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About Town

Photography classes are offered

Amateur photographers can learn to make the most of their 35 mm cameras during a special seminar Wednesday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Manchester Community College, Eastman Kodak Co. will host the seminar in the college's Low Building, rooms C-110 to 112. Call 647-6242 for more information or to register. Also, the college is offering a basic photography course starting Monday, on four Mondays, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The fee is \$4.

Irish linens to be discussed

Irish linens will be discussed during a "Linens and Lace" breakfast meeting of the Manchester Area Christian Women's Club to be held Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at The Colony of Vernon. Cost is \$5.50 per person. Babysitting will be provided at Avery Street Church. For reservations call 649-3423 or 872-4876.

Weight loss program offered

"Winding Your Weight Down," a free weight reduction program for senior citizens, begins Thursday at the Manchester Senior Citizens Center. Lectures will be held on six consecutive Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. The speaker is Roberta Ruland, a dietitian at Manchester Memorial Hospital. To register call 647-3174.

Health checks available

Screening for hearing and blood pressure problems will be available to senior citizens on Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Manchester Senior Citizens Center.

Retirement to be discussed

"Financial Strategies for Successful Retirement," a two-session course for retired persons or those planning to retire, will be offered on Monday and May 14, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Manchester Community College. The cost is \$55 per person, or \$59 for couples. To register call 647-6242.

Support group to meet

The Alliance for the Mentally III will meet Monday at 7 p.m. at the Genesis Center, 105 Main St. The support group is open to families and friends of individuals with prolonged mental illness.

Order of DeMolay to meet

John Maher Chapter, Order of DeMolay, will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the American Temple, 25 E. Center St. A pizza party for members and prospects will be provided by Friendship Lodge No. 145, AF & AM.

Housing trip scheduled

Future housing options for the elderly in Bolton is the reason for a public visit Tuesday to Orchard Estates in Coventry. Individuals should meet at 9:30 a.m. at St. George Church's parking lot, 1150 Boston Turnpike, Bolton.

Military Notes

Slover awarded wings

Second Lt. Gregory Lincoln Slover, son of Gail P.T. Slover of Manchester and William P. Slover Jr. of Glasbury, has been awarded U.S. Air Force wings. He recently completed a one-year flight training program at Williams Air Force Base in Arizona and was awarded one of two academic achievement certificates for maintaining a 99 percent average.

After he receives further advanced training, the lieutenant has been assigned to fly the KC-135 refueling tankers, based at Loring Air Force Base, Maine.

Public Meetings

Public meetings scheduled for today:

Manchester
Chester National Historic District Commission, Probate Court, 4:30 p.m.
Emergency Medical Services Council, Lincoln Center hearing room, 7 p.m.

Bolton
Conservation Commission, Herrick Park, 7:30 p.m.

Lottery

Here are Thursday's lottery results from around New England:

CONNECTICUT
Daily: 1-9-0. Play Four: 2-7-6-3.
MASSACHUSETTS
Daily: 0-5-3-1. Megabucks: 6-7-12-30-31-33.
NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine daily: 2-9-3 and 5-6-5. Megabucks: 3-12-15-28-35-36.
RHODE ISLAND
Daily: 5-9-3-3. Granlot: 2-4-8. 7-3-9-4. 3-0-0-3-0. 2-9-2-2-4-0.

Weather

REGIONAL Weather



Friday, May 4
Tough, becoming cloudy. Low around 40. Friday, rain likely. High in the mid 50s. Chance of rain 70 percent. Outlook for Saturday, rain likely. High in the mid 50s.
An area of high pressure will remain over New England through tonight. Low pressure over the southern Plains states today will move northeast to the Ohio Valley Friday.
Weather summary for Wednesday:
Temperature: high of 64, low of 48, mean of 56.
Precipitation: 0 inches for the day, 0 inches for the month, 14.41 inches for the year.
Temperature extremes for today: Highest on record, 90, set in 1913. Lowest on record, 30, set in 1964.

Adopt a pet: Frankie's ready

By Barbara Richmond
Manchester Herald

A male shepherd-Husky cross named Frankie is this week's featured pet at the Manchester Dog Pound.

Frankie was named after that famous singer with the blue eyes. He is about 2 years old and is white. He was found April 29.

His, last week's featured pet, is still waiting to be adopted. He's a handsome dog but is about 7 years old. He has been waiting to be adopted for about three weeks now.

The female Malamute, mentioned in last week's column, was claimed by her owner.

There were several new dogs at the pound, as of Tuesday. There's a 3-month-old female shepherd cross. She's black and brown and was found on Love Lane on April 29.

An elderly Pekinese male was found on McKee Street on April 30. Dog Warden Thomas Pascantell said he's about 12 years old.

A female shepherd cross, about 2 years old, was found on East Middle Turnpike on April 20. She's black and tan.

The other new one is a 5-month-old male shepherd cross. He's brown and white and was found on Spring Street. Pascantell said the person who found him said he kept the dog for about 3 weeks and then took it to the Humane Society. The Humane Society called Pascantell to pick him up.

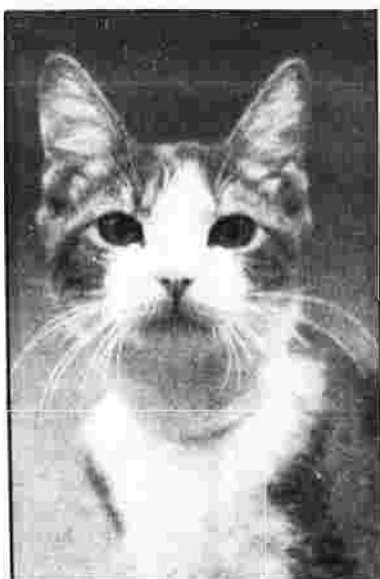
The dog pound is located on town property off Ocotee Street near the landfill area. The dog pound is open to the public on weekdays from 10 to 1 p.m.

There is also someone at the pound from 6 to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday. The phone number at the pound is 643-6642. If there is no answer call the police department at 646-4555.

Anyone wishing to adopt a cat or to bring a volunteer or giving cats a temporary home, should call either of the following numbers, in the homes of volunteers: 232-8317 or 242-2156. The group has many cats and kittens in need of good homes.



Frankie



Pokey

Helpless Animals Inc., a volunteer organization that takes in stray or abused cats and kittens.

All of the cats and kittens put up for adoption are neutered or spayed and given their shots, before being placed, unless two hours when taken.

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Obituaries

Paul C. Stoneman

Paul Christian Stoneman, of 29 Alexander St., infant son of Philip and Carol (Mansfield) Stoneman, died Tuesday (May 1, 1990) at John Dempsey Hospital.

He was born Saturday, April 28, 1990 in Manchester.

He is also survived by his twin brother, Sean W. Stoneman; another brother, Eric P. Stoneman; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Mansfield of Manchester, Ill.; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Stoneman of Manchester; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A private graveside service will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Memorial Home in Manchester. Memorial contributions may be made to the Manchester Memorial Hospital Development Fund, c/o the Family Nursing Center, 71 Haynes St., or to the Concordia Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester.

The Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Roebing

Ruth (Hatch) Roebing, 85, of New Milford, widow of Merton Roebing, died Tuesday (May 1, 1990) at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford. She is survived by a daughter, Linda R. Clymer of Manchester.

She is also survived by another daughter, Jane R. Bennett of East Hartford, two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Friday at 10 a.m. at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 444 Hills St., East Hartford. Another service will be Friday at 2 p.m. in St. John's Episcopal Church, Main Street, New Milford. Burial will be in Center Cemetery, New Milford. Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home, 318 Burnside Ave.

Lorna Moyer

Lena (Calkin) Moyer, 63, of 98 Princeton St., wife of Dr. Winfield T. Moyer, died Tuesday (May 1, 1990).

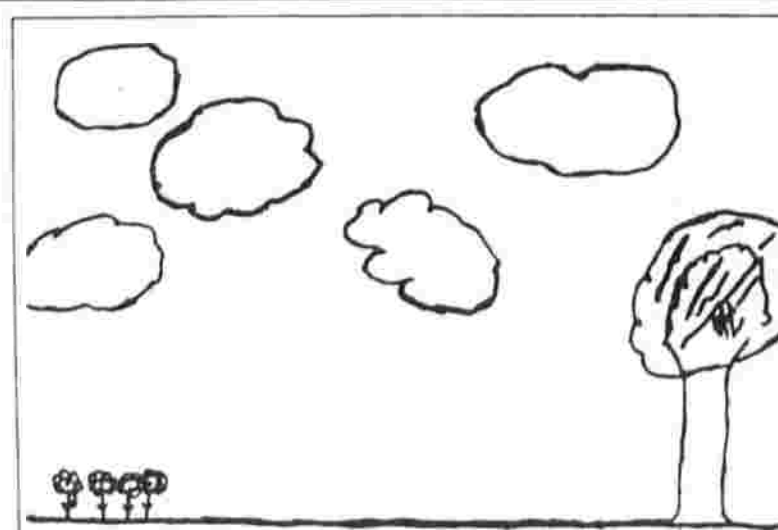
She is survived by a daughter, Irene Cialgo of East Hartford. She was predeceased by a son, Edward, and a grandson.

The funeral will be Friday at 9:15 a.m. at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. at the Church of the Assumption. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

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Today's weather picture was drawn by Joey Peck, a fourth grader at Highland Park School.

Police Roundup

Short caused Rein's fire

The cause of a fire which destroyed Rein's New York Style Deli in Vernon Tuesday has been determined to be an electrical short, Vernon Fire Marshal Donald Magada said today.

"This was a pre-existing electrical problem," said Magada, who said the problem was not caused by electrical work being done by Wilson Electric Company of Manchester. The firm had been rewiring parts of the electrical system in the building at the time of the fire.

The short happened after the company turned off the power in the building to do some work and then turned the power back on, Magada said. A defect in electrical wiring in the back of Rein's caused some wires to overheat and start a fire, he said.

"Had anyone turned the electricity off for five or more hours, the same failure would have occurred," Magada said.

After the fire, which damaged other businesses in the El Camino Plaza, fire and police officials inspected the building continuously until the cause was determined, the fire marshal said.

Local man hurt in crash

A 31-year-old Manchester man was listed in critical condition today at Hartford Hospital following a one-car accident Wednesday night on South Street in Coventry, police said.

Donald Duggins of 158 Forest Street was driving west at 10:28 p.m. when he went off the right side of the road and hit a tree, police said.

The jaws of Life were used to extract him from the vehicle and he was flown to the hospital by Lifestar Helicopter, police said.

North and South Coventry Fire Departments responded to the scene, police said. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

College Notes

Awarded medical fellowship

Sean M. Muldowney of Manchester, a student at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine at Chapel Hill, has been awarded a Holderness Medical Fellowship for 1990.

Muldowney was one of 15 students receiving the awards worth \$3,000 each. It will allow the students to explore specific issues in their areas of interest.

On college lacrosse team

Carl Skoug of Manchester, a senior at New Hampshire College, Manchester, N.H., is a member of the spring 1990 New Hampshire College lacrosse team.

He is majoring in business administration.

Thoughts

We've all met people who have a pretty low image of themselves; they're short on self-esteem. It can happen to anyone of us.

I knew a fellow who considered himself to be one, big, fat zero. That's what he called himself — Zero. It didn't do much for his wife or his children either. Eventually that's what he became — smaller and smaller in his own eyes and those of his family. No amount of encouragement or support could get him to change his mind.

When it comes to Christian ministry, the Rev. Dr. Raymond Calkins tells of a colleague who was able to say, "I have not really known one unhappy day in all my ministry." That happiness has been able to overcome every temporary setback and disappointment. Two reassurances support one who, as Calkins says, "enters by divine summons upon the work of the ministry."

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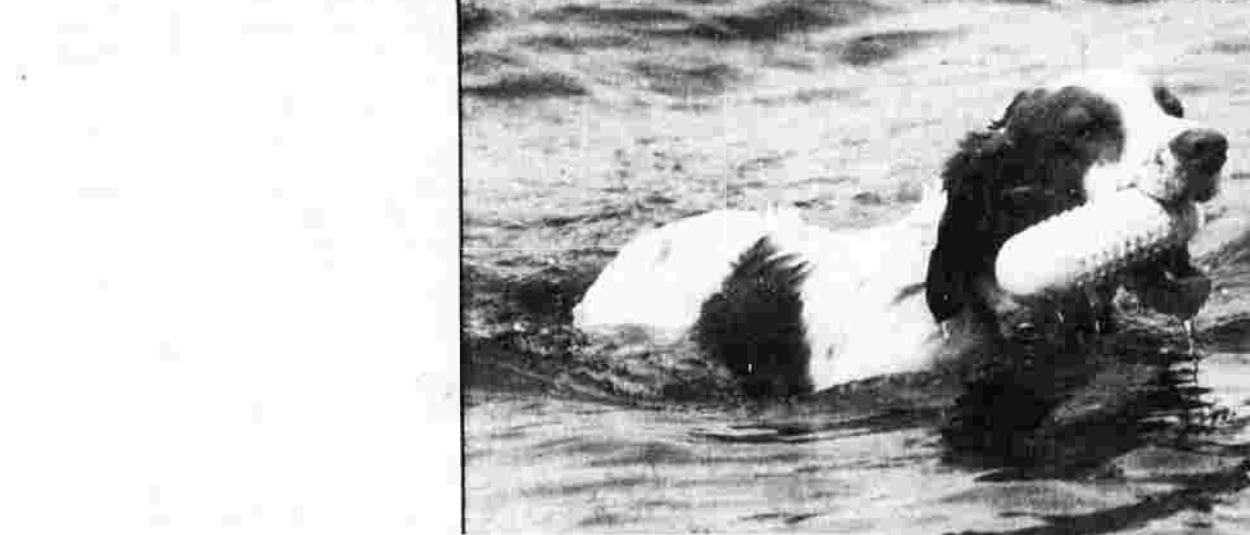
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Twenty years later, couple wants to divide subdivision

When John and Mary A. Lombar do want to sell one of the lots they own on 199 Denning St., they discovered that one of the previous owners of the property had never gotten official town approval from the town to subdivide it.

According to Michael M. Darby, an attorney with Pheon, Squarito, FitzGerald, Dyer & Wood, the couple is requesting that the Planning and Zoning Commission officially approve a 5-lot subdivision on land that was in effect subdivided over 20 years ago.

Two of the lots already have houses on them, Darby said. "It's basically being done as a housekeeping exercise to clean up old," Darby said of the application that has been filed with the PZC. "A long time ago, it fell through the cracks. It's not real common, but it happens on occasion."

Darby speculated that one of the previous owners of the property was not aware he had to get approval from the town for a subdivision, and the town's record-keeping procedures were not as thorough as they are now. He predicted that the town would go along with the subdivision. "Nobody was trying to take advantage of anything," he said.

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Schools, shelter, parking cut in directors' budget

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

Besides education, which sustained a severe blow, the town libraries, the homeless shelter, and the high school parking lot are among areas that will be neglected in the 1990-91 town budget adopted Wednesday night.

The \$76.6 million budget, which reads the same line-by-line as the one submitted by Republican Deputy Mayor Susan Buckno, also calls for reductions in requested funds for increased police staffing, a police computer, a road paving program, and eliminates a plan to study Center Springs Pond so it can be revitalized.

The adoption of the Buckno budget came as a compromise between the Republican and the four members of the Democratic minority on the board.

The reduction to the libraries is only about \$7,000 from the recommended amount of almost \$1.1 million. But that recommendation would have cost \$83,000 less than the request the libraries had made.

The money had been requested for three new positions, and Democratic rights to restore some of that to allow the hiring of a staff member to work in the children's section.

At a budget hearing early last month, head librarian John Jackson said the library is being used more often and needs the position to maintain adequate service.

A recent survey of townswomen noted that the library is one of the most frequently used resources. The Republicans voted also to reduce by more than \$12,000 the almost \$40,000 recommended to support the homeless shelter run by the Manchester Area Conference of Churches.

The shelter is funded primarily by the state, but it is expected to reduce contributions. Also, shelter officials are looking for money to add a case worker and expand shelter hours.

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The Democrats attempted to increase the recommendation by some \$13,000 to allow the hiring of additional staff, according to Democratic Director Stephen T. Cassano.

As expected, the GOP slashed the police request for \$85,000 to go toward a new computer system. They allocated only \$20,000, but Republican Ronald Oella said the directors would continue to consider seriously the request.

Educators react to budget cuts. Story on page 4.

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By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

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Buckno doesn't expect to be hurt by actions

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

Republican Deputy Mayor Susan Buckno's rogue-like submission of an individual budget and her compromise with Democratic members of the Board of Directors to pass the budget is likely to have lasting implications for her position in the party and the workings of the Republican majority of the board.

Buckno, seeks its continuing running for a state representative seat, said Wednesday night that she doubts she will have problems

garnering party support as a result of her recent actions. And she said also she did not think the events would diminish her standing as a Republican director.

"In all honesty, I have to live with my conscience," she said about her anti-party stance to hand the brunt of the budget to the Democrats.

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Educators resigned to directors' cuts from budget

By Nancy Foley
Manchester Herald

Board of Education members say they can live with the cut made in their budget by the Board of Directors Wednesday night.

"It wasn't as good as I would have liked to have seen, but it was not as bad as it might have been," said Democrat Frank Maffe, a member of the school board.

"I think the compromise was the best possible solution and I'm pleased," Democrat Terry A. Bogli said.

The Board of Directors accepted Republican Susan Buckno's proposal to cut \$264,524 from the \$46.3 million education budget.

Other Republicans had proposed cutting \$550,000, while Democrats wanted to cut about \$45,000.

Democrat Susan Perkins said, "I wish we were fully funded. What we got was better than the original proposal by the Republicans, but I wish we had got the whole cake and not half."

School Superintendent James P. Kennedy said after the meeting that the cut was still a serious one. He stressed that his original budget proposal had already been cut significantly by the school board and director Peter DiRosa.

Junior high school sports, one of the items that headed the list, might be saved, however, he said.

Buckno recommended some of the money cut come from the special focus program would have enough strength to draw students to Nahant Hale. Buckno also recommended that other cuts be made in funds for pension benefits, office materials, clerical aids and a secretary in the central administration.

Kennedy said of Buckno's proposal, "I'm not endorsing it." Kennedy said he would have to consider whether a scaled-back special focus program would have enough strength to draw students to Nahant Hale.



TUNING UP — Some musicians who plan to perform at the Manchester Bicentennial Band Shell help a ceremony Wednesday acknowledging Exxon's gift of \$1,000 to the band shell corporation. The money is slated to buy a mixer, power amplifier, headphones microphone and cables. Programs at the band shell are free, although donations are accepted. From left to right are John Taylor, leader of Johnny T's Super Big Band; Yvette Matusz of the Manchester Symphony Orchestra; and James Farrell of St. Patrick's Pipe Band.

Excavation request draws attention of Bolton zoners

By Donna O'Leary
Manchester Herald

BOLTON — Milton Hathaway's request to excavate sand and gravel on his farm on 40 Quarry Road dominated Wednesday night's meeting of the Bolton Zoning Commission.

The commission had intended to work on updating town zoning regulations, but members wanted instead to talk about Hathaway.

He appeared before the Zoning Board of Appeals on April 26, claiming that his excavation request had been denied by the zoning commission.

However, Mark Johnson, commission chairman, said Hathaway had only sent a letter to the commission; he never went through the formal application process.

Hathaway could not be reached for comment earlier this morning.

Wednesday night the commission and town attorney Richard Barger discussed the questions relating to Hathaway's proposed excavation.

The issue will not be resolved, however, until the ZBA publishes the specifics of its zoning regarding Hathaway.

Barger advised the zoning commission to take no further action until they know the specifics of this excavation.

Hathaway and attorney Michael Zizka had appeared before the ZBA seeking a ruling on the excavation of sand and gravel at the farm.

Johnson said the ZBA has seven days to turn in the minutes of that meeting to Catherine Leiner, town clerk, and 24 hours to turn in the vote. The ZBA then has to publish its decision, then the zoning commission has 15 days after that decision is published to act.

The ZBA has indicated that sections 10 and 15 of the zoning regulations may apply to Hathaway's request.

Section 10 says the zoning commission may ask for a bond if a covering stand of vegetation is established. Hathaway already has a working tree farm and needs to remove the gravel and sand to prepare the area for more plantings.

Section 15 deals with issuing a special permit under a number of conditions.

Last January, the zoning commission wrote to Barger about the case, seeking an opinion on issuance of a special permit for excavation of sand and gravel.

In February, he replied that the removal could take up to 6 years and the operation would be incidental to the permitted farming.

Present regulations prohibit the removal of earth products in a residential zone.

Death penalty bill dead after vote by state Senate

By Nancy Foley
Manchester Herald

HARTFORD (AP) — Efforts to make the death penalty easier to impose in Connecticut may be doomed for this year.

The state Senate has voted to send such a bill back to committee and, with a week left in the 1990 General Assembly session, the likelihood of winning approval this year seems minimal.

Wednesday night's move in the Senate ended the bill's progress.

Thomas Scott, R-Milford, a strong backer of the death penalty, who called the maneuver "parliamentary trickery to defeat the will of the public." He promised another try next year.

Sen. Anthony V. Avallone, D-New Haven, co-chairman of the Judiciary Committee, where the bill was referred, said that with a week to go, there was still time to send the bill to the Senate.

Although he refused after the vote to predict what would happen, he had said during a meeting of Senate Democrats that he would send the measure back to the Senate if the bill were referred to his committee.

His co-chairman, Rep. Richard D. Hirsano, D-Rocky Hill, said he wasn't certain that the committee was even required to meet.

The Democratic-controlled Senate, which has killed similar bills in recent years, first voted 20-16 to strip the bill of a House amendment making it easier for juries to impose the death penalty.

It then approved an amendment aimed at keeping those found innocent from being removed from society, prompting Avallone to move that the bill be sent to his committee. The referral was also approved, 20-16.

The House amendment would have allowed juries to weigh mitigating factors in a murder suspect's background, like a difficult childhood, against aggravating factors in the crime, like an unusually cruel method of murder. If the jury found that aggravating factors outweighed mitigating factors, the death penalty would be imposed.

Under current law, if a single mitigating factor is found, capital punishment cannot be imposed. The state now has two men on death row, both of whom are appealing their sentences.

The debate on the House amendment began in a general session.

"The existing statute is bogus and can't be applied," Scott said. "Some crimes are so heinous, some crimes are so outrageous, the public has a right to expect and demand the ultimate sanction."

Senate Majority Leader Cornelius Thompson said the bill defines a dealer as anyone who possesses more than 42.5 grams of marijuana or seven grams of cocaine, heroin or other controlled substances. The tax on marijuana would be \$350 per gram, the tax on cocaine or heroin \$200 per gram.

As proof of payment of the tax, state tax officials would issue a stamp, similar to those now issued for cigarettes and liquor.

Currently, the state may take some of the assets of a drug dealer if it can be shown they were earned directly from his drug trade, Thompson said, but this direct link is often difficult to prove. If the bill passes, the state will be able to collect back taxes.

Thompson's bill on 'grass' passed

By Nancy Foley
Manchester Herald
and The Associated Press

HARTFORD — "Grass tax" legislation, sponsored by Rep. John W. Thompson, D-Manchester, is now before that state Senate.

The bill, which won easy approval in the House Wednesday, would force drug dealers to pay taxes on marijuana, cocaine and other drugs or face fines of up to \$10,000 and up to six years in prison.

"It's really an economic disincentive," Thompson said. The tax would work in the same manner as income tax laws that were used to put the notorious Chicago gangster Al Capone in jail when he could not be charged with more serious crimes, Thompson said.

The tax is based on a similar one in Minnesota that allows state revenue officials to place liens on drug dealer's property if they haven't paid the tax, according to Thompson.

Dealers who don't pay the tax also would face fines of up to \$10,000 and prison terms of up to six years.

The bill passed the House 139-10. A similar measure, sponsored by Thompson last year, died in the House only after it became a vehicle for a gun control bill that proved unpopular.

The bill defines a dealer as anyone who possesses more than 42.5 grams of marijuana or seven grams of cocaine, heroin or other controlled substances. The tax on marijuana would be \$350 per gram, the tax on cocaine or heroin \$200 per gram.

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Cancer center opens in state

HARTFORD (AP) — The University of Connecticut Health Center has consolidated its cancer-related programs to form a facility akin to the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

The new Connecticut Cancer Institute, which opened this week, is the first regional oncology program for central and eastern Connecticut and western Massachusetts, health center officials said. It is expected to serve about 5,000 patients annually.

"For years we have wanted to provide a guiding focus for our many highly regarded cancer programs," said James E. Mulvihill, D.D.M.D., executive director of the University of Connecticut Health Center. "The institute will be one of the brightest beacons of hope in our entire region for hundreds of cancer victims and their families."

The Connecticut Cancer Institute is planning to join the more than 20 cancer centers nationwide, which receive designated funding from the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health.

The new institute combines the university Health Center's treatment, research, education and community outreach programs. Most of the programs will be located in the expanded and renovated area on the first floor of the health center.

The institute will be a bridge between clinically related, basic science research and quality, sophisticated and multidisciplinary patient care in oncology, said Peter J. Decker, M.D., chairman of the surgery department at the health center.

"We are offering the kind of care not readily available at area community hospitals," said Stephen G. ReMine, M.D., director of the newly formed institute.

Most hospitals have clinical cancer programs which concentrate on treatment, said ReMine. The new institute will also focus on the cancer patient's special needs which go unaddressed in clinical treatment, he added.

The institute will offer assistance to nearby hospitals through its outreach programs, said ReMine. It will also work with the American Cancer Society to develop education awareness programs for poorly served areas, he added.

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BIKING BOBBIES — Members of the new Boston police bicycle patrol stand in formation Wednesday. Boston believes the bikes will give officers more mobility in downtown and park areas. Locally, police in East Hartford will start using bicycles soon.

Pierce lawyers denounce aide

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawyers for former HUD Secretary Samuel R. Pierce Jr. say a former aide who testified that Pierce manipulated federal programs to help friends is "an admitted cheat and liar" who can't be believed.

DuBois L. Gilliam, who has admitted taking bribes and rigging housing subsidies while Pierce's assistant, finishes a week of testimony Friday before a congressional subcommittee investigating scandals at the Department of Housing and Urban Development during the Reagan administration.

The panel's chairman, Rep. Tom Lantos, D-Calif., said Pierce should drop his use of Fifth Amendment protections against self-incrimination and agree to appear immediately "to respond under oath to any of the testimony of Mr. Gilliam."

After denouncing Lantos' panel for "an insatiable appetite for publicity," Pierce's lawyers attacked Gilliam's credibility Wednesday.

"Mr. Pierce denies all allegations of wrongdoing and improper conduct," attorney Paul L. Perito said. "It is inconceivable that this subcommittee has accepted as fact value the unsubstantiated testimony of an admitted cheat and liar who repeatedly violated the public's trust while at HUD."

He charged that Gilliam admitted to 10 to 12 additional felonies in his first two days of testimony before

Polls predict drubbing of Thatcher by Labor

LONDON — Opinion polls show the socialist Labor Party poised to hand Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher the worst electoral drubbing of her 11 years power in today's nationwide local elections.

The balloting is the Conservative Party standardbearer's biggest electoral test since her popularity ratings began sliding a year ago due in part to higher interest rates and inflation.

Today's polling is the first time the Conservatives have faced voters since the imposition April 1 of the so-called poll tax, an unpopular per capita assessment by local governments that replaced a property-based levy.

At stake are some 5,000 seats on local councils ranging from big regional cities to English country districts.

Mrs. Thatcher's ratings are at a record low and the Labor Party holds a huge lead of more than 20 points in public opinion polls.

A rout would increase speculation that the party may try to dump Mrs. Thatcher this autumn, the last realistic chance before the next general election in 1991 or 1992.

"In midterms, the government aims to hold what it has. This we shall do," Conservative Party chairman Kenneth Baker said Wednesday night.

But computer forecasts based on opinion polls showed the Conservatives on course to lose up to 350 seats — about one-fourth of the seats they are defending.

Among the 5,000 seats being contested, Labor holds about 2,500, the Tories 1,500 and centrists or independents the rest.

Labor runs 97 of the 201 local councils, the Conservatives 60 and the centrist Social and Liberal Democratic Party 18. In the others, no party has overall control.

The economy plays a big role in the election. Inflation is nearly 9 percent and interest rates at 15 percent have sent home loans soaring.

A computer forecast based on a Market Opinion and Research International sounding for London's pro-Thatcher Sunday Times showed Labor on course to wrest control of

Drug seen preventing spine fractures

BOSTON (AP) — A drug can stop and even reverse the loss of bone in the spine and prevent fractures in older women with osteoporosis, a common condition in which the bones become brittle, according to a study today.

Danish doctors tested the medicine, called etidronate.

Between 15 million and 20 million Americans are estimated to have osteoporosis.

The condition is blamed for 1.3 million fractures annually in women over age 45. It is especially common among older women, who develop osteoporosis after menopause when their bodies make less estrogen.

The research, directed by Dr. Tommy Storm at Sundby Hospital in Copenhagen, was published in the New England Journal of Medicine. It was financed by Procter & Gamble's Norwich Eaton Pharmaceuticals, which makes etidronate.

The doctors performed a three-year comparison study on 66 women, ages 56 to 75. They found that the vertebral bone mineral content of those who got the drug increased 7 percent, while it decreased 3 percent in a comparison group who got dummy pills.

The number of vertebral fractures also decreased substantially in the etidronate group.

The medicine is approved by the Food and Drug Administration for treatment of Paget's disease, a bone ailment.

Ford Company president admits regulation has been for better

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ford Motor Co.'s new president acknowledged Wednesday that improvements in the auto industry have followed government regulations which were not always received gratefully by the industry.

Philip E. Benton, who became Ford president and chief operating officer March 1, also said he expects the world auto industry in 10 years to include only about a half dozen dominant companies, down from about a dozen today.

"Critics of the U.S. auto industry viewed us as fighting just about every regulatory initiative that Washington and the state capitals could come up with" in the 1960s and 1970s, Benton said in a speech. "We clearly gained a reputation for intransigence."

He said the industry often sought only to alter the specifics or the stringency of particular standards, and did not oppose the principles behind government initiatives.

Automakers now have gone through a tough transition from focusing on consumers and competition to "worrying about regulatory complexity and compliance," he said. "And, in some instances, we didn't make it very gracefully."

But Benton said Ford is pleased with its progress in installing airbags, manufacturing full-sized cars that get as much as 25 miles per gallon, reducing auto exhaust emissions and beginning to phase out chlorofluorocarbons — all the result of government regulation.

"We've invested heavily and aggressively in the technology and human resources that have allowed us to come this far toward resolving environmental and safety concerns, and we're prepared to do our part in the future in cooperation with government," Benton said.

He said changes are creating a new world which will no longer be defined by military strength but by the "economic strengths and interrelationships" of North America, Europe and Asia.

Benton said he did not believe in "Japan bashing" or in the habit of some to bash the home team.

House investigators offering Milken immunity to testify

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House panel intends to offer convicted junk bond financier Michael Milken immunity from prosecution for testimony he previously refused to give.

The Energy and Commerce oversight and investigations subcommittee voted unanimously Wednesday to subpoena Milken, who pleaded guilty to six felonies and agreed to pay \$600 million in penalties last week.

If Milken receives immunity from the panel, nothing he says at a congressional hearing could be used against him in court.

Before Milken is called to testify before Congress — something he refused to do two years ago — the subpoena must be approved by the full Energy and Commerce Committee.

Milken, once head of Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc.'s high-risk, high-yield bond department, faces up to 28 years in prison when he is sentenced in New York on Oct. 1. In settling civil and criminal charges with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Justice Department, Milken agreed to testify truthfully before grand juries and at trials or court proceedings stemming from any Drexel-related activities.

If Milken fails to comply with those rules he can be prosecuted for perjury and obstruction of justice and jailed for contempt of court under the settlement. The agree-

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Rationing plan rates care for worthiness

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Oregon officials have unveiled a list ranking the worthiness of some 3,000 medical procedures — the first step in an unprecedented attempt to ration government health care to the poor.

The computerized list of medical treatments, ranked according to a formula that balances costs against how many people benefit, will be studied and revised by the Oregon Health Care Commission in coming weeks.

The Legislature will then draw a line across the list. Below that line, the state won't pay for certain ailments.

The program, approved by the Legislature in 1989, is the first in the nation to consider eliminating expensive treatments for Medicaid patients instead of providing initial care, as Oregon and most other states do.

If approved by the federal government, the program would add an estimated 77,000 Oregonians to Medicaid rolls that now number about 130,000.

The 167-page list was compiled by the commission staff and a consulting firm, which held 11 public hearings, 50 community meetings and a telephone survey to find out which illnesses Oregonians considered most critical.

Near the bottom of the tentative list released Wednesday, and likely to be dropped from coverage, were treatments for dementia, skin problems, impacted teeth and sex-change operations.

Detection and prevention of AIDS is high on the list, but treatment for AIDS, when a patient is close to death, is near the bottom. So are liver and bone marrow transplants, which can run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Thumb sucking was 37th, ahead of croup and congenital syphilis. That's because common ailments like thumb sucking are easily treated at a relatively low cost.

Malocclusion — crooked teeth — fell between two treatments for Hodgkins disease, a lymphatic disorder that is fatal if untreated.

"That's an orthodontic problem — I mean, give me a break," said Dr. Harvey Kleivit, chief of pediatrics and assistant regional medical director of the Kaiser Permanente health care system.

Health commission officials said there were many errors on the list, which was tentative and partial.

Under the Medicaid system in Oregon and much of the rest of the country, the number of poor people who are eligible depends on the amount of money available to treat them.

When money gets tight, the state reviews its eligibility requirements and more relatively well-off people are removed from the list. Those who are left enjoy a relatively rich package of benefits.

Under the new plan, there would be no limit on the number of people who could receive basic Medicaid benefits — but patients would be out of luck if their ailments didn't qualify.

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Lottery would pick homeowners

Usually when the government fails to handle a political hot potato it is Joe Average who gets burned. But that may not be the case with this week's decision by the state Housing Department using single family homes the military is getting rid of for emergency sheltering of welfare families.

Homelessness is a serious problem in our state. The state's cost to temporarily house welfare clients in motels has zoomed due to an adverse court decision, poorly written regulations and a clientele which has found the loopholes in them.

But using single family homes in traditional neighborhoods to house a constantly transitional population was just a dumb idea. The howl of protest from neighbors and municipal officials that followed the announcement the state was considering the plan should have been no surprise.

The reaction of the bureaucrats, facing this firestorm of protest, was no surprise either: drop the hot potato in someone else's lap.

And therein lies the enormous potential and opportunity of this situation. By passing on its option to acquire the more than 200 units of housing the military is abandoning, the Housing Department opened the door to municipal action.

While the problem of homelessness and emergency housing remains unsolved, the bureaucratic potato toss could prove to be a major step in solving another major housing problem in the state: affordable housing.

Currently about 1,200 families are involved in the state's welfare motel program. But countless more families, families of working men and women who pay their own way only to get short shrift time and time again from the government they help support, have been locked out of the home market in Connecticut.

Now in Manchester, where officials had already considered the 32 units here as a potential source of affordable housing before the furor arose, the town is poised to act.

Manchester officials say they are interested in buying the old Nike base houses for use as affordable housing. The problem is that demand will surely outstrip the supply of 32 units.

The solution is a model of simplicity and blind fairness. After acquiring the houses, the town should hold a lottery to pick potential buyers. Obviously some sort of income guidelines would be required, but that is a minor point.

There is precedent for a housing lottery. Manchester a few years ago decided to build what would be the affordable housing built on Love Lane. Town directors should make it clear to administrators and staff that a lottery to pick new homeowners is the preferred solution and should begin immediately to set the groundwork for a housing lottery at the earliest possible date.



Desperate cities 'ranch' water

Worldwatch Institute, a Washington, D.C. research organization.

Like municipalities elsewhere in the nation, the city government here operates the public schools, collects the garbage, maintains the streets and performs various other services. It also grows alfalfa.

That agricultural operation lost about \$390,000 last year and is expected to lose more than \$320,000 this year. Moreover, there is no reason to believe it will break even — much less produce a profit — at any time in the future.

Some members of the city are bothered by that, but they have no plans to sell the 8,000 acre Planet Ranch in west-central Arizona, more than 120 miles from Scottsdale.

Indeed, Scottsdale paid \$11.6 million for that property in 1984, then invested about \$3 million in improvements — but not because anybody in the city was interested in farming. What the city wants from the Planet Ranch are its water rights.

Under the law governing access to water throughout the West, whatever rights a property owner has to draw surface water (usually from rivers and streams) or ground water (from subterranean wells) accompany the land when it is sold.

"Historically, the solution to looming water shortages has been to build additional dams, reservoirs and diversion canals or (sink) more and deeper ground water wells," says Sandra Postel of the

an important element in retaining the city's legal rights to the property's annual allotment of 13,500 acre feet of water.

That is enough to supply the yearly needs of 60,000 people, about half of the city's current population. When it needs the water some time early in the 21st century, Scottsdale will abandon farming and transfer the allotment to the municipal water supply system.

Those recent developments are salutary, to the extent that attempting to grow crops on artificially irrigated land in the Sonoran Desert and other arid locations in the West was never very sensible.

But wasting water is no more justifiable in the city. The Hyatt Regency Scottsdale, one of this city's numerous resort hotels, boasts of 10 pools, 28 fountains and 47 waterfalls — with much of the water drawn from an underground aquifer.

One recent magazine article promoting the lavish 27-acre resort approvingly described it as a "water playground" whose "lush collection" of trees and shrubs "contrasts with the arid desert landscape."

Other resorts — and many residents — here in the Phoenix area also display little interest in either appropriate landscaping or water conservation. Until they do, the region will confront a perpetual water crisis.

Robert Walters is a syndicated columnist.

Invasion victims are denied aid

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — If the new government of Panama succeeds, then the United States can call its invasion a success. But in its rush to get Panama on its feet, Washington is forgetting the Panamanians who need the help most — the civilians who were unlucky enough to get in the way of the invasion.

The widow of Pablo Diaz and her 12 children don't know anything about the United States bureaucracy. They only know that in the early morning of Dec. 20, Diaz died in a hail of bullets, and now his wife and children are left to fend for themselves.

Diaz was a cargo worker for Eastern Airlines. He and two of his co-workers were on the night shift at Panama's Tocumen airport when the U.S. forces attacked. The three tried to escape the firefight, but their truck caught seven bullets from U.S. guns. All three men were killed instantly.

The Diaz family will not be compensated for Pablo's death. Their story is only one of hundreds of similar cases in Panama today. Estimates of the civilian death toll range from 200 to 300 with the number of injured running between 2,000 and 3,000.

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Some areas have had up to seven inches in 24 hours. Twisters occasionally zapped the area, including one early today that touched down in Paris, damaging several houses and injuring six people.

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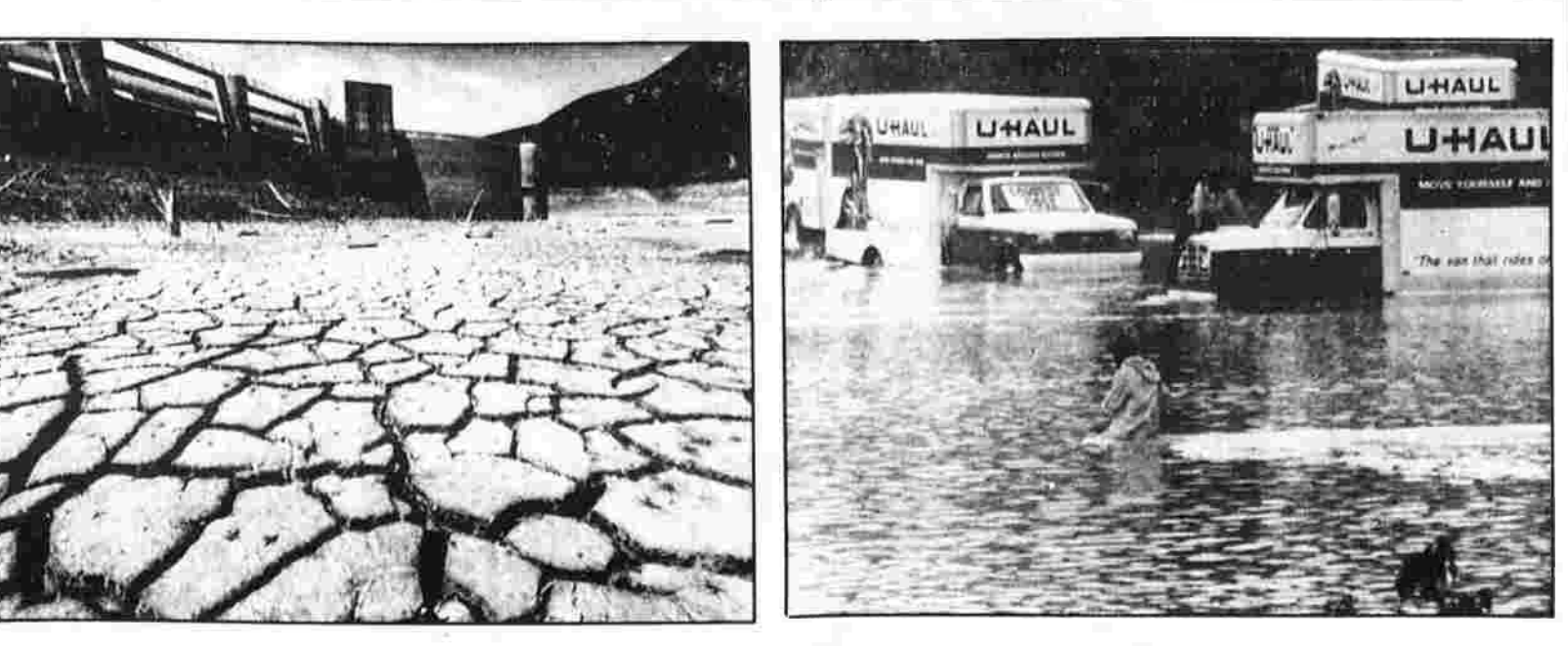
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TOO LITTLE, TOO MUCH — The dried and crack floor of this California reservoir shows the effects of a four year drought. Meanwhile, in Texas which had been suffering a drought of its own, torrential rains have caused flooding in areas like this business parking lot and forced the evacuation of several homes.

Record rains wreak havoc in Texas

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — After two years of drought, the Lome Star State was badly parched. But when it finally rained, it poured.

Record downpours this spring in north-central Texas — the Badlands — have caused flooding, claimed nine lives, damaged crops and sent residents scrambling from their homes. Drenching rain, 60 mph wind and tornadoes continued today.

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Sex priestess asked for cash as proof of faith

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A self-proclaimed sex priestess who bodded down with her followers says she first asked for proof — in cash or other "tokens of sacrifice" — that they viewed sex as a religious experience.

Mary Ellen Tracy, known to her flock as Sabrina Asst, testified in federal court Wednesday in her lawsuit accusing city officials of violating prostitution charges against her.

Mrs. Tracy and her husband, Wilbur, have been convicted of prostitution and running a brothel. They claim that happened in Grenada in 1983 and the Dominican Republic in 1985.

A 1984 agreement between the Army and the U.S. Agency for International Development, allowed the Army to use \$1.6 million in AID funds for Grenadian victims of that invasion. An Army publication later boasted widely about the "resounding success" of the program.

But today, with compensation in Panama becoming a sensitive issue, the Army claims office denies that it ever made any exception to the Foreign Claims Act, or that it ever paid combat claims in Grenada or the Dominican Republic. The claims office policy is "combat damage claims for Panama should not be paid."

Allen Mendelsohn was the Army claims commissioner for Beirut during a 1958 U.S. military operation there. He told us that the long-term benefits to the United States and the host country far outweigh any up front costs of compensation. "There is no reason for us not to pay claims in Panama," he said.

As far as the Kiyonaga brothers are concerned, the reparations are part of the cost of the invasion. The civilians "were part of the casualty equation going in," said David Kiyonaga. "They should not be ignored as U.S. troops leave."

The Hubble space telescope launched last week is the latest in a long line of scientific space missions that have cost taxpayers \$24 billion. The data from those missions is stored on more than 1 million reels of magnetic tape. A congressional investigation reports that the tapes are stored under deplorable conditions. Half of them are kept under inadequate temperature and humidity controls and without proper protection from fire and flood. Access to the tapes is not controlled at nearly half of the facilities where they are stored.

Mini-editorial

Adding insult to injury, federal prosecutors don't believe they will be allowed the right to edit letters for the savings and loan scandal. The high-flying thrift operators spent it all on alligator shoes, Rolex watches and yachts. Those already convicted of fraud will never have to fully account for fleeing innocent investors. The prosecutors are overworked and bogged by our legal system. Judges are allowing long-term payment of restitution. The courts are so backlogged that some cases will die under the statute of limitations before they can be brought to trial. The savings and loan scandal has proved that crime does pay.

Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta are syndicated columnists.

Bush will meet with Lithuanian prime minister

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lithuanian Prime Minister Kazimiera Prunskiene said today her country "is prepared for compromise in seeking to settle the crisis with Moscow over the breakaway republic's drive for independence."

"I think a solution is possible," Mrs. Prunskiene said on the NBC "Today" show. "Lithuania is ready for negotiations. It is prepared for compromises... and I think the time has come now for Lithuania to define its position more clearly and to invite the Kremlin once again to engage in negotiations."

Mrs. Prunskiene, however, told reporters in Toronto this week that "the act of independence... is untouchable."

"I think that today I don't necessarily have to hear any concrete suggestions," she said today. "The most important thing for me is to give him a realistic appraisal of our situation and to hope for the democratic support of the United States which cannot contradict Lithuania's goals to achieve its own democracy and independence."

It will be Bush's first direct contact with a ranking Lithuanian official since the Baltic republic declared independence on March 11, setting off a fierce tug of war with Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

The talks with the president and other high-ranking U.S. officials represent a symbolic foot in the White House door, placed there in part by the demands of conservatives upset by Gorbachev's refusal to recognize Lithuanian independence or retaliate against Gorbachev for imposing a punishing trade embargo.

Mrs. Prunskiene also was meeting today with Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, House Speaker Thomas Foley, the Senate leadership and members of the House and Senate foreign affairs committees.

And she planned to testify before the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, set up to monitor Soviet compliance with the human rights provisions of the 1975 Helsinki accords.

Douglas Seay, a Soviet and Baltic specialist on the staff of the conservative Heritage Foundation, said he saw the White House talks as an important message to Gorbachev that Bush "is not as passive as he seemed to be" on the Lithuanian crisis.

Seay said that while it is clear the visit will produce no immediate breakthroughs, it raises the profile of Lithuanian leaders and "allows the Lithuanian side of the story to be clearly told" without "a Moscow spin."

Mrs. Prunskiene, 47, an economist and former Communist Party official, is described by many observers as a tough, accomplished politician. Her Oval Office meeting with Bush was being held in an atmosphere charged by the Bush-Gorbachev summit beginning May 30.

"Everything is driven by the summit," Seay said, predicting that Gorbachev will be less able to order a military crackdown as the summit date approaches.

The White House regards the prime minister's visit as unofficial. Spokesman Martin Fitzwater said Bush is not meeting with Mrs. Prunskiene as prime minister of an independent Lithuania but rather as "an acknowledged and freely elected representative of the Lithuanian people."

"The access she is being given reflects the importance with which the visit is being taken," said an administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"She'll have first-hand observations of things going on in the republic, and she'll be listened to," the official said. "But that doesn't change our policy."

Open Forum

Fairer way to vote

To the Editor:

I plan to circulate a petition requesting that the 1990-1991 Coventry Town Budget be put to a referendum.

A referendum will allow every qualified voter and taxpayer several hours in which they can cast their vote.

Unless this procedure is followed, the voters, in order to be heard, would have to set aside the whole evening of May 11 from 7:30 p.m., till whatever time the budget would be put up for vote.

With the referendum the voters just have to choose whatever time fits into their schedule, take their time to decide and then vote.

If it is voted down at the referendum, it should be brought before the town at another town budget hearing in order to get more input, answer questions, or whatever at a later date.

My main concern at this time is to allow all the qualified voters the fairest, most convenient way of exercising their right to vote.

I hope to be out and around from now until May 10 looking for signatures. If you feel as I do, track me down. I'll have a pen ready.

Roland C. Green
475 Ripley Hill Road
Coventry

CROP Walk soon

To the Editor:

We want to be certain that everyone is aware of our Manchester CROP Walk coming up on Sunday. This is a very important event for the community as 25 percent of funds raised will stay here in Manchester to help our local Shepherd's Place. There are many programs for the needy which are helped when funds are distributed through Church World Service to approved agencies. This is a townwide effort and, we have hopes that every organization possible will join in and make it very successful for Manchester. But if you do not belong to a group, and you want to join us, please do so. Every person is needed. You will need to contact us ahead of time to line up sponsors. For any information or assistance needed, please call Second Congregational Church at 649-2863.

Betty Perry
31 Bates Road
Manchester

Leave car home

To the Editor:

I was quite surprised at all that was written last week on the Earth Day activities that took place in our towns, state and nation. There were speeches made on endangered wildlife, the effects of chemicals on our environment, efforts that are being made to reduce air pollution, etc. I was truly disappointed on the amount of print given to air pollution.

Connecticut is one of the top five states in the nation with high concentrations of air pollution caused mainly by our factories and more than anything else our automobiles. How many people still commute to work with one person in an automobile? How many people use the buses instead of their car? How many people who live three to five miles from work could walk or ride a bicycle, yet still drive a car? I know of many friends, neighbors, and relatives who could easily leave the car at home.

If you are really concerned about our planet, then make a concerted effort to once a week leave the car home — either walk, ride a bike, or take a bus; by doing so, we can reduce our current levels of pollution by 20 percent. Hopefully, we can become a lot healthier because of it!

Jack McVeigh
21 Sunny Brook Drive
Manchester

Veto bigotry bill

To the Editor:

The hate crime bill should be soundly vetoed by the governor, due to the provision regarding sexual orientation. This legislation would establish a new crime, intimidation based on bigotry or bias, to be punishable by 5 years or \$5,000.

The governor's objection to this bill is his concern over this sexual orientation segment, which provides a special consideration for "gays" and "lesbians." These "perverts" now enjoy the same protection as you and I. The U.S. Constitution does not separate "perverts" from any other class.

Do we really need special legislation for these "sodomites" as they carry on their "sacred" activities? Do we need special legislation for a lifestyle that is carrying them away in numbers reminiscent of the "Black Death." Science knows the primary cause for the spread of AIDS is promiscuous

Pressure Colt

To the Editor:

At an early April board meeting, a great deal of concern was shown toward the investment of state monies into the Colt Manufacturing Company. The concern centered around a modification of the AR-15 assault rifle, which is being labeled a sporting model and is being sold to the general public.

Since that time, we have read in local newspapers that representatives of this company are attempting to convince you that this sport model is not dangerous because it can only be used as a semi-automatic rifle with six shots.

We beg to disagree. Gun experts in our ranks claim that a 30 shot clip can be purchased in after-sale shops and can easily be inserted. Cromwell Police Chief Mike Green demonstrated this the television news recently. This weapon — in the wrong hands — therefore becomes a very deadly one.

We are charged with keeping the streets of Connecticut safe for all citizens. In many areas today, this is an almost impossible task. What we don't need is another deadly weapon which may be easily available to the criminal element.

Because of the state of Connecticut's investment share, we urge you to compel the management of Colt to cease production of this particular sport rifle or to stop selling it to the public. Don't you agree that public

Letters policy

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Red Cross benefits

To the Editor:

The Hartford Chapter of the American Red Cross wishes to publicly thank G. Fox & Co. for its recent benefit at its new store in the Pavilions at Backland Hills. By offering non-profit organizations the chance to keep all ticket sale proceeds, G. Fox did a great service to many organizations.

The Red Cross raised over \$8,000, including \$2,000 contribution from G. Fox for having sold the most tickets. This money will be spent on Red Cross services, including providing disaster relief for people who are banded out of their homes, teaching CPR and other life-saving skills; driving people to medical appointments, and more.

The benefit was well-organized, and the store's staff was highly professional and accommodating. We thank G. Fox for giving us this excellent fund-raising opportunity.

Ronald M. Verde
Manager
Greater Hartford Chapter
American Red Cross

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Budget

crowd. Buckno explained that her proposal would not cut education nor severely burden taxpayers.

The Republican education submission was rejected 5-4 by Democrats teamed with Buckno, and the Democratic plan was shot down 5-4 by Republicans, including Buckno. The Buckno budget was opposed 8-1 with Buckno casting the only favorable vote.

Finding themselves in a stalemate, directors voted unanimously to take a 15-minute recess that stretched to about three quarters of an hour and featured directors and Board of Education members scurrying around and holding hushed conversations in dark corners, stairwells, and back rooms.

When the meeting reconvened, the four Democrats voted with Buckno to adopt her budget.

Cassano and DiRosa said party members were not happy to approve any reductions in the proposed education budget, but the alternative

would have meant deeper cuts.

"We had our backs against the wall," Cassano said, adding that during the break, Buckno gave Democrats an ultimatum; if they did not support her budget, then she would vote with the other Republicans when the meeting reconvened.

A few minutes later, the Republicans, including Buckno, cast votes to set the tax rate for her budget. The Democrats abstained to oppose the school cuts.

But then the Republicans, not including Buckno, called to rescind their votes.

Oscella and Republican Mayor Terry Werkhoven said after the meeting that they had been confused and meant to vote no in opposition to Buckno's budget.

However, Democrats DiRosa and

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Tax Bill

property tax relief fund and, when the books are closed on the 1989-90 budget year, the \$102 million budget reserve, or "rainy day" fund for budget deficits will also be wiped out.

The Republicans, who opened the debate with a series of amendments designed to eliminate alleged gimmicks in the budget, said this plan will put a massive burden on the 1991 General Assembly and the new governor to be elected this fall.

The tax bill extends the capital gains tax to out-of-state residents selling property in Connecticut, to raise \$70 million; accelerating payments on corporation taxes, to raise \$25 million.

Sen. Thomas F. Upton, R-Waterbury, sought to remove the inheritance tax penalty, calling it a "death penalty." But his amendment was defeated on a party-line vote, 23-12.

"I really believe they've given up," said McLaughlin. "It just demonstrates the Democrats' unwillingness that they have to deal with the problem of chronic, systemic budgets out of control.

"There is nothing left that isn't nailed down," he said. "We're tapped out."

"We are driving business out of the state of Connecticut," said Senate Minority Leader Reginald J. Smith, R-New Hartford, warning of the economic and fiscal chaos the state is heading for.

The next governor, he said, will "inherit a pile of rocks."

But Sen. William A. DiBella, D-

Hartford, co-chairman of the Finance Committee, called it a "responsible approach" to budgeting and told his colleagues that revenue forecasting is "not a precise science."

Senate President Pro Tem John B. Larson, D-East Hartford, said the package was easily defensible.

"When you consider that this is no new taxes and the lowest (rate of spending) increase we've seen in the last decade, I think it's very defensible," Larson said.

Larson noted that a variety of fiscal reforms are being acted on by the General Assembly that should ameliorate problems in 1991 and beyond. They include:

- Establishing a debt limit that will stem the growth of state-issued bonds, which topped \$1 billion last year and this year.
- Establishing a permanent committee on efficiency and reform of state government and spending policies.
- Setting up a mechanism by which the General Assembly's Appropriations Committee will automatically meet to recommend spending restrictions any time the Assembly's fiscal office finds that the state is running a budget deficit.
- Reducing the benefits levels that certain state employees receive when they are injured or sick to ensure that no state workers receive more pay by not working than they would by returning to work.
- Drafting changes in the state's Objective Job Evaluation program, which was designed to make sure female employees are equally compensated if they do job requiring

Health

similar skills and education as men do in state government. Legislative leaders have complained that the program has led to an upward spiral of state employee pay.

At the heart of the coastal town, the Kalapana Store and Drive-In, owner Walter Yamaguchi has vowed to stay open even though Hawaii County Civil Defense authorities plan to erect a roadblock to keep people away from the state. The volcano, six miles away, has speeded lava to within 250 yards of the store. "This is my property. I can open if I want," Yamaguchi said. "I am not moving because she will stop."

More than 50 were destroyed in the past month. In this community alone, where 125 homes once stood, only 30 remain. Others burned along the path to Kalapana.

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26 hurt as train crashes

CRANFORDSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — A misplaced switch threw an Amtrak train into a row of freight cars on a siding, injuring at least 26 people, police said today.

The locomotive and two cars on a run from Chicago to Indianapolis with 30 to 35 people aboard derailed Wednesday night after striking five freight cars parked on an outside track 40 miles from Indianapolis, said Lt. Harvey Martin.

"Nobody screamed. Most people just hit the seat in front of them," said Mary Vogt, a passenger from Bloomington. "I knew something had happened but I didn't know what."

The derailed cars remained upright. "It didn't look like there was an incredible amount of damage," said state Trooper Mark Cornell.

Martin blamed the accident on human error, saying a switch that should have been closed was open, diverting the train from its proper track.

Amtrak officials said they had no word on what caused the crash.

The train derailed in an industrial sector 2 1/2 miles from the Cranfordsville depot. It made a stop there and was on its final leg to Indianapolis.

"It's a good thing it wasn't going faster than it was," said Dr. Richard Miller, Culler Union Hospital emergency room director. "The engineer said it was going about 20 to 30 when he could have been going 60."

Sophomore right-hander Rob Penders was admitted to the hospital with injuries ranging from a concussion to severe back pain, a spokesman said. An additional 20 to 25 were treated and released, authorities said.



READY AND ABLE — John Macy, 12, of Grotton gets ready to field a ball during tryouts for the Little League Challenger division, set up for physically and mentally handicapped youngsters from 6 to 12.

Lava continues destructive path

KALAPANNA, Hawaii (AP) — Residents this morning watched as lava continued its destructive path Wednesday and five Tuesday, bringing to 129 the number burned down since Kilauea began erupting in January 1983.

More than 50 were destroyed in the past month. In this community alone, where 125 homes once stood, only 30 remain. Others burned along the path to Kalapana.



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SPORTS

Defense lifts East Catholic over MHS

relieved by senior Aris Leonard at the start of the fifth inning with the game tied 1-1.

East only had three hits. In his four-inning stint, Joyce gave up one unearned run on two hits. He walked four and struck out four. Leonard, who took the loss, gave up one run, walked one and struck out two.

"We were fortunate because Robbie allowed the first runner to get on base six out of seven innings." East coach Jim Penders said. "And usually you're going to pay the price. That's why the defense really came into play. I don't think you'll get a better second baseman on the double play than Martin (senior Martin Fiori). Martin did a real nice job."

Manchester struck first with a run in the second. With two outs and sophomore Dave White on second base, Ryan Barry singled past a diving John Fisher at first base, scoring White.

"After we got behind I think that woke us up a little bit," Penders said.

East tied the game at 1-1 in the fourth. Rob Penders led off with a walk and stole second. A deep flyout to center by Fisher pushed Penders to third. Penders scored when a Joyce offering got past catcher Devon Marquez.

The key sequence in the game came in the Manchester fifth with senior Jason Stanzl led off with a single down the right field line. Junior reached on an error by third baseman Doug Devecchio. Leonard

By Jim Tierney
Manchester Herald



STOLEN BASE — East Catholic's Rob Penders (31) slides into second base with a stolen base in the fourth inning of Wednesday's game against Manchester High at Eagle Field.

led a bloop behind third base on which Devecchio made a splendid over-the-head catch.

Stanzl was all the way to third base when the catch was made, but Devecchio's throw to second base for the double play went astray. A wild pitch pushed the runners to second and third with one out.

Senior Lindsey Boutlier luffed a medium-range fly ball to left. With Stanzl tagging with his back to the play, Eagle senior Joe Burns caught

Indian senior baseman Lindsey Boutlier tried to come up with the baseball, but it rolls free on the ground. East won, 2-1.

seventh with a walk before senior pinch hitter Craig Pardi, after failing to execute a sacrifice bunt, grounded into a 6-4-3 double play.

"I didn't want Leonard coming up in the seventh," Penders added.

Race posed a humorous improbability.

"After two games like this (this year), I suppose we should have a playoff," he offered.

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Celtics are sloppy in loss as the Knicks remain alive

NEW YORK — The Boston Celtics played like a team with little to lose, so they lost.

Patrick Ewing scored 33 points and led New York's 53-43 rebounding advantage with 19. Oakeley had 14 points and 13 rebounds, including six offensive.

Larry Bird, who missed a potential tying 3-pointer in the final seconds, finished with 31 points. Dennis Johnson scored 18 and McHale 17 for the Celtics.

In the only other playoff game Wednesday night, Phoenix beat Utah 120-105 for a 2-1 lead in that series.

"We gave them too many second chances and we turned the ball over too much," Celtics forward Kevin McHale said. "This wasn't the type of game you're proud of."

The Knicks were playing for pride, maybe as much as they were playing for victory.

"We wanted to be able to look ourselves in the mirror in the morning," Coach Stu Jackson said.

Kenly Walker, in the game because starter Charles Oakeley had fouled out, summed up the Knicks' feelings after hitting a 15-footer with 7.6 seconds left, giving New York a 102-99 lead that forced the Celtics to go for a 3-pointer in the

By Bill Barnard
The Associated Press

Hanson thwarts Red Sox

BOSTON — Last May, faced with the loss of ace Mark Langston to free agency, the Seattle Mariners traded the left-hander to the Montreal Expos.

In return, the Mariners got three young pitching prospects, Brian Holman, Randy Johnson and Gene Harris.

The three now are being counted upon to help Seattle become a contender in the tough AL West.

Now, add another member to "The Montreal Connection."

Right-hander Erik Hanson, who will be 25 on May 18, has established himself in the Seattle rotation.

Hanson, who elected to attend Wake Forest after being drafted by the Expos in June 1983, blanked Boston on six hits for seven innings Wednesday night in the Mariners' 9-2 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

Erik Hanson is developing into one of the real quality starters, not just on our team, but in the league," Seattle manager Jim Lefebvre said. "To quiet down the Red Sox was the victory."

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DRIVING FORCE — New York's Patrick Ewing, right, starts to take it to the basket as Boston's Robert Parish defends in their NBA playoff game Wednesday night at Madison Square Garden. The Knicks remained alive with a 102-99 victory.

Zachery enjoying stay in England

For Clarence "Buddy" Zachery, playing football in high school at East Catholic High and in college at Yale University seems far, far away — literally.

A 1985 graduate of East Catholic, and Yale last spring, Zachery is currently experiencing life in a foreign country. He is playing football before, hopefully, beginning law school in the fall at either Columbia University or the University of Chicago.

The 22-year-old Zachery, a Manchester resident, is living in Brighton, England, and playing football for the Brighton B-52s in the English National Division League. Zachery, a running back and defensive back, is one of the allotted four Americans on the Brighton roster of 50.

He scored a touchdown and two-point conversion in a season-opening 35-0 win over the Bristol Packers on Sunday.

The popularity of American football has grown rapidly in England. Brighton plays a 10-

By Jim Tierney
Manchester Herald

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game season with the league championship game set for Aug. 4 and to be televised by ESPN. Brighton is the league favorite. Zachery became interested in playing in England since other Yale players had gone there before him to play.

"Soccer is like a religion over here, but football is growing each year," Zachery said in a phone interview from his Brighton apartment Monday afternoon.

An injury curtailed a tryout Zachery had last summer with the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles. Now, Zachery lives in an apartment in Brighton, has a car and is paid a set stipend by the team. His accommodations and car are paid for and, unlike his English teammates with family and jobs, Zachery is sticking to playing football and seeing the sights and sounds of Europe.

"I live on the coast of the English Channel," he said. "I'm just hanging out, going down to the beach a lot and shopping. I plan on traveling a lot. I'm enjoying myself before I come back to the 'real world.'"

The English League is seven years old and the four Americans on each team also inherit coaching duties, since the game is relatively new to the British. Zachery helps out coaching the running backs. Zachery insists they are quick learners.

"They're excellent athletes," he said. "Some of them have been playing for a while. Many of them have played soccer or rugby so they're in excellent condition. The line averages about 255-260 pounds. They follow the game. They show a good understanding of the game. It's the top league in Europe."

The 5-foot-11, 195-pound Zachery worked at a law firm in Hartford following graduation, until he went to England March 15. Zachery graduated from Yale with a degree in political science.

Zachery was an integral part of East Catholic's Class MM state championship team in 1983.

Practice is twice a week with games each Sunday. Zachery feels it's a matter of time before American football really catches on in England.

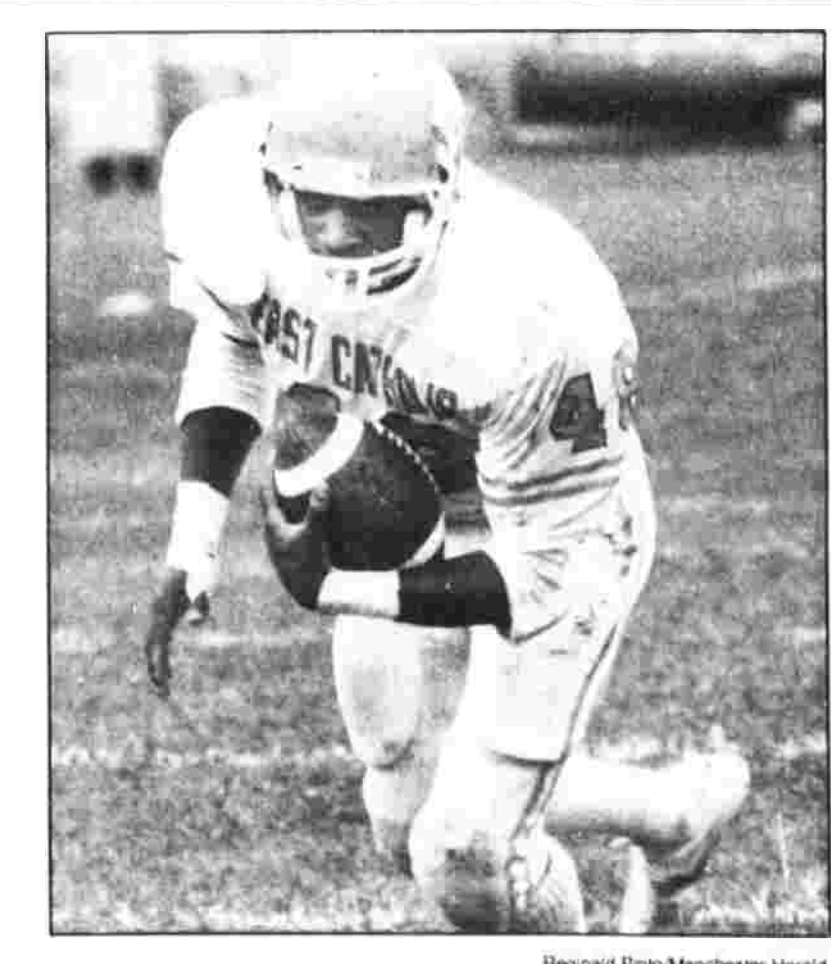
"They've only been playing it for 'N' amount of years," he said. "I've been playing since 1976. Time is what's needed. The media over here is really fanatical. There's two weekly magazines on American football. Newspapers and radio cover our games."

Adjusting to life in England for Zachery started when he sat behind the steering wheel of a car. Not only is the steering wheel on the right side of the car, the English also drive on the left side of the road.

"It was sort of hectic the first couple of days," Zachery said. "The roads are small and it seemed like everyone was driving 90 miles per hour."

Another tryout with an NFL team rests in Zachery's mind, but his main priority is law school. As for now, Zachery is enjoying life in a foreign land and playing his favorite sport.

"It's a chance to see the world," Zachery said. "I'm just glad to have the opportunity to play again."



IN ENGLAND — East Catholic graduate Clarence "Buddy" Zachery, shown in a 1984 photo, is for now living and playing football in England.

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Population growth threatens fragile Philippine economy

By Oliver Teves
The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — The population is growing so fast it threatens to overwhelm the economy, but the Philippine government, demographers and Roman Catholic Church can't agree on what to do about it.

An official survey conducted in 1988 found the Philippines to be the 14th most populous country in the world and the eighth in Asia.

Official projections put the number of Filipinos at 75 million to 80 million in the year 2000, or 10 times the number a century ago.

President Corason Aquino has called for a program to make sure the population in-

crease, now about 2.4 percent a year, will not "outstrip our other resources and annual gains we make every year."

Government population-control programs have stalled since the late President Ferdinand E. Marcos fled and Mrs. Aquino gained power in 1986, with strong support from the Catholic hierarchy.

Critics say there is little evidence of an effective program or the political will to force one.

Local governments also have been less than large populations mean more economic aid from Manila. Virtually all birth control programs, such as distribution of condoms, are financed by foreign governments or the United Nations.

Population growth has declined from a peak of more than 3 percent annually in the 1950s, but Filipinos still multiply faster than the people of more prosperous nations of Southeast Asia. The rate is a full percentage point above Thailand and about 0.1 percent ahead of Malaysia.

Nearly four of 10 Filipinos are under age

15, which strains educational, health and other public services.

Officials and demographers say most Filipinos in the rural areas, where nearly 48 percent of the people live, prefer large families to provide cheap farm labor. High infant mortality also encourages having more children.

"You cannot have development unless you have a more manageable population, in terms of size, growth and composition," said Corason Raymundo, director of the University Population Institute.

A major factor in the population debate has been the Roman Catholic hierarchy, including Cardinal Jaime Sin, archbishop of Manila, who has great influence in the Aquino administration.

We believe government should create job opportunities, develop natural resources, harness all these things for the sake of the people who are living now, not take measures to cut down population," said Monsignor Cesar Pagulayan, spokesman of the Family Life Apostolate of the Catholic

Church Conference of the Philippines. Mercedes Concepcion, former dean of the Population Institute, said the clergy had become aggressive in discouraging use of contraceptives.

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