns Tuesday to the Peachtree Apartments in Norwich, where he lived before an April 26 fire destroyed the 120-unit complex. The hole leads to a neighbor's apartment.



A mountain of fire debris remains.



Little is left of the roof.

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**Online photo gallery: Return to Peachtree**  
 Click on Peachtree Fire Aftermath under Multimedia on the home page.  
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**Groups, businesses assist fire victims**  
 Community fundraising efforts continue.  
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## Ex-coach pleads guilty in sex sting

By **GREG SMITH**  
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**HARTFORD** — The former athletic director of St. Bernard High School in Montville has pleaded guilty to charges that he had sexually explicit online chats with an undercover police officer.

Michael Garvie, 31, of Colchester entered guilty pleas Friday on charges of attempted risk of injury to a minor and enticing a minor by computer, court records show. Garvie is scheduled to be sentenced July 9 in Hartford Superior Court.

From February to June 2007, police said Garvie traded private online chats with a police officer posing as a 15-year-old girl.  
 Police said Garvie, using the screen name "tylersebbby," asked sexually explicit questions and chatted about sexual experiences. In a Feb. 20, 2007, conversation, police said "tylersebbby" asked to meet and offered to pick up the undercover police officer.

Police tracked Garvie through his IP address and on July 2 showed up at his 68 Beechwood Drive, Colchester, home. Garvie and his wife were home, police said.

Police photographed the house and seized two computers. Police used a fictitious story, telling Garvie they had received a complaint from the parents of a 15-year-old about inappropriate online conversations.

### Recently married

Garvie said he recently was married and recently had returned from his honeymoon.

Garvie resigned as athletic director and varsity baseball coach at St. Bernard before he turned himself in to Bloomfield police July 6.

His lawyer, Hope Seeley of Hartford, could not be reached Tuesday for comment.

By state statute, Garvie faces a maximum of 15 years in prison on the two felony charges. It was unclear Tuesday whether a plea agreement had been reached in the case.

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# Plainfield residents discuss ideas to confront racism

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## WHAT'S NEXT

The Plainfield Community Conversation group will meet in early fall. It is scheduled to form a race subcommittee designed to promote and implement ideas aimed at increasing diversity in schools and the wider community.

"Other kids would direct racial epithets at them, and my oldest was jumped by a

white student his senior year," Muniz said. "Things haven't changed that much in town, but at least people are talking now."

Muniz was one of more than 20 people who attended the town's Community Conversation Follow-Up Tuesday, a meeting designed to get input and ideas from residents and officials about dealing with racism in Plainfield.

Accusations of racism surfaced last October when a black Plainfield High School student said he was assaulted by a group of white men as he waited for the school bus. Nashawn Williams, 16, said he was beaten and doused with coffee — an assault Muniz said gave her a disconcerting sense of deja vu.

Williams and his family have moved out of town and

no arrests have been made in the case, police said Tuesday.

In March, with accusations of foot-dragging by police becoming more frequent, school, police and town officials hosted a forum on race relations in town, with an emphasis on identifying problems and listening to the 75 residents who attended.

Superintendent of

Schools Mary Conway, the meeting's moderator, summed up the new group's goal Tuesday.

"If you change behavior, beliefs will follow," Conway said.

Drawing on exit interviews from the March meeting, Tuesday's participants broke into groups to brainstorm practical plans

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**GOOD MORNING**  
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**PARTLY SUNNY**  
 Warm.  
 High of 72.  
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**TAXPAYERS SPLIT**  
 Preston voters approve the general government budget, but reject the education budget proposal.  
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 Waterford's Jen Ward smacks a lead-off home run.  
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**NATION**  
**DEADLOCK GOES ON**  
 Sen. Barack Obama wins the Democratic primary in North Carolina, while Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton is ahead in Indiana.  
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