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About Town

MADD meeting

A Mothers Against Drunk Driving meeting will be held on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Talcottville Congregational Church. For directions/information, call 645-7722 or 875-3622.

Junior women's club banquet

The Manchester Junior Women's Club will hold its annual May banquet on Thursday at 7 p.m. in Botone's Restaurant, 275 Boston Tpke., Bolton. Officers for the 1991-92 club will be installed.

Fashion show/sports forum

The Greater Hartford Chapter of the Ciron and Colitis Foundation of America, Inc. (CCFA) will hold a fashion show/Hartford area sports forum fund-raising luncheon next Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Farmington Marriott Hotel. The luncheon price is \$25 per person. One dollar raffle tickets are available. The event is open to the public. For more information, call 649-4225 or 229-2765.

Scholarship to be awarded

The Scholarship Committee of the Manchester Garden Club will award a scholarship for the 1991-92 academic year. Applicants must be residents of Connecticut and must be attending high school or college to further their education in Horticulture, Floriculture, Forestry, Landscape Design, Environmental Control, Botany, Plant Pathology or allied subjects. An application can be obtained from Dorothy Perzanowski, 45 Wedgewood Dr., Manchester, Deadline for receipt of completed application is May 30, 1991.

Three Andover scholarships

The deadline for accepting applications for three scholarships available to Andover high school seniors has been extended to May 15. The Andover Friends of the Library Scholarship will be awarded to an Andover student to help with his or her continuing education who demonstrates knowledge and interest in the Andover Public Library. Applications are available at the Andover Library, RHAM guidance office or the Andover Elementary School. All scholarships will be awarded in June.

Annual plant sale

The Manchester Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale on Saturday at Center Park between 9 a.m. and noon. Available will be annuals, perennials, house plants.

Manchester retirees association

The Manchester Municipal Retirees Association will meet at the Army and Navy Club, 1090 Main St., Manchester on Monday at 2 p.m. Laurie Preko of MARC (Manchester Area Retirees) Citizens will speak and bring refreshments from the MARC bakery. Members may sign up for the June luncheon at the meeting.

Boston Red Sox game

The Manchester Community College Alumni Association (MCCAA) is sponsoring a trip to the Boston Red Sox game vs. the California Angels on Saturday, June 15. The bus will leave MCC at 10 a.m. for a 1 p.m. game. Tickets are \$25 for the general public; \$22 for MCCAA members (includes transportation and ticket). Deadline for reservations is June 5. For more information, call 647-6137 or 647-6081.

Corrections

A page 3 story in Saturday's Herald incorrectly reported the address of Scott Durost. Durost lives at 60 1/2 Drive.

Due to an editor's error, the name Tom Strano was misspelled in a photo caption in the Wednesday edition of the Manchester Herald.

Announcement

BOLTON — Several citizens and citizens groups such as Citizens Alliance for School Excellence will be organizing a "rally" or a "work meeting" called S.O.S. — Save Our Schools — to be held Friday in Community Hall at 7:30 p.m. According to the organizers, the meeting is open to all concerned citizens and is meant to plan strategy for the upcoming school building project referendum. Donations of time and money will be accepted. Children are welcome.

Local briefs

Firefighter presents check

Firefighter Del Ekenbarger, right, is shown presenting the check to student liaison members, seniors Chris Anderson and Candee Newell. The money comes from a state grant meant for educating people in the hazards of drinking and driving. Due to the fact that some Willington students attend B.H.S., the firefighters felt it was appropriate to share the grant.

Project Graduation is an alcohol-free, all-night party for the graduates. It is being held for the fourth straight year on Graduation Night, June 21 at Court House One.

Bolton students receive grant

BOLTON — The Drunk Driving Committee of the Willington Hill Fire Department recently made a donation of \$1,350 to the Bolton High School 1991 Project Graduation Committee.

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Local residents attend seminar

William Ratcliffe, Sandra Ratcliffe, V. Joseph Milton and Roderick Wright, all from Manchester, graduated in April from the Family Community Leadership Training Institute held in Cromwell, March 12 to April 6. The Institute is jointly sponsored by the Connecticut Extension Homemakers Council and the University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System. These Manchester residents were provided full scholarships with a start-up grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan, to attend the 30-hour training program.

Betty Beagle, Belle beguile

By BARBARA RICHMOND
Manchester Herald



Betty Beagle is longtime Betty Beagle this week at the Manchester Dog Pound. She was the only dog at the pound, as of Tuesday.

Bolton was found on Main Street, near St. James Street on May 3. She's about 10 years old, but appears to be in very good condition.

Rusty, featured a few weeks ago, has been adopted by a Manchester family. Also adopted was the handsome husky Neeka, featured last week. He has moved all the way to Salem with the family that adopted him.

The dog pound is located off Olcott Street near the town's landfill. The dog wardens are at the pound weekdays from noon to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, and someone is also at the pound from 6 to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The phone number at the pound is 645-6642. If there is no answer, call the police department at 646-4555. There is a \$5 fee to adopt a dog and the new owner must have the dog licensed. Before being licensed it must have a rabies shot.

Cat lovers can have a wide variety of cats to choose from by calling Aid to Helpless Animals Inc. or Protectors of Animals Inc., both organizations made up of volunteers.

Both groups take in stray and abandoned animals and try to find good homes for them. All of the cats are neutered or spayed and given their shots before being adopted, unless too young when taken.

This week's featured cat is a fluffy female named Belle. To adopt a cat or kitten from Aid to Helpless Animals Inc. call 232-8317 or 242-2156. To adopt one from Protectors of Animals call 633-8515. All are toll-free.

Public Meetings

Manchester
Thursday
Emerg. Medical Serv. Comm., Lincoln Cr. gold rm., 7 p.m.
Zoning Bd. of Appeals, Lincoln Cr. hearing rm., 7 p.m.
Conservation Comm., Mopl. Bldg. coffee rm., 7:30 p.m.

Bolton
Thursday
Board of Education, Bolton High School, 7 p.m.
Economic Devel. Comm., Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Friday
"Save our Schools" rally, Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Coventry
Thursday
Board of Education, Coventry High School, 7:30 p.m.
Arts Commission, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.
Annual Town Meeting, Coventry H.S., 7:30 p.m.

Honor Roll

Bennet Junior High School

Students who made honor roll for the 1990-91 school year:

Grade 7
Matthew Adinolfi, Jeff Bacon, Tamara Bell, Sara Blomstrom, David Botaro, Kristine Botti, Thomas Bowler, Shalee Budge, Kaitlyn Buckzo, Nicole Chomak, Kevin Coughlin, Leslie Crocker, Michelle DeLuca, Melissa Downey, Michelle Dumont, Meghan Dyer, Andrew Fitting, Michelle Fleming, Michelle Fogarty, Amy Greenwood, Kathleen Gilkey, Stephanie Grasso, Kerl Hyde, Anouah Keovilly, Jennifer Kingsley, Caleb Knapp, Courtney Knapp, David Lawrence, Michelle Lee, David Loguidice, Chris Malinville, Anne McCandless, Andrew Minor, Stephanie Myers, Jennifer Naczowski, Erica Norbut, Marc Novakowski, Matthew Peak, Laura Pedemonti, Carrie Popoff, Richard Prenzetta, Kate Quigley, Katherine Robenymyer, Chelsea Rowe, Christina Rutigliano, Melissa Schiada, Gregory Sobin, Christopher Spafford, Jeffrey Talbot, Kimberly Thompson, Robin Towle, Zong Yang, Jennifer Zilora.

Grade 8

Callin Aceto, Erich Asperschlager, Kevin Begley, Benjamin Berte, Hal Black, Keith Bidwell, Kevin Blount, Mark Brodie, Andrew Brown, Michael Brown, Jessica Callahan, Alycia Carrino, Andrea Colaco, Elizabeth Corneo, Nicole Dadin, Cara Damiano, Jeffrey Damon, Benjamin Donahoe, Grace Finelli, Sarah Furon, Jennifer John, Jamie Lazzaris, Peter Leonard, Alison MacLeod, Valerie Makarewicz, Evanna Miano, Sheryl McCubrey, David Michele, Beth Mizera, Thirina Moore, Tammie Moquin, David Muirhead, Jeffrey Novakowski, Shannon O'Hara, Patrick O'Neal, Ryan Orzechowski, Michael Orfelli, Gina Orfelli, John Pasmore, Danielle Pezzini, Percy Price, Brendan Prindle, Emily Prysztynowski, Kevin Repoli, Alexis Rodriguez, Eric Rose, Elizabeth Russek, Matthew Samberg, Kimberly Taylor, Kristina Thomas, Sonophet Thongmanivong, Jennifer Trombley, Tamara Visco, Katrina VonHollen, Sarah Wilbour.

Grade 9

Ezequiel Alejandro, Kendra Ammann, Benjamin Anoniti, Gary Bacon, Hannah Bowman, Samuel Bery, Carrie Best, Jennifer Brault, Mara Brown, Andrew Brindisi, Daniel Caramello, Dollar Chantavong, Natasha Chavarron, Karim Choucri, Rosalind Coax, Allison Connelly, Heather Corneo, Rebecca Dean, Jessica Demobowski, Sharon Donnelly, D'Shanna Dorsey, Frederick Espana, Diana Ford, Nicole Gilkey, Kirby Horan, Sean Jackson, Jay Kravitz, Hannah Liebzig, Amy Loefelink, Daniel Lukas, Bridget Lyver, Brendan McCafferty, Lisa McCusker, Gary McCall, Lisa Milazzo, Mark Miner, Yolanda Napper, Erica Ness, Nadette Oriz, Heidi Ouellette, Melissa Paquette, Kimberly Parksey, Patrick Peck, Jodyann Pontillo, Erin Ryan, Keo Saengaly, Pamela Sharkey, Eva Sikorska, Randall Simon, Sara Sultor, Jennifer Tienney, Kristian Tomso, Felici Vitale, Jennifer Walsh, Kelly Woodridge, Leslie Worsley.

Weekenders... Places to go... things to do

25th anniversary dance
Sphinx Temple Highlanders Bagpipe Band is celebrating their 25th Anniversary with a dinner dance on Saturday at Jester's Court, Manchester. The public is welcome. For ticket information, call 649-8561 or 649-6194.

Mother's day plant sale
St. George's Episcopal Church on Route 44 in Bolton, will be featuring a Plant Sale for Mother's Day on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All are welcome to stop and browse.

Roast turkey dinner
The First Congregational Church of Coventry will have a Roast Turkey supper on Saturday from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on Main Street. The public is welcome. Donations of \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 6-12 are asked. Children under age 6 are free.

Weather

Here is tonight's weather for the Greater Manchester area: Showers likely late. Chance of a thunderstorm. Low near 50. Light south wind becoming north. Chance of rain 60 percent. Friday, becoming sunny. High 70 to 75.

This morning's weather map showed a large area of high pressure covering the eastern seaboard. Little movement is expected through Friday.

Weather summary for Wednesday, May 8, 1991:
Temperature: high of 67, low of 42, mean of 55. The normal is 57.
Precipitation: inches for the day, 2.72 inches for the month, 15.01 inches for the year. Normal for year to date: 15.80.

Center School's future subject of heated debate

By DAVID LAMMEY
Manchester Herald

BOLTON — The proposed \$9.4 million school building project came under public scrutiny at a hearing Wednesday night, and as expected, the abandonment of the Center School was the hot topic of discussion.

Also, approximate tax impact figures for the project were released by members of the Board of Finance, but several citizens criticized the figures for not taking into consideration the cost of abandoning the Center School.

However, several persons, including First Selectman Robert Morra, mentioned alternative uses for the building, including renting the building out as commercial office space which could provide revenue for the town.

The Board of Education-endorsed school building project specifies abandoning the Center School in favor of adding cost and renovating the present K-4 structure to create a single K-8 building.

There was a second plan for the K-8 levels which retained the Center School, but school board members determined that such a scheme was more costly.

Board of Finance Vice Chairman Ray Ursin said that the cost to the average homeowner (assessed home value of \$120,000) would be about 0.75 mills, or \$96, during the first three years of the project; 1.57 mills, or \$201, in the fourth and most expensive year; and gradually declining amounts for the remaining portion of the 20-year bond issue.

But one citizen, among about 60 in attendance, stood up and said, "Those figures must take into consideration the cost of renovating the Center School (once it is abandoned)."

He said that the lower level of the Center School had many code violations, that it makes "the renovation of the Center School pretty much unfeasible economically."

When asked if he thought the Center School would be suitable for commercial office space, Hossain said, "That would be a safe assumption."

However, Morra said that although the school could be converted for commercial uses, "You would have to be God to get such a proposal through zoning and planning."

But another citizen disagreed with Morra. "I don't think it will take God... this building can be a revenue-maker for the town."

Parks and Recreation Department schedule

The following are some of the programs, trips, and special events being offered by the Manchester Parks and Recreation Department. For more information on programs, recreation facilities, or parks areas, please call the department at 647-3084/3089. A Recreation Membership Card is required for all programs unless stated otherwise.

Manchester Day At Westover Air Force Base
Thursday, May 16. Manchester Day at Westover Air Force Base. Join your neighbors in welcoming our troops back from the Gulf. Help us provide baked goods and a warm personal welcome. Buses will depart from the Manchester High School student parking lot on Brookfield Street at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 noon, 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. and will return from Westover at 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 9 p.m. The cost of the roundtrip transportation is \$5 per person. All ages are welcome, however, we ask that those 17 and under be accompanied by an adult group leader. The Parks and Recreation Department will chaperone one bus for those who need it. For registration information, please call the Department at 647-3089. Groups and civic organizations welcomed. For additional program information, please contact Mr. Thomas Ryan at 645-5995 or Mr. Don Tennant at 647-7329. Plan to make the trip! Registrations and payment is due by Monday, May 13.

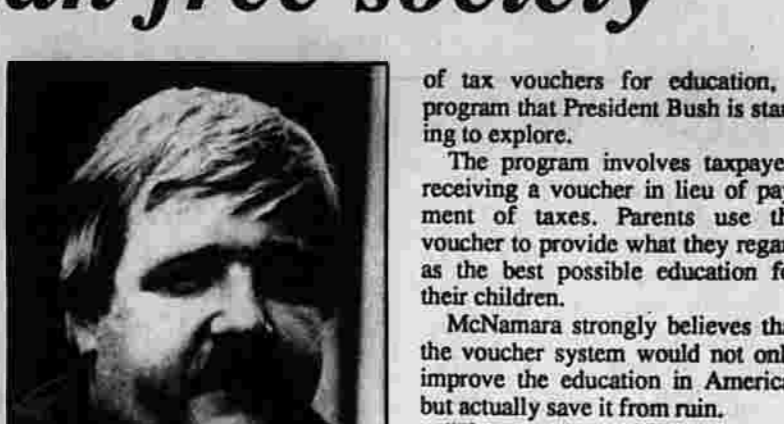
Hershey Track and Field Meet — Sunday, May 19, 1-4 p.m. at the Manchester High School track. The event is free to all boys and girls born between 1977 and 1982. The Hershey youth program emphasizes the friendship, sportsmanship, and physical exercise aspects of track and field, as if not more, that it emphasizes the competition. It is a basic playground form of participation designed for the beginning athlete. Winner of local meet will advance to a Regional Meet held in June. For an application and more information, call Elizabeth Miesczak at the Mahoney Recreation Center (after 5 p.m.), 647-3166.

Cheerz Tang Soo Do — Learn self discipline and confidence while improving your overall physical well-being through Cheerz Tang Soo Do. Persons 5 years of age or older are eligible. Mondays, 6-7 p.m., New/Novice Students, 7:45-8:30 p.m., Experienced Students Session II: June 24 to August 12, 8 weeks at the Mahoney Recreation Center. Mr. Ken Fish instructor, \$20 for one and by boat. Children's Camp, \$10. Session I is ongoing now, however, students may still enter.

SuperStar Fun Camp — Registrations are now being accepted for SuperStar Fun Camp held at the Mahoney

McNamara works toward Libertarian free society

By EDWARD DEVOE
Manchester Herald



Peter J. McNamara

MANCHESTER — A local carpenter has come a long way from constructing houses. Peter J. McNamara now tries to build a better society through his work as state chairman with the Libertarian Party.

McNamara became interested in the Libertarian philosophy when he was convalescing after a motorcycle accident in 1979.

While reading "Restoring the American Dream" by Robert Ringer, he came across a passage at the end of the book that stated that the reader should look into the Libertarian Party. McNamara took Ringer for his word and has been a member of the party ever since.

"What he had to say made sense," he said. "The Libertarian Party advocates the principles of freedom, the same as our forefathers; Jefferson, Paine, Henry, and Adams."

The Libertarian philosophy can be summed up by one of McNamara's favorite quotes: "Society is a blessing. Government is nothing more than a necessary evil."

The Libertarians believe in limited government. McNamara stated, and noted the difference between his party of choice and the Democrats and Republicans.

One issue that McNamara is adamant about is education. He states the Libertarian's proposition of tax vouchers for education, a program that President Bush is starting to explore.

The program involves taxpayers receiving a voucher in lieu of payment of taxes. Parents use the voucher to provide what they regard as the best possible education for their children.

McNamara strongly believes that the voucher system would not only improve the education in America, but actually save it from ruin.

"If schools had to compete for the students it would force the poorer schools to improve and comply to the standards of the better schools, instead of bringing the better schools down to the level of the poorer schools," he said.

McNamara said that when he was growing up, he learned more about the lessons of life on the golf course and in the pool halls, than he did in school.

Another issue that gets McNamara's blood boiling is the state budget.

He cites former Governor William O'Neill's 370 percent increase in state spending over the last 10 years.

"The problem is spending, not taxes," he said.

He said that the 1990 state budget was put together with totally fraudulent revenue projections.

McNamara said that the tax revolt in state spending over the last 10 years is starting to get underway in the U.S. and many tax reform groups are being organized.

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Students learn business techniques

By SCOTT B. BREDE
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — The high school classroom is not so different from a board room in corporate America. In each setting, teamwork plays an essential role in the advancement of either institution.

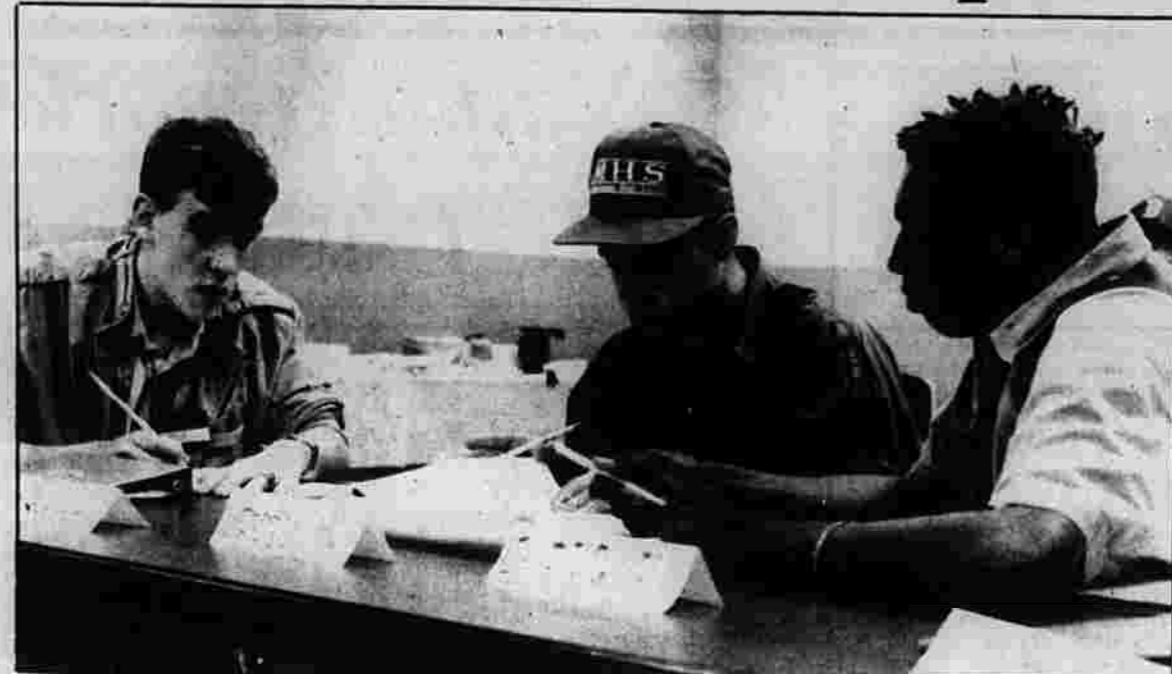
That is what 31 Manchester High School students learned during a recent visit to the J.C. Penney Distribution Center in Manchester.

The students, most of them either class officers, club leaders or sports captains, were taught "leadership skills that they can bring into the work world," said Jennifer Holmes, one of two J.C. Penney officials who conducted the seminar.

The seminar also taught the students how to hold group discussions — skills they can use to solve problems within the high school, said Richard Ferranti, a co-advisor of the high school's student council, who set up the visit.

By holding group discussions, the students can weed out problems within the school the same way corporate managers handle theirs in their business, said Holmes, who organizes training programs for J.C. Penney employees.

Holmes taught the students how to identify problems and work toward solving them. She showed how techniques, such as brainstorming and determining cause and effect, can be used to obtain positive solutions.



From left, Manchester High School students Joe Schuster, Juan Zayas Jr. and Macka Jones work on applying business tactics to school-related problems during a seminar at the J.C. Penney Distribution Center in Manchester.

Weicker links casino to AIDS' spread; Indians angry

By JUDD EVERHART
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — The lawyer for the Indian tribe trying to open a casino on its Ledyard reservation says the tribe is offended by the governor's "hysterical" attempt to block the facility through the General Assembly.

Gov. Lowell P. Weicker Jr. said Wednesday the casino would attract organized crime and prostitution and aggravate the AIDS problem.

The Mashantucket Pequot Indians won a battle that went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court for the right to open a casino, based in large part on the argument that state law already permits Las Vegas nights for

charitable fund-raisers.

Weicker believes that if Las Vegas nights are outlawed, the casino could be blocked. He acknowledges that if his proposal to ban Las Vegas nights is approved, it will likely touch off another lengthy court fight.

If the General Assembly refuses to pass the bill, and there's no clear indication that it will, Weicker said "the advent of casino gambling sits on their heads." He asked legislative leaders Wednesday morning to get moving on the issue, and the Senate was likely to take it up today.

The governor said he did not mean to impugn the Indians, telling reporters in his office that "it's not the people that bring about the dire consequences, it's the activity."

Weicker's office put together a two-page memo about

those consequences, citing increased criminal activity, drunken driving, prostitution and drug trafficking in Atlantic City, N.J., in the years since casino gambling has been permitted there.

Prostitution and drug trafficking, the document states, can only lead to the spread of AIDS, tuberculosis, hepatitis and other diseases linked to sexual contact and the sharing of needles.

Barry Margolin, the Indians' lawyer, was shocked by the tone of the Weicker memo.

"It seemed a little hysterical in tone," Margolin said. "Making this a question about AIDS is a little offensive."

During a hearing Tuesday at the Capitol, the Indians tried to assure lawmakers that organized crime would

not infiltrate their casino. Weicker said he had trouble accepting such assurances.

"I don't think I'm going to be able to defy history," the governor said. "I can't guarantee to the state of Connecticut that we're going to be free of all those influences which have plagued every other state and every other nation in the world."

"I can do my damndest, but I can't guarantee it. And if I can't guarantee it, you sure as hell can't guarantee it," Weicker said. "I have no problem with people going out and gambling. I've done it myself. But I will not argue against statistics and the statistics are very clear."

The governor also said there could be environmental problems with the construction of the casino, including ground-water pollution.

Politics spills into troop event

By RICK SANTOS
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Republican Mary Sears complained to fellow party members Wednesday that the Democrats are trying to gain political support by exploiting a planned day for townpeople to welcome home troops.

Sears, who has been working with the Manchester Day at Westover ad-hoc committee, complained that a flyer being distributed to advertise the day has the names of two Democrats on it. The Democrats, Town Director Thomas M. Ryan and Don Tenenclott, are listed as people to contact to answer questions about the day, which is scheduled for next Thursday.

Two other ads are for businesses whose officers have ties with the town Democratic party.

While one-third of the ads can be connected with the Democratic party, Sears attended a meeting of the Manchester Day ad-hoc committee last week when Tenenclott asked her and everyone else to solicit advertisements. The only restriction was the ads should be in good taste.

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of a similar celebration held by the town of Westfield.

At Wednesday's Republican Town Committee meeting, Sears also charged that the Democrats have taken advantage of the advertisements for the celebration. A full-page ad in Wednesday's Manchester Herald was divided into 12 sub-advertisements, two of which are directly connected to town Democrats.

One of the two ads was purchased by the Democratic Town Committee and the other by the Ted Cummings Insurance Agency. Insurance man Cummings is chairman of the Democratic Town Committee.

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NATION Feds blame banks for region's credit crunch

By JOHN DIAMOND
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve's top banker in New England blamed the region's banks, not overzealous regulators, for the "credit crunch" that has brought cries of pain from businesses seeking loans.

Richard F. Syron, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, told the House Banking Committee that "correction of imprudent lending practices was indeed a necessary condition for restoring some stability to the New England banking market," Syron said. What made

row for capital expansion. Bankers attributed the problem to overly aggressive federal regulation.

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency acknowledged that it sent a team of regulators to New England to the real estate decline heightened fears of widespread bank failures.

But Syron characterized the cutback on lending as a prudent response to the economic downturn. Similar responses have followed past economic downturns.

"Correction of imprudent lending practices was indeed a necessary condition for restoring some stability to the New England banking market," Syron said. What made

the credit crunch so severe was the depth of difficulty into which banks had plunged because of their excessive real estate lending.

"With respect to the regulators, and I certainly include myself in that group, I believe the more valid criticism is whether we should have done more to dampen the boom in the mid-1980s rather than how much overreaction there has been now," Syron said.

The House panel also heard from presidents of the Federal Reserve divisions based in Chicago and Dallas.

Silas Keen, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, said that a credit crunch, as defined by credit-

worthy borrowers being denied access to lending capital, is not in progress in the Midwest.

"What, currently exists is credit restraint, not a 'crunch,'" Keen said.

And Robert D. McTeer Jr., president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, said that although credit has contracted in Texas every year since 1985, an economic recovery has been in progress there for the past four years. What some call a credit crunch, he said, "may also be interpreted as an opportunity to expand lending in the future."

Beating victim sues L.A. police, chief

By JOHN DIAMOND
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rodney King, the motorist whose beating at the hands of police was videotaped by an onlooker, filed a federal civil rights lawsuit seeking unspecified damages.

The lawsuit, filed Wednesday, names the city of Los Angeles, Police Chief Daryl F. Gates and 20 officers, including the four charged with assault and brutality in the March 3 beating.

"This is graphic evidence," said Superior Court Judge Bernard Kamata. "It doesn't matter if the grand jury saw this now or a year from now."

King was beaten after being pulled over for speeding. On the videotape, he is seen on the ground being kicked and hit with nightstick-

an \$83 million claim against the city in March.

Meanwhile, the 11-minute videotape of the attack was played in court Wednesday. A judge ruling on pre-trial motions said the violence depicted was enough to justify the indictments against the four officers.

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The two passengers riding with King filed federal civil rights lawsuits of their own earlier.

New Exxon pact sought

By JOHN DIAMOND
The Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Gov. Walter J. Hickel says he's willing to negotiate a new settlement with Exxon of claims stemming from the nation's worst oil spill — but this time, he might not send it to the Legislature for approval.

The Alaska House last week rejected a proposed \$1 billion settlement with Exxon.

"I don't think I'll make the same mistake I made last time. Next time I'll seriously consider just doing it myself," Hickel said in an interview to be broadcast Saturday on the Alaska Television Network.

"We took it to the Legislature

literally out of courtesy. Legally I could have accepted that settlement. The federal government didn't take it to Congress."

Meanwhile Wednesday, workers under contract to Exxon returned to a remote island in Prince William Sound to pick up tar balls and other oily debris lingering two years after the tanker Exxon Valdez ran aground.

The \$1 billion settlement was reached by Exxon and the federal and state officials to settle civil and criminal claims stemming from the disaster.



VICTORIOUS RETURN — Surrounded by supporters, former White House Press Secretary James Brady gives the victory sign Wednesday after the House passed gun legislation, called the Brady Bill, which will require a seven-day waiting period on handgun purchases.

Jury: Northwest to blame

By JOHN DIAMOND
The Associated Press

DETROIT, Mich. (AP) — A federal jury cleared jet manufacturer McDonnell Douglas Corp. and held Northwest Airlines solely responsible for the second-worst air crash in U.S. history, a 1987 crash that killed 155 people.

The jury deliberated 16 days before finding that Northwest was negligent in not supervising its crew, and that the negligence of the airline and crew contributed to the accident.

Northwest had argued it received flawed equipment from McDonnell Douglas, maker of the MD-80 that went down on taxiway from Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

The trial that ended Wednesday was to determine which company — the airline had the jet manufacturer — paid what portion of out-of-court settlements reached previously with most of the victims' families.

The verdict means Northwest must pay 100 percent. The settlements given to the victims have not been disclosed.

"Obviously we are very pleased," McDonnell Douglas spokesman Donald Shley said of the verdict. "The evidence fully justifies it."

Northwest initially said it would appeal. Later it issued another statement indicating its insurer would decide.

U.S. District Judge Julian Cook said he was told it was the judge's duty in U.S. history involving an aviation disaster.

Activities

10-11:30 a.m. \$25 per session. Three, two week sessions will be offered beginning June 24. Wee Two — Fridays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. for 2 years to 2 years 3 months and 10:55-11:30 a.m. for 12 to 24 months, both are with parent, \$20 beginning June 28 for six weeks. Registration is now in progress.

Tennis Lessons — Registration for tennis lessons for the spring and summer is now in progress. Milly Kostik once again will be instructing the classes. Evening classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays and Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning May 6 for three, four and five week sessions. Classes are one hour in length and are: Youth Beginners (7 to 15), 4:30 p.m., Adult Beginners 5:30 p.m., Advanced Beginners, 6:30 p.m. on Mon/Wed and Intermediates, 6:30 p.m. on Tue/Thurs. Day classes will begin June 24 for seven weekly sessions. Classes are: Pee Wee (4 to 5 years) 9 a.m. or 9:30 a.m., Youth Beginner, 10 a.m. and Youth Advanced Beginner, 11 a.m. Fee is \$15 for Pee Wee, \$20 for youth day, \$35 for youth evening, and \$40 for adults. Rackets are provided for Pee Wees and Youth who require it.

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Golf Basics — for the new and experienced golfer. These classes were well received last year, so please register early! Instructed by Chet Dunlop, he will guide you through the full swing, short game, practice drills, strategy, and rules of the game. Teaching aids such as the Subversion and Sports Enhancement Learning Systems will be utilized. Proper technique will be developed through the use of video taping replay, and analysis. Equipment will be provided for those who need it. Fee is \$55 per person.

Session IV: Saturdays, May 18 to June 8, 10-11:30 a.m., Center Springs Park.

Session V: Tuesdays, June 11-25, 5:30-7 p.m., Center Springs Park.

New Session Added: Lunch Time Golf, Fridays, 12 noon to 1 p.m., May 17 to June 14.

Aerobics — Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 21 to July 30, 7-8 p.m. (7:30-8:30 p.m. beginning July 2) at Bentley School, \$20 for 8 weeks. Mary Lou Peters instructing.

Jazzercise — Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Mahoney Recreation Center, register at the class. Fees start at \$5 for walk-ins, and decreases with multiple passes. Cindy Hudlet instructor. For more information, call her at 644-2300.

Trips — Trips do not require a Recreation Membership Card and are open to non-residents. Register at the Parks and Recreation Office located in Center Springs Park. All trips depart from the Mahoney Recreation Center, 110 Cedar Street.

Boston on your own — Saturday, June 15, \$20 for roundtrip transportation only, 7:30 a.m. departure with drop off and pick up at Quincy Market. Depart Boston at 6 p.m.

Newport, RI — Saturday, July 13. Local guided tour

of Newport and the Beachwood Manor in the morning with lunch and the afternoon on your own in the heart of Newport, Bannister's Wharf. Fee is \$30 for adults and \$28 for youth 12 and under, 7 a.m. departure.

Black Island, RI — Thursday, July 18. Board the ferry for Block Island at Point Judith, RI and arrive at Black Island at noon. Lunch and afternoon is on your own or join us for a local guided tour of the island, 7 a.m. departure. Fee is \$25 for adults and \$24 for youth.

Boston Red Sox — Tickets are now on sale for the following Boston Red Sox Games at Fenway Park: Saturday, May 11 v. Texas — Saturday, June 11 v. California — Saturday, July 27 v. Chicago — Saturday, Aug. 17 v. Kansas — Saturday, Oct. 5 v. Milwaukee. All tickets are \$26.

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Upcoming Trips — Nantucket, August 8; Saratoga, August 17; Boston Pops on the Hyannis Green, August 18; Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament, September 29; Peaches Place, VT, October 13; Atlantic City, November 10 to 11.

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DISCOVER

Ex-resident chronicles judge's life

By JACQUELINE BENNETT
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — Manchester is the hometown of a new and promising young author, Mike Wilson. A 1979 graduate of Manchester High School, he co-wrote the recently published "Maximum Morphonio."

Wilson, 30, grew up in town. After graduating high school he attended Tufts University and moved to Florida in 1983 to take a job as a reporter for the Miami Herald. He is deputy editor of the paper's living section.

"Maximum Morphonio" is the autobiography of Ellen Morphonio, a judge in Dade County, Florida dubbed "America's Toughest Judge" due to her reputation for being tough on crime — often handing down the maximum sentence to convicted criminals.

Wilson and Morphonio wrote the book together. In a recent telephone interview, he explained how the book came about.

"I started in 1988 with an article I wrote for the Miami Herald about the judge who was '60 Minutes' with Harry Reasoner

came to town to do a piece on her," Wilson recalled. "The [broadcast] aired in December 1988. It generated a lot of interest and a publisher approached Ellen about a book. He said to her, 'I'll find you a wife. She said, 'I have a writer.' That was me."

During a six-month period Wilson did a series of interviews with Morphonio. When it came time to put pen to paper, the challenge Wilson faced, was to write in the author's voice about political views with which he disagreed.

Offering an example, Wilson said, "Ellen Morphonio believes strongly in the death penalty. I don't feel under any circumstances the death penalty is justified; it is barbaric."

Although he and Morphonio don't see eye-to-eye on issues, after doing the book together, Wilson said, they are now friends. He describes her as witty, eccentric and charismatic.

Wilson has Morphonio's admiration as well.

"Mike did an outstanding job. He's a very professional journalist," the judge said during a phone interview. She said Wilson was thorough and accurate in

his writings of her.

"When they first met, Morphonio admitted having some misgivings about giving him an interview for his initial story.

"When you're a political figure and a newspaper reporter does a story on you, you never know what they're going to say, if they're going to do a hatchet job, or the other way around," said Mike. A professional journalist

does not let his personal feelings get in the way, Mike printed the truth.

Wilson, an avid skier, is already working on a second book about downhill ski racers who want to win Olympic medals in 1992.

Interviews for the new book have taken Wilson all over the globe, so he could witness the sport's upper echelon.

The young author and his wife Carol, an attorney, are expecting their first child. Wilson says he struggles constantly with the thought of returning to Manchester. "My family is there, we're very close," he said.

There are also special memories of home. "I think of Thanksgiving Day, the road race, the MHS-East Catholic game, the way everyone seems to be out in the streets saying hello to each other." But for now, Wilson said he must focus on finishing his next book.

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Tag and plant sale
A tag and plant sale will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to benefit the Unitarian Universalist Society, East, 153 West Vernon St., Manchester. Free coffee, and a Red Wolf on Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Wadwell School auditorium, 163 Broad St., Manchester. Tickets are \$4 for non-members, \$2 for museum members. For more information, call 643-0949. Tuesday through Saturday, ask for Pat.

Card show
A card show will be held on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, Rte. 6 in Andover. 31 admission, children under 12 free. Cards, shirts and autographed memorabilia will be sold. There will be hourly raffles with great prizes. Table space is still available, call Wayne at 646-3977.

Tag and bake sale
The Manchester WATIES will hold a tag and bake sale at 65 Bunce Dr. (corner of Hartford Rd.) on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain date is next Saturday. For more information, call Esther at 643-4961 or Pat at 649-6538.

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The Gilead Congregational Church Women's Fellowship is having their Annual Spring Potpourri on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will include "The Kitchen Pantry" featuring baked goods, jams, jellies, etc.; "A Craft Corner" where the children can make something special for mom; "The Gazebo Garden"; a tag sale, and refreshments.

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OPINION

Open Forum

Schools review

To The Editor:

On May 17, Bolton voters will again be voting on a K-12 building project referendum. At the K-8 level, the project is needed to bring the present facilities in line with existing programs as well as to correct code violations in the K-4 building. Bolton's elementary students do not have a gymnasium for physical education; they don't have adequate classroom space for art, music or industrial technology. Special area teachers such as the speech clinician and the teacher of the gifted and talented will be working out of closets in the 1991-92 school year. Classroom space is needed to keep up with enrollment increases that are presently in the pipeline and are coming through the schoolhouse door each September. Bolton's elementary students will be deprived of this building project if approved by the voters on May 17.

At Bolton High School, another set of problems must be addressed. By October 1, 1991, Bolton High School must show cause to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges as to why its accreditation status should not be downgraded to probationary rather than its present "warning" status. Being placed on "probation" by the NEASC is extremely serious. Bolton High School is in the process of losing its accreditation. The loss of accreditation could jeopardize students' acceptance in colleges of their choice and could have a serious economic impact on the community as a whole. Who would consider purchasing a home in a community where the high school is not fully accredited? The corrections necessary to bring the high school into compliance with the NEASC's recommendations for accreditation include the expansion of present classrooms being used for lunch, construction of a music room to replace a modular classroom, and enlargement of the present industrial technology area. Correction of all code violations is also a part of the project.

The K-12 project being proposed is a reduction of \$1,235,000 or 12.3 percent since the referendum in January. The \$9,425,000 being requested in the referendum could be the best investment Bolton has ever made. It brings our facilities into compliance with state regulations. It is a long-range plan that satisfies the educational program needs in order to keep Bolton competitive with surrounding communities now and in the foreseeable future. It is a project that will stabilize Bolton's educational system while continuing to make the community a desirable investment for those wishing to reside here. I urge the residents of Bolton to support this building project and to bring the needed facilities into a reality for our students.

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What clubs must not do

I'm not a member of a country club, and except for being invited to one every now and then by friends, I guess I really don't know much about what goes on in one. So it's not inconceivable that I may have some misconceptions about some of the people who join them.

But what I'd always believed about people who belong to country clubs is that they are highly motivated achievers, perhaps more interested in social status than I am, but nevertheless the kind of people who build successful careers and are active in civic organizations.

I know these exclusive social clubs, and I don't harbor any illusions about the members necessarily wanting the parents of the poor kids they help at Christmas to come sabbath by the club pool or play a few holes of golf. Still, I have always pictured them as civic leaders who want to help their community. They just want to be with whom they want socially.

I still believe that. I also believe that whoever is responsible for the public humiliation of an innocent high-school athlete at the Caldwell Parish Country Club in Columbia, La., is a Neanderthal throwback that someone lifted a rock off of just long enough for him to climb out. He can't be representative of all country clubs that exclude members of one group or another. I don't believe even people who don't want to associate with people of certain races or religions condone the

public embarrassment of children. How could civic-minded people go home and face their own children if they'd stood by and sanctioned what happened to Dondre Green when he arrived at their club with his team to play in a golf match?

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The Indians' battles with a sluggish bureaucracy and carpetbagging entrepreneurs will continue. Montana's Fort Belknap Indian Reservation is locked in a dispute with a mining company that is chewing up the mountains near the reservation. Some Indians believe the mining is polluting their water, and when they go to their sacred sites to perform rituals, the earth shakes from the mining equipment.

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Inaction hurting Indians

By JACK ANDERSON and DALE VAN ATTA

WASHINGTON — Life is slower on American Indian reservations. That is part of their unique personality. But the federal government has taken that attitude one step beyond slow to rigor mortis.

Even when Congress periodically wakes up and takes action, very little happens. Five years ago Congress passed a law mandating an alcohol and substance abuse treatment program for Indian use, and budgeted \$50 million for the project. When investigators recently examined the program to see how it was going, they found that it wasn't. The law had not been implemented and the program was still in draft form.

Some of the money has been spent, but the result could have been called a treatment program. There was a "Sober Rodod" — a rodod where no alcohol was allowed, and the money was spent to renovate a camping facility. The investigators from the Health and Human Services Department's Inspector General were impressed.

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The forbidden word "recession" sends President Bush up the wall. He has used it only twice in his political campaign book to avoid the word. He instructed aides to discuss it as the downturn almost anything but a recession. But now it's official. The gross national product slid 1.6 percent during the fourth quarter of 1990 and then 2.8 percent in the first quarter of 1991. There is no other word for it but recession. Now the president desperately wants it to go away before the 1992 election campaign begins in earnest.

Paul Tsongas has announced his candidacy for president, but he won't get the nomination of the Democratic Party. The person with a better chance is the one who is now courting the union vote — Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., the one working the backbone of labor unions, the campaign headquarters of labor unions. He is counting on high unemployment to turn out union voters in the primaries, and he expects to be in the best position to win this union vote.

WORLD



ADOPTED CHILD TRAPPED — Kathleen Fletcher, a 37-year-old New Jersey resident, holds her 5-month-old adopted daughter Simona during a demonstration outside the U.S. Embassy in Bucharest, Romania, Wednesday. About 20 Americans who adopted Romanian children have been refused entry to the U.S. protested. Fletcher vowed to "stay until I can take my child out."

Cheney meets Saudi king

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Defense secretary Dick Cheney met today with King Fahd to wind up a six-nation Persian Gulf mission in search of support for a U.S. proposal to strengthen the region's air, sea and ground defenses.

The closed-door session at the al-Thumamah Palace in the Saudi capital closed the loop on a four-day tour that began Monday in Riyadh and took Cheney to Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman and Bahrain to discuss security arrangements.

Immediately after his meeting with Fahd, Cheney was flying back to Washington. Speaking to reporters in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, earlier today, Cheney declined to say what he would propose to Fahd, but earlier this week he said the Bush administration was proposing a "whole array of things," including regular joint exercises between U.S. and Arab forces.

The administration also wants to store large amounts of ground combat equipment in the region, possibly in Saudi Arabia, which was the main operations base for the enormous allied buildup that began after Iraq invaded Kuwait last August. Cheney has stressed that President Bush does not want to keep any ground forces permanently in the region, although the defense secretary told reporters that one Army brigade of about 4,000 soldiers would be kept in Kuwait "for some months."

Pressed to say how long the soldiers would remain in Kuwait, Cheney declined to be more specific. "It's intended to be fuzzy at this point," he said. "We do not want to leave ground forces any longer than we have to in Kuwait, but at this point they don't have any significant forces of their own that they've been able to reconstitute, and the president has agreed to leave a brigade there for a period of time."

On Wednesday, Cheney zigzagged across the eastern coastline of the Arabian Peninsula to meet with leaders of four small Arab states that contributed to the allied campaign to oust Iraq's army from Kuwait.

Cheney was laying the groundwork for a new regional security arrangement in which the United States would assume an increased military role, possibly including a regular rotation of combat air forces through the area and increased U.S. arms sales to Gulf states.

Cheney stopped first in Riyadh on Monday. He met with senior government officials but not Fahd. Officials said the Saudi king wanted Cheney to report how the other Gulf leaders reacted to the U.S. proposals.

At each stop on his Gulf tour, Cheney has presented leaders with a letter signed by Bush. The defense secretary said the notes "touch upon the same subjects" that he is discussing in his first visit to the region since the end of the war.

Allies, Iraqis in standoff as refugee influx grows

ZAKHO, Iraq (AP) — With allied troops poised to shepherd huge numbers of Kurdish refugees home, Iraqi soldiers have refused to retreat from a city U.S. officials say is central to the effort to restyle the Kurds.

The standoff around Dohuk has prevented expansion of a "safe haven" zone created to encourage anti-aircraft guns had fired on a return to their homeland from sputtering camps along the Turkish border.

In southern Iraq, the last American troops withdrew from the former battle zone Wednesday and left a U.N. peacekeeping force in charge of a 9-mile-wide demilitarized strip on the Iraq-Kuwait border.

At the same time, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney pushed for an expanded U.S. military role in the Persian Gulf during meetings with Arab leaders who took part in the coalition that ended Iraq's seven-month occupation of Kuwait. He was to hold more talks today in Saudi Arabia.

In Washington, President Bush was scheduled to meet with U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez Cuellar to discuss postwar issues and eventual plans for a U.S. withdrawal from northern Iraq. Bush may ask for a U.N. force to help patrol the region and assist in resettling the Kurds, said a senior administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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Uwe Grunwald, 31, was walking with his wife Sabina at his side in Chersonesus, 15 miles east of Iraklion, when he suddenly collapsed and died.

Doctors at the Venizelion Hospital in Iraklion examined Grunwald's body and found that a bullet had directly entered the top of his skull.

"We are investigating but it appears to have been an accident with the bullet falling out of the sky," the police official said.

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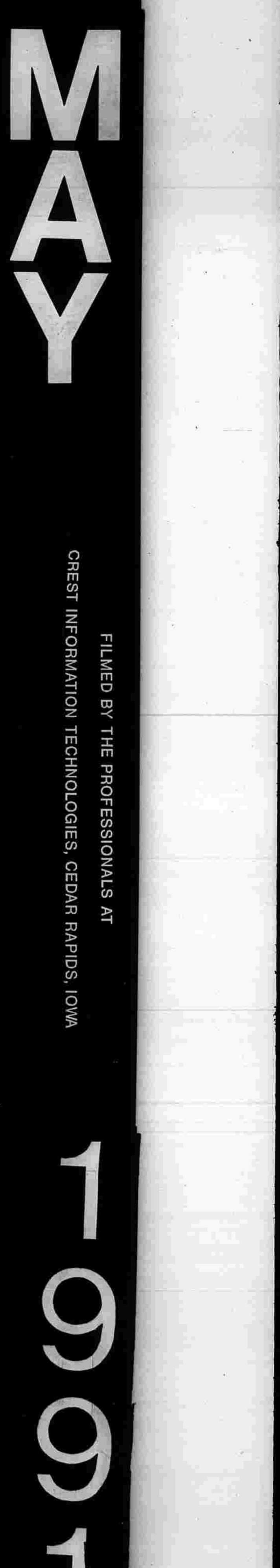
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