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Town spending on schools is low for state

Manchester ranks 102 for per-pupil spending

By Nancy Concelman Manchester Herald

A report from the Connecticut Public Expenditure Council shows that 101 of the 169 municipalities in the state spent more on education per pupil in 1986-87 than did Manchester.

Manchester spent \$3,995.86 per pupil in 1986-87, \$391.46 less than the state average of 4,387.32, according to the report.

Manchester ranked 102 for net per pupil expenditures, which are directly related to the cost of instruction and do not include transportation and other expenditures, according to the report.

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School Superintendent James P. Kennedy said today in the post Manchester has ranked between 95th and 105th for per pupil expenditures.

Manchester had 7,032 students enrolled in 1986-87, the 12th highest student population in the state. New Britain had the 11th highest population of 7,211 and Greenwich had the 12th highest of 6,781.

New Britain's net per pupil expenditures in 1986-87 were \$4,541.79, 44th out of the state's 169 towns. Greenwich ranked fourth with expenditures of \$6,052.84 per pupil, the report said.

Manchester spent \$636.30 per capita on education during the last fiscal year, \$64.82 lower than the state average of \$721.12, according to the report.

Per capita expenditures are derived by dividing the total education expenditures, \$32.6 million in Manchester in 1987-88, by the population, 49,710.

But Kennedy said those numbers are "meaningless" because they are based on the entire population of the town, not the number of students.

For example, he said, "your population could have a disproportionate number of elderly."

Overall in the state, total municipal budgets rose to almost \$4.5 billion in 1987-88, an increase of \$830 million, or 22.6 percent, over 1985-86, CPEC reported. The two-year increase is the highest recorded since the council began preparing the reports in 1976, the report said.

Education expenditures accounted for 51 percent of local spending in 1987-88, up from 49.7 percent in 1985-86. The increase may be attributed in part to the state's Education Enhancement Act, the report said.



The Associated Press

PASSING THE TIME — Beijing University students in Tiananmen Square pass the time with a dance today. They have occupied the square for nine days in a protest to demand democratic reforms in China.

Bush encourages students but warns against violence

By Terence Hunt The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush is encouraging demonstrators in China to "stand up for what you believe" and urging the Communist authorities to exercise restraint, saying he hopes pro-democracy protests do not result in bloodshed.

"I would urge the government to be as forthcoming as possible in order to see more democratization and to see a peaceful resolution of this matter," Bush said Sunday.

"We do support freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of the press and clearly we support democracy," the president said at a news conference in Boston with French President Francois Mitterrand.

The two leaders delivered honorary degrees and received commencement remarks at Boston University. Afterward, Bush returned to the White House and

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Open house draws friendly neighbors

By Andrew Yurkovsky Manchester Herald

"Welcome Friends," says the mat in front of the door at the group home at 108 Grissom Road.

On Sunday afternoon, visitors were greeted at the entrance by balloons and paper streamers. The occasion was an open house to give neighbors the chance to meet the three disabled people who have been living there since April 1988.

Two of the residents have cerebral palsy and one is mentally retarded.

The home is one of those in the state that would be closed if proposed cuts are made to the state Department of Mental Retardation budget, said Michelle Autorino, the home's manager.

Plans to accommodate six disabled people in the home led to protests from some neighbors two years ago, and the number was cut back to three.

But those visitors who were interviewed Sunday had only good things to say. Invitations for the open house were sent out to residents about a week ago.

Michael L. Policastro of 162 Grissom Road said it was ignorance that caused the controversy two years ago.

"I think most of the (residents) have come around," he said. "Certainly, they've been good neighbors. They keep their property well, and there's been no trouble."

Later he said, "I wouldn't care if they had 10 people here."

Norma Gentileore of 155 Grissom Road said she came to the open house "because of the warm invitation we received."

"I wish more people had come here today," she said. "I had no objections to the group home."

The residents at the home are Lori DeLamater and Bruce Maron, who are wheelchair-bound with cerebral palsy, and Nancy Brett, who is mentally retarded, Autorino said. They had lived at the Mansfield Training School in Mansfield and the Meadows Convalescent Center in Manchester, she said.

About 20 people visited the home during the open house, which was from 2 to 4 p.m. Most were neighbors, but residents and staff members from group homes in Vernon and Mansfield also stopped by.

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Andrew Yurkovsky/Manchester Herald

GETTING ACQUAINTED — Michael L. Policastro of 162 Grissom Road, left, talks with Bruce Maron, a resident of the group home at 108 Grissom Road, and Matthew O'Connor, a worker at the home. An open house was held at the home on Sunday.

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Bulls oust Knicks from NBA playoffs

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PRATT SHUTS DOWN MHS

EHHS outright league champs

By Jim Tierney Manchester Herald

The 6-2, 220-pound figure of East Hartford senior southpaw Rich Pratt was imposing in more ways than one Friday afternoon at Kelley Field in its showdown with Manchester High with the CCC East title on the line.

With their ace on the mound, the first-place Hornets, who had clinched at least a tie for first in the league after Thursday night's win over South Windsor, were prepared to win the title outright. Second place Manchester pinned the only CCC East loss on East Hartford, 2-1, on May 1.

Unfortunately for the Indians, this was Pratt's game from the moment it began. He tossed a two-hitter, struck out 14 and was 2-for-3 with a run batted in as East Hartford shut out Manchester, 5-0, to capture its fifth consecutive CCC East title. For the Hornets, 13-1 in the league and 14-3 overall, the victory was their fourth this week, including their third in three days.

Manchester, which will play at Hall in West Hartford on Tuesday, slips to 10-5 in the league and 10-6 overall.

Every Indian batter, except junior Ryan Barry struck out at least once. The Indians committed seven errors, including four throwing miscues. Pratt walked three while Indian senior southpaw Jim Klisock, who went the distance, walked three and struck out nine.

"That kid dominated the whole game," Manchester Coach Don Race said of Pratt, whose record is 7-1 this year and 22-2 since his sophomore year. "I think he could've beaten any team in the state today. He was incredible. He was also a threat with the bat."

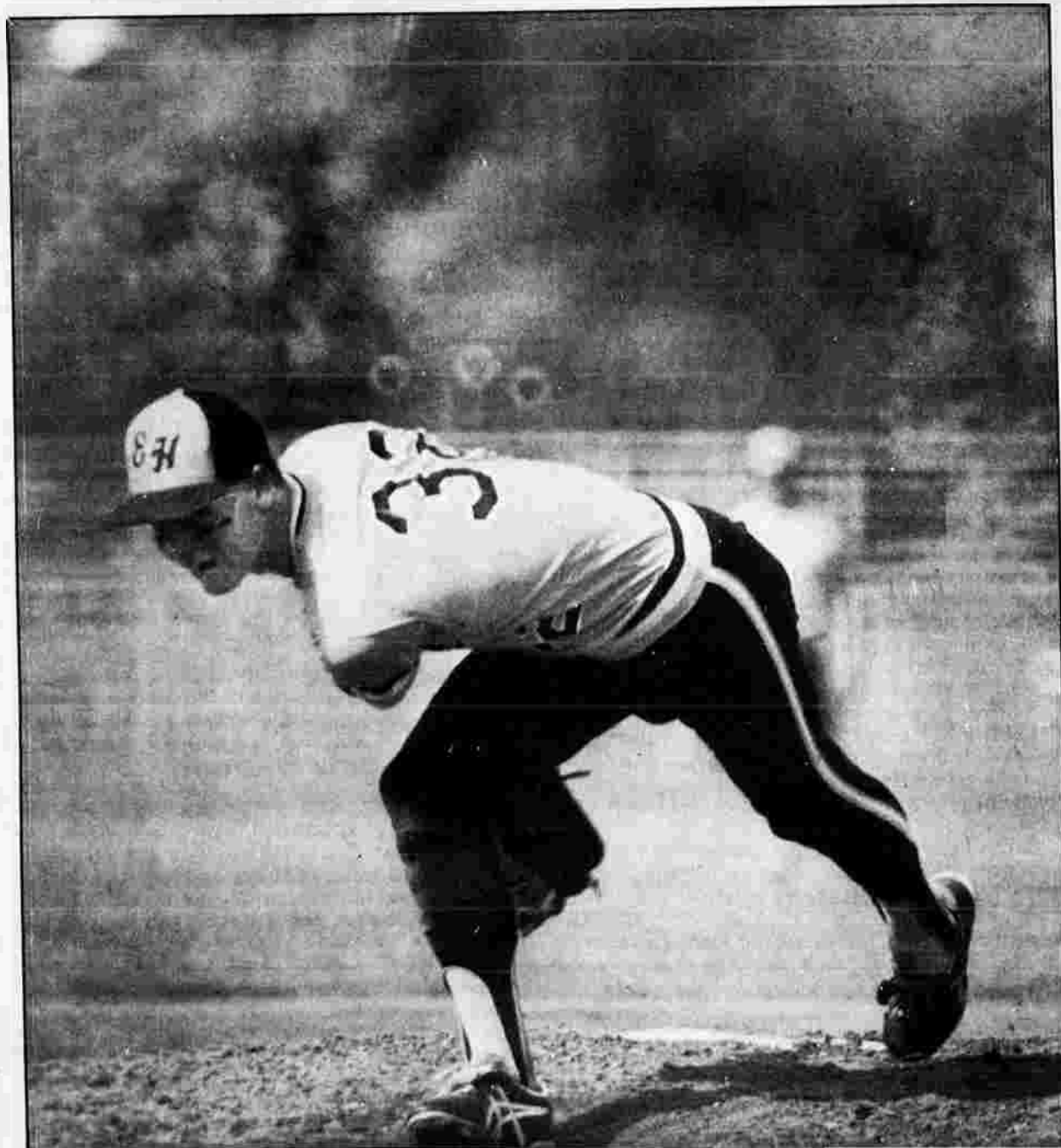
Hornet Coach Mike Liappes knew his Hornets had a tall task this week, but was extremely proud that they persevered and proved themselves.

"We took on the top four (league) contenders (this week) and we beat them soundly, all four," Liappes said. "I think we have left no doubt in anybody's mind who the champs are. When you play four games in a week, it's very difficult. We met the challenge."

As for Pratt, Liappes wasn't short of accolades. "I don't think anyone doubts how good he is anymore either," he said. "He was masterful. He dominated the game totally and completely. He deserves all the praise he gets. It's quite obvious the guy is a premier pitcher."

East Hartford scored all the runs it would need in the top of the first. Luis Gonzales singled to centerfield and Matt Dummer reached on an error by sophomore shortstop Mike Gilbert. With Gonzales attempting to steal third base, Indian catcher Dom Lauriatto uncorked his throw into leftfield, scoring Gonzales. Dummer then scored on an RBI single by Pratt.

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Patrick Flynn/Manchester Herald

FOLLOWS THROUGH — East Hartford ace Rich Pratt struck out 14 and hurled a 5-0 victory over the Hornets to clinch the CCC East Division title.

Prep edges past East nine

FAIRFIELD — After its opportunity to take the lead went by the board, East Catholic High saw host Fairfield Prep strike quickly in the bottom of the eighth inning to annex a 3-2 win in a pivotal All Connecticut Conference clash Friday afternoon at Fairfield University.

The win puts the Jesuits into first place in the ACC at 7-2 and drops the Eagles into a second-place tie with Notre Dame, each at 6-3. Notre Dame and Prep meet in their ACC finale Tuesday while East visits Xavier High at Fair Kidney Field in Middletown, also Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. If East beats Xavier, and Notre Dame tops Prep, then East would wind up first in the regular season.

The top three teams advance to the ACC Championships with No. 2 vs. No. 3 on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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Democrats resume budget work today

By Judd Everhart
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — What has become almost a daily routine at the Capitol was to resume today when House Democrats retreated behind closed doors to thrash out a tax and spending plan for the budget year beginning July 1.

House Speaker Richard J. Balducci said at the conclusion of Saturday's House session that he hoped to have the tax package nailed down by Wednesday. He already has the votes he needs to approve a budget of some \$6.8 billion for 1989-90.

He was forced to cancel a meeting of the House Democrats Saturday because some members couldn't make it to Hartford and leaders were also awaiting hard numbers on some of the proposals in the \$785 million tax-increase package.

The House cleared its clogged calendar of 19 bills Saturday while a demonstration of about 1,000 motorcyclists was held outside. They were protesting any attempt to make them wear helmets.

The bikers conducted a peaceful demonstration in the steamy Capitol parking lot. Many of them went inside to buy soft drinks and chips and some briefly watched the House proceedings from the gallery.

The House did not take up a bill that is to be used as the vehicle to mandate helmets, at least for 16- and 17-year-old motorcyclists. A bill carrying such a requirement was killed this week, but its sponsor, Rep. Stephen P. Hanchurek, D-Brantford, said he hopes to salvage it by amending another bill.

"I've come this far, it's kind of late to turn back now," Hanchurek said as he walked back into the Capitol after talking with some of the bikers. "I know I'll have a long debate and probably a close vote."

Richard Pakner of Stamford, legislative committee chairman of the Connecticut Motorcycle Riders Association, said the issue was one of personal choice and echoed the bikers' refrain, "Let those who ride decide."

One biker shouted: "Read my lips: No helmet law."

Connecticut had a mandatory helmet law at one time, but it was repealed in the mid-1970s.

Saturday House sessions have become the rule toward the end of each session. The 1989 General Assembly must adjourn by June 7 and there are still scores of bills on the House and Senate calendars.

The protracted debate on the 1989-90 budget and tax package is complicating the picture.

Last week, Balducci and other Democratic legislative leaders unveiled a package of \$785 million in higher taxes to take effect July 1 to balance a budget for 1989-90 of about \$6.5 billion. In March, the General Assembly approved a series of other tax increases that will generate \$164 million in 1989-90.

During its weekend session, the House referred back to committee a bill designed to reduce "global warming." The bill requires several state agencies to institute energy saving measures. It also requires the envi-

ronmental protection commissioner to require applicants for air-discharge permits to arrange for tree plantings to offset carbon dioxide emissions.

The House approved, 99-34, a bill requiring the setting aside of child-care space in certain state buildings when there is a need for such care for at least 30 children and care is otherwise not available.

Approved 137-0 was a bill creating a \$3 million revolving loan clean-up fund for small businesses that generate hazardous wastes.

Balducci said he was pleased with the progress made Saturday, noting that the usually talkative members dispatched almost a score of bills in five hours, a brisk pace for the House. "I think people were willing to sit back and say less so they could get out," Balducci said.

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On Saturday, the chairman of the state Board of Governors for Higher Education told the 315 graduating students at Post College in Waterbury that public dollars should not be used to undermine the programs at private colleges.

Jeremiah J. Lowmy Jr. said that as the pool of college-age students shrinks, competition from public colleges may threaten private colleges such as Post.

Poll rates Legislature, O'Neill low

HARTFORD (AP) — Gov. William A. O'Neill and members of the General Assembly are given low job ratings by Connecticut residents surveyed in a new Hartford Courant/Connecticut poll.

When asked to assess O'Neill's performance as governor, 2 percent of those questioned said he has done an excellent job, 29 percent said it is good, 37 percent said fair and 28 percent said poor. Four percent did not offer an opinion in the poll.

As for the legislators, 1 percent of the poll respondents gave the lawmakers excellent marks, 24 percent good, 46 percent fair and 19 percent poor. The remaining 10 percent did not rate the legislators' performance.

"The low leadership ratings reflect a perception that both branches (of government) have a good deal to answer for," said G. Donald Ferre Jr., director of the poll. "Nobody's doing their job very well."

The governor's job performance ratings are similar to those in a poll taken at the end of February and another conducted in early April.

On the specific issue of the state's budget problems, 49 percent of those surveyed blamed the legislature and 27 percent pointed the finger at the governor.

Bush visits mother

GREENWICH (AP) — President Bush returned to his hometown for the first time since his inauguration to visit briefly with his ailing mother.

Bush and his wife, Barbara, spent about 70 minutes Sunday afternoon with Dorothy Walker Bush, the president's 87-year-old mother, who was hospitalized earlier this month with a fever and a possible stroke in her right leg.

Mrs. Bush has been resting at home since being released from Greenwich Hospital on May 11.

"She's doing great," said Joannie Tripp, who helps manage Mrs. Bush's house. "She's up and about, chatting."

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Thousands get degrees in weekend ceremonies

By The Associated Press

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Release plan failures low

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — More than 10 percent of convicted felons placed in the state's Supervised Home Release Program fail to make their first meeting with a parole officer, state records show.

State officials, however, said the program has been a success and that the its failure rate is "not bad" considering the people they are dealing with.

William E. Flower, a spokesman for the state Department of Correction, said the program's failure rate is between 11.5 and 12 percent.

"That's not bad considering that these are not school boys we are talking about," Flower said.

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Caravan to recall murders

STAMFORD (AP) — The leaders of Reform Judaism have given their support to a proposed "reverse freedom caravan" next month that will mark the 20th anniversary of the murder of three civil rights workers in Mississippi.

The board of trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the central body of Reform Judaism in North America, also called Sunday on the movement's 620 synagogues and 1.3 million members to support the caravan.

The action by the UAHC, which came during a meeting in Stamford, is believed to be the first by any Jewish group in support of the reverse civil rights march, which will depart from Meridian, Miss., on June 21 by bus. It will arrive in New York on June 24 after a stopover in Washington, Interdenominational services, rallies and meetings with members of Congress and other public officials will be held along the way, culminating with an interfaith program in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in Manhattan.

The caravan will memorialize Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner and James Earl Ray, three youths participating in a "Freedom Summer" project in Philadelphia, Miss., in 1964. Their murders were depicted in the movie, "Mississippi Burning."

Goodman and Schwerner were Jewish, while Chaney was black. Carolyn Goodman, Goodman's mother, spoke to the gathering in Stamford on the importance of "rekindling the spirit of interracial and interdenominational alliances."

The UAHC resolution said "black and Jewish communities in the United States share a deep commitment to the cause of human rights and social justice." It called on its members to "lend aid to the caravan so that it will be significant both as a memorial and as a reaffirmation of the noble quest for social justice and racial harmony in America."

The "Reverse Freedom Caravan" will be sponsored by The Chaney Goodman Schwerner Memorial Coalition, a group founded by the families of the murdered youths. The honorary chairman is Harry Belafonte.

The caravan has been endorsed by the governor of Mississippi, and various civic and religious leaders.

A statement read at Sunday's meeting from the coalition voiced concern over racial injustice, as well as ethnic and religious intolerance.

"We are sinking," said Mayor James O'Meara of Winsted. "We

Soaring budgets upset taxpayers

By Peter Chilson
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Municipal leaders are finding rubber stamps harder to come by this year, with the largest increase in the last six years, in order to meet budget requirements.

Municipal officials say tax rates are being pushed up by the costs of programs required by state law, as well as the rising cost of providing municipal services. Officials are also nervous about proposed cuts in expected state aid to towns and cities for the 1989-90 fiscal year beginning July 1.

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9,000	18,000	35,000	70,000	70,000	GE 9" AC/DC Color TV
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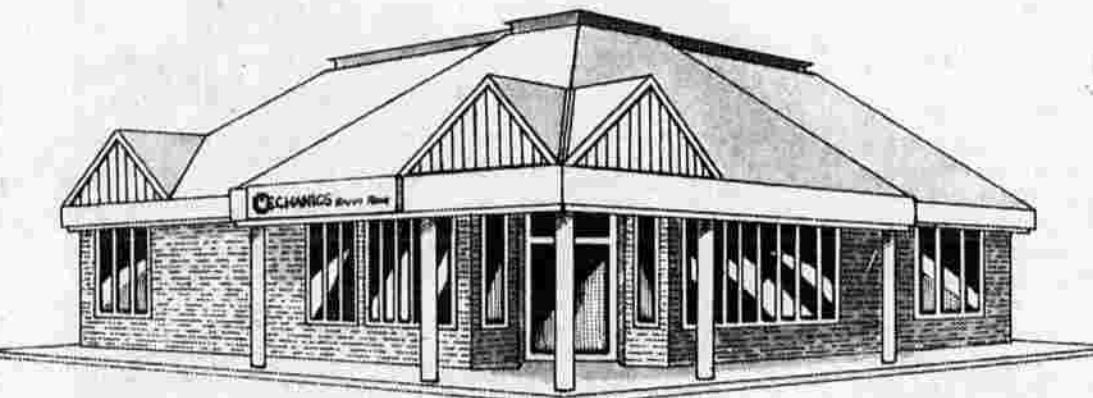


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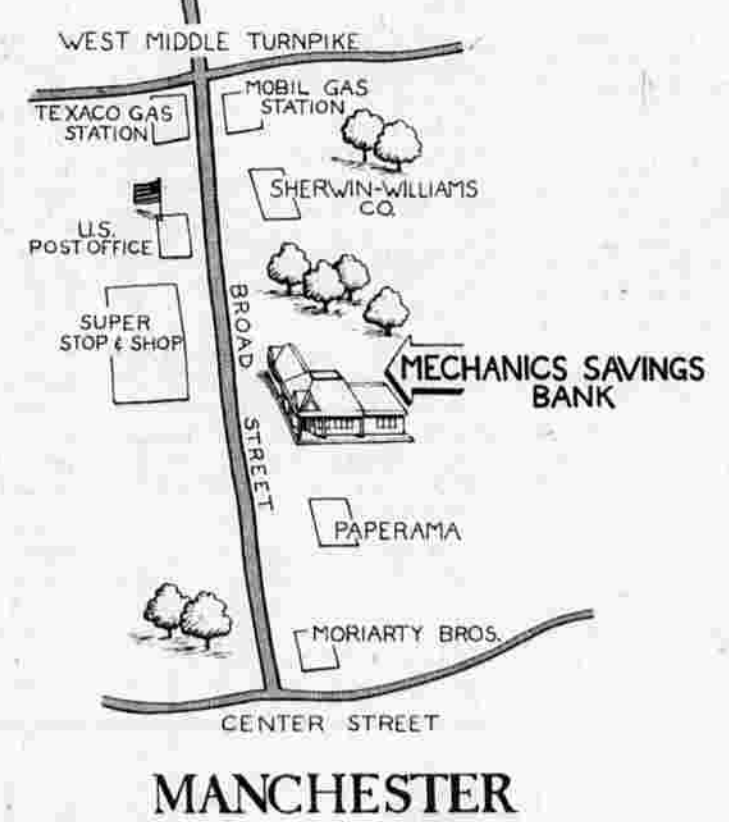
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Gasoline prices up 1 penny

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The average price of gasoline rose a penny a gallon in the last two weeks, the smallest increase since the Alaska oil spill sent gas prices soaring, an analyst said.

For all grades of gasoline, pump prices rose to \$1.843 per gallon between May 5 and Friday, Tribby Lundberg said Sunday.

Wholesale prices dropped only about one-third of a cent per gallon during the same period, according to the most recent Lundberg Survey of 13,000 gasoline stations.

"This is the highest overall price seen for the nation since January of 1986, just before the world oil price competition cut world oil prices in half," Ms. Lundberg said.

But the recent price hike was the smallest since the March 24 grounding of the Exxon Valdez — an environmental disaster that temporarily cut off Alaska oil supplies and sent prices soaring by 10 cents per gallon.

That was followed by another nickel-per-gallon increase as of April 21, Ms. Lundberg said.

Heavy competition among wholesalers accounts for the small size of the latest increase, she said.

"Wholesalers and refiners, knowing full well that the recent prices were rapid and surprising to many consumers, are trying very hard to tow the line and not to lose sales," she said.

Normally, prices continue to rise during the high-consumption summer season, so the price slowdown may not be a trend, Ms. Lundberg said.

"It is possible that a lull in gasoline price rises will occur, but it cannot be expected because demand seems strong at a time when gasoline supplies are not in surplus," she said.

Prices at self-serve stations were \$1.090 per gallon for regular unleaded, \$1.245 for premium unleaded and \$1.0742 for regular leaded.

Full service prices were \$1.358 cents per gallon for regular unleaded, \$1.456 for premium unleaded, and \$1.3109 for regular leaded.



PLANE CRASH KILLS 2 — Passing motorists on Interstate 91 near Fairlee, Vt., check occupants of an airplane for injuries Sunday after the plane made an emergency landing on the highway following a mid-air collision with another plane. The second plane crashed in the Waits River. Two people were killed and two were injured.

Soviet reformers push plan for election to presidency

By Ann Imre
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — At a rally attended by tens of thousands, Boris Yeltsin and other reformers elected to the new Soviet Congress were cheered as they swore to substitute their radical agenda for that of the Communist Party.

"It is at this historic moment that it is so important for the future of our country, we permit the apparatus to dictate to us as has in the past decades, we will not advance, but sink back into the swamp from which we would only be able to extricate ourselves," Yeltsin said Sunday's rally.

The Communist Party, whose members constitute 80 percent of the new Congress of People's Deputies, convened a session of its policy-making Central Committee today to work out its plans for the body, which meets in regular session Thursday.

But many of the 2,250 members of the new congress are independent-minded Communists, and it was not known if they would follow the party line.

Yeltsin, a one-time Moscow party boss, is himself a member of the party's 251-member Central Committee and at Sunday's rally he and his anti-establishment colleagues called for contested presidential elections and urgent action on the economy.

He demanded that President Mikhail S. Gorbachev give a public accounting of the first four years of his reforms during the opening session. Only then should the congress decide if Gorbachev should be re-elected president, Yeltsin declared.

The reformers' talk of specific legislative proposals indicated they may try to create a congress with far greater powers than Gorbachev may have intended. According to legislation approved last fall, the body would have just one regular session a year and elect from among its members the president as well as the smaller, working parliament, the Supreme Soviet.

Human rights activist Andrei Sakharov told Sunday's rally that the congress itself, not the Supreme Soviet, should be the supreme legislative authority.

"The congress, directly elected by the people and a number of official organizations, includes hundreds of reformers. It is not clear if the reformers constitute a large enough faction to win selection to the working parliament.

The party's intentions remained unclear. All 12 full members of its ruling Politburo were elected deputies but it was not known if they intend to serve in the Supreme Soviet as well, an organization of Moslem fundamentalists.

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Israel uncovers large cache of weapons in raid

By Sergei Shorogodsky
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli troops in the occupied Gaza Strip detained more than 250 Moslem fundamentalists and seized a cache of automatic weapons in the biggest arrest raid since the Palestinian uprising began, the army announced.

In the occupied West Bank today, unidentified gunmen fired three shots at police in the center of Bethlehem, police and army officials said. One shot hit a police car but no one was injured.

The incident and the uncovering of the weapons cache came amid mounting concern over Palestinian threats to step up violence and end a policy of not using guns in the 17-month-old uprising.

Elsewhere today, soldiers shot and wounded two Palestinians during a clash in the Gaza Strip refugee camp of Dir El Balah. In clashes on Sunday, soldiers shot and killed two Palestinians and wounded at least 25, according to hospital reports. The deaths raised to 466 the number of Palestinians killed since the uprising against Israeli rule of the occupied lands began in December 1987. Twenty-two Israelis have been slain.

Ma. Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai, head of the army's central command, said the arrest operation in the Gaza Strip — conducted during a curfew last week and announced on Sunday — was a "decisive blow" to Hamas, an organization of Moslem fundamentalists.

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and an Israeli man digging a well in Gaza in March 1988. The group also was blamed for throwing an explosive device at Israeli soldiers.

According to the army, Hamas planned anti-Israeli demonstrations, firebombed shops of storekeepers who violated strike orders by the uprising leadership and killed Arabs suspected of collaborating with Israel or those who were involved in drugs and prostitution.

About 45 suspected collaborators have been killed since the uprising began. Mordechai said that among those detained was Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the spiritual leader of Hamas who was accused of leading the uprising and shootings of suspected collaborators.

Yassin, who is paralyzed and confined to a wheelchair, had been sentenced to 15 years in jail in 1984 after being convicted of having knowledge of concealed weapons. He was released in a prisoner exchange in 1985. Military officials said the operation was the largest during the Palestinian rebellion.

The raid against Hamas was conducted during a six-day curfew in the Gaza Strip that confined some 700,000 people to their homes. Authorities at the time refused to give the reason for the decision to close off the territory.

The army lifted the curfew on Sunday as few Gazans went to their jobs in Israel because of a strike ordered by leaders of the uprising.

There was increased concern that Palestinians had escalated their rebellion against Israeli occupation.

A leftist published this week by pro-PLO activists called on Palestinians to kill an Israeli soldier or settler for every Palestinian who dies in clashes with Israeli soldiers.

Last week, three Palestinians fired on Israeli troops in a West Bank village, killing one soldier and wounding seven before they were killed. It was the first gun battle of the uprising.

Mohammed Abbas, the chief of a radical faction of the PLO, also called for the use of firearms by Palestinians in an interview published in the Kuwaiti daily Al Watani on Sunday.

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Cardinal raps AIDS classes

BOSTON (AP) — A Roman Catholic cardinal said an AIDS education program in the Boston public schools will increase students' risk of getting the disease, and has urged parents not to allow their children to participate.

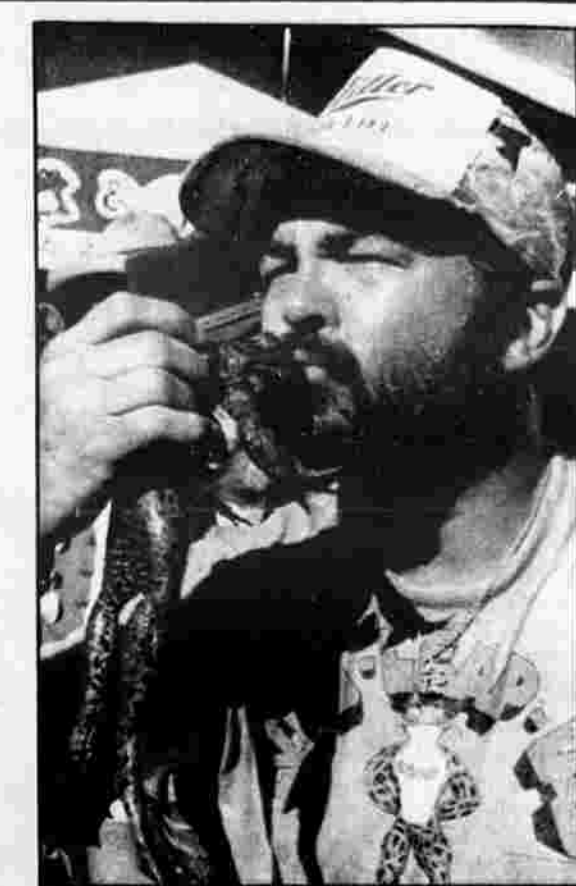
In a letter read at weekend Masses in Boston parishes, Cardinal Bernard F. Law said the lessons planned for students in seventh through 12th grades over the next six weeks "could place our children in danger, both moral and physical."

"The curriculum presents various issues of sexual behavior in a valueless, amoral context," Law wrote. "It admits a permissiveness in sexual behavior which is not acceptable to a great many citizens of the city, is certainly unacceptable for Catholics and which increases the children's risk of getting AIDS."

The schools plan to offer two 45-minute lessons stressing abstinence and shunning intravenous drug use as the best way to prevent AIDS. Instructors will tell students who are sexually active to use condoms. Parents who object may exempt their children from the classes.

Law warned that "students as young as 13 will... be given explicit instructions in the use of condoms. Sexual abstinence cannot be taught if at the same time detailed directions on how to use condoms are presented as an alternative."

He said the archdiocese will offer its own "value-centered" AIDS education program this summer.



KISS FOR THE WINNER — Tom Beatty of Bead, Ore., gives his frog, "Heavy Metal," a kiss after winning the annual Calaveras Camp Jumping Frog Jubilee at Angels Camp, Calif., Sunday with a distance of 19 feet, 9 1/2 inches.

40,000 protest abortion

Up to 40,000 people in St. Louis rallied to demonstrate their hope the U.S. Supreme Court will overturn the 1973 decision that legalized abortions, and more than 100 anti-abortion protesters were arrested in Cleveland.

In Pittsburgh, about 4,000 people sang and prayed, carrying balloons and placards during an anti-abortion rally in the city's Market Square. The protesters paraded through the downtown shopping area in a light rain Saturday during the 10th Annual Greater Pittsburgh March for Life.

The St. Louis demonstrators gathered at Kiener Plaza on Sunday without incident and no arrests were made, said police Lt. Roy Miller.

Government gets confident
KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Three months after the last Soviet soldiers left, the government is showing increasing confidence it can ultimately force Moslem guerrillas and their supporters — especially the United States — to talk peace.

Western countries had predicted the mujahedeen, or Islamic holy warriors, would overthrow the Afghan armed forces within weeks or at least a few months of the Soviets' departure on Feb. 15.

Although these predictions have not come true, the United States has rebuffed proposals by Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev for a mutual cut-off of weapons and stepped-up efforts for a cease-fire.

Soviets cutting British staff after new charges of spying

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union said today it will cut sharply the number of British employees in Moscow, apparently in retaliation for the expulsions from Britain of 11 Soviets accused of espionage.

Britain said on Sunday that it secretly ordered the expulsion of eight Soviet diplomats and three journalists on Friday. On Saturday, the Soviet Union retaliated with an identical set of expulsions of Britons.

The Soviets took the diplomatic rift a step further today. Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady I. Gerasimov told a news conference that the number of Britons accredited in Moscow and the number of Soviets working for Britons would be reduced from 375 to 205.

The new limit for British employees would be equal to the number of Soviets now permitted to work in Britain.

The British Embassy had no immediate comment on Gerasimov's statement. Gerasimov did not say how long the reductions would take, or who exactly they would affect.

He said the expulsions from the Embassy said Britain provoked the dispute with its expulsions on Friday.

Embassy Counselor Lev Parshin called the expulsion order "deplorable, unfriendly and provocative" and said it "remains to be seen" how the dispute will affect Anglo-Soviet relations.

He denied that the expelled Soviets had done anything wrong. Britain on Sunday said its expulsions were legitimate, though it did not give details, and that the Soviet response was unjustified. Independent Television News radio said the Soviets had been caught spying on military installations.

Both countries expelled eight diplomats and three journalists, and each was given 14 days to leave.

One of the expelled journalists, Sunday Times correspondent Angus Roxburgh, denied spying and said he was angry with London and Moscow over "being caught up in the latest diplomatic chess game."

"Why do the British have such a predilection for expelling Soviet spies? Presumably there are as many Russians engaged in 'impermanent activities' in West Germany, France or the U.S., yet expulsions from those countries are much rarer," he wrote in The Times today.

"One might imagine that it is easier to know who the spies in your midst are, and to keep tabs of them, than to expel them and have to deal with a fresh batch of unknown quantities," he said.

News organizations in London today urged President Mikhail S. Gorbachev to reconsider the expulsion of the journalists, which some commentators said violated the current spirit of reform in the Soviet Union.

"It for tact acts may appear to be a part of the past," The Times of London said in an editorial. "They can more appropriately be seen as a sign of how little has changed in the land of glasnost."

Since Gorbachev came to power in 1985, the Soviets have matched all expulsions. That year, Britain ordered out 25 Soviet diplomats, journalists and trade representatives identified as secret agents, and Moscow retaliated by expelling 25 Britons.

When the British ordered out six more Soviets, Moscow did the same.

It was the largest expulsion of Soviet personnel from Britain since 1971, when 108 were ordered to leave. But the Soviets on that occasion responded by sending home just 18 Britons.

India tests first ballistic missile
NEW DELHI, India (AP) — India crossed the threshold of ballistic missile capability today by successfully test-firing its first medium-range surface-to-surface missile into the Bay of Bengal, news reports said.

The missile was fired from the seaside launch site at Chandipur, about 750 miles southeast of New Delhi, Independent News of India said.

The 7.5-ton missile has a range capability of about 1,500 miles, sufficient to hit targets as far as Iran, Hong Kong, China and islands near the equator to the south, western military officials said.

It can also hit any target in neighboring Pakistan, India and Pakistan have fought three wars in the past 42 years.

Defense experts say the missile's one-ton payload capability is more than enough to carry a nuclear warhead.

The test firing was India's third attempt at launching the Agni missile, whose name means "fire" in the ancient Sanskrit language.

The first firing, scheduled for April 20, was postponed by last-minute problems with the ignition system. A second launch, set for May 1, was canceled after an error in one of the rocket's sub-systems.

By successfully firing the missile, India joined the United States, the Soviet Union, China, France and Britain in ballistic missile capability.

United News of India said 11,000 people living in 15 villages near the launch site were evacuated

from their homes Sunday evening as a security measure. The villagers have protested the test-firing for fear the government would force them to relocate permanently if more launches are held at Chandipur.

Britain, India's colonial ruler, first used the site in 1983 to test ammunition. The Indians turned it into a missile test range in 1986 because of an unusual feature — it faced the Bay of Bengal and during low tides the sea recedes up to two miles, enabling faster and easier recovery of shells and other short-range projectiles.

The bay also has light commercial and naval traffic. India has said it intends to use nuclear capacity only for peaceful purposes.

Stronger anti-pollution laws favored

By Gary Loner
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Americans would accept an array of encroachments on their lives to help clean up the environment, such as a ban on aerosol cans and mandatory household recycling, a poll has found.

The Media General-Associated Press survey of 1,084 adults found broad perceptions that environmental pollution is on the rise, and that government, businesses and average Americans are not doing enough to combat it.

Three-quarters of the respondents said laws against pollution in the United States are too weak, and majorities favored urgent government action, no matter what the cost, to protect the nation's drinking water.

Large majorities also supported strict pollution controls at all major oil facilities and at oil and coal-burning power plants, even if those measures would raise the price of oil, gasoline and electricity.

Environmental concerns were heightened by the nearly 11 million gallons of oil spilled by the tanker Exxon Valdez off Alaska in March.

But the poll, conducted by telephone May 5-13, found concerns went beyond the issue of oil tanker safety.

The highest environmental priority was toxic waste disposal, to which 63 percent supported urgent action by the government regardless of the expense. Next was the related issue of the pollution of drinking water, with 52 percent favoring urgent action, cost aside.

On the issue of household waste, 20 percent said their communities now require them to separate and recycle glass, cans and paper refuse. Of the rest, an overwhelming 87 percent said they would support such a requirement.

Respondents also favored new steps against air pollution. Seventy-five percent backed a ban on household aerosol products, 40 percent supported a ban on charcoal lighter fluid, and 58 percent favored a ban on non-radial tires, which release more rubber into the air than do radials.

Those proposals are among the steps suggested for Southern California by a regional air quality board in March. Other measures in that plan won less support nationally. Respondents were split on parking restrictions in cities to discourage driving, and 59 percent opposed banning gasoline-fueled garden appliances.

Still, 72 percent supported strict pollution controls on oil and coal-burning power plants, even if that would raise the price of power. Smokestack controls are another feature of the Southern California plan.

In an issue related to the Exxon Valdez disaster, 81 percent said new safety rules and emergency cleanup teams should be in place at all major oil facilities, even if that raised the price of oil and

gasoline.

Responses were less certain on whether the federal government should issue new drilling permits. Forty-five percent opposed new drilling off the coasts of California and Florida, while 33 percent favored new drilling there and 20 percent were unsure.

Opposition was greater to oil measures that drew an estimated 33 percent in favor of drilling, which also is being considered. Sixty percent were opposed and only about a quarter were in favor, with the rest unsure.

Overall, 72 percent said pollution appears to have increased during the past decade. And in a measure of its personal impact, nearly a quarter said they stayed away from the beach last year because of beach pollution.

Concerns about the environment crossed ideological and political lines. Residents of the nation's most densely populated areas were the most apt to see anti-pollution efforts as inadequate and to favor new steps.

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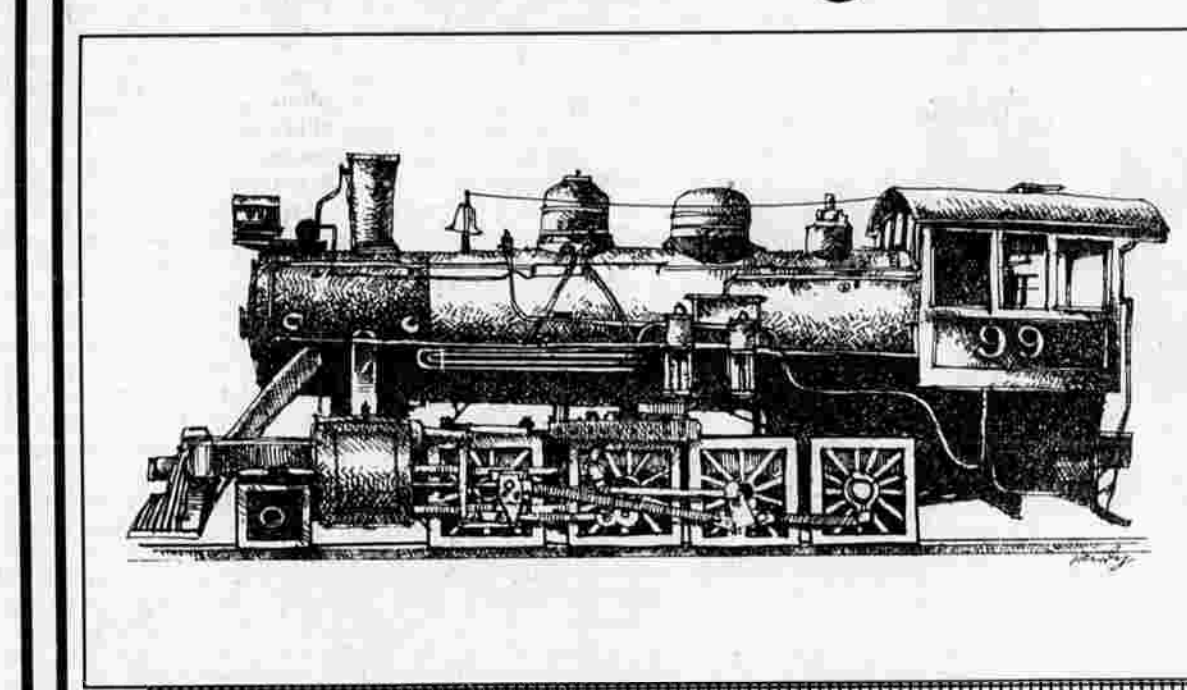
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OPINION

Study may clear, cloud road issue

The reconstruction of downtown Main Street, which has been studied and restudied, planned and replanned over the course of many years, will have to be restudied further before it can be carried out.

By the time the decision is made over just how to reconstruct the street, it should be the best-planned project conceivable.

It certainly will have been one of the most delayed projects in history.

The latest threat of delay comes from the Federal Highway Administration, which has ordered another impact study.

The study is called an Environmental Assessment, and indeed, it apparently includes an evaluation of air and noise factors.

But the assistant director for environmental planning with the DOT characterizes the study as a review of socio-economic factors like the effects of reconstruction on parking, on traffic, and on the businesses and residents in the downtown area, which are the concerns of many of those who have opposed the current plan.

Town officials have said repeatedly that any further delay in the project could endanger federal-state funding for it. That may be true of a lawsuit against the plan, like the one now pending. But it is difficult to see how a study ordered by the Federal Highway Administration itself could endanger the funding.

At the same time the federal government is ordering the new study, it is also seeking to have the suit brought by opponents of the current plan dismissed by the federal court. The actions may be independent of each other, but another study of the impact of the reconstruction will certainly consider some of the questions raised by those who do not like the plan.

Since the study apparently has to be done, it would be good to do it as soon as possible. It may resolve problems. It could also give rise to further appeals.

In any event, the study should be done quickly. There have been enough delays already.

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By Richard Blow

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Imports of beef untested

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — Shoppers in supermarket produce sections have to think twice before buying fruit that may be tainted with unwanted chemicals. Now federal auditors have uncovered a far more widespread danger in the meat department.

The top five importers of meat to the United States — Argentina, Australia, Canada, Denmark and New Zealand — don't always test their beef and pork for drugs banned in the United States. Some of the drugs have been outlawed for health reasons.

The Agriculture Department compounds the danger by using spotty inspection methods when the meat Merco always knows when imported. The USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service.

Whose fault is it? The USDA counts on the Customs Service to tell it when foreign meat arrives, but that doesn't always happen. In some ports, Customs officials accept the promise that the importer will voluntarily submit the meat to USDA inspection. Fat chance if the importer has something to hide.

Our associate Stewart Harris has obtained an audit from the files of the USDA inspector general, which reveals there is no guarantee that the USDA always knows when imported meats have been in the country.

Lester Crawford, director of the Food Safety Inspection Service, blames the Customs Service. But the industry blames Crawford's agency. His audit is supposed to ensure that imported meats can pass the same tests applied to home-grown meats. If Crawford and the Customs Service have a failure to communicate, it is Crawford's responsibility to bridge the gap.

While the two agencies bicker about who is to blame, millions of pounds of imported meat has sailed through unchecked. The USDA inspector general also faults Crawford's agency for refusing to trace where that meat has been.

Sources tell us that Crawford was apoplectic when he first heard the news from the foreign suppliers is not reassuring. The inspector general found that meat from five top foreign suppliers does not always meet USDA standards. More than 45 percent of the 2.6 billion pounds of meat imported by the five countries in 1987 came from those five countries.

At the time of the investigation, Argentina and Denmark didn't even test the cooked meat they sent to the United States to determine if it was mixed with horse meat, rancid fat, indigestible parts such as testicles, Denmark and Argentina did test, the meat was not selected by accepted random-sampling methods.

Denmark did not test for chloramphenicol, which is banned in the United States, or for drugs that control parasites. Danish authorities said there was no need for the tests because chloramphenicol is illegal here and anti-parasites are under strict control.

Federal investigators found little testing was done for 149 drugs banned from use in the United States, but widely used in the five exporting countries. Most of the drugs are fed to cattle and swine only intermittently, but the auditors said the USDA should insist on the tests anyway.

Australia, Denmark, Argentina and New Zealand all treat turkeys with dimetridazole, a drug banned in the United States. But little or no testing is done for that drug on meat sent to American consumers.

The USDA has asked for additional testing for some drugs, but will let other procedures slide. According to an official USDA spokesman, the drugs those foreign test methods may not be the same as tests used in the United States, but they achieve the same results.

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Heart problem often harmless

Dr. Gott Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My physician has diagnosed me as having ectopic heartbeats. My mother has PVCs. Are these the same? I realize they require no attention but I find my problem irritating. Is there any medicine to regulate my situation?

DEAR READER: Ectopic heartbeats (contractions not under the control of the heart's normal pacemaker) are common and, in general, harmless.

Ectopic beats can arise from the atria (low-pressure heart chambers) or from the ventricles (high-pressure chambers). They can cause fluttering in the chest or an unusual awareness of heartbeat that may be irregular.

Premature atrial contractions (PACs or atrial ectopic beats) rarely last for extended periods and require no treatment, unless they occur in long and frequent bursts when they are very annoying. In such pronounced cases, beta-blockers (such as Inderal) may be used to regulate the pulse.

Premature ventricular contractions (PVCs or ventricular ectopic beats) are more noticeable to the patient because they are stronger. Like PACs, they seldom require treatment and are more a nuisance than an affliction. When they are frequent and multiple, they can be harmful; medicine — such as quinidine or procainamide — will retard their formation.

Ectopic heartbeats are often worsened by fatigue, stress, excitement, nicotine, caffeine, alcohol and other drugs. Therefore, you may be able to reduce their frequency by getting more sleep, learning to cope with stress, drinking decaffeinated beverages, stopping smoking, reducing alcohol and avoiding drugs that seem to make your symptoms worse. Ectopic beats are not hereditary.

Pay doctor for his error?

Smart Money Bruce Williams

DEAR BRUCE: My 18-year-old son is a college student in a community not far from here. He had a severe stomach pain and went to the local emergency room, where they said he may have had food poisoning or simply an upset stomach. They gave him some mild medication and sent him on his way.

The following evening he called me and said he was in a great deal of pain. I went and picked him up and had our own physician check him. He found that my son was suffering from acute appendicitis. He required hospitalization and emergency surgery.

We have now received a bill from the emergency room. Since they misdiagnosed, should we be responsible for paying the bill?

M.F., BATON ROUGE, LA.

DEAR M.F.: In my opinion, yes. Medical science might better be called "medical art" because, indeed, it is an art rather than an exact science. I am sure that the emergency room did their very best to diagnose your son's difficulty. It may well be that the condition worsened considerably over the following 24 hours and would have been difficult or impossible to diagnose at first.

It's only my opinion, but it would seem to me, in any event, that the physician's bill should be paid.

DEAR BRUCE: I have selected an automobile that I would like to replace my current car. I have done a good deal of research and believe this car to be one that will best serve my needs.

My problem is there is only one dealership for this car in the area and when I asked them if I could take an extended test drive, they said no. The dealership is an uncomfortable about spending this much money without having driving the car and

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FOCUS/Advice

Graduate announcements are premature

DEAR ABBY: Our son is a senior this year, but because he fooled around and skipped school so much, he does not have enough credits to graduate with his class. He plans to go to summer school to get the credits he is short, but he is not allowed to participate in the graduation ceremonies with the rest of his class.

The graduation announcements, thank-you cards, etc. had to be ordered months ago. (They cost me \$75.) Since my son won't be graduating, I don't think we should send out any announcements. His grand-mother thinks that we should go ahead and send the graduation announcements, a note should be enclosed explaining the situation.

My son wants them sent because of the money and gifts he might receive. What do you think?

DEAR TUB: I think you should not send graduation announcements until there is a graduation to announce.

DEAR ABBY: You had a letter in your column from a young girl whose parents were divorced. She complained that her mom had to work two jobs because her father fails to send support checks.

Abby, please be fair and print this letter. It's from a daddy who does pay child support money, but Mom spends it on something other than the child. In my case, my ex-wife sends her son to me whenever it suits her convenience. When the boy arrives (he's now 12 years old), his clothes are shabby, his shoes have holes in the soles, he wears no socks, and he carries a battered suitcase with underwear that's ready for the rag bin. My first job is to get the boy a haircut and buy him some decent clothes and shoes.

Abby, something should be done about monitoring "Mom" to be sure that the support checks she receives are spent on supporting the child.

EQUAL TIME IN NEWARK, N.J.

DEAR EQUAL TIME: I received many letters such as yours. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: So, Daddy doesn't send the support money? Well, I am one daddy who has sent \$2,000 a month for the support of my two children, but Mommy tells them that their father is a rich but stingy man who doesn't give her enough money to support them.

Abby, in addition to the \$2,000 a month, I pay tuition and transportation to their boarding schools. (Mother does not work, but she sends my children to boarding schools anyway.)

At Christmas time, I give each child \$1,000 for clothes, but they don't need it because of their mother's penny-pinching. It is because their mother keeps putting off taking them shopping for the clothes. Last Easter, the children were put on a plane to spend the holiday with me, and they arrived looking like a pair of ragamuffins.

I am sure this letter could have been written by many fathers, so you can sign it.

DIVORCED DAD ANYWHERE USA OR CANADA

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for giving your personal stamp of approval to the suggestion that all wedding guests wear name tags — especially when the bride's family members have never met any of the groom's family. I would add yet another suggestion: Along with the name, indicate "affiliation" — such as "Mildred Shannon, cousin of the groom," or "Paul Brownell, brother of the bride."

BILL ARMSTRONG, NEWPORT BEACH

The facts about drugs, AIDS and how to prevent unwanted pregnancy are all in "Teen Should Know." To order, send your order for \$3.50 to: Dear Abby's Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 99, Morris, Ill. 62454. (Postage is included.)

Imports of beef untested

By Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — Shoppers in supermarket produce sections have to think twice before buying fruit that may be tainted with unwanted chemicals. Now federal auditors have uncovered a far more widespread danger in the meat department.

The top five importers of meat to the United States — Argentina, Australia, Canada, Denmark and New Zealand — don't always test their beef and pork for drugs banned in the United States. Some of the drugs have been outlawed for health reasons.

The Agriculture Department compounds the danger by using spotty inspection methods when the meat Merco always knows when imported. The USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service.

Whose fault is it? The USDA counts on the Customs Service to tell it when foreign meat arrives, but that doesn't always happen. In some ports, Customs officials accept the promise that the importer will voluntarily submit the meat to USDA inspection. Fat chance if the importer has something to hide.

Our associate Stewart Harris has obtained an audit from the files of the USDA inspector general, which reveals there is no guarantee that the USDA always knows when imported meats have been in the country.

Lester Crawford, director of the Food Safety Inspection Service, blames the Customs Service. But the industry blames Crawford's agency. His audit is supposed to ensure that imported meats can pass the same tests applied to home-grown meats. If Crawford and the Customs Service have a failure to communicate, it is Crawford's responsibility to bridge the gap.

While the two agencies bicker about who is to blame, millions of pounds of imported meat has sailed through unchecked. The USDA inspector general also faults Crawford's agency for refusing to trace where that meat has been.

Sources tell us that Crawford was apoplectic when he first heard the news from the foreign suppliers is not reassuring. The inspector general found that meat from five top foreign suppliers does not always meet USDA standards. More than 45 percent of the 2.6 billion pounds of meat imported by the five countries in 1987 came from those five countries.

At the time of the investigation, Argentina and Denmark didn't even test the cooked meat they sent to the United States to determine if it was mixed with horse meat, rancid fat, indigestible parts such as testicles, Denmark and Argentina did test, the meat was not selected by accepted random-sampling methods.

Denmark did not test for chloramphenicol, which is banned in the United States, or for drugs that control parasites. Danish authorities said there was no need for the tests because chloramphenicol is illegal here and anti-parasites are under strict control.

Federal investigators found little testing was done for 149 drugs banned from use in the United States, but widely used in the five exporting countries. Most of the drugs are fed to cattle and swine only intermittently, but the auditors said the USDA should insist on the tests anyway.

Australia, Denmark, Argentina and New Zealand all treat turkeys with dimetridazole, a drug banned in the United States. But little or no testing is done for that drug on meat sent to American consumers.

The USDA has asked for additional testing for some drugs, but will let other procedures slide. According to an official USDA spokesman, the drugs those foreign test methods may not be the same as tests used in the United States, but they achieve the same results.

New and very tough rules on 'T&E' business expenses

Sylvia Porter

Carolyne is single, but she supports her father and mother — both of whom are ill. Carolyne's adjusted gross income is \$137,500. Her T&E expenses are \$2,000 for the year, \$10,000 on food and entertainment; \$10,000 on travel expenses; the result is that \$5,000 of the food and entertainment qualifies as a deductible item (80 percent — \$10,000), and the \$10,000 travel costs also qualify. However, and this is crucial, minus the 2 percent figure.)

One result is that Carolyne loses \$4,750 in deductions — and it could be worse. The T&E deductions do not reduce adjusted gross income; they reduce taxable income. And in Carolyne's case, that will become extremely important.

Here's why. Because Carolyne's parents are both severely ill, she is advised by their physicians to put them into a facility that will provide the medical care they require. The annual cost is \$37,500.

While this medical care is a deductible item, it is deductible only to the extent that it exceeds 2 percent of adjusted gross income. So on these facts, \$10,013 (7.5 percent of adjusted gross income) of the medical deduction would be lost.

Is there anything that can be done to come up with a better tax result? You bet!

Carolyne has a long talk with her employer. The work out an

Heart problem often harmless

Dr. Gott Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My physician has diagnosed me as having ectopic heartbeats. My mother has PVCs. Are these the same? I realize they require no attention but I find my problem irritating. Is there any medicine to regulate my situation?

DEAR READER: Ectopic heartbeats (contractions not under the control of the heart's normal pacemaker) are common and, in general, harmless.

Ectopic beats can arise from the atria (low-pressure heart chambers) or from the ventricles (high-pressure chambers). They can cause fluttering in the chest or an unusual awareness of heartbeat that may be irregular.

Premature atrial contractions (PACs or atrial ectopic beats) rarely last for extended periods and require no treatment, unless they occur in long and frequent bursts when they are very annoying. In such pronounced cases, beta-blockers (such as Inderal) may be used to regulate the pulse.

Premature ventricular contractions (PVCs or ventricular ectopic beats) are more noticeable to the patient because they are stronger. Like PACs, they seldom require treatment and are more a nuisance than an affliction. When they are frequent and multiple, they can be harmful; medicine — such as quinidine or procainamide — will retard their formation.

Ectopic heartbeats are often worsened by fatigue, stress, excitement, nicotine, caffeine, alcohol and other drugs. Therefore, you may be able to reduce their frequency by getting more sleep, learning to cope with stress, drinking decaffeinated beverages, stopping smoking, reducing alcohol and avoiding drugs that seem to make your symptoms worse. Ectopic beats are not hereditary.

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LOCAL & STATE

Phillips in national program

Grace Phillips, a senior at Manchester High School, has been selected as the Connecticut student who will participate next month in a research program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy at the Argonne National Laboratory in Argonne, Ill.

The program, from June 19 to June 30, will provide students with experience in work with ceramics and superconductivity. One student from each state has been chosen for the program.

Phillips was chosen for the honor by a committee from the Connecticut Science Teachers Association on the basis of academic standing and of superior achievement in science or mathematics.

School's calendar is ready

The calendar of the Keeney Street School PTA, containing artwork done by students and bearing the signature of every student in the school, will be on sale until September. Part of the proceeds from the sale of the calendar each year are donated to the Lutz Children's Museum. The donations are made to acknowledge the contribution made by Lutz to the education of elementary school children.

'Black cats with white tails' plaguing Martha's Vineyard

By Kevin Galvin
The Associated Press

TISBURY, Mass. — It's spring and time on Martha's Vineyard and the locals are girding for what's become an annual influx of arrogant, offensive pests who walk the streets at night and hang out at restaurants.

It's not tourists it's skunks. Herds of the "black cats with white tails" have inhabited the island, taking up residence in houses, rummaging through restaurant garbage, intimidating vacationers, terrorizing kids and, frankly, stinking up the place.

"They're really bold and brassy. You can see them on the main streets, you can see them walking around anywhere," said Diane Goodale, animal control officer for the Vineyard Haven section of town. "If you're fishing at night, they'll just come right up to you."

Dead fish along the shore, ground nesting birds and plenty of woods make the island an ideal habitat for skunks. And state wildlife officials and animal control officers in the island's six towns say their telephones don't stop ringing in the springtime when baby skunks are born and the warm weather makes the beasts more active.

Fin Miller was the man many residents hired from 1982 until his retirement in 1987 to rid their property of the raccoons, skunks and feral cats that were giving

them headaches.

During that five-year period, he said, he trapped nearly 500 skunks. Another trapper was said to have caught about 300 a year during the period.

"I found they're repulsive to Devil Dogs and Twinkies. People used to call it junk food but I used to call it skunk food," Miller said. "I could catch a skunk on any place, except the Presbyterian church steeple. They haven't gotten up there yet."

Many islanders swear that, at least since Colonial times, no skunks were on the island before the late 1950s. How they returned to Martha's Vineyard is a touchy matter involving old allegations that have flourished into local lore.

Legend has it that the skunk population was revived when Vineyard Haven native Craig Kingsbury brought two unsexed skunks — one male and one female — and set them free to roam with the oxen, cattle and goats on his farm some 30 years ago.

Kingsbury, 77, swears it's not true.

He blames vacationers for bringing baby skunks and raccoons over and pets abandoning them on the island when the cuddly critters got big and nasty.

The old farmer said he was accused by his neighbors because a family of abandoned skunks took up residence on his property.

"The skunks moved on in my farm and I didn't bother them, kill them, or have a fil over them. I just left them alone," he said, and laughed at the typical city vacationer's fear of wildlife.

"Anything bigger than a field mouse puts them in a trauma," he said.

"For some reason they're always a dead skunk in front of his house. If you don't see them, you can smell them," Goodale said.

The 100-square-mile island has few predators to control the skunk population.

"They only have one natural enemy, and that has four wheels," said Peter Kazianka, operations manager of the island's trash disposal agency.

Sandra Lucas of the state's Environmental Police said the problem is really part-skunk and part-people. She said if residents could learn to cut their garbage close up basement windows and not scatter the skunks people could coexist with the mammals.

Wildlife workers occasionally are called to come to the aid of a skunk found stumbling along with a head trapped in a yogurt container or jelly jar. But more often, they get complaints.

Lucas' favorite comes from people who call to say their dog was sprayed while he was out running around the neighborhood.

"They violate the leash law, their dog gets sprayed, and they want me to kill the skunk," she said.

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"I think that was just indicative of how angry people are over this devastation," Ms. Waite said.

Another group, the 285,000-member Wilderness Society, hasn't sent out an appeal for contributions related to the spill but has received about \$50,000 in unsolicited funds, according to Rebecca Wadler, vice president for membership and development.

Other groups, such as the National Audubon Society, said it was too early to assess the impact of the oil spill on membership or contributions. However, Audubon spokesman Robert San-George said the spill clearly would help.

"We're in the ironic situation where possibly the nation's greatest environmental catastrophe ever is causing this increased interest in environmental organizations," San-George said. "It's a paradox."

He and other conservationists

stressed that the upswing in sympathy for environmental causes began well before the spill. Most dated it to last year, when U.S. beaches were awash in pollution and a heat wave gave rise to concerns about global warming, which has been tied to air pollution.

Greenpeace estimates that it has been adding members at a rate of 50,000 a month since autumn and now has 1.35 million members. The Wilderness Society figures its growth rate has doubled during the past year to about 8,000 to 10,000 new members a month.

Contributions to the National Audubon Society were up 30 percent over the past year, according to San-George. Although membership was up only slightly, to about 575,000, San-George said that is because the organization has been in a "no-growth mode" and hasn't been soliciting new members.

The oil spill, said Fred Krupp, executive director of the Environmental Defense Fund, has been an important event in a series of important events that have heightened public interest.

But Krupp and some of his colleagues are wary of the apparent change in attitude.

"The fundamental lesson of the environmental politics is that the public's interest in gains doesn't always translate into workable solutions," Krupp said.

For instance, he said, last summer's beach pollution prompted legislation that stiffened penalties for polluters, but did little to reduce the sources of pollution.

"The spotlight is now focused on environmental organizations," Krupp said. "It's both a great opportunity and also a challenge. As environmentalists, we need to make sure that this support translates into real gains and not just proclamations."

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The letter was signed by 100 other officers, said another source.

A strong statement of support for the students came from National People's Congress Chairman Wan Li, known as a leader in the reformist camp, who was quoted as saying "we will firmly protect the patriotic enthusiasm of the young people in China."

Li's inability to enforce martial law is indicative of an intense power struggle. Li emerged as a hardliner during the protests and appeared to have won a power struggle with Communist Party General Secretary Zhao Ziyang, who was more sympathetic to the students' demands.

Chinese sources said Zhao has resigned in protest, but no official confirmation has been given. Others were stationed at state-run media but apparently did not disrupt news operations, which

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continued to report freely on the situation. Newspapers were published but largely went unaltered because of transportation problems.

Beijing Vice Mayor Zhang Baifa appeared on television and urged demonstrators to remove the barricades on streets. He said the city's supplies of coal, liquefied gas and staple foods were dwindling.

Under martial law, the city government banned marches, strikes, class boycotts, spreading rumors and any criticism of leaders. The bans were widely ignored. A special city command group responsible for maintaining martial law was created.

Foreign reporters were told they could not conduct interviews, take pictures or make tapes or videos on the streets, in work places and at several other locations.

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Mitterand flew to Paris.

Bush's comments came as pro-democracy students occupied Tiananmen Square in Beijing in violation of martial law for a third day. Despite repeated rumors of an imminent military crackdown, the Chinese army had not moved to evict the protesters.

Bush, who served as U.S. envoy to China in 1974-1975, said, "I think this perhaps is a time for us to see if we can see the Chinese people have democracy."

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The TV film showed a young boy giving water to a smiling soldier armed with a rifle. The boy and hundreds of people surrounded the military vehicles.

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SPORTS

MHS runs away with large school title



LEADERS — East Hartford High's Kris Sanson leads South Windsor's Heather Cayward and East Catholic's Nancy Byrne during the running of the 1600-meter run at Saturday's Greater Manchester Invitational at Pete Wigren Track. The three finished in that order.



FAR IN FRONT — Manchester High's Craig Hempstead is all alone during the running of the 1600-meter run Saturday.

Hempstead dominating force in Invitational distance events

By Jim Tierney
Manchester Herald

If an award had been presented to the outstanding middle distance/distance performer at Saturday's Greater Manchester Invitational at Pete Wigren Track, there would have been one unanimous choice — Manchester High senior Craig Hempstead.

Hempstead, who placed seventh in the State Open Cross Country Championships at Wickham Park in November to earn All-State honors, was a dominating force in the 1600- and 3200-meter events.

Darting out to the lead at the sound of the gun in the 1600, Hempstead left his adversaries in his wake, cruising to an easy victory in a personal record time

of 4:25.3.

"I told him that he had to go out hard in the 1600 because he doesn't have a strong finishing kick," Manchester Coach George Sutor said.

No kick was necessary for Hempstead on this day.

"Coach Sutor figured it out that we would have a better shot (at winning the meet) if I did the mile alone rather than the 5000," Hempstead explained. "We could get more points. That's mainly why I did it. I was pleased with that (time) especially in this heat."

Temperatures were in the mid-80s throughout the meet. In the 3200, Hempstead sat on the heels of South Windsor's Pat O'Neill for three laps and then

own hands. In the wink of an eye, Hempstead passed O'Neill and opened up an insurmountable lead. He crossed the finish line in a time of 9:58. Hempstead led a 1-2-4-4 Indian finish in the 3200, which earned the Indians 23 crucial points and locked up the team title in the large school division.

"I got a bad start. I got boxed in," Hempstead said of his performance in the 3200. "And I just saw O'Neill out there. So, I said I might as well go after him. I know he (O'Neill) has been sick. I thought I'd sit on him for three laps and see how he looks. And then if I could go by him without him really trying I would."

Hempstead, along with senior

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By Jim Tierney
Manchester Herald

With two events remaining in Saturday's Greater Manchester Invitational at Pete Wigren Track, the Manchester High boys' team lead in the large school division had been sliced to a mere five points.

Now, it was up to Manchester boys' coach George Sutor to unveil his final move in this exciting meet. Defending champion East Hartford lurked behind the Indians in second place.

Up to that point, Sutor had received several fine performances from his Indians, including an improbable double by senior Will Rivera in the 400-meter dash and 800-meter run. Rivera finished in a tie for third place in the highly competitive 400. In the 800, Rivera surged around the field runners at the top of the final stretch and then caught and passed the runner in second place, Indian 4 x 400 relay which placed second.

Sutor had his four best distance runners — seniors Craig Hempstead, Todd Liscomb, Dave Ghabrial and Zack Allaire — entered in the 3200 meters. Hempstead assumed early leader Pat O'Neill of South Windsor's triple jump with a meet record effort of 34 feet 8 inches, and took

three other Indians which really broke East Hartford's back.

Liscomb, in fourth place for much of the race, ran an inspired final half mile to gain second place. Ghabrial caught a fading O'Neill and took fourth place while Allaire secured sixth. The 12-44 Indian finish earned Manchester 23 points and the meet with a total of 116 points. East Hartford went pointless in the 3200 and took second place overall with 96 points.

"I'm real happy," Sutor said. "We knew we had to score a lot of points in the 3200. In order to get there we had excellent performances. They ran real smart in the 3200. Liscomb knew a time of 44."

Manchester will host East Hartford in a dual meet Tuesday afternoon to decide the CCC East title.

On the girls' side, Manchester, which won the large school division last year, took third behind runaway winner South Windsor (99 1/2 points) and East Hartford (68). The Indians held on for third with 52 1/2 points.

An early mixup in the hurdles and a disqualification in the 4 X 100 relay proved costly to the Indians.

"We were snake-bitten today," Manchester girls' coach Barry Berquist said. "South Windsor's kids performed extremely well. They did a superb job."

An Alicia Cruz won the triple jump with a meet record effort of 34 feet 8 inches, and took

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Chabot new to track scene but proving to be talented

By Jim Tierney
Manchester Herald

After the performance of East Catholic senior Paul Chabot at the Greater Manchester Invitational Saturday at Pete Wigren Track, first-year Eagle Coach Leo Facchini yearned for a longer track season.

Chabot, who was an all-league performer on the Eagle football team at offensive tackle and linebacker in the fall, decided to come out for track this spring for the first time and take a crack at the shot put and discus.

Facchini, who is also the head football coach at East, knew Chabot possessed the strength and athletic ability to excel in the weight events. Competing against 16 other schools on Saturday, Chabot more than held his own.

Chabot accounted for 14 of the Eagle boys' 17 points in the track season by placing third in the shot put and then securing second in the discus with a toss of 138 feet, 5 inches.

"I wish I had him another year. I'm very pleased with him. This was a very pleasant surprise today. I think this performance of his today finally made him realize that this is something he can be really good at."

The 6-2, 215-pound Chabot, who will attend the University of Rhode Island next year and try out for the football team as a walk-on, was a bit leery about his track ability at the start of the season.

"He was a little apprehensive at first," Facchini explained. "Once he found that he might have some talent, he was pretty good. His work ethic is very good. He's a good listener and he's a good athlete."

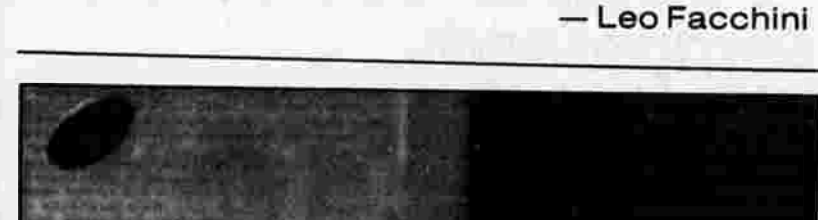
If Facchini had his druthers, the track season would be extended for another few weeks due to Chabot's latent talent.

"I think he'd easily be over 50 feet in the shot and over 100 feet in the discus if the season were to go a little longer," Facchini said.

Left for Chabot this season will be the All-Connecticut Conference Championships on Tuesday before he competes in the Class I state meet on June 3, and, as his ever-improving talent dictates, probably the State Open on June 7.



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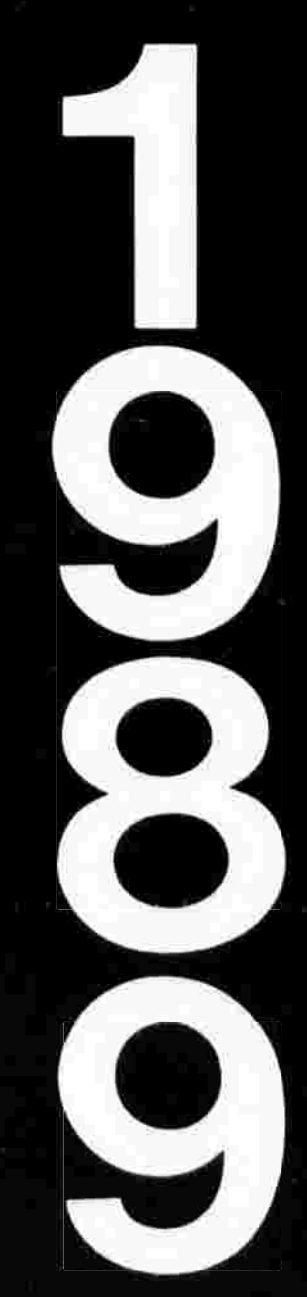
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