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HOUSING SITE? — Dennis Chartier of 42 Pioneer Circle jogs by the Cheney Great Lawn along Hartford Road this morning. Owners of the land have applied for a zone change that would allow them to build multi-family housing on the lawn and convert some of the former Cheney family mansions.

Great Lawn proposal questioned

By Nancy Concelmorn, Manchester Herald

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A member of the Cheney National Historic District Commission said today he is disturbed by a proposal to build multi-family housing on the Cheney Great Lawn and convert some of the Cheney mansions into multi-family housing.

Multi-family housing is permitted in the town's Historic zone but prohibited in the Residence AA zone. The applicants want to extend the Historic zone east to the Great Lawn, according to plans. The Great Lawn is located on the north side of Hartford Road, just west of Main Street. It is outside the Cheney National Historic District and is surrounded by houses once occupied by the owners of the Cheney Bros. silk mills.

Other members of the historic district commission said they want to review plans before commenting, including Louise Nathan, James Aldrich and Joseph L. Swenson Sr. Some other commission members were not available for comment. "I really hate to say anything until it comes to the commission," Aldrich said today.

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'Sin taxes' up April 1

O'Neill says bailout bill is only 'the first bite'

By Peter Viles, The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Beer drinkers, cigarette smokers, business owners and about 3,200 state employees were the big losers when Gov. William A. O'Neill signed into law a \$247 million deficit bailout bill that calls for higher taxes on April 1.



AP photo

ROLL CALL — Sen. William DiBella, D-Hartford, watches the vote board as state senators vote on tax-bill amendments Thursday. The bill, calling for tax increases April 1, passed and was signed by Gov. William O'Neill.

Freeze saves state \$800,000 in salaries

HARTFORD (AP) — This week's announcement by Gov. William A. O'Neill that he was freezing the salaries of top officials he appoints will affect 235 employees and save the state \$800,000 — a sum that is one-tenth of the amount the state needs to close next year's budget gap.

departments. Milano's office on Thursday released salary schedules for the affected officials and Jon L. Sandberg, the governor's press secretary, said the freeze savings would total just over \$800,000. Commissioners and other top officials who were contacted after O'Neill's order said they understood the need for the action.

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Pilgrims pray as armed guards watch

JERUSALEM (AP) — Hundreds of Christians from around the world today walked along the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem's Old City, praying and singing as they retraced Christ's path to his crucifixion on Good Friday.

Because of the 15-month Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation in the territories, hundreds of police, border guards and soldiers were on duty, clustered in groups of six or eight on the Via Dolorosa. No major violence was reported.

Meanwhile, in the Philippines, at least 11 people were nailed to crosses and thousands of Filipinos drew blood by beating themselves on the back today to symbolize the suffering of Christ.

In Jerusalem, 600 pilgrims marched behind the monks. The marchers included groups carrying Canadian and Australian flags, as well as the French fleur-de-lis. A guitarist led a group of Spaniards.

John Eberlein, 56, of Manassas, Va., said he was deeply moved to see Christians gathered together from around the world.

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Feds under fire for jet-threat secrecy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government reluctance to make public an air terrorism threat in Europe is bringing new calls from relatives of the Pan Am Flight 103 bombing victims for disclosure of all serious threats against commercial aviation.

White House, State Department and Transportation Department officials all attempted on Thursday to downplay the hijacking threat against U.S. airlines in Western Europe. Still, some officials, Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner in particular, expressed anger that it was released to the public in leaks to British news media.

The FAA acknowledged the existence of the memo, but declined to discuss its contents, which were nonetheless reported by the Daily Express and other London news media.

The newspaper said a hijacking by three Palestinians was threatened during the Easter weekend. U.S. officials denied that the bulletin contained any reference to this weekend. They also denied the newspaper's assertion that U.S. diplomatic and military personnel were warned of the threat.

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Paper says FAA had 4th warning

LONDON (AP) — A newspaper said today that 14 days before the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 a U.S. agency warned that people posing as police had questioned TWA staff members in West Germany about transporting explosives.

The Independent said the warning by the Federal Aviation Administration was the fourth involving a potential terrorist attack before the Dec. 21 bombing that killed 270 people.

TODAY

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RECORD

About Town

Britannia chapter to meet

The Britannia Chapter of the Daughters of the British Empire will meet Thursday, April 6 at 11 a.m. at Community Baptist Church, 585 E. Center St. Plans will be made to go to the Founder's Day Luncheon in Westport Wednesday, April 19, and also a visit to Victoria Home in Ossining, N.Y., Thursday, April 27.

Health cost seminar set

"How to Control Healthcare Costs by Negotiating the System," is a seminar sponsored by the Business Services Network at Manchester Community College. The seminar will be held Wednesday from 8 to 11:30 a.m. in the Lowe Building. It is targeted at area businesses who need to develop, implement, and maintain a plan for healthcare cost-containment. For more information, or reservations, call Eileen Stern, Business Services coordinator, 647-6965.

Art awards announced

The Manchester Art Association announced the following awards at their March meeting: first place, Jeanne Wright, for an untitled watercolor displayed at Mary Cheney's gallery; second place, Urban Coombs, for an oil painting titled "Williams Pond," displayed at First Federal Savings Bank, West Middle Turnpike; third place, Ruth Coulombe, an oil painting titled "The Pond at Massanutten," displayed at Marvin's Paint Store, Main Street; and fourth place, William Marsh, an oil painting titled "Pleasant Valley Farm," displayed at Marvin's Paint Store, Main Street.

Weight program offered

A weight reduction program specifically designed for older adults will be offered this spring through a cooperative effort between the Manchester Health Department Senior Citizens Program and Manchester Memorial Hospital's Community Education office. The 16-week series will be free, and will be presented by a registered dietitian. The classes will take place at Community Baptist Church, 585 E. Center St., on Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m., beginning April 11. Class size will be limited to 15 people. Register by calling the Health Department, 647-5174.

RHAM band to perform

The RHAM Wind Ensemble will participate in the American School Band Director's Association Festival in Old Lyme Thursday, Stanley DeRusha from the Hart School of Music will judge and work with the RHAM ensemble. RHAM students will be hosted to dinner by members of the Old Lyme Band following the activities.

YWCA lists openings

The YWCA is accepting applications for the following positions: Neighborhood Before-After School Program; Teacher assistants: Monday through Friday, 7 to 9 a.m. and on 3 to 5:30 p.m. Experience with children 6 to 11 years old desirable. Starts immediately. Camp Counselors for Summer Day Camp: Program operates Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 28 through Aug. 18. Before and after camp hours also available. For more information, call the YWCA, 647-1457.

Alliance meeting set

The Alliance for the Mentally III of Manchester will meet Monday, April 3 at 7 p.m. at Genesis Center, 105 Main St. The support group, affiliated with the Connecticut Alliance for the Mentally III, Inc., is open to families and friends of those individuals with prolonged mental illness. For information, call Edna E. Jacobs, 643-6897.

Send us your news

The Manchester Herald welcomes news releases about community activities for publication in the About Town column, which appears on this page Monday through Friday. The releases should concern events open to the public in Manchester, Bolton, Coventry and Andover. Releases concerning activities in other communities will be considered.

Lottery

Winning numbers drawn Thursday in New England:
Connecticut daily: 069. Play Four: 2203.
Massachusetts daily: 1374.
Tri-state daily: 788, 9842.
Rhode Island daily: 4711.
Rhode Island Lot. O' Bucks: 18, 23, 29, 32, 37.

Weather

REGIONAL WEATHER

Accu-Weather™ forecast for Saturday
Daytime Conditions and High Temperatures



East coast: Rain tonight, heavy at times, diminishing after midnight and becoming foggy. Low in the upper 30s. Chance of rain 90 percent. Foggy Saturday with a chance of drizzle in the morning then becoming partly sunny and milder. A 30 percent chance of an afternoon thunderstorm. High 55 to 60.



WORK ON DISPLAY — Robert F. Manning, a Manchester Community College art professor, stands with students Diane Cote, Alison Bayer and Jason Wallengren, who have their work displayed this month at the Artworks Gallery in Hartford. The exhibit will be open until April 1. The gallery, located at 100 Ailyn St., is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday. Wallengren is a Manchester resident while Bayer is from Coventry and Cote is from Hampton. Coventry resident Cindy Lepak also has work on display.

Obituaries

Bernice Wacker — Bernice (Fecko) Warner, 50, of 695 Talcottville Road, Vernon, died Thursday (March 23, 1989) at Rockville General Hospital. She was the daughter of John and Della (Wasilefsky) Fecko of Ellington and the sister of William Fecko of Manchester. She was born in New Boston, Pa., and she moved to Vernon 25 years ago. She was a secretary at Hamilton Standard in Windsor Locks for four years. She was a communicant of St. Bernard's Church in the Rockville section of Vernon. Besides her parents and brother, she is survived by a son, Richard J. Warner of Vernon; two daughters, Deborah Sydoriak of Vernon and Denise Otten of Monson, Mass.; another brother, John Fecko of Ellington; three sisters, Eleanor Richardson of Tolland, and Marion Reutter and Joan Froehlich of Vernon; a grandson, Robert Sydoriak of Vernon; and a friend, Thomas Daley of Manchester.

The funeral is Tuesday at 8 a.m. at the Samuel C. Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Road, South Windsor, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 9 a.m. in St. Bernard's Church. Burial will be in St. Bernard's Cemetery. Calling hours are Monday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the North Central Hospice, 26 Park St., Rockville 06066.

Henrietta Dupre — Henrietta (Russell) Dupre, 84, of Colchester, formerly of Boston Hill Road, Andover, died Wednesday (March 22, 1989) at William W. Backus Hospital, Norwich. She was the widow of Irving J. Dupre. She was born in Colchester Dec. 11, 1904. She was a teacher in the Hamburg Cove section of Lyme. She was a graduate of Bacon Academy in Colchester, the New Britain Normal School and the Yale summer school.

She was a member of the Andover Congregational Church and the Senior Citizens-Young at Heart of Andover. She is survived by a son, Irving A. Dupre of Coventry; three daughters, Doris Reeve of Wethersfield, Alice Magdon of Manchester, N.H., and Nancy Minnich of Goffstown, N.H.; a sister, Elsa Doubleday of Moretown, Vt.; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. William Rivers of the Norwichtown section of Norwich, and Mrs. Charles Russell of the Rockville section of Vernon; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was today at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., Manchester. Burial was to be in Linwood Cemetery, Colchester. Memorial donations may be made to Andover Congregational Church, Route 6, Andover 06222.

Leroy E. Mentor — Leroy E. Mentor, 90, of Greenfield, Mass., died Wednesday (March 22, 1989). He was the husband of Yvonne Mentor and the father of Carol O'Neill of Manchester. He is survived by two other daughters, Ellen Wisniewski of Greenfield, Mass., and Janet Mentor of Longmont, Colo.; two sons, Leroy E. Mentor of Springfield, Mass., and John Mentor of San Antonio, Texas; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral is Monday at 9 a.m. at the Kotlanski Funeral Home, Federal Street, Greenfield, Mass. Calling hours are Sunday from 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the St. James School Foundation, P.O. Box 254, Manchester 06040.

William Schieffelin — MOUNT KISCO, N.Y. (AP) — William Jay Schieffelin III, the seventh generation of his family to head Schieffelin & Co., a wine and spirit importer, died Thursday at the age of 67. Cause of death was not immediately available. Schieffelin joined the company, founded in 1794 as a pharmaceutical concern, in 1948. He became chairman and chief executive in 1982 and retired from active control of the company in 1983.

Milton Frome — LOS ANGELES (AP) — Milton Frome, who appeared on stage 50 times in the past 50 movies but was perhaps best known as Milton Berle's straight man during television's golden age, died Tuesday of heart failure. He was 78. Frome appeared opposite such stars as Buddy Ebsen, Mickey Rooney and Ann Miller in a career that spanned vaudeville to television.

Warren Kenner — NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Warren James Kenner, a film, television and stage actor, died Tuesday of a heart attack. He was 64. Kenner's film credits included "Obsession" and "Mandingo." His television appearances were "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman," "Sounder II," an episode of "The Heat of the Night" and several national commercials. As a founding member of the Dashiell Project Theatre in New Orleans, Kenner also served on the theater's board of directors and was their resident art director.

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Police Roundup

Five charged in drug raid

COVENTRY — Five people were arrested and 2 ounces of cocaine were seized in a Thursday night raid at a Standford Road home, police said. Lt. Ronald Doughty said the raid was carried out at about 7:30 p.m. by Coventry police and members of the Tri-Town Narcotics Task Force, which is made up of officers from Manchester, Vernon and South Windsor.

The owner of the house at 8 Standish Road, Timothy Banache, 33, was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell, operating a drug factory, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, police said.

The following people were also arrested: Melony Stefank, 29, of Vernon, charged with possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia; Louise Pietro, 28, of 125 Northfield Road, Coventry, charged with possession of marijuana; William O'Brien, 32, of South Windsor, charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana; and Richard Labbe, 22, of Ashford, charged with interfering with police and resisting arrest.

Banache was being held this morning on a \$100,000 cash bond. He is scheduled to appear in Rockville Superior Court on Monday. Stefank was released without bond. Pietro, O'Brien and Labbe are held on \$2,000 non-surety bonds. They are all to appear in court on April 11.

Holiday Closings

Today is Good Friday, a state holiday. Municipal and state offices: All are closed today. Federal offices are open.

Post offices: Are open. There is delivery. Libraries: The Andover Public Library is open in Manchester, the Mary Cheney and Whiton Memorial Libraries are closed. The Booth & Dimock Library in Coventry is closed today and Saturday. Retailers: Most are open today. Schools: All are closed today. Banks: All are closed today.

Liquor: Package stores are open today. Department of Motor Vehicles: Offices and emissions testing stations are closed today and Monday. The Department of Motor Vehicles only will be open Monday.

Garbage collection: There is curbside pickup in Manchester today. The Manchester and Coventry landfills are open. Emergency numbers: In Manchester, for high-water for refuse, 647-2348; for water and sanitary sewer, 647-3111. Manchester Herald: Offices are open today until 5 p.m.

Current Quotations

"We are willing to open doors to the guerrillas in the Salvadoran democratic process." — El Salvador's President-elect Alfredo Cristiani. Offering peace talks with leftist rebels after nine years of civil war.

"We don't think they should use the American public as live bait." — Colleen Hermann, of Huntington, N.Y., criticizing the government for not providing the public with information about terrorist warnings involving air travel. Ms. Hermann's brother, John Michael Aherm, was one of the 269 people killed in the Dec. 21 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

"You're supposed to have a resurrection around Easter. I guess this is it." — Mildred Adams on greeting her son, Randall Dale Adams, who was freed after more than 22 years in prison for a police killing he steadfastly said he didn't commit.

Thoughts

Good Friday is quite a contrast with Palm Sunday. On Sunday Jesus had all the symbols of success. The crowds loved him. He was popular. They wanted him to be a king with an associated power and riches. It certainly looked like he would end up with "the most toys." But then came Good Friday. The height of failure in most people's eyes. A total crash with Palm Sunday. He was tortured to death. He lost even the few possessions he had to soldiers who tossed dice for them. With the exception of a few of the women who had been following him, all his friends deserted him. Yet the Bible claims that his death was a key part of his success. According to Jesus' example the winner does not die with the most toys but with the most love. And unlike our material possessions, love increases the more we give it away. God's idea of success is very different from our idea of success and Good Friday has the potential to remind us of that — if we will let it.

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LOCAL & STATE

Osella is pleased with town support of park fund plan

By Andrew Yurkovsky
Manchester Herald
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New driveway might solve traffic problem

By Alex Girelli
Manchester Herald
Moving the driveway in the parking lot at Cheney Hall was suggested Thursday night as a possible solution to a problem with plans to build a walled enclosure near the hall to hide mechanical installations.

The suggestion came from Fred Blish, a member of the Cheney Hall Foundation, at a meeting of the foundation's building committee with architects and engineers for the renovation. The problem has arisen because a control box for lights in the parking lot and on nearby streets has been installed close to the curb at Hall Court. The wall that would enclose that box and other installations would block the sight of drivers exiting the lot on Hall Court.

Another suggestion made at the meeting was to convince the town to make an exception to its sight-line standard. That suggestion came from Jay Giles, a civil engineer and a foundation member. He said the town standard calls for a clear view from a point 20 feet away from the curb while the state's standard is 10 feet.

Other solutions under consideration by town planning and traffic officials include moving the control box, building the enclosure with one wall cut off at an angle to improve the sight line, and making Hall Court one-way eastbound.

Giles said the town standard is too rigid. Thursday's meeting of the foundation's building committee reviewed plans for plumbing, heating and lighting with Dan Bemis and Vincent Sipala, engineering consultants for the restoration.

Bemis said five gas-fired heaters along with "air handlers" will be installed in the left to provide heat. Blish asked if the system would be noisy and Bemis said it would not produce enough noise to interfere with performances.

When Sipala showed plans for lighting, including stage lighting, Mary Blish of the Little Theatre of Manchester asked if there would not be some way to hide a bank of theater lights that would be visible even when the hall is being used for banquets or similar non-theatrical events.

Several methods for hiding the lights or retracting them into the ceiling were discussed but no decision was made on how to accomplish the purpose. When the renovation design is completed, the Cheney Hall Foundation plans to seek bids.

Stage lighting could be controlled from several locations with a portable console. Blish suggested that a speaker be installed in the basement room where actors stay when not on stage so that they could hear what was going on during a performance.

Sipala said that can be done. He suggested that closed-circuit television capacity might also be explored. When the renovation design is completed, the Cheney Hall Foundation plans to seek bids.

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Dancers strip despite ban in Old Saybrook

OLD SAYBROOK (AP) — Male dancers stripped down to bikini shorts and women cheered and stuffed dollar bills in the dancers' briefs as a bar owner defied a town ban against such entertainment. A sold-out crowd of about 80 women paid \$5 each to watch the Red Hot Calendar Men strut their stuff at the Sol E. Mar Cafe Thursday night.

On Monday, the town Zoning Commission told cafe owner James Corvello that such entertainment was not a permitted activity under zoning regulations. But Corvello said at least one other business in Old Saybrook had previously featured male exotic dancers and he said he did not believe there were any grounds for the town's decision.

Police said they had no authority to stop the show. A police officer stopped by the cafe early Thursday night to make sure the identifications of women entering were checked. When he left, the officer told the women to "have fun."

The team from Florida opened Thursday's performance, wearing red tights, a white, fringed cowboy shirt and white boots — at first. As he shimmed in before the ladies, the team eventually stripped down to skimpy briefs.

Women showed their appreciation with applause and money. Before the show started, the lead dancer, Mr. April, came in and shook up the crowd, saying, "Thumbs down for the Zoning Commission."

Corvello, who had earlier said he would probably not schedule a repeat performance "because of all the hassle," said Thursday he might try to win the town's approval.

He said he would appeal the Zoning Commission's rule to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and if it will allow him to have more male dancing, he will do so on an occasional basis.

"We'll bring the dancers back if the town lets us," he said. Before Thursday's show, Richard Jones, Zoning Commission chairman, said the town's zoning enforcement officer and commission attorney will determine what action to take as a result of Corvello's actions.

He said a performance by the male exotic dancers would be "a willful disobedience of our regulations."

The audience at Thursday's show didn't seem to care what the commission thought about the dancing. "I think they should keep this around," said Pamela Fee of Middletown, who had come to see the show with fellow workers Diane Ceder of East Haddam, Susan Grote of Chester and Tracy Fuller of Deep River.

"Our husbands and boyfriends all approve," Ceder said. "They need more entertainment in Old Saybrook."

"I wish they'd worry more about the drug problem in town than about innocent fun for a lot of women," said Laurie Marshall of Old Saybrook.

Great Race beckoning drivers again

By Andrew J. Davis
Manchester Herald
Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. Shortz said after completing last year's race from Disneyland to Boston that he was not sure if he would enter again.

"When you (finish) you're really down. It takes a couple of months to wear off," he said. "I'm really excited."

He said he decided to enter the race even though his 1982 Chevrolet Deluxe Coupe has engine problems. Shortz said one major reason for re-entering is the shortness of this year's race. The 3,500-mile course is 1,000 miles shorter than the 1988 race, plus racers have an extra day to finish, he said.

Racers are given daily speed instructions, which are timed to a fraction of a second by race organizers. Racers must calculate their distance, mileage and speed by using a stopwatch, pencil and paper. There are no odometers in the vehicles.

The racers pass several checkpoints along the route and are assessed penalty minutes for late or early arrival. This year, John Talcott of Vernon will be Shortz' navigator. The race even though his 1982 Chevrolet Deluxe Coupe has engine problems.

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"I'm probably go a fourth or fifth time," he said. "It's just something different." he said. "It's so different. I think I should come back here." Reed said he loves competing in the race so much that he sees no end to his interest. "I'll probably go a fourth or fifth time," he said.

Reed also is a car nut. He will drive a 1936 Ford convertible.

Four workers injured as fire levels factory

By Andrew J. Davis
Manchester Herald
CHESHIRE (AP) — Four workers were injured and a two-story building in a factory complex was destroyed in a blaze that took firefighters from five towns to extinguish.

The fire Thursday evening destroyed the forging building at the Consolidated Industries complex. David Cote, 33, of Wolcott, one of four workers treated for smoke inhalation, said he and the others were working the second shift near a hydraulic machine that heats aluminum ingots to about 800 degrees and presses them into molds when the back of the press suddenly exploded.

The four workers tried to put out the blaze with fire extinguishers, but it was too quick, he said. Also treated for smoke inhalation at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury were: Craig Wil-

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LOCAL & STATE

Reports for Democrats

Reports from three town boards will be made to the Democratic Town Committee when the committee meets Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the hearing room of Lincoln Center.

The reports will come from the Board of Education, the Conservation Commission and the Fair Rent Commission. Democratic Town Chairman Theodore R. Cummings said reports from elected and appointed officials give the town committee members a chance to hear about the activities of the officials and to raise questions about them.

He said he feels committee meetings should involve things other than campaign discussions and internal party matters. The reports Wednesday will be given by Richard Dyer, chairman of the Board of Education; Arthur Glendon, chairman of the Conservation Commission; and Joseph Compose, chairman of the Fair Rent Commission.

Police secrets illegal

HARTFORD (AP) — The state Freedom of Information Commission has ruled in an advisory opinion that disclosure by some local police departments to keep criminal records from the public are illegal.

The police departments base their actions on a letter written by Chief State's Attorney John J. Kelly in July to prosecutors informing them they could refuse to disclose information under an exemption granted to their department in the state Freedom of Information Act.

The letter subsequently ended up in the hands of some police officials, who used it to block access to records. In an advisory opinion issued earlier this week, the FOI Commission said the claims of exemption under the law were "ridiculous" and "nonsense."

"The commission cautions enforcement agencies that it will not accept the existence of the letter in question, or its contents as 'reasonable grounds' for violation of the FOI Act," the commission said.

Cemetery cleanup set

Robert D. Harrison, superintendent of cemeteries, has requested that cemetery lot owners remove winter grave decorations before April 1.

On April 3, spring cleanup of the East, West and Buckland cemeteries will begin. The cleanup procedures include: Plastic flowers and decorations should not be used on grave sites between April 3 and Oct. 31.

Water savings urged

NEW BRITAIN (AP) — Connecticut can prevent the kind of water crisis now facing parts of New York state by imposing on its investor-owned utilities strict conservation plans, the state's consumer counsel says.

"The water utility industry is in a position similar to that of the Arab oil embargo. Consumer Counsel James Meehan said Thursday, "It is our hope that we will not need a crisis of that proportion to wake this industry up."

Meehan announced a list of steps he has asked the state Department of Utility Control to impose on the state's 100 investor-owned water utilities. The measures include an end to reduced rates for customers who use water, a system that discourages conservation, Meehan said.

Fargo defense suggests political angle

HARTFORD (AP) — After days of attacking the government's account of how the \$7.1 million Wells Fargo robbery was carried out, defense attorneys shifted their attention to the question of whether some defendants are being prosecuted for their political beliefs.

Temper flared briefly during the third day of closing arguments Thursday when a defense attorney suggested her client was charged with conspiracy simply because he advocates Puerto Rican independence.

"The charge of conspiracy has a long history," said defense attorney Linda Rackiel, who is representing Antonio Camacho Negron, 43, one of five men on trial in the \$7.1 million robbery. "It has been used against virtually every ... organization

Steiger defense finishes

HARTFORD (AP) — The mother of a Suffolk man charged in a double murder described one of her son's accomplices as evil and a bad influence in a videotaped interview played in Hartford Superior Court.

The interview of Jane Steiger by Howard Zonana, a Yale University psychiatrist, was videotaped on Nov. 18, 1988. During the interview, she discussed the childhood of her son, Eric K. Steiger, and his relationships with his father and friends.



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BUSINESS BUNNY — Bennet Junior High School student Melissa Ross, 13, holds a bunny to promote the Downtown Manchester Eggstravaganza, which began Thursday and ends Saturday. Customers at certain downtown stores can receive a 10, 20 or 30 percent discount on their purchases by picking out a discount egg.

Ex-candidate in trouble

HARTFORD (AP) — A lawyer who ran three times for the Legislature will be brought for a judge for possible disciplinary action because he improperly transferred \$18,000 belonging to a client, the Statewide Grievance Committee has decided.

Dwight O. Schweitzer, a Bloomfield resident who was a candidate for the 8th Senatorial District seat last fall, wasn't trying to defraud the client, returned the money to an escrow account when asked to and apologized, committee documents show.

The committee decided, however, that the violation of professional ethics was serious enough to take the case to court.

SCSU fights racism

NEW HAVEN (AP) — Southern Connecticut State University has announced a five-point plan to fight racism that includes the naming of a minority affairs director and a task force to study racism on campus.

The announcement came Thursday after a March 11 brawl involving 25 white fraternity members and six black students. Police arrested two people and say they may arrest more, while the university is considering expelling a student and disbanding the fraternity.

"We are clearly a microcosm of the national picture," said SCSU President Michael J. Adanti. "But we are hoping to be more pro-active than reactive."

Adanti said the campus needs to be sensitized to racial diversity. "You have to be willing to admit that (racism) does exist," he said.

No scofflaw renewals

WETHERFIELD (AP) — The vehicle registrations of parking scofflaws in Connecticut's five largest cities will be withheld by the state Department of Motor Vehicles, DMV Commissioner Lawrence F. DePonte says.

A new law that went into effect March 1, allows the cities of Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport, Stamford and Waterbury to

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Cleaning of streets begins on Monday

Manchester will begin its annual spring street-sweeping program Monday. The program is expected to take 12 weeks to complete.

Residents are requested to:
• Limit parking on streets until it has been swept.
• Sweep and take the sand on lawns and sidewalks into the gutter.
• Keep gutters free of leaves, branches, rocks, and other debris that may clog and/or damage the sweepers.

Take note as to when sweepers enter neighborhoods, to ensure cleanup before the sweepers pass by. Only one cleanup per street will be done.

Weekly announcements on the progress of the program will be issued. The program will begin in the downtown area and proceed throughout the town.

The following areas will be swept starting Monday through April 7:
Academy, Adelaide, Andor, Ann, Arch, Ashworth, Anselmi, Autumn, Avon, Battista, Bank, Beech, Birch, Bissell, Bidwell, Boulder, Bow, Brainard, Bremen, Bridge, Bunce, Campfield, Candletwood, Chandler, Chestnut, Cheshire, Church, Cedar, Cooper, Cooper Hill, Cornell, Cottage, Courtyard, Crownwell, Cross, Division, Drescher, Dunley, East, Elbridge, East Maple, Eldridge, Elm, Elm Terrace, Elwood, Emerson, Fairfield, Florence, Foley, Ford, Forest, Foster, Garden, Glenwood, Gorman, Place, Goslee, Grandview, Greenhill, Hall Court, Hamlin, Hartford Road, Harrison, Hathaway, Hawley, Hazel, High, Hill, Jackson, Jean, Johnson Terrace, Kane, Keeney, Kensington, Knighton, Lancaster, Laurel, Linden, Lindman, Litchfield, Lucott, Lucian, Lyndale, Lyness, Madison, Main, Maple, Maxwell, McCann, McKee, McKinley, Middlefield, Meadow, Moore, Munro, Myrtle, New, North Fairfield, Norman, Oak Street, Oak Grove, Otis, Overland, Packard, Palm, Park, Parker, Patriot Lane, Pearl, Pine, Pitkin, Pilgrim, Pleasant, Porter, Portland, Parrell, Putnam, Raymond, Richmond, Ridge, Ridgefield, Scarborough School, Seaman Circle, Severer, Short, Somerset, Spruce, Steephollow, St. James, Summer, Summer Street, Extensive, Sycamore, Vine, Virginia, Waddell, Walnut, Waronoke, Westchester, Westwood, Wells, Wellman, West, Westwood, Westminster, Winter.

Andover landfill plan backed by candidate

ANDOVER — Julia A. Haverl, Democratic candidate for first selectman, said the selectmen's budget request for an additional person to man the entrance of the town landfill is a positive step to extend the life of the landfill.

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NATION & WORLD

Convict cleared in killing

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Randall Dale Adams returned home to hugs from his mother, flowers from well wishers, a job offer from the mayor and word from Texas that a murder charge for which he was nearly executed was being dropped.

"I couldn't have dreamed this. I knew I would be home, but not this way," said Adams, whose 1977 conviction was questioned in the 12th year of his prison term by the movie "The Thin Blue Line."

Adams was set free Tuesday, a few weeks after the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals set aside the conviction, saying prosecutors had suppressed evidence and witnesses had given perjured testimony.

In the film documentary, an inmate on death row for another murder recanted his testimony against Adams and all but confessed to the 1976 killing of Dallas Police Officer Robert Wood.

About 100 people cheered loudly Thursday as the 40-year-old suburban Grove City native walked through an airport gate and into the arms of his mother, Mildred Adams.

He was presented with a daffodil lei, an Ohio State Buckeye cap and an Easter basket topped with a yellow ribbon. "I feel happy, really happy," said Mrs. Adams, clutching her son's arm as they left the gate. "You're supposed to have a resurrection around Easter. I guess this is it."

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CRIME SPREE — Aphoe County sheriffs deputies holds their guns as they pull a hostage, an 18-year-old boy, suffered gunshot wounds in the incident.

'Madman' dies after rampage

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — A man with an insatiable appetite for cocaine killed two women with a semiautomatic gun and wounded two deputies and a hostage before killing himself during 10 hours of rape and terror, authorities said.

Eugene Thompson Jr., 20, of Littleton, was armed with a MAC-11 assault pistol when he broke into a woman's suburban Denver house early Thursday and began his crime spree.

The rampage, during which he raped two women, ended in a gunbattle at a townhouse as 100 officers searched the residence treatment program in the Denver suburb of Lakewood.

He had an appetite for drugs — mostly for cocaine — that he couldn't keep up with," said Lakewood police Detective George McGlynn. "And that's what led to this."

It wasn't known if Thompson was on drugs during his rampage — an autopsy was pending. But Douglas County Sheriff's Lt. Bill Walker said, "We know he had been using cocaine heavily in recent weeks."

The trouble broke around 5 a.m. when Thompson broke into 47-year-old Beverly Swartz's house in Littleton, authorities said. She called for help, but hung up before she could give her address. Authorities traced the call but

when they arrived she and her car were gone. Her husband, Ralph, summoned from work, arrived at the house and was talking with investigators when the telephone rang.

It was his father, Oscar Swartz, calling for help. Thompson had driven the woman to her in-law's home outside Littleton, broke in at gunpoint and tied up the three — Beverly, Oscar and his 68-year-old wife, Janice.

"He raped the younger woman downstairs, then executed her," Sheriff Zotos said. "Then he executed the older one upstairs."

About 30 minutes after leaving the house, he crashed a stolen car into a fence and fled, setting off the manhunt. During their search, police warned schools to lock their doors, and told residents to stay inside. About 25,000 school children were kept in their classes.

"What do you do if the crazy guy busts in the school? And I don't know how to answer it. It's a shame it's got to a point in our society where we've got to worry about this," said Bob Dye, Dry Creek Elementary School principal.

Bush, Congress reach agreement on Contra aid and peace efforts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush nailed down the first plank of his emerging foreign policy by achieving a rare agreement with Congress to extend aid to the Contra rebels and support Central American peace efforts.

Congressional and administration sources said the accord, in the works for the past month, came together after a series of meetings Thursday between Secretary of State James A. Baker III and Democratic and Republican members on both sides of the Capitol.

Bush was expected to announce the two-page policy agreement in a White House appearance today with congressional leaders.

The accord calls for Congress to extend aid to the anti-Sandinista Contra rebels, now scheduled to end after this month, through Feb. 28, 1990. In exchange, the administration pledges to support peace efforts of the five Central American presidents and the eventual reintegration of the rebels into Nicaraguan political life.

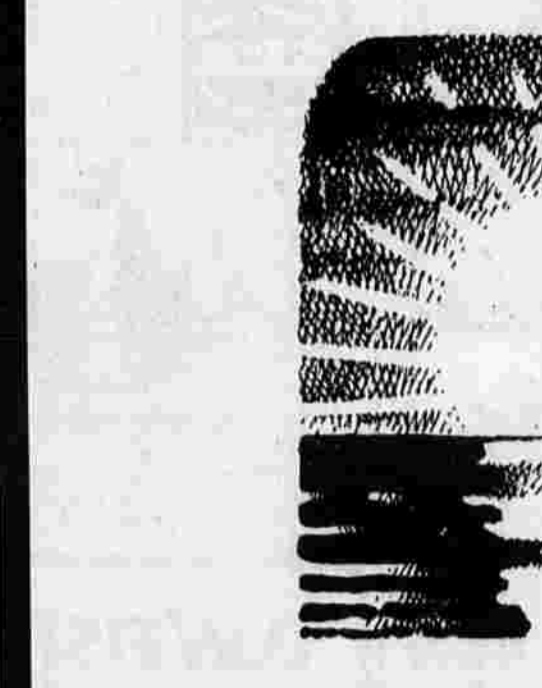
Contra supporters say the continued presence of the 11,000 fighters along the Nicaraguan border with Honduras will maintain pressure on the leftist Sandinista government to restore political freedoms and hold free elections early next year.

While the agreement mentioned no specific figure for continued aid to the rebels, money was to flow at the current rate of about \$4 million a month, putting the aid package at roughly \$40 million.

The presidents of Honduras, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Nicaragua agreed in February to renew their peace efforts and pledged to come up with a plan by mid-May to disband the Contra force and for the rebels to be reintegrated into Nicaragua as political freedoms are re-established.

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House sends wage boost to the Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — House passage of a plan to raise the minimum wage shifts the partisan battle to the Senate, where the leading proponent of an increase is urging President Bush to refrain from further veto threats while Congress settles on a final bill.

The House voted 248-171 Thursday in favor of legislation that would raise the minimum wage from the current \$3.35 an hour to \$4.55 by October 1991, with the first increase taking effect later this year.

The House then joined the Senate on an Easter recess that ends April 3. High on the Senate agenda when it returns is a bill sponsored by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., that would raise the minimum wage to \$4.65 by 1992.

Kennedy said he is open to amending his bill, and in a statement issued after the House vote he asked Bush, who has threatened to veto any attempt to raise the hourly minimum above \$4.25, to keep an open mind until the House and Senate agree to a bill.

"This is an excellent opportunity for Congress and the administration to demonstrate that they can work together and in doing so achieve a real increase in the minimum wage and an honest training wage," Kennedy said.

Bush has insisted that a six-month sub-minimum training wage covering all newly hired employees be created by legislation to raise the minimum wage, a provision he said will help offset potential job losses caused by raising the minimum.

Sponsors of the House bill, while disputing GOP projections of massive job losses, added a provision allowing a sub-minimum wage to be paid to new hires for two months provided it was their first job. That falls far short of the White House demand and, with Kennedy also opposed to Bush's training-wage proposal, that issue likely will be a major sticking point in any attempts to reach a compromise.

Several Republicans insisted that Democrats were going to have to give in to Bush — who appears to have the votes to sustain a veto — or let a nine-year pass without any change in the minimum wage.

"The question is do you want a bill or do you want a political issue?" Rep. Steve Gunderson, R-Wis., said during an unsuccessful GOP effort to substitute Bush's proposal for the House leadership's measure. "If you truly want to raise the minimum wage this is the only game in town."

But Democrats argued they had given enough by cutting the final increase from \$4.65 an hour to \$4.55 and by adding the new-hire wage.

As amended, the House bill would boost the minimum wage to \$3.65 an hour on Oct. 1, to \$4.25 on Oct. 1, 1990, and to \$4.55 a year later. The provision for the new-hire wage, to be pegged at 85 percent of the minimum wage, would expire Sept. 30, 1992.

It also would expand exemptions allowing small businesses to pay wages lower than the minimum wage and would allow employers of workers who earn tips to pay them 50 percent of the minimum wage, down from the current 60 percent.

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OPINION

Latest plan on the lawn is 2nd best

The best thing that could happen to what remains of the Cheney Great Lawn is nothing. That has been obvious all along.

It has always been obvious that there is no economically feasible way to preserve the lawn surrounded by former Cheney family mansions in its present state.

The thought of issuing bonds to buy the land from its owners was wisely rejected. The public would not have approved buying the lawn simply to look at it while driving along Hartford Road. The possibility of getting contributions to buy the lawn was explored and there was little enthusiasm for it.

Owners of the mansions around the lawn are aware that the day may come when it is no longer feasible for them to maintain the mansions as single-family dwellings.

The new proposal by owners of the lawn area and the four mansions closest to it may well be the next best thing that could happen. We can hope so.

Certainly the plan will come under close scrutiny by the Cheney Historic District Commission, whose chief responsibility is to see that everything done in the Cheney area fits in as well as possible with the historical character of the neighborhood.

Under present zoning, there is nothing to prevent the owners of the land from building single-family houses in a standard way on standard-sized individual lots. That would be jarring.

Instead, those owners have proposed to include the area in the historic zone so that to amend the regulations for that zone so that multi-family dwellings on the lawn would have to "meet the historical integrity of the architectural characteristics of the area and of adjacent structures within the zone."

Whether the proposed standards for sizes of buildings and lots and architectural constraints are the right standards is something the staff of the Planning Division, with advice of the Cheney Historic District Commission, will have to decide.

But the proposal by the lawn's owners certainly seems to be a sincere attempt to make the development compatible with its historic surroundings.

Open Forum

Don't cut back aid to nursing homes

To the Editor:

I'm asking that Gov. William O'Neill's proposed budget cut in long-term nursing care be rejected. The proposed bill would change the state's reimbursement formula. Approximately 21,000 residents of nursing homes and 39,000 staff members would be affected by the \$38.5 million reduction. The nursing staff and health-care providers are living under an artificial wage cap, making it impossible to attract and retain these very essential people.

The elderly have no representation and no one to negotiate for them. I feel that things are being done without them having a say in the matter. Our elderly deserve better than this. Let them live their remaining years with pride, dignity and the best care possible. It cannot happen if Bill 7227 passes.

Calvin C. Russell Jr.
87 Bolton St., Manchester

Revise the budget for fewer students

To the Editor:

I would like to make some comments concerning the March 16 meeting of the Bolton Board of Education. At that meeting, the board voted to send its original budget to the Board of Finance, regardless of the number of freshman students from Willington.

The Willington students are a very desirable addition to Bolton High School, as they expand the student population sufficiently to maintain and enrich our current curriculum. With these students, we are able to offer courses that would not be feasible for Bolton students alone. However, the Board of Education must be aware of the fact that there will not be any Willington freshmen next year, and adjust their budget accordingly. Currently, Mr. Fleming has projected five different sections of freshman math.



Women must always be ready

By Sarah Overstreet

Women are abducted, raped and killed so often that sometimes I think we are numb to the suffering; that is, unless it happens too near our own assumed safe harbors. We read, we might feel momentary outrage or grief, but it's forgotten almost by the time we've finished the paper.

Kelli Patricia Hall's death was one that stayed with me. She was abducted in St. Charles, Mo., a suburb of St. Louis, on Feb. 9. They found her nude body almost two weeks later; she had been strangled to death, and tests may determine she was also raped. She was 17 years old.

St. Louis is 200 miles away from where I live, so Kelli's death didn't really threaten my safety zone. But I can't seem to shake the horror of her death any easier than I can forget her abduction, and for the same mystifying reason: The night Kelli was taken, she was minutes from getting off work at the Mobil station where she was a cashier. Her boyfriend was waiting nearby in a warm car for her to finish her final task of the night: checking the tanks to see if they needed to be refilled. A few yards in the other direction was the station, and customers. Just a scream, a dash away. Yet witnesses saw Kelli get into a Chevy Blazer with two men in it.

Three of these sections have four, nine and nine students. Surely these sections could be combined into two sections of 11 students each. There can also be some consolidation in the area of social studies, coinciding with the planned curriculum revision. The proposed budget also calls for the expansion of the current part-time Spanish teaching position to a full-time position, at an approximate cost of \$12,000. While this expansion may be needed in future years, we should avoid this action next year. The projected French I class is composed of four students. Perhaps more students could be encouraged to take French instead of Spanish, eliminating the need for a full-time Spanish teacher next year.

The Bolton Board of Education must act responsibly in this matter. The members must cut their budget to reflect the reality of the loss of Willington freshmen. I hope they will reconsider their actions.

Anne P. Richards
8 Rolling Hills Trail, Bolton

Watchdog always helped community

To the Editor:

I am taking a moment to write to pay tribute to Harold "Stubby" Collins, the watchdog of news in the South Windsor community, and public transportation. I had the pleasure of meeting Harold 17 years ago. In 1972, being involved in a civic organization, Harold served on a commission serving the taxpayers. He always made sure that the town was a better place to live, work and prosper. Stubby would always be vocal, and he would tell it like it was and had to be, by writing letters to the editor, so the townspeople were aware of decisions by the mayor and the Town Council. Examples: being burned by higher taxes, or agenda items and education standards, and various types of economic development.

Stubby would be vocal in inquiries or writing about decisions affecting the bus industry. He will be sadly missed by the commuters, senior citizens, and my

Evelyn Barreille Tomaszewski
18 South Road, Bolton

Bill would jeopardize needs of children

To the Editor:

To Rep. Naomi K. Cohen and Sen. Kevin B. Sullivan, co-chairmen of the General Assembly's Education Committee:

I am disheartened to read that some groups who for years have effectively worked for children are now attempting to plot a course that will allow for educational failure of some handicapped children. It disturbs me that proposed Bill H.B. 6454 wishes to jeopardize the needs of handicapped children by abolishing funding for regional programs.

Both in Public Law 94-142 and Connecticut Statute 10-76, services for that student. To dismantle programs that have been well established, such as the CHEC Day Treatment Program, to meet the misguided illusion that all children should be placed in the mainstream is absolutely preposterous. I would strongly urge you and any member of the Educational Committee to defeat H.B. 6454 with a resounding "no" vote. All school districts have a responsibility to handicapped children and every effort should be made to provide for them a continuum of alternative placements. Every effort

U.N. soft on abuses in Cuba

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — Is the United Nations too soft on Cuba? George Bush thinks so, but his opinion wasn't enough to keep the U.N. Human Rights Commission from closing the book, at least temporarily, on Cuba.

The commission finished its annual session in Geneva after approving a work schedule for the coming year. That schedule makes no reference to monitoring human rights abuses in Cuba. The difference of opinion between the United States and the United Nations has as much to do with politics as it does with human rights.

The United States has been accused of hyping the abuses of Castro regime to stoke anti-communist fires. But the White House thinks that the United Nations should take action against Cuba to prove that the international body will stand up for human rights no matter what politics are involved.

The 30th anniversary of the Castro regime has prompted Congress to get into the act and suggest a plebiscite in which Castro would allow his people to elect a new government.

The U.N. Human Rights Commission visited Cuba last fall and found that Castro was still stomping all over the rights of his political enemies. The commission learned that people had been arrested and jailed for some-thing as simple as possessing a Bible or reading a book of the wrong political persuasion.

Even more disturbing is what happened because of the commission's visit. Police harassed and arrested people who tried to give information to the commission. Here is what happened to just a few of those people.

Lazaro Linares Echevarria was arrested in September when he tried to contact the commission, according to Human Rights Watch, the independent human rights monitoring group. He is reportedly serving a six-month prison term on a charge of contempt.

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Francisco and Alejandro Benitez Ferrer were believed to be near the delegation's hotel when they were arrested. Francisco is a former prisoner of conscience. He served a prison term for spreading propaganda and had only been free about two weeks before he was arrested again while trying to reach the delegation. He was reportedly sentenced to six months in prison for insulting a police officer.

The U.N. Human Rights Commission should come to mind — options and "appropriateness." The law has never spoken about mistreatment — a law has spoken about appropriateness, as we in the state of Connecticut have spent years programming for appropriateness.

Richard A. Cormier, Director
Pupil Personnel Services/Special Education, Manchester Public Schools

Special achievement by a regular donor

To the Editor:

On March 18, our good friend of many years, Jack Welby of Vernon, died suddenly while in Florida with his wife, Sophie. The obituary did not mention that Jack was a regular Red Cross blood donor. In a conversation with his wife, I learned that he had reached 17 gallons and was working on the 18th. A heart attack two years ago prevented him from giving more. Jack Welby's name is inscribed on a plaque which is displayed at 78 Pearl St. in Hartford, for this very special achievement.

It is a very warming thought, realizing the many people Jack had helped during his lifetime.

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BUSINESS

State Bank sets earnings record, increases assets

Manchester State Bank has reported record earnings for the 14th consecutive year with an increase in assets of over \$7 million from 1987 to 1988 and an increase in earnings per share of 78 cents, according to the bank's annual report.

The bank's net income in 1988 was \$907,218, compared to \$728,695 in 1987. Earnings per share increased from \$7.25 in 1987 to \$8.07 last year, according to the annual report.

Bank President Nathan G. Agostinelli said the bank's steady growth has continued despite 200 bank failures across the nation last year.

"With all of these problems in the banking industry our bank continues with record profits, record reserves and a steady growth," Agostinelli said in a letter to shareholders.

The 8 percent increase in assets, from \$87 million in 1987 to \$94.5 million at the end of 1988, was attributed to growth in deposits and loans, particularly mortgages, since 1986, the report said. Deposits increased from \$81.1 million in 1987 to \$89.5 million last year.

Loans increased from \$72.7 million in 1987 to \$82.2 million in 1988. The jump includes an increase in real estate loans from \$47.5 million in 1987 to \$55.4 million last year.

Net interest income was \$3.8 million, 10 percent higher than in 1987. A 13 percent jump in net interest income from \$3 million in 1986 to \$3.5 million in 1987 was the result of increases in loans and deposits, the report said.

Mobil says gas with wrong labeling won't hurt cars

NEW HAVEN (AP) — Officials at Mobil Oil Corp. are trying to determine how some relatively low octane gasoline stored at the company's New Haven terminal was labeled as high octane, a company spokesman said.

Mark Cohen, a Mobil spokesman, said Thursday the company has stopped shipping the gasoline in question after it was determined that a limited amount of it was labeled as higher octane than it actually was.

"We're working hard to determine the exact extent of the problem and at the same time we're trying to reassure our customers that there will not be any damage to their vehicles as a result of this," Cohen said.

Cohen said he thought the problem may have existed as early as Tuesday, but he said as far as he knew company officials didn't discover it until early Thursday.

"The company is currently conducting tests to determine how far off the octane levels are. 'Right now we don't think it's off by a lot, but we really aren't sure,'" he said.

"We have some preliminary idea based on some rough guess work," Cohen said. "Our super unleaded is sold at 89 octane and we're guessing that what we may have shipped is 91."

Cohen said regular unleaded is labeled 87. "If your car required 89 octane and it got only 87, most likely you wouldn't be able to tell any difference," Cohen said. "If there would be any difference, you might hear a slight tingling noise if you go up a hill and you accelerate."

Cohen said the company was notifying the proper local and state authorities, and anyone who has complaints can contact the company.

"Our position is we stand by our product and if anyone has a problem with it we will deal with claims individually," he said.

Cohen said he did not know where the gasoline stored in New Haven was distributed, but said "if it is a problem with it we will deal with claims individually."



IN BRIEF

Daniell heads Wings Club

NEW YORK (AP) — Robert F. Daniell, chairman and chief executive officer of United Technologies Corp., has been elected the 4th president of the Wings Club.

Daniell succeeds Alan S. Boyd, chairman of Airbus Industrie of North America, as head of the non-profit organization of about 1,500 representatives of aviation, aerospace and related industries.

Centel sells cable business

CHICAGO (AP) — Centel Corp. announced Thursday it has reached agreements to sell cable television operations which combine to have 400,000 subscribers in four states.

The Chicago-based company did not disclose the sale prices of the Centel Cable Television Co. properties, but it expects the gross proceeds from all six sales to total more than \$1.4 billion.

Early Thursday, Centel said it would sell its central Florida cable operation, which has 97,000 subscribers to American Television and Communications Corp. of Stamford, Conn., and sell its Illinois cable business, with 122,000 subscribers, to Jones Interchange Inc. of Englewood, Colo.

Montana may sponsor card

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Some legislators want the state to cash in on credit cards as a way of balancing demands for increased spending and lower taxes.

A House committee on Thursday approved legislation that would have the state issue MasterCard or Visa cards for a commission. It is approved by the full House during the next week, it would be sent to the Senate.

This predominantly agricultural state of 804,000 residents could reap in millions of dollars in extra revenue by sponsoring the card, said Democratic Rep. Mark O'Keefe.

Yale targets model city

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Yale University and a Chicago architectural foundation have chosen a model for 21st century urban development: Des Moines.

Mario Gandelsonas, a New York City architect and faculty member at Yale University, will spend much of the next three years studying the city's layout and architecture. In turn, they hope to teach the rest of the country how cities should grow.

"Every city wants to have little skyscrapers growing up," said Gandelsonas. "But there are secondary office boxes growing up in suburbia without any order, producing total chaos in the landscape without any rational organization."

Judge gives broad mandate to Eastern court examiner

NEW YORK (AP) — Eastern Airlines has been granted its request for a court-appointed examiner in its bankruptcy proceedings, but the airline appears to be getting one with broader powers than it wanted.

In a surprising ruling Thursday, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Burton Lifland said he would appoint an examiner to oversee Eastern during its Chapter 11 reorganization. But he decided to give the official a broader mandate than requested by the airline, saying it was in the public's interest to do so.

Among other things, the examiner — still to be named — would mediate differences among Eastern employees, creditors and other parties to achieve a consensus on a bankruptcy reorganization plan, Lifland said.

He described that role as "hanging heads together by an independent entity."

The judge also refused a union request to order Eastern to release about \$24 million in prestrike paychecks and benefits frozen when the airline sought protection from creditors March 5, five days after the beginning of the Machinists' union strike.

Eastern's pilots and flight attendants have refused to cross the machinists' picket lines.

The unions have asked the bankruptcy court to appoint a trustee who would be willing to drop during its reorganization, bumping Texas Air Corp. Chairman Frank Lorenzo from that position.

An April 7 hearing has been scheduled on the trustee request. But an attorney for the Air Line Pilots Association indicated the union might be willing to drop its request because the new examiner's power would be so sweeping.

"It's rather an extraordinary appointment," Bruce Simon, who represented the pilots during Thursday's hearing, told reporters outside the courtroom.

He described the official to be appointed by the judge as a "super-mediator" and a "super-examiner."

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Eastern's unions claim Texas Air has been stripping the airline of its assets while trying to bolster Continental.

Meanwhile, in Tallahassee, Fla., a federal appeals court delayed its ruling on Eastern's request to force the pilots back to work.

Topper can't halt Emhart's 'pill'

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A U.S. District judge has declined to consider a request by Topper Acquisition Corp. for an injunction against Emhart Corp.'s shareholder rights plan. Emhart officials said.

The judge, which made an unpublished \$2.4 billion dollar bid to buy Emhart, filed suit saying that the shareholder rights plan is discriminatory. Emhart had rejected Topper's offer.

The shareholder rights plan, commonly known as a "poison pill" is designed to discourage hostile takeovers by making them less profitable.

Judge James R. Spencer said he would not consider whether a shareholder rights plan adopted by Emhart March 8 should be enjoined, the Farmington, Conn.-based Emhart said in a news release Thursday.

But the judge did issue a preliminary injunction against an earlier Emhart shareholder rights plan, the company said.

In issuing his ruling, Spencer said, "Emhart is only being deprived of a plan its board has already seen fit to do away with anyway."

Spencer also rejected a request by Topper that he declare invalid a Virginia law giving guidance to directors on the standards they may apply in acting on buyout proposals.

Emhart is incorporated in Virginia and thus subject to Virginia laws.

A spokesman for Topper declined to comment on the ruling. Emhart said Monday that it had agreed to be acquired by Black & Decker Corp., which made a \$2.8 billion takeover offer.

But in documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission Tuesday, Emhart said it would give Topper a chance to review internal Emhart information if it would help Topper formulate a higher bid.



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'Sin taxes'

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Wednesday night. It also calls for \$2.2 million in spending cuts and \$140 million in accounting maneuvers to shuffle money into the ailing general fund.

Most of the cuts — \$1.7 million — would be accomplished through the forced days off.

In addition to the cuts, the bailout package calls for:

• Increased "sin taxes" on beer, wine, liquor and cigarettes, effective April 1, to raise a total of \$19.4 million in three months.

• Doubling taxes on liquor would increase 50 percent, and cigarette taxes would rise from 26 cents to 40 cents per pack.

• Accelerated collection of capital gains taxes, to raise \$25 million.

• Accelerated collection of insurance premium taxes, to raise \$16 million.

• Adding a 15 percent surcharge on the state corporation tax, to raise \$35 million.

• Adjusting the state's estimate of the earning power of the teacher's retirement fund from 8 percent to 8.5 percent, which would allow the state to contribute \$50 million less to the fund.

• Transferring \$30 million from the transportation fund, which is running a surplus, to the ailing general fund. A 3-cent per-gallon increase in the state gasoline tax, effective July, would repay the transportation fund.

• Taking \$99.4 million from the reserve or rainy day fund, which holds \$130 million.

It was the second time this month the Senate had passed a deficit bailout bill. An earlier Senate bill that called for \$15 million in spending cuts and no new taxes on alcohol and cigarettes was amended Wednesday in the House, where leaders added the "sin taxes," killed all but \$2.2 million of the cuts, and added the so-called furloughs.

O'Neill and Senate leaders found the furloughs unacceptable, but the Senate did not risk taking them out of the bill, which would have sent the bailout package back to the House.

Instead, the Senate passed the House package intact, and also passed a second bill that would protect state employees from the furloughs. That bill, however, appeared headed for defeat in the House, where Democrats defeated two amendments Wednesday night that would have done the same thing.

Guard won't be charged for killing 2 jail kittens

SOMERS (AP) — A Somers State Prison guard who broke the necks of two kittens harbored in a cell then flushed them down a toilet was wrong not to destroy them in some other manner, but won't face any penalty for his actions, officials said.

"It was a judgment call. There was no intention on anybody's part to be cruel or hateful," said Warden George Bronson, adding that the guard was trying to handle the matter expediently. "We will do things differently next time."

Gus Helberg, executive director of the Connecticut Humane Society, said Thursday that he was "aesthetically displeased" by the killing, but said the group has no criminal process it can pursue.

Last week, a prisoner, William Borman, complained that corrections officers "discovered a group of three 'day-old kittens' during a routine search of cells for drugs and alcohol on March 6.

Borman said a German shepherd used to sniff out contraband chased away the kittens' mother and killed one of the kittens. When the mother didn't return, the supervisor destroyed the other two by breaking their necks and flushing them down the toilet, Borman said.

He charged that the killing was a deliberate act of cruelty aimed at the unnamed inmate who was keeping the kittens.

Pets aren't allowed in the prison, which holds about 1,400 of the state's most dangerous criminals. But, Bronson said, pet keeping is a favorite pastime of inmates, who have snared and tamed birds and mice.

Pilgrims Threats

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Winfield on shelf

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — The New York Yankees will be forced to go a long way without all-star right fielder Dave Winfield, who was scheduled to have surgery to remove a herniated disc from his back.

The operation, to be performed by Dr. Robert Watkins, was scheduled for today at Centinella Valley Hospital in Inglewood, Calif.

Although there has been speculation that Winfield, who hit .322 with 25 home runs and 107 runs batted in last season, would miss about half this season, the 37-year-old outfielder's agent says he does not know exactly how long his client will be disabled.

There is nothing very specific. It will be a number of months. The doctors can be more specific after the operation and when he starts rehabilitation," Jeff Klein said Thursday.

"He is optimistic he can return and will return this season, although it is up to the doctors when that will be," Klein said.

"He's committed to a very vigorous rehabilitation.

The Yankees will also be without shortstop Rafael Santana, who is scheduled to undergo elbow surgery on Thursday in Los Angeles. Santana's surgery will be done by noted surgeon Dr. Frank Jobe. Barring complications, Santana may return in two or three months.

Winfield had hoped that rest could solve the problem, which prevented him from playing in any exhibition games this spring.

The best estimate by a club source is that Winfield could be back by late July or early August.

Winfield has two more years left on a 10-year contract with the Yankees and will make \$1,858,002 this year.

The Yankees, who usually lead in controversy, lead the majors in injuries. The season hasn't started and already they have three out: Winfield, Ron Guidry and Santana are hurt and no one knows when they'll be back.

Guidry, 38, was put on the 15-day disabled list Wednesday retroactive to March 19. He had surgery on his left elbow last week and has started rehabilitation.

Whalers fall flat against Nordiques

QUEBEC (AP) — Curtis Leschyshyn is the kind of big, strong defenseman who knows he has to hit to be effective.

He showed he can hit and score on Thursday night as the Quebec Nordiques played spoils in the Adams Division with a 6-3 victory over the Hartford Whalers.

"It's important to play a physical game and it's more important in the third period," said Leschyshyn, a 6-foot, 200-pound defenseman, whose short-handed goal early in the third period and strong defensive play throughout the game kept the Whalers away from the Whalers.

"If you play physically the whole 60 minutes, the other team knows you're interested in winning," he said.

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High prices happy news for state's egg farmers

HARTFORD (AP) — Consumers are feeling the pinch, but high egg prices have farmers rejoicing.

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture said large brown eggs were selling this week for as much as \$1.39 a dozen, 10 cents to 30 cents more than they cost just two months ago.

Prices nationally at the end of February were 23 percent higher than they were a year earlier, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Egg farmers have suffered in recent years as Americans' egg consumption has declined because of their wariness about cholesterol and the potential dangers of salmonella poisoning from poultry and eggs.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Billikens win NIT clash

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Roland Gray scored with 12 seconds remaining and Charles Newberry stole the ball twice in the closing seconds as St. Louis beat New Mexico 66-65 Thursday night to advance to the National Invitation Tournament semifinals.

Gray scored 10 points — on the second half — as the Billikens, 25-9, overcame a 20-point halftime deficit to advance to New York, New Mexico, 25-11, host at home in the NIT quarterfinal for the second straight year.

The Lobos had a chance to take a three-point lead with less than 20 seconds left, but Newberry stole the ball from Willie Banks in the corner and got the ball to Gray under the basket for the go-ahead basket.

Anthony Bonner scored 16 points for the Billikens.

St. John's nips Ohio State

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Billy Singleton and Jason Buchanan each scored four points in overtime after St. John's overcame a 10-point second-half deficit, as the Redmen defeated Ohio State 83-80 Thursday night in a National Invitation Tournament quarterfinal game.

The victory advances the Redmen, 18-13, to the tournament semifinals at Madison Square Garden for the first time since 1976. The Redmen have won the tournament four times, a record they share with Bradley.

St. John's won despite losing its leading scorer, Jayson Williams, to fouls with 6:43 left in the second half.

Williams paced the Redmen with 21 points, 10 in a 19-6 run which brought St. John's to a 48-35 deficit to a 54-54 tie.

The score was tied five more times, and there were seven lead changes the rest of the way as neither team led by more than four points.

Buchanan added 18 points, Matt Brust 14 and Malik Seely and Singleton 10 apiece for St. John's.

Ohio State, 19-15, got 15 points from Jerry Carter, 14 from Grady Mateen, 13 from Jerry Carter and 11 from Jamaal Brown.

Noah, Garrison advance

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Yannick Noah fought off Bill Scanlon in five sets and Zina Garrison breezed past Sweden's Maria Strandlund Thursday night in second-round play of the International Players Championship.

Noah, the men's 12th seed, overcame a slow start to beat Scanlon 4-6, 7-5, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3 in 3 hours, 37 minutes. Garrison, seeded fifth in the women's draw, advanced to the third round with a 6-2, 6-1 triumph.

"I'm glad I survived," said Noah. "That's the positive part of playing long matches — surviving. We (he and Scanlon) always have these matches."

Smith signs with Broncos

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) — Bruce Smith, the Buffalo Bills' two-time All-Pro defensive end, agreed Thursday to a deal with the Denver Broncos for what sources said is \$7.5 million over five years.

"We have had a week to match the offer or allow Smith to go to Denver in return for two first-round draft choices under the old free-agent rules, which require compensation and right of first refusal."

Denver general manager John Beake said that the Broncos made the offer to Smith "after evaluating all our priorities."

Denver, overpowered in the second half of the 1987 and 1988 Super Bowls, has long been searching for a large pass-rushing defensive end.

Forsman takes USF&G lead

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Don Forsman went back to baselines Thursday and fired an opening round 68 to take a two-stroke lead over a group of six golfers in the \$750,000 USF&G Classic.

"Today was a big step for me. It was a great feeling, for one day, at least," Forsman said.

In eight tournaments this year, Forsman missed the cut five times and earned \$27,152, 98th on the Tour.

"I'm thrilled to be six under, for the moment at least, atop an outstanding field of international players," he said.

Two strokes back at 68 were Greg Norman, Tim Simpson, Bill Sander, Tom Byrum, Pat McGowan and Lee Chli.

Finney has Turquoise lead

PHOENIX (AP) — Allison Finney birdied her third hole and her final four for a 7-under-par 66 and a two-shot lead over Beth Daniel after Thursday's first round of the \$400,000 LPGA Turquoise Classic.

Finney, whose best finish in her seven-year LPGA career is a tie for second place at the 1985 Hall of Fame Championship, came within one stroke of tying Amy Alcott's course-record 65 set in last year's first round.

The 30-year-old Finney, starting her late-afternoon round on the back nine, had birdie putts on holes 10, 11, 12, 3, 6, 7, and 9 with only a bogey on No. 1 at the 6:34-47 Moon Valley Country Club course — the longest on the tour this year.

Nolan Ryan suffers injury

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Nolan Ryan pulled his left calf muscle Thursday in a minor-league exhibition game and may not be able to pitch when the season begins in 10 days.

The 42-year-old Ryan, who signed a one-year contract with the Yankees last December for a guaranteed \$2 million, said he felt the pull as he ran to cover first base for the Tulsa of the Class AA Texas League, which was playing a Baltimore farm team. Ryan faced three batters, threw 14 pitches, before departing.

SCOREBOARD

Hockey

NHL standings

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FOCUS/Advice

Parents prohibit girlfriend's overnight stay

DEAR ABBY: I am 18 years old and consider myself a man. I work full time, live with my parents and pay room and board. My question: Shouldn't I be allowed to have my girlfriend sleep over in my room? She's 19 and my one and only girlfriend.



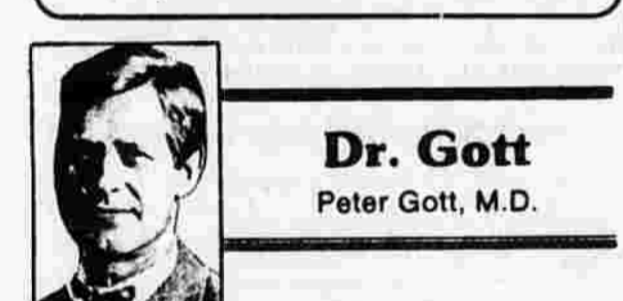
Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

I believe that since I am paying for this room and am of age, I should be able to have overnight company here if I want to. My parents disagree. They think I should live by the house rules they set before I turned 18. I always respected their rules and never complained. I love my parents and enjoy living with them, but I know they should not put any restrictions on what I can do in my room as long as I am paying rent. What do you think? Must I move out to avoid a hassle? This is the only thing we ever argue about.

A MAN WITH LITTLE BOY RULES

DEAR MAN: Obviously your parents are not comfortable with the idea of their son sleeping with his girlfriend under their roof, and I can

WIT OF THE WORLD



Dr. Gott
Peter Gott, M.D.

Woman's shakes are not curable

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have inherited the shakes from my mother and grandmother, and now at age 45 it is showing up fast. My doctor says nothing can be done. I'm tempted to change doctors.

DEAR READER: As people age, they often exhibit a tendency to shaking or tremulousness, called "benign essential tremor" in medical parlance. This is a harmless annoyance for which there is no cure. The tendency to the condition appears to be inherited; the ailment is probably accelerated by the normal aging process that is associated with progressively poor circulation to the brain from arteriosclerosis.

This shaking must be differentiated from Parkinson's disease, a more severe but treatable affliction, marked by involuntary muscle movements.

Rather than change doctors, I suggest that you ask your physician to refer you to a neurologist for a second opinion and suggestions for treatment, such as drug therapy.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I eat a big bowl of fresh fruit sprinkled with bran for breakfast, a green salad with oil-free dressing for lunch, and a low-protein high-complex carbohydrate dinner — lots of beans, pasta and fresh vegetables. I also drink three to five glasses of water a day, yet I am still constipated. What am I doing wrong?

DEAR READER: From the standpoint of diet, you seem to be doing all you can to treat your constipation. I think you should see a doctor. Depending on your age, you may need special help. For example, older people tend to become constipated because of sluggish bowel action (and lack of exercise) that can be worsened by certain medicines, such as diuretics and antihypertensives. A gentle laxative, or a change in medication, may be in order.

On the other hand, some people may be constipated because of a thyroid deficiency or other physical ailment that should be corrected. Ask your doctor for an examination to discover the cause of your bowel problems.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband, 25, had a double hernia operation in the groin three years ago. Since then he doesn't have a good erection and seems to leak a bit during sex. Is there something he can do about this? He can't return to the doctor or hospital due to a dispute over bills.

DEAR READER: Hernia surgery that is properly performed should not in any way affect sexual performance. I suppose that after a double hernia, there could be some post-operative swelling and discomfort that could affect sexual functioning but after three years, healing should be complete. I suspect that your husband has developed a problem unrelated to his surgery. He should see a doctor, preferably a urologist, for a diagnosis.

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DEAR ABBY: I can't get "Torn Mom's" letter off my mind because I know exactly how she feels. "Torn" had a 3-year-old child who had strikingly beautiful red hair that caught the attention of strangers who couldn't resist commenting on it — in will help "Hurting" to ease it along. Please print it for others.

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PEOPLE

Daughter surprised her

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — Former first lady Rosalynn Carter says her daughter's political activism came as a surprise. Mrs. Carter told a Nova University luncheon that the country met Amy as a shy pre-teen and watched her grow into a college activist opposing apartheid and the CIA. "Actually, Amy's activism surprised us, because she's basically a very shy person," Mrs. Carter said Wednesday. "We don't always agree with her, but we're proud of her. She's only been arrested four times." Amy, 21, is studying art at a Tennessee design school.

No more Mandrell signs

GALLATIN, Tenn. (AP) — The City Council is considering a request to remove Barbara Mandrell Boulevard signs from a two-mile section of highway because the country music star has moved 15 miles away. Jeannie Gregory, executive director of the Gallatin Chamber of Commerce, said she believes the two large signs should be removed "if Mandrell is no longer in the area." The signs were used to advertise civic groups or for some other fashion.

The signs, costing a total of \$10,000, were erected in 1983 along the stretch of U.S. 21E between five miles from Mandrell's former palatial home on Old Hickory Lake. The singer moved to Joelton last year.

"There are no hard feelings because she left," Gregory said.

City council members studied the matter Tuesday night and will discuss it again April 4. Jeannie Ghent, a spokeswoman for the performer, said there will be no ill feelings if the signs come down.

"We were so honored when they made that stretch of road, but with her moving out, we don't blame Gallatin at all," she said. "We were honored by the time we had it."

Barbara Mandrell

Jessica's tale being filmed

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — Filming has begun for a depiction of the rescue of toddler Jessica McClure, who was pulled from an abandoned well 58 hours after tumbling in.

But little of her west Texas city will be seen in the production that A.B.C. TV will broadcast May 21.

The filming of "Everybody's Baby: The Rescue of Jessica McClure" began Thursday in a Hollywood film studio.

The cast includes Patty Duke as a victim's assistance volunteer, Beau Bridges as Midland Police Chief Richard Czech, Roxana Zal as Jessica's mother, Casey and Will Clingan as Jessica's father, Chip, toddler twins Laura and Jennie Leech will take turns portraying Jessica.

The 1987 rescue of Jessica, trapped for 2 1/2 days in a 22-foot-deep water well when she was 18 months old, brought worldwide attention to Midland as it was broadcast on national and international television.

Colson boosts his ministry

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Convicted Watergate figure Charles Colson says prison ministries like the one he started 13 years ago are the only way to fight crime.

About 30,000 inmates at 550 state and federal prisons have been through Colson's Prison Fellowship seminars, he said Thursday.

During the next three years, 60,000 more inmates will go through them, he said.

The program, which is in prisons in 34 countries, has about 22,000 U.S. volunteers, some of whom are reformed criminals.

"The secular world has to take notice," said the 57-year-old Colson, who addressed about 250 prison chaplains and church pastors from across Michigan at Calvary Church. "This is the only way we're going to deal with crime."

DEAR R.W.: Most experts agree that you are obligated to keep records for about seven years. But there is one very important exception, and that is records pertaining to real estate. The reason for this is that you may own a piece of property for 30 or more years.

When and if the property is sold, hopefully there will be a gain, and for tax purposes that gain can be reduced by any capital improvements that have been made during the time the property has been held. However, the Internal Revenue Service often insists that these expenditures be documented. Therefore, the records should be kept for the life of the property.

Other things such as checks and receipts, by and large, can be disposed of after seven years.

DEAR R.W.: Something sparse is scattered or spread thinly. Synonyms for this adjective are sparse, but they may want to try acutely.

Try cowed for describing someone who's frightened or intimidated. I still remember feeling cowed the first time I saw a bull.

QUESTION: If you get a chance, please comment on and whether which is correct in wonder if (or whether) she's home?

ANSWER: If you're writing formally, whether is better for a "yes or no" situation (as in whether or not). The use of if in such situations, though, is gaining ground. In fact, I wonder whether it is now more popular than whether.

WEEKEND

Noteworthy events

There are numerous concerts planned for this Easter weekend. This is a partial listing, arranged by date and time.

A Memorial Lenten Concert with the Easter and Lenten portions of the "Messiah" will be presented by the First Church Festival Choir and Cantata Singers, First Church of Christ, 250 Main St., Wethersfield, tonight at 7.

The Mass in D Minor by Joseph Haydn, sometimes called the Nelson Mass, will be presented tonight at 7:30 by the Asylum Hill Oratorio Choir with orchestra, at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, 814 Asylum Ave., Hartford. A \$5 donation is suggested.

Sacred music featuring works by Christiansen and Haydn sung by the Emanuel Choir will be presented at 7:45 p.m. today at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 311 Capitol Ave., Hartford. Free-will offerings will be collected.

"An Easter Rejoicing" by Alice Parker with the Chancel Choir and harpist Joan Ceo will be presented at 10 a.m. Sunday at Immanuel Congregational Church, 10 Woodland St., Hartford. The John Miller Family of Greater Baltimore will present a program of inspirational music on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Church, 400 Buckland Road, South Windsor. Vocalists who play violin, piano, bells and accordion, this family is known for their music ministry. The father, John Miller, was on staff with World Wide Pictures, a division of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

"El Shaddai," a production with the Salvation Army Manchester Citadel Singers, will be presented at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Salvation Army Manchester Citadel, 981 Main St.

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Lutz is open

The Lutz Children's Museum will be open until 5 p.m. this afternoon, and from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday. It will be closed on Easter Sunday. The current exhibits include Yesterday's Children, a traveling show from Kansas City, and a gallery filled with work by local school children.

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