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Budget hearing attracts crowd

Little effect on GOP

By BRIAN M. TROTTA
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Republican members of the Board of Directors say that the public outpouring Tuesday's special hearing on the proposed \$550,000 cut to the education budget did little to change their

meanwhile, Democratic directors say they hope that the hearing will at least prompt the Republican majority to reduce the cut from \$550,000 to \$275,000. "This will not affect the amount of the cut," said Director Ronald [Name obscured]. Please see GOP, page 8.

Many object to education cuts

By BRIAN M. TROTTA
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Nearly 500 people attended a public hearing Tuesday to speak out on a proposed \$550,000 cut in the education budget. Speakers opposed the cut outnumbered its supporters by more than three to one. But after the meeting, the Republicans said they would stand their ground and

make the cut despite the pleading of the students, teachers, parents and other taxpayers. Republican Mayor Terry Workhoven set the tone for the meeting right away, prefacing the speakers' remarks by asking them to "respect the members of the Board of Directors. If you don't, you will be asked to sit down." None of the 64 people who spoke during the three-hour hearing was asked to stop speaking, though many of

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LAST TRABANT — One the symbol of middle class in the class-less East German society, the Trabant car has not losted out to the flood of automobiles available to all in Germany now. The last Trabant rolled off the assembly line Tuesday.

Bush promises limited harm in agreement

By RITA BEAMISH
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush is promising to protect U.S. workers and the environment from negative effects of a free trade agreement with Mexico, administration officials say. The president today planned to announce "complete action plans" dealing with congressional concerns about the impact that removing tariffs with Mexico would have on labor and the environment, one official said. Bush developed the plan as part of his campaign to persuade Congress to give him a free trade — so-called fast-track authority — to negotiate an amendment-proof trade agreement with Mexico. Opponents of the fast-track extension, including textile makers, consumer activists, environmentalists, organized labor and some farm groups, contend a free trade agreement could prompt an exodus of

jobs to Mexico, where wages are a fraction of U.S. levels.

Critics also claim lax enforcement of environmental regulations south of the Rio Grande would give companies that relocate in Mexico a competitive advantage over those that remain in the United States. Others fear that Mexican produce treated with pesticides that don't meet U.S. standards would enter the country.

Bush's plan, according to officials who spoke Tuesday on condition of anonymity, promises:

—An assistance program that would identify workers who lost their jobs because of the free-trade agreement and give them money for training, relocation and other costs of finding new work.

—Negotiations between the Environmental Protection Agency and its Mexican counterpart on better cooperation in enforcement of environmental protection along the border.

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Effects of lower interest rate questioned

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — While the Federal Reserve resolved one economic mystery with its unusually forceful cut in interest rates, the bigger question remains: will it be enough to lift the U.S. economy out of recession? The Bush administration, buoyed that the Fed had finally taken its hints for another round of interest rate cuts, insisted that it saw no reason to change its forecast of an economic

revival within the next two months. However, some private economists said that even with the Fed's decision Tuesday to slash two key interest rates, they were revising their forecasts to push the recovery off until later in the year. "We are convinced that the economy is still sliding," said Lawrence Meyer, who heads a St. Louis economic consulting firm. "The Fed's action will help, but the momentum at this point is down." While Meyer said he believed the economy would return to

growth by the July-September quarter, other economists did not see a rebound until the fourth quarter of this year or perhaps early 1992.

"The notion of a mid-year upturn more and more looks like a pipe dream," said Allen Sinai, chief economist of the Boston Co. "The economy remains mired in a recession."

The Fed's decision to engage in a double-barreled round of credit-easing did resolve one dispute among economists. Some

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State ranked low in managing funds

HARTFORD (AP) — Connecticut has drained its reserve funds, played too many games with its pension accounts, and otherwise engaged in "much tomfoolery," a financial magazine said in giving the state poor marks for financial management.

Financial World ranked Connecticut 46th out of the 50 states in its second annual survey of how states manage the financial resources available to them. The magazine analyzed budgets passed in 1989 and 1990, as well as elements of the systems each state uses to arrive at a budget.

The magazine ranked Connecticut 43rd in its study a year ago. In the survey released Tuesday, Connecticut finds some company at the bottom from its neighbors in the Northeast: New York was ranked 43rd, Maine 48th, Vermont 49th and Massachusetts 50th.

The top five states, according to the study, were Utah, Missouri, Maryland, Virginia, and South Carolina. In a critique of Connecticut's financial management, the magazine credited state government for a decent system of evaluating programs and good controls on roads and bridges. It went downhill after that. The

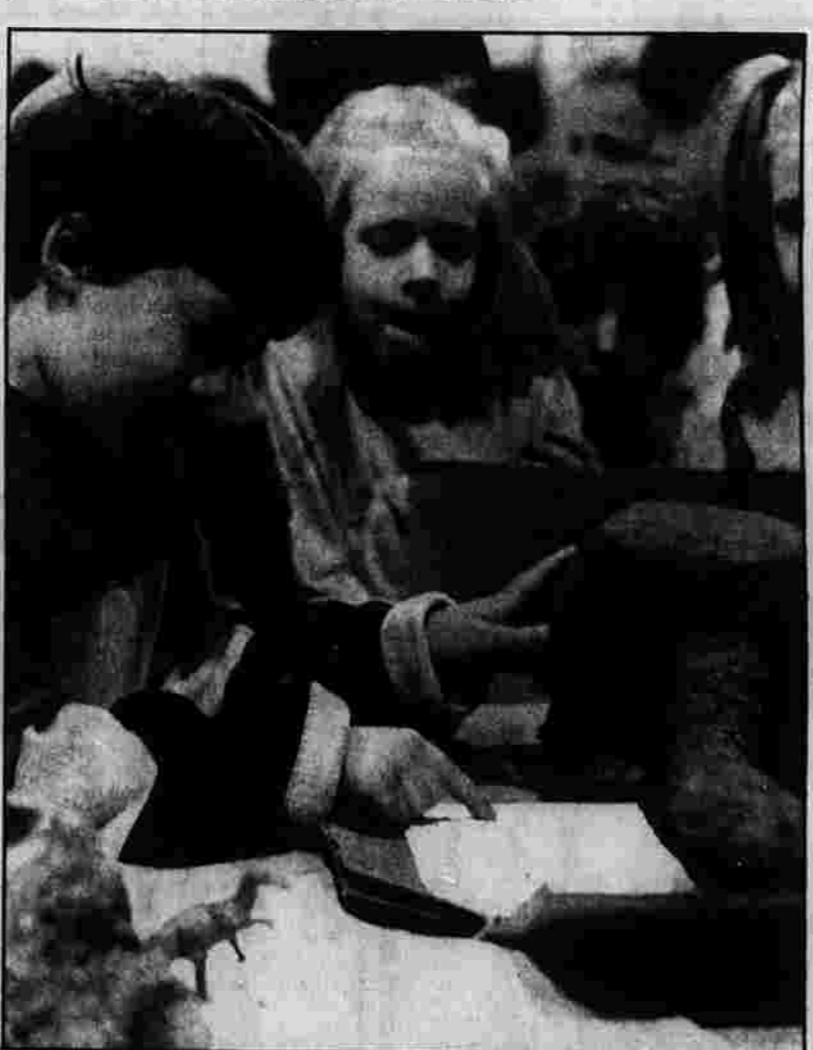
magazine said Connecticut has drained its reserves, has a high unfunded liability in pension accounts, and "meager long-range planning." The magazine was particularly critical of the budgets arrived at in the spring of 1989 and 1990 by the General Assembly and the O'Neill administration.

Those budgets contained "much tomfoolery," the publication said, including unjustified changes in the assumptions about pension funds and cuts in contributions to those funds. Revenues were also shifted forward in time and expenses back to give the appearance of a balanced budget.

William Cibes, the Weicker administration's budget chief, said he was confident that Gov. Lowell P. Weicker's proposed budget for fiscal year 1991-92 would not be rated as poorly. But he acknowledged that the administration continues to tinker with payment schedules for pension funds.

As a Democratic state representative last year, Cibes was instrumental in drafting the budget that the magazine criticized. To balance that budget, the Legislature increased its estimate of the earning power of pension funds, and then

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CLASS ART — Jonathan Passaro, a first-grader at Koenig Street School, explains his project, the brontosaurus, to classmates during an Art Expo held at the school. Over 100 student projects were displayed as part of the exposition.

Casino issue jumbled

HARTFORD (AP) — Gov. Lowell P. Weicker's push for emergency legislation to block a gambling casino on Indian land could send the long battle over state gambling back to court.

In a last-minute attempt to stop the Mashantucket Pequot Indians from opening a casino on their Ledyard reservation, Weicker said Tuesday he wants emergency legislation passed to outlaw charity-sponsored "Las Vegas nights."

A state law allowing Las Vegas nights was instrumental in giving the Mashantucket the right to open a casino on their reservation, despite the state's objections. "If the Legislature passes the law, the likelihood is high that we'll be back in court," said state Attorney General Richard Blumenthal.

Repealing the law allowing Las Vegas nights "would provide a very strong, very powerful argument, for the state's position," Blumenthal said.

The casino would be the only one in New England, and the Indians hope to open it by late fall.

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News In Brief

Weicker vetoes ticket quota bill

HARTFORD (AP) — Gov. Lowell P. Weicker Jr. issued his first veto, rejecting a bill that had sailed through the General Assembly prohibiting state or local police departments from setting ticket quotas for troopers or patrolmen.

"This is not to endorse the use of ticket quotas," Weicker said Tuesday in his veto message to Secretary of the State Pauline R. Kezer. "However, I believe police officials need the ability to direct enforcement activity where it is most needed and effective, particularly in the fight against drunken driving and drugs."

Firm lays off 130

WINDSOR LOCKS (AP) — Hamilton Standard today notified 130 employees they will be laid off effective May 10. Company President Robert M. Kuhn said budget cuts and program "stretch outs" in the defense and space markets, as well as reduced commercial air travel, have slowed business.

Hamilton Standard has laid off about 1,000 of its Connecticut employees in the last year. Its Connecticut work force now stands at about 10,500, the company said.

Indicators rise again in March

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's chief economic forecasting gauge rose 0.5 percent in March, its second consecutive monthly advance, the Commerce Department said today.

The increase in the March Indicators followed a revised 1.2 percent gain in February, stronger than the 1.1 percent estimate announced earlier. The February advance had ended a string of six losses stretching back to July, when the index was flat.

That's when the current recession started, according to the National Bureau of Economic Research, the recognized arbiter of when recessions begin and end.

The index is designed to forecast economic activity six to nine months in advance.

Automakers face worst losses ever

DETROIT (AP) — The Big Three automakers wrapped up what is expected to be their worst quarter in history, with losses of more than \$2 billion. But analysts say the worst is about over.

General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. on Tuesday reported a combined first-quarter loss of \$2 billion. Chrysler Corp. was expected to release its earnings figures for the first three months of 1991 today.

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About Town

25th anniversary celebration

St. Bridget School, 74 Main St., Manchester, will hold its 25th Anniversary Celebration on Friday and Sunday at the school. On Friday night, there will be hors d'oeuvre. There will be a Mass on Sunday followed by an open house with coffee and donuts. All alumni, past parents and friends are invited. Please call the school for reservations at 649-7731.

VFW poppy month

The Manchester VFW and the Women's Auxiliary are starting the Poppy Drive for the support of disabled veterans this month. The money goes for the DAV, hospitals, needy families, wives and children of vets and nonvets to quietly pay for fuel or grocery bills without fanfare. Your change is needed to help the void. Please buy and wear a buddy poppy. Honor the dead by helping the living.

Bridge results

Duplicate bridge games are held three times each week. All games are open to the public and bridge players are invited to come with or without a partner. The following are the results from recent games: Monday, Apr. 22, 9 a.m. — N-S: 1) Carl and Hal Lucal, 2) Eleanor Berggren and Sara Mendelsohn, 3) John Greene and Al Berggren, 4) C.D. McCarthy and Peter Griffiths; E-W: 1) Pat Schackner and Lettie Jane Glen, 2) Bev Cochran and Tom Regan, 3) Mary Sullivan and Bev Taylor, 4) Ginny Peterson and Terry Daigle. Tuesday, Apr. 23, 7:15 p.m. — N-S: 1) Helen and Erv Cross, 2) Joe Wang Masulli and Bill Guernsey, 3-4) Ruth Kuzma and Ted Yamparis, 3-4) Ellen Goldberg and Susan Henry; E-W: 1) Paula LeMaire and Clayton Parker, 2) Fran and Sy Rosenberry, 3) Hal Chapin and Tony Longo, 4) Frankie Brown and Phyllis Pierson. Thursday, Apr. 25, 9 a.m. — N-S: 1) Linda Simmons and Peg Arsenaux, 2) Eleanor Berggren and Louise Miller, 3) Sara Mendelsohn and Barbara Anderson, 4) C.D. McCarthy and Peter Griffiths; E-W: 1) Mary Willshaw and Terry Daigle, 2) Edie Boucher and Doris Gorsch, 3) Mike Franklin and Tom Regan, 4) Bev Cochran and Carol Lucal.

AARP trip schedule

The following is a list of the trips the Conn. North East Chapter #604, AARP will have during the year. May 13 to 17, Virginia Beach, leaving Manchester Senior Citizen Center at 7 a.m. June 18, Peaches Place, Wiltamington, VT, leaving Concordia Lutheran Church at 7 a.m. Sept. 18 to 20, Alexandria Bay, NY to visit Riveridge Resort and the 1000 Islands; deposit of \$25 must be made by July 15. Final payment due August 15. Cost \$254 twin, \$362 single. Oct. 10, Lynn Orchards, Middlefield, CT, with luncheon at Green Fields Restaurant; time to purchase winter supply of food, and then for delightful foliage tour in western part of CT. Cost \$24 pp. Nov. 8 to 10, Maine for a real fun trip; 2 nights at Tradewinds Motel, 2 breakfasts and dinners. Cost \$165 twin, \$209 single, \$160 triple; deposit of \$25 due Sept. 1. Final payment Oct. 1. Send all reservations to Eileen Dalton, 75 Brent Rd., Manchester 06040.

Spring luncheon

The Cosmopolitan Club will hold its Spring Luncheon and annual meeting Friday at the Somers Inn. Those planning to attend are requested to meet at the Amazing Store at noon on car-pool to Somers.

Military Notices

Completes basic training
Army Reserve Pvt. Andrew P. Loew, son of Manfred E.P. and Martha Loew of 50 Loring St., Manchester, has completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.
During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, military weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and military history and traditions.

Business Briefs

Architect joins COC
Richard Abrahams, Architect, of 150 Pine St., Manchester, has joined the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce.
He has been in business independently for one year, and for three years before that he worked for an East Hartford architecture firm specializing in commercial, residential, and office projects. He now specializes in planning and constructing.
He received his bachelor of science degree in architectural technology from the New York Institute of Technology in Old Westbury in 1983.
He is a member of the American Institute of Architects, the Connecticut Society of Architects, and the Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity.

Plourde joins COC
James Plourde and Associates, air purification consultants, located at 480 N. Main St., has joined the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce.
The business is operated by James Plourde and his wife, Celia Plourde.
James Plourde was in the construction and roofing business for 19 years before forming the air purification firm, which provides systems for homes and offices as well as restaurants and other businesses. It also does clean-ups of offensive odors cannot be eliminated by conventional methods.

Opens law practice
Robert J. Lenhardt, Attorney-at-Law, announces the May 1 opening of his Manchester office for the general practice of law at One Heritage Place, Suite 201, in the Old House & Hale building at 945 Main St.
A native of Manchester, Mr. Lenhardt is a 1984 magna cum laude graduate of the University of Connecticut. He went on to receive his law degree from Cornell Law School in 1987. A member of both the Connecticut and New York bars, Mr. Lenhardt also practices in New York City. In addition, he is affiliated with a firm in the greater Boston area.

Weather

Chance of storms

Here is tonight's weather for the greater Manchester area: Increasing clouds with a chance of thunderstorms. Low near 50. South-west wind 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts. Chance of rain 50 percent. Thursday, variable cloudiness with a 30 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. High near 70.
High pressure will rapidly cross New England today then another occluded front will sweep through tonight. Low pressure will continue affecting the area on Thursday.
Weather summary for Tuesday, April 30, 1991:
Temperature: high of 54, low of 50, mean of 52. The normal is 54.
Precipitation: 1.03 inches for the day, 3.54 inches for the month, 22.29 inches for the year.

Today's weather drawing is by Daniel M. Francis, a fourth-grader at Bowers School in Manchester. Those fellows don't seem to mind the rain.



HEAVY STONE — Crewmembers from the Manchester Monument Company prepare the foundation for a memorial stone in East Cemetery. From left to right, George Adams, "Barney," and Stanley Murawski.

Deaths

The town listing of deaths is offered free of charge by the Manchester Herald. Memorials appear under the Deaths Notices heading.

Manchester

Joseph Fine
325 Vernon St.
Patricia A. Moore-Rohan
Douglas L. Phelps
40 Durant St.

Deaths elsewhere

James Spillane Moriarty
Stuart, Florida

Death Notices

Patricia Ann Moore-Rohan
Mrs. Patricia Ann Moore-Rohan, 41, of 62 Fall Mountain Lake Road, Terryville, died Monday (April 29, 1991) at Bristol Hospital following a brief illness. Born in New Britain, February 12, 1950, she was the daughter of Richard H. Moore, retired Chief of Police for the Town of Farmington, and Mrs. Marie C. (Curry) Moore of Old Lyme. Patricia was a graduate of Farmington High School, and received her Associate's degree in Law Enforcement from Tunxis Community College, Farmington. She was a graduate of the Hartford Police Academy, class of 1987, and was a former police officer at the University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, for several years. She was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Vietnam Conflict, and was a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 120, East Hartford. Besides her husband and her parents, she is survived by a son, Richard Christopher Moore of Portland, Maine; a sister, Mrs. Kathleen M. Cook of Deep River; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a brother, Richard Curry Moore, formerly of Farmington, who was a police officer of the Town of Farmington for 22 years. She was the granddaughter of the late Martin J. Moore, retired ser-

James Spillane Moriarty
James Spillane Moriarty, 79, a resident of Manchester most of his life died in Stuart, Florida, Monday, April 29, 1991. Mr. Moriarty attended local schools, graduating from Morse School of Business. He was employed at Gammons-Hoagland and subsequently Tennessee Oil Company, from which he retired. He was an active parishioner of St. Bridget Church. He moved to Florida in 1979. Mr. Moriarty was the son of Thomas and Mary Moriarty and was predeceased by two sisters, Mrs. Irene Shea and Mrs. Lillian Mahoney, and a brother, Thomas F. Moriarty. He is survived by three nephews: Judge John Shea, Mr. Thomas Shea and Mr. Thomas Moriarty Jr. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the John F. Tierney Funeral Home. There will be no calling hours. A funeral mass will be held Friday, at 10:00 a.m., at St. Bridget Church followed by burial at St. Bridget Cemetery. Memorial donations should be made to St. Bridget Church.

Public Meetings

Manchester
Thursday
Cheney Historical Dist. Comm., Cheney Hall (starts tour), 4:30 p.m.
Building Comm., Municipal Bldg. coffee room.

Bolton
Thursday
Conservation Comm., Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Library Directors, Bolton Library, 7:30 p.m.

Coventry
Thursday
Fair Housing Authority, Town Office Bldg., 7:30 p.m.
Veteran's Appreciation, Town Office Bldg., 7:30 p.m.

Hebron
Thursday
Economic Development, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Meeting change

Tonight's special meeting of the Bolton Board of Finance has been switched to the library media center of Bolton High School at 7:30 p.m.

Lottery

Here are the latest lottery results from around New England:

Connecticut
Daily: 7-1-8. Play Four: 3-3-1-9. Lotto: 6-22-30-40-41-2.

Massachusetts
Daily: 9-9-0-8. Mass Millions: 14-23-32-33-35-41. Bonus: 34.

Northern New England
Pick Three: 2-1-3. Pick Four: 1-4-1-3. Rhode Island: Daily: 0-4-8-6. Lot-O-Bucks: 8-17-23-24-35.

Births

BREWER, Katelyne Amara, daughter of Sgt. Gary C. and Corrie L. Anderson Brewer of Arizona, was born at Williams Air Force Base, Ariz. on March 26, 1991. Her maternal grandparents are Martha J. Anderson of Manchester and Bruce D. Anderson of Rangley, Maine. Her paternal grandparents are Haghighi C. and Carol Brewer of Queen Creek, Ariz. Her maternal grandparents are Edgar and Agnes Smith of Manchester. Her paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Tish Brewer of Little Rock, Ark.

KEITH, Lindsey Francis, daughter of Lt. Mark S. Keith and Sherri Robichaud Keith of Hinesville, Ga. was born Jan. 25, 1991. Her maternal grandparents are Kim Neff of Stors and Joseph Robichaud of Glastonbury. Her paternal grandparents are G. Jeffrey Keith of Manchester and Uta Barkowski of Manchester. She has a brother Nicholas, 3, and a sister Tanya, 19 months.

OTTONE, Paige Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas F. and Bridget Jordan Ottone of 152 Lenox St., Manchester, was born April 1, 1991 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Jordan of 74 Henry St., Manchester. She has three sisters, Cori, 13; Clare, 11; and Sarah, 11.

HOOD, Justin Kyle, son of Kevin P. and Joyce Newth Hood of 83 Sass Drive, Manchester, was born March 14, 1991 at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford. His maternal grandmother is Lois Newth, 18 Radding St., Manchester. His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Hood, Windsor Locks. He has a brother Patrick Shady Hood, 8 and a sister Britany Erin Hood, 9 months.

Prisoner commits suicide

By RICK SANTOS
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — A 21-year-old prisoner committed suicide early this morning in a cell at the Manchester Police station, just five hours after being arrested, police said today.

The man was identified as Brad Thomas, of 432 W. Middle Turnpike.

Thomas was arrested at 10:35 Tuesday night and charged with second-degree criminal mischief, interfering with a police officer, and criminal impersonation, according to a news release signed by Henry R. Miner, the acting police chief.

He was being held on a \$2,500 bond and was alone in the cell, Wood said.

The incident was detected by police at 3:40 this morning, when a call was made to the paramedics, the release says. The state's Medical Examiner was notified at 4 a.m.

Wood could not recall any similar incidents during his 25-year tenure with the department, but was not sure there had not been any.

Police are internally investigating the incident, but Wood said they will not release any details about the investigation until it is complete.

Appeals reduce Grand List by \$8m

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Police may be able to release more information by the end of the day, he said.

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- The Special Parking District, which is the downtown Main Street area, was reduced from \$20,441,720 to \$20,078,830. The decrease of \$362,890 is about 1.78 percent.
- The South Manchester Fire District, which includes the special parking district, was reduced from \$1,681,447,225 to \$1,673,760,170. The decrease of \$7,687,055 is about 0.46 percent.
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EPA fines local firm

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MANCHESTER — A local company has been fined \$90,000 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the illegal use and storage of a cancer-causing substance.

The EPA says that 615 Parker St. Associates used a transformer containing PCB's, or polychlorinated biphenyls, on their property at 615 Parker St. The transformer was used to supply power to Lydall Inc. and the company's office.

PCB's are no longer manufactured, but are still used as non-conductive, fire-resistant additives to coolant liquids in heavy electrical equipment. PCB's are suspected carcinogens and are known to cause chloracne, a persistent skin rash.

The EPA said that the company did not register the hazardous chemical with the fire department as required by law, nor did it mark the location of the PCB's.

Also, the company stored combustible materials within five meters of the transformer in violation of federal regulations. The EPA also cited the company for not preparing annual reports and making quarterly inspections of the transformer for leaks.

A state DEP official disclosed the violations during an inspection in May, 1990. All violations have since been corrected, the EPA said.

N.H. co. has low bid

MANCHESTER — Tri-State Restoration Inc. of Salem, N.H., on Tuesday submitted the apparent low bid to remove asbestos from the Lincoln Center and the Municipal Building.

Eight other companies from Connecticut and Massachusetts submitted bids for the two projects, according to documents from the town's General Services Office.

Tri-State's bid for the Lincoln Center asbestos removal is just under \$19,000.

The next lowest bid, almost \$33,000, was submitted by National Abatement Services Inc. of Hingham, Mass. And the highest bid for the base project, \$78,000, came from ACM/M Corp. of New Britain.

For the asbestos removal in the Municipal Building, the company's bid was slightly more than \$16,000. The next lowest bid, about \$24,000, was submitted by National Abatement.

Drug talk planned

MANCHESTER — The Executive Board of the Manchester Council on Substance Abuse Concerns is planning a community conference on the school drug survey to take place in the third or fourth week of June.

"We want the community to tell us what direction to take" in fighting student substance abuse, said Holly Hood, chairwoman of the council's membership committee.

Council members said they will start advertising the conference once they set the time and place for it to occur.

The survey was given to junior high and high school students throughout Manchester in October.

Among other things, the survey revealed that nearly 10 percent of the high school seniors polled said they have used cocaine at least once before, while one third of them said they had ridden in a car at least three times in the past year operated by someone who had been drinking.

Car slams house

By RICK SANTOS
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Changing diapers is a job that is often filled with surprises. Just ask Tracy Telegan of 342 S. Adams St.

While changing her 5-month-old daughter Jessi's diapers Tuesday afternoon, Telegan was interrupted by a loud crash. A 1967 Chevrolet Camaro slammed through the front part of the house she rents and came to rest inside her enclosed porch, just inches from her wall separating the porch from her living room.

Mother and daughter were sitting on a couch that was against that wall.

"Ordinarily, my daughter Kylee's rocking horse is on the porch, but I took it in because of the rain," Telegan said today. "That's why I was so shaken up."

When the accident occurred at about 3:15 p.m., Kylee, who is 20 months old, was upstairs sleeping.

"It didn't even wake her up," Telegan said.

No one was hurt in the accident, including the driver and the passenger of the car.

The driver, Tom Hastings, 18, of Manchester, was charged with reckless driving, driving too fast for existing conditions, and driving with unsafe tires, according to published reports.

After the police were finished dealing with Hastings, Telegan drove him and his passenger home.

"They were just standing there in the rain," she said. "He did apologize. As long as he wasn't driving drunk or on drugs, an accident is an accident."

LOCAL/REGIONAL

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Car slams house

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MANCHESTER — Changing diapers is a job that is often filled with surprises. Just ask Tracy Telegan of 342 S. Adams St.

While changing her 5-month-old daughter Jessi's diapers Tuesday afternoon, Telegan was interrupted by a loud crash. A 1967 Chevrolet Camaro slammed through the front part of the house she rents and came to rest inside her enclosed porch, just inches from her wall separating the porch from her living room.

Mother and daughter were sitting on a couch that was against that wall.

"Ordinarily, my daughter Kylee's rocking horse is on the porch, but I took it in because of the rain," Telegan said today. "That's why I was so shaken up."

When the accident occurred at about 3:15 p.m., Kylee, who is 20 months old, was upstairs sleeping.

"It didn't even wake her up," Telegan said.

No one was hurt in the accident, including the driver and the passenger of the car.

The driver, Tom Hastings, 18, of Manchester, was charged with reckless driving, driving too fast for existing conditions, and driving with unsafe tires, according to published reports.

After the police were finished dealing with Hastings, Telegan drove him and his passenger home.

"They were just standing there in the rain," she said. "He did apologize. As long as he wasn't driving drunk or on drugs, an accident is an accident."

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Tax outcome uncertain; emergency bill possible

By JUDD EVERHART
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — The co-chairman of the General Assembly's tax committee can't predict whether an income tax bill will survive a vote in the committee later this week.

The Finance Committee is expected to vote by Thursday on a tax bill to support the \$7.77 billion budget approved by the Appropriations Committee last week.

But there remains a strong possibility that no tax bill will get out of committee, forcing legislative leaders to send a bill to the floor through emergency procedures.

"We'll vote when we have the votes," said Sen. William A. DiBella, D-Hartford. "We don't have them right now. It's close."

He and co-chairman Rep. Richard T. Mulready, D-West Hartford, both favor an income tax, as does Gov. Lowell P. Weicker Jr. Others, including Republicans and moderate Democrats, are pushing a more conventional package, relying on an expansion of the sales tax.

Rep. Geri Langlois, D-Thompson, one of the General Assembly's most outspoken income tax advocates, said the committee is almost evenly divided on the income tax issue.

"I think it's very close, one or two votes," Langlois said. "A majority of the committee is convinced it's the fairest way to go, but the political situation in some districts prevents people from supporting an income tax."

Committee Democrats met in private Tuesday afternoon to discuss the emergency bill.

Meanwhile, state Rep. Alan Schlesinger, R-Dorby, on Tuesday released his own plan to balance the budget without a state income tax.

Fire damages nuke plant; no radiation released

WISCONSASSET, Maine (AP) — Fire severely damaged the nuclear power plant of the Maine Yankee nuclear power plant, officials said Tuesday. They said the reactor was shut down normally, no radiation was released and nobody was injured.

NRC spokeswoman Diane Scriver said that authorities on the scene reported "a loud boom" preceded the fire, but the cause of the fire was not known. She said the cause of the fire was not known. She said the cause of the fire was not known.

U.S. Rep. Thomas Andrews accused Maine Yankee officials of withholding details about the fire's severity when it began Monday night. Plant officials denied trying to downplay it.

"The public has a right to know exactly what occurred," said Andrews, a Maine Democrat. "They should be given all the details surrounding the accident and the ensuing investigation as quickly as possible."

On Monday night, Maine Yankee officials confirmed a fire had broken out but gave no indication of its severity and said they could provide no details until Tuesday. Late Tuesday morning, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission revealed the first description of the fire and details of the damage.

Company officials believe the fire probably began with a fault, or short-circuit, in the transformer or spark in the generator, said Maine Yankee President Charles Frizzle. That could have ignited hydrogen, which is used as a coolant for the generator.

The company said Tuesday that the plant's main generator may have sustained "serious damage" during the fire, but that it could be several days before the extent was known.

Frizzle called the fire "probably the most serious event" at the plant in its 19 years. He stressed no one was injured and the blaze posed no danger to the public.

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Charles Marshall, the NRC's senior resident inspector at the plant, said the fire was fueled by hydrogen and damaged the plant's main transformer, electrical conductors and wires leading from the generator to the transformer.

Hartford thrift explores sale

HARTFORD (AP) — Society for Savings Bancorp Inc., which sustained a staggering loss in 1990 and has pledged to lay off 10 percent of its work force, is exploring the possibility of selling one or more of its subsidiaries or the entire company.

The company, parent of the 172-year-old Society for Savings bank, said Tuesday it has retained New York investment bank, Goldman, Sachs & Co., to investigate the possibility of selling one or more of its subsidiaries or the entire company.

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assets, including bad loans, and a decline in real estate values. Such problems forced the company to add \$20 million to its loan loss provision.

As a result of its financial troubles, Society's board voted to suspend its quarterly dividend for the first time. The company also plans to get out of commercial real estate, lay off about 140 employees and sell off 40 percent of its assets, which are worth about \$1.6 billion.

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Pop singer as speaker sparks debate at college

FAIRFIELD (AP) — Critics of Fairfield University's decision to invite singer Billy Joel to deliver this year's commencement speech wonder why the man who wrote lyrics like "Catholic girls start much too late" is being honored this year by the Jesuit school.

The five-time Grammy winner was selected to receive an honorary degree from Fairfield and deliver the commencement speech to its 1991 graduating class on May 19.

Critics have pointed to his 1977 hit song, "Only the Good Die Young," as just one reason why Joel should not be honored by the university. Lyrics from the song include, "I'd rather laugh with the sinners than cry with the saints. The sinners are much more fun."

Rev. Thomas Regan, a Jesuit priest and Fairfield spokesman, described the song as "blatantly anti-Catholic." He said it "makes a mockery of a traditional Catholic upbringing."

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The president was also interested in getting a speaker "who would be contemporary for the students, someone who they could relate to and be interested in," Farber said.

"It's not like he's an indicted Watergate criminal," said John Orman, a law professor and author of "The Politics of Rock Music."

"It's a good choice. If it was someone who was a lousy songwriter — someone who wrote a lousy set of tunes for instance — that might have been different."

The Rev. Simon Harko, a Jesuit who teaches religion and also admits to being a Joel fan, said the university "might have been able to find someone" who better represents Jesuit teachings and the philosophy of the order's founder, Ignatius.

But he added: "Joel has a social awareness that scores a lot of points in my book. And besides that, the man is a stunning artist."

Most students are excited by the university's choice of commencement speakers.

"He'll definitely have everyone's attention," said Sharon Neumann, a senior from Long Island, N.Y.

Six Fairfield seniors met with Joel at his Long Island, N.Y., home last week to discuss topics and themes for his speech.

"He was the first commencement speaker who asked to meet with students," said Rob McCann, an American Studies major from Summit, N.J. "He just asked us about ourselves and what Fairfield was like. He was a really nice guy, very involved in humanitarian and social issues."

Jesuits are a Roman Catholic order of religious men, founded by the Spanish soldier, St. Ignatius of Loyola. The order is committed primarily to education and scholarship but also is well known for charity and missionary work throughout the world, with a strong presence in Latin America, Asia and Africa.

This is the first time Joel has been granted an honorary degree from a college, Farber said. Joel is not expected to sing.



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Vote for Eremita

To the Editor:

I have known Mike Eremita both professionally and personally for over ten years and as a taxpayer of Bolton for four years. Since moving to Bolton Mike has shown a genuine concern for the quality of life in Bolton. Mike has already served as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. He is currently serving as an alternate to the Planning Commission.

I urge you, the voters of Bolton, to elect Mike Eremita to the Board of Selectmen so that he may continue to work for us and help ensure the orderly growth and development of Bolton.

Carly A. Preuss
158 Brandy St.
Bolton

Vote third line

To the Editor:

As this campaign draws to a close, I wish to thank those people — Democrats, Republicans, Independents, and private citizens — who expressed their views openly in the good old-fashioned democratic way.

I am pleased that we have brought politics back into the personal level, but that's part of the political process particularly when emotions run high as they have during this campaign.

Nevertheless we have no personal animosity toward any of our opponents. They are fundamentally decent people who care about the future of this town, as do we.

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America's parks needed

SAVANNAH, GA. (MEB) — There was a minor crisis at this charming city's playgrounds some time ago. A basket pup slipped its leash and ran into the dirt where its owner feared it would find the water. "He's only so big and three months old," she said. "If he tries to swim, he'll drown in less than five minutes."

Well, not to worry. It was long past midnight, but there were scads of sympathetic recreationists about, and a search party was quickly organized. Businessmen, housewives, teen-age lovers and off-duty cops, even a traveler from the North — everyone was more than happy to beat the night bushes and whistles up the way.

Welcome to Lake Mayer Community Park. It's a 75-acre oasis in the wastes of a careless and risky world. It's a 24-hour refuge and a model of the kind, little ole gas can walk their little ole dogs here in the little ole hours of the morning, safe from the urban concerns; or jog, bike, boat, fish, and do calisthenics.

The park has baseball, basketball and tennis courts. It has a field of athletic equipment for children, and an 8-foot-wide running track that encircles a 36-acre lake. There are baseball, swimming and motocross facilities. There are also a dozen picnic stations for both the fully mobile and the handicapped.

In sum, it's an encouraging commitment to those who Samuel Johnson said undergo "frequent agitation in the body." I have been visiting the park on trips through Georgia for two decades. It's not unlike community sanctuaries elsewhere in the country, but there should be many more of them than there are.

Jim Golden says one reason there aren't more is money. He is director of county parks and recreation here, and he says taxpayers are reluctant to spend funds on fun and fitness. Lake Mayer was created in the late 1960s, its annual budget is now \$100,000, and some \$1 billion in new equipment.

The money isn't actually spent, however; it's invested in a better budget. Government figures indicate that when Lake Mayer was being constructed the

U.S. death rate (in 1970) was 9.5 people a year per thousand. Today the death rate is about 8.7 per year per thousand. That's almost a full percentage point of progress.

Small wonder there is always a load at Lake Mayer. Even after midnight when the population in many parks consists of raccoons and serial killers. Jim Golden says there is some vandalism now and then, and who knows what people are smoking, but, otherwise, it's lit with sodium lamps and secured by incontinent tradition.

Golden says the park was originally a spring-fed pond. The bulk of the facilities are now grounded on a man-made island. This means the cars are kept at a distance by what amounts to a moat, as are the casual ruffians, and families have the beach, ballfields, grill, picnic tables and a large pavilion shelter to themselves.

Delightful. I use the running track myself. Where are you now, Roger Bannister? I have jogged among men in their 70s, women wearing \$500 warmups, kids who go backward for the hell of it, and I once had a race with an Army veteran in a wheelchair, who, as I turned out, had much better hands than I do a feet.

I raced the veteran the night the dog was lost. He helped organize the hunt when he saw that the owner was frantic. "Puppy looks like a cross between a basset and something else," she said. "In fact, he is a cross between a basset and something else. He has great big ears and he is frightened to death of spiders."

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Rape reports miss point

Frankly, this is a subject I'd just as soon not get into. No matter how you call it, someone will demand you hide on a Rita cracker.

But the publication by several news organizations of the name of the woman who says she was raped by William Kennedy Smith is just too important not to talk about. It is a departure from the practice most members of the media have traditionally adopted — which is to not publish a victim's name. But is it fair to publish the accused's name and not the victim's name? We don't put favorites in other types of crime. Why only in cases of rape?

When we take a look at the history of the treatment of rape victims in our culture and in our courts, the reasoning behind keeping a rape victim's identity private is pretty clear.

First, in many instances where women have been raped, the men in their lives — their husbands, fathers or boyfriends — have looked at them as "damaged goods," as though an exclusivity that they valued is now gone. This is not a way these men chose to feel, but it is still a terribly unfair and tragic consequence to the victims.

Second, defense attorneys in rape trials have tried to paint rape victims as tramps who, if they weren't actually asking for what happened to them, were so immoral that one more sexual incident wouldn't matter. Many victims have been too afraid to prosecute, choosing instead to try their best to put the incident behind them rather than put themselves and their families through the ordeal of a rape trial.

Although practices and laws that shield rape victims from publicity show admirable sensitivity to victims, they ignore the color of William Kennedy Smith's walls or gossip about his bar-hopping. Neither do I want to know, none of that information would give me any kind of idea of whether he committed the rape or not. Is this what we call protecting the public's right to know? Devoting ourselves to creating portraits of alleged victims and criminals that allow us to make subjective judgments about what kind of people they are, rather than concentrating on what the evidence shows?

USA Today Inquiry Editor Barbara Reynolds makes a strong point when she argues that refusing to publish names of rape victims adds to the mystique of rape, and keeps it "behind closed doors and tolerated as part of a macho culture."

She calls on the media to stop attempting to try the case in the press, and instead to focus on the crime and campaign for tougher sentences for rapists.

This is our job. If you take a look at the way the press has historically handled rape, we haven't tallied up a much better score than the judicial system.

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SARAH OVERSTREET

VA wastes money

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs is so paragon of efficiency. VA medical facilities are notoriously inept and wasteful. Now it appears the VA can't even get it right when it comes to one of its basic missions — artificial limbs, wheelchairs and other prosthetic devices for handicapped veterans.

In a report still under wraps, the VA inspector general has recommended that the agency evaluate only five new devices for possible use by veterans. To publish its findings in research journals, the agency was spending three times as much as comparable private research journals cost to print. And in one three-month stretch last year, two technicians in the office had enough work to keep them busy only two and a half hours a day.

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The agency is called the Prosthetic Research and Development Center, and its mission is to put the VA in the forefront of research into wheelchairs, lift devices, artificial limbs, corrective shoes and other things that make life easier for handicapped veterans.

The PRDC has been the subject of internal reviews every year since opened in 1986, but recommendations for improvement were rarely put into action.

Our reporter Cindy Gerner has obtained a copy of a draft report prepared by the inspector general recommending that the VA give up on the PRDC. That draft is now in the hands of the VA, which would only tell us that it is "actively" working on a response. That response will have to be pretty convincing to counteract the damning evidence in the audit.

If the PRDC, with its 55 employees, closes, it would not be a first for the VA. The predecessor of the PRDC was closed in 1982 after the inspector general found gross inefficiencies and poor organization. The research and development work was resurrected as the PRDC in 1986, but it seems the VA is doomed to failure.

The inspector general's report outlines mismanagement, waste of money and lack of work. The arm of the PRDC that evaluates new technology has done only one such evaluation, wasting millions of dollars on salaries, travel and equipment. The branch of the PRDC that tests the market for prosthetics that are on the market is practically useless. It only tests devices that are voluntarily offered by the manufacturers. It has no regulatory power to approve or reject those devices and it duplicates work done better by the Food and Drug Administration.

Another branch of the PRDC is supposed to provide multi-media support for the agency, including keeping an audio-visual library. But the inspector general found that 60 percent of the work done there was not for the PRDC. The unit even made a videotape for the Internal Revenue Service. Despite the low number of work orders, the unit was planning to beef up its staff and buy more than \$350,000 in new equipment.

The Senate Committee of Veterans Affairs has been aware of problems at the PRDC since last June, but there has been no tough prodding from the committee chairman, Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif. In fact, Cranston recently sent a letter to the PRDC with "warm regards," inquiring whether anything had been done to improve the agency since last June.

Domestic Agenda

Our White House sources say President Bush is focusing more attention on the economy, and none too soon. He keeps in daily touch with his chief economic adviser Michael Boskin, who is giving him mixed reports. Consumer confidence was stimulated by the Persian Gulf victory. Oil prices have drifted back to pre-war levels. Housing starts are up. Stock prices are holding. But a massive debt overhangs America like a toxic cloud.

Sharing Blame

The Federal Aviation Administration and the White House Budget Office have wasted years during which air travel could have been safer. Recent studies have shown that many airline passengers who die in crashes are victims of fires on the ground, not victims of the impact. They die in the panic of trying to escape a burning plane. The airline industry has lobbied against making changes in airplane design, and the federal bureaucracy has been reluctant to make the changes mandatory. Escaping through emergency doors are more airline space, just a few of the suggestions, but that would mean money from seeping space, and that means money.

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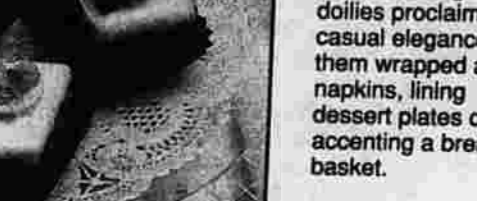
Tips and techniques for the perfect party from experts at Hallmark Cards.

MIX AND MATCH

■ The days of all-paper or all-china entertaining are past. Feel free to use one of the colorful new paper napkin designs with your fine china. Or, use paper products to extend your good china. Try paper dessert plates for appetizers or desserts.

■ No need to stick with the same paper pattern from salad to dessert. Be adventurous in mixing several patterns with solids for a fresh new look. One rule of thumb: make sure the patterns are complementary and share the same color palette. Use a small, repetitive pattern to pull solids and larger patterns together.

■ After a long absence, dollies are one of the hottest new table decorating items. White paper dollies accent a feminine mood, while gold leaf dollies proclaim casual elegance. Use them wrapped around napkins, lining dessert plates or accented a bread basket.



KNOCK 'EM DEAD NAPKINS

■ Roll a paper napkin into a loose cone, top with a medium-stemmed silk flower in a coordinating color, then slide a paper napkin ring over both. Elegant... easy!

■ For a baby shower, fold napkins into the shape of diapers; use a large new diaper pin to hold the folds in place. Sand the pins home with the prospective parents as an additional gift.

■ Keep napkins firmly anchored at an outdoor buffet by wrapping them around cutlery, securing them with a colorful ribbon and standing them upright in a decorative basket.

■ If your menu includes finger foods, your guests will appreciate an extra paper napkin or two. Choose contrasting colors and fan them under the forks. Or create a rainbow effect by wrapping them around the cutlery, slipping on a napkin ring and folding down the top corners.

■ Fold an entire napkin using an accordion pleat and tuck it into a paper napkin holder. You've created a fan effect which is a look sure to win you compliments.

■ Make star flower napkin coasters: Unfold a dinner napkin and place on table, pattern side down. Bring corners to center; crease along fold. Bring corners to center; crease along fold. Turn folded napkin over so that folds are against the table. Bring corners to center; crease along folds. While holding the newly-made center points secure with one hand, reach under the napkin and pull center points from underside out to corners. Continue to hold center secure with one hand, and gently pull remaining center points from underside out and up over the sides of the square. This lifts each of the points and creates a petal effect.

LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT

■ Help guests remember the party long after it's over by presenting them with individual favors. Place a tiny vase with one or two fresh-cut flowers at each place setting. Or, if you have snapshots of your friends, mount them in small decorative frames and set one at each place setting. These personal favors will add to the beauty of your table.

■ A miniature willow basket filled with a sealed package of popcorn makes a thoughtful gift for friends attending a tea. Scatter bouquets of silk and dried flowers with long streamers of curling ribbon around the table. Accent with colorful votive candles in clear glass holders.

■ Use silk ivy and tall tapered candles to decorate your table; then place a tiny pot of living ivy at each guest's place. Other possibilities: tiny herb plants or cacti. Write the name of the plant on the guest's place card.

DINNER WITH MOTHER...NATURE

■ Outdoor gatherings sometimes include unwanted winged visitors. To keep bugs away, set out lots of citronella-scented candles. Use heavy glass holders that won't tip, or anchor with the spikes available in specialty stores.

■ Remember to keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Use insulated containers for hot dishes and set cold foods on a bed of ice.

■ Be prepared to move the party indoors in the event of stormy weather.



Photo courtesy of Hallmark Cards

Forget the place settings with three forks, three knives, two spoons and an array of wine glasses. Turn your back on the black tie bash for 30. Graceful entertaining has taken on a whole new look for the nineties.

"Today's heart-of-the-home entertaining is less formal and more spontaneous than ever before," says Ann Sulkowski, partyware expert at Hallmark Cards, Inc. "That's good news, since Americans are enjoying the pleasure of each other's company more often than ever. Statistics from Hallmark show that more than half of all Americans entertain at least once a month. And 30 percent entertain even more often."

These party-givers prefer small, intimate get-togethers over large parties. And they enjoy the party right alongside their guests, thanks to time-saving products and appliances, such as microwave ovens, deli and restaurant carry-outs and elegant paper partyware.

the after-work break

Time is usually at a premium when preparing for an after-work gathering. Plan ahead and serve simple food. "Limit yourself to two or three simple deli dishes. Serve a light meal of a make-ahead soup or entree with bread accompaniments and premium ice cream with fruit for dessert," says Sulkowski.

"Let others do some of the work for you. Order a beautifully garnished fruit tray from the grocery store. Select ready-in-a-moment vegetables from the salad bar and a variety of bread rolls from the in-store bakery."

Make a to-do list for the weekend before, the night before and the night of the party. If you have a co-host available, divide your night-of-the-party responsibilities in advance. "That way, one of you can pick up the fruit tray and rolls while the other puts the finishing touches on the soup or entree. More importantly, you won't forget any jobs like making coffee," Sulkowski added.

Set the table the night before. Use a bit of raffia accented with dried flowers to tie paper napkins and repeat both the dried flowers and ribbon in a wicker basket centerpiece. Finish the table with place cards for an extra-special touch.

celebrate friendship

The return to home that has made intimate gatherings so popular has signaled a return to honoring special friends, as well. But you don't have to wait for a birthday or retirement to celebrate with someone special.

"Try entertaining your best friends with a garden party," suggests Sulkowski.

These are special people, so go all-out with your party decor and menu. She suggests a contemporary tablesetting using bright, bold designs accented with fresh-cut flowers and easy-to-make napkin coasters.

Mix patterns with solid colors to express your own personal flair. Wrap napkins in paper dollies and tie with a narrow satin ribbon for a special effect. Try pleating napkins like an accordion for a fan effect. Or use Hallmark's new

candles in clear glass holders on a mirror to easily make a shimmering centerpiece. Create a party pantry, too. Find one or two no-fail dessert and appetizer recipes which can be made in minutes, and keep their ingredients on hand. Or stock up on your frozen favorites.

classic video party

Dinner and a movie. It may be the classic date. Give it a nineties twist by inviting friends over for a classic video party with an Oriental flavor.

Take-out Chinese food will set the stage for the event, which could feature partyware in a blue-and-white Chinese motif. Coordinating chopsticks are available with Hallmark's "Party Expressions" partyware for the adventurous eaters in the crowd.

Choose a movie with an Oriental theme such as "The Last Emperor" or "Chinatown."

A tea-tasting fits right in with the evening's events. Try a fruit-flavored tea such as tangerine or raspberry and one flavored with liqueur such as amaretto. Include a traditional breakfast tea, for the more conservative palates.

When you serve the tea, indicate the variety on matching place cards set beside the teapots so guests will know what to select.

'till we meet again

The face of the 'ol gang can change as swiftly as a kaleidoscope with today's mobile society. Host a stand-out going away party for special friends spotlighting what makes your group unique.

Try a "favorites" dinner party for this occasion. Assign guests to bring dishes which have been favorites of those who are leaving. Ask each cook to include a copy of the recipe for the dish, so that a little bit of home can follow them to the new location. Have a non-cook in the crowd? Assign that person to provide partyware, beverages or condiments.

If backyard barbecues are your group's hallmark, then stake up the grill for this one last bash. Prefer an evening indoors with cards or board games? Make this a game night extravaganza. More of a sports crowd? Try playing "Floppers" or "Greater Moments In..." videotapes. Be sure to allow plenty of time for socializing.

Going away gifts should reflect your group's interests without posing a packing problem. Try a subscription to your local newspaper for the current events fans. A framed photograph or poster of a local attraction will serve as a constant reminder of the place they've left behind. Or, give them a supply of a favorite coffee, tea, beer or wine made in the area.

A most useful gift might be a meal-in-a-box. Pack canned or shelf-stable foods to create the first meal in their new home. Include the paper partyware and utensils needed for the meal so they don't have to search out can openers or cutlery.

Then relax and enjoy...the pleasure of their company.

Monday: Grape juice, stuffed peppers with tomato sauce, rice, waxed beans, rice bread, peas.

Tuesday: Cream of broccoli soup, oven fried chicken, parmesan shells, zucchini and summer squash, pumpkinseed bread, fresh fruit.

Wednesday: Tomato juice, roast pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, rice cabbage, wheat bread, pear halves.

Thursday: Apple juice, roast turkey with gravy, bread stuffing, broccoli and carrots, rice bread, cherry cobbler.

Friday: Orange juice, beef stew, tossed salad, Italian dressing, biscuit, mixed fruit.

Meats on Wheels
The hot noon meal is listed first and the cool evening meal, second.
Monday: Beef stew with biscuit, wax beans; Chicken sandwich, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Beef roasts with gravy, whipped potato, squash; Egg salad sandwich, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken ala king over rice, green beans, cauliflower; Turkey sandwich, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Pot roast with gravy, baked potato, zucchini; Chicken salad sandwich, fruit, milk.

Friday: Baked haddock square with Newburg sauce, whipped potato, carrots; Tuna salad sandwich, fruit, milk.

Manchester Secondary Schools
At the high and junior high schools the deli bar and salad bar are offered as options on alternate days.
Monday: Footlong hot dog on roll, potato rounds, fruit, milk.

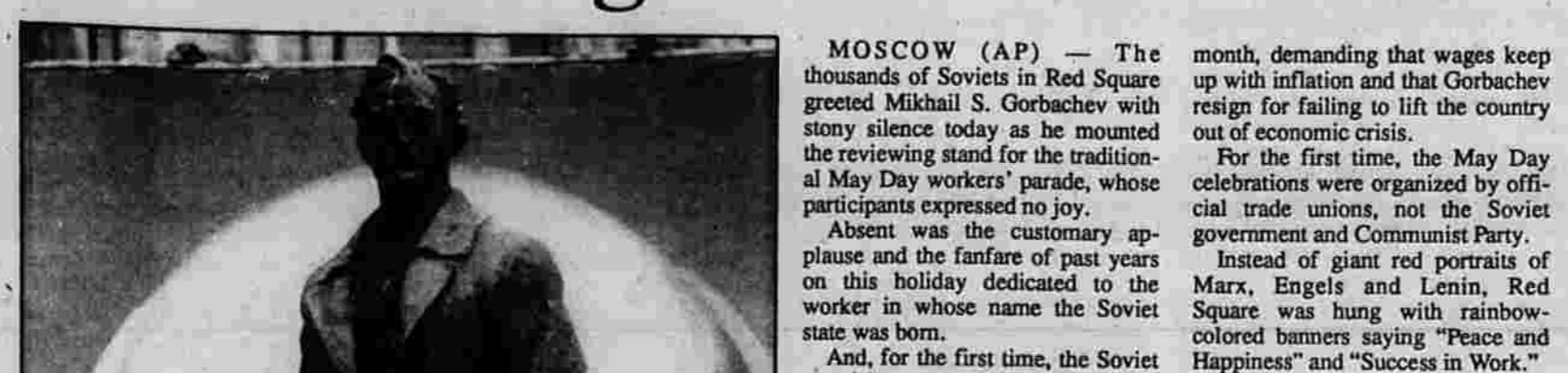
Tuesday: Barbecued chicken, corn niblets, dinner roll, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Steakum on roll, french fries, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets, buttered noodles, green beans, fruit, milk.

Friday: Veal Parmigiana on roll, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Gorbachev greeted with silence World Briefs...



The Associated Press

TATTERED SYMBOLS — A mud-covered and neglected statue of KGB founder Felix Dzerzhynski is shadowed by a giant portrait of Lenin which hangs on the KGB Lubyanka headquarters in Moscow Monday to mark the May Day celebration.

Soviet Briefs...

MOSCOW (AP) — In a referendum, Leningrad voters will decide in a June whether the Soviet Union's second-largest city should again be called St. Petersburg, its pre-Communist name, a news agency reports.

Efforts to restore the city's historic name received a boost from exiled author Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who sent a message from his home in Cavendish, Vt., the independent Interfax news agency said Tuesday.

SACHKHERE, U.S.S.R. (AP) — Authorities here all but abandoned hope of finding more survivors from an earthquake in Soviet Georgia that killed at least 80 people, half of them inhabitants of a town buried by a landslide.

"We know there are still people in the ruins, but there's no way they're alive," said Bezik Kakuladze, an official in his village where one-third of the homes were flattened and many seriously damaged.

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BLANDESH: Relief efforts begin

MANPURA (AP) — Authorities began airlifting dried food and medicine today to millions of people left homeless by a devastating cyclone that killed at least 1,000 people. Thousands more were missing and feared dead.

The independent Mellat newspaper today put the death toll in Tuesday's storm — the most powerful on record to hit this impoverished, disaster-prone land — at 4,252 after an initial check with some local authorities.

The navy searched the Bay of Bengal today for 500 missing fishing trawlers, with as many as 5,000 fishermen unaccounted for.

The storm, with winds up to 145 mph, battered the southern and eastern coasts for eight hours, flooding low-lying areas under waves up to 20 feet high.

N. IRELAND: Talks promising

LONDON (AP) — Northern Ireland's political leaders are trying to bring together Protestant unionists who support continued British rule, and Catholic nationalists who seek to unite with the Irish Republic. Both Britain and

the Republic have agreed to begin official talks on Tuesday.

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East Germany: The end of the Trabi

BERLIN (AP) — The last Trabant, the spattering little East German car that became part of the saga of opening the Berlin Wall, has rolled off the assembly line.

Tuesday's final vehicle was a pink, two-door station wagon, No. 3,096,099 in production stretching back to 1957 and not much different from No. 1.

Nicknamed "Trabi" and called a "legend on wheels" by its admirers, the Trabant had a smoky two-stroke engine that made it a major polluter.

Designers called it "the little stinker from Zwickau" after the city in Saxony where it was built.

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Schools

They used the entire five minutes they were allotted and several were given applause for their comments. Many attacked the directors for suggesting that the teachers absorb the cut in the budget by reopining their contracts and accepting a 6-percent increase instead of the 8.3 percent increase they have negotiated.

"Never again will a deal be a deal," said John Bossidy, of 61 Cambridge St. "Never again will a contract be sacred." Bossidy said the Republicans action was "capricious" and would damage the reputations of public servants by throwing their contracts out and "dragging them through the mud of cheap politics."

Economy

believed that because of a deep split among its policy makers, the central bank would not raise interest rates further. One faction, led by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, had been pushing for further rate cuts in the belief there was no sign that the economy's slide had hit bottom.

However, another group argued that any further cuts ran the risk of making inflation worse once the economy begins growing again. The half-point cut to 5.5 percent in the discount rate, the interest Fed charges member banks for loans, put the rate at its lowest level since the 5.25 percent in 1977. The Fed also pushed the federal funds rate, the interest banks charge each other, down to 5.75 percent, the eighth cut in this key rate since last October.

Casino

Tribal leaders said Weicker's maneuver would violate the compact the Indians negotiated with the state in October 1990, and probably wouldn't hold up in court. The compact sets the terms of the operation of the casino. Among other things, it states that Connecticut will receive none of the proceeds.

"Indian people have faced a long and tragic history of broken treaties," said Tribal Chairman Richard Hayward. "It would be very sad if Connecticut added another chapter to that history."

The tribe appeared to win final approval for the casino last week when the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the state's appeal of lower court rulings.

Ranking

Based in New York, Financial Research was founded in 1902 and circulates biweekly. The magazine said its rankings were somewhat subjective, and were based on numerous interviews and information from officials in all 50 states, national associations, bond-rating houses and journalists.

Using those sources, the magazine ranked the states on the skill and efficiency with which they are run, regardless of how rich or poor the states are.

GOP

Osella, the Republican's chief budget writer. "It stands at \$550,000." The Republicans have said that the cuts will not affect programs at the schools if the members of the Manchester Education Association will agree to reopen their contracts and accept a 6 percent raise instead of the 8.3 percent increase included in the contract. Union officials have said they will not reopen the contract.

Democratic minority leader Stephen Cassano said after the meeting that he didn't expect the Republicans to rescind the proposal, but hoped that they would at least reduce the scope of the cut. "My goal is to at least make them compromise," Cassano said. "If we're going to have a cut, I'd rather have a half a cut than the full cut."

Bush

A full environmental study on the effect of a free trade agreement. It will be concluded in the early stages of the negotiations, guaranteeing there will be no post-negotiation amendments, the lawmakers have the power to change the agreement after the administration and Mexico reach agreement.

The president has acknowledged he faces an uphill battle in Congress, where lawmakers are under pressure from labor and environmental interests about the potential for loss of U.S. jobs to Mexico's cheaper market, and erosion of pollution standards in Mexico.

Unless Congress gives Bush fast-track negotiating authority, guaranteeing there will be no post-negotiation amendments, the lawmakers have the power to change the agreement after the administration and Mexico reach agreement.

The fast-track procedure sends trade agreements to Congress for a yes-or-no vote without amendments. It was last used to negotiate a free trade agreement with Canada that took effect in 1988.

Thoughts Aplenty

Len Auster MHS softball in good hands with Dan Shea

MANCHESTER — Dan Shea is the kind of coach you'd play for a minute. Shea, 60, is in his first season as Manchester High girls' softball coach. Formerly head man at Tolland High, he retired from coaching four years ago after being elevated to director of athletics. Shea said the instant he said he wasn't coaching any more, he regretted it and was dying to get his hand back in.

SPORTS

MHS golfers taking dead aim at state title

MANCHESTER — Before the start of the scholastic golf season a couple of weeks ago, Manchester High coach George Wells didn't hesitate when asked about the prospects for the Indians.

"We're going to be in contention for everything in the state this year," Wells, 66, confidently said. "This is the best team we've had in quite some time."

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Bruins may make exception

By HOWARD ULMAN
The Associated Press
BOSTON — Boston coach Mike Milbury isn't a big fan of having one of his players risk an opponent's top scorer all over the ice. But the Bruins haven't faced many players like Mario Lemieux.

It's not the most difficult job in the world, Milbury said. "It's difficult in the case of Lemieux because of his reach and size. If he gets possession of the puck, it's virtually impossible to strip him of it." Still, Milbury toyed with the idea of using Randy Burridge, seven inches shorter than the 6-foot-4 Lemieux, as a shadow.

"It sounded like an amusing idea, if nothing else," Milbury said. "If you had him kind of falling at (Lemieux's) knees to try to keep him away from the puck, if anything Samuelsson and Grant Jennings from Hartford. And Tom Barraso leads all playoff goalies with a 2.46 goals-against average.

Reservations aside, Miller doing the job for the Pacers

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Reggie Miller, the Indiana Pacers' leading scorer the past two seasons, disagreed with his coach about his play in the first two games of the best-of-7 NBA playoff series with Boston.

"Det (Schrempp) hasn't been on like he usually is," Miller said of his teammate, who was named Tuesday as the ninth winner of the NBA Sixth Man Award. "Once Det and I get going, I think we can kind of close out the series. I've been having C-plus games these last two games, not up to par."

In Brief . . .

Scholastic events rained out
MANCHESTER — All of Tuesday's scholastic events were rained out and the following are the dates for rescheduled games: East Catholic at Manchester High baseball Saturday at 2 p.m. at Kelley Field; Cheney Tech baseball at home against East Hampton Thursday at 3:30 p.m.; Bolton baseball at RHAM Monday; Manchester High boys' (home) and girls' (away) track against Windham today at 3:30; Manchester golf at Fernald today at 3 p.m.; Bolton at RHAM and Rocky Hill at Coventry softball Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

Padres caught in a fog by the Mets

By BEN WALKER
The Associated Press
A lot of people think the New York Mets have been playing in a fog for a few years. This time, there was no doubt.

Shea Stadium became so shrouded Tuesday night that the game was called because of fog in the bottom of the seventh inning, giving the Mets a 6-3 victory over San Diego.



IN SAFELY — New York's Tom Herr (28) reaches second base with a double ahead of the sliding tag by San Diego second baseman Bip Roberts in the third inning Tuesday night at Shea Stadium. The Mets won 6-3.

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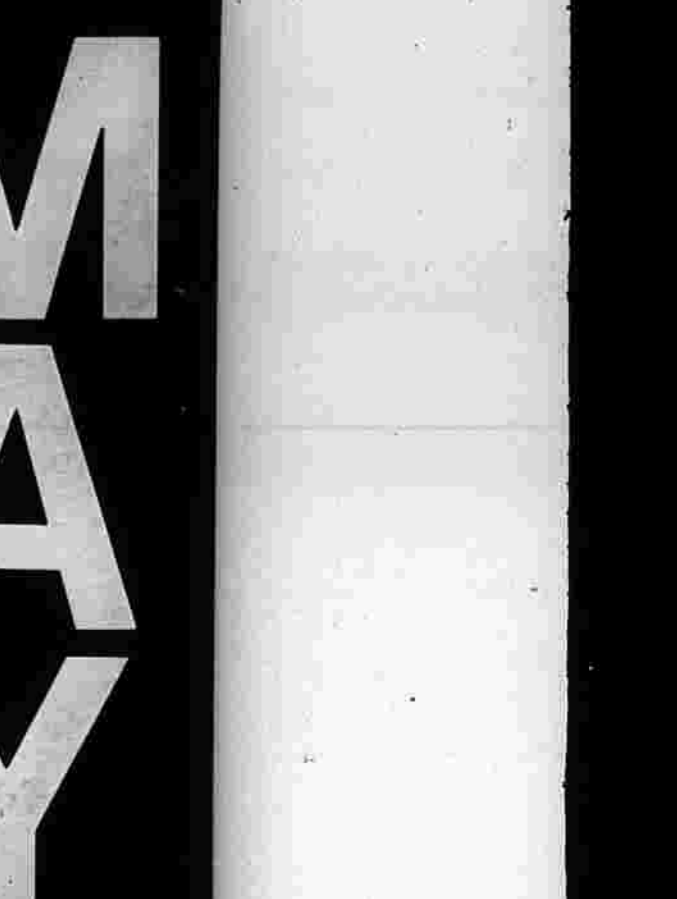
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