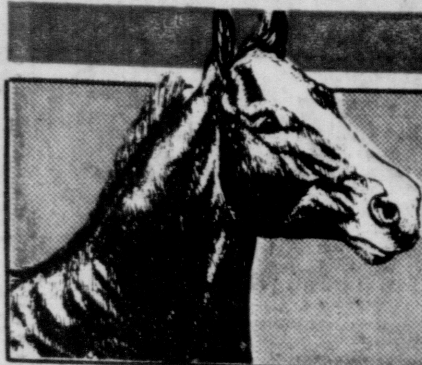




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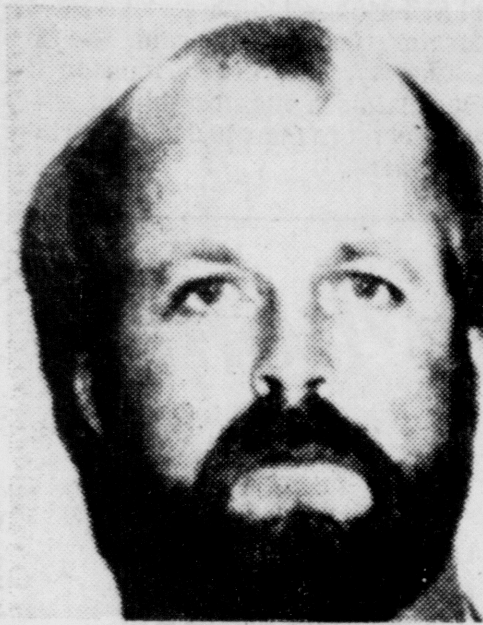
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CHRISTOPHER WILDER

Cops closing in, fugitive kills himself

From Herald news services

COLEBROOK, N.H. — Race car driver Christopher Wilder, wanted in eight states for a rampage of rape, torture, murder and kidnappings involving 11 women, killed himself with two gunshots Friday as state police moved in to arrest him.

Wilder, 39, was listed as "the most wanted man in America" by the FBI. He was suspected in the slayings of four women and the disappearance of four others. Three more survived their abductions.

Tipped off by friends of a woman

Wilder apparently knew in the area, two state police officers spotted Wilder's car at a service station in Colebrook, N.H., an isolated lumbering community 10 miles from the Canadian border.

Wilder killed himself with his own .357-magnum after a brief struggle with State Trooper Leo Jellison, Assistant Attorney General Michael Pignatelli said. Wilder lunged into his car as the two state policemen approached.

THE FIRST bullet fired passed through Wilder and lodged under one

of Jellison's ribs, said police Maj. William Cray. The trooper was listed in satisfactory condition after surgery for the bullet wound Friday afternoon.

"Wilder fired another shot, killing himself," Cray said. "Wilder shot twice. He is dead... from a self-inflicted gunshot wound."

The FBI sent up a team of agents with fingerprint comparisons and said Friday night, "A positive identification has been made."

Bill Kenyon, the father of Elizabeth Kenyon, 23, of Coral Gables,

Fla., one of Wilder's alleged victims, sobbed heavily when he heard that Wilder was dead. "We don't know how we're going to find our daughter now," said Kenyon, of Pompano Beach, Fla. "We were hoping and praying they wouldn't kill him."

Wilder had been sought in a manhunt from Florida to California and back to New England for a rampage of crimes against young women, often aspiring models.

AUTHORITIES SAID Wilder, born in Sydney, Australia, picked up women in Sydney, Australia, picked up women (Continued on Page 3)



TINA MARIE RISICO

Salvador aid takes Capitol Hill bypass

From Herald news services

WASHINGTON — President Reagan, frustrated by a Capitol Hill revolt over his Central America policies, bypassed Congress on Friday and authorized emergency shipment of weapons and medical supplies to the embattled government of El Salvador.

White House deputy press secretary Larry Speakes said the president had invoked authority permitting him to send military equipment and supplies worth an unspecified amount to El Salvador and defer payment for up to 120 days. He said the administration hopes that Congress will approve funds for El Salvador through regular channels before that time runs out.

The decision, eliminating any further congressional role in the president's immediate request, could worsen relations between the White House and Congress over Reagan's Central America policy.

"I think it's wrong, wrong, wrong," said Rep. Clarence Long, D-Md., chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee on foreign operations.

LONG SAID the president's decision to use emergency Pentagon funds was a signal to Congress to "go work your head off, but if we don't get exactly what we want we'll bypass you."

He said the move would be "counterproductive" and undermine future dealings with Congress.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said, "...President Reagan has pulled a Friday night surprise and thumbed his nose at Congress on Central America."

After weeks of pleading with Congress for money for El Salvador, Reagan was left empty-handed when the House and Senate began its 10-day Easter recess, which began Friday, without acting on his aid request.

THE WHITE HOUSE was in intense negotiations with House leaders all day Thursday in an effort to get action on a Senate-passed money bill. The Senate bill would have provided \$62 million in aid for El Salvador, but the House Democratic leadership indicated it would approve no more than \$32 million.

Reagan had asked for \$93 million,

but was willing to settle for the \$62 million.

Meanwhile, congressional leaders on Friday had told Reagan that they would not object if he decided to divert \$32 million to El Salvador from funds already approved for other countries.

However, Reagan opted instead for a "buy-now-pay-later" plan under provisions of the foreign military sales law. That plan allows the president to authorize equipment sales without any repayment from El Salvador for 120 days. Speakes said the Pentagon would be stuck with the bill if Congress does not appropriate money within 120 days that El Salvador could use to pay for its equipment.

The president's action will permit El Salvador to draw loans on Pentagon stocks to buy four Medivac helicopters, training equipment, communication spare parts, ammunition and helicopter spare parts, said Speakes.

Speakes said the administration would ask for the \$32 million in emergency funds it originally wanted when Congress returns from its recess.

Branham case goes to jury after lengthy arguments

by Colin O'Donnell

Herald staff writer

After an emotional two hours of closing arguments from both sides, a Lake County jury was sent to its chambers Friday to decide the fate of accused killer Kimberly Branham.

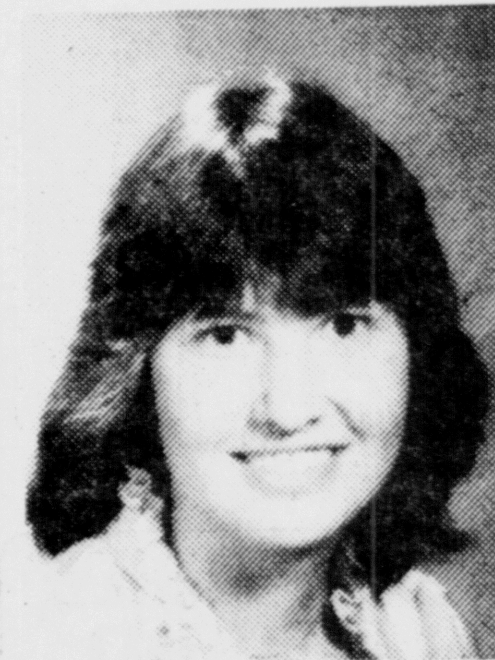
The six-man, six-woman jury was instructed by Lake County Circuit Judge Fred A. Geiger to either find Branham, 17, not guilty or guilty of murder or involuntary manslaughter in the Jan. 2 shooting death of 19-year-old Kurt Barlow of Wildwood.

Jury deliberations continued late Friday.

The prosecutors contend that Branham blamed Barlow for breaking up her love affair with another school-girl, 17-year-old Elizabeth "Betsy" Lou. They say Branham followed Barlow to Lou's Lincolnwood home, lured him to a window by starting a small fire outside and then shot him with her father's deer rifle.

BRANHAM'S ATTORNEY, however, says the girl was despondent after Lou broke off their affair and was planning to kill herself, but the rifle went off accidentally.

Assistant State's Attorney Thomas P. Briscoe summed up the four-day long trial by telling the jury that they



KIMBERLY BRANHAM

would "not be human beings if they were not affected" by the tragic events of Branham's life.

"But Kurt Barlow did not precipitate what happened to him," Briscoe said.

Branham's attorney, Wayne B. Flanagan, however, said Branham's emotional state was necessary to

determine whether she intended to kill Barlow.

"Is there any doubt that Kim was genuine, that her emotions were there," he tearfully asked the jury. "Can you picture that child out in the woods... trembling and crying?"

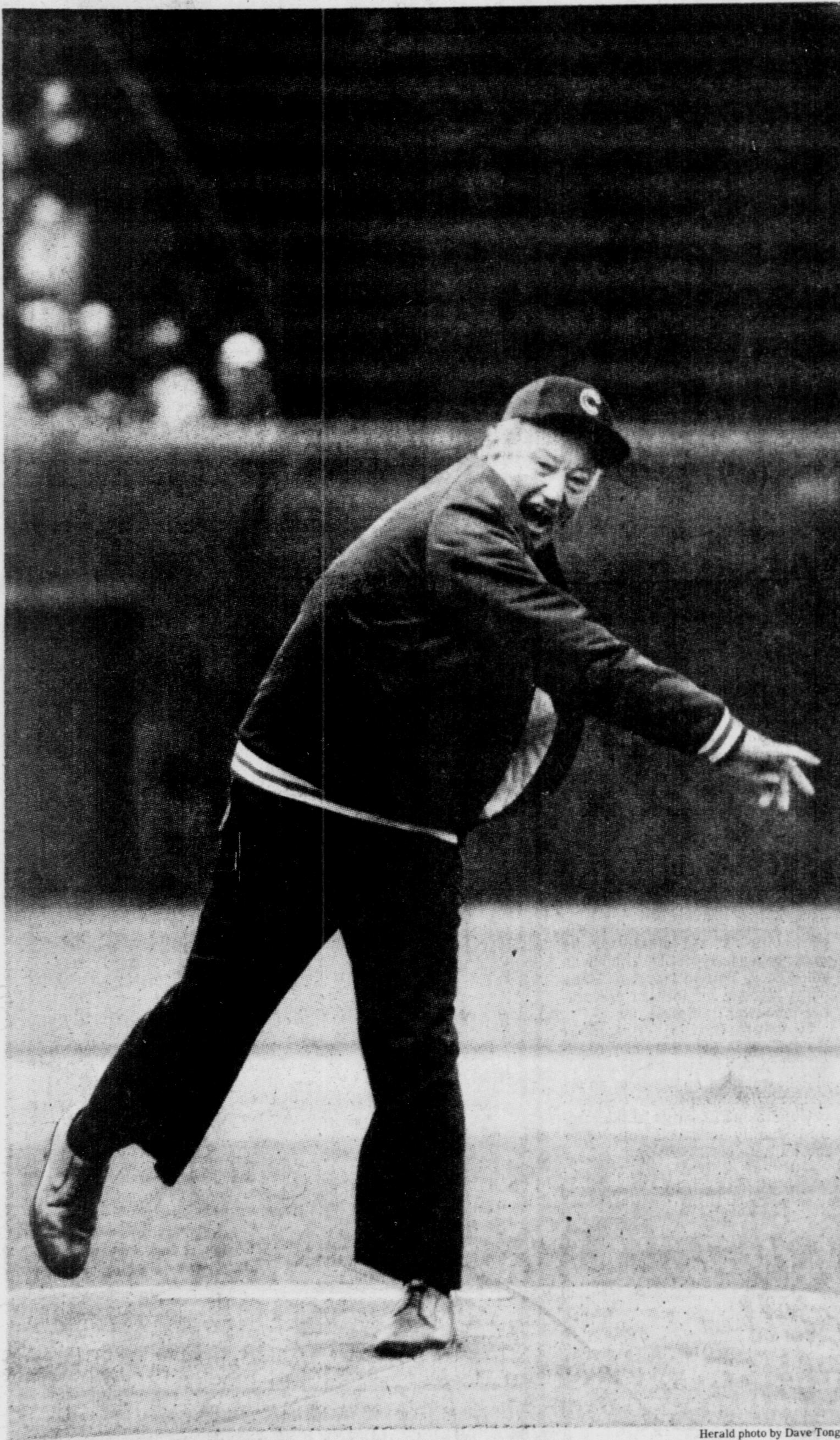
"KIM BRANHAM is innocent... not a cold-blooded, calculated murderer that the state would have you believe. She is a child, she needs help. Give her that help, ladies and gentlemen, send her home."

Co-prosecutor Matthew Chancey, in his rebuttal to Flanagan said, "The plain fact is Kimberly Branham murdered a young man on Jan. 2."

"One good way to dictate intent is the result," Chancey said. "Kim is alive today. She did not intend to kill herself. She intended to kill Kurt Barlow."

During his argument Chancey picked Branham's father's rifle up, cocked it and pulled the trigger, relating to the jury how he believed Branham killed Barlow. "Once she knew she had taken her prey, she took the gun and went home."

Briscoe took the rifle, tapped it on the floor to show the jury that it could not go off by itself as Branham has claimed.



Herald photo by Dave Tonge

Coach pitches in

Sporting a Cubs hat and jacket, recently retired DePaul coach Ray Meyer throws out the ceremonial first pitch at the Cubs' 1984 home opener Friday. A

14-hit attack, including three home runs, carried the Cubs to an 11-2 drubbing of the first-place New York Mets. See Sports.

Furor over Dist. 220 school caucus dies down

by Joan Fleischer

Herald staff writer

In the weeks preceding last November's school board election, rumors circulated around a small group of Barrington Hills residents who, it was said, were trying to grab power and run the schools in Barrington Unit District 220.

Some people saw the newly formed Barrington District 220 Caucus as an elitist clique that could manipulate the direction of the school board at its whim.

But caucus members say that hasn't happened. They say their aim was to encourage "good candidates"

to serve on the school board and never anything more than that.

And the group from Barrington Hills that comprised the original steering committee has, in fact, withdrawn from the caucus and handed the reins over to a new, larger group.

Fifty new delegates from the seven elementary schools are slated to be elected this fall, replacing caucus members who worked during the 1983 election.

"There was concern in the community that we were a Barrington Hills group trying to grab power," steering committee member Betsy Peterson concedes, "(and) the caucus is a powerful source, but it's geographically

based. It has been a tremendous grass roots system."

The idea for a caucus was first tossed around more than five years ago, but it didn't really get off the ground until December 1981.

"In this area, people from surrounding communities are isolated from one another. People living in North Barrington, for instance, have little interaction with those from Tower Lakes," said Ruth Moor, a resident of Barrington Hills and a member of the steering committee. "It's exciting for everyone who shares the common goal of providing quality education for the children in our community to work together."

"I'M ASTOUNDED how quickly and how well the community responded to the caucus. The process helped bring out better qualified and a larger number of candidates."

Moor and Peterson said their work was done when the caucus was formed. They do not attend caucus delegate meetings and maintain they are not even aware of changes the new group is hoping to make in the caucus.

One of the new leaders is Ronald Salamone, who was elected as a delegate from North Barrington and later became caucus chairman.

Although the period in between school board elections is one of dormancy for the caucus, its delegates soon will review changes in its by-laws.

Among the proposed changes, Salamone said, is that new delegates will be elected in the fall, rather than this spring because no one yet is really interested in elections.

But a more important consideration is: Should the new caucus immerse itself in issues facing the school district? "We're not talking about establishing a platform. We just want to identify the major issues and then select candidates best able to deal with those issues, not necessarily with views we agree on," Salamone said.

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