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'River Rat' bids adieu to great race

By Nancy Concelman
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R. Lee Watkins may never have to spend another day in the icy Hockanum River pulling logs, tangled branches and other obstructions from the water to prepare for the annual canoe race.

Sunday will probably be his last day pacing the banks of the river, clipboard in hand, directing more than 30 volunteers and close to 100 canoeists during registration for the Hockanum River Canoe Race, which Watkins calls "the darkest hour."

This is Watkins' 13th year organizing the annual race and will probably be his last, although he plans to help out with future races. Watkins, a Manchester native, will soon move from Andover to Lyme to manage property there.

"The logistics of running the race would be difficult," he said Thursday. "I've done it for a long time and it'd be kind of nice to see somebody else pick up the ball."

Dr. Douglas H. Smith, chairman of the Hockanum River Linear Park Committee, said the town Parks and Recreation Department has been asked to organize future races, but there is a remote chance next year's race won't be held if an organizer isn't found.

"Lee is the leader of this canoe race, bar none," Smith said. "He is absolutely indispensable."

Watkins said he isn't sure if he'll run the race again if no one else picks up the reins.

"I'd really like to see the race continue," he said. It was Watkins and a group of canoeist friends called the "River Rats" who helped start the race.

The Hockanum River Linear Park Committee had discussed holding canoe races since it was formed in the 1970s but was never able to put it together, Smith said.

"It originally started as a cleanup idea," Watkins said. "We went down there and said, 'This would (make) a good canoe race.'"

Watkins said he and his friends also felt the race would draw attention to the Hockanum River and trails and the people like Smith who work hard to maintain them.

"We were interested in advancing the cause of the Hockanum River, this little river some people were working very hard on, but invisibly," he said. "I think the race has served its purpose."

The number of racers has more than tripled since the first year, when about 30 canoeists entered, Watkins said. One year there were more than 130 racers, but Watkins said he expects only about 80 this year because the water is low.

He begins organizing the event in January, clearing race dates with the Connecticut Canoe Racing Association and American Canoe Association. He's also in charge of getting permits and awards, mailing information to previous entrants and publicity.

The Watkinses have a computer at home with names and addresses on a program created by one of their friends. The program is also used on race day to record times. Once information on the race is mailed, Watkins and his wife, Mary, have to handle a barrage of phone calls from people looking for details.

Recruiting volunteers is probably the easiest part because the contacts have been made, Watkins said.



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LAST YEAR — R. Lee Watkins of Boston Hill Road, Andover, has been so busy organizing the Hockanum River Canoe Race for the past 13 years he has never entered. This year will probably be his last as race organizer.

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Car dealer, clerk may rebut North

By Pete Yost
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A used car dealer and a federal employee who handled Oliver North's expenses were brought in as witnesses to shore up the prosecution claim that North misused money intended for the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

The witnesses were summoned to rebut testimony North gave during his six days on the witness stand in U.S. District Court. The last of those six days was Thursday, when the defense rested its case.

The suburban Washington used car dealer sold North a heavy duty station wagon in 1985 for \$8,038. Under cross-examination

from prosecutor John Keiser, North said he helped pay for the GMC Suburban out of a \$15,000 fund he kept in a metal box bolted to a closet floor at his house.

North paid off the \$8,038 balance on the \$8,038 vehicle four days after making the down payment. Keiser asked North whether he got \$3,000 in cash that day from Richard Secord, whose

office is a mile or two from the car lot in Virginia.

North said he got "a lot of money from Gen. Secord on a lot of occasions" and didn't remember that particular day.

North had enlisted Secord to run arms secretly to the Contras, and North replenished a fund kept

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Israeli scholar faults North

By Nancy Pappas
Manchester Herald

Former White House aide Oliver L. North is guilty of committing tactical blunders, if not crimes, says a visiting Israeli scholar who has written a book on the Iran-Contra affair.

"I think that, no matter what will be the outcome or the verdict, I think that Oliver North has been, at the least, very unpolitic in his handling of the situation. He made a few great blunders," said Shmuel Segev, an award-winning Israeli journalist and former Israeli military intelligence officer.

He spoke at Temple Beth Shalom in Manchester Thursday

night. The author of nine books about the Middle East — the most recent of which explores Israel's role in the Iran-Contra affair — Segev is on a two-week tour through Connecticut as Scholar-in-Residence for the Commission on Jewish Education — Greater Hartford Jewish Federation.

Although his talk at the temple was primarily on the role the United States should play in bringing peace to the Middle East, he spoke afterwards about the Iran-Contra affair. Many of his talks on this tour have focused on his analysis of that complicated chapter in diplomatic history.

In the first place, North should never have combined the effort to

get money to the Contra forces in Nicaragua with the work of setting up a communications network in Iran and getting the hostages out of Lebanon.

"His greatest mistake was in linking and mixing the two operations, the one in the Middle East and the other in Central America, which ought to have been kept as separate and distinct from one another," said Segev, who spent nine months interviewing key people and sifting through unpublished transcripts of meetings, official records and military papers which are not yet declassified.

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SCHMUEL SEGEV ... Israelis involved

Price index slows fears of inflation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wholesale prices, despite a big jump in home heating oil costs, rose a moderate 0.4 percent in March as inflation eased somewhat after steep increases of 1 percent in each of the previous two months, the government said today.

The boost in the Labor Department's Producer Price Index reflected higher costs for both food and energy, although the increases in both categories were smaller than those registered in the first two months of the year. The overall gain was generally in line with or a little under analysts' expectations and was likely to help calm Wall Street's inflation fears.

While March's increase was much more restrained than the strong jumps of the previous two months, wholesale prices one stop short of retail have risen at a compound annual rate of 10.2 percent over the past three months.

That is the largest quarterly increase since prices rose at a compound annual rate of 12.2 percent during the first three months of 1987.

Should the first quarter's rate be sustained for the rest of the year, it would far exceed the increase registered for 1988, when wholesale prices rose 4 percent in what was the steepest

gain in seven years. Prices had risen 2.2 percent in 1987.

Financial markets had been fearful that further bad news on the inflation front would prompt the Federal Reserve Board to step up its campaign to slow economic growth and restrain inflationary pressures by pushing up interest rates.

Wholesale food prices rose 0.8 percent last month after jumping 1.2 percent during February. Last month's increase in food costs was led by a 38.8 percent gain in prices for eggs while vegetable costs dropped 11.6 percent after surging 35.3 percent during February.

Energy prices, meanwhile, rose 0.9 percent in March following a 2.4 percent increase during the previous month. Last month's increase was led by a 16.8 percent rise in home heating oil prices, while gasoline costs rose 3.5 percent and natural gas prices declined 5.4 percent.

Excluding the volatile food and energy categories, prices rose 0.3 percent in March, down from a 0.6 percent increase a month earlier.

The overall March increase left the Producer Price Index for finished goods at 112.2, meaning that a hypothetical selection of goods costing \$100 in 1982 would have cost \$112.20 last month.

Trade deficit soared by 20.9% last month

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. merchandise trade deficit swelled by 20.9 percent to \$10.5 billion in February as Americans increased their appetite for foreign goods, the government said today.

The Commerce Department said the sharp deterioration in the trade picture reflected a 5.3 percent increase in imports, which swamped a slight 0.6 percent rise in export sales. The report was in line with economists' expectations.

The February deficit, combined with a revised shortfall of \$8.68 billion for January, would translate into an annual imbalance of \$115 billion, compared with a deficit for all of 1988 of \$119.76 billion.

Last year's figure represented a 21.3 percent improvement over 1987's record high of \$132.1 billion, but analysts generally expect the positive trend to fizzle this year.

Rising prices for imported oil and a strengthening of the value of the dollar, which make U.S. goods more expensive overseas, are contributing to the stall.

The sharp narrowing of the trade deficit last year was

credited with providing almost half of U.S. economic growth.

With trade providing less momentum, overall growth, as measured by the gross national product, is expected to slacken as well.

That would be bad news for the Bush administration, which is counting on strong economic growth to keep tax revenues high and hold down the federal budget deficit.

Deficit plan is approved

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and congressional leaders announced today a nearly \$30 billion deficit-reduction plan that Bush said would be "a first, manageable step" toward stemming the tide of red ink.

The agreement, thrashed out in more than a month of talks that concluded late Thursday night, minimally meets next year's goal of reducing the deficit to \$10 billion, while putting off the tough choices until later.

It allows the president to claim he won't violate his campaign pledge against new taxes, and he agreed to lower his defense spending plans so that Congress could avert a squeeze on popular domestic programs.

"The budget agreement does not complete the whole deficit-reduction job ... but I am convinced that we will only be able to complete that job if we tackle it in manageable steps on an orderly basis in a constructive bipartisan spirit," Bush said. "And this is a first manageable step."

"This is not an heroic agreement," said House Speaker Jim

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About Town

Monthly art meeting set

Manchester Art Association will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the First Federal Savings Bank, West Middle Turnpike. Eldrid J. Arntzen of Windsor will do a Rosemaling demonstration of Nordic designs. Arntzen is president of the New England Rosemaling Society. The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Members are reminded to bring in selection for Art of the month awards.

Alzheimer group to meet

The next caregiver's meeting of the Alzheimer Support Group Program of Visiting Nurse and Home Care of Manchester will be Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Mental Health Wing of Manchester Memorial Hospital. The group offers self-help, and peer support for anyone who is in any type of supportive role to an older person with a degenerative brain disease like Alzheimer's. For more information, call Visiting Nurses, 647-1481.

Hospital offers courses

Manchester Memorial Hospital is offering the following classes beginning Wednesday: Personal Stress Management Skills, a six-session course, cost \$75. Weight No More, a 10-session course with a free introductory meeting at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 647-6600 or 643-1223.

Library has program of show

A multimedia program on whales will be presented Thursday, April 20, at 7 p.m. at Whiton Library Auditorium. The program, sponsored by the Lutz Children's Museum, will be presented by Don Sirett, who is an artist, the president of the Cetacean Society International and a member of the following group: The Morgans. Sirett will share his whale drawings, his songs and some exciting artifacts. Tickets must be purchased in advance, at the Lutz. They are \$2 for museum members and \$3 for non-members.

Arts and crafts at MMH

The Manchester Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is sponsoring a Arts and Crafts Exhibit Sunday and Monday in the hospital's conference rooms. Over 25 members of the hospital's employees will have items on display. The show is free and open to the public. It will run from 2:00 p.m. Sunday and from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday.

Pregnancy group to meet

The Subsequent Pregnancy Group will meet the third Tuesday of each month at Manchester Memorial Hospital. This group provides support for those who have previously lost an infant through miscarriage, stillbirth or other causes. For more information, call the hospital, 646-6989.

Society meeting slated

The Coventry Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting Thursday. The meeting will be held at Patriot's Park Lodge, Lake Street, Coventry, and will begin at 7:30 p.m. The guest will be Jim Douglas, historical balladeer. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Attend health check

The Community Health Care Services, Inc., will hold office hours at the Orchard Hill Estates in Coventry Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. All residents of Andover and Coventry are eligible to attend and receive blood pressure checks, line tests, throat cultures and health guidance. For more information, call 228-9428.

Whale night planned

The Lutz Children's Museum will present an evening about whales Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Whiton Library Auditorium. Don Sirett, president of Cetacean Society International, a singer with the folk group "The Morgans," and an artist who draws whales, will share his artwork, music, and artifacts. Tickets will be sold at the museum only, and are not available at the door. The cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members.

Tour of Cheney's slated

The annual outdoor walking tour of the Cheney Brothers National Historic District will take place Saturday, April 22 at 1:15 p.m. The tour is open to the public free of charge and is sponsored by Manchester Community College's Institute of Local History. The tour will include the mill area and portions of the west side, and it will last for about an hour and a half. The rain date is Saturday, May 13 at 1:15 p.m. For more information, call Professor John F. Sutherland, 647-6267.

Tag and bake sale scheduled

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Sand Hill, South Windsor, will hold its annual Tag and Bake Sale Saturday, April 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is welcome.

Bird lecture scheduled

Milan Bell, director of Field Studies and Ornithology for the Connecticut Audubon Society will present a slide lecture, "Bird Scaping," Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m. at the Arhars at Hop Brook Retirement Community, 400 W. Center St. The lecture is free and open to the public by calling 647-9343 for reservations.

Lottery

Winning numbers drawn Thursday in lotteries around New England:
Connecticut daily: 802. Play Four: 3510.
Massachusetts daily: 0823.
Tl-state daily: 402, 9688.
Rhode Island daily: 0989. Lot-O-Bucks: 18-24-30-32-34.



NOSE TO NOSE — Mississipi State University animal science graduate student Kathy Meurer of Tolono, Ill., gets an affectionate greeting from Frannie, one of the subjects in a research project. The research is aimed at understanding how hormones that respond to diet affect animal fertility.

Obituaries

Richard Hennessey

Richard J. Hennessey, 69, of Vernon, husband of Virginia (Lowry) Hennessey and father of Leighanne Pierrro of Manchester, died Wednesday (April 12, 1989) at Rockville General Hospital. Besides his wife and daughter, he is survived by a son, Robert J. Hennessey of Framingham, Mass.; another daughter, Berina Thau of Arcadia, Calif.; a brother, John S. Hennessey of East Hartford; a sister, Julia Bernard of East Hartford; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral will be Saturday at 9:15 a.m. from the Piastie-Batner Funeral Home, 20 Sisson Ave., Hartford, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Hartford. Burial, with full military honors, will be in Mount St. Benedict Mausoleum, Bloomfield. Calling hours are today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to North Central Hospice, in care of Visiting Nurse and Community Care Inc., 26 Park

Agnes E. Duncan

Agnes E. (Brazauski) Duncan, 75, of 43 North St., formerly of Bolton, died Thursday (April 13, 1989) at home. She was the wife of the late James R. Duncan. She was a communicant of St. Bridget Church and a member of the Manchester Senior Citizens' Chapter No. 2299.

The funeral will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in the D'Sopco East Hartford Funeral Chapel, 30 Carter St. Burial will be in Hillside Veterans Memorial Field with full military honors. Calling hours are Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m.

Police Roundup

Accused man extradited

A 23-year-old Glastonbury man was extradited Thursday from Florida on charges he stabbed four people at Harpo's Nightclub, 432 Oakland St., Nov. 25, Manchester police said.

Thomas J. Lata, with a last known address of 662 Matson Road, was charged with two counts of first and second degree assault, and possession of a dangerous weapon, police said. Lata was taken by airplane from Florida to Stuart Air Force Base, in Newburg, N.Y., where Manchester police officials picked him up. Lt. Orville L. Cleveland said today.

Fire causes damage to home

Fire officials have not yet determined the cause of a fire which gutted the basement of a house at 170 Blue Ridge Drive Thursday night, said Capt. Jack Hughes, a spokesman for the Town of Manchester Fire Department.

The fire was reported about 9:20 p.m. when Gregory Pilney, 12, arrived home and discovered the fire coming from the recreation room located in the basement, Hughes said. No one else was in the home at the time of the fire, Hughes said. Pilney and his brother, Robert, 24, are reported to be the only occupants of the home. The fire, which destroyed the contents of the room and caused smoke damage throughout the house, was extinguished in 25 minutes, Hughes said. Deputy Fire Marshal Rudy Kismann is investigating the fire, which is not being considered suspicious, Hughes said. Twenty-two firemen responded to the fire, and there were no injuries, Hughes said.

Correction

The name of John Eocher, a senior at Manchester High School, was incorrectly omitted from a list of top scholars published Thursday.

The Manchester Herald strives to be accurate and fair. If an error is made, we want to make a correction. The Herald's phone number is 643-2711.

Current Quotations

"I am confident that in the 34 years I've served in the Congress, I have not violated any of those basic rules nor any commonly accepted standard of ethical behavior." — House Speaker Jim Wright defending himself against ethics charges.

"Now we can be an active player in that part of the world." — Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., on U.S. influence in Nicaragua after Congress approved a compromise \$40 million package of non-military aid for the Nicaraguan rebels.

Thoughts

You know God, I've been thinking. In this high tech, computerized world you really have to be on the fast track if you want to get ahead. I read that business about the Great Satan. I thought you ought to know that in a fast track world, there is just no way on today's multi-laned highways you could see someone laying over by the bushes. Hey — it's all you can do to keep up with traffic and not get run over yourself. You know I would stop and help if I could. What I do or don't do I do unto you? But Lord, You know I would stop if it were You bleeding and hurt. I owe You so much. How would I know it was You if I were going that fast? You mean I might not see You — might not recognize You? Help me slow down, Lord, less I pass You by in this fast track world.

"Whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it. Never tell your neighbor to wait until tomorrow if you can help him now." — Proverb 3:27

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AVID ANGLER — Chuck Zanlungo, of 38 Grandview St., gets ready for opening day of fishing season Saturday by preparing lures for himself and others earlier this week. Zanlungo says trout fishers will do well.

Cold, wet spring may translate into teeming trout on Saturday

Some area anglers are predicting that a cold and wet spring will prove a successful opening day Saturday for trout enthusiasts. But those in search of bass may have to be content with practicing casting their rods for an avid bass fisherman. Chuck Zanlungo, of 38 Grandview St., an avid bass fisherman, said the bass will be moving a little more slowly because the water hasn't had a chance to warm up yet. "You have to fish a little slower for them," Zanlungo said. "It'll be tough fishing for bass." He said trout fishermen will do well this weekend, especially if Saturday turns out to be a cold, rainy day. But he said the fish might not be hungry after eating worms churned up from the rain. Zanlungo has been making his own lures with live bait since 1970. He attributes his fishing success to the lures he has designed himself. He has caught several trophy bass in Connecticut, which he has registered with the state. Zanlungo said fishermen will find good fishing in all of the Bolton Lakes, Columbia Lake and Bishop's Pond which is located in sections of Andover, Hebron and Lyme. The bass will be biting harder in a few more weeks, Zanlungo said. Another local angler predicted a good day for trout fishing. "It's going to be great," Mary Hammond, the tackle department manager at Farr's sports store, 2 Main St. She said the key will be the high and cold water.

Dinosaur display due at mall site

Shoppers at the Pavilions at Buckland Hills may find dinosaur bones amid the plants and fountains when the mall opens next spring. The mall developers, the Homart Development Co. of Chicago, have agreed to put on a display illustrating the history of the former red stone quarry where the mall is being built and where dinosaur bones were found more than 100 years ago. Conservation Commission Chairman Arthur Glaeser told commission members Thursday that Homart also plans to use red stone from the quarry for benches along pedestrian trails on the site. The commission and a state geologist requested several months ago that Homart use casts of dinosaur bones similar to those found in the quarry for the display. Glaeser said he and Sidney S. Quarter, supervising geologist with the Connecticut Geological and Natural History Survey, met with Homart representatives recently. "They were very, very receptive to our ideas," Glaeser said. A recent search for bones that scientists had said might be buried in the area of the north access road was unsuccessful. Homart will discuss plans for the display when it begins to design the interior of the mall.

Glaeser says water law lacks focus, needs teeth

The chairman of the Conservation Commission said Thursday the town's proposed aquifer protection regulation does not meet the commission's original intent of prohibiting industrial development over the New State road aquifer. At the commission's meeting Thursday, Chairman Arthur Glaeser read a 1986 letter to Town Manager Robert B. Weiss in which the commission points out a conflict between the town's 1986 Plan of Development and protection of underground water supplies in the New State Road area. The plan calls for industrial development over three areas wells, one of which was found to be contaminated several years ago. The commission in its letter requested that land over the New State Road wells be designated for something other than industrial use. The New State Road wells yield more groundwater than other wells in town, Planning Director Mark Pellegrini said today. "Now the focus is on protecting groundwater water in all of Manchester," Glaeser said. "We've lost the focus of what we started with." Pellegrini said the Planning and Zoning Commission decided to regulate uses over the wells instead of changing the zoning when it began reviewing the regulation over a year ago because industrial uses already exist in the area. The first draft of the proposed regulation called for prohibiting some uses over the town's aquifers and regulating others. The PZC decided later to regulate all uses rather than prohibit some. "I don't think that anything has been lost," Pellegrini said. Glaeser also pointed to conflicts between the town's proposed regulation and recommendations by the state Legislature's Aquifer Protection Task Force, which said that some uses should be prohibited over groundwater supplies. Conservation Commission member Thomas Fiorentino recommended that the commission discuss the issue with Pellegrini before making any recommendations on the regulation. Fiorentino said he was worried that any negative comments from the commission could affect potential litigation over the regulation. The Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce has hired an attorney to review the proposed regulation, which chamber officials say is too restrictive and may not provide adequate protection. The chamber has recommended that the town stop working on the regulation until state guidelines for aquifer protection are established. Work on the regulation has stopped temporarily until the state regulation and recommendations by the state Legislature's Aquifer Protection Task Force, which said that some uses should be prohibited over groundwater

Police make pitch to board to keep supervisor position

Police officials made their pitch to the town Board of Directors Thursday night to keep the position of a second patrol supervisor despite the fact that the town has a budget deficit. Police Director Robert P. DiRosa Jr. said today he considered the lack of comment as a sign the board would keep the supervisor position. "I support it," he said. "I support what the general consensus unless I hear otherwise that they support it." When the administration announced the deficit last month, DiRosa said Thursday that he had been asked to continue the position of the second supervisor. He said he hoped it would drop below six figures by the end of fiscal year 1990. Robert Huestis, the town's budget and research officer, last month estimated that the deficit would be between \$100,000 to \$110,000. Besides the supervisor overtime, other items contributing to the deficit are overtime for continuing investigations and court appearances, which is estimated to run about \$7,500 over the \$28,248 budgeted. Huestis has said that a smaller number of unfilled department vacancies than expected could mean a deficit of \$50,000 from the police salary account. This is so, Huestis said, because in workers' compensation cases, two-thirds of the salary for officers out on compensation is paid for by the town's self-insurance fund. He has said that a smaller number of officers on compensation means more money drawn from the salary account. It is now projected that there will be 296 compensation days, which is less than the \$50,000 assumed in the current budget. In the detective division, a \$24,000 shortfall is projected.

Ethics Commission member criticizes minutes of meeting

Fitgerald's section of the minutes regarding Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr. "appears to reflect a desire to sweep these important issues under the rug." The Ethics Commission decided on March 30 to take no action on whether DiRosa should have abstained from votes on the Main Street reconstruction project because he owns a dry cleaning business on the street. Merrier and commissioner Mary Sears voted against the majority. Chairman William FitzGerald, Merrier said in the letter that

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House kills bowling bill

HARTFORD (AP) — The state House of Representatives has killed a bill that would have given bowlers three additional hours of drinking time at lane-side.

The bill, defeated on an 86-66 vote on Thursday, would have allowed bowlers to have alcoholic beverages at the lanes beginning at 2 p.m., rather than the current 5 p.m. With the defeat of the bill, the hour will remain at 5 p.m.

Opponents said they were worried about exposing children to too much drinking in bowling alleys.

Rep. Edith G. Prague, D-Columbia, noted that the bill would have no effect on drinking in lounges at bowling alleys and added: "There's no reason to bring it out to the alley. You can have a good time without alcohol. There's nothing wrong with beer tea."

Rep. Francis X. O'Neill, R-Guilford, scoffed at the opponents' arguments.

"We don't have prohibition in this country. It is legal to drink," O'Neill said. "Come on. Be a little bit sensible for once in your lives."

Wolfgang wins MCC race

Peter Wolfgang was elected Manchester Community College Student Senate president in elections April 11 and 12, beating opponent Daniel Appel by 95 votes.

Wolfgang received 261 votes to Appel's 256 in an election that attracted 636 voters, said Michael Pohl, election chairman of the student center.

Vice President Annie Thompson and Social Vice President Christopher Richards ran unopposed.

Newly elected Secretary Jennifer Bask received 350 votes over Nanette Piscotano's 213 votes. Pohl said, John McTigue III was elected treasurer with 351 votes. His opponent, Michael Katz, received 230 votes.

"I'm very impressed," Pohl said. "We had six very, very qualified candidates. They sparked a lot of interest."

Asherman must wait behind bars while state appeals release ruling

HARTFORD (AP) — Convicted killer Steven M. Asherman will remain behind bars while the state appeals a Superior Court judge's decision allowing his release into the supervised home release program after serving less than three years of a seven-to-10-year sentence.

The 46-year-old Asherman had hoped to be out of Somers state prison by today.

The decision to appeal was announced Thursday by Gov. William A. O'Neill who said he rejected the judge's conclusion that the state had not proven Asherman would be a threat to society.

"My decision is based on my belief that Mr. Asherman may be a threat to the public safety," O'Neill said. "I met with acting Attorney General Clarine Nardi Riddle today and discussed the public safety issues raised by this case."

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"I asked her to leave no stone unturned as she undertakes this appeal."

Judge Samuel Freed had issued his ruling Wednesday.

Asherman was convicted of manslaughter in the 1976 stabbing death of Michael Aronow, a medical school classmate, in New Hartford in 1978. When he was

Bush to address guard

NEW LONDON (AP) — President Bush will deliver the U.S. Coast Guard Academy's commencement speech during graduation ceremonies in May.

A year ago, President Reagan addressed the graduating class, and in 1983, Bush delivered the commencement speech during graduation ceremonies in May.

Bush will deliver the Coast Guard's 108th commencement speech on May 24.

Hearing on lots continued

COVENTRY — A public hearing on a 22-lot subdivision called Willow Glen was continued to April 24 by the Planning and Zoning Commission this week.

The commission wants more information on the project, Diane Blackman, the town's director of planning and development, said Thursday.

The hearing had been continued from March 27. The subdivision would be on 35 acres of land on South Street. The applicant is Lawrence A. Flano.

In other business, the commission received an application from the Connecticut Water Co. for a special permit to construct a pump station on South Street and Lakeview Drive.

Ledyard man pleads guilty

NEW LONDON (AP) — A 22-year-old Ledyard man, who shot his girlfriend to death after she tried to end their relationship, has pleaded guilty to murder.

Lawrence D. Johnson entered the plea Thursday in New London Superior Court in the murder in the Feb. 17, 1988 shooting death of 25-year-old Chrisula Kontogouris.

Johnson had tried to end her relationship with Johnson and several days before her death had gone to New York and then to Canada in an attempt to escape his pursuit.

A friend of Ms. Kontogouris' told police Johnson had beaten the victim and tied her to a chair one night several weeks before her death. Johnson pleaded guilty as part of a plea bargain agreement under which he would be sentenced to life in prison suspended after 30 years and five years probation.

State breaks prison strike by transferring 'instigators'

HARTFORD (AP) — Prison officials are predicting a return to normal at Somers state prison now that the leaders of a 10-day strike over cigarette taxes have been transferred to other prisons.

By mid-day Thursday, officials had shipped 23 "troublemakers" to other prisons. Later in the day, more than half of the 700 striking workers had returned to their jobs. Correction Department spokesman William Flower said.

"Things are getting better," Flower said. "We transferred 10 troublemakers last night and five more this morning."

"Once that was done, there was a much greater confidence level that safety and security was improved and (other inmates) started to get back to work."

"The warden fully anticipates that tomorrow will be virtually normal," he said.

The inmates walked off their low-paying prison jobs last Tuesday in protest of new state laws that pushed cigarette prices up 60 cents per pack in state prisons.

The increases amounted to about half a day's pay for inmates, who are paid between 90 cents and \$1.40 per day.

Since the strike began, the General Assembly has taken steps to allow the state to buy cigarettes at wholesale prices, which would cut cigarette costs by 20 cents per pack in the prisons.

In a memo sent to inmates Monday, prison officials notified the inmates of the Legislature's efforts to soften the impact of the taxes and urged inmates to return to work or face unspecified punishment. Inmates were later told that they would have to forfeit credit for good behavior if they did not go back to work.

Meanwhile, jobs normally done by prisoners — cleaning the prison, cooking meals, washing laundry and making state stationery — have been done by state employees at an estimated cost of \$2,100 per day.

Flower said 95 percent of the inmates wanted to return to their jobs, but feared retribution from a small group of inmates leading the strike.

He said strike leaders used threats of vandalism to intimidate other inmates. Several inmates told prison officials they had been warned that their cells would be burned if they returned to work. Flower said there have been "a couple of minor fires" at the prison this week, but he could not link them to the strike.

Some inmates remain unconvinced that they can return to work safely, he said.

"I think they are testing the waters," he said. "They want to become a little more comfortable that what they hear is really true."

Flower said the transferred inmates may be sent to prisons outside of Connecticut. He said the transfers were not ordered as a punitive measure.

"It was done for the safety and security of the institution," he said.

Lawmakers seek 2-week wait to buy high-powered weapons

HARTFORD (AP) — A group of state lawmakers has proposed that the state regulate high-powered assault weapons by imposing a two-week waiting period for gun buyers and requiring special permits for owners.

"I expect the public to support this," Rep. Robert Godfrey, D-Danbury, said Thursday.

They're tired of seeing the shoot-em-ups in the streets.

Under current state law, no permit is necessary to purchase any kind of weapon or firearm. No state laws regulate weapons kept at home or in a vehicle, which is required to carry a pistol or handgun, but no permit is needed to carry a shotgun or an assault weapon.

"We are not proposing an outright ban on these weapons, we only seek to subject this limited category of highly lethal weapons to a responsible degree of regulation," said state Rep. Peter Smith, D-Milford.

Smith said the waiting period and special permit for assault weapons are needed "so people don't walk into a store, throw down their money, and walk out with a weapon that has no purpose other than to kill people."

"The drugs, violence and carnage they bring are a cancer on our society," Smith said.

The bill, now before the Judiciary Committee, names dozens

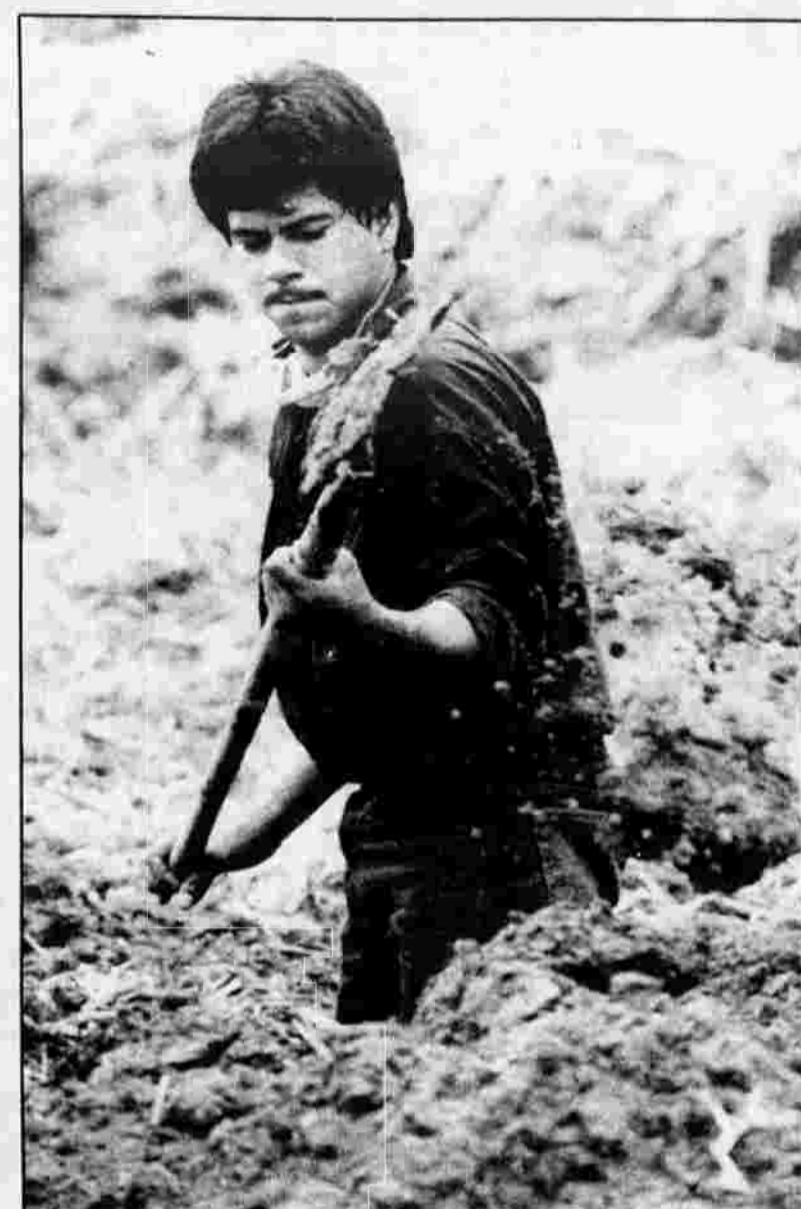
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SARA MARIA ALDRETE ... called cult's "witch"



ADOLFO CONSTANZO ... alleged ringleader



MURDER SUSPECT — Sergio Martinez, a suspect in the satanic cult killings at El Rancho Santa Elena near Matamoros, Mexico, digs Thursday to uncover the shallow grave of a 13th victim.

Suspect in Mexico murders is forced to dig up remains

By Elv O. Aguilar The Associated Press

MATAMOROS, Mexico — A suspected member of a drug-smuggling cult was forced to dig up the remains of the 13th victim of revenge and sacrificial killings as public officials decried the "massacre."

Authorities are looking for the sect's alleged ringleader, Adolfo de Jesus Constanzo, whom members called "godfather."

The five men in custody said Constanzo, 26, and Sara Maria Aldrete, 24, called the "witch," believed human sacrifices protected the cult from harm.

Cameron County Sheriff's Lt. George Gavito in Texas said that Constanzo, a Cuban who has contacts in Miami, was last seen in Brownsville.

In Matamoros, city council members and civic leaders issued a "Declaration Against Drug Trafficking" on Thursday that said, "Those connected to the massacre who poisoned the public should be prosecuted."

State Attorney General Anibal Perez Vargas talked with Matamoros authorities, then said, "We will not rest until we uncover all the vermin that use legal activities as a front to break the law."

Using a pick and shovel and his hands, Sergio Martinez, 22, dug alone for more than an hour Thursday afternoon to uncover the body on the ranch near Matamoros, where authorities unearthed a dozen bodies Tuesday, including that of University of Texas student Mark Kilroy.

Martinez turned to police at one point and asked to be allowed to rest and asked for a tractor to dig the hole. "Come on, use your hands," policemen yelled at him.

The 13th victim, about 30 years old, had a rectangular cut over the left side of his chest, which showed signs that his heart had been ripped from his body, authorities said.

Federal Judicial Police commander Juan Benitez Ayala said they fear there are more bodies to be found.

One investigator said some blood-stained children's clothing has been found at Ms. Aldrete's house, but they have received no reports of missing children.

Helen Kilroy, the mother of Mark Kilroy, asked 1,200 people at a Mass in Brownsville on Thursday to pray for the dead and the men who killed them.

"Pray for the people who have done these things," Mrs. Kilroy said at St. Luke's Catholic Church.

"Pray that they are caught and punished," she said.

The Lord will enter their hearts, and they will know what they have done is wrong."

A dramatic public confession Wednesday, some of the five men in custody were paraded onto a balcony where they told reporters the slayings were intended to provide a "magical shield" for members of a drug-smuggling

Democrats, Wright gird for big battle on ethics

By Jim Drinkard The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Democrats are girding for a bruising battle over the ethics case of their speaker, Jim Wright of Texas, and acknowledging that the worst may be yet to come.

"We haven't hit bottom yet," said Rep. Charles Wilson, a fellow Texan who is among Wright's most battle-ready defenders. Wilson said he expects more damage to Wright when the House ethics committee releases its report Monday and formally charges the speaker with several dozen rules violations.

But even before the charges were lodged, Wright was beginning his counteroffensive. In a carefully scripted and sometimes emotional speech on Thursday, he vehemently denied any intentional wrongdoing.

"I am confident that in the 34 years I've served in the Congress, I have not violated any of those basic rules nor any commonly accepted standard of ethical behavior," Wright told a packed room of reporters and television cameras.

With his top leadership lieutenants and many Texas colleagues, he defended his wife against a charge she did not do adequate work for the \$18,000-a-year salary she was paid by a Fort Worth business partner.

"My wife is a good, decent, caring, thoroughly honorable person," he said, his voice choking. "I'll damned well fight to protect her honor and her integrity against any challenge by any source, whatever the cost."

The defense buoyed Democrats who already support the speaker, and many seemed prepared to fight.

"If you live in a glass house, you shouldn't throw rocks," said Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas.

"Most of the House are prepared to eat a steady diet of glass for the next few weeks."

But others were dreading the battles to come and some expressed doubts whether the party could afford politically to maintain Wright as its most visible spokesman — particularly if the case leads to impeachment and in determining that the business partner who paid Mrs. Wright, George Mallick, had a direct interest in legislation before the Congress.

Mallick paid Mrs. Wright's salary and gave the Wrights free use of a condominium in Fort Worth and a 1979 Cadillac. Under the rules, a lawmaker can accept no more than \$10 a year in gifts from a person with direct legislative interests.

On that issue, the most potentially damaging to Wright among all the charges, the ethics committee voted 8-4 to find "reason to believe" the gifts to the Wrights were improper, with Democrats Chet Atkins of Massachusetts and Bernard Dwyer of New Jersey siding with the six committee Republicans.

The ethics committee, six Democrats and six Republicans, put the final touches on its report late Thursday and scheduled a Monday morning news conference to release it. The report will include a "statement of alleged violations" enumerating several dozen specific violations of House rules, said sources familiar with the investigation.

Under the rules, the panel's standard for issuing such a citation — the equivalent of an indictment — is that it has found "reason to believe" the violations occurred. For the committee to prove those charges requires the more difficult standard of "clear and convincing" evidence.

Wright asked that he be allowed as soon as possible to go before the ethics panel and present his defense and begin offering rebuttal evidence.

Along with the concern over Wright's stance came worry that the ethics committee might

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Legal Talk by Attorney Leo J. Barrett

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As legal counsel for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft and Times Corporation, I have enjoyed my role as company business lawyer. Now as a business attorney in private practice, some of the firms I assist are much smaller. But the rules and laws that relate to these smaller firms are just as important and regulate. The State and Federal statutes can be obtuse to a business I am not understood. I will explain them. An attorney can provide valuable service to any business firm large or small. Large businesses have dozens of staff attorneys. A small firm should have access to at least one attorney even if the arrangement is part-time or on-call.

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Academic openness ends in a race for cash in cold fusion

NEW YORK (AP) — Traditional academic openness is going by the boards in the race to understand cold nuclear fusion as scholars without findings that could make them big money.

A broad patent on cold nuclear fusion could be worth billions if the invention turns out to provide a new way of producing cheap, clean and abundant energy.

But money's lure is inhibiting exploration of cold fusion claims by making researchers without information to protect their patent positions, lawyers and scholars said Thursday.

There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that once you dangle out that pot of gold called a patent it gives the inventors time to modify their application with new findings or to file for more patents.

The more information you get out, the more can be used against you. Chism said. "From a patent law perspective, publication is bad."

Richardson, the Brigham Young spokesman, said the school applied for patents mainly so the Patent and Trademark Office has a chance to sort out what he called false allegations that his Steven Jones stole Fleischmann's and Pons' work.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology said this week it has applied for patents on work done by researcher Peter Hagelstein. Brigham Young University plans to apply for patents as well, although mainly to establish the credibility of its researcher, Steven Jones, rather than to make money.

Pons and Fleischmann announced they had achieved fusion using ordinary laboratory equipment at room temperature — so-called cold fusion. They said their device produced four watts of energy for every watt it used.

Previously, it was believed that fusion would have to take place at extremely high temperatures. The announcement stunned scientists worldwide who had worked for years to achieve fusion.

Widespread skepticism about their findings has continued despite partial confirmation by other researchers. Still, the stakes are so high that virtually every major chemical research laboratory is believed to be looking into it.

It's almost unbelievable, unthinkable how much it would be worth, said John Boekris, a chemistry professor at Texas A&M.

Boekris also said he was upset by the way the focus on patents had disrupted the normal scientific disclosure process.

Patent lawyers usually advise scientists before they disclose anything publicly. Secrecy helps even after a patent is applied for because it gives the inventors time to modify their application with new findings or to file for more patents.

Scientists trying to test the cold fusion claims announced at a press conference last month have been stymied because the two researchers have withheld important details of their work.

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Aid package approved

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional approval of a compromise \$4.7 billion package of non-military aid for the Nicaraguan rebels gives President Bush bipartisan support to pressure the Sandinista government into keeping its promises on instituting democratic reforms, lawmakers say.

"I think we've made a step in the right direction," Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said Thursday moments after the Senate voted 89-9 to approve the plan. "Now we can be an active player in that part of the world."

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Nicaragua is upset

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — The ruling Sandinista party says it will build up its defenses in response to Congress' decision to give \$50 million in humanitarian aid to the Nicaraguan rebels.

The Sandinista National Liberation Front on Thursday issued a statement after the Senate vote, saying its members "repudiate the approval of these new funds by the U.S. Congress for the mercenary forces."

Both houses voted overwhelmingly Thursday in favor of the new aid. "This has violated one more time the rights and the order of international justice and makes fun of the will of the Central American presidents, as expressed in the document of Costa del Sol, El Salvador, on Feb. 14," the Sandinista party said.

The researchers said they also found that almost all colon cancers lose additional genetic material as the tumors progress. The report said that 53 of 56 colon tumors excised by surgery and analyzed showed the loss of genetic material and that patients with the most genetic changes were those most likely to experience a return of their colon cancer.

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Colorectal cancer gene found

WASHINGTON (AP) — A gene that is thought to be responsible for the development of colorectal cancer has been identified by researchers.

In a study to be published today in the journal Science, researchers from Maryland, Texas and Utah report that a gene called p53 tends to be found in a mutated form in colon cancer tumors.

The researchers said they also found that almost all colon cancers lose additional genetic material as the tumors progress. The report said that 53 of 56 colon tumors excised by surgery and analyzed showed the loss of genetic material and that patients with the most genetic changes were those most likely to experience a return of their colon cancer.

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Israeli troops on alert

Showdown feared between worshippers

JERUSALEM (AP) — Police brought in hundreds of reinforcements today to prevent a showdown between Moslem and Jewish worshippers on Temple Mount, a site sacred to both religions.

The elevated platform houses the Al Aqsa and Dome of the Rock mosques, and is lined on one side by the Western Wall, the last remnant of the second Jewish Temple.

The police alert came after Palestinian worshippers chanting anti-Israeli slogans stoned riot police and Jewish worshippers last Friday, the first day of the Moslem holy month of Ramadan. Police fired tear gas and rubber bullets into the mosque complex, sounding more than a dozen people.

On Thursday, witnesses said riot police fired tear gas into the mosque complex, calling police mosque grounds when they came to arrest some of the 300 Palestinians who gathered for evening prayers. Earlier in the day, troops shot and killed five Palestinians during a raid on a West

Bank village outside Bethlehem. Jerusalem police inspector Nathan Kramousky said about 30,000 Moslems were to pray today at the mosque complex, a third-holiest site of Islam, known as Haram al-Sharif, or Noble Enclosure.

At the same time, Jewish right-wing extremists urged their followers to flock to the area today and attack Moslem worshippers, Kramousky told Israeli army radio.

The call came in response to last Friday's stoning attacks by Moslems on Jews praying at the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site.

About 2,000 police were deployed to defuse the tension, including about 900 officers near the mosque complex, said police spokesman Uri Sandori.

In addition, police were to enter the mosque complex for their moon prayers. "If people are known as troublemakers, we will not let them enter," said Sandori.

The plans drew criticism from Mohammed Meiri, an Israeli Arab and left-wing member of Parliament. "Every person who wants to pray in his house of worship should have the full right to do so, whether Jew, Moslem or Christian," Meiri said on Israeli army radio.

Tensions heightened at the mosque complex Thursday night when Arab witnesses said border police entered the compound to arrest some of the 200 worshippers gathered for Ramadan prayers.

When worshippers heard about the raid, they ran outside and chanted "Allahu Akbar," Arabic for God is great. Police fired tear gas to disperse the crowd, said police spokesman Ali Ahmed.

Two worshippers were slightly injured after being hit by shrapnel, apparently from tear gas canisters, said Walid Elyan, a physician at Jerusalem's Mukkased Hospital.

Patti, Grant win 8 music awards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Sandi Patti had been voted gospel music's No. 1 female singer for the eighth straight year and Amy Grant has been chosen top artist for the third time.

The two heartfelt vocalists shared major honors Thursday night with the new cappella group Take 6, which won four awards at the 20th annual Gospel Music Association awards show.

Ms. Patti, who has dominated Christian music awards this decade, won five honors and Ms. Grant earned three.

Besides winning female vocalist of the year, Ms. Patti won top inspirational song for "In Heaven's Eyes," No. 1 inspirational album for "Make His Praise Glorious," choral collection album of the year for "Sandi Patti Choral Praise" and instrumental album for "A Symphony of Praise." The instrumental award was for the musicianship of others on the album and not for her vocals.

"I sure like what I'm doing," Ms. Patti said later. "I'd do it if there were awards or not."

Ms. Grant broke Ms. Patti's two-year reign as artist of the year and also won for best contemporary gospel album and short-form video, both for "Lead Me On."

She said the recording of "Lead Me On" was interrupted by the birth of her son, Matthew, in 1987.

"I don't feel like the same girl who started the project," she said, chuckling.

Ms. Grant of Nashville, also was voted artist of the year in 1983 and 1986.

Take 6, which won two Grammy awards in February, added to their award stockpile even though they have been singing for only two years and have released just one album.

The Nashville group was voted group of the year and best new artist, and won top black gospel album for "Take 6" and No. 1 contemporary black gospel song for "If We Ever."

Wayne Watson, who headed his parents' suggestions to concentrate on music rather than playing baseball, was named male vocalist of the year.

"I try to be grateful to the Lord and not get puffed up," said Watson, who sings about starving children, people with AIDS and those who are unfulfilled in religion.

Watson, of Houston, also won song-of-the-year honors for his "Friend of a Wounded Heart."

Veteran gospel singer Shirley Caesar also was a double winner, taking awards for black gospel song for "Hold My Male" and traditional black gospel album for "Live in Chicago."

Two heavy metal categories were added to the awards this year, and both were won by the four-member group Stryper. Their "In God We Trust" was voted recorded metal gospel song of the year and also metal album of the year.

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OPINION

Commission must have death wish

The embattled state Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities must have a death wish. To ignore for 14 months a personal request from the governor to expedite the handling of a case that has lingered far too long — since 1981 — is just begging for more trouble than the commission already had. And the normally placid Bill O'Neill seems ready to give it.

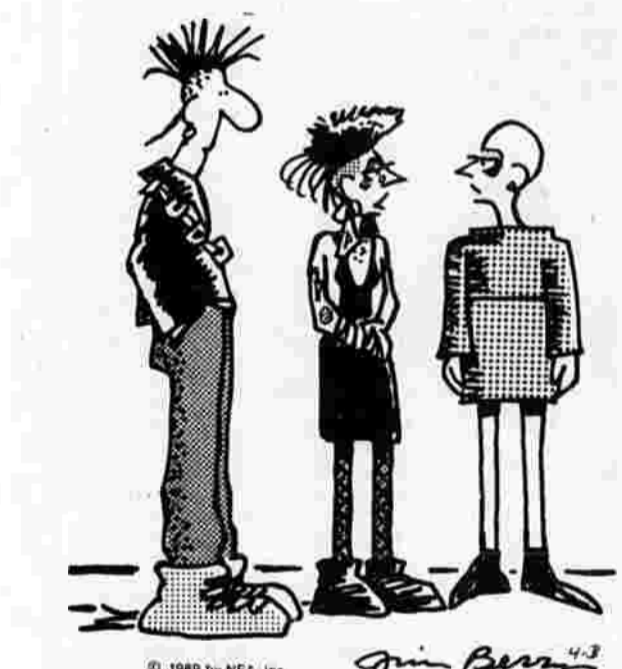
He has fired a letter to the commission declaring that its failure to hold a hearing is a discrimination case that has been pending for nearly eight years is "intolerable and unacceptable... There can be no plausible explanation or justification..."

The commission spent last year on the hot seat while a governor's task force investigated criticisms about the agency for its failure to grant hearings to all but a fraction of the people who file discrimination complaints with the commission. Over a five-year period, less than 1 percent of complaints were decided by a hearing examiner.

Has that experience chastened the commission? Apparently not. Even the governor couldn't get it to move.

There are remedies to this kind of betrayal of public trust. Perhaps O'Neill could name his khomer long enough to replace the five out of nine CHRO commissioners he appoints (the other four are appointed by legislative leaders), who in turn appoint the commission director, Arthur L. Green. Green has been in the post since 1986. Has Green lost control of the agency or is he just bored with the work?

— New Haven Register



"John and I used to be 'new wave.' But now I guess maybe we're, like, 'old wave.'"

Open Forum

Lessard listens, responds, works

To the Editor:
On May 1, Bolton residents will elect three members of the Board of Education. I heartily recommend that voters cast one of their votes for Sally Lessard, one of the Republican candidates.

I have worked with Sally on a number of different projects over the years. We have served together in the P.T.O., the arts booster club (which she was largely responsible for organizing), and last year's School Facilities Study Committee. The latter project, in particular, was time-consuming and demanding, and as a subcommittee chairwoman, there was no end to the energy Sally devoted to the necessary tasks.

These three activities by no means exhaust the list of commitments Sally has made and fulfilled on behalf of Bolton. More important than the number of jobs accomplished, however, is the manner in which they've been done. In my experience, Sally has approached these tasks with an open mind, a willingness to listen and respond to the ideas of others, and a determination to study the various aspects of any problem thoroughly.

I think these are valuable characteristics to bring to the Board of Education. Bolton's education system faces some complex challenges at this point in the town's history. A person who can listen to numerous potential solutions to a problem and who ultimately chooses a

course of action based on thorough research is a person I feel comfortable voting for. That's the kind of a Board of Education member we'll get if we elect Sally Lessard.

Celia A. Robbins
19 Camp Meeting Road, Bolton

Willington decision hasty, ill-thought-out

To the Editor:
It is with deep concern that I have observed the recent action of the Willington Board of Education with regard to the town's high school selection process. It is indeed my judgment that their decision to remove Bolton High School as an option for this year's eighth graders, particularly after the selection process had already taken place by those students and families, leaves much dissatisfaction. Relationships must be mutual and remain open for several years to come, as we still have students in the Bolton system. Recent actions have certainly created a negative impact within both communities, and also among Bolton High students and staff.

The purpose of this letter is to reinforce to the Bolton Board of Education continued support as parents of a Bolton High student (from Willing-

ton). Our daughters have flourished in a warm, caring educational atmosphere. Bolton High staff are of the highest professional caliber, and go far beyond job responsibilities in assisting students to learn and mature into young adults. Thank you for providing a rewarding high school experience to all the youngsters at Bolton High.

Patricia T. Plutek
56 Clint Eldredge Road, Willington

Students, teacher made a difference

To the Editor:
The staff of the Elderly Outreach Division, town of Manchester, wishes to thank the students of Illing Junior High School and teacher Betty Lou Norden. The students assembled beautiful spring baskets filled with thoughtful gifts which were delivered to the homes of 50 of our elderly clients.

Elderly Outreach has received many calls of thanks from the recipients who appreciated the time and effort that went into the baskets. Most of all, though, they were delighted just to be remembered. We feel that the students and Mrs. Norden have made a difference in Manchester!

Deborah Stein and Diane Wick
Co-ordinators, Elderly Outreach
41 Center St., Manchester

Rights vs. wrongs

Can the residents of this country agree on anything?

By Tom Tiede

WASHINGTON — When Ayatollah Khomeini issued that death decree against British author Salman Rushdie, he set in force a remarkable array of outrage here in the United States. Blacks and whites, liberals and conservatives — millions of Americans united to condemn the concept of censorship by murder.

The mixed reaction therefore raises a question. Or two. One is whether the residents of this country can agree on anything at all, and the other is more pointed. Is there anything on earth that is so ugly, evil and abhorrent that we can each say with a single voice that it cannot be and will not be tolerated?

I think the answers are "no" and "no." We agreed to disagree otherwise national harmony is just a synonym for majority opinion. The republic is divided on everything from AIDS to Zionism. It can not even get along behind the seemingly unassailable denunciation of such follies as war, terrorism and chemical bombs.

The chemical bombs can be inexpensively fashioned by any nation. They are technically capable of eradicating all human creatures. Yet they are staunchly defended by those who say they are no more destructive than atomic weapons, and who believe the nation must at any rate be prepared to meet every potential

Terrorism too has a pair of potential faces. It is easy to repudiate the thugs

who strike at a civilian target and peaceful attitudes, but not if they are in league with a just cause. The British left George Washington as a terrorist because he started a war rather than accept the legal rule of the first government.

And as for war itself, this nation has fought 11 of them since the Revolution. Still, the other side of it is that if we don't survive, we don't do anything. Hence America has budgeted \$2.5 trillion on war preparation during the last decade alone, and the critics have not prevailed.

The critics have at least persisted, however. And that's another subject on which there is wide disagreement. The continent was originally settled by the principle of rigid conformity. Yet the notion that dissent is debilitating. But this sort of accord was to be reluctantly subordinated to the Constitution.

And what about the Constitution? There are surveys that show some Americans continue to feel it's subservient. But the force of it is to guide the right and suggest the duty to be out of step. So we argue about animal rights, gay rights and abortion. God gives the atayallah the right to call for Mr. Rushdie's assassination.

There is one pause on the state of eternal verities. The plain truth is that there are none anymore, and perhaps this has always been the case. It's only matter on which we might in the end see eye to eye is that some of us are afraid of things that we don't believe are going on around us — and we may never conclusively know who.

Tom Tiede is a syndicated columnist.

hold that proper love for children includes active activity.

Drugs. The authorities believe the trade in illicit narcotics accounts for almost half of the major crimes in some urban areas. At the same time, 25 million men, women and children use the substances with regularity, and many of them say it should not be considered any more illegal than smoking cigarettes or drinking.

Abortion. Almost one-fourth of all U.S. pregnancies are now terminated by abortions. There is no more disputed subject in the land. One side insists the procedure saves women from doing it themselves, at considerable risk. The other says the women are "murdering" a form of human-kind that cannot defend itself.

It goes. The only absolute in these debates is the national consensus mentioned before, which ideally, and in other words, is the application of law. Whatever the contrary arguments then, the law is nevertheless structured to control poverty, protect children, limit narcotics abuse and permit abortion on demand.

And yet the law is itself forever in contention in our complex tribe. This is because the national consensus is sometimes written on the wind. It's also because many people look to higher authority. The U.S. Mestens, for example, think God gives the atayallah the right to call for Mr. Rushdie's assassination.

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Government should inspect oil tankers

To the Editor:
The oil spill in Alaska was tragic. All the other mammals and fish were killed or hurt. Aquariums all over the United States should have sent marine biologists or staff to the scene to help the animals and to clean up.

All of the people of Alaska helped a lot — even the school children. I also think Exxon should be let, lot more cautious. Other oil and gas companies, too, should be careful so we can keep this from happening again. We should be more prepared if this happens again. The federal government should have gone in earlier to help clean up. I think the government should also have an inspector to inspect all the ships and crew (also captains) carrying oil or gas.

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F-18 crash a mystery since 1987

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — Marilyn Ginsberg has been waiting for two years to bury her husband. Thanks to the secretary of the U.S. Navy, she may never put to rest the mystery of his death.

Capt. Daniel Ginsberg was one of the Navy's esteemed "Top Guns." On May 20, 1987, his F-18 jet crashed into the Sierra Nevada Mountains in California on a routine training flight. The Navy claimed it spent 1,388 flight hours searching for the wreckage. Then it gave up.

But Marilyn Ginsberg, the petite widow with two toddlers, would give up. The more she read of the Navy's search records, the more hollow they sounded and she grew determined to find the plane herself.

A year after the accident she did, and it took only seven hours. Using the same information the Navy had, Mrs. Ginsberg had reward posters and maps hung in ranger stations, at trail heads and in sheriff's offices. With reluctant help from the military, she initiated a search. On June 18, 1989, after a half-day hike, a search team found the plane east of Yosemite National Park near the Nevada border.

Finding the plane so easily raised far more questions than it answered for Mrs. Ginsberg and the family of the dead co-pilot, Lt. Michael Mueller. Why hadn't the Navy spotted it? Was the Navy hiding something? Why would a pilot, respected for his caution, who had flown the 1986 bombing raid on Libya, crash on a routine flight across California?

The Pentagon has locked the records of the crash in vaults for top-secret material and will only release a sanitized version of its conclusions.

Our associate Jim Lynch pored over documents and interviewed more than a dozen people who were at the crash. Yet a hiker and a forestry worker swear they saw Navy planes fly in and out of the canyon just hours after the crash.

A hiker reported an "explosion" near the crash site and the last radar reading from the F-18 was less than three miles from the crash site. But higher authority. The U.S. Mestens, for example, think God gives the atayallah the right to call for Mr. Rushdie's assassination.

The Navy should thank Mrs. Ginsberg for finding the F-18, it was the only military jet to be found in the United States in the past 10 years.

If the Navy found the plane, why was it kept a secret? It may have something to do with chronic mechanical problems in F-18s, including sporadic engine fires. Three more F-18s crashed after Capt. Ginsberg's ill-fated flight. Five months after his death the Navy shelved half of the Pacific Fleet's F-18s for work on engines with more than 800 hours flying time. One of Capt. Ginsberg's engines had 1,482 hours, the other 955 hours. Officially, the Navy says an F-18 fire has never killed anyone.

A top Navy official, who asked not to be identified, told us Capt. Ginsberg made a dumb mistake and dipped down out of the clouds for better visibility. That explanation bothers another F-18 pilot who had flown with Capt. Ginsberg for more than 100 hours and called him "real cautious."

The Navy is still identifying remains taken from the rubble. The Ginsbergs and the Muellers hope to have it all sorted out by May 20, the day they can bury their men on the second anniversary of the crash.

Mini-editorial
The U.S. attempt to freeze Manuel Noriega out of power is a bust. One year ago, American companies in Panama were ordered by President Reagan to withhold taxes from Noriega. The idea was to break the dictator's bank but it worked and now the companies are winning because they are losing friends in Panama. Noriega has become a monumental embarrassment to Washington, but this is no time to back off on the economic sanctions. The power of the purse strings is the best leverage the United States has, even if private companies have to suffer a little discomfort.

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FOCUS/Advice

Retailer was generous to young shoplifter

DEAR ABBY: You have had quite a lot of letters about shoplifting in your column. Here's how I handled a young shoplifter.

A father and his young son came into my music store in Atlanta many years ago. The father said, "My son wants to return a chromatic harmonica he took from your store."

The son had tears in his eyes. With bowed head he handed me the harmonica. I asked, "Did you like the harmonica?" He looked me in the eye and said, "I loved it."

"Do you have a weekly allowance?" I asked. The answer was "yes." "Would you be willing to bring me a \$1 a week until the \$13 is paid?" I asked.

"Oh yes," the boy beamed. I gave him back the instrument. The father tried to pay for it. I said, "No, it comes from his allowance — starting next week."

The father and son came into my store every Saturday, and the son gave me a dollar until the harmonica was paid in full. His father thanked me for giving his son a lesson in not stealing. The harmonica, I asked, "Did you like the harmonica?" He looked me in the eye and said, "I loved it."

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Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: You were exceptionally generous. The father was exceptionally forgiving. And the boy was exceptionally lucky.

DEAR ABBY: Re the guest who had been deliberately kicked by a 4-year-old "bully": You suggested that the guest ask the child why she was kicking her — thereby opening a dialogue. What if the child persisted in kicking her? My wife and I recently had dinner with a friend and her 3-year-old son at

a small pizza place. We ordered a large pizza for all of us to share. The child started handling the antipasto — taking a piece, putting it back on the plate, trying another, replacing it, etc. He ignored his mother's directives to stop.

I was particularly distressed because the child, who had a cold and a runny nose, kept rubbing his eyes and his nose while sorting through the antipasto!

I asked him to please stop touching the food unless he was going to eat it. He ignored me, so I moved the plate out of his reach and told him that he should not handle food that other people might want to eat.

My wife was very upset with me for having disciplined her friend's child. Could I have handled it better?

DEAR ABBY: I am writing this from a very romantic Hawaiian island (Maui) to be exact. I'm a man on his honeymoon with nothing to do at the moment because my bride is busy writing thank-you notes for our wedding gifts — we must have received more than 200 of them. She's been writing for three hours already. We are not exactly "over the hill."

DEAR ABBY: I have a question concerning the Ricker and the Kicker. Since the Kicker was a grown woman, unless she had the mentality of the 4-year-old Kicker, the "diagnostic" should have put a stop to the kicking. Re your second question: You could

and is worth looking into. What this means is that if you discover the company went bankrupt, you're not at a dead end. You need to find out what happened as a result of the bankruptcy and who handled the distribution of the company's assets. The same is true for a company that went out of business. Its assets should be disposed of in some way. It's up to you to find out how.

Conducting such a search, while time-consuming, is fascinating. There's real excitement as you gather each piece of the puzzle. In some cases, solving the riddle becomes more important than whether the stock or bond is worth any money.

And, even if it turns out that those old stocks and bonds have no value as securities, that doesn't mean they're worthless. Many are collectors' items. Their value as art objects depends largely on how they look. Elaborately engraved certificates are things of beauty, popular with memorabilia collectors. Among the most valuable are stock certificates from old railroads, with their romantic pictures of locomotives. Aircraft company and airline certificates are popular with aviation buffs — though most of these are also valuable securities.

The best way to determine value to collectors is to look at publications aimed at hobbyists. You can usually find these certificates have no value as securities, and you can't find any indication of their value on the Internet. A company's stock certificates are usually not necessary mean that a security it issued is worthless and the company's frequently set aside to pay off bond and stock holders. Although this may amount to only a few cents on the dollar, it can add up

DEAR BRUCE: How much work is enough? My husband is 63 years old and I am 15 years his junior. He is not in the best of health and his company will allow him to retire now at 80 percent of his take-home pay.

He claims that we cannot afford the reduction in income. But I have tried to show him that the money paid by him not going to work will more than offset the reduction. Even that were not the case, I would like to see him do the things he enjoys — fishing, hunting and some travel in our RV.

I feel, as do our children, that we can live very comfortably on the rest of our pension, Social Security and Social Security. I also believe that we have earned the right to some fun.

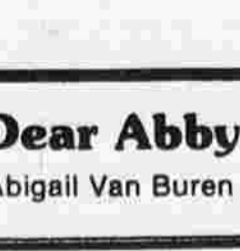
The kids and I have talked until we are blue in the face, but he insists that he is going to stay on the job until at least age 65, and longer if possible, so he can save more money.

How do I persuade him that we will have enough money, and that cruise we have always talked about?

QUESTION: A British novel I'm reading refers to "bonnet," but it's part of an automobile, not a hat. What is it?

ANSWER: The British bonnet is the equivalent of American car's hood, each word suggesting the covering. A bonnet or hood covers and protects the automobile's engine. (It's impossible to spell the British word without putting a b in your bonnet.)

Do you have a question or comment about our language? Please write to Jeffrey McQuinn, in care of the Manchester Herald, P.O. Box 591, Manchester 06040.



Sylvia Porter

DEAR ABBY: I have paroxysmal tachycardia. Please tell me what this is, what causes it and what the best treatment is.

DEAR READER: Paroxysmal means sudden bursts of unpredictable activity; tachycardia means rapid heart rate. Therefore, I conclude that you are experiencing periodic episodes of rapid pulse.

In order to answer your question, I have to detour into some basic cardiac anatomy. The heart is divided into four muscular chambers: two low-pressure atria and two high-pressure ventricles. These chambers contract in sequence because of rhythmic electrical charges that begin in the heart's natural pacemaker (the sinoatrial node), pass through the atrial muscles, intensify in an area called the AV node (the junction between the atria and the ventricles) and then spread through a conduction system into the ventricles.

All along the route of the electrical-impulse conduction are areas of cardiac tissue that can initiate their own bursts of electricity, in competition with the normal mechanism. On occasion, one of these areas will fire off a series of charges (paroxysms), causing the entire heart to contract at an accelerated rate.

Thus, doctors recognize three major sources of paroxysmal tachycardia: atrial, junctional and ventricular. Atrial tachycardia is, by large, harmless. It lasts from a few beats to a few minutes and is frightening because a person has the sensation that his or her heart is beating out of control. The tachycardia can usually be terminated by the Valsalva maneuver, during which the patient strains hard for a moment or two, as though having a difficult bowel movement. This maneuver stimulates the vagus nerve in the chest to slow the heart rate and re-establish a more normal pattern.

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Junkyard king sentenced

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — A junkyard owner who took stolen cars and dismantled them for their parts has been sentenced on racketeering charges to 10 years in prison and ordered to pay \$500,000 in fines and restitution.

Charles Arcangelo, principal owner of the Chuck & Eddie junkyards, was given until May 15 to surrender to authorities and be taken to a federal prison camp.

The sentence was handed down Thursday by U.S. District Judge T.P. Gilroy Daly.

Arcangelo and his younger brother, James Arcangelo, who is to be sentenced today, pleaded guilty in January to racketeering charges stemming from an 18-month FBI and state police investigation of "chop shop" operations at Chuck & Eddie junkyards across Connecticut.

Charles Arcangelo was also found guilty of a federal environmental violation — the disposal of a hazardous waste, mercury, at a railroad yard in North Haven.

Restoring gas slowly

TORRINGTON (AP) — About 1,800 Northeast Utilities remained without natural gas last night as crews spent a second day restoring a supply that was cut off when the city's main line was ruptured.

All customers were expected to be back on line today. Northeast Utilities spokesman William Keveany said.

By 10 p.m. Thursday, 5,300 or 68 percent of the city's customers had service restored, Keveany said.

Natural gas supplies were cut Tuesday after the operator of a backhoe ruptured a supply line. The line was patched Tuesday afternoon, but most customers remained without service.

Explosion kills welder

WATERBURY (AP) — A welder was killed after a drained gasoline tank he was cutting up exploded and crushed him against a parked truck, Waterbury police said.

Robin Russell, 33, of Waterbury, was pronounced dead at St. Mary's Hospital at 7:08 p.m. Wednesday, a half hour after the accident at the Hubbard Hall chemical plant on South Leonard Street.

Russell, the owner of Russell Welding Co. in Naugatuck, was working with two employees cutting up excavated tanks. The tank that exploded was the last tank they had to take apart, police said.

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The report shows that 51 percent of the AIDS cases in Connecticut are drug-related. It also shows that the highest concentrations of case in New Haven, Hartford and Bridgeport. Those areas account for 44 percent of all cases in the state.

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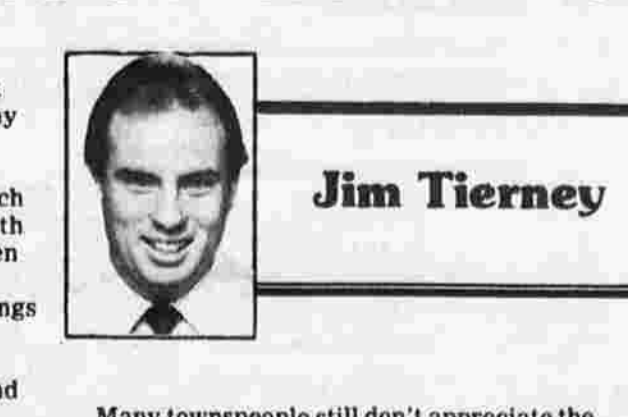
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John Treacy and John Doherty of Ireland, which defeated the United States for the team title, Keith Brann and Steve Spence of the U.S., and Stephen Binns of England, all participated in the Ekiden Relay. All have played major roles in past runnings of the renowned Manchester Thanksgiving Day Road Race.

Treacy is a four-time winner in Manchester and still holds the course record of 21:26 set in 1979. Doherty won in Manchester in back-to-back years in 1986 and 1987 before being dethroned by American John Gregorek last year. Brannly finished sixth in his maiden appearance in the "Silk City" in 1987 and moved up to third a year ago when Spence secured sixth. Binns had a good view of Treacy's 1984 win as the former placed third.



Jim Tierney is a sports writer for the Manchester Herald.

Watching Doherty conquer seven-time U.S. cross-country champion Pat Porter over the final 6.2-mile loop of the relay was special for those who endure the Manchester Road Race to their hearts.

The Manchester Road Race is, unequivocally, our town's greatest annual event. And we have these world-class runners to thank.

The scholastic baseball season has begun and local teams are swinging into action. East Catholic baseball is off to a 2-0 start after edging intrastate rival Manchester High, 6-5, Wednesday.

Senior southpaw Marc Mangialico, who may be headed to Providence College, has notched both wins for the Eagles. Mangialico is one of the top five scholastic pitchers in the state. If East can get a reliable No. 2 hurler, it could do some damage in the state tournament.

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Leonard is certainly one of the finest centerfielders in the state. In the first inning of Wednesday's game with East with Martin Fiori on third base, the Eagles' Jimmy Penders lofted a high fly ball to deep centerfield. Fiori tagged up and streak toward home. Leonard uncracked a one-bounce strike to Laurinittis which beat Fiori, but the umpire ruled him safe. East Coach Jim Penders admitted afterward he thought Fiori was out.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Vibberts leaves UConn

STORRS — Former East Catholic High quarterback Scott Vibberts of Stafford announced Thursday that he's leaving the University of Connecticut football team and school, and joining the Army.

Vibberts, who would have been a junior in the fall, had been UConn's No. 11 tailback during the current spring practice. Vibberts was the third-leading ball carrier a year ago with 176 yards on 33 carries (5.3 average).

KoC meet coming up

The ninth annual Connecticut State Council Knights of Columbus Track Meet will be held Saturday, May 6, at Yale University in New Haven.

The meet is open to all school varsity and junior varsity athletes. Entries are to be forwarded by May 2 to: Rev. Donald Barry, 1306 Hillfield Hill Rd., Fairfield, 06430.

For more information, call Louis Migliore at (203) 484-0878.

Cook leads bowling event

WINDSOR LOCKS (AP) — Steve Cook of Rosville, Calif., took a 291-pin lead Thursday night after the fourth round of the Professional Bowlers Association \$140,000 Greater Hartford Open.

Cook, who has 13 PBA crowns to his credit, won all eight of his match games in the first round. He has 6,190 pins. That pinfall includes 30 bonus pins for each game.

Dave Arnold of Campbell, Calif., was held to capture a PBA title, is second with 5,899. Hal of former Johnny Petralga of Manalapan, N.J., who led after the second and third rounds, was third with 5,825.

The 24 bowlers, from the original 160, bowled 16 match games Friday before the final is out to the top five for Saturday's stepladder finals.

Randy White to retire

DALLAS (AP) — Randy White, the Dallas Cowboys' eight-time all-pro defensive tackle, announced his retirement from football Thursday because of a lingering neck injury.

"I've been thinking about it for a couple of weeks, and I just don't think I can stay at the level I'd like to," said White, who was praised by former Cowboys coach Tom Landry as one of the greatest players in the club's history.

"Fourteen years of pounding caught up to me," White said. "I will reflect on my career and discuss my future plans in a news conference at Valley Ranch at 11 a.m. Friday."

Jones out of marathon

BOSTON (AP) — The 83rd Boston Marathon lost one of its marquee entrants Thursday when Steve Jones of Wales, winner of the 1988 New York City Marathon, withdrew because of injury.

Jones, the runner-up at Boston in 1987 and ninth last year, was forced to withdraw from Monday's race with acute tendinitis in his right Achilles' tendon.

He said the injury began bothering him April 8 and did not fully respond to treatment.

Players to stand trial

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — A judge ordered three former Oklahoma football players Thursday to stand trial on charges of first-degree rape in an alleged gang assault in January at the Oklahoma athletic dormitory.

Special District Judge Gary Purcell ordered Nigel Clay, Glen Bell and Bernard Hall to appear for formal arraignment next Wednesday.

Purcell issued his ruling at the conclusion of a four-day preliminary hearing in Cleveland County District Court.

In addition, Purcell ordered Hall and Clay to stand trial on charges of selling liquor to a minor.

Littler leads senior golf

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) Gene Littler shot a 5-under-par 65 to overtake Gary Player for a one-shot lead after Thursday's first round of The Tradition, a new \$600,000 tournament on the Senior PGA Tour.

The 58-year-old Littler, a 10-time winner on the Senior Tour including the Aetna Challenge on Feb. 28, made eight birdies — the last on a 15-foot putt on the par-3 17th.

Player, a 35-year-old South African seeking his 13th career Seniors victory, but the first this season, revamped his entire game and was the early clubhouse leader at 5-under.

Walt Zembriski, overcoming a double-bogey on the par-5 12th, birdied three of the final six holes and was alone in third place at 68.

Bob Charles, a New Zealand left-hander who has won two of the tour's seven events this season, was tied for fourth at 69.

Arnold Palmer had a 72 in the 92-degree afternoon heat while Miller Barber, another two-time champion this year, shot a 74.

Stewart shares golf lead

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — Payne Stewart, who came to his tournament to prepare for another, compiled a bogey-free 68 Thursday for a share of the first-round lead in the \$800,000 Heritage Classic.

Stewart was tied with Kenny Perry, who birdied three straight holes in one stretch and got a share of the top spot with a 12-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole.

"Probably the best competitive round I've played in my three years on the tour," Perry said.

"But that wasn't enough to completely shake Nick Faldo of England," Stewart said.

"It was good that I could go out and get on with it," Faldo said after a 3-under-par 68 in his first round since winning the Masters last weekend.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for a letter of the alphabet.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "My father always wanted to be a garbage man. He thought they only worked on Tuesdays." — John Shaughnessy.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
Unscramble these four Jumbles and enter the letters in order to form four ordinary words.

Astrograph

April 15, 1989
Your possibilities for advancement in your chosen field of endeavor look very encouraging for the year ahead. However, you will have to prove yourself to be very step you take up the ladder.

'Around the World in 80 Days'

By Kathryn Baker
The Associated Press
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TV Topics

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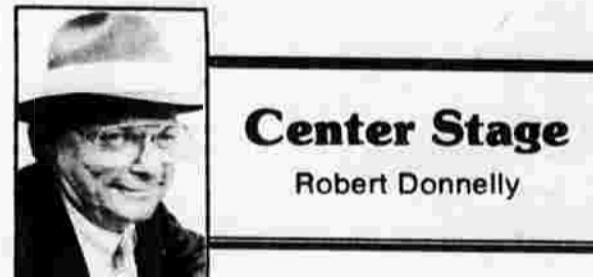
Bridge

Got two to lose? Win 12 first
By James Jacoby
Although most tournament publicity is given to nationals and large regionals, there are a few annual sectional tournaments tucked away in interesting places that bridge aficionados would enjoy.

WEEKEND



HAVING FUN — Peer Gynt, played by Robert Donnelly, center, is entertained in an Arabian harem in Henrik Ibsen's "Peer Gynt."



Center Stage Robert Donnelly

'Peer Gynt' chronicles fantasy world

It would be impossible to find enough superlatives to describe what happens onstage at The Hartford Stage Company during their production of Henrik Ibsen's epic verse drama, "Peer Gynt." No description could explain the magnitude of the work or properly reward the artistry of those involved. To say that director Mark Lamos has mounted a brilliant production does not do justice to the roaring fantasy of his vision of Ibsen's antihero as he pursues his quest of self.

This two-part, six-hour production never flags as it chronicles the life of the dreamer and rogue of Ibsen's invention. Part I, "Into the Mountains," follows the young Peer from his escape from his village after kidnapping a friend's bride into the kingdom of the mountain trolls and later, the isolation of the snowy landscape, struggling to solve his life.

Part II, "The Voyage," brings Peer through distant lands to fortunes made and lost and, at last, home to confront his own mortality. Scenic designer John Conklin never impedes Peer's journey or Lamos' artistic imagination with solid sets. Rather, he provides fluid impetus with toy hanging clocks and cogwheels, spheres and toy tanks overhead. Down below, a blue silk river spills from a miniature waterwheel on a toy mill house and flows through a green silk landscape. Conklin continues to provide Lamos with a phantasmagorical world of snow and sand, sphinx, madhouse, and the beauty and terror of a storm at sea.

Merrily Murray-Walsh has provided the same wonder of imagery in the hundreds of costumes for villagers, trolls, harem denizens and gentlemen that weave through Peer's adventures. Nothing interferes with the vision of the production. The new translation by Gerry Bamman and Irene Berman provides lyric beauty to Ibsen's ideas and never stumbles in its storytelling, while including wonderful rhymes of whimsy and insight.

Richard Thomas is the perfect Peer. Onstage for nearly the entire evening, Thomas is the boyish braggart, the storytelling Peer who offers folklike as if it were his own invention. In a bravura performance that appears to charge energy throughout the evening, Thomas is charming as the womanizer, who is amoral, scheming, lustful, immoral, passionate and dastardly, in turn. All this is done with a boundless energy that never flags.

The large supporting cast sustains the same energy as Thomas does in the swift changes necessary for the multiple roles they undertake. Stephen Rowe as the scarred, swaggering troll king; Leslie Geraci as a virginal, reluctant bride and lustful, mounted daughter to the troll king; Thomas Schall, Terrence Cize, Paul Kandel and Stephen Rowe are multi-national scoundrels; Tara Huga is the sweet and selfless Solveig; and Patricia Conilla is Ase, Peer's long-suffering mother, full of maternal wisdom and humor.

Music in the evening

A concert of music ranging from Scottish folk songs to operatic arias will be presented Saturday evening at 8 at South United Methodist Church, 1226 Main St. The featured artists will be Judith Loven, soprano; Sharon Derby, mezzo-soprano; Cal Beggs, tenor; and Robert Gordon, baritone. The accompaniment will be David Morse. A suggested donation of \$3 per adult will be collected.

Get clean, stay clean

A marathon car wash will be held Saturday at East Hartford High School, 869 Forbes St., to raise money for a drug- and alcohol-free party for East Hartford seniors following their graduation ceremonies. This year's party will be held at Court House One in Manchester, with the theme of Cruise to Fantasy Island. About 85 percent of the graduates are expected to attend. The fund-raiser carwash is from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Peanut, puppets, poetry

Peanutbutterjam, a Manchester-based children's singing duo, will present a concert Sunday afternoon at Windham High School, on High Street in Willimantic. The concert, presented by Ellen Packard and Paul Recker, has been extremely successful, and they will be singing numbers from their third album, "The Concert, presented by the Willimantic Rotary Club, is at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3, and may be purchased at the door.

Of note

Metropolitan Opera mezzo-soprano Sandra Walker will perform a recital Sunday afternoon at the Immanuel Congregational Church, 10 Woodland St., Hartford. The concert will feature the Brahms "Alto Rhapsody," and various arias and art songs. General admission tickets are \$8, and may be purchased at the door. Student or senior citizen tickets are \$6, and must be purchased in advance.

Folk in Coventry

At the Saturday evening coffeehouse in Coventry, Bruce Blair and Bernie McKenna will perform their folk and contemporary music. This is the third time this duo has performed at the Patriot's Park Lodge on Lake Street. This time, they have added Angela Tabliss on keyboard, and the group will perform their new album, "The Concert, presented by the Coventry and Mansfield school systems who is a regular at Clark's Restaurant in Willimantic. Admission to the coffeehouse is \$2, and refreshments will be available.

Saints come marching in

You'll want to be in that number when the Preservation Hall Jazz Band comes marching in to the Jorgensen Auditorium on Wells Street. The band, presented in a cabaret setting, is nearly sold out, with area residents clamoring to hear some of the best New Orleans jazz anywhere. Call 438-4226 to see what's still available.

New Britain in limelight

Show Off New Britain, a cultural and trade show, will be held at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain on Saturday. From sky divers to the industry exhibits, there should be something for everyone. Most of the activities are centered around Kaiser Hall, on Wells Street. The festival is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$3 general, \$1 senior citizens and students.

On the same afternoon, the university's International Festival will be held at the Student Center Ballroom. There is no charge for admission to that festival, where there will be ethnic foods from around the world, Greek and Lithuanian folk dances, selections from a Chinese opera, a martial arts demonstration from Vietnam, and more. This is from 1 to 4 p.m.



MAKING A POINT — Elizabeth Dunn of Manchester prepares for Saturday's performance of the Connecticut Concert Ballet, at Vernipe Middle School, 777 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon. The program includes the ballet, "Appollo," restaged by Brian Adams, formerly with the American Ballet Theatre. Also to be performed are "Raymonda Variations" and a humorous piece using contemporary music, called "Laz Susan." Tickets, sold at the door, are \$8 general, \$4 students and senior citizens.

Dance for peace

A contra dance featuring the music of Jim Gregory will be held Saturday to raise money for the Hartford/Oxford Sister City Project, which aids people in a region devastated by war and hurricanes. Contra dancing is less difficult than square dancing, and can be enjoyed by beginners of all ages. The dance is from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Elks Hall, 34 Prospect St., Hartford. Tickets are \$5 per person. Refreshments will be sold.

Gentle on the mind

Gentle Folk, a trio featuring vocal, guitar and flute music, will present a concert with contemporary Christian artist Jim McCarthy on Saturday at the coffeehouse of the Methodist Church, 401 New Britain Ave., Newington. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Suggested admission price is \$3 per person, with popcorn and drinks distributed free.

A capitol idea

Ever wonder what's beneath that golden dome of the State Capitol building? You'll have the chance to find out each Saturday, from now through June 10. Both the capitol and the new Legislative Office Building will be open to the public, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with free parking available. Members of the Connecticut League of Women Voters will offer tours. There will be concerts throughout the day in the capitol's Hall of Flags and the legislative building's atrium.



SPRING BREAK — Members of the cast of "Brigadoon," which opens this weekend, take a break from rehearsals to enjoy the spring sunshine. Manchester cast members include, left to right in back, Pierre Marteny, Chris Stone and Greg Harlan; from left in center row, Pam Thomas, Lori Iarmonico, Gal Stone, Ginny Schneider and Tracy Paige.

Concert for change

Tom and Steve Chapin, brothers of the late singer Harry Chapin, will present a concert Saturday evening called Hartford Cares, to raise money for World Hunger Year and the South Park Inn Emergency Shelter for the Homeless. Members of the original Harry Chapin Band will be on the program, along with WDRB radio personality Brad Davis. The Chapin brothers are successful performers who have worked on the Broadway stage and recorded many albums. The concert is at 8 p.m. at the Lincoln Theatre, on the campus of the University of Hartford in West Hartford. Tickets range from \$5 to \$100, and are available through the box office, 243-4538.

A singing sensation

"Radio Daze," the song and dance show of the Farmington Valley Chapter of Sweet Adelines, will be presented tonight and Saturday at 8 at Conard High School in West Hartford. The group's choreography team, which includes Annette Putcinella and Jan Cyr of Manchester, has helped the group win three regional first prizes for stage presence and showmanship. Tickets are between \$8 and \$15. Call 693-9197.

Something old

The annual Connecticut Spring Antiques Show will be held this weekend at the State Armory, corner of Broad Street and Capitol Avenue, Hartford. Show hours are tonight until 9; Saturday, noon to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Admission ticket is \$12.50, and is \$5 per person on Saturday and Sunday. Free parking is available.

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U.A. Theaters East — Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure (PG) Fri 7:30, 9:45, 11:55; Sat 7:30, 9:45, 11:55; Sun 7:30, 9:45, 11:55. — Lethal Weapon (R) Fri 7:30, 9:45, 11:55; Sat 7:30, 9:45, 11:55; Sun 7:30, 9:45, 11:55. — Top Gun (PG) Fri 7:30, 9:45, 11:55; Sat 7:30, 9:45, 11:55; Sun 7:30, 9:45, 11:55. — Heavy Metal (R) Fri 7:30, 9:45, 11:55; Sat 7:30, 9:45, 11:55; Sun 7:30, 9:45, 11:55.

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Dancemania

Dance enthusiasts won't want to miss the Connecticut Choreographers Showcase, this weekend at Real Art Ways, 94 Albany St., Hartford. Tonight at 8 and Sunday at 7, pieces include "Planting, or the Dragon" by Ann Cowlin, which explores grief and fear of loss, as well as "Put That Down," a somewhat humorous and old-fashioned love story by Allison Fridus and Andre Gribou. The performance Saturday at 8 features "Ripples on the Sun," a piece by Sonia Plumb on the landscape of Vermont, and "Ritual of Parting," to be danced by Judith Gosnell of the Hartford Ballet and the work's choreographer, Ken Kempe. Tickets are \$8, reserve them by calling 525-5521.

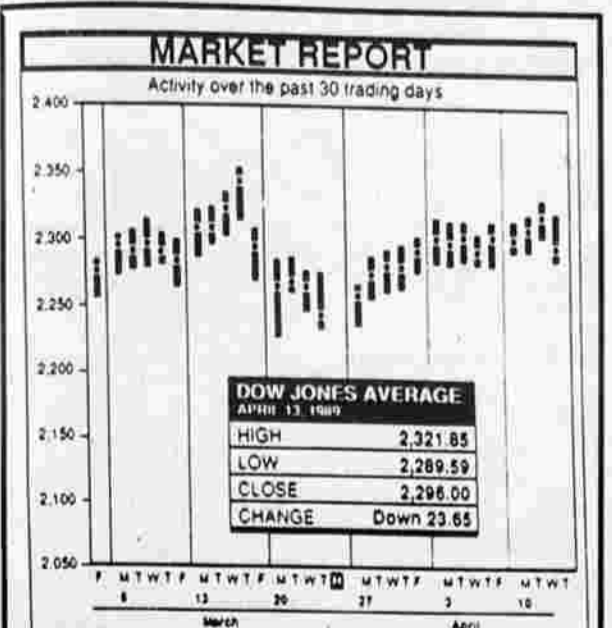
Musical roots

The Manchester-based folk music group Folkroots, will present a concert Saturday evening to benefit the Hartford area chapter of Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit group which builds and renovates low-cost housing. The concert will be at the meetinghouse of the Unitarian Universalist Society, East, 133 W. Vernon St. Admission is \$8.

The Big Bad Wolf

How much do you really know about wolves? The Lutz Children's Museum will offer a chance to meet two real wolves and a park keeper, Doug Radzewicz of the National Audubon Center, on Saturday afternoon at 11. The program will be at Waddell School, 450 Park Ave., and admission is \$2 for museum members, \$3 for non-members.

BUSINESS



IN BRIEF

GE earnings are up

FAIRFIELD (AP) — General Electric Co. has reported first quarter income of \$849 million, or 94 cents a share, up 18 percent compared to earnings of \$725 million, or 80 cents a share, for the same period last year. Consolidated revenues for the quarter were \$1.9 billion, up 13 percent from \$1.6 billion reported in the 1988 first quarter. Included in the revenues was a 17 percent increase in the company's GE Financial Services. The division's revenues were \$2.4 billion in the quarter compared to \$2.4 billion in the first quarter of 1988.

U.S. surgical is sued

BOSTON (AP) — The New England Anti-Vivisection Society has filed a federal suit claiming the United States Surgical Corp. misled stockholders about a proposal aimed at ending the use of animals in product demonstrations. In what it called the first suit of its kind, the animal rights group alleged that Norwalk, Conn.-based U.S. Surgical, a staple manufacturer, issued a misleading proxy solicitation based on a shareholder's proposal submitted by the society asking that live dogs not be used in product displays, officials said. The society is seeking an injunction to halt the proxy solicitation process, saying it violates federal regulations.

Restructuring cuts 220 jobs

SHELTON (AP) — A restructuring at Philips Medical Systems North America Inc. will eliminate approximately 220 jobs, company President Michael P. Moakley announced. Moakley said about 500 employees in sales support and customer service positions would remain in Shelton, the company's North American headquarters. "We are taking these difficult actions as an essential step in refocusing Philips' diagnostic imaging business in North America," Moakley said. The restructuring is part of a company-wide consolidation of resources and will make us a more competitive player in the American diagnostic imaging market."

Go fish

Mansfield Training School and the Nor'East Bass Masters are cooperating on a Fishing Derby which is planned for Saturday at the training school's ponds. Registration will begin at 5 a.m. The ponds are stocked and there will be prizes for those who catch one of the 20 suggested trout. Breakfast, lunch and beverages will be served throughout the day and event closes at 2 p.m. The school is on Route 44, between routes 82 and 195. Registration fee is \$2 for a maximum of \$10 per family. Those over 18 must show a valid Connecticut Fishing License.

A real Yank

This is the first weekend to see Rodgers and Hart's classic show, "A Connecticut Yankee," at the Goodspeed Opera House in Haddam. The show, based on the Mark Twain novel, "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," brings back to the stage one of the Hartford resident's best-loved tales. The show runs through June 23. Call 873-8668 for tickets.

The Highland fling

Diane Dubock's Highland Dancers, a group based in Bolton, will participate in a Scottish Ceilidh on Saturday. The ceilidh, which is pronounced "kay-lee," is a sort of Scottish jam session, bringing together bagpipers, fiddlers, those who do Scottish country dancing and more. It will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Parish Hill High School, 1000 Parish Hill Road, Chaplin. This is sponsored by the Scottish Highland Festival Organization. The donation is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children.

Bush S&L plan clears early hurdles

WASHINGTON (AP) — After clearing its first two hurdles relatively intact, President Bush's \$99 billion plan to bail out and reform the savings and loan industry is gaining momentum in Congress. The package survived its biggest challenge so far on Thursday when congressional Democrats capitulated to Bush's financing scheme, which is designed to keep the \$50 billion taxpayer cost from showing up in the federal deficit.

The House Banking Committee's financial institutions subcommittee, a legislative safehouse for the savings industry in the past, approved the overall plan after amending it to let S&L owners put up less money to stay in business than Bush had wanted. A day earlier, the Senate Banking Committee approved the package after also weakening, but to a lesser degree, the capital standards that thrifts must meet in the future to qualify for federal deposit insurance.

The federal S&L insurance fund is now more than \$25 billion in the hole because of loans that turned sour and, in many cases, fraudulent lending and accounting practices using government-insured deposits. But it also tightened the standards for 350 more insolvent thrift institutions that the government is keeping open now only because it doesn't have

the money to close or merge them. The full Senate plans to take up the bill Monday with the aim of passing it Wednesday before recessing for Passover. In the House, the bill now goes to the full Banking Committee, where Bush may win back some of the tougher capital and regulatory requirements he lost in the subcommittee. "The Senate gave Bush about 80 to 85 percent of what he wants and we gave him 60 to 65 percent," said Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., a subcommittee member who was on the losing side of a 24-23 vote to cut Bush's proposed capital requirements. "By the time it's all over, he may get 90 to 95 percent of what he wants."

Schumer said, referring to the \$6 that S&L owners would have to invest in capital for every \$100 they lend — the same level now required of banks. The subcommittee, on an amendment by its chairman, Rep. Frank Annunzio, D-Ill., and Rep. Stan Davis, R-Va., voted to keep the present requirement — \$3 in capital for every \$100 of lending. And it amended Bush's plan to allow banks to begin buying up both insolvent and healthy thrift institutions immediately. In deference to small banks and the thrift industry, Bush had proposed allowing banks to buy up only S&Ls for the next two years and healthy ones as well after

that. The one question we are repeatedly asked is what we are doing to bring more capital into a capital-deficit industry," said Rep. Doug Barnard, D-Ga. "This is the one thing we can do." Opponents, however, fear that change will increase taxpayer costs because banks will buy only healthy S&Ls, leaving the government stuck to pick up all the losses of the insolvent ones. While the banks won that issue, they lost another one to the insurance industry. The subcommittee voted to declare a 2½-year moratorium on allowing more than \$100,000 of multimillion-dollar bank investment certificates to be covered by federal insurance.

In the past two years, banks have started using the certificates offering fixed interest rates to lure pension funds away from insurance companies, which have no federal deposit insurance. The real estate industry also won a major victory in both House and Senate versions through amendments that would require state licensing of appraisers. That legislation had been stalled for years out of fears that real estate brokers would use it to monopolize and sharply increase appraisal fees.

Biggest-ever securities fraud case settled

NEW YORK (AP) — Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. faces federal supervision and a future without financier Michael Milken in its out-of-court settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission over Wall Street's biggest-ever securities fraud case.

The agreement Thursday resolved civil charges that included insider trading in more than 20 alleged fraud schemes and marked another milestone in the government's crackdown on white-collar corruption. It also cleared the way for Drexel to plead guilty to six felony counts and pay a record \$650 million in fines and restitution in a separate settlement of criminal charges with the Manhattan U.S. attorney's office. SEC Chairman David S. Ruder called the deal, reached after four months of often bitter negotiations, "the most far-reaching relief ever obtained by the commission against a major regulated entity." Drexel, the nation's fifth-largest

securities firm, agreed to submit to extensive monitoring by the SEC for three years; set up a securities compliance watchdog committee and a disciplinary panel; and appoint a new chairman, general counsel, ombudsman and accounting chief subject to SEC approval.

In addition, Drexel agreed to terminate all relations with Milken, who helped transform Drexel into a Wall Street powerhouse by peddling high-risk securities known as junk bonds, and to bar its employees from direct or indirect business dealings with him. The settlement also ensures Drexel's cooperation in any future government investigations. The pact still must be approved by that needed for the protection of the investing public," SEC Enforcement Director Gary Lynch said. "It will also give us the ability to bring other people to justice that might not be major regulated entities. It was a war for another three to five years."

Milken could be rehired only if he exonerated of all 98 racketeering and fraud charges filed by the government in a separate indictment that seeks \$1.8 billion in forfeitures from him and two others.

Drexel and Milken have been the main government targets since the Ivan Boesky insider trading scandal of 1986. Boesky, now in federal prison, was the first to be charged in the case while Drexel, Milken and others. Drexel said in a summary of the agreement that it was paying the largest penalties ever in a securities case and making "comprehensive and unprecedented structural changes" that place the private firm under tight scrutiny. "We expect that as a result of this settlement agreement and other steps we will take, Drexel will become the standard in the securities industry," said Drexel Chief Executive Frederick H. Joseph. Drexel, which said it lost an estimated \$2 billion in business during

the government's investigation and spent hundreds of millions of dollars defending itself, also immediately named as its chairman John S.R. Shad, who started the Drexel probe during his 1981-87 term as SEC chairman.

In addition, Drexel will pay \$15 million in civil penalties, an amount already accounted for under the total \$650 million in penalties it has agreed to pay the government. The 184-page SEC complaint filed last September described 21 alleged fraud schemes between 1984 and late 1986 and portrayed Drexel, Milken and other executives as systematic cheaters who engaged in stock manipulation, insider trading and other frauds. The pact still must be approved by U.S. District Judge Milton Pollack, who temporarily has been barred from any rulings in the case while the U.S. Supreme Court considers whether to hear a defense request to remove him because of an alleged conflict of interest.

Ex-broker sentenced for role in insider scandal

NEW HAVEN (AP) — A federal judge has sentenced a former Connecticut stockbroker to six months in prison for his role in an insider trading scheme, but ordered that the term run concurrently with an identical sentence he received on a New York charge.

U.S. District Judge Ellen B. Burns said Thursday she took into account William Dillon's continuing cooperation with investigators in deciding not to add to the prison sentence he had received in New York for an identical charge. She said the cooperation "suggests reformation."

Dillon, 34, of Old Lyme, had pleaded guilty last year in New Haven and New York to the counts of wire fraud stemming from a scheme in which he illicitly obtained advance information from Business Week magazine's stock column to buy and sell stocks which he got a favorable mention in the "Inside Wall Street" column. He sold the stocks after the magazine

was released to the public and prices rose. A federal judge in New York on Tuesday sentenced Dillon to two years, suspended after six months. The judge also placed Dillon on three years' probation, required him to perform 300 hours of community service and ordered him to make full restitution of an amount to be determined by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The government contends that Dillon made \$118,000 in profits through his illegal scheme between May 1986 and July 1988. Burns said there was no need for her to order restitution or community service because the New York sentence took care of that.

Prosecutors had also recommended a concurrent sentence. Dillon has been working since January as a carpenter helping to renovate homes for the retired, his attorney, Henry Puzel, told the court.

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