

Stabbing Suspect

Northampton police have released this composite photo of a white male suspect sought in the Oct. 14 stabbing of Smith College coed Laurie J. Erdman while she was jogging near the Smith campus. The suspect was described as five-feet, seven-inches tall, between 21 and 25 years old, of slender build and with light brown hair. Chief James J. Whalen asked that any information on the suspect be relayed to Northampton police, 413-584-0205.

Radio Station Sold; Format Changed

Rock radio station WTXL, West Springfield, has been sold to U.S. Broadcasting Co. which will give it an all news and information format.

The new owners said they expect to go on the air with the new programming in three weeks. In the meantime, while the station is off the air, there will be a renovation of facilities and equipment, according to the new owners.

Principals of U.S. Broadcasting Co. are Boston radio talk show personality Jerry Williams and Jeffrey Levitan, also of Boston.

Under the new ownership, the WTXL call letters will be changed to WNUS. The new station is affiliated with NBC News and Information Service in New York City.

WNUS will be the first radio station in the Springfield area to go all news.

The all-news programming will be continuously updated every hour of the day, seven days a week, and will include local news coverage, according to the new

The WTXL license was held by Communications Industries, Inc. Howard S. Shulman of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., was president and treasurer.

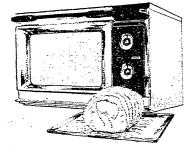
Council to Study Sewer Use Rates

Springfield's sewer use fee that has upset some residents because it is based on water used rather than water sent back to the sewers, has been sent back to the City Council for study and possible changes.

Vincent DiMonaco, chairman of the council public works committee, and five other councillors met Friday afternoon with Mayor Sullivan and Superintendent of Public Works Wylie C. Hubbard to discuss the problem.

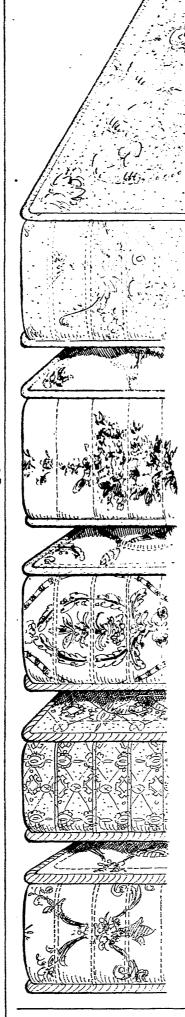
Some residents have argued that homeowners who water their lawns frequently or have swimming pools use water that doesn't run into the sewer system. But since the sewer use fee is based on the amount of water drawn from the tap, there is no way to vary the charge.

The sewer use ordinance will go back to a committee headed by Council President Paul J. Sears that wrote the ordinance. One possible change will be an abatement procedure if the user can prove a large amount of his tap water doesn't go into the sewers.



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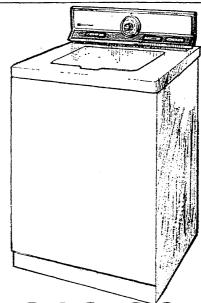
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